



**A REFLECTION FROM LISA NAKAMURA,
FAITH FORMATION**

How do you practice your faith with your family?

When I was younger I thought that going to church on Sunday was enough to practice my faith. My parents took all four children to mass each Sunday. We attended all the Holy days of Obligation, Christmas and of course Easter. As I got a little older, my mother thought her family needed more God and Jesus in the home. Like most mother's she was right. My mother started experimenting and doing things with the family that were outside of Sunday mass. We did a Jewish/Christian Passover at the dinner table that I still remember today. It is important to bring your faith to life in your home and with the family. Here are several ways that can help you practice your faith in the home.

Keep the Sabbath Holy-Every Catholic knows that Sunday mass is not an option. Pick a time that works with your family. If you like to sleep in on Sunday, we have a 12:00pm and 6:00pm mass on Sunday. Giving 45 minutes to God to say "Thank You" for all the blessings you have sets a practice of gratitude for your children to observe.

Create a Sacred Space in the Home-Having a prayer space at home tells your children that prayer is important to you. Locate the pray space in a visible place in the home. Use Sacramentals to decorate your space. A Crucifix, Candle, Bible, statue of Jesus. Take time as a family to pray for a couple of minutes in the morning before everyone goes to school. If you're in a rush in the morning, pray together before bedtime and name all the events you are grateful for that happened during the day.

Teach your children to do good works-In Scripture, Jesus not only instructs us on what the works of Mercy are, he also provides examples in his ministry. The Corporal (body) works of Mercy are: Feed the hungry, Give drink to the thirsty, Shelter the homeless, Visit the sick, Visit the imprisoned, Bury the dead, Clothe the naked. Lead by example to your children. Donate clothes and other items to a shelter. You can make bagged lunches and pass them out to the homeless people that you see during the day.

RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION FROM COVID VACCINATION – BISHOP OSCAR CANTÚ



DIocese OF
SAN JOSE

As recent COVID vaccine mandates have been imposed in certain industries and professions, some Catholics may seek a "religious" exemption from you to the several vaccines now available. For clarity, a religious exemption is a public declaration that a person's decision to refuse a vaccine is rooted in and supported by – in the case of a Catholic – authentic Catholic faith. However, such a declaration is inconsistent with the Holy See's declaration that the COVID vaccines are morally permissible, especially considering the urgency and common good (the need to help curb the loss of life, diminished mental and physical health, and a struggling economy, etc.) during this pandemic.

While a person may decide that, in conscience, they cannot receive the COVID vaccine, we cannot equate individual objection with doctrinal authority. Though an individual has a right to conscientious objection, the authority of their objection derives from their personal conscience, not from the teaching of our Church. For these reasons, I ask our Pastors to compassionately decline requests to sign declarations rejecting the COVID vaccine on religious grounds.

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(CONFESSIONS)

Saturdays from 11am - 12pm, in the
confessional in the chapel.



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LET US PRAY



Monday, August 30

Margrat Paul+
Joseph Vuong Duong+
Sid Custodio+

Tuesday, August 31

Edna Esguerra (Bday)
Setoo Ferreras (Birthday)
Fr. Pio Hounyeme (protection)

Wednesday, September 1

Sofia Marie De Guzman (Guidance)
Fr. Pio Hounyeme (protection)

Thursday, September 2

Hoang Yen and Toan Anniversary
Fr. Pio Hounyeme (protection)

Friday, September 3

Paul Schreiber+ & Dana Schreiber (Health)
Armando Cadena+ (40days)
Expedito Reyes+ and Zenaida Reyes+

Saturday, September 4

Nghi Van Pham and Ty Pham+
John Noi Bui+

Amelita De Guzman Aranda+

Saturday/Sunday, Septemeber 4-5

4:00PM Vigil Mass

Elpidio De Jesus +
Lily Alcantara +
Anna Maria Vu Thi Thuoc+

5:30 Vietnamese Vigil 8AM

Jane Branham+
Amelita De Guzman Aranda+

8:15AM Villages 9AM

Betsy Arroyo+
Pilgrimage to Turkey, Greece, & Egypt (Safe Travels)
10AM

Eliseo Dautz Sr. +
Oscar and Rosemary Martin (Anniversary)
Vincente John Bao Vu+

11AM

Dong Nguyen+
Maria Ligoya Sison (Bday)

12PM

Eliazer Visenio+
Reine Bio+

2PM Spanish 4PM Vietnamese

John Vu Pham +
6PM Youth and Young Adult

WE ALSO PRAY FOR...

- Fr. Pio Hounyeme (protection)
- Dory Guevara (Birthday)
- Anna Maria Vu Thi Thuoc+
- Josepht Long Tieu+
- Ignatio Tuong Pham+
- Elvira and Rodolfo Alcantara+

Collection from August 9-15

Masses	\$ 10,775.25
Mail/Drop	\$ 2,275.00
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	\$ 94.00
TOTAL	\$ 13,144.25

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.

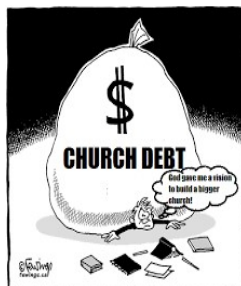
Stewardship of Treasure Report – July 2021



Thank you to everyone for your support of the mission and ministries of our parish. During the month of July, our average weekly collection was \$17,925 (2.5% decrease vs. June 2021). You also generously donated to various important causes in our July (second collections) at \$11,597 (\$2,899 a week.) This

brings our July weekly average to \$20,824. We budgeted our Sunday Offertory income for the July, 2021 (4 weeks x \$16,000) at \$64,000 and received \$71,700. 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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH – SECOND COLLECTION – MORTGAGE DEBT REDUCTION



Next Sunday, there will be a second collection to reduce our \$1.6 million-dollar parish debt. We collected nearly \$100,000 last fiscal year. 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.



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

St. Francis of Assisi Garden Gift Shop

is now open Every Sunday
from 9AM-2PM

Please stop by for
religious items
and gifts!



Question of the week



Q. Do I have to Pray every Day?

A few other questions to ask as well: "Do I have to eat every day?" "Do I have to sleep every day?" "Do I have to brush my teeth every day?" For a day, maybe even more, one could forgo doing these things, but a person would not like it and it could actually do harm. By not praying, one could become self-centered, selfish, and depressed. These are just a few of the consequences. Perhaps that is why Christ commands His disciples to *pray always*.

Christ also tells His disciples that when one prays, he should go to his inner room and to pray alone. Yet, Christ also says that when two or three are gathered in His name that He is present. Christ wants both private and communal prayer. Prayer, whether private or communal, may come in many forms: blessing and adoration, petition, intercession, praise, and thanksgiving. In all these forms, prayer is a conversation with God.

At times it is a dialogue, but many times it is listening. Sadly, many people think that prayer is telling God what they want or need. These people are disappointed when they do not get what they want. This is why it is important to see it as a conversation where one also allows God to communicate what He wants for that person.

Would one ever ask, "Do I have to speak to my closest friend every day?" Of course not! That's because one usually longs to speak with his or her friend to strengthen that friendship. So too, God wants His disciples to grow closer to Him. This is done through prayer. If one practices praying every day, one grows closer to God, one grows closer to the Saints in Heaven, one becomes less self-centered and, therefore, more God-centered.

So, start praying to God! Try not to do too much in one day. Prayer, like physical exercise, needs to be built up. One who is out of shape cannot do a marathon on his or her first day of exercise. The important thing to remember is to not get frustrated but to listen for the Lord to speak. When you speak, keep it focused on asking God to help others, especially the sick and suffering, including the souls in purgatory.

Annual St. Francis of Assisi Online Auction

Half Moon Bay Getaway

18 Holes Golf 4 Some

HP 14" Laptop

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Gift Baskets

BID NOW and often through
October 3rd, 2021



14" HP
Laptop



Ocean Front Stay
Half Moon Bay
3 Days, 2 Night's Stay



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4 Some + Cart

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St. Francis of Assisi Church

\$15,000 CASH Sweepstakes

- ENTER TO WIN -



Tickets can be purchased through midnight October 2, 2021
<https://Go.Rallyup.com/sfoafundraiser>

MUST BE 18 TO ENTER AND WIN

JOIN OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER SWEEPSTAKES!

HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN THE
GRAND PRIZE OF
\$15,000!

SECOND PLACE PRIZE: \$1,000

THIRD PLACE PRIZE: \$500

Ticket Entries and more details are now available
online at <https://go.rallyup.com/sfoafundraiser>
or our parish website www.sfoasj.com!

Entry Prices

25 Entries | \$25

75 Entries | \$50

200 Entries | \$100

400 Entries | \$150

600 Entries | \$200

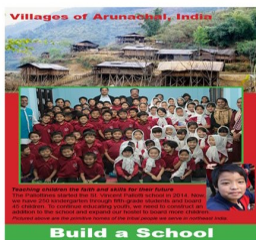
Official rules: This sweepstakes is a fundraising event for St. Francis of Assisi Church. All entries are considered donations. All entries must be received by Saturday 10/02/2021 11:59 PM (GMT-08:00) Pacific Time. Winner Announced: Sunday 10/03/2021 11:45 AM (GMT-08:00) Pacific Time. One free sweepstakes registration allowed per person during this event. Free registration entry can be found at: <https://go.rallyup.com/sfoafundraiser/mailentryrequest-Conditional>. Winner(s) will be chosen through a random selection process by RallyUp or its representative. Odds of winning depend on the number of tickets held. A verification process will take place during which conditional Winner(s) will be required to sign paperwork re-confirming their eligibility and ability to participate. Additional information can be found at

<https://codes.findlaw.com/ca/business-and-professions-code/bpc-sect-17539-15.html>.

NO PURCHASE OR PAYMENT OF ANY KIND IS NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN THE SWEEPSTAKES

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE APPEAL – AUGUST



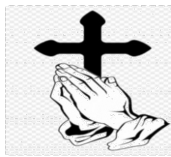
29 – WELCOME FR. THOMAS MANJALY
The Society of the Catholic Apostolate, commonly known as the Pallottine Fathers and Brothers,



is an International Religious Community of Priests and Brothers serving the missions in over 59 countries. This was founded in 1835 by St. Vincent Pallotti, a Roman diocesan Priest to revive faith and rekindle charity among all and he called everyone to be an apostle of God's love and mercy. "Love of Christ urges us all" was his motto.

The Pallottines work mostly in mission countries and the Pallottines in Milwaukee, WI, support the missions in India and Zambia, Africa. They bring the good news of God's love and salvation to the poor people in remote interior areas where there are no modern facilities by providing them the basic necessities of life as well as educating poor children in the villages as they share the Gospel of Christ. **Please be generous in this Sunday's Missionary Cooperative Collection.**

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN & TEENS – REGISTER THIS MONTH



As your Pastor, I want to encourage all parents and guardians to also make plans for your children's ongoing faith formation, as our own programs

commence in just a couple of weeks. Your parish stands ready to help you in fulfilling this pledge. Over the summer, our Faith Formation Staff (Lisa and Kevin) have been hard at work preparing for this new year of learning and living our Catholic faith. We have programs for children in pre-school through high school. Our vision of faith formation is structured to engage children and youth in a process that is instructional, challenging, and fun. Please refer to the Sunday Bulletin or our parish website for more information.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU WON \$15,000? Isn't that a fun question? Well, it's only possible when you participate in our **St. Francis of Assisi Fundraiser Sweepstakes**. It's easy! Just visit our parish web page. You can find all the information you need in one place there. At the same time, your support of this once-a-year fundraiser supports dozens of ministries that serve

hundreds of people every month. Don't delay. Get your entries in today. Winners will be chosen on October 5th, our parish feast day. We also have an exciting **online auction**: vacation getaways, gift baskets and more. Everything you need to make your bid is on our parish

home page. If you have any questions, just call the parish office. Thank you for your generous support.

YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE – Do you feel alone?

Are you frustrated or angry at each other? Do you argue? Have you just stopped talking to each other?



Does talking about it only make it worse?

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples having trouble in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the September Marriage Program beginning with a weekend on Sept 17-19, 2021 call 408-605-4998, email: SanJose@RetroCA.com or visit our website at www.HelpOurMarriage.org



What is RCIA?

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church? Then RCIA (Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults) is for you! The RCIA process introduces you

to the beliefs and practices of the Roman Catholic Church. It helps you explore what it means to be a Christian. It prepares you to enter fully into our community of faith through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Becoming Catholic is more than just learning scripture and rituals; it is discovering how to be a disciple of the Lord.

We welcome all those who are new to the faith, the unbaptized or baptized, those that have not yet been confirmed in the Church and those who are simply just searching for God.

If you have more questions, contact Lisa Nakamura 408-223-1770 x316 or LNakamura@dsj.org

DO YOU HAVE A CALL TO THE MINISTRY OF LEADERSHIP WITHIN YOUR COMMUNITY?

Do you currently participate in some form of pastoral ministry? Do you want to learn and get the skills to serve better your community? Explore attending the ILM this year. The ILM is accepting

nominations for the academic year 2021-2022, classes begin September 2021. Please find more about the ILM and how to apply at bit.ly/ilm21-22. **Please contact Fr. Matt (mstanley@dsj.org) for more information.**





Join **Fr. Matt Stanley** on a
Pilgrimage to **MEXICO**
& Our Lady of Guadalupe

April 22 – 27, 2022
\$1,998 from San Francisco

Group Coordinator:
Jacqueline Nguyen, Classique Travel

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September 5, 2021

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday (Anticipated)

4:00pm – Fr. Athanasius

5:30pm – Fr. Vu (Vietnamese)

Sunday

8:00am – Msgr. Mitchell

8:15am – Fr. Stanley (Villages)

9:00am – Fr. Kikoba

10:00am – Fr. Vu

11:00am – Fr. Weisbeck

12:00pm – Fr. Stanley

2:00pm – TBD (Spanish)

4:00pm – Fr. Vu (Vietnamese)

6:00pm – Fr. Kikoba

FROM THE PASTORS DESK



LEGION OF MARY
FOUNDED 7 SEPTEMBER 1921

The Legion of Mary will be celebrating the Centenary of their founding in Dublin, Ireland with a Novena of Masses beginning August 30 and commencing on September 7 at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph at 6:00 pm with Bishop Oscar Cantú presiding. The Legion of Mary cordially invites all parishioners to join us at any or all these masses as we celebrate this historic milestone in our history.

A list of the nine masses follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Parish</u>	<u>Time</u>
Monday, August 30, 2021	Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph	6:00 pm
Tuesday, August 31	Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph	6:00 pm
Wednesday, September 1	Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph	6:00 pm
Thursday, September 2	Saint Victor	8:00 am
Friday, September 3	St. Thomas of Canterbury	10:00 am
Saturday, September 4	St. John Vianney	8:00 am
Sunday, September 5	Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph	6:00 pm
Monday, September 6, 2021	St. Victor	8:00 am
Tuesday, September 7, 2021	Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph	6:00 pm