Pentecost Sunday May 28, 2023



# Ever Ancient, Ever New, Ever Beautiful

For the first 2,000 years since the first Pentecost, the parish of St. Francis of Assisi did not exist; however, the Church is still being born in each one of us. "She is ever ancient, ever new, ever beautiful," according to St. Augustine. Despite our weaknesses, our sin, and our fears, the Church continues to survive and grow, as she reaches out to the ends of earth.

On this Pentecost Sunday, which concludes a year-long celebration of our Parish's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, each of us is invited to open ourselves to the power of the Spirit in our lives as we march forward to our Golden Jubilee in 2047! We have come to appreciate this past year that we are more than a collection of individuals—we are the Church. We are brought together to be of service to one another.

Our Easter festivities are now ended on this Pentecost, the last day of the high season of our faith. We will reitre the Easter Candle to its new home near the baptismal font. Easter flowers and Easter songs will be retired. As we descend this day from Easter's lofty plateau into the valley of "Ordinary Time" and everday life, we carry with us a vision that has sustained us not only for these past fifty days, but also for these past twenty five years. The melody lingers, the scent clings, the emotions remain—we cannot help but remain an Easter people.

Dare we go forth from this Pentecost with enough faith to seize the new opportunities the Spirit offers us.

## "Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, And you shall renew the face of the earth."



Rev. Matthew D. Stanley
Third Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi (2018-2023)

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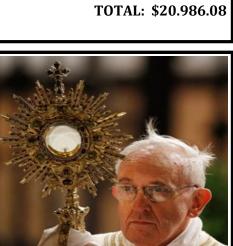
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# The Offertory totals for the week of May 8-14 are:

| Masses                 | \$ | 12,136.25  |
|------------------------|----|------------|
| Mail                   | \$ | 1,103.00   |
| Catholic Home Missions | \$ | 4,156.03   |
| Easter                 | \$ | 30.00      |
| Building Fund          | \$ | 75.00      |
| Priest Retirement      | \$ | 1,560.00   |
| Mother's Day           | \$ | 1,243.00   |
| Star of Mercy          | \$ | 30.00      |
| Catholic Charities     | \$ | 50.00      |
| OLOPH                  | \$ | 103.00     |
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# First Friday Adoration continues to be all day *Adoration on June 2nd*

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.

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 THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit among the believers of the early Church. Saint Paul reminds us of the special power the Holy Spirit has bestowed upon us and how that power gives us the potential to live extraordinary lives of faith. Good stewards recognize this power and use their gifts, through God's channel of grace, to transform their lives and the lives of others, and thus hasten God's Kingdom. Good stewards know that it is through the Holy Spirit that they can proclaim: "Jesus is Lord." Do we believe that Jesus is Our Lord? If so, how do we show it?

#### **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,

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



#### THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Sunday, June 4 at 6pm. Bishop Oscar Cantú will confer upon 30 of our sisters and brothers the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We congratulate them, their parents, sponsors, and catechists.

#### FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI - ALL NIGHT VIGIL



Beginning at 6:30pm on June 10 and continuing throughout the night until 8am on June 11 we will continue our tradition of an all-night adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our chapel. It would be a wonderful time of grace if you could spend at least one hour

with our Lord on this great feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. Please sign up for your Holy Hour on the bulletin board in the chapel.

#### **BUILDING FUND - FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**



Next Sunday, our first of the month Continue to Support the second collection is restricted to our Worship Space Expansion fund. Let us start putting away some money for the future. Some of us may not live long enough to see a new church on earth—but we will definitely get to

see one from heaven!

#### SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN at



Mass, and help our local communications projects! Half of the funds raised remain here in the diocese. The other half supports projects in the United States and in developing countries. Special Collection next Sunday.



#### MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY -May 29, Holy Mass at 8:30 Parish Office will be Closed

Please pray for all those who made MEMORIAL the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom and democracy.



■ IN EARLY MARCH, Bishop Cantú Timeline hosted a planning retreat for the coordinating team and the Reid Group to dive further into the strategic priorities and to discern a consultative process

for developing and sharing the plan. As a result, the team determined it would be prudent to defer the announcement of the Pastoral Plan from June to December to allow for the broad discernment and dialogue the Bishop desires

#### 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@dsi.org) for more information.



WHAT ARE SOME **Eucharistic** Prefigurations of the **EUCHARIST IN THE OLD** TESTAMENT?

**The Passover Lamb:** God instructed Moses to have each household kill a male lamb on the night of the Israelite's departure from Egypt, an event known as the Passover. The lamb's blood was then applied to the door frames (lintels) of the households, which protected the house from the destroying angel. The lamb's meat was consumed to provide strength for the journey toward the Promised Land.

## June 4, 2023

# The Most Holy Trinity

### Saturday (Anticipated)

4:00pm – Fr. Stanley

5:30pm – Fr. Vu

#### Sunday

8:00am – Msgr. Mitchell

8:15am – Fr. Stanley

10:00am – Fr. Vu

12:00pm – Fr. Stanley

2:00pm - Fr. Ruiz (Spanish)

4:00pm - Fr. Vu (Vietnamese)

6:00pm – Bishop Cantú (Youth)





Laudato Si' and the U.S. Catholic Church: A Conference Series on Our Common Home" is a biennial series to equip and inspire Catholics to more deeply integrate *Laudato Si'* and its climate change teaching into the U.S. Church. The 2023 convening will be virtual and open on June 14 with a keynote address from Ms. Christiana Figueres, a Catholic and former Executive Secretary of the **United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)** who brokered the Paris Agreement. Information can be found at https://www.creighton.edu/catholicclimate/ Throughout June and July, the series will host virtual 90-minute sessions on the goals of the Vatican's *Laudato Si'* Action Platform. Each session will feature a scholar who describes the goal, a practitioner who outlines their work to achieve the goal, and a moderated Q&A. Catholic Climate Covenant is coordinating the *Laudato Si'* Action Platform in the U.S. Catholic Church through its God's Plan(et) initiative and Creighton University is a Platform signatory. The first "Laudato Si~and the U.S. Catholic Church" convening was held at Creighton in June 2019 and the presentations were published in the *Iournal of Moral Theology*. The second was held virtually in June 2021 and the presentation recordings are available at <a href="https://">https://</a> catholicclimatecovenant.org/resource/2021laudato-si-and-us-catholic-church-conferencerecordings.

# St. Francis of Assisi Garden Gift Shop



## 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 <a href="Baptism">Baptism</a>, <a href="Confirmation">Confirmation</a>, and <a href="Eucharist">Eucharist</a>. 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 <a href="mailto:lisa.nakamura@dsj.org">lisa.nakamura@dsj.org</a>



THE PROGRAM IS OPEN TO INCOMING 1ST TO OUTGOING 5TH GRADE STUDENTS ONLY.

VBS takes place:
Monday to Friday, July 10-21, 2023, 9:00am - 1:00pm
\*A packed lunch must be brought everyday.

Registration Costs: \$225 Total for One Participant \$400 Total for Two Participants \$600 Total for Three Participants

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN. Visit our webpage at www.sfoasj.com REGISTRATION CLOSES: Monday, July 03, 2023

For questions or concerns, please contact Kevin Bernaga at kevin.bernaga@dsj.org

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.



### 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



#### Monday, May 29

Maria Tran, Thi Sam+ (Death Anniversary) Ling Yen Dato (Birthday) Roch Kim Nguyen+

Tuesday, May 30

Jim Loos II+

Francisco da Silva (Birthday)

Roch Kim Nguyen+

Wednesday, May 31

Lolita Andaya+

Roch Kim Nguyen+

Thursday, June 1

Souls in Purgatory

Friday, June 2

Erlinda Manalo Marquez+ (40 days)

Saturday, June 3

Teresa Thuy

Paul Schreiber+

Dana Schreiber & Trevor Beatty (Health/Healing)

Saturday/Sunday, June 3-4, 2023 4PM

Christine I. Villanueva+ Anton Tuyen Vu + Meschke Family (Thanksgiving)

5:30PM

Teresa Pauline Nguyen+ Dominico Mai Van Thong+

Dominic Nguyen Hoang+

#### **Sunday 8AM Chapel**

Adela and Macario Turqueza+ Carlito Subala+

Estelita and Isabello Subala+

8:15 Villages

Iim Schlosser +

### 10AM Chapel

Santiago Uminga+ John Bui+, David and Ty Pham+ Dominadore and Leonora De Jesus+

#### 12PM Chapel

Dong Nguyen+ Jaime Caricungan+ Mark Visenio (Bday) Nadine Bio (Health/Healing)

2PM Chapel (Spanish) 4PM Chapel (Vietnamese)

Anton Tuyen Vu +

Theresa Anh Le+

**6PM Chapel** 

Marina Cacho+

Iohn Machado+



We also Pray for... Susan Visenio (bday)

Those who suffer in silence

Those with cancer

The who have no one to pray for them

**Graduating classes of** 2023

Those beginning new journeys



#### Today's Readings

(Pentecost Sunday)

Reading I: Acts 2:1-11

Reading II:

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Gospel:

John 20:19-23

**Next Week's Readings** (The Most Holy Trinity)

Reading I:

Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

Reading II:

2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Gospel:

John 3:16-18



#### 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.



#### 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: I) 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.

#### 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.





Saint Francis of Assisi has many opportunities to grow in faith for all people of all ages. We never stop growing in faith just as God never stop loving us. Come and check us out.

**J.O.Y. Jesus, Others and Yourself:** J.O.Y. is our religious education process for children 1<sup>st</sup> grade-High School. In this process the children and youth learn the basics of the Catholic Faith. Children preparing for Sacraments of First Eucharist and High School Confirmation start their preparation in J.O.Y. Registration for J.O.Y. starts July 5 and closes August 30. Registration is done on our website at www.sfoasj.com.

**First Communion-** First Communion preparation starts in the J.O.Y. process. Those wishing to prepare for First Communion must have been in J.O.Y. in the year prior. Children must be in the second grade or above and already baptized as a Catholic.

**High School Confirmation**-High School Confirmation starts in High School beginning in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Preparation for Confirmation starts in our J.O.Y. process. Youth must have been in J.O.Y. in the year prior. Youth must have been baptized Catholic, received First Communion.

#### OCIA-Order of Christian Initiation for Adults and Children (over the age of 7)

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults is for anyone who is interested in learning about the Catholic faith and becoming a Catholic. This process is also for children over the age of 7 who have not been baptized as an infants. At the end of the process the adult or child will receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. We start in August. For more information, contact <code>lisa.nakamura@dsj.org</code>.

**Scripture Reflection and Study-**Every Wednesday from 10:00-11:00am, we dive into the Sunday readings. We reflect and share our thoughts and the message of Jesus. Come and see what Jesus has in store for you.

**Adult Confirmation**-If you did not complete the Sacrament of Confirmation, we offer monthly sessions to learn and grow in your faith. Online Registration begins in July-August.

Questions? contact Lisa Nakamura at lisa.nakamura@dsj.org.