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From the desk of Fr. Matthew Stanley

Oprah Winfrey is fond of saying, "you can have it all, not just all at once. One of the great blessings of living in a country such as ours is the number of choices we have. Where to live. Where to work. Whom to marry. What schools to attend. What to eat. How to spend our leisure time. Many of us even have the choice to jump in a car or plane and travel to destinations all over the country or world for that matter. Yes, in many respects, we have the ability to live our lives, however we see fit, filling our days with whatever we choose. It can be a wonderfully good feeling to **"have it all."**

Today, we see Jesus in a place we see him every year on this Sunday—in the desert—and he is not alone. The devil is there to tempt him, to lure him down a different path, to get Jesus to want to **"have it all."** Jesus will have none of it. The reason is simple: He knows who he is, knows what he is to be about, knows what the Father is calling him to do. Jesus knows enough to resist Satan's temptation to serve his own needs first.

You see, Lent is about rediscovering who we truly are. We are God's beloved children. We have been given a life to be lived with dignity and purpose. All our prayers, almsgiving, and Lenten observances are simply there to help us move outside of our own wants, our own concerns, our own desires to **"have it all."** It is as if the world is holding so many things in front of us and telling us, "If you just had these things, or did these things, or embraced these things—you would be happy and fulfilled.

The only way to **"have it all"** is to **"give it all."** The only way to have life to the fullest is to die to ourselves—over and over again. The only way to experience love is to be a loving person. And the only way to be forgiven is to forgive others. Lent is all about helping us to see that profound truth.

What's Happening During Lent?

Please visit our parish website for a description of the many Lenten devotions and activities taking place in our parish.

Daylight Savings Begins on Saturday, March 12. Spring forward one hour before going to bed. If you don't you will be an hour late for Mass!

Mass INTENTIONS

Monday, March 7
Felicitas Fernando +
Jean Ghiossi+
Don Daley+
Tuesday, March 8
Darrel Mast+
Don Daley+
Severino Estillore+
Wednesday, March 9
Pierre Lissa+
Orozco Twins (Birthday)
Peter Phuc Van+
Thursday, March 10
Anthony Doan Tran
Sue Harada+
Thuytien Van
Friday, March 11
Peter Phan Quang Le
Jude Everly Naylor
Michael Nguyenquang
Saturday, March 12
Bill Madden+
Remedios Soriano (Birthday)
Phelo-Maria Nguyen V. Le+
Saturday/Sunday, March 12-13
4:00PM Vigil Mass
David Nghi Pham+ and Ty Pham+
Noi Bui+ and Nai Bui+
Esperanza Nicolas+
5:30PM
8AM
Isidro Duldulao+
Cora Bareng+
Christine Macasieb+
8:15AM Villages
Jean Ghiossi+
9AM
Carmen Cerrelli (Health/Healing)
10AM
Ben Daluz Sr.+
11AM
Tony Lu+
Bibiana & Teodoro Mendoza+
Ron Davis+
12PM
Eliazer Visenio Jr.+ & Alejandro Reyes Sr.+
Rick Navarro+
2PM Spanish
4PM Vietnamese
Anna Theralynne's Tran
Anna Therabelle Tran
Anna Nguyen Thi Kim Oanh+ & Regina Gina Bownman+
6PM Youth and Young Adult

LET US PRAY!

We also pray for…

- Reynaldo Soliman+
- Owen Juinio+
- Setoo Ferreras (Health)

stewardship

Offertory February 14-20, 2022

Masses	$ 9,175.00
Online	$ 6,634.00
Mail/Drop	$ 1,818.00
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	$ 76.00
Total:	**$17,703.00**

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

Week Three -
2022 Annual Diocesan Appeal

- **Our Parish Goal is $220,000.**
- **Our Parish Participation Goal is 1,000 families.**

Your gifts to the Annual Diocesan Appeal invest in the mission of our Church by supporting clergy formation and training, seminarian education, pastoral case at our 11 hospitals, promoting vocations and developing lay leaders.

We are thankful for the 41 pledges and gifts for $21,823 during week three of our appeal. We have reached 66% percent of our parish goal.

Any gift or pledge, regardless of size, helps our Diocese reveal the presence of Christ in our community. Please return your pledge envelope in the mail or bring it with your to Mass. You may also donate electronically by visiting our parish website. Thank you for making a difference in the life of our Church and parish community.

From the Pastor's Desk

No Baptisms during Lent

In keeping with our parish tradition, the Sacrament of Baptism is not celebrated through the 40 days of Lent. Baptismal catechesis continues for parents and godparents of those children who will be baptized in the spring and summer. Contact the Parish Office to begin this preparation.

Tuesday Evening Devotions

Join us in our chapel for our Tuesday Devotions at 7:00pm.
March 8 *(Lectio Divina)*
March 15 *(The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary)*
March 22 *(Taizé Prayer)*
March 29 *(Evening Prayer)*
April 5 *(Chrism Mass)*
April 12 *(Outdoor Way of the Cross)*

As we continue to prepare ourselves and our

Diocese for our 50th Jubilee, Bishop Cantú invites– laity, religious, and clergy – to participate in a **Year of Prayer** to convoke the **Holy Spirit** in our discernment process. The Holy Spirit inspires, strengthens, and guides the Church, and we need to listen prayerfully to the Spirit's promptings so that our Diocese might embark on a journey of faith that is "ever ancient, ever new." Pope Francis reminds us that God is God of surprises. It is in the spirit of prayer that we can prepare our hearts and our "spiritual ears" to hear his voice and to respond with courage, wonder, faith, and zeal.

Rites in Preparation for the Easter Sacraments

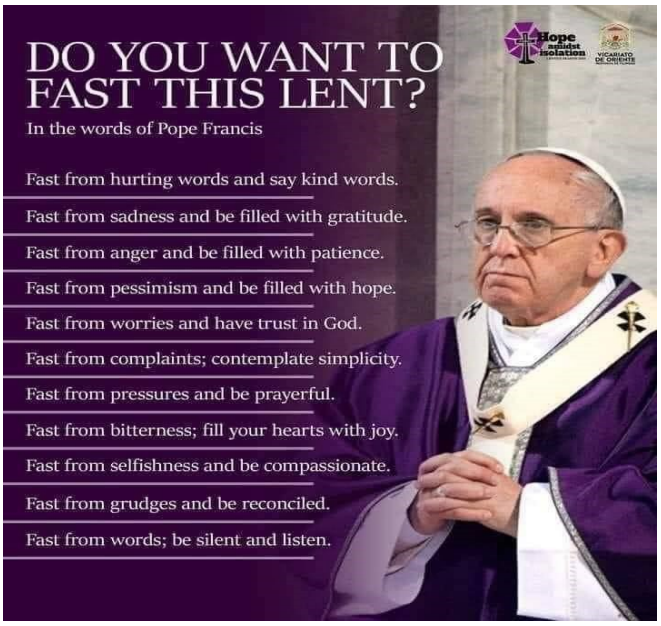
Next Sunday at the 9:00am Masses we will celebrate (with those who are preparing to complete the Christian Initiation or enter into Full Communion in the Catholic Church) a ***Penitential Rite*** to mark the Lenten purification for those candidates approaching the maturity of faith and understanding requisite for a fuller life in the Catholic Community.

Join us for the Stations of the Cross

each Friday evening during Lent at 7pm in the Chapel.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish 25th Anniversary Logo Contest

We are now hosting a Logo Design Contest for our upcoming 25th Anniversary. The contest is open to all parishioners. The winning design will be used as the official logo for our parish's anniversary. A $100 prize will be offered. Logo must be an original design or image. Entries must be submitted as a .jpg, .gif, or .png. Email your submission to Leslie Legacion(leslie.legacion@dsj.org). Deadline is March 15, 2022.



March 13, 2022

Second Sunday of Lent

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

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

Universal Synod on Synodality

Synod 2021 2023

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Synod Question #3

What difficulties and obstacles have you personally encountered (as a member of the Church)?

The Catholic Church is larger than any other single religious institution in the United States, with over 17,000 parishes that serve a large and diverse population. In spite of its size and influence, the church in recent decades has faced a number of significant challenges, from a decline in membership to a shortage of priests to continuing revelations that some Catholic clergy sexually abused minors and (in many cases) that their superiors covered up these actions. **Write your answer below:**

First Friday Adoration continues to be all day
Adoration on April 1st

What does one do during Adoration? What do lovers do when they gaze with love at each other? We need silence. When Pope Benedict XVI led Adoration in Hyde Park, about 80,000 young people kept silence with the Pope – to the consternation of media broadcasters. Silence apparently does not make for good television. Television requires continuous chatter. Adoration requires silence. **"Could you not spend one hour with me?"**

Our parish family is currently in need of more ministers to the sick and the homebound. As you know when people fall sick or are unable to attend Mass, they still greatly desire to receive Holy Communion. Pastoral care ministers to the sick become the channel through which our parish family reaches out to our sick sisters and brothers. The priests, of course, do their part to visit, bring Holy Communion, and anoint the sick; however, we cannot do it alone. We need lay ministers to visit the homebound and bring Holy Communion to sick.

Furthermore, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we need to ensure that we protect the sick by being vaccinated and boosted. Our diocese, therefore, requires all extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion and pastoral care ministers to be finger printed, trained, and vaccinated. We greatly appreciate all of our current volunteers who offer to serve in these vital ministers. Contact Fr. Athanasius (athanasius.kikoba@dsj.org), or call the parish office if you can help with this important ministry.

Important Information

- Adult Lectio Divina Wednesday, 10:00AM Parish Office, Evergreen Room 1
- Daily Rosary and prayer, 8:00AM, Chapel
- Adoration, First Friday of month, 9:30AM-5:00PM, Chapel

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)
Saturdays, 11am - 12pm, 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
Santa Clara County Emergency Psychiatric Service (EPS) 485-885-6100
NAMI Warm Line (open Mon-Fri, 10AM-6PM) 408-453-0400

The Peace Prayer of St. Francis
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.
Amen.

Congratulations to the following couples in our parish who celebrated monumental anniversaries with the Diocese of San Jose.

Rodrigo Hermoso Garcia and Elisa Fajardo Garcia
Gregory Peter Karayan and Leona Cecilia Karayan
Jeffrey Schlageter and Linda Schlageter
Donald C Roberts and Shirley J Roberts
Dante Vieva and Teresita S Nieva
Tom McLaughlin and Elsa McLaughlin
Rigoberto V Chacon and Lucille B Chacon
Lawrence Michael LaCotti and Darlene Ruby LaCotti
Stephen Christopher Schwalen and Nancy Whittaker Schwalen
Dang Thu Pham and Nguyet Kim Dinh

Continued blessings on your Life Journey together!

SUNDAY OBLIGATION DISPENSATION UPDATE

"...therefore, effective **March 6, 2022**, the First Sunday of Lent, the dispensation of the Sunday and Holy Day obligation will conclude for all Catholics within the Diocese of San José. The faithful, who are healthy and without significant risk factors or other serious reasons, should fulfill these obligations joyfully and conscientiously, continuing to abide by safety protocols."

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"If you missed the Bethlehem Artworks Organization selling Holy Land merchandise, you can now get them at the gift shop year-round. We will be carrying an assortment of their products. We can also special-order items for you. Your support will fund the Christian families in the Holy Land. The gift shop is open on Fridays 9-12 PM and Sundays 9-2 PM or by appointment."

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 $100 donation per case***