



A REFLECTION FROM FR. MATTHEW D. STANLEY, PASTOR
"There is nothing better for mortals than to eat and drink and find enjoyment, for these are from the hand of God." Ecclesiastes 2:24

Carnival, the merrymaking and festivity that takes place in many Roman Catholic countries in the last days and hours before the Lenten season. The derivation of the word is uncertain, though it possibly can be traced to the medieval Latin *carne(m) levare* or *carnelevarium*, which means to take away or remove meat. This coincides with the fact that Carnival is the final festivity before the commencement of the austere 40 days of Lent, during which Roman Catholics in earlier times fasted, abstained from eating meat, and followed other ascetic practices.

In France, the celebration is restricted to Shrove Tuesday (the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday) and to *mi-carême* (the Thursday of the third week of Lent). More generally, the commencement date is Quinquagesima Sunday (the Sunday before Ash Wednesday), and the termination is Shrove Tuesday. In some parts of Spain, Ash Wednesday also is included in the Carnival celebrations, an observance that stems from a time when Ash Wednesday was not an integral part of Lent.



In the United States the principal Carnival celebration is in New Orleans, where the Carnival season opens on Twelfth Night (January 6) and climaxes with the Mardi Gras festivities commencing 10 days before Shrove Tuesday. The French name Mardi Gras means Fat Tuesday, from the custom of using all the fats in the home before Lent. In Italy, Venice became a gathering place for traditionally disguised Carnival revelers. The most famous modern Carnival is perhaps that of Rio de Janeiro. Masked balls, elaborate costumes, parades, and various other festivities mark such celebrations.

"One will have to give account in the judgment day of every good thing which one might have enjoyed and did not." The Talmud

Provided with this Sunday's Bulletin (also posted on our homepage) is a description of the many Lenten devotions and activities taking place in our parish. Please post it in a place in your home where you can refer to it over the next 40 days.

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January 30-February 5, 2023

Offertory	\$ 11,971.00
Online	\$ 8,835.00
Mail	\$ 2,578.00
St. Francis Fund	\$ 143.00
Building Fund	\$ 4,030.00
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	\$ 119.00
Total	\$27,676.00

*Thank you in advance
for your generous giving.*

You may not be here every Sunday, but your generous contributions are needed to help cover our regular operating expenses. We invite you to sign up for automated recurring offertory contributions. To do so, choose any one of the simple and convenient giving options. Simply go to www.sfoasj.com on any device and click on the Online Giving button.



Or Scan this QR Code with your mobile device.
Or Text "Give" to 408-479-5858 on your phone

Or If you would like an account to be created for you, please contact our Parish Business/Operations Manager Victor Espinoza at 408-223-1770, ext. 302. Get started today and ensure that your generous contributions are received even if you are not here. It's quick, easy, and convenient!



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT - JANUARY 2023

January marks the beginning of the third quarter of the fiscal year.

Thank you for your continued support of the mission and ministries of our parish. During the month of **January**, our average weekly collection was **\$19,804 (7% increase vs. Jan 22)**. You also generously donated to various important causes in our **January** second collections at **\$19,074 (\$3,815 a week.)** This brings our **January** weekly average to **\$23,619**. We budgeted our Sunday Offertory income for the current fiscal year (**30 weeks x \$16,000**) at **\$480,000** and received **\$584,400 (+\$104,400)**. We have budgeted the extra income for the continuing maintenance and improvements to our parish campus buildings and grounds. As you know, we are dependent upon your practice of good stewardship to fulfill our parish mission. The love that these gifts represent will enable us to continue the work that we must undertake here at St. Francis of Assisi Parish.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- ◆ **Daily Rosary and Prayer** 8:00AM, Chapel
- ◆ **Adoration**, First Friday of month, 9:30AM-5:00PM, Chapel
- ◆ **Our Lady of Perpetual Help** Wednesdays, Chapel Rosary/Novena/Mass 6:30PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Saturdays, 11am - 12pm, Chapel

IMPORTANT CONTACTS: Crisis Mental Health Services 988

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.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL



Supporting Our Mission Together SECOND WEEK FOLLOW-UP - 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Our Parish Goal is \$240,000. 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 care at our 11 hospitals, promoting vocations and developing lay leaders.

We are thankful for the 143 pledges for \$71,534 dollars (average gift \$500) turned in thus far. We have reached 29.81% 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, FR. MATTHEW D. STANLEY

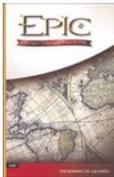


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**Eucharistic
Revival**

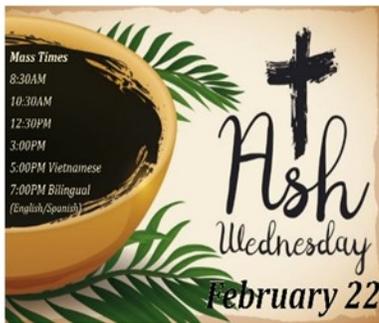
Why do Catholics believe the Eucharist is the physical body and blood of Christ when it looks and tastes like

bread and wine?

We must first understand two philosophical ideas—**substance and accident**. A *substance* is what something is; an *accident* is what a substance possesses. For example, an apple (a substance) has many accidents: skin of a particular color, weight, shape, and taste—things we perceive with our senses. These accidents may change; however, the apple would remain an apple. These ever-changing accidents are united within one unchanging substance that ceases to exist only when the apple ceases to exist (when it is eaten and digested). (*more next Sunday*).



**Next EPIC Church History Class
Tuesday, March 14 at 7pm
Fireside Room**



THE LAWS OF FAST & ABSTINENCE Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence from all meat (beast or fowl). Except for a serious reason, all persons fourteen years old and above are bound by this

law.

Ash Wednesday is also a day of fast. This law binds all persons between the ages of eighteen, until the beginning of their sixtieth year. On these two days, one full meatless meal may be eaten. Two other meatless meals may also be taken sufficient to maintain strength; however, together they should not equal a full meal. Liquids, including milk and fruit juices may be taken between meals.



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.

rites in preparation for the Easter Sacraments

In anticipation of our catechumen's celebration of **Rite of Election** with Bishop Cantú, we will celebrate the **Rite of Sending to Election** at the 9:00am Mass on February 26. At the 6pm Mass, we will celebrate a ritual of welcome for our youth preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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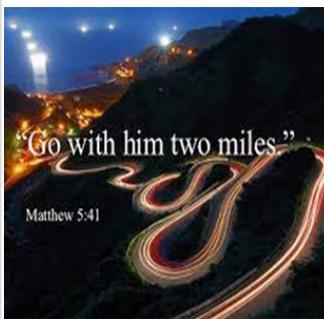
Friday during Lent (February 24 – March 31). Join us for a light vegetarian meal prepared by one of cultural communities at 6:00pm in the Gathering Hall. We will watch an episode from *The Chosen*—the critically acclaimed drama about the story of Jesus as seen through the eyes of those who followed him. At 7:00pm will go to our Chapel to pray the Stations of the Cross.



PRESIDENTS' DAY HOLIDAY

Monday, February 20th
Parish Office Closed
Holy Mass – 8:30am

A STEWARDHIP MOMENT



In another passage from his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus continues to turn his disciples' way of thinking upside-down. One of the lessons for the Christian steward in today's Gospel is that if we have a chance to help someone in need, we should be generous and give more than is expected

of us. Jesus went "the extra mile" for us. Can we be more like

February 26, 2023

First Sunday of Lent

Saturday – (Anticipated)

4:00pm – Fr. Stanley

5:30pm – Fr. Vu (Vietnamese)

Sunday

8:00am – Msgr. Mitchell

8:15am – Fr. Vu

9:00am – Fr. Page

10:00am – Fr. Vu

11:00am – Fr. Stanley

12:00pm – Fr. Vu

2:00pm – Fr. Stanley

4:00pm - Fr. Vu (Vietnamese)

6:00pm – Fr. Stanley





FAITH FORMATION

FEBRUARY FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

- Children's Liturgy of the Word (all children, K-5th grade) **February 19th**, 9:00am and 11:00am
- Ash Wednesday, **February 22**, (check bulletin for times)
- First Eucharist Session (Registered children) **February 26**, 8:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am

MARCH FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

- **Sunday, March 5**, J.O.Y. (Registered children) 8:00am, 9:00am, 10:00am, 11:00am, 12:00pm, 3:30pm (Youth)
- O.C.I.A. Adults, **Every Sunday**, 9:00am-11:00am, Adult Confirmation, 5:00pm-6:00pm
- **Tuesday, March 7**, Lenten Scripture Group, 9:00am-11:00am (Evergreen Room 1, Parish Office) or 7:00pm-8:30pm, Fireside Room
- **Tuesday, March 7**, High School Confirmation session, Evergreen Room 1-2, 6:30pm-8:00pm
- **Sunday, March 12**, O.C.I.A. Adults and Children, 9:00-11:00am, **First Scrutiny**
- **Tuesday, March 14**, Lenten Scripture Series, 9:00am-11:00am or 7:00pm-8-30pm (Evergreen Room 1, Parish Office)
- **Saturday, March 18**, First Eucharist Reconciliation Service, 10:00am, (Chapel)
- **Sunday, March 19**, O.C.I.A. Adults and Children, 9:00am-11:00am, **Second Scrutiny**
- **Sunday, March 19**, Children's Liturgy of the Word, 8:00am, 9:00am, and 11:00am
- **Tuesday, March 21**, Lenten Scripture Series, 9:00am-11:00am or 7:00pm-8-30pm (Evergreen Room 1, Parish Office)
- **Sunday, March 26**, O.C.I.A. Adults and Children, 9:00am-11:00am, **Third Scrutiny**
- **Sunday, March 26**, First Eucharist Session, 8:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am

APRIL FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

- **Sunday, April 2**, Palm Sunday
- **Sunday, April 2**, O.C.I.A., 9:00am Mass and dismissal
- **Thursday, April 6**, Holy Thursday, 7:00pm
- **Friday, April 7**, Good Friday, 7:00pm
- **Saturday, April 8**, Easter Vigil, 8:00pm
- **Sunday, April 9**, Easter Sunday
- **Sunday, April 23**, First Eucharist session 8:00am, 9:00am, and 11:00am
- **Sunday April 30**, Children Liturgy of the Word 8:00am, 9:00am, and 11:00am

ADULT LENTEN RESOURCES

On Site:

- Come follow Me, small group sharing and the Gospel of Matthew, Tuesdays at 9:30am-11:00am or 6:30pm-8:00pm Parish Office.
- Sunday Gospel Reflection and Prayer, Wednesdays, 10:00am-11:00am, Parish office
- Friday Night Soup Suppers and the Watching of the Series "Chosen" 6:00pm-7:00pm, Gathering Hall
- Friday Night Stations of the Cross. 7:00pm, Chapel

Online Resources:

Matthew Kelly www.dynamiccatholic.com
Best Lent Ever

Bishop Robert Barron www.wordonfire.org
Father Mike Schmitz, Jeff Cavins
www.ascensionpress.com

Father Richard Rohr www.cac.org
Formed <https://formed.org>
7 day free trial

Edward Sri, Tim Gray, Scott Han

Catholic Books and Authors:

Joy of the Gospel	Pope Francis
Jesus of Nazareth	Pope Benedict XVI
The Story Of a Soul	Therese of Lisieux
Confessions	Saint Augustine
My Life with the Saints	James Martin SJ
Life of the Beloved	Henri J. M. Nouwen
The Seven Storey Mountain	Thomas Merton
The Lamb's Supper the, Mass as heaven on earth	Scott Han
The Holy Longing	Ronald Rolheiser OMI
Dear Heart, Come Home	Joyce Rupp
The Monastic Heart	Sr. Joan Chittister
Changed heart, Changed world	Fr. William Barry SJ

Christian Books-Non Catholic

Purpose Driven Life	Rick Warren
The Case for Christ	Lee Strobel
Jesus Calling	Sarah Young
The Alchemist	Paulo Coelho
The Power of Pause: Becoming more by doing less	Terry Hershey
When Bad Things Happen to Good People	Harold Kushner
Mere Christianity	C.S. Lewis
The Pilgrims Progress	John Bunyan

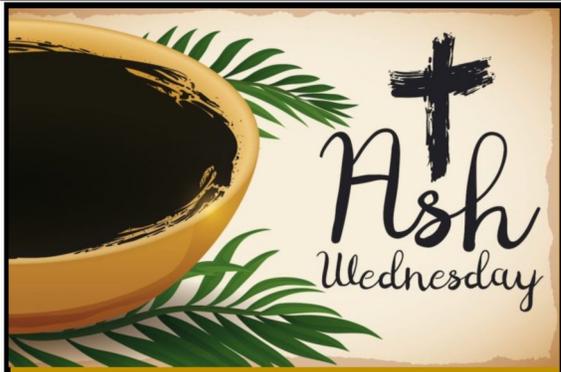
We understand how important it is to have Mass intentions for your loved ones and would like to accommodate all if possible. We are limited to 3 per Mass. Please plan your Mass intentions in advance if possible (Birthdays, anniversaries, death anniversaries). Our Mass Intention calendar is open through December 31, 2023.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK




We also Pray for...

- February 20**
- February 21**
✠ Vitalina Saballo (Birthday)
- February 22**
- February 23**
- February 24**
✠ Fulgeno Pontillas, Sr.+
- February 25**
- February 26**
✠ Thomas Joseph
✠ Pacome Elet+



Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 22

Mass Times

8:30AM

10:30AM

12:30PM

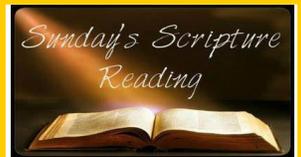
3:00PM

5:00PM Vietnamese

7:00PM Bilingual
(English/Spanish)

*"Lord, help us to see in your Crucifixion and Resurrection an example of how to endure and seemingly to die in the agony and conflict of daily life so that we may live more fully and creatively."
- Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

- Monday, February 20**
Teresa D Kim+
Maria Teresa DoanKim+
Krishnan Valsan+
- Tuesday, February 21**
Johannes Lissa (Birthday)
Teresa Hoang Yen Phan (Birthday)
Teresa Visaya+
- Wednesday, February 22**
Ash Wednesday, No Mass Intentions
- Thursday, February 23**
William Cuenca+ (Birthday)
Luzviminda Dominguez+
Zenaida Manalo-Birthday
- Friday, February 24**
Isagani Soriano+
Manuel Araujo+
Wyatt Metzger (SI)
- Saturday, February 25**
Maria Teresa DoanKim+
Ben Novicio+
Myrtha Saleme (SI)
- Saturday/Sunday, February 25-26**
4PM
Teresa Pauline Nguyen+
Irene M. J. Gamerino -Birthday
Zosimo R. Jaminal +
5:30PM
Anton Tuyen Vu +
8AM Chapel
Dong Nguyen+
Enrico Yap, Jr.+
Rowena and Santina Aviles (Health/Safety)
- 8:15 Villages**
- 9AM Gathering Hall**
Virginia Malvar+
- 10AM Chapel**
Joseph Duc Cao+
John Bui+, David and Ty Pham+
- 11AM Gathering Hall**
Michael and Michelle Le+
Anna Ky Thanh+
Jaime Caricungan+
- 12PM Chapel**
Jaime Caricungan+
Merci Cereno+
Lili Pajulas+
- 2PM Chapel (Spanish)**
- 4PM Chapel (Vietnamese)**
Anton Tuyen Vu +
- 6PM Chapel**



Sunday's Scripture Reading

Today's Readings
(7th Sunday in OT)
Reading I:
Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18
Reading II:
1 Corinthians 3:16-23
Gospel:
Matthew 5:38-48

Next Week's Readings
(First Sunday of Lent)
Reading I:
Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7
Reading II:
Romans 5:12-19
Gospel:
Matthew 4:1-11



Our Lady of Perpetual Help
is hosted by Legion of Mary every Wednesday in the Chapel, with a Rosary/Novena at 6:30PM followed by a Mass.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION YOU SHOULD KNOW



St. Francis of Assisi's
Annual Crab Feast
\$75 per person
Saturday, March 11, 6pm



Doors open at 6pm. No host bar 6pm

Dinner served at 7pm



MENU
Antipasto, Salad,
Bread, Linguini
with Clam Sauce,
Dessert, Coffee,
Wine,
And of course...
Marinated Crab

This is a **SELL OUT EVENT** every year. so get your friends and family together and **get your tickets NOW!** Last Day to buy tickets is Thursday, February 23 or until our tickets sell out. Tickets will **NOT** be sold at the door. If you have at least 8 people, you can reserve a table!

So join us for food, friends, family, entertainment, **DANCING**, a raffle, and **FUN!**

LENT IS THE SEASON FOR RICE BOWLS.

The Rice Bowl campaign supports the world-wide efforts by Catholic Relief Services to hear the cry of the poor and to support grants to address hunger within our diocese. It is a way to engage personally as a part of your Lenten practice of meal-time prayer, sacrifice and alms sharing.

Rice Bowls and the enclosed Lenten calendar will be available in the lobby of St. Francis of Assisi starting the weekend of 19th March. Please pick one up, use it and return it when Lent gives way to Easter. For more information, including videos and meatless recipes, go to crsricebowl.org.



Black History Month



MASS ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH, 2023

LOCATION: ST. FRANCES CABRINI PARISH

TIME: 2:00 PM



LIVESTREAM ON FACEBOOK: facebook.com/DioceseSanJose

MEN'S DISCERNMENT WEEKEND

You will have the chance to explore the priesthood and learn about the steps for discernment, values of priestly life, and the structure of seminary formation. It will be a weekend of prayer, discussions, fraternity, recreation, and fellowship. Contact Fr. Matt or Fr. Lieu for more information.

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