

**TENSION WITHIN US**

I've always wondered whether one's religious and political/secular views can ever be kept compartmentalized, that is separate or apart within us. Some of us claim that we can. If they are in alignment, we feel good about ourselves but if they are not, there is tension. We feel unsure which one is right but we usually end up justifying these conflicting positions. We rationalize how both can be somewhat right or we just ignore the differences and move on.

Today's parable of the weeds and wheat illustrates the tension between that kind of muddled mixture inside us, the good wheat and not so good weed. Jesus teaches us that God allows both the "weeds and the wheat" to grow in the same field, our own self. This is true for you and for everyone around you. We are all mixtures of weeds and wheat. We will always be a jumble of yin and yang, simultaneously saint and sinner.

In one of his homilies, Fr. Richard Rohr said that we cannot deny the wheat, thinking of ourselves as terrible, leading often to discouragement. Nor can we deny the weeds and ignore our own evil. Jesus doesn't mean that it's OK to be selfish, violent and evil. Jesus just means that we need to be realistic about ourselves.

We are not perfect. No one is. To grow in perfection is our life's project, and we need God's help to do that. By accepting that we are imperfect, we can learn patience, compassion and forgiveness. We can love our imperfect selves. We can care for others in spite of the faults we see in them. We can leave it up to God to decide what is wheat and what is weed, because that is what he will do at the end of time.

In the meantime, we can hold the tension within us, the mystery of holding weed and wheat together in the field of our lives. Then we will hear the good news more clearly with our eyes, ears and hearts wide open.— **Dcn. Joe Cabrido.**

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

The Offertory totals for the week of July 3—July 9, 2023:

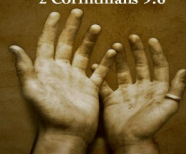
Masses	\$ 12,575.80
Online	\$ 5,682.00
Our Lady of Perpetual	\$ 201.00
Mail	\$ 1,765.00
Second Collections	
St. Francis Fund:	\$ 1,010.00
Villages	\$ 55.00
Father's Day	\$ 25.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 10.00
Home Mission	\$ 20.00

TOTAL: \$21,332.80

*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



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!



Monday, July 24

Manuel Araujo+

Tuesday, July 25

Chester Armstrong+

Armando Cadena+

Theresa Hanh Duong+

Wednesday, July 26

Carmen Ponce+

Demtrio Ortiz Acosta+

Victoria Raquidan+

Thursday, July 27

Maria Do Thi Nga+

Monica Facchino+

William Pieterouiski Sr+

Friday, July 28

Alexander Gaviola (Birthday)

MJ Alipio (Health/Healing)

Mari Cabanilla (Health/Healing)

Saturday, July 29

Sara Lee Dato (birthday)

Dominic Nguyen Trong+

Juanita Pagatpatan+

Saturday/Sunday, July 30, 2023

4PM

Jean Pierre Corformat+

Aurelia Pabelico+

5:30PM

Teresa Pauline Nguyen+

Sunday 8AM Chapel

Thelma Rodin+

Maria Basilio+

8:15 Villages

10AM Chapel

John Bui+, David and Ty Pham+

Martha Olivas+

William Lavine+

12PM Chapel

Michael and Michelle Le+

Anna Ky Thanh+

Jaime Caricungan+

2PM Chapel (Spanish)

Luis Guzman (4th death Anniversary)

4PM Chapel (Vietnamese)

Theresa Anh Le+

Maria Luu Pham+

Anton Tuyen Vu +

6PM Chapel

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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.

AWESOME TIDBITS FROM FR. REYNALDO SARMIENTO



SHOUT OUT TO ...

The vacation bible school's (VBS) organizers, leaders, and participants for a successful, spirit-filled, and awesome experience! Shout out to the moms and dads too for allowing their children to participate in the VBS. So, now what? The participant's relationship with the Lord does not stop with the various activities they have done, pictures they have taken, meals they have shared together. It continues in their life journey. So, you...yes you...will help me pray for them and their families that they may continue to grow in their relationship with the Lord, wherever they are, and whatever they do. Deal? I will pray for you too...be assured of that.

2nd Part—Our liturgical ministers who selflessly making themselves available in the service of God's people. If you have not been a liturgical minister, then you may be called to serve in the liturgical celebration like an altar server, lector, extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, music minister, to mention a few. Please pray about it. If you need a priest to discern with you, please feel free to chat with Fr. Lieu, Fr. Robain, and me. We will be more than happy to help you discern. ☺



WORLD YOUTH DAY (WYD) 2023

WYD is a gathering of young people from all over the world with the Pope. This year it will be in Lisbon, Portugal from August 1-6. During my seminary days, I was blessed to have attended two WYD gatherings – Sydney, Australia; and Madrid, Spain. I encourage our youths and their families to participate in this

awesome gathering of young people. This happens every two, three or four years. I guarantee you, you will have an awesome experience! Also, this year, our very own Bishop Oscar Cantu will participate in a few gatherings among the participating youths worldwide, such as speaking engagements, and presiding the Holy Eucharist. Please click on the link for more

details: <https://rcbsj.sharepoint.com/sites/YoungAdultMinistry/SitePages/World-Youth-Day-2023.aspx>

NEW DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION



We will certainly miss Lisa Nakamura ☹️, but I've good news for you...we have found a new Director of Faith Formation! Awesome! God is good! Ready for a surprise? Wait for the next issue...

Second collection.

Our second collection for the coming weekend, July 29th-30th, will go to St. Francis Fund. Your awesome generosity will be highly appreciated!

July 30th - 17th, 2023

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday (Anticipated)

4:00pm – Fr. Robain assisted by Dcn. Joe

Joe

5:30pm – Fr. Lieu (Vietnamese)

Sunday

8:00 am – Msgr. Mitchel

8:15 am - Fr. Lieu assisted by Dcn. Sunny (Villages)

10:00 am – Fr. Robain assisted by Dcn. Sunny

12:00 pm – Fr. Rey assisted by Dcn. Joe.

2:00 pm – Fr. Ruiz (Spanish)

4:00 pm – Fr. Lieu (Vietnamese)

6:00 pm – Fr. Rey assisted by Dcn. Joe.





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 and click the online giving icon on our homepage.

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



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 1st 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.

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 9th 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.

PRAYER REQUEST

WE ARE HERE TO PRAY FOR YOU



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.

We also Pray for...

Sunday July 30, 2023

Tony Lu+,

Bibiana & Teodoro Mendoza+

Those who suffer in silence

Those with cancer

The who have no one to pray for them

Those beginning new Journeys

Those beginning new journeys



**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, or 408.223.1770, ext 102.

SUNDAY'S SCRIPTS READINGS

Today's Readings

*Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time*

Reading I:

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Reading II:

Romans 8:26-27

Gospel:

Matthew 13:24-43

Next Week's Readings

*Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time*

Reading I:

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Reading II:

Romans 8:28-30

Gospel:

Matthew 13:44-52



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.



SUMMER IS HERE AND BETWEEN TRAVELING AND CHANGING SCHEDULES, SUNDAY OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS OFTEN DROP OFF SIGNIFICANTLY DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS. 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.

SCAN THIS QR CODE WITH YOUR MOBILE DEVICE.

TEXT "GIVE" TO 408-479-5858 ON YOUR PHONE.

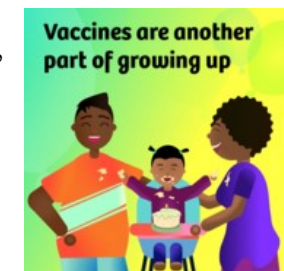
IF YOU WOULD LIKE AN ACCOUNT TO BE CREATED FOR YOU, PLEASE CONTACT OUR PARISH BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS MANAGER VICTOR ESPINOZA AT 408-223-1770 EXT. 302

Like their first words, first birthday, and first day at school, vaccines are another part of growing up. This website has great info about which vaccines my kids need and at what age. There is also information about walk-in clinics near-by: PartofGrowingUp.org.



Vaccines are safe and protect kids, even if they are already on their way to adulthood. Help them stay healthy, happy, and strong by getting them caught up on their vaccinations. Visit PartofGrowingUp.org to learn more.

Like many childhood milestones, vaccines are another important part of growing up. They are safe and effective, and protect children from preventable

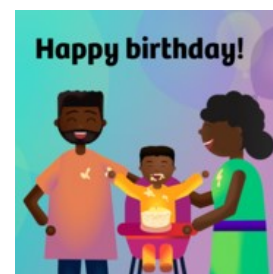


diseases. Visit PartofGrowingUp.org to learn about required vaccines, where to find them, and more.



Traditions are really important in our family, like when my kids learn how to make tortillas with their abuela. It's just as important to me that my kids are vaccinated. Both are a part of growing up! This site has a great visual of which vaccines kids need and when: PartofGrowingUp.org.

First birthdays are an important milestone for children. Routine vaccines protect them so they can be happy, healthy, and ready for all their other firsts. Talk to your child's doctor about what vaccines they need to catch up on this year, including the COVID vaccine. Learn more at PartofGrowingUp.org.



Me estoy asegurando de que mis hijos estén al día con sus vacunas. Las vacunas de rutina son seguras y protegen a los niños de enfermedades prevenibles, para que crezcan fuertes y sanos. Este sitio web de Salud Pública tiene información excelente sobre las vacunas infantiles: DesarrolloSano.org.

Al igual que las primeras palabras, el primer cumpleaños y el primer día de escuela, las vacunas son una parte más del desarrollo. En este sitio web hay información excelente sobre las vacunas que mis hijos necesitan a cada edad. También hay una lista de clínicas cercanas que atienden sin cita previa: DesarrolloSano.org.

