



## A REFLECTION FROM LESLIE LEGACION

### LOVE WILL FIND A WAY

On June 15, 1994, Disney's "The Lion King" was released and received critical acclaim for its music, story, themes and animation. It finished its theatrical run as the highest-grossing film of 1994 and the second highest-grossing film of all time behind Jurassic Park in 1993.

In one scene, there is an intimate conversation between Rafiki and Simba where Simba struggles with his identity after his father Mufasa dies. Rafiki leads him through the forest and tells him to look deep into the water. There, Simba sees not just his reflection, but the image of his father. Rafiki tells him, "*See, he lives in you. You are never alone. You'll always have your identity, beliefs, and the love of friends and family.*"

On this sixth week of Easter, Jesus urges his disciples to stay rooted in love, and always remember that our Risen Lord dwells with us and lives in us. The love of God unites us in an unbreakable bond of friendship and community with others. Jesus loved us until his very last breath. We are Easter people, living out Alleluia! and we were created in love for love, and to be a community of loving persons -- just as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are united in an unbreakable loving community. As Mufasa risked his life to save his Son, so did our Lord die for us.

Also, on this Mother's Day, we also recognize all mothers; young and old, living and deceased, mothers to be, godmothers, women who serve as motherly figures to others, and those men, who take on the role as mother and father. Let us strive to love and pray for each other as our Blessed Mother prays for us. It was Mary's yes, and the love she had for her son that gave her the strength to embrace challenges and difficulties. May all mothers know God's deep abiding love for them.

***Love will find a way. Anywhere we go, we are home if we are together.***

"The Lion King" 1994



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**The Offertory totals doe the week of April 24-30 are:**

Masses	\$10,800.00
Online	\$ 5,663.00
Mail	\$ 1,045.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 10.00
Villages	\$ 45.00
Easter	\$ 145.00
Priest Retirement	\$ 8,257.00
OLOPH	\$ 76.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$26,071.00</b>

*Thank you in advance  
for your generous giving.*

**April  
beings the  
fourth  
quarter** of  
the fiscal  
year. Thank



you for your continued support of the mission and ministries of our parish. During the month of **April** (excluding Easter), our average weekly collection was **\$19,332 (3.5% decrease vs. Mar. 23)**. You also generously donated to various important causes in our **April** second collections at **\$27,289 (\$5,458 a week.)** This brings our **April** weekly average to **\$24,790**. We budgeted our Sunday Offertory income for the current fiscal year (**42 weeks x \$16,000**) at **\$672,000** and received **\$811,944 (+\$139,994)**. 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.

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!

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**



Philip understood very well Jesus' words: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." We learn of

Philip's devotion to prayer, evangelizing and healing in the region of Samaria; made up of communities that would not be very receptive to the followers of Jesus. Philip is a model steward, living his discipleship day by day in the Lord without being obstructed by feelings of what cost his actions might entail. Good stewards summon the courage to proclaim the Lord and to serve Him by ministering to others. As an Easter people, eager to rejoice in the Lord, it is important to reflect on how we are living out our own commitment to discipleship.

**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

**BEGINNING THIS MONDAY**, May 15 and continuing through Friday, May 19, the priests of the Diocese of San José, including Fr. Matt & Fr. Lieu will spend some time at San Juan Bautista for the annual week of study with Bishop Cantú—a time of ongoing formation. Please keep all of us in your prayers. Fr. Matt will celebrate the 8:30am on Monday, and our Deacons will lead a Communion Liturgy at 8:30am for the remainder of the week.



**DIOCESE OF  
SAN JOSE**



## **MAY 18 IS A VERY SPECIAL DAY IN OUR PARISH.**

Thirty-two years ago this Thursday, both Fr. Matt and Fr. Lieu were ordained to the priesthood by +Bishop Pierre DuMaine at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph.



Also on May 18, 1997, +Bishop DuMaine established the Parish of St. Francis of Assisi—26 years ago.

## **CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL APPEAL – NEXT SUNDAY**



Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County changes lives for good. We help people of all cultures and beliefs rise up out of poverty and overcome the barriers to self-sufficiency. Because most lives are a complex pattern of choices and circumstances, we take a holistic approach to

helping people change their lives, taking into account the whole person as well as their family and life situations.

**RETIRED AND ELDERLY DIOCESAN PRIESTS** thank you for giving over \$10,000 to this year's last week's Diocesan Priests Retirement Appeal. Pray for them as they are surely praying for you! Thank you for your generous support. [www.dsj.org/priests-retirement](http://www.dsj.org/priests-retirement)



**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](mailto:mstanley@dsj.org)) for more information.**



**NATIONAL  
Eucharistic  
Revival**

**Wasn't Jesus commanding the apostles to host a perpetual memorial dinner in his honor instead of**

**commanding them to literally eat his body and blood?** One final objection goes like this, "How could Jesus have offered up a sacrifice of himself when the apostles could still see him? Did Jesus receive himself at the Last Supper? How could Christ receive his own body and blood?" It is important to remember that Christ's physical presence in the Eucharist is not limited by space and time. St. Thomas Aquinas said it was fitting that Christ would receive himself at the Last Supper, "Because Christ himself was the first to fulfill what he required others to observe. Hence, he first took his own body and blood, and afterwards gave it to be taken by the disciples. (*more next Sunday*).

*All of our Masses this weekend include the special Mother's Day intentions offered by our parishioners.*



**May 21, 2023**

**Ascension of the Lord**

**Saturday (Anticipated)**

4:00pm – Fr. Stanley

5:30pm – Fr. Vu (Vietnamese)

**Sunday**

8:00am – Fr. Stanley

8:15am – Msgr. Mitchell

10:00am – Fr. Stanley

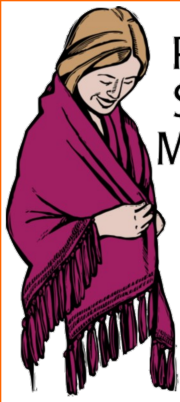
12:00pm – Fr. Vu

2:00pm – Msgr. O'Donnell (Spanish)

4:00pm – Fr. Vu (Vietnamese)

6:00pm – Fr. Vu (Youth)





## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our Silent Evangelists - the Prayer Shawl Ministry, Established in 2009, meets every Thursday via Zoom, using their skilled hands to knit or crochet prayer shawls for those suffering from an illness; in body, mind or spirit. At the request of a loved one, family member or friend, these shawls are given to offer an extension of our faith in God, our church and the gifts of

prayer and hope in a warm, soft shawl.

Through word of mouth only, to date the Ministry has provided over **1900 shawls filled with prayers**, hope, and encouragement to the recipient. The shawls give strength, peace, and courage, with the knowledge that they are never alone.

We extend an invitation to anyone who would like to join us in prayer and offer your skills with yarn and needles. All are welcome Thursday from 4:00 - 5:00pm via Zoom. Donations of yarn gratefully accepted! Contact Joyce Harper for more information 408-499-5194.

## INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

### What is OCIA?

**Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church?** Then OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) is for you! The OCIA process introduces you to the beliefs and practices of the Roman Catholic Church. It helps you explore what it means to be a Christian. It prepares you to enter fully into our community of faith through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Becoming Catholic is more than just learning scripture and rituals; it is discovering how to be a disciple of the Lord.

We welcome all those who are new to the faith, the unbaptized or baptized, those that have not yet been confirmed in the Church and those who are simply just searching for God. If you have more questions, contact Lisa Nakamura [lisa.nakamura@dsj.org](mailto:lisa.nakamura@dsj.org)

## St. Francis of Assisi Garden Gift Shop

*Open Friday's, 9AM-12PM  
And Sunday's 9AM-2PM*

*Please stop by for your religious items and gifts*



**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**

# VBS

**Join us this Summer**  
**Monday-Friday, July 10-July 21**

*Registration and more information coming soon!*



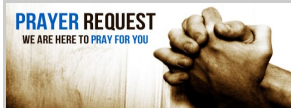
Due to the changes in the Mass schedule. All Mass Intentions scheduled for the 9AM Masses have been moved to the 10AM Masses and the 11AM Mass intentions to the 12PM Masses.

Sorry for any inconvenience.

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...**

**Friday, May 19**

- Wally Daquiaoag+
- Dan Filice+



### 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 **Claudia Bernaga (Monday-Wednesday 9AM-4PM, Thursday-Friday, 9AM-1PM)** to schedule an appointment at [Claudia.Bernaga@dsj.org](mailto:Claudia.Bernaga@dsj.org), or 408.223.1770, ext 102.

**Monday, May 15**

John Bui+, David and Ty Pham+

Roch Kim Nguyen+

Marietta Escobar+

**Tuesday, May 16**

**Wednesday, May 17**

**Thursday, May 18**

**Friday, May 19**

Isaac Soriano, Sr.+

Edmund Almazan+

Porfirio Aguirre+

**Saturday, May 20**

Dory Aviles (Bday)

Wally Daquiaoag+

Thelma David+

**Saturday/Sunday, May 20-21, 2023**

**4PM**

Anton Tuyen Vu +

Roch Kim Nguyen+

**5:30PM**

Teresa Pauline Nguyen+

**Sunday 8AM Chapel**

Wally Daquiaoag+

**8:15 Villages**

Dan Filice+

**10AM Chapel**

John Bui+, David and Ty Pham+

Rita Semple+

Roch Kim Nguyen+

**12PM Chapel**

Jaime Caricungan+

**2PM Chapel (Spanish)**

Maria Lemos and Familiy

Alma Solis (Birthday)

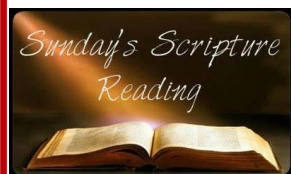
**4PM Chapel (Vietnamese)**

Anton Tuyen Vu +

Peter Binh Nguyen+

Peter Hop Nguyen+

**6PM Chapel**



**Today's Readings**

**Reading I:**

*(Sixth Sunday of Easter)*

**Reading I:**

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

**Reading II:**

1 Peter 3:15-18

**Gospel:**

John 14:15-21

**Next Week's Readings**

*(The Ascension of the Lord)*

**Reading I:**

Acts 1:1-11

**Reading II:**

Ephesians 1:17-23

**Gospel:**

Matthew 28:16-20



**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.



## Changing Lives for Good – One Family At A Time

Together, we can make a difference. Thank you!  
Please visit [www.CCSCC.org/annualappeal](http://www.CCSCC.org/annualappeal) to learn more.  
For information, email [giving@catholiccharitiesscc.org](mailto:giving@catholiccharitiesscc.org) or call (408) 325-5250.



Join us Saturday, May 27, at 4PM

Multicultural Pentecost Mass

followed by the dedication of Sandersfeld Hall.

(in memory of our founding pastor, Msgr. John Sanderfeld)

A small reception will follow with cake and punch.



### 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](mailto:mstanley@dsj.org)). **Deadline is June 30, 2023.**

With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God  
the Roman Catholic Diocese of San José  
joyfully announces the Ordination of



*Robert Richard Lamorena,  
Ryan Michael Chew Hong Mau*

and

*Duy Duc Nguyen*



to Transitional Diaconate  
through the laying on of hands  
and the invocation of the Holy Spirit by the

MOST REVEREND OSCAR CANTÚ, STD  
Bishop of San José



Saturday, May 20, 2023, 9:30am  
Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph

Livestream: Facebook/DioceseSanJose



## 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.

Meals, Housing & Daily Transportation provided by  
the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul.  
FOR SINGLE CATHOLIC WOMEN 18-40.

Find out more at [Daughters-Of-Charity.com](http://Daughters-Of-Charity.com)