



### FROM THE DESK OF DEACON ANDRZEJ SOBCZYK SUPPORT LIFE

Our Church has a pro-life stance, which is expressed in this statement from our bishops: "Society, through its laws and social institutions, must protect and nurture human life at every stage of its existence." Therefore, the Church is against behavior that terminates or diminishes life:

abortion, euthanasia, the death penalty, violence, discrimination, or racism. On the other hand, it supports access to resources that promote and support life: healthcare, childcare, education, housing, nutrition, a clean environment, a living wage, social services, etc.

Each October and January we often talk about abortion. So today, for a change, I want to reflect on healthcare. My wife and I worked in healthcare for many years. As previous business owners we purchased health coverage for employees. And we often used healthcare services as patients. We have first hand knowledge of how the system works and doesn't work. Although there are many world-class medical facilities and innovative medicines, the system is broken in terms of access, cost, and overall outcomes. 24 million people are uninsured and another 63 million are underinsured. Our drug prices are the highest in the world, e.g. insulin is 10 times more expensive here than in Canada. 530,000 people declare bankruptcy each year due to unpaid medical bills. As a nation, we spend 18% of our GDP on healthcare, while other industrialized nations spend half as much, on average, and achieve better results, as measured by access to healthcare, life expectancy and infant mortality. It pains me to see that we are wasting so much money in our inefficient system; money that could be used to provide affordable healthcare to millions who go without it, with more left to lower out of pocket costs or provide long-term care.

Some families have to choose between making their mortgage/rent payment and buying insurance/medicines. In our gig economy more and more jobs do not provide benefits, and even if they do, you lose that coverage when you become unemployed. People who retire this year are projected to spend \$285,000 per couple to cover what Medicare does not, and another \$708,000 for long-term care, when independent living is no longer possible. That's one million dollars in out of pocket medical and long-term care expenses for an average couple living to age 85 for men and 87 for women. And the longer you live, the greater the costs get. Are you fully aware of this? Can you afford those costs in your retirement? The average monthly social security check is \$1,479.

Access to affordable healthcare, and long-term care, is a pro-life issue that supports the dignity of all. There is no dignity in life when we are denied proper care in our illness or old age. Let us pray that our "laws and social institutions protect and nurture human life at every stage of its existence."



**Today's Readings**  
Thirty-Second Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
**Reading I**  
2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14  
**Reading II**  
2 Thessalonians 2:16-35  
**Gospel**  
Luke 20:27-38

**Next Weekend's Readings**  
Thirty-Third Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
**Reading I**  
Malachi 3:19-20a  
**Reading II**  
2 Thessalonians 3:7-12  
**Gospel**  
Luke 21:5-19

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**Monday, November 11, 8:30am**

All Souls

**Tuesday, November 12, 8:30am**

Michael Rohan Subhash SI (Health)

Dominic Bien Nguyen +  
Ignatius "Bud" LoMonaco+

**Wednesday, November 13, 8:30am**

All Souls

**Thursday, November 14, 8:30am**

Felicisimo B. Salaño Sr. &  
Josefa Concepcion Salaño +  
Dominic Bien Nguyen +  
Cora deJesus+

**Friday, November 15, 8:30am**

All Souls

**Saturday, November 16 8:30am**

Dominic Bien Nguyen +  
Yousif Rehani+  
Moneera Rehani+

**Saturday/Sunday, November 16-17**

**5:00 Vigil, Chapel**

Enrico Yap Sr. +  
John Bui +  
Fred Delvey+

**8:15am Villages**

**8:30am Chapel**

Eugenia Apostol+ and Bernabe Apostol+

Teodoro Saballo+  
Sabrina Saballo+

**9:00am Gathering Hall**

Emeline Villalun Ventura+

**9:30am Grange Hall**

Carmen Gonzalez deFrederick+

**10:30am Chapel**

Trinidad Hilario +  
John Bui +

Maria Mui Nguyen+

**11:00am Gathering Hall**

Giuse Dong Nguyen +

Anthony Thien Vu+

**12:30pm Chapel**

John Bui +

Eliazer Visenio+

Gregoria and Urbano Torda+

**2:00pm Spanish Mass**

Irma Hernández - SI (birthday)

**4:00pm Vietnamese Mass**

Teresa Nguyen Xuan Huong +

Bay Huynh+

Maria Nguyen Thi Lanh +

**6:00pm Chapel**

Therese Macasiray Truong +

# Reflections

"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word."

(2 Thessalonians 2:16-17)

There are two important lessons here. First, we are called to be generous with our encouragement and hope. As God shows us mercy, we must be merciful to others. Second, joy is contagious! The joy we receive from doing good works not only strengthens us, it encourages others as well. Share the joy of living your faith whenever you can.



"Que nuestro Señor Jesucristo y Dios nuestro Padre, que nos ha amado y nos ha dado un aliento eterno y una buena esperanza a través de su gracia, alienten sus corazones y los fortalezcan en toda buena obra y palabra".

(2 Tesalonicenses 2: 16-17)  
Hay dos lecciones importantes aquí. Primero, estamos llamados a ser generosos con nuestro aliento y esperanza. Cuando Dios nos muestra misericordia, debemos ser misericordiosos con los demás. Segundo, ¡la alegría es contagiosa! La alegría que recibimos al hacer buenas obras no solo nos fortalece, sino que también alienta a los demás. Comparte la alegría de vivir tu fe siempre que puedas.

# stewardship

**October 26-27 (367 envelopes)**

Offertory	\$ 15,174.78
Mortgage	\$ 92.00
St. Francis Fund	\$ 2.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 60.00
All Souls	\$ 263.00

If you are interested in donating on-line, please visit our webpage at [www.sfoasj.com](http://www.sfoasj.com) and click on

Online Giving

Or scan



to get started with this convenient giving option.

**Thank you in advance for your generous giving.**

*Our goal of \$20,000 is the amount we need each week in order to meet our many financial responsibilities: insurance & utility bills, janitorial services, payroll, etc.*

*Perhaps you are new to our parish and have not yet begun supporting St. Francis of Assisi Parish as an expression of your gratitude for the God's many blessings. We encourage you to consider using the Sunday Offertory Envelopes or Online Giving as a way of giving to the Lord the "first fruits" of the "treasure" you have received. THANK YOU FOR SHARING GOD'S GIFTS!*

**November 17, 2019**

**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Chapel**

5:00pm – Fr. Syjueco

8:30am – Fr. Syjueco

10:30am – Fr. Stanley

12:30pm – Fr. Syjueco

2:00pm (Spanish) – Fr. Ruiz

4:00pm (Vietnamese) – Fr. Vu

6:00pm – Fr. Stanley

**Gathering Hall**

9:00am – Fr. Stanley

11:00am – Fr. Weisbeck

**Ecclesial Communities**

8:15am (Villages) – Msgr. Mitchell

9:30am (Grange) – Fr. Vu

# FROM THE DESK OF OUR PASTOR, FR. MATTHEW STANLEY



## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH - NOVEMBER UPDATE

We are so grateful for the sacrifices you make so that the work of St. Francis of Assisi Parish may continue to impact the lives of so many.

**Parish Goal: \$185,000; Pledges:  
\$272,436 – Paid: \$239,905**

**Anticipated Refund: \$88,429.** Please keep making your regular payments. When all our pledges have been paid, St. Francis of Assisi will use our rebate to reduce parish debt and fund continuing improvements to our parish facilities. Thank you for your support of Bishop Cantú and our local Church.



*Heavenly Father, your divine Son taught us to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His vineyard. We earnestly beg You to bless our parishes, our schools, and our diocese with many more priests, religious, and lay faithful who will know you intimately, love you fervently, and serve you joyfully through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.*

*We pray that you continuously call our young people to a living encounter with your Son in the Word and Eucharist, that they might be made worthy ministers of your Holy Catholic Church. Strengthen them with the support of their parents, teachers, and friends on earth and all the angels and saints in heaven.*

*May the ever Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, intercede for us that we might listen to the Word and act on it. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. St. Joseph, Patron of our Diocese, pray for us!*

## SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE



*Next Sunday is the triennial collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA. The AMS receives no funding from the U.S. Government or the U.S. Military, has no parishes for a weekly Sunday collection, and must rely principally on private donations to fund an annual operating budget of over \$8.2 million. Please help the AMS to continue to provide priests for the Church and the military chaplaincy and to minister to the Catholic military men and women, and their families, who are part of this global Archdiocese—parishioners and families from our own parish and diocese—with a donation in next weekend's collection for the AMS.*



## PEW SURVEY – RESULTS! THANK YOU!

Thank you to the hundreds of surveys that were turned in a couple of Sundays ago.

The feedback and comments were very helpful in determining a course of action. The results are as follows: **1. Shall we consider replacing the chairs in the chapel with pews? 40% YES. 60% NO.** **2. Shall we consider replacing the carpet in the chapel with a hardwood floor? 35% YES. 65% NO.** Many of your comments reflected your love for the way the chapel is furnished, as well as the desire for us to first pay-off our debt before tackling any non-essential projects.

## SUNDAY COLLECTION BY MASS (PER WEEK): JULY – SEPTEMBER 2019

**growing our FAITH through Generosity**

<b>Saturday 5:00pm (CH)</b>	<b>= \$2,372 (-15%)</b>
<b>Sunday 8:15am (VG)</b>	<b>= \$1,040 (-18%)</b>
<b>Sunday 8:30am (CH)</b>	<b>= \$2,332 (+4%)</b>
<b>Sunday 9:00am (GH)</b>	<b>= \$926 (-10%)</b>
<b>Sunday 9:30am (MHGH)</b>	<b>= \$1,271 (+14%)</b>
<b>Sunday 10:30am (CH)</b>	<b>= \$2,256 (-6%)</b>
<b>Sunday 11:00am (GH)</b>	<b>= \$927 (-14%)</b>
<b>Sunday, 12:30pm (CH)</b>	<b>= \$1,710 (+11%)</b>
<b>Sunday, 2:00pm (CH)</b>	<b>= \$468 (-13%)</b>
<b>Sunday 4:00pm (CH)</b>	<b>= \$1,075 (+16%)</b>
<b>Sunday 6:00pm (CH)</b>	<b>= \$1,566 (-22%)</b>
<b>Online Giving</b>	<b>= \$3,157 (-9%)</b>



**In honor of the Veterans Day Holiday  
Parish Office will be Closed  
Monday, November 11, 2019**

## RITUAL OF WELCOME FOR OUR CONFIRMANDI

 Next Sunday, November 17 at the 6:00pm Mass we will celebrate a ritual of welcome for our young people who have entered into a time of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We will offer them our prayers and our support as they continue to discern God's unique and precious call given to them at their Baptism.



**A PRAYER FOR CREATING A CULTURE  
OF VOCATIONS**

## FROM THE PASTORAL CENTER



*"Lord, When  
Did We See  
You  
Hungry?"*  
After Mass

each Sunday, we collect the non-perishable food items that parishioners bring to Church. These food items are picked up mid-week by Casa de Clara, the San Jose Catholic Worker House on Julian Street. After sorting, these precious gifts are hand delivered by the Catholic Workers to hungry families in downtown San Jose. If parishioners could simply bring food once a month, we would be able to share with many more hungry people. Your generosity is always a blessing and we are deeply grateful.

**SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR ELECTRONIC GIVERS**  
**Online Giving**

St. Francis of Assisi Parish would like to thank

the **122 families** who are currently giving electronically. You may not see these fellow parishioners place an envelope in the basket every week, but their consistent giving does not go unnoticed in our parish office. Each month our parish receives a steady and predictable stream of income from those donors who have made the commitment to give to God first by having a designated contribution automatically transferred to our parish through our Online Giving Program. If you would like to learn more about this easy, safe and secure way of giving, please contact Victor Espinoza at 408.223.1770 x302 or check out our website at [www.sfoasj.com](http://www.sfoasj.com) and click on ONLINE GIVING for directions on how to sign up.

**The Book of the Names of the Dead**  
During the month of November, a special book will be placed near the Easter Candle. These people will be remembered in the prayers of our parish community throughout the month. The envelopes for All Souls Day will also be placed with this Book near the Easter Candle.



**Dominican Sisters  
OF MISSION SAN JOSE**

### **Annual Holiday Boutique**

Saturday and Sunday, November 23-24 - 10am-4pm

Handmade gifts, fruitcakes, art entertainment and much more!  
Dominican Center - 43326 Mission Circle (*entrance off Mission Tierra*) Fremont. Limited items available by pre-order 9/15-11/15, 2019 at [www.msjdominicans.org](http://www.msjdominicans.org) call (510) 933-6334 for more information.

**St. Francis of Assisi Parish Garden Gift Shop**

**Christmas Boutique**

*Advent Wreathes  
Advent Candles  
Advent Calendars  
Bibles, Books, Planners, Coloring Books.  
Rosary's, Statues, Nativity Scenes  
Decorations, and much more!*

**Saturday, November 23, 5:30PM-6:30PM**  
**Sunday, November 24, 9:00AM-5:30PM**  
**Evergreen Rooms**

## What's Happening

### **DAILY:**

Rosary-Monday-Saturday, 8AM, Chapel  
Divine Mercy-Monday-Saturday, 7:50AM Chapel

### **WEEKLY:**

AA-Mondays, 7PM Fireside Room  
Adoration First Friday, Chapel, 9am-5pm, other Fridays in Garden Rooms, 9am-5pm  
Legion of Mary (English) Wednesday, 8PM, EV 2-3  
Legion of Mary (Español) Thursday, 7PM, Evergreen 3  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena Mass Wednesday, 7pm, Chapel  
SFOA Lectio Divina Wednesdays, 10AM, Chapel  
Marian Intercessory Prayer Group Thursdays, 9:15AM, Chapel  
Prayer Shawl Ministry, Thursdays, 4PM, Fireside Room

### **MONTHLY:**

13th of Month Rosary Group One complete Rosary after 8:30 AM Mass each month  
Book Group, First Tuesday, 7:30PM Fireside Room  
Filipino Ministry Team (FMT) Third Thursday, 6pm, Gathering Hall  
Holy Family Institute First Saturday, 2-4PM, EV1-EV2  
Ministry of Consolation and Bereavement : Third Wednesday of the month at 3:30PM in EV1  
Spanish Ministry : First Monday , 7PM, Gathering Hall  
Social Justice: Fourth Monday, 7PM, Garden Rooms

# FAITH FORMATION



## FAMILY REFLECTION

NOVEMBER 10

### 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Macabees 7:1-2, 9-14   2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5  
Luke 20:27-38

**"It is my choice to die at the hands of men, with the hope God gives of being raised up by him..."**

**2 Maccabees 7:14**

We recently celebrated All Saints Day. Some saints lived very ordinary lives, and some of them even gave up their lives because of their belief in God. Because of the love they had for God, the saints knew that in giving up their lives, they were choosing everlasting life. This helped them not to be afraid to share their faith. We may never be called to die for our faith like the brothers in the first reading or the saints of old, but we may be called to do hard things for our faith. For example, if you are ever with a group of friends who say they didn't believe in God, you will have the opportunity to speak up and share why you believe. You don't have to make them change their minds, but you are called to be faithful to your own experience, and sometimes that might mean putting your fears aside and sharing your beliefs.

**PRAYER:** *Dear Lord, it is not always easy to share my faith in you with others. Please give me the courage to show others that I know I am a child of yours whenever I can.*

- **If you met someone today whom you didn't know very well, how would that person be able to tell that you are a child of God?**

#### PARENTS:

- **What Mass did you attend this week?**
- **What was one new insight the HOMILY gave you?**

## NOVEMBER JOY SESSIONS

J.O.Y. sessions will take place on November 11, 12, 14, 15. Our topic for the month is Confirmation. Parents must attend with their children or youth.

## HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION WORKSHOP

Our next workshop will be held November 18 at 6:30pm.



## ANNUAL THANKSGIVING COLLECTION FOR THE POOR

We are holding our traditional Thanksgiving collection for families in our neighboring parishes, Most Holy Trinity, St. Maria Goretti and Christ the King this weekend. The proceeds from this collection will enable these parishes to help families in their communities to celebrate Thanksgiving Day. Thank you for your support.

## VOLUNTEER - HOLIDAY MEALS



Catholic Charities seeks groups to offer festive holiday meals for residents at one of 10 affordable housing sites.

### What

- Bring ready to serve purchased or home-cooked food for 50-100.
- Bring festive décor.

### Who Where When

- A good activity for a parish group or 3-4 families.
- 8 locations
- Weekdays or weekends

**Contact:** CCollard@CatholicCharitiesSCC.org or Alison @ 408-325-5288



## ARCHBISHOP MITTY HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, November 24. Guided tours from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

*Recorridos en español a las 9:15 y 10:35.*

Archbishop Mitty High School is located at 5000 Mitty Avenue San Jose, 95129 (408) 252-6610. Please view our website [www.mitty.com/](http://www.mitty.com/) admission for additional information.

## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

NOVEMBER 16, 2019 • 1-3 PM  
PRE-K TO 8TH GRADE



**TO SCHEDULE YOUR PRIVATE TOUR, PLEASE CALL  
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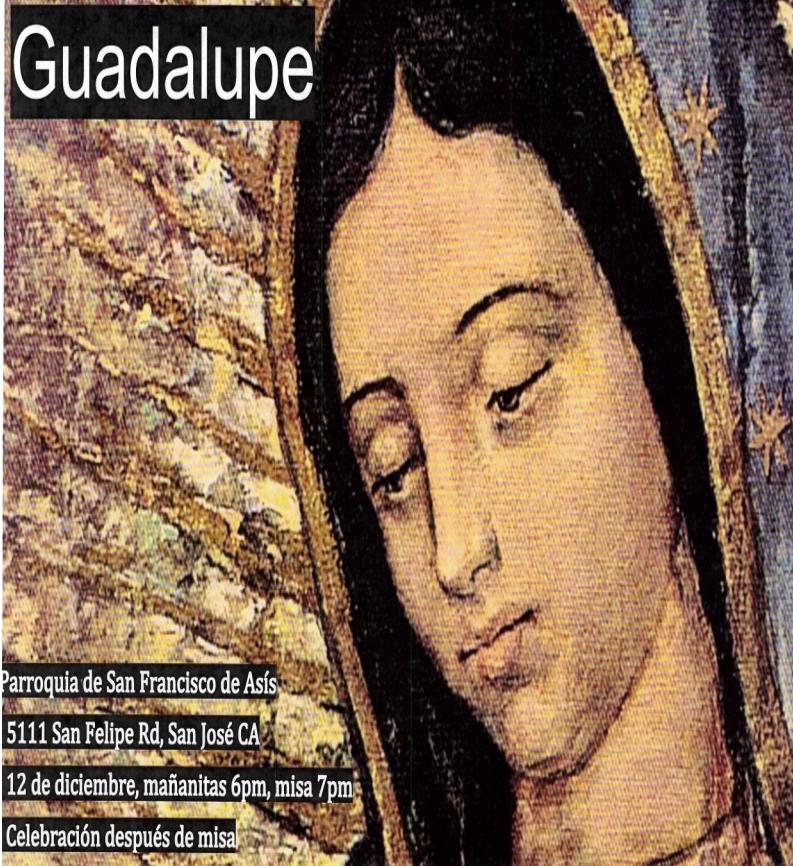
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EN ESPAÑOL

# Misa de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe



Parroquia de San Francisco de Asís

5111 San Felipe Rd, San José CA

12 de diciembre, mañanitas 6pm, misa 7pm

Celebración después de misa



**Cursillo**



**¿Te gustaría vivir en gracia?**

El movimiento de Cursillos de Cristiandad de la Diócesis de San José, les hace una invitación a que viven tres encuentros:

**Contigo mismo**

**Con Cristo y**

**Con los demás**

A través de un Cursillo (retiro) de tres días, para hombres y mujeres.

**Cursillo de hombres: 21 al 24 de noviembre, 2019**

**Cursillo de mujeres: 28 al 1ero de diciembre, 2019**

**Déjate llenar de la gracia de Dios**

Para más información llamar a:

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## Hispanic Ministry

### SACRAMENT OF CONFESION-EN ESPAÑOL

We would like to

invite you to come to the Sacrament of Confession in Spanish. Fr. Rudy will be available at 6pm every first Friday of the month and after 2pm Sunday Mass when he's the presider.

Nos gustaría invitarlos al sacramento de la confesión en español. El padre Rudy estará disponible a las 6pm el

primer viernes de cada mes y después de misa de 2pm los domingos que él celebre la misa.

¿Te gustaría servir en la parroquia? ¡Ahora es cuando! Necesitamos monaguillos, ministros de eucaristía, saludadores, acomodadores, lectores, sacristanes y ministros de hospitalidad. Si no tienes experiencia, nosotros te podemos entrenar. Responde al llamado de Dios de servir y contacta a Maleny Quiroz maleny.quirozhernandez@dsj.org si estás interesado.