



After 15 years, 5 months, and 1 day at St. Francis of Assisi, the time has come for me to leave and start a new adventure elsewhere. The time I have spent at SFOA has been filled with so many emotions. Happiness seeing so many people on a daily

basis and getting to know your family's, Sadness, seeing and hearing of our parishioner's moving away during COVID, or passing away due to illness, Anger and confusion during COVID. I really wish we could all just forget the COVID years, but we can't. I feel like I've become a whole different person here at SFOA. I have made some amazing friends, I have seen Preschool students grow into adults, I have seen amazing friends get married and become parents, I have been here for 3 very different Pastor's, each special in their own different ways.

I will miss the entire SFOA Community, especially the staff and volunteers. We have gone through many changes through the years, but they are like family. I wish I could take you all with me...but since I can't, I wish you all greatness, health, and blessings in all you do and in the future. May GOD always be with you.

My last day will be Friday, June 23, so please come by and say bye before I leave.

Your friend always,

**Rosie Olivas**

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**It's been a beautiful journey.**

I have made 3 attempts to write my farewell. This is my 4<sup>th</sup>. What I want to say is this has been the most beautiful parish I have worked at. I am now speaking about the Chapel. Although, people from all over Santa Clara county come here to have their child baptized or say their wedding vows right here at Saint Francis of Assisi due to the beauty of the chapel.

It is the people of this parish in which I have found beauty. Before I came here to work in 2008, Saint Francis of Assisi was known for its Lay driven ministries and its progressive views. If the people of this parish wanted to start a ministry, they would sit with Fr. John Sandersfeld explain their idea for a ministry in the parish. If the idea could help the people of the parish and surrounding community, he would give them his blessing. It was always the people of this parish that had wonderful ideas.

We had a bread ministry in which we collected bread from neighboring shops and distributed the bread to the poor. We had a sandwich making team that had made hundreds of sandwiches and passed them out to the hungry. We have a prayer shawl ministry in which women have made many shawls, prayed and blessed them and given them to those who are sick or dying with cancer.

I feel so proud to have been a part of this parish. I want to thank all those who helped me, encouraged me, prayed for me, shared in ministry with me. For those that made me laugh and reminded me not to take myself so seriously. I want to say from the bottom of my heart I am grateful for you. I will take you with me always.

May you be blessed with the peace and love of Christ

**Lisa Nakamura**

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# stewardship

## The Offertory totals for the week of May 29-June 4:

Masses	\$ 13,231.00
Mail	\$ 1,440.00
OLOPH	\$ 106.00
Building Fund	\$ 3,736.00
Catholic Comm.	\$ 595.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 210.00
Villages	\$ 180.00
Priest Retirement	\$ 50.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$ 5.00
Online	\$ 7,178.00

**TOTAL: \$26,731.00**

*Thank you in advance  
for your generous giving.*

### Let's Honor The Lord With Our Giving

"Remember this, whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly.  
And whoever sows generously will also reap generously."  
2 Corinthians 9:6



### ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL



### Supporting Our Mission Together JUNE REPORT

2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal

ADA 2023 DSJ Goal: \$236,067

Pledged: \$274,231

Paid: \$201,899

Potential Rebate: \$38,164

Your outpouring of generosity and support for our local Church of San Jose is a true sign of God's goodness. We are \$38,164 over our goal. We are so grateful to the 518 parishioners participated in this year's ADA. Please continue to make your monthly pledge payments. We have the potential of receiving a rebate of close to \$40,000 to help fund the roof replacement on our chapel. *Thank you for Supporting our Mission Together.*

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 of Treasure Report - May 2023

**May is the penultimate month of the current fiscal year.** Thank you for your continued support of the mission and ministries of our parish. During the month of **May** our average weekly collection was **\$18,627 (3.8% decrease vs. Apr. 23)**. You also generously donated to various important causes in our **May** second collections at **\$20,820 (\$5,205 a week.)** This brings our **May** weekly average to **\$23,832**. We budgeted our Sunday Offertory income for the current fiscal year (**46 weeks x \$16,000**) at **\$736,000** and received **\$898,564 (+\$162,564)**. 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.

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



**ALL OF OUR SUNDAY MASSES** include the intentions that were offered in the Father's Day Remembrance Envelopes



**FAREWELL MASS & RECEPTION**  
for Fr. Matt, Lisa,, Rosie, Gillian,  
Suzanne & Lauren  
**June 25, 2023 - 12:00pm Mass**

## CORPUS CHRISTI EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



Thank you to the many parishioners participating in our all-night vigil of Eucharistic Adoration in honor of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ last weekend. Our special thanks to all those who gave one hour of their time (especially between the hours of 1:00 am and 5:00 am.) The Adoration concluded with Benediction at 7:30 am on Sunday morning. We are pleased to continue this wonderful new tradition next year.

## JUNETEENTH (SHORT FOR "JUNE NINETEENTH")



marks the day when federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas in 1865 to take control of the state and ensure that all enslaved people be freed. The

troops' arrival came a full two and a half years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation. Juneteenth honors the end to slavery in the United States and is considered the longest-running African American holiday. On June 17, 2021, it officially became a federal holiday. **The parish office will be closed on June 19, 2023.**

## FRANCIS FUND COLLECTION - NEXT SUNDAY!



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 next Sunday's second collection will assist us in helping our neighbors. **"For it is in giving that we receive."**



**NEXT WEEK, WE WILL TAKE UP THE PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION**, which unites Catholics around the world more closely with the Holy Father. This annual

appeal supports the structures of the Holy See through which the Pope governs the Church, as well as his charitable efforts to assist victims of war, oppression, natural disasters, and others most in need. Please be generous. For more information, visit <http://www.peterspence.va/en.html>.

**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.**

## OUR PARISH FAMILY IS CURRENTLY IN NEED of more



ministers to the sick and the homebound. As you know when people fall sick or are unable to attend Mass, they still greatly

desire to receive Holy Communion. Pastoral care ministers to the sick become the channel through which our parish family reaches out to our sick sisters and brothers. The priests, of course, do their part to visit, bring Holy Communion, and anoint the sick; however, we cannot do it alone. We need lay ministers to visit the homebound and bring Holy Communion to sick.

## June 25, 2023 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Saturday (Anticipated)

4:00pm - Fr. Stanley  
5:30pm - Fr. Vu

### Sunday

8:00am - Msgr. Mitchell  
8:15am - Fr. Vu  
10:00am - Fr. Stanley  
12:00pm - Fr. Stanley  
2:00pm - Msgr. O'Donnell (Spanish)  
4:00pm - Fr. Vu (Vietnamese)  
6:00pm - Fr. Vu







NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic  
Revival**

**Just one-third of U.S.  
Catholics agree with their  
church that Eucharist is  
body, blood of Christ**

About six-in-ten (63%) of the most observant Catholics — those who attend Mass at least once a week — accept the church's teaching about transubstantiation. Still, even among this most observant group of Catholics, roughly one-third (37%) don't believe that the Communion bread and wine actually become the body and blood of Christ (including 23% who don't know the church's teaching and 14% who know the church's teaching but don't believe it). And among Catholics who do not attend Mass weekly, large majorities say they believe the bread and wine are symbolic and do not actually become the body and blood of Jesus.



**NOW THAT SUMMER IS UPON US**, the time of vacations and weekends away, it can be quite challenging for our parish financially. As the attendance at our weekend Masses declines, so can the weekly support of our parishioners—a **very good reason to consider using ONLINE GIVING.** The challenge lies in the fact that our financial responsibilities do not go away during the months of June, July, and August. Summer is also a time for us to do some extra maintenance work around the parish. You can sign up for electronic giving by visiting [www.sfoasj.com](http://www.sfoasj.com) and click the online giving icon on our homepage.

## **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***



## **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)



**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](http://www.sfoasj.com)

REGISTRATION CLOSES: Monday, July 03, 2023

For questions or concerns, please contact Kevin Bernaga at  
[kevin.bernaga@dsj.org](mailto: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.

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**We also Pray for...**

**Friday, June 23**  
Michael Graves Jr.+  
Vitalina & Emes Saballo  
(Wedding Anniversary)  
**Sunday, June 25, 6:00P**  
Rowena & Santina Aviles  
(Good Health & Safety)

**Those who suffer in silence**

**Those with cancer**

**The who have no one to pray for them**

**Graduating classes of 2023**



**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, June 19

Gabriela Rae Demare (bday)  
Ramon Mejillano Santiago+  
Prayer Shawl Ministry

### Tuesday, June 20

Adelaida Trajico+  
Ethan Agoncillo+  
Richard A+

### Wednesday, June 21

Caliah Dato-Tan (Bday)  
Matthew Adam DeGuzman (SI)

### Thursday, June 22

Souls in Purgatory  
Matthew Adam DeGuzman (SI)  
Terry Griffin+

### Friday, June 23

Bernardo and Olympia Dato+  
Tracie Allen (Birthday)  
Matthew Adam DeGuzman (SI)

### Saturday, June 24

Manuel Araujo+  
Matthew Adam DeGuzman (SI)  
Kevin Bernaga (Birthday)  
**Saturday/Sunday, June 24-25, 2023**  
**4PM**

Anton Tuyen Vu +  
Prayer Shawl Ministry

### 5:30PM

Teresa Pauline Nguyen+  
**Sunday 8AM Chapel**

Oscar Sanchez+  
Goakim Ngo Van Dan+  
Rosa Mai Thi Nguyet+

### 8:15 Villages

### 10AM Chapel

John Bui+, David and Ty Pham+  
Jaime Caricungan+  
Nadine Bio (Health/Healing)

### 12PM Chapel

Michael and Michelle Le+  
Anna Ky Thanh+  
Tony Lu+, Bibiana and Teodoro Mendoza+,  
Enrico Yap Sr., and Ben Ocmeja+  
Francisco Yap Achondoa+

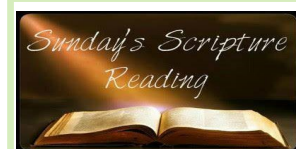
### 2PM Chapel (Spanish)

### 4PM Chapel (Vietnamese)

Theresa Anh Le+  
Anton Tuyen Vu +  
Theresa Hanh Duong+

### 6PM Chapel

John Machado+  
Matthew Adam DeGuzman (SI)  
Rodolfo & Cristanta Aviles (Good Health/safety)



### Today's Readings

*Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

#### Reading I:

Exodus 19:2-6a

#### Reading II:

Romans: 5:6-11

#### Gospel:

Matthew 9:6-10:8

### Next Week's Readings

*Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

#### Reading I:

Jeremiah 20:10-13

#### Reading II:

Romans 5:12-15

#### Gospel:

Matthew 10:26-33



### 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.





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 1 and closes August 30. Registration is done on our website at [www.sfoasj.com](http://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.

**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](mailto:lisa.nakamura@dsj.org).



## Attention Volunteers!

### Save the Date

Friday, June 23, 2023

### Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

*More information coming soon!*

**Event begins at 6PM Please RSVP to Rosie ASAP  
408-223-1562 or [rolivas@dsj.org](mailto:rolivas@dsj.org)**

## 10 July Activities for Catholic Families

St. Martha used hospitality as a way to serve Jesus and others. Prepare a meal or treat for someone special. (July 29th)

Do a craft to remember that the month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus. (Craft from the site Under Her Starry Mantle)

<http://bit.ly/preciousblood>

Grab out blocks or LEGO bricks and create unique buildings and other creations for St. Thomas the Apostle's feast day (patron saint of architects - July 2nd)

Plan a visit (or video chat, if distance is an issue) with grandparents to celebrate the feast day of Saints Anne and Joachim, grandparents of Jesus (July 26th)

Prepare your favorite apple recipe on July 15th, as apples (and rain drops) are symbols of St. Swithun.

Visit Eucharistic Adoration (even if only briefly with young children) in honor of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, who had a great devotion to the Eucharist. (July 14th)

Pick a service project (could be large or small) to do with your children this month.



Make empty tomb rolls as a reminder of St. Mary Magdalene (July 22nd) being present to see both the empty tomb and Christ resurrected. <http://bit.ly/emptyrolls>

Go fishing (or just play a game of the card game Go Fish!) in honor of St. James the Apostle who was a fisherman (July 25th)

Have a special prayer time asking for God's guidance for your country and its people (especially for those in countries like the United States, Canada, and France that celebrate special holidays for their country this month)