St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Mass Schedule

Chapel *(5111 San Felipe Road)*

Daily Mass	**8:30 AM** *Monday-Saturday*
Saturday Vigil	**4:00 PM**
	5:30 PM Vietnamese
Sunday	*Upper Parking Lot Worship Space*
	8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM
	8:15 AM *Villages Gated Community Chapel*
	9:00 AM, 11:00 AM
	2:00 PM (Spanish)
	4:00 PM (Vietnamese)
	6:00 PM *Youth and Young Adult*

- **Villages Community Mass**
  First Friday of Month at 9:00 AM
- **Igbo Community Mass 1:30 PM**
  2nd Sunday of the month

St. Francis of Assisi Memorial Garden

Our patron saint once said, "It is in dying that we are born to eternal life." We are blessed as a parish to have this final resting place close to our chapel for cremated remains of our loved ones. For additional information, please contact 408-223-1770 x324.

St. Francis of Assisi Gift Shop

Open to everyone every Sunday from 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM and every Wednesday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon. Annual Boutique sale is held in November.

St. Francis of Assisi Preschool

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me." We welcome as young as three year olds and prepare them to build relationship in prayer, in play and fun activity. Please contact 408-223-1562

Celebration of the Sacraments

Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated Saturdays at 10 AM. First and third Saturdays in English, second Saturday in Vietnamese and fourth Saturday in Spanish (except during the Season of Lent). Please contact the parish office at least three months in advance to begin the process.

Eucharist (First Holy Communion)

The Sacrament of First Eucharist is a two year process that begins at age 7 through our **J**esus, **O**thers and **Y**ou (JOY) *program. which runs from September through May. For information please contact 408-223-1770 x316.*

Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation is a two year process and begins when your child is in High School. For more information, contact 408-223-1770 x308.

Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation or Penance is administered upon request. Weekly confession is open Saturdays in the Chapel, 11 AM-12 PM. Advent and Lenten Reconciliation services are held during their seasons.

Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is administered upon request. Call the parish office to request for a priest. A Mass with the Anointing of the Sick is held every second Saturday of every other month.

Marriage

The Sacrament of Marriage is a very special event in a couples life. A six month preparation is necessary to complete the process. Contact the parish office for information on dates and availability.

Holy Order

The Sacrament of Holy Order entails a vocation of life called in the service of the Church as priest. For vocations to priesthood and religious life please meet and talk to one of our priests.

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A REFLECTION FROM DEACON JOE CABRIDO
COME AWAY TO A DESERTED PLACE AND REST A WHILE

There are times I have felt so worn out from having been pulled in so many directions at home or work that I just want to holler out, "Leave me alone!" Perhaps you've felt the same way. Having been in this situation himself, Jesus knows we need a break, to have some quiet time for ourselves to be renewed and recharged. He expresses his concern and compassionate love by inviting us, "Come away to a deserted place and rest a while." Scripture tells us that Jesus did the same thing many times, going alone by himself to pray to his Father.

When I was younger, I thought prayer meant reciting what Catholics are supposed to know: The Apostle's Creed, Lord's Prayer, Hail Mary and Glory Be. I know better now. Prayer is an expression of our relationship with the living God. It is neither theology nor theological reflection. No grades are given and there's no right or wrong way. Prayer is a time to personally communicate with God and re-establish that intimate connection. The goal is to be aware of God's presence, to have an encounter with God.

We can never know what prayer is until we enter into it. I've found that praying at a regular time and in the same place is helpful, allowing our body to relax and our mind to set aside distractions so we can be attentive to God, to be an active listener in this conversation. There are many methods of prayer: meditating over scripture, the rosary, Lectio Divina or just sitting and inhabiting the silence to name a few. But we must remember that prayer is the work of the Holy Spirit, so it's not a result of will, sentiment or instruction. Prayer, even if short, can be a joy. Feeling his presence alone brings us rest.

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)
Saturdays from 11am - 12pm, in the confessional in the chapel.

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Mass Intentions

Monday, July 19
Victorna Vega+
Carlito Gonzales+
Tuesday, July 20
Gabriel Sanchez (birthday)
Victorna Vega+
Oscar Francis Cada Jr.+
Wednesday, July 21
Thursday, July 22
Terry Griffin+
Armando Cadena (Birthday)
Rosa Medina+ (Birthday)
Friday, July 23
Apolinario El Salvador+
Saturday, July 24
Ben Ocmeja+
Anna Thanh Ky+
Nghi Van Pham and Ty Pham+
Saturday/Sunday, July 24-25
4:00PM Vigil Mass
John Noi Bui+
Nai Bui+
Jean Pierre Corfmat+
5:30 Vietnamese Vigil
Kim Keo Dang+
Tuyet Dang+
Thang Dang+
8AM
Chester Armstrong+
Tony Lu+
Bibiana and Teodoro Mendoza+
8:15AM Villages
9AM
10AM
Rudy Ordes+
11AM
Francisco de Castro+
Rebecca Reola & Marie Belistario (Bdays
Belen Ocampo & Trinidad Castrense (Bdays)
12PM
Eliazer Visenio+
Dong Nguyen+
Ron Davis+
2PM Spanish
4PM Vietnamese
Rosa Dav Nguyen & Joseph Sam Tran +
6PM Youth and Young Adult

TRAVEL safe

Let Us Pray

We Also Pray For...

- **Carlito Gonzales+ (40th day)**
- **Ron Davis+**
- **Lydia Potillas+**

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Collection from July 3-4

Masses	$ 6,104.50
Mail/Drop	$ 3,380.00
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	$ 89.00
TOTAL	$ 9,573.50

If you are interested in donating on-line, please visit our webpage at www.sfoasj.com and click on

Online Giving

Or scan

to get started with this convenient giving option.

Now that summer is upon us, the time of vacations and weekends away, it can be quite challenging for our parish financially. As the attendance at our weekend liturgies dwindles, so can the weekly support of our parishioners: **a very good reason to consider using ONLINE GIVING.** The challenge lies in the fact that our financial responsibilities do not go away during the months of June, July, and August. Summer is a time for us to do some extra maintenance work around the parish. and our work.

Your Sunday Offertory donations, as well as gifts to our second collections will be transferred from either your checking, savings, or credit card. A one-time enrollment will allow you contribute regularly to St. Francis of Assisi without remembering the extra step of writing a check and finding your envelopes. Online Giving is safe, easy and convenient for you and it helps us! You can sign-up online by visiting www.sfoasj.com and click the Online Giving icon on the homepage. Questions, call Victor Espinoza at: 408-223-1770 x302

FAITH FORMATION
A JOURNEY FOR LIFE

JOY Family Formation Registration

Our parish family formation registration began July 1, 2021. You can register on our website at www.sfoasj.com. Any child or adult wishing to prepare for the sacraments of First Eucharist or Confirmation must be in the JOY process for two years with the exception of Adult Confirmation. JOY sessions will be on Tuesday night once a month and alternate with online workshops.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Have you thought about becoming a Catholic? Are you curious to know more about the Catholic faith and its teachings? Perhaps you were baptized and never received the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation. Let's talk. To set up a time to meet please email Lisa Nakamura at lisa.nakamura@dsj.org

Catechist Needed

We are opening back up but we need your help!!! The faith formation ministry is looking for people willing to share their faith. You don't have to be a theologian to share your Catholic faith with others. We provide education and training. **Fingerprinting and Safe Environment Training is required**! We need Catechists ages 14 and above. Come and join us share the good news of Jesus. Contact lisa.nakamura@dsj.org

- We have openings for those who can teach every other Sunday for 20 minutes during Mass.
- We have openings working with adults on Sunday from 9:00-10:30am
- We have openings for Tuesday once a month from 6:30pm-8:00pm

FAMILY Life ministry

The Jesuit Institute for Family Life is now accepting clients.
We are an association of Catholic therapists offering Marriage counseling, Family therapy and Child, Adolescent and Individual counseling. For further Information please call: (650) 948-4854.

Question of the week

Q. What are your views on current media for our kids and teens? Books? Movies? If they show true life, what do you think of that?

A. Books, movies, T.V., radio, Internet…there are many ways today that we are entertained, informed and, some may say, "bombarded" by modern media on a daily basis. It's interesting to reflect upon the fact that of all these types of communication, only books have been around for more than a century! Every other form of modern communication is brand new to human society. And, I often wonder what sort of impact these new forms of media are having on us today.

So you ask my views on these forms of current media. In particular, you ask what I think of books and movies when "they show true life." Here are a few thoughts.
The first thought I offer is that books and movies have great potential to stir up the imagination and engage the passions. That's why they're entertaining! That can be good when the imagination and passions are stirred for goodness in union with the truth. But books and movies can also stir up our imagination and passions in a way that is unhealthy.

So what if the book or movie is based on true life? Does it automatically make it ok and healthy if it's "based on a true story?" In my judgment, no. Just because something is based on the reality of our world doesn't mean it's necessarily healthy for us. There are many things in our world that are "real" but are not worth spending time thinking about let alone being entertained by. I think this can be difficult but important to understand.

Let me offer an example from the life of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Before his conversion, St. Ignatius loved reading stories about the great knights who gained fame and glory. He also loved stories of chivalry and romance. When he read them he was inspired and imagined what it would be like to win the same fame and glory, win the esteem of others and to win the heart of a certain noble lady of the court. One day, Ignatius was wounded in battle and spent months recovering in bed. He asked for his favorite reading material but all they had was a copy of the Life of Christ and a book on the saints. As he read these books he was deeply inspired and imagined what it would be like to be a saint. Then he noticed a difference in the two forms of books and the effects they had on him. When he read the stories of the knights and romance he was stirred and inspired right away, but soon after felt dry and restless. When he read the stories of the saints he was also greatly inspired. The difference was that with these books, his inspiration and enthusiasm for living their lives left him at peace and content rather than dry and restless.

My suggestion to you is this. What we put into our minds will affect us. Find books and movies that portray the virtues we are called to as Christians rather than just portraying the reality of our sad and fallen world. And if you're not sure if a certain type of movie or book is healthy, look a the effect it has on you or your children. Like Ignatius discovered, anything worth reading or watching should leave us with a lasting peace and contentment.

Second Collections in July

July 4:	Mortgage
July 18:	Pence
July 25:	St. Francis Fund

STATUS UPDATE ON THE ARRIVAL OF FR. ATHANASIUS KIKOBA, OUR NEW PAROCHIAL VICAR

Although all new priest assignments begin on July 1, Fr. Athanasius remains in his home county of Uganda caring for his ailing father. Let us pray for his return to good health. We are on God's timetable. Both Fr. Matt, Fr. Lieu, our Deacons, and visiting weekend priests will continue to serve all of the pastoral needs of our parish.

UPDATE ON WORSHIP PROTOCOLS

Effective June 18, the Diocese of San José issued the following modifications to our current COVID safety protocols:

[Outdoor Masses]

⇒ For outdoor worship, the assembly is no longer required to wear masks, as long as social distancing between households is maintained.

[Chapel Masses]

⇒ Fully vaccinated assembly members are encouraged, but not required, to wear masks at indoor worship. Non-vaccinated assembly members, however, are asked to continue to wear masks.

FRANCIS FUND COLLECTION – NEXT SUNDAY!

St. Francis reminds us that we should always *"start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible."* Last fiscal year, our parishioners donated $44,000 to our St. Francis Fund Collection. In response to the needs of the many less fortunate in our neighborhood— turning to us, when there is nowhere else to turn, we distributed the funds from this collection as follows: $9,000 in feeding the hungry; $16,000 to various community and deanery parishes; $4,000 in utility, rent, and transportation assistance; $1,200 in other services. We would especially like to offer our gratitude to all those who serve in our Social Justice Ministries. Thank you for your generosity! Please continue your support in next Sunday's collection.

ADDITIONAL SUNDAY MASSES BEGIN THIS MONTH!

· 8:15am Villages on July 18. (Cribari Auditorium)

THIS SUNDAY, we take up the Peter's Pence Collection,

which unites Catholics around the world more closely with the Holy Father. This annual appeal supports the structures of the Holy See through which the Pope governs the Church, as well as his charitable efforts to assist victims of war, oppression, natural disasters, and others most in need. Please be generous. For more information, visit http://www.peterspence.va/en.html.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, Kevin *(after mentoring with Fr. Michael for the past year),* and while continuing his current position as Director of Youth & Young Adult ministry, will assume the additional title and responsibilities of Associate Director of Liturgy. Concurrently, effective July 1, Fr. Matt will be the interim Director of Liturgy. We are so grateful to all of our parish staff for assuming additional responsibilities in the service of the people of our parish.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT – JUNE 2021

Thank you to everyone for your support of the mission and ministries of our parish. During the month of June, our average weekly collection was $17,798 (22% increase vs. May 2021). You also generously donated to various important causes in our June (second collections) at $13,622 ($3,406 a week.) This brings our June weekly average to $21,204. We budgeted our Sunday Offertory income for the entire fiscal year (51 weeks x $16,000) at $816,000 and received $817,530. Additional income helps us to pay-down our $1.8 million debt. As you know, we are dependent upon you, our parishioners, for living-out our parish mission.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH OPERATES on a fiscal year, which begins on July 1 and ends on June 30. Our annual budget also runs from July to June. We are so very grateful to all who supported the work of our Parish over the past 12 months. Each year, however, the expenses involved in all our parish operations and programs increase, and as always, we depend on our parishioners to help meet these expenses. **Our weekly collection dropped 13% this year. In 2019-2020, our average weekly collection was $18,183. However, with targeted cuts in expenses, we lowered our weekly collection goal to $16,000 for FY 2020-2021. Over the past 12 months, our weekly average was $16,030.** Our weekly Sunday Offertory goal will remain at $16,000—the amount we need each week to meet all our financial responsibilities. Although we are not increasing our weekly goal, we still ask you to

consider a 3-5% increase in your weekly or monthly donation to help us cover all the unexpected expenses that come up every year. This will assure that our parish will continue to fulfill our mission of "living and sharing the Gospel through worship, education and service, as well as being able to meet all of our financial responsibilities. Thank you for sharing God's gifts.

VISIT THE DIOCESE OF SAN JOSE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

WEBPAGE: We hope that through using these resources you will grow in love and devotion St. Joseph as the guardian and protector of God's people, the Church. May Saint Joseph and the Holy Family intercede for us in this work of rededicating ourselves to the mission of Jesus Christ.

www.dsj.org/yearofstjoseph

July 25, 2021
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday (Anticipated)
4:00pm – Fr. Stanley
5:30pm – Fr. Vu (Vietnamese)
Sunday
8:00am – Fr. Stanley
8:15am – Fr. Vu (Villages)
9:00am – Msgr. Mitchell
10:00am – Fr. Stanley
11:00am – Fr. Weisbeck
12:00pm – Fr. Weisbeck
2:00pm – Fr. Stanley &
Deacon Solorio (Spanish)
4:00pm - Fr. Vu (Vietnamese)
6:00pm – Fr. Vu

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Our 2019 St. Francis of Assisi Red Zinfandel is ready with your donation to our Wine Club.

Our Red Zinfandel is a red wine grape, grown extensively in California since the mid-1800s, is grown in few other places in the world. The grapes can produce wines with plenty of character. High in natural alcohol and tannin, grown carefully it can be rich and complex, with dark berry fruit and peppery spice. The most known example of Zinfandel outside of California is Italy's Primitivo, which can be similar in style, but is often a bit lighter and less alcoholic than West Coast examples.

$15 Donation per bottle or $150 donation per case