



On this **Divine Mercy Sunday**, we recall the words of the Angelic Doctor, St. Thomas Aquinas: *“Mercy consists in bringing a thing out of non-being into being.”* We see this transpire concretely in the life of the early Church. The believers “devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to prayers.” They were filled with awe; they were witnesses of wondrous signs; they live for the God of the other; they were generous; they overflowed with “exultation and sincerity of heart.” God “in his great mercy” gave them—and us—“a new birth to a living hope” through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. That is what the Apostle Thomas is looking for in the Lord’s open side.

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The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. God loves us – all of us, and he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. **We will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 1pm to 3pm in the Gathering Hall. We will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3pm and conclude with Benediction.**



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March 27-April 2 2023

Offertory	\$ 15,089.00
Online	\$ 6,473.00
Mail	\$ 1,650.00
Catholic Relief Service	\$ 505.00
St. Francis Fund	\$ 4,832.00
OLOPH	\$ 114.00
Priest Retirement	\$ 100.00
Good Friday (Holy Land)	\$ 35.00
Building Fund	\$ 5,098.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 65.00
Easter	\$ 1,610.00
Total	\$30,966.00



Stewardship of Treasure Report - March 2023

March ends 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 **March**, our average weekly collection was **\$20,023 (2.5% decrease vs. Feb. 23)**. You also generously donated to various important causes in our **March** second collections at **\$18,636 (\$4,659 a week.)** This brings our **March** weekly average to **\$24,682**. We budgeted our Sunday Offertory income for the current fiscal year **(38 weeks x \$16,000)** at **\$608,000** and received **\$747,000 (+\$139,000)**. 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.

Offertory by Mass (per week): January - March 2023 - Third Quarter

Saturday, 4:00pm \$1,591; 5:30pm \$538; Sunday 8:00am \$1,488; 8:15am \$549 9:00am \$1,023; 10:00am \$1,891; 11:00am \$1,037; 12:00pm \$1,757; 2:00pm \$597;

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!



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.

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



SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

We have decided at this time, effective today, to suspend both the 9am and 11am Masses on Sunday. We have stretched our resources beyond our abilities

to provide the best Sunday liturgical experience for our people.

I know this is going to cause a bit of turmoil with your schedules, but we are simply running thin on priests, liturgical ministers, and music groups. We have tried as long as we can to sustain our eleven Masses Sunday schedule. As the saying goes, "quality vs. quantity."

Overflow seating at the 8am, 10am, and 12pm Masses will provide adequate seating. We will continue to provide nine Masses every Sunday (2 on Saturday and 7 on Sunday). Thank you for your understanding.



24TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF THE CHAPEL OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI (1999 – 2023)

"Wonderful are you, O God in your holy place. The God of Israel himself gives his people strength and courage. Blessed be God. Alleluia! Psalm 68:36

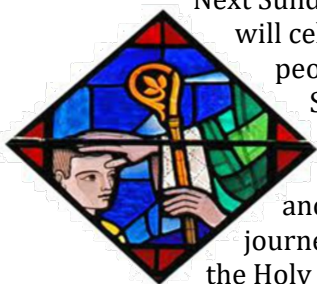
The rite for the dedication of a church and an altar is rightly considered among the most solemn liturgical services. A church is the place where the Christian community is gathered to hear the word of God, to offer intercession and praise to him, and above all to celebrate the holy mysteries, and it is the place where the holy sacrament of the Eucharist is kept. Thus, it stands as a special kind of image of the Church itself, which is God's temple built from living stones. From the office of the Congregation for the Sacraments and Divine Worship, May 29, 1977, Pentecost.

Although the actual date is April 10, because it occurs during the Octave of Easter, this celebration will take place on April 17 at the 8:30am Mass.

RITUAL OF COMMITMENT FOR YOUTH CONFIRMANDI

Next Sunday, April 23, at the 6pm Mass, we will celebrate with our young people preparing for the

Sacrament of Confirmation their ritual of commitment. This ritual is an opportunity to mark another significant moment on their journey of preparation for the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.



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? Our Pastor included all of your intentions at our Easter Sunday Masses.



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 grounded 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) for more information.**

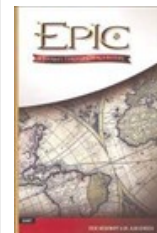
THE CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL STRENGTHENS



THE CHURCH FROM ALASKA TO ALABAMA. Next weekend, April 22 & 23 all Catholics are invited to give to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal of the U.S.

Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). This annual collection

supports dioceses in the United States and its territories where it is difficult to sustain basic, essential ministries because of challenges posed by geography, population, or economy. These basic pastoral services include Mass, the sacraments, religious education, and training for clergy and lay people to minister to the local faithful. Although the envelope for this second collection was omitted in your bi-monthly mailing, envelopes will be provided in the chapel.



NEXT EPIC CHURCH HISTORY CLASS
Tuesday, May 9 at 7pm
Fireside Room



**FIRST FRIDAY
ADORATION continues to
be all day Adoration on
May 5th**

The importance of Eucharistic Adoration is shown in the fact that the Church has a ritual that regulates it: the Rite of Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction. This is an extension of the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which occurs in every Mass: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb." Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament flows from the sacrifice of the Mass and serves to deepen our hunger for Communion with Christ and the rest of the Church. The Rite concludes with the ordained minister blessing the faithful with the Blessed Sacrament.

April 23, 2023
Third Sunday of Easter
Saturday (Anticipated)
4:00pm – Msgr. Mitchell
5:30pm – Fr. Vu (Vietnamese)



Sunday
8:00am – Fr. Stanley
8:15am – Fr. Vu (Villages)
10:00am – Fr. Stanley
12:00pm – Fr. Vu
2:00pm – Fr. Stanley
4:00pm - Fr. Vu (Vietnamese)
6:00pm – Fr. Stanley (Youth)



the Sunday Bulletin remains an important source of our parish

communications, we also provide two other excellent sources of timely information: our parish www.sfoasj.com and our weekly Constant Contact email of parish news and events. It is sent to 3000 parish families each week. If you are interested in receiving this weekly email, send an email request to rosie.olivas@dsj.org.

DOES THE CHURCH RECOGNIZE MY MARRIAGE?



Like other couples in our parish or family, you may be wondering if your marriage is fully recognized by the Catholic Church. Catholic Church law ordinarily requires baptized Roman Catholics to marry before a priest or deacon. Unless they received a "dispensation from canonical form," Catholics who exchange vows in the presence of ministers from other religious traditions or civil officials are not considered validly married in the eyes of the Catholic Church. Regardless of what happened in the past, the Catholic Church invites you to bring new meaning to your lives by embracing the vocation of marriage and dedicating your family's mission to sharing God's love. Contact Deacon Joe Cabrido at joseph.cabrido@dsj.org for more information.

**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 or 408.223.1770 ext 312



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

If the Eucharist contains the physical presence of Christ's Body and Blood, doesn't that mean Catholics are cannibals?

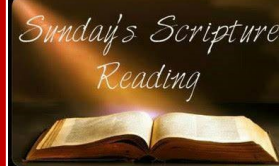
Regardless of how the charge of cannibalism arose, it was as false then as it is now. That is because consuming the body and blood of Christ under the form of bread and wine does not fall under the definition of cannibalism.

Merriam-Webster defines cannibalism as "the usually ritualistic eating of human flesh by a human being," but there are several important differences. Catholics consume the glorified human flesh of Christ under the form of bread and wine. The communicant receives Christ's whole person—his body, blood, soul, and divinity, and, unlike the temporal nourishment provided to the body through cannibalism, the Eucharist provides spiritual nourishment that leads to eternal life. *(more next Sunday).*

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



Today's Readings

Reading I:
Acts of the Apostles
2:42-47

Reading II:
Peter 1:3-9

Gospel:
John 20:19-31

Next Week's Readings (Third Sunday of Easter)

Reading I:
Acts of the Apostles
2:14, 22-33

Reading II:
1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel:
Luke 24:13-35

Due to the changes in the Mass schedule. All Mass Intentions scheduled for the 9AM Masses have been moved to the 10AM Masses and the 11AM Mass intentions to the 12PM Masses. Sorry for any inconvenience.



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.

Monday, April 17

Joseph Vu, Tien Thang+ (Death Anniversary)
Martha Olivas+

Tuesday, April 18

Wednesday, April 19

Peter Schell+

Thursday, April 20

Albert "Stein" Dato (Bday)

Friday, April 21

Anselma Ganacias+

Chijioke & Chinenye Obihara & Iloeje Family (SI)

Saturday, April 22

Frederick Reichardt+

Chijioke & Chinenye Obihara & Iloeje Family (SI)

Saturday/Sunday, April 22-23

4PM

Anton Tuyen Vu +

Virgilio and Vedee Marie Ilagan+

Lucia Phan Thi Khay+

5:30PM

Teresa Pauline Nguyen+

Sunday 8AM Chapel

Roch Kim Nguyen+

Ron Davis+

Minda Lewis+

8:15 Villages

10AM Chapel

John Bui+, David and Ty Pham+

Jack and Barbara Kennedy+

Chijioke & Chinenye Obihara & Iloeje Family (SI)

Luis David (Healing/Health)

Ruben David+

Felisa Tan+

12PM Chapel

Remedios Garcia+

Lily Pajulas+

Felix Pajulas+

Jaime Caricungan+

2PM Chapel (Spanish)

4PM Chapel (Vietnamese)

Anton Tuyen Vu +

Anthony Vu Thien Hung+

6PM Chapel



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.

The perfect pairing with your Spring and Summer entertaining!

**\$10 donation per bottle or
\$100 donation per case**

*"We aren't called to shine our own light;
we are called to reflect His."*



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH MEMORIAL GARDEN

"It is in dying that we are born to eternal life"
- St. Francis of Assisi

The Memorial Garden is a place for the cremated remains of those who have gone before us, and to memorialize others who have died but are buried elsewhere. St. Francis is unique in offering this service to the Catholic Community.

This Garden space is set aside because those who have died form with us the Communion of Saints and are always present with us in prayer. We stand with all people, both living and dead, to sing our one song of praise to God for those who have died with Christ, have risen with Him and for the one Spirit that binds us together as one people.

The Garden is a quiet space in which you can pray and remember those who have died. We also honor the four periods and peoples of the history of Evergreen: the Ohlone Native Peoples, the Spanish and Mexican settlers, the ranchers and vintners, and those who have developed the land and reside here now.

If you would like information about the Memorial Garden, please contact **Gillian Griffis** (Monday-Wednesday, Friday, 9:00AM-4:00PM) to schedule an appointment at ggriffis@dsj.org, or 408.223.1770, ext 324.

PAVING STONES

Also part of the Memorial Garden are paving stones and the Stations of the Cross. If you wish to fill out an order form for the paving stones, you can download the order form (<https://www.sfoasj.com/paving-stones-order-form>) and mail it or drop it by the office.



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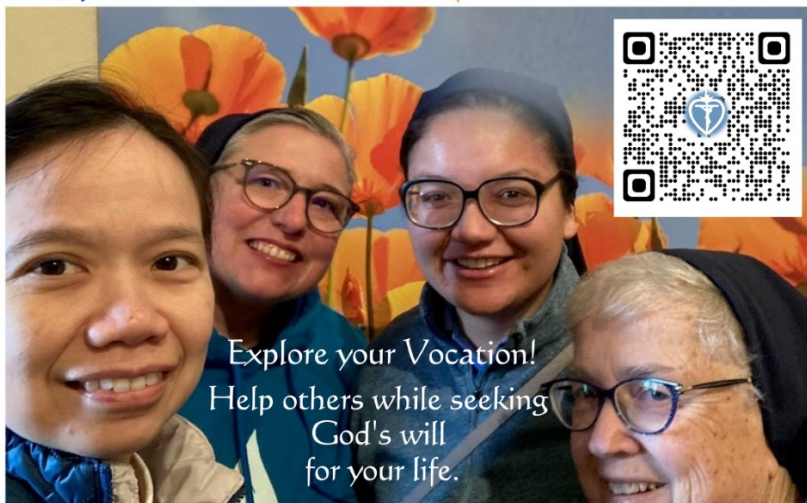
Timeline PASTORAL PLAN



Pastoral Planning Update: Since February, Bishop, the steering committee and commission have discerned and analyzed the results from January's Diocesan Synod Assembly. As a result, in order to properly consult and engage key stakeholders in feedback on these key priorities, it would be prudent to defer the announcement of the Pastoral Plan from June to December to allow for the broad discernment and dialogue throughout the process as the Bishop desires.

Search & Serve

Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat
May 24 - 29, 2023 San Francisco!



Explore your Vocation!

Help others while seeking
God's will
for your life.

Is God Calling You to be a Sister?

Join our Retreat to search your heart,
pray about your future and serve
those who live in poverty side-by-side with Sisters.

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