A REFLECTION FROM LESLIE LEGACION

"Who is the Greatest in God's Kingdom?"

When Jesus prophesied his own betrayal and crucifixion, it did not make any sense to his disciples because it did not fit their understanding of what the Messiah came to do. And they were afraid to ask further questions! ***(Dailyscripture.net)***

It's normal to only crave good news, positive feedback, instant satisfaction, direct information, but how often do we reject what we do not wish to see? Jesus was confused about why his disciples were arguing about who was the greatest, but doesn't that sound like us sometimes? We compare ourselves to others and desire praise. So, who is the greatest in God's kingdom? What qualities do they possess? The one who is lowly, and humble of heart, who is without pride, taking the lowly position of a child. We are called to serve others in mind, body, and spirit. We are encouraged to meet our brothers and sisters in their own state of life, to lower ourselves to attend to their needs. As a Catholic school teacher, I see, and I celebrate God's grace every time I'm with my students. Sometimes, I have to be as energetic as them, talk in their lingo, teach in a way they will understand easier. Kids speak a different language, and in order to echo God's message to them, I need to meet them at their level. But through the grace of God, who gives me the passion to serve my students, in the end, they are also serving me and maybe don't realize it; and what a beautiful sight it is to see our younger generation serving the Lord. Through the gifts God has bestowed upon each of us, whatever they may be, be used to glorify his name and build his Kingdom here on earth. We are God's vessels and only he fills our every need.

"Rejoice and be glad, beloved of the Lord, the kingdom of heaven is yours. The first shall be last, the last shall be first, for such is the wisdom of God." ("O How Blessed" by Dan Schutte)

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

Find us on Facebook

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 20

de Quinto Family (Thanksgiving)

Paddy and Imelda Orozco (Anniversary)

Lani Parker+

Tuesday, September 21

George and Yolanda Rossy (Anniversary)

Engracial EL Salvador+

Tina Nguyen (Bday)

Wednesday, September 22

Anna Hoa +

Sofia Marie De Guzman (Guidance)

Mercedes & Wyatte Metzger (Anniv)

Thursday, September 23

Arturo Arzate+

Lina Casanova (Birthday)

L, Lourdes, Rosemarie & DeSilva Brothers+

Friday, September24

Saturday, September 25

Anna Thanh Ky+

George Rossy (Birthday)

Nghi Van Pham and Ty Pham+

Saturday/Sunday, Septemeber 25-26

4:00PM Vigil Mass

John Noi Bui+

5:30 Vietnamese Vigil

8AM

Tony Lu+

Bibiana and Teodoro Mendoza+

Connie & Francisco Borlaza (Thanksgiving)

8:15AM Villages

9AM

Jose O Data (Birthday)

Betsy Arroyo+

Gioan John Tran +

10AM

Rudy Ordes+

Vincente John Bao Vu+ & Anton Tuyen Vu+

Reuben Cua+

11AM

Bert Belisavio (Bday)

Rey Calma (Birthday)

12PM

Eliazer Visenio+

2PM Spanish

Erasmo Galvan+

4PM Vietnamese

6PM Youth and Young Adult

LET US PRAY

WE ALSO PRAY FOR…

- Eduardo Pangilinan
- Rebecca Haselmnann+
- Emma Haselmann Nutter+,
- Walter Haslemann (Healing)
- Mell De Jesus (Birthday)

stewardship

August 29-September 6

Masses	$ 10,501.94
Online	$ 7,160.00
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	$ 211.00
Mail/Drop	$ 2,165.00
TOTAL	$ 20,037.94

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

Online Giving

to get started with this convenient giving option.

Thank you in advance for your generous giving.

ADA

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

September Update

ADA 2021 DSJ Goal: $180,000

Pledged: $231,114

Paid: $196,792

Average Gift: $500

You are amazing! *Despite the tremendously difficult times, we are living in, your outpouring of generosity and support for our local Church of San Jose is a true sign of God's goodness. We have gone over our goal of $220,000. We are so grateful to the* ***462*** *parishioners participated in this year's ADA. St. Francis of Assisi is guaranteed a minimum rebate of* ***($17,359)*** *which we will use to reduce our $1.6 million debt. Thank you for your generosity*

Join Bishop Oscar Cantú on the Farmworker Caravan going from San Jose to Monterey on Saturday, October 2, 2021. Registration is now open at www.FarmworkerCaravan.com

Join Bishop Oscar Cantú as we thank hardworking farmworkers on the

FARMWORKER CARAVAN

OCTOBER 2, 2021 • SAN JOSE TO MONTEREY

DONATION DROP-OFF*
September 27 - October 1
2:00pm - 6:00pm
Washington United Youth Ctr.
921 S. First St., San Jose 95110
*If you are not going on caravan

FARMWORKER CARAVAN

CARAVAN MEET-UP
Saturday, October 2nd
8:00 AM in San Jose
Emma Prusch Park
RSVP FarmworkerCaravan.com
Bring donations with you on caravan

WHAT TO DONATE

FOOD STAPLES

Black or Pinto Beans • White Rice & Pasta • Flour (Harina or Maseca)
Canned Meats (Spam, Tuna, Chicken) • Bottled Water • Coffee, Tea or Hot Chocolate

HOUSEHOLD ESSENTIALS

Diapers (Size 5 & 6) • Baby Wipes • Toilet Paper & Tissue • Feminine Hygiene • Paper Towels • Toothpaste & Brushes • Ziploc Baggies • Disposable Containers

FARMWORKERCARAVAN.COM

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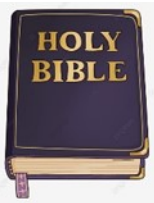
Have you ever been asked a tough question about our Catholic faith? We start a new series of the ten most asked questions and the answers that should help you satisfy both your questioner and yourself.

Q. Are your beliefs found in the Bible?



All Catholic beliefs can be found in the Bible in some form, whether plainly or by an indirect indication. It is not necessary for everything to be absolutely clear in Scripture alone, because that is not a teaching of Scripture itself. Scripture also points to an authoritative Church and Tradition, as St. Paul says in his Second Letter to the Thessalonians: "Stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by letter" (2 Thess 2:15 - see also 1 Cor 11:2, 2 Thess 3:6; 2 Tim (1:13-14; 2:2).

When the first Christians had a significant disagreement, they did not simply open their Bibles (which didn't even exist at that point) to decide who was right; they held a council, which made binding decrees (Acts 15:1-29). The very books of the Bible had to be determined by the Church and that did not happen until the late fourth century. Therefore, Sacred Tradition and authority were necessary for us even to have a Bible today.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

•Adult Lectio Divina, Wednesday, 10:00AM in the white tent in the upper parking lot area.

•Daily Rosary/prayer, 8:00AM, Chapel

IMPORTANT CONTACTS:

Suicide Hotlines

Santa Clara County 855-278-4204

Text Line: 741741
(Text "BAY" for Crisis Support in Bay Area)

California Youth Crisis
800-843-5200

National 800-784-2433

Santa Clara County Emergency Psychiatric Service (EPS)
485-885-6100

NAMI Warm Line
(open Mon-Fri, 10AM-6PM)
408-453-0400

JOIN OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER SWEEPSTAKES!

Are you our next

GRAND PRIZE WINNER 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

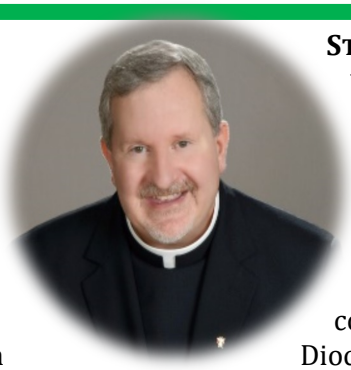
25 Entries | $25
75 Entries | $50
200 Entries | $100
400 Entries | $150
600 Entries | $200

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 Saturday10/02/2021 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

Annual Catholic Education Appeal

The Annual Catholic Education Appeal is this Sunday, September 19. This second collection provides financial assistance to many of our Catholic families who desire a Catholic education for their children. Your generosity supports the tuition aid program for elementary and high school students in our Catholic schools. We appreciate your partnership and support of the Annual Catholic Education Appeal as we make this a successful campaign for our students.



Stay up to date with Diocesan wide news,

events, and stories as well as news from the USCCB and the Vatican. Read the Bishop's messages, see what our children are doing in school, and learn about upcoming community events. Follow the Diocese of San Jose on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and Vimeo.

Time to Renew and Re-Imagine Parish Life –

The Things We Missed are the Building Blocks for a New Normal:
Fr. John Hurley CSP, D. Min., will present over 2 days: A Time to Reflect - What we missed in Parish Life since March, 2020 and A Time to Explore - New Ways for Parishes to Thrive in a "New Normal". Event held in person at Church of Ascension Parish, morning and evening sessions available. Parishioners are welcome to attend these enlightening sessions. Register online: bit.ly/3YM61V

Monday, September 20; 7-8 pm Food Waste Crisis
Meeting ID: 974 0842 2719
Passcode: 842387

Monday, September 27; 7-8 pm
Confronting Plastic Pollution
Meeting ID: 974 0842 2719
Passcode: 842387

Monday, October 4; 7-8 pm
Wasteful Transportation
Meeting ID: 974 0842 2719
Passcode: 842387

Please RSVP, indicating which sessions you will be attending. This will allow us to send you information from each session.
Please RSVP to *sluna_maryknoll.org*

The parish will hold a silent auction event

for our annual fundraiser next weekend on Saturday and Sunday September-18 and 19 after each Mass in the upper parking lot near the entrance door to the Gathering Hall. You will have a chance to bid on the many awesome items available this year. Also, if you're still dreaming about winning that Grand prize of $15,000, do not wait, get your entries today. We only have 20 days left to participate in this year fundraiser and we really need your support. All information on how to participate are in the bulletin so please take one on your way out.

Our parish Garden Gift Shop is looking for

volunteers who can help out once a month on any Sunday, either 9 am-12 pm or 12-2 pm. No commitment, just sign up if you're available. We can train you. Please contact Victor Espinoza at VEspinoza@dsj.org

September 26, 2021
Twenty-Sixth, Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday (Anticipated)
4:00pm – Fr. Stanley
5:30pm – Fr. Vu (Vietnamese)

Sunday
8:00am – Fr. Stanley
8:15am – Fr. Weisbeck (Villages)
9:00am – Msgr. Mitchell
10:00am – Fr. Kikoba
11:00am – Fr. Vu
12:00pm – Fr. Kikoba
2:00pm – Fr. Stanley (Spanish)
4:00pm - Fr. Vu (Vietnamese)
6:00pm – Fr. Stanley

From the Pastor's Desk

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.

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

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

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

Our Red Zinfandel is made from a red wine grape, grown extensively in California since the mid-1800s, and 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.

$12 Donation per bottle or $125 donation per case