



**HELP OTHERS ALONG THEIR PATH TO TRANSFORMATION**

In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus offers us a template on how to bring someone back into the community after committing a sin against another. It starts with a dialogue between victim and offender, with witnesses and the larger community becoming involved if the dispute remains unresolved. Jesus teaches us that we are responsible for each other. We are to keep the community together and work at restoring to wholeness the people and broken relationships without resorting to violence. This is not how most religions and cultures deal with offenders against the community. Retribution is demanded of the sinner promoting a system of reward and punishment, the identification of good people and bad people. This is called *retributive justice*. Bad deeds are to be punished as it is deemed as the best morally acceptable social response. However to Jesus, sin and failure are an opportunity for the transformation of the person harmed, the person causing harm, and the community. Quid pro quo, an eye-for-an eye or a tooth-for-a tooth is not the way of the Gospel. Our best self wants to restore relationships, and not just blame or punish. This is the operative idea of *restorative justice*, a movement toward the healing of broken relationships with God, community and self. As a Catholic detention minister at the Santa Clara county jails, one way I minister to inmates is by engaging them in a discussion over scripture readings. They all share a deep spiritual desire to experience a holy presence. And once this holy presence is experienced, whether it's a conversation with someone, or in the silence of their jail cell, a relationship with God is established. I take this opportunity to invite you to help the incarcerated to experience such a transformation. We share the Good News with our brothers and sisters through prayer, liturgical services and the Word of God. Though incarcerated, we affirm that they, just like us, are children of God in need of forgiveness and his loving mercy. If you are interested in helping transform others so they can again be part of the community, please contact me at [joseph.cabrido@dsj.org](mailto:joseph.cabrido@dsj.org) or visit the diocesan website: <https://www.dsj.org/evangelization/social-ministries/restorative-justice/>.

**- Deacon Joseph Cabrido**

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## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

### The Offertory totals for the week of Aug. 21 - 27, 2023:

Masses	\$ 10,338.94
Online	\$ 5,082.50
Mail	\$ 920.00
OLPH	\$ 198.00

### Second Collection

St. Francis Fund	\$ 3,980.14
Church in Africa	\$ 100.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 65.00
Worship Expansion Fund	\$ 45.00
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$ 20,729.58</b>

***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](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!



### Monday, Sept 11

Arthur Ogana+  
Patricia A. Stanley+  
Reynaldo Borja+

### Tuesday, Sept 12

Virgilio Sanchez+  
Bill Madden+  
Sid Ancheta+

### Wednesday, Sept 13

Luciano Castro Sr.+  
Cerila Llagast+  
Oscar David+ (Bday)

### Thursday, Sept 14

Lucy Wong+  
Anna Troung Thi Phuoc-Lanh+

### Friday, September 15

Anna Troung Thi Phuoc-Lanh+  
**Saturday, September 16**

Maria Teresa Han+

Consolacion Sanchez+

### Saturday/Sunday, September 17, 2023

**4PM**

(Antonette) Hoai An Tran+ (Anniv)

**5:30PM**

Teresa Pauline Nguyen+

### Sunday 8AM Chapel

Anna Nelia Martin+

Thelma Rodin+

Thomas J. Hole+

**8:15 Villages**

**10AM Chapel**

John Bui+, David and Ty Pham+

Joseph Tha Nguyen+

Maria Oanh Nguyen+

Isave Nam Nguyen+

**12PM Chapel**

Jaime Caricungan+

Milagros Pedroza Roble+

Fortunato Rodriguez+

**2PM Chapel (Spanish)**

Sra. Maria Luz Zaumora+ (Anniv)

**4PM Chapel (Vietnamese)**

Theresa Anh Le+

Maria Luu Pham+

Mr. Amrs Pham Manh Dat+ (60th Anniv)

**6PM Chapel**

Dory Aviles (Thanksgiving)

Rowena & Santina Aviles (Health & Safety)

Rodolfo & Crisanta Aviles (Health & Safety)

## 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. REY



...the **organizers and volunteers** for a successful celebration of Our Lady of Velankanni yesterday,

September 9th. It was an honor and a privilege to have celebrated the Mass with our community honoring our Lady. May we continue our devotion to our Lady as we follow in the footsteps of Christ. To our Indian brothers and sisters...you are all awesome 😊.

... our **parish staff** for assisting this year's "Diocesan Welcoming and Commissioning" of the Department of Evangelization of the diocese. Every year the diocese hosts this event for parish catechetical leaders. Blessed are we for the opportunity to serve our fellow workers of the vineyard. Parish staff...you are awesome!

**Rite of Welcome.** This Sunday at the 10:00 am Mass, we will welcome our children who will be at the First Communion class. We are blessed to have them this year. As a family, please keep them in your prayers.

**Second Collection.** This weekend we will have the opportunity to help our brothers and sisters in Maui, Hawaii who were affected by the wild fire last month. Next week, our second collection will go to the Catholic Education Fund that will support those who would like to have their children educated in the Catholic school but are finding it financially challenging. Grateful for your awesome generosity!

### Save the date.

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

# FEAST DAY

CELEBRATING OUR AWESOME DIVERSITY

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023**

MORNING  
ANIMAL BLESSING | FACE PAINTING  
PHOTOBOOTH | TALENT SHOW

AFTERNOON - 5 PM  
MULTICULTURAL FEAST DAY  
PASTOR INSTALLATION OF FR REY

EVENING  
RECEPTION & LIVE MUSIC

5111 SAN FELIPE ROAD | SAN JOSE, CA | 95135

**September 9 & 10**  
**23rd Week in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday (Anticipated)**

**4:00pm** – Fr. Rey (Our Lady of Velankanni)

**5:30pm** – Fr. Lieu (Vietnamese)

**Sunday**

**8:00 am** – Fr. Robain (Assist. Dcn. Andre)

**8:15 am** - Msgr. Mitchell (Villages)

**10:00 am** – Fr. Rey (Assist. Dcn. Joe)

**12:00 pm** – Fr. Robain

**2:00 pm** – Fr. Ruiz (Spanish)

**4:00 pm** – Fr. Lieu (Vietnamese)

**6:00 pm** – Fr. Rey (Assist. Dcn. Sunny)





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.



### 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.

### ALL ARE WELCOME FOR MORNING FAITH SHARING EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 10:00 AM IN THE PARISH OFFICE

"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me." Matthew 10:40

We all have a story to tell, especially of how God has been and continues to work in our lives, sometimes without our even knowing it. You are welcome to share those stories in a small group and in a confidential setting as we reflect on how scripture speaks to us through our own life experiences. It might be a memory of a time when God touched us, it might be a challenge with which we are dealing in the present moment.

Sharing stories helps us deepen our own personal faith, and hearing others' stories of God's presence in their lives brings us into deeper relationship with each other and with God.

For more information, please contact **Lerma Simpson at (408) 223-1770 ext. 316 or at [lerma.simpson@dsj.org](mailto:lerma.simpson@dsj.org)**



### WHICH SAINT WAS CALLED TO CONVERSION BY THE VOICE OF A CHILD?

St. Augustine was not saint material to begin with. Though gifted with a brilliant mind, he was a womanizer, a rowdy drunk, an occasional thief, and an unbeliever. Yet, his mother, St. Monica, prayed continually for his conversion. For many years, her prayers seemed to be unanswered. From Carthage to Rome to Milan, St. Augustine pursued only fleeting pleasures, engaged in entangling affairs, practiced the anti-Christian polytheistic religion Manichaeism, and distanced himself from his mother and her devout faith. As her son risked his eternal soul and dismissed his inheritance of faith, St. Monica could only watch, deeply pained, and continue to pray for her beloved son. These years of constant prayer were rewarded when one night, St. Augustine heard the soft voice of a child call out to him from the darkness. The voice urged him to *"take up and read."* *"Not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying, but put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh to fulfill the lusts thereof."* (Romans 13:13-14) The words of St. Paul spoke through the centuries and cut directly to St. Augustine's heart. Moved by the power of Scripture, St. Augustine began to yearn for truth. After decades of loss, pain, and disappointment, St. Monica's prayers were answered. On the Easter Vigil in 387 A.D., St. Augustine was baptized. He became a priest, then a bishop, preached over 6,000 sermons, fought heresies, explained doctrine, became one of the greatest Fathers and Doctors of the Church, and continues to inspire souls through his writings and intercession. The Conversion of St. Augustine by Fra Angelico

### PRAYER REQUEST

WE ARE HERE TO PRAY FOR YOU



### We also Pray for...

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

### SUNDAY'S SCRIPTS

#### READINGS

#### TODAY'S READINGS

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Reading I:

Jeremiah 20:7 - 9

#### Reading II:

Romans 12:1 - 2

#### Gospel:

Matthew 16:21 - 27

#### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Reading I:

Sirach 27:30 - 28:7

#### Reading II:

Romans 14:7 - 9

#### Gospel:

Matthew 18:21 - 35



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.



Saint Francis of Assisi has many opportunities to grow in faith for all peoples of all ages. We never stop

growing in faith just as God never stops loving us. Please check our website for information on our religious education and sacrament preparation. If you have any questions, please contact

**Lerma Simpson at**  
**lerma.simpson@dsj.org or**  
**at (408) 223-1770 ext. 316**



## SAVE THE DATE!

**Saturday, October 7**

### FOR A DAY OF CELEBRATION

All are invited to join in the celebration of our parish feast day and the installation of our new pastor, Father Rey Sarmiento.

This joyful day

includes:

- ✦ Morning Mass and donuts and coffee Afterwards.
- ✦ Blessing of the Animals.
- ✦ Free hot dog lunch for the kids.
- ✦ Installation Mass of Father Rey at 5PM followed by a reception.
- ✦ Sampling of cultural foods, displaying the wonderful diversity of our community.
- ✦ Live band and dancing throughout the Evening.

As we celebrate the rich diversity of our parish community, we encourage you to wear your favorite cultural attire to the installation and throughout the evening.



The parish gift shop is seeking volunteers who can assist with sales one Fridays and or Sundays. Do you have retail experience? Would you like to gain retail experience? Training will be provided to all. This is a great opportunity for anyone who would like to help our parish for a couple of hours per week. Come join our wonderful team of volunteers and help to serve our community! **To join our team or for additional**

**information contact: Christine Hoang**  
**1-650-272-9289.**

#### Buscamos Voluntarios

La tiendita de artículos religiosos de la parroquia busca voluntarios para ayudar a vender después de la misa de 2:00 pm por una hora en un domingo por mes. No se necesita experiencia, se ofrecerá entrenamiento. Para más información en español o para apuntarse, puede llamar a la oficina de la parroquia 408-223-1562 o en ingles con Christine Hoang 1-650-272-9289

¡Gracias!

### CHILDREN & YOUTH EUCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION SACRAMENT PREPARATION



August 30 - Enrollment period is now **CLOSED** (JOY)

September 24 (1:30 PM) - MANDATORY parent orientation for first year (JOY) sacrament preparation

September 26 (7:00 PM) - MANDATORY parent orientation for second year sacrament (First Eucharist and High School)





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](http://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.

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## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER HAS BEEN RENEWING MARRIAGES FOR 50 YEARS!

Any married couple that desires a fuller life together deserves a WWME experience. It is designed to deepen and enrich the joys a couple shares together, whether they have been married a short time or for many years. Take an opportunity this year to invest time for your marriage. Experiences in the Bay Area for the remainder

of 2023 are on, **September 17 after masses 8AM, 10AM, 12PM, September 29–October 1 and November 17–19.** Please register at [wwme.org/apply](http://wwme.org/apply) or for more information call Ken and Claranne at 408-782-1413.

Dear Parishioners,

Bulletin sponsorships are essential to our parish's communication efforts. When a company chooses to advertise in our church bulletin, they are not only promoting their business to our parish community, but also making a financial sponsorship to help offset the cost of printing this weekly publication. If you would like to advertise in our parish bulletin, we will have a **representative** from our bulletin publisher Dee Printing, on site, the **1<sup>st</sup> week of September, 2023.** Please **contact Dee printing at 1-800-292-9020** to schedule a consultation. The parish bulletin is the main source of communication our parish has to get information to out to parishioners on a regular basis. The cost of producing a publication like this each week would certainly be a financial hardship if it wasn't for this sponsorship program. We are so very grateful for the generosity of our bulletin sponsors.

**Victor Espinoza (Business & Operations Manager)**  
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