

Thank You, God,

*for our
Mothers.*



St. Francis of Assisi Parish

**"IT WAS WINTER."**

This is verse 22, chapter 10 from this morning's Gospel "according to St. John. It reminded me that the last Sunday we gathered for the Eucharist was March 8 (the latter days of winter and my birthday). So much has changed. We often discuss the "new normal" when the current "shelter-in-place" is lifted. We need to plan now for what that will look like at St. Francis of Assisi Parish.

First, I want to thank all of you who have supported and sustained the parish clergy and staff over the last several weeks. You have been our inspiration and our strength. Several parishioners have prepared meals for the priests. I enjoy cooking, but Fr. Lieu and Fr. Michael have been nourished abundantly. Second, I am deeply grateful for your financial support of our parish these past several weeks. Our average weekly Sunday collection for March was \$12,500 (60% of normal). We received nearly \$18,000 on the first Sunday of May! Your financial support allows us to continue to cover many of financial responsibilities: salaries, insurance, utilities, and debt service. Considering the struggles of many parishes in our diocese, we are truly blessed!

Third, the staff is presently discussing what "Sundays" will look like, as early as June 7, if the goals set by the County Health Officer (sustained reduction of cases, hospitalizations, and deaths) are met. What possibly might this include? Wearing face coverings to Mass; change in Sunday Mass schedule; limited capacity for Sunday Mass while maintaining safe physical distancing; among others. We will be diligent in our communication with you in advance.

Fourth, we are adapting to new technologies that permit the continuation of ministry. We continue to make available daily Mass and Sunday Mass at 11:00 am on both our Facebook and our parish web page. We have also been on a technological learning curve in the area of faith formation. Lisa and Kevin are in regular communication with families by providing both "live" and "recorded" material.

Fifth, one of the lessons we learned in our "telephone outreach campaign" a few weeks ago is that our parish data base needs to be updated. We are in the process of developing a form that will assist us in this process of updating phone numbers, email addresses, etc., and we encourage your cooperation in this effort.

Sixth, our 3GEN+ team has been providing mental health resources to our most vulnerable parishioners: the elderly, youth, and parents with young children. Our parish website has a listing of these resources that are available to you.

Lastly, although as a staff, we are fewer in number and working less hours, we continue to stay open to serve you. Despite fewer resources, we have grown to rely on each other's talents and strengths, and pray ever more fervently for the fruits of the Holy Spirit: charity, joy, and peace.

Together, let us continue to pray for those who have died, those who are sick, and those who have recovered. Let us be grateful and generous to those on "the front lines" making untold sacrifices to keep our community safe and sound. And let us be mindful, and assist in any way we may be able, those who are hungry, anxious, afraid, or alone. As we will hear in this Sunday's Gospel: **"Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me." John 14:1**

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Monday, May 11, 8:30am

Leonardo Ganacias+

Kathy Laimore+

Julie Nguyen SI

Domingo DeGuzman+

Tuesday, May 12, 8:30am

Bill Madden+

Diane Nguyen SI

David Nguyen SI

We also Pray for Jesusa Moral (Birthday)

Wednesday, May 13, 8:30am

Rose Nguyen SI

Trinh Nguyen SI

Father Frank M. Lehnerd+

Thursday, May 14, 8:30am

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Friday, May 15, 8:30am

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Saturday, May 16, 8:30am

Rosario DeGuzman Valdez+

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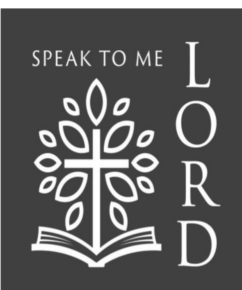
"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." (1 Peter 2:7)

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom on earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.



"La piedra que los constructores rechazaron se ha convertido en la piedra angular". (1 PEDRO 2:7)

Cada persona ha recibido dones del Espíritu Santo. Estos se llaman "carismas" y se utilizan para construir el reino de Dios en la tierra. Si bien muchas personas pueden reconocer sus talentos y habilidades naturales, pueden no estar seguros de sus carismas. Si conoces a alguien que está luchando por una dirección en la vida, dale un poco de aliento. Ayúdalos a discernir sus carismas y cómo Dios los está llamando a usarlos. Recuerde: ningún es demasiado pequeño o insignificante en el plan de salvación de Dios.



MAY 4, 2020

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Thank you for your generosity in this year's Easter's collection **(\$33,795)**. We assure you that the love which these gifts represent will enable us to continue the work which we must undertake here at St. Francis of Assisi. If you were not prepared for our Easter collection, we encourage you still to make your gift. We are so grateful for the sacrifices you make so that the work of our parish may continue to impact the lives of so many. We encourage everyone 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.

This Weekend's Readings Next Weekend's Readings

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Reading I

Acts 6:1-7

Reading II

1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel

John 14:1-12

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Reading I

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Reading II

1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel

John 14:15-21

DAILY MASS & SUNDAY MASS - TAPE DELAYED

Due to the instability of our Internet connection, our Daily Mass & Sunday Mass will be broadcast at 11:00 am each day.

THE INSTITUTE FOR LEADERSHIP IN MINISTRY is a



3-year course of study for lay persons. The ILM provides training and faith formation for lay leaders in the Church. The theological base for this program is found in the documents of the Second Vatican Council. Responding to their baptismal call, graduates return to their parish to serve in various leadership roles in Liturgy, Catechetics, Social Justice, Pastoral Care, as well as many others. We plan to continue sending lay persons to the Institute for Leadership in Ministry.

If you feel called to explore this possibility, we are looking for a few qualified candidates for the new ILM academic year which begins in the fall. Please contact Fr. Matt (mstanley@dsj.org) for more information.



MAY 19-MENTAL HEALTH PRAYER SERVICE, 7PM

(details on how to view coming soon)

The magnitude of mental illness in this country is staggering. According to the Surgeon General, one in every five Americans experiences a mental disorder in any given year and half of all Americans have such disorders at some time in their lives. These illnesses of the brain affect all of us, regardless of age, gender, economic status or ethnicity. Mental illness affects the mind, body and the spirit. It is a real, common and treatable illness. Mental illnesses are far more common than cancer, diabetes, heart disease or arthritis. Our faith communities can be an important part of the recovery process through education, support and by helping individuals and families feel part of a caring community.



POPE FRANCIS has asked Catholics around the world to pray the Rosary during May, asking for Mary's intercession to stop the Coronavirus pandemic. He has composed two prayers that can be recited at the end of the Rosary. **Join us each Wednesday in May at 6:00 pm and pray the Holy Rosary with us.** Just go to our Facebook page or www.sfoasj.com.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT - MARCH 2020

Thank you to everyone who supported the mission and ministries of our parish during the month of March. Our average weekly collection was \$12,500. You also generously donated to various important causes in our March (2nd Collections) in the amount of \$19,856 (\$3,971 a week.) This brings our March total to \$16,472 a week. We budgeted our Sunday Offertory income for the 9 months of the new fiscal year (39 weeks) at \$780,000 and received \$723,000. Any additional income helps us to pay-down our \$2.3 million debt. As you know, we are totally dependent upon you all our parishioners for our livelihood.

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St. Francis of Assisi has been registered with Benevity for nearly 5 years now and many parishioners have taken the opportunity to double their contributions!

You might be eligible for a matching gift. Ask your HR department today if your employer will make your gift have twice the impact.

If your organization uses another matching gift program and you would like to nominate or designate St. Francis of Assisi but require more information, please contact our Business Manager Victor Espinoza at Vespinoza@dsj.org or 408-223-1770 x302



From the Desk of Deacon Andrzej Sobczyk We Rise Or Fall Together

As far as we know, the coronavirus arrived in Hong Kong at about the same time as it did in the US. Hong Kong is one of the most densely populated places in the world, it shares a border with China and is a major hub for international connections. And yet, just 4 people (0.5 a person per million of population) died so far of the virus, while the toll in the US is 72,800 as of May 6, 2020 (220 people per million of population). Why such a huge disparity? We don't know everything yet, but perhaps It can partially be explained by the fact that Hong Kong citizens were already used to wearing face masks in public after a painful experience of the SARS pandemic of 2003. In addition, people quickly locked themselves down in their tiny apartments, sanitized their hands frequently, checked temperatures, and followed common sense, proven ways of preventing transmission; they were ready for the pandemic on day 1. And they were united in their quick and decisive response. When the restrictions were eased later, the infections resurfaced, but the people hunkered down again without a complaint, knowing this will save lives.

Our response has been quite different, especially the lack of unity. A few days ago a security guard was shot and killed in Michigan after asking a store customer to put a mask on while shopping. Earlier, a mayor in Oklahoma had to back down on his order of mask use, because of the number of vicious verbal threats directed at businesses that tried to enforce it. Crowds of people in Orange County ignored social distancing rules and protested against the closure of beaches. We seem to be very divided in our response to the virus, just like we are divided in our politics. Former president, George W. Bush, recently called for unity and an end to partisanship, saying that we either rise or fall together, and therefore we should all do our part by following the requirements of public health officials. Unfortunately, his summon seems to have fallen on deaf ears.

Our strong urge for independence, exceptionalism, individualism and freedom of expression can be a good force that encourages healthy competition and innovation, but it seems to be working against us in this fight against the common and silent enemy. Even if we develop a successful vaccine for COVID-19, which is not a given, there were already several global viruses in this new century, and new ones are likely to pop up again. Our willingness to take them seriously and to act quickly in unison will be crucial to our future prosperity. Public health departments, universal healthcare coverage, and the need for efficient central government will become more important than ever, whether we like it or not. In the face of those new threats, common good concerns are likely to trump the desire for individual expression.

But this change does not have to be feared and resisted as something evil. As Christians, we already fully embrace the concept of common good. The current readings from the Acts of the Apostles, during this Easter season, describe for us a vibrant and joyful community of disciples for whom the common good and concern for the poor was primary. And it was not a burden for them to sacrifice for each other. They willingly shared their resources together, served each other, and were genuinely concerned about the weak and the most vulnerable, united in their mission of following Christ in one spirit. A couple of decades later, when some of the Christian communities experienced division and self-centeredness, St. Paul wrote letters to them and preached tirelessly about the need for unity and pursuit of the common good. Both Jews and early Christians expected to be saved together as a community and not as individuals. We either rise or fall together.



DON'T VISIT HER. SHE'S OUT OF IT.

Once as hospital staff chaplain making patient rounds, I was stopped by a nurse. Pointing to a wispy-haired, elderly woman hunched over in a wheelchair, the nurse said, "Don't visit her. She's out of it." I've learned that "out of it" means it is difficult for the other to verbalize ideas and feelings. The woman looked at me beseechingly, as if to say, "Tell me I matter." In response, I knelt by her.

The patient census listed the woman's religion as Catholic. Due to her medical condition, she could not receive Eucharist. Instead, I offered her Spiritual Communion. Eyes closed; she held the closed pyx with the consecrated Host inside. Someplace deep inside of her, grace—the Light of God's Love—visibly shone from her face. After some moments of us both reverencing Jesus the Christ, I removed the gold pyx from her hand. She nodded. Then she asked for paper and a pen. Carefully she drew three crosses in black ink on the white notepad. Then she drew rays coming from and surrounding the center cross. Finally, she handed me the paper. She extended both hands, pointing to the Pyx holding the Sacred Host in my one hand and her drawing with the illuminated cross in the other. To this day, when I consider that moment, I am moved by the memory of that simple drawing illustrating the Sacred Mystery of Christ's Suffering, Death and Resurrection.

In these days of COVID-19 isolation in which our shared Eucharist is Spiritual Communion, I return to the silent spiritual truth offered by the woman considered not worthy of a visit. I also think of another person who has experienced profound depression most of her life. When I asked her how what gave her strength during this time of mandated withdrawal from others, I experienced humility and gratitude hearing her answer. "I use this time to pray for others affected by the COVID-19. I have been in quarantine most of my life." With simplicity, she voiced how it feels to be alone and afraid. We have much to learn from those shunted aside either for physical, mental, emotional or spiritual distress. As we emerge from isolation, may we see, hear, heed and change our hearts to value each person we encounter.

Barbara F. Zahner, BCC; 3GEN+ Mental Health Ministry; barbarazahner1@mac.com



JUST MY THOUGHTS...FROM ROSIE OLIVAS

This Sunday, we celebrate one of the most special days of the year, Mothers Day. None of us would be here without a mother giving birth to us. Some of us have amazing mothers, who would do anything for their kids and family. Some of us have mothers that for some reason are not able to care for us and have demons within them that prevent them from being amazing moms (Drugs, alcohol, mental illness, etc.) Some of us have mothers who **CHOSE** us; they may not have given birth to us, but love us just the same. Some of us do not have mothers, but amazing women in our lives such as grandmothers, aunts, godmothers, foster mothers and friends. We also have some fathers who are both mother and father to their children.

These men and women teach us values, respect, and spiritual values. They give us the guidance to become great adults, but mostly, they give us their love.

We are all also blessed with having the original first mom, Mother Mary. She became the mother of Jesus out of wedlock and at a young age. Her belief was so strong in God, she did this without questions. This month of May, we also honor her, not for one day, but for the month.

So let's take a moment to pray to our Mother Mary and thank her for her belief in God and to do something special for our Moms/Mother figures. A hug and a hand made gift is more than a mother can ask for.

Be Great , God Bless, and STAY SAFE!



FROM THE DESK OF LISA NAKAMURA, FAITH FORMATION
WHAT NOT TO DO IF YOU WANT TO BE HAPPY!

I came across this article that I had saved in one of my many folders. I thought I would share it with you. It was adapted by Annemarie Scobey from the book What Happy People Know: How the New Science Can Change Your Life for the Better written by **Dan Baker**.

- Don't blame others for problems: Even when their problems could actually be attributed to another person, happy people tend to take responsibility for their problems. This puts the problems in their own control, rather than within the control of someone else.
- Don't overreact: Happy people don't create drama.
- Don't feel trapped: Happy people don't look at jobs or relationships as something that is stifling them.
- Don't focus on a single passion or relationship: Happy people tend to have many different friends and relationships and varied interest and hobbies.
- Don't dwell on past failures: Unhappy people tend to rehash what they did wrong, while happy people move on.
- Don't use negative language: Happy people tend to avoid speaking negatively, even when something goes wrong.
- Don't spend time around unhappy people: Happy people gravitate toward others who are positive.
- Don't gossip: Happy people are more interested in talking about ideas than about other people.
- Don't procrastinate: Happy people make decisions, then take actions.

A Mother's Day Prayer

Dear Lord,

*Please watch over
and support all mothers
on earth and in heaven . . .*

*and help them to know how much
they are loved and appreciated
on Mother's Day and every day.*

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*Dear God,
Bless Mom.*

*She deserves to be happy and
healthy. Answer her prayers and
protect her against hardship. Keep
her here with our family for as long
as You can. Be patient and
don't call her home anytime soon.*

*For this I pray.
Amen*

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Valley Catholic Ad submitted for April 28, 2020

Catholic Cemeteries – How Are You?

How are you? Do you know what the date is? What day of the week? Most of the regular news broadcasts now begin with telling their listeners what day of the week and date is. I would like to begin this article with “How are you?”.

San Jose Catholic Cemeteries is considered an essential business and we have all been very busy adapting our jobs to work within the current government guidelines. Our Family Service Advisors are meeting with clients to make burial arrangements and create markers, the Grounds Staff is developing new burial locations in addition to servicing the daily burials for our families, and Outreach is following up with our families and those grieving through phone calls, emails, Facebook and Zoom.

So, how are you? Have you thought about finally finishing-up those end-of-life plans? This can be a scary time for many and there have been lots of articles circulating about end-of-life and grief. Remember you are a child of God. *1 John 3, “The Father has loved us so much that we are called children of God.”* Each day as I wake, I ask, “Jesus what can I do for you today?”. As I come across daily situations, I ask, “What would Jesus do?”. Some days are more difficult than others as outside pressures are put on us or our daily routines are abandoned. However, I believe this too shall pass and what we knew to be the norm may change but I will always be a child of God – who gives me strength.

God is here for you and Catholic Cemeteries is also. If you are interested in preplanning your burial [contact us](#). If you’d like to create the marker for your loved one already buried in our cemeteries, [contact us](#). If you’d like to create a virtual memorial for your loved one, visit our [website](#). If you need a daily message of hope, visit [Solace](#).

Jesus teaches that the way to full life is through facing death. I have seen this first-hand with family members who have faced death. I have tried to grow through my reaction to their hardship. This Covid-19 pandemic has also given me an opportunity to grow and share with others the importance of being present, mindful and responsible. I am a messenger. It is my responsibility to share God’s message and support others through my ministry with Catholic Cemeteries.

So, I ask again, “How are you?”. Do you need a quiet moment and place to take a breath and sit at the feet of Jesus to listen? Or do you need to get up, get out and be the hands and feet of Jesus to help yourself and others? Can’t decide, ASK Jesus.

Know that Catholic Cemeteries is here to listen and walk with you and your family in times of sorrow. We hope to be of assistance and presence when you need us. We are here to support you now and on through your grief journey. For further information, contact us at 408.359.5542 or at ccoutreach@dsj.org.



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See how many of these newspaper related words you can find in the puzzle.
The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

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|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 1. Mothers | 6. Holiday | 11. Respect | 16. Giving |
| 2. Day | 7. Loving | 12. Thoughtful | 17. Special |
| 3. Moms | 8. Caring | 13. Family | 18. Happy |
| 4. Kids | 9. Children | 14. Considerate | 19. May |
| 5. Parent | 10. Grandmother | 15. Honor | 20. Spring |

Our thanks to the **444** parishioners who turned in their gifts and pledges towards this year's ADA. We are almost **95%** toward our goal. 174 pledges made were equal with their 2019 pledge. 123 have **increased** their 2019 pledge, while 83 pledges were less than 2019. 59 people pledged in 2020 who were unable to pledge in 2018. 257 made pledges in 2019, but not yet in 2020. With everyone's participation, we can meet and surpass our ADA goal; however, this will only be possible if every parish household participates according to their means. Anything raised above our ADA goal will directly benefit our parish.



COVID-19 UPDATE

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Our Lady of Refuge 2165 Lucretia Ave, San Jose, CA 95122	Every Tuesday Time 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Most Holy Trinity 2040 Nassau Dr, San Jose, CA 95122	Every Tuesday Time 11:00am – 1:00pm
St. Martin of Tours 200 O'Connor Dr, San Jose, CA 95128	Every Wednesday Time 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
St. John Vianney 4600 Hyland Ave, San Jose, CA 95127	Every Thursday Time 9:00 am – 11:00 am
St. Lucy Parish 2350 S Winchester Blvd, Campbell, CA 95008	Every Friday Time 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Santa Teresa Parish 794 Calero Ave, San Jose, CA 95123	Every Saturday Time 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

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Updated 4-14-2020

Loving God,
we place into your care
all our doctors, nurses and
healthcare workers.
Give them courage of heart
and strength of mind and
body.
Keep them safe from harm.
May they know
our deep gratitude
for all they are doing to heal
and help those affected by
the coronavirus.
God of all consolation
may they know your
protection
and peace.
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