



**FROM THE DESK OF KEVIN BERNAGA,  
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On this Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, we celebrate the first *“Word of God Sunday”* instituted last year by Pope Francis. On September 30, 2019, Pope Francis declared and established in his Apostolic Letter, *Moto proprio “Aperuit illis”* that *“the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study, and dissemination of the Word of God.”* The release of the document on this specific day is significant because it is the **Feast of St. Jerome**, credited in translating most of the Bible into Latin. The title *“Aperuit illis”* is equally as important as it is the beginning words from the Gospel of St. Luke where he describes how our Risen Lord appeared to His disciples and *“opened their minds to understand the Scripture.”*

The Pope explains that he wrote this letter in response to the requests from many faithful from around the world to commemorate a day specifically focused on the Word of God. Pope Francis reminds all believers that the Scriptures point us all to a *“path of authentic and firm unity”* and are not reserved for a privileged few. It belongs *“to those called to hear its message and to recognize themselves in its words.”*

Pope Francis goes on explaining how the Eucharist and Sacred Scripture have an unbreakable bond. Since the focus of Scripture is sharing the example of Christ, *“they enable us to believe that His death and resurrection are not myth but history and are central to the faith of His disciples.”* When the Sacraments are highlighted by the Word of God, *“they become ever more clearly the goal of a process whereby Christ opens our minds and hearts to acknowledge His saving work.”* The Apostolic Letter concludes by the Pope describing the *“greatest challenge before us in life: to listen to Sacred Scripture and then to practice mercy.”* On this Word of God Sunday, may we remember not to take God’s Word for granted, and invite Our Lady to walk with us as we are gifted the joy of those who listen to the Word. ***“Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.” – St. Jerome***

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**This Weekend's Readings**

Third Sunday in Ordinary  
Time

**Reading I**

Isaiah 8:23-9:3

**Reading II**

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

**Gospel**

Matthew 4:12-23

**Next Weekend's Readings**

The Presentation of the  
Lord

**Reading I**

Malachi 3:1-4

**Reading II**

Hebrews 2:14-18

**Gospel**

Luke 2:22-40

**Monday, January 27, 8:30am**

Dominic Bien Nguyen+

Remy M. Dato - SI (birthday)

Do Thi Nga+

**Tuesday, January 28, 8:30am**

Dominic Bien Nguyen+

de Quinto (Thanksgiving)

Nora P. Alhambra - SI (birthday)

**Wednesday, January 29, 2020**

Dominic Bien Nguyen+

Jacqueline Farrales-SI

Yen Pham+

**Thursday, January 30, 8:30am**

Dominic Bien Nguyen+

Ethel Armstrong+

Margret Paul+

Mac Onglatco+

**Friday, January 31, 8:30am**

Dominic Bien Nguyen+

Johanna Castle+

Pedro De Guzman+

**Saturday, February 1, 8:30am**

Dominic Bien Nguyen+

Yen Pham+

Keanu De La Serna (Birthday)

**Saturday/Sunday, February 1-2**

**5:00 Vigil, Chapel**

John Bui+

Guise Nai Bui+

Bud Lomonaco Sr.+

**8:15am Villages**

**8:30am Chapel**

Bill Marsella+

**9:00am Gathering Hall**

Arturo Quezon+

Dan Donovan+

**9:30am Grange Hall**

**10:30am Chapel**

Dominic Bien Nguyen+

Sergio Yap Sr+

Eugene Reboton+

**11:00am Gathering Hall**

Guise Dong Nguyen+

Anthony Tuyen Vu+

**12:30pm Chapel**

Eliazer Visenio+

Yutieng Su+

Alberto Yu+

**2:00pm Spanish Mass**

**4:00pm Vietnamese Mass**

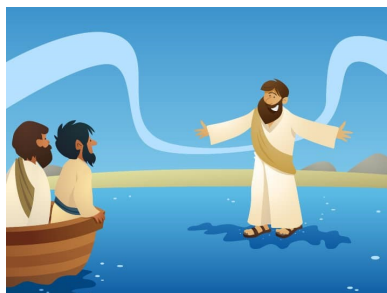
Yen Pham+

**6:00pm Chapel**

***"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him."***

*(Matthew 4:22)*

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. Everything from our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries, and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.



***"Los llamó e inmediatamente dejaron su bote y a su padre y lo siguieron."***

*(MATEO 4:22)*

Así como Jesús llamó a los primeros apóstoles, también nos llama a cada uno de nosotros a seguirlo. No todos están llamados a dejar atrás su negocio o familia, pero se espera que pongamos a Dios primero en todo. Todo, desde nuestro tiempo en la oración diaria, nuestro talento para participar en uno de nuestros ministerios parroquiales y nuestro tesoro para apoyar las necesidades financieras de nuestra misión parroquial.

**January 11-12 (378 envelopes)**

|               |             |
|---------------|-------------|
| Offertory     | \$17,151.25 |
| Mortgage      | \$ 365.00   |
| OLOPH         | \$ 141.00   |
| Misc          | \$ 246.00   |
| Latin America | \$ 5,527.78 |

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to get started with this convenient giving option.

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

**February 2, 2020**

**Presentation of the Lord  
Chapel**

5:00pm – Msgr. Mitchell

8:30am – Fr. Stanley

10:30am – Fr. Stanley

12:30pm – Fr. Weisbeck

2:00pm (Spanish) – Fr. Rudy

4:00pm (Vietnamese) – Fr. Vu

6:00pm – Fr. Stanley

**Gathering Hall**

9:00am – Msgr. Mitchell

11:00am – Fr. Weisbeck

**Ecclesial Communities**

8:15am (Villages) – Fr. Vu

9:30am (Grange) – Fr. Vu

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

## FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH - 2ND



### COLLECTION - MORTGAGE DEBT REDUCTION

*Next Sunday, there will be a second collection to reduce our \$2.2 million-dollar parish debt. The sooner we pay off this debt, the more funds we will have available to support other vital services in our growing parish. Thank you for your generosity.*



## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI -

### FINAL ADA 2019 REPORT

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: \$275,494 - Paid: \$267,697 Refund: \$83,690. 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.



## NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, the Church celebrates



the feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as Candlemas Day, since the blessing and procession of candles is included in the liturgy. *If you would like to have candles blessed at Mass, please bring them with you.*

## YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE



**Retrouvaille** (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages.

This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the February program beginning with a weekend on February 7-9, 2020 call 408-605-4998



## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT - DECEMBER 2019

Thank you to everyone who supported the mission and ministries of our parish during the month of December. Our average weekly collection was **\$21,257**. You also generously donated to various important causes (Mortgage & St. Francis Fund) in our December (2nd Collections) in the amount of **\$55,560 (\$11,112 a week.)** Our Christmas collection was almost **\$70,000**. This brings our December total (excluding Christmas) to **\$32,369** a week. We budgeted our Sunday Offertory income for the first month of the new fiscal year (26 weeks) at **\$520,000** and received **\$530,000**. Any additional income helps us to pay-down our **\$2.2 million debt**. As you know, we are totally dependent upon you all our parishioners for our livelihood.

**THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 26** at the 10:30am & 12:30pm Masses, we will celebrate a ritual of welcome for the children in our parish who have entered into a time of preparation for their First Holy Communion. 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.

## PARENT EFFECTIVENESS TRAINING, 2020



Do you long to have joy with your kids? Reduce stress of working & parenting? Sleep soundly at night without anxious dreams about your family? Savor the gift of your children and the treasure of yourself as a person and a parent? If so, you may be interested in completing Parent Effectiveness Training (PET), an eight-week course; two hours per week, that we are considering offering at St. Francis of Assisi. Contact Lisa at [LNakamura@dsj.org](mailto:LNakamura@dsj.org) or 408.223.1770 x316.

## SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES & PAYBEE ELECTRONIC GIVING

As good stewards of the treasure you entrust to us, we are taking steps to "clean-up" our envelope mailing and distribution list. For all those received envelopes but did not use them in 2019, we will be removing you from our mailing list. This will reduce our expenses significantly. Any Questions? Contact Rebecca Mitz ([rmitz@dsj.org](mailto:rmitz@dsj.org)). We encourage our parishioners who don't use envelopes to consider electronic online giving. The parish has recently engaged the services of Paybee.io to facilitate this process. It is extremely easy to use. Please visit [paybee.io](http://paybee.io) to begin using this service. Please contact our Business Manager, Victor ([vespinoza@dsj.org](mailto:vespinoza@dsj.org)), if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support of the programs and ministries of St. Francis of Assisi Parish.



## FROM THE PASTORAL CENTER



Please join us February 4 at 7:30 pm in the Fireside/Garden Room to discuss 'The 100 Year Old Man' by Jonas Jonasson. For info, call Donna 408 238 6681

### SFOA SHELTER SUPPORT



#### APPEAL

On behalf of the Parish's Homeless Shelter Team, we want to thank all parishioners who responded to the pre-Thanksgiving appeal to donate special items for the homeless. Since we were not able to shelter the homeless this coming winter, we decided to see how we could respond to the needs of the homeless who participate in the San Jose Family Shelter (Family Supportive Housing) and the Valley Homeless Healthcare Program. Because of your generosity, we were

able to deliver several carloads of the following supplies: socks and other clothes, toiletries, comforters, blankets, cleaning supplies, pillows, tarps.



Thanks so, so much for your thoughtfulness and generosity! SFOA Shelter Program Team

**HURRY HURRY HURRY!** Time is running out to apply for the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**. Let a cozy weekend for just the two of you keep you warm on these long winter nights. **The next Marriage Encounter Weekends include: Feb 29-Mar 1, 2020 in San Francisco, CA and May 15-17, 2020 in San Jose, CA.** For more information and/or to apply for a Weekend, visit our website at: [sanjosewwme.org](http://sanjosewwme.org) or contact **Ken & Claranne** at [applications@sanjosewwme.org](mailto:applications@sanjosewwme.org) or **408-782-1413**.

## 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 (Drop-ins WELCOME)

**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

## BLOOD DRIVE

St. Francis of Assisi

♥ **DATE** Saturday, February 1st

♥ **TIME** 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

♥ **LOCATION** The Gathering Space @  
5111 San Felipe Road  
San Jose

### SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

Online: [sbcdonor.org](http://sbcdonor.org)  
Use sponsor code 1178  
Phone: 888-723-7831

For more information:  
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ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH  
FILIPINO MINISTRY TEAM

## VALENTINE'S DAY MASQUERADE DINNER-DANCE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2020, 6PM-11PM



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI GATHERING HALL

MUSIC BY DJ EARL

**COST \$35**

TICKETS ON SALE AFTER EACH MASS  
(EXCEPT VILLAGES, 2PM AND 4PM)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT LERMA AT  
(408) 223-1770 x 310

## FROM THE PASTORAL CENTER

### FAMILY REFLECTION

JANUARY 26

#### 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 8:23-9:3

Corinthians 1:10-13,17

Matthew 4:12-23

***"Come after me and I will make you fishers of people."*** - Matthew 4:19

Have you ever been fishing? It can be really fun. First, you find a nice quiet spot and set up all your gear. Then you bait your hook, cast it in the water, and wait for a fish to swim by and bite. When it happens, it is so exciting. You pull your fish in and want to show it to everyone because you are so proud.

Now, if you look at today's gospel reading, you may ask yourself, how would you catch people? Jesus is trying to show us that if we use the same ideas you use in fishing, it is possible to 'catch people' and bring them to Jesus. First, you need to find a nice quiet spot so you can pray and ask Jesus to help you bring people to him. Then, the bait you use is love, kindness, patience; any good virtues can work. Just imagine how good it would feel to know you helped people experience love, acceptance, or peace like Jesus did. Then you would be a fisher of people.

**PRAYER:** *Dear Lord, show me how to 'catch people' for your glory.*

- How do you try to "catch" others for Jesus?

#### PARENTS:

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



**Start 2020 off right  
Join us for  
St. Francis of Assisi Preschool's  
WINTER OPEN HOUSE**

**Sunday, January 26, 2020  
9 AM to 2 PM**

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[www.sfoasj.com](http://www.sfoasj.com)

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS



Bishop Oscar Cantú invites all couples celebrating their 1st through 5th, 25th, 40th and 50th (or more) Wedding Anniversaries in 2020 to participate in the Annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration Mass at the Basilica Cathedral of St. Joseph.

The couples will renew their wedding vows and receive a blessing from the Bishop. There will be a simple reception following Mass in Loyola Hall adjacent to the Basilica. Photographs with the Bishop

will be available at the reception as well as an anniversary certificate and gift from the Office of the Bishop.

Couples can register for this event at [bit.ly/dsjwedding2020](http://bit.ly/dsjwedding2020) or contact Christina at [christina.vo@dsj.org](mailto:christina.vo@dsj.org) or 408-983-0128. Please pre-register by March 7, 2020.

*Due to limited seats, we can only reserve seats for anniversary couples with wheelchairs.*

Doors open at 8:45 A.M. We expect a full church so please plan to arrive early!



## FROM THE PASTORAL CENTER



This is a **SELL OUT EVENT** every year.  
We are limited to 250 guests so get your friends  
and family together and **GET YOUR TICKETS**  
when they become available after Masses  
January 18-19!

### 3GEN+ MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY



### More on MEDS (Meditation/ Prayer-Exercise-Diet-Sleep) —SACRED MANTRAMS

Sacred phrases, known as Mantrams, include ancient forms of Christian repetitive prayer used by the Desert Fathers. Jill Bormann, Ph.D., R.N. research scientist at the VA San Diego Healthcare System has established that slow, daily repetition of Mantrams reduce stress, focuses attention, deepens sleep, and increases one's patience. In my experience, regular and frequent use of a mantram places one's spirit exquisitely in the Sacrament of the Present Moment. Choose and use a mantram before sleep, upon awakening, while waiting, while doing mechanical tasks that do not require one's full attention (brushing teeth, vacuuming, watering plants), while exercising, especially suitable for walking or swimming, while annoyed, and while trapped in the quicksand of ruminating thoughts. Some Mantrams from our Christian tradition:

- *My God, My All—St. Francis of Assisi phrase*
- *Maranatha—Lord of My Heart (Aramaic—Jesus' language)*
- *Kyrie Eleison—Lord Have Mercy (Greek)*
- *Christie Eleison—Christ Have Mercy (Greek)*
- *Jesus, Jesus*
- *Hail Mary or Ave Maria*
- *Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me (Jesus Prayer)*

To practice: Simply repeat the phrase slowly and silently. One can time the phrase by saying half on your in breath and the other half on your out breath. However, just by slowly repeating the phrase your breathing slows on its own. For more information see [www.jillbormann.com](http://www.jillbormann.com).

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