



## A Reflection from Fr. Matthew D. Stanley, Pastor

### "Hosanna in the Highest"

As we stand at the threshold of Holy Week, Jesus, our humble and merciful King, goes before us. His way is our way to eternal life; his passion is a remedy for sin. He lay down his life for us that we might share in the glory of the divine life.

Matthew's passion story stretches from the plot of Judas to the stone placed before Jesus' tomb, offering a wealth of details in its portrait of Jesus during this crucial sacrificial act. In spite of his human fears, Jesus, the Suffering Servant, is unyielding in his obedience to the Father.

No other Sunday in the liturgical year reflects such dramatic contrast as Palm Sunday. What begins with songs of triumph quickly shifts into the remembrance of the Lord's passion. His royal entrance into the holy city of Jerusalem was also an entrance into the mystery of his suffering, death and resurrection.

The celebration of the Paschal Triduum of Christ's Paschal Mystery is the culmination of the liturgical year. We invite you to undertake a journey of preparation with the knowledge that our being conformed to Christ is a priceless gift of God's mercy. We invite every parishioner to walk with us on the road to the Empty Tomb— right here at **St. Francis of Assisi Parish**.



## Parish Office Closed during Easter Triduum

April 6 – April 10, 2023

We will re-open on Easter Tuesday, April 11

### ☞OFFICE HOURS

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# stewardship

**March 13-19, 2023**

Offertory	\$ 10,319.00
Online	\$ 6,755.00
Mail	\$ 1,225.00
Building Fund	\$ 100.00
Catholic Relief Service	\$ 5,934.37
St. Francis Fund	\$ 5.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 10.00
Central/Eastern Europe	\$ 5.00
Easter	\$ 155.00
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	\$ 122.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 30.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$24,660.37</b>

*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](http://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!



## COMMUNITY SUPPER & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each A special thank you to

our parish ministries who provided food for each of Lenten Friday Supper: Filipino, Indian, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Shawl Ministry. We really appreciate your support and hard work.



## FINANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

The Finance Advisory Council (FAC) is a consultative body to the pastor. It has the mission and duty of being good stewards—overseeing and advising the Pastor about the treasure entrusted to him on behalf of us all. It meets every other month.

We are currently on the lookout for a few new members. The basic qualifications are:

- 1) Registered and active member of St. Francis of Assisi Parish;
- 2) A willingness to make recommendations for the good of the whole community without recourse to any special interest group;
- 3) One who has demonstrated the ability to work well within a group.

*Please submit your notice of interest to Fr. Matt (mstanley@dsj.org).*

**Deadline is June 30, 2023.**

**April 9, 2023**

**Easter Sunday**

**Easter Vigil**

8:00pm – Fr. Stanley

**Easter Sunday**

6:30am – Fr. Stanley

8:00am – Fr. Vu

8:15am – Msgr. Mitchell

~~9:00am – Cancelled~~

10:00am – Fr. Stanley

~~11:00am – Cancelled~~

12:00pm – Fr. Vu

2:00pm – Fr. Ruiz

4:00pm – Fr. Vu (Vietnamese)

~~6:00pm – Cancelled~~



## 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;

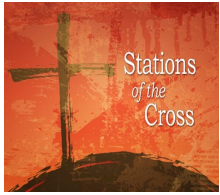
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
and where there is sadness, joy.

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.*

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK, FR. MATTHEW D. STANLEY

## APRIL 4 AT 7PM – OUTDOOR WAY OF THE CROSS

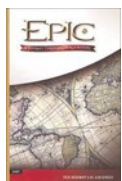


Join our Young Adult Group as we pray one of the most popular of Catholic Lenten devotions: The Stations of the Cross. We are pilgrims, in spirit, as we witness, and pray, at the scene of Christ's Passion in Jerusalem. This is a prayer tradition which dates to the time of Constantine. There were many variations but the familiar "14 stations" became set in 1729. Feel the intensity as we accompany our Lord on His journey to Calvary. Please gather outside of the chapel near the St. Francis and the leper.

**TENEBRAE IS A PROLONGED MEDITATION** on Christ's suffering. Readings trace the story of Christ's passion, music portrays his pathos, and the power of silence and darkness suggests the drama of this momentous day. As lights are extinguished, we ponder the depth of Christ's suffering and death; we remember the cataclysmic nature of his sacrifice; and through the return of the small but persistent flame of the Christ candle at the conclusion of the service, we anticipate the joy of ultimate victory. Join us on **Wednesday (April 5) of Holy Week at 7:00pm in our chapel.**

**REMEMBERING** a loved one during Easter is always foremost in our minds. Would you consider making a donation toward our Easter flowers as special intention or in memory of a deceased family member or friend? Special Easter Flower envelopes are now available.

**THE INSTITUTE FOR LEADERSHIP IN MINISTRY** is a 3-year course of study for the laity. The ILM provides training and faith formation for lay leaders in the Church. The theological base for this program is found in the documents of the Second Vatican Council. Responding to their baptismal call, graduates return to their parish to serve in various leadership roles in Liturgy, Catechetics, Social Justice, Pastoral Care, as well as many others. We plan to continue sending laypersons to the Institute for Leadership in Ministry. **If you feel called to explore this possibility, we are looking for a few qualified candidates for the new ILM academic year, which begins in the fall. Please contact Fr. Matt ([mstanley@dsj.org](mailto:mstanley@dsj.org)) for more information.**



**Next EPIC Church History Class**  
**Tuesday, April 11 at 7pm**  
**Fireside Room**

## MORNING PRAYER DURING THE EASTER TRIDUUM



Because there are no morning Masses on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, we will celebrate Morning Prayer, the official prayer of the Church as found in the Divine Office at 8:30am in the Chapel on each of these three days.

## HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION – ST. FRANCIS FUND



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."*** The goal of the **Francis Fund** is to offer tangible assistance to those in need on a person-to-person basis and to offer spiritual services.

People, who have nowhere else to turn, come to our doors seeking assistance with utility bills, overnight shelter, food and other needs. Your generosity in our Holy Thursday collection will assist us in helping our neighbors. **"For it is in giving that we receive."**

## GOOD FRIDAY - COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND



Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in Catholic Churches to support the work of the Franciscans working in the Holy Land. Holy Land Franciscans and staff maintain the holy places and shrines. This enables those who live in the Holy Land and those who visit to deepen their faith and their

spiritual and cultural connection to salvation history. Your generosity can help keep alive those Holy Places and the Franciscan Missioners who serve the people there.

## The Law of Fast & Abstinence



**Good Friday** is a day of fast and abstinence. On this day, one meatless meal may be eaten. Two other meatless meals may also be taken sufficient to maintain strength, but together they

should not equal a full meal. Fasting is required for all those between the ages of 18 and 59. If health or ability to work is affected, the law of fasting does not apply.



## FAITH FORMATION



### APRIL FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

- **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

### WEDDING MINISTRY

Our parish is fortunate to have a few dedicated Wedding Coordinators. We are currently in need of assistance. The coordinators schedule themselves for wedding rehearsals and are also there to assist the bride and groom along with their bridal party & priest on the day of their wedding. Are you interested in joining this ministry? If so, please contact Suzanne Fitzgerald at [Suzanne.Fitzgerald@dsj.org](mailto:Suzanne.Fitzgerald@dsj.org) or 408.223.1770 ext 312



## Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County

Dear St Francis of Assisi Parishioners,

Thank you for your constant support of Catholic Charities Cathedral Social Ministries. Since July 1, 2022 you have provided \$2,000.00 in funding to support two health fairs. Our health fairs take up the whole cul-d-sac; of where, we are located at John XXIII Multi Services Center. This past health fair sponsored by Senator Dave Cortese and Supervisor Cindy Chavez we were able to host over 30 providers ranging from housing, street outreach workers, healthcare, mental health, recovery, social security, public health, haircuts and hot meals supported by you. Our health resource fairs average from 200 to 300 homeless attendees.

You have provided gift cards to help our unhoused and reentry populations gain access to resources they ordinarily wouldn't apply for without a little incentive. Once a month you provide 400 sandwiches and cookies at The Window, including shaving razors. We serve 120-150 people a day Monday - Friday, 7:30AM to 5:00PM. At The Window, (our drop-in office) we provide a secure place to receive mail while homeless, service navigation, sandwiches and connection with our free primary healthcare clinic staffed by Gardner Health Services. We also provide reentry services to those released from our county jails and state prison.

Because of you we are able to provide an unbroken tradition of serving those in need. You are always there for us... for the people of God.

Gratefully,  
Sharon L. Miller, BSN  
Director, Cathedral Social Ministries  
Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County  
John XXIII Multi Services Center  
195 E. San Fernando St  
San Jose, CA 95112

Holy Week is a privileged time when we are called to draw near to Jesus:  
friendship with him is shown in times of difficulty. *Pope Francis*



## ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

SUPPORTING OUR MISSION TOGETHER



### Supporting Our Mission Together SEVENTH WEEK FOLLOW-UP -

#### 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Our Parish Goal is \$240,000. Our Parish Participation Goal is 1,000 families.

**Did You Know** that your support of the ADA makes these ministries and events possible?

Liturgical Director Training  
Diocesan Layette Program  
Prison Ministry  
Musician's Master Class  
Chrism Mass

We are thankful for the 407 pledges for \$212,000 (average gift \$523) turned in thus far. We have reached 88% percent of our parish goal.

119 pledges made were equal to their 2022 pledge. 161 families **increased** their 2022 pledge, while 44 pledges were less than 2022. 83 people pledged in 2023 who were unable to pledge in 2022. **210 families pledged \$100,000 in 2022 and have yet to make a pledge or gift in 2023.** With everyone's participation, we can meet and surpass our ADA goal; however, this will only be possible if every parish household participates according to their means. Anything raised above our ADA goal will directly benefit our parish.

Please return your pledge envelope in the mail or bring it with you to Mass. You may also donate by visiting our parish website. Thank you for making a difference in the life of our Church and parish community.



## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



### Monday, April 3

Paul Schreiber+

Dana Schreiber & Trever Beatty (Health/Healing)

All Souls (Dinh Family+

Ma. Aletha Hobilla (Birthday)

### Tuesday, April 4

Fernando Saraya+

John Juleson+

Martin Flores+

Rosa Sebastian+

### Wednesday, April 5

Marcelina Alday+

Crisistomo Camba+

Jon Gaviola (Birthday)

Irene Orantia+

Clarita Aspiras+ (Birthday)

Christpher Francis Santos+ (100th bday), and

Judy Santos+ (Bday)

### Thursday, April 6

Holy Thursday-No Intentions

### Friday, April 7

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

### Saturday, April 8

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

### Saturday/Sunday, April 8-9

#### 4PM

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

#### 5:30PM

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

#### 8AM Chapel

He is Risen!

#### 8:15 Villages

He is Risen!

#### 10AM Chapel

He is Risen!

#### 12PM Chapel

He is Risen!

#### 2PM Chapel (Spanish)

He is Risen! ¡Él ha resucitado!

#### 4PM Chapel (Vietnamese)

He is Risen! Ngài đã sống lại!

## Sunday's Scripture Reading



### Today's Readings

*(Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord)*

### Gospel at the Procession

Matthew 21:1-11

### Reading I:

Isaiah 50:4-7

### Reading II:

Philippians 2:6-11

### Gospel:

Matthew 26:14-27:66

### Next Week's Readings

*(Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord)*

### Reading I:

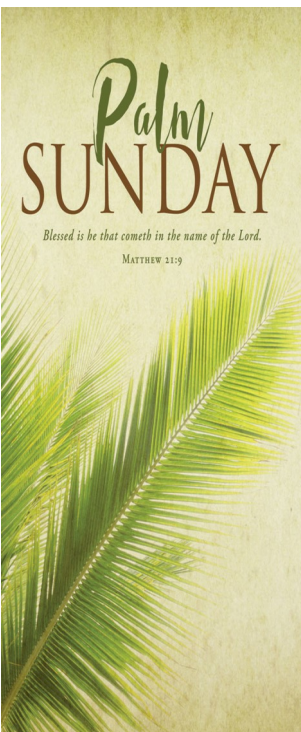
Acts of the Apostles  
10:34a, 37-43

### Reading II:

1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

### Gospel:

John 20:1-9



## LEGION OF MARY

### 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 Mass.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH  
HOLY WEEK 2023



# Holy Week & Easter

## MASS TIMES

### **PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION – April 2**

*\*Procession with Palms – Gather by the statue of St. Francis and the Leper*

**Vigil 4:00 PM & 5:30 PM (Vietnamese)**

**8:00 AM, 8:15 AM (Villages), \*10:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 6:00 PM, 2:00 PM (Spanish) & 4:00 PM (Vietnamese)**

### **TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK – April 4**

*Outdoor Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM (Gather by the statue of St. Francis and the Leper)*

### **WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK – April 5**

*TENEBRAE (A Service from Light to Darkness) – 7:00 PM (Chapel)*

### **HOLY THURSDAY – April 6**

**Morning Prayer - 8:30 AM**

**Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 PM**

*Altar of Repose until 11:00 PM - Solemn Adoration & Night Prayer*

### **GOOD FRIDAY – April 7**

**Morning Prayer - 8:30 AM**

**Confessions: 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM – Reconciliation Room (Chapel)**

### **Celebration of the Passion of the Lord**

**Liturgy of the Word, Adoration of the Holy Cross, Holy Communion**

**12:00 PM, 2:00 PM (Villages), 3:00 PM, 5:00 PM (Vietnamese) - 7:00 PM (Spanish & English)**

### **HOLY SATURDAY – April 8**

**Morning Prayer - 8:30 AM**

### **THE EASTER VIGIL**

**IN THE HOLY NIGHT – April 8**

**8:00 PM (Gather in the area behind the statue of St. Francis and the Leper)**

### **EASTER SUNDAY**

**of the RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - April 9**

**6:00 AM Salubong**

*Mary meets the Resurrected Christ*

**Masses: 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, 8:15 AM (Villages), 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM**

**2:00 PM (Spanish) - 4:00 PM (Vietnamese)**