



### What is Stigmata

The word *stigmata* comes from the Greek word for physical punctures and wounds. Certain saints experienced the Stigmata, a phenomenon when Jesus's wounds are miraculously placed on a person's body.

Holy men and women who had the Stigmata were united with Christ's Passion in a way no one else was because they could truly feel the pain and anguish our Lord felt at His death.

St. Francis of Assisi was the first saint known to receive the Stigmata. However, some believe that St. Paul also received the Stigmata, since he writes in Galatians 6:17, *"From now on, let no one make troubles for me; for I bear the marks of Jesus on my body."*

### St. Francis Receives the Stigmata

More recently, St. Padre Pio is also believed to have received the Stigmata. In 1921, Padre Pio told an Italian bishop, later cardinal, Raffael Rossi that in 1918, Pio was in the choir area of his church after Mass when he saw a vision of the crucified Christ. Our Lord then invited Padre Pio to join Him in His Passion. Padre Pio looked down to see wounds on his hands and feet.

Other saints that are believed to have had the Stigmata include St. Catherine of Siena, St. Rita of Cascia, and St. Mariam Baouardy.

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## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

### The Offertory totals for the week of Sept. 25 - Oct. 1, 2023:

Masses	\$ 11,894.00
Online	\$ 6,827.50
Mail	\$ 5,118.00
OLPH	\$ 150.00
Second Collection	
Worship Space Expansion Fund	\$ 4,455.00
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$ 28,444.50</b>

*Thank you in  
advance  
for your generous*

#### 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, Oct 16

Maria Teresa Han+  
Charito Subala (Thanksgiving Bday)  
Addalita Velisario+

### Tuesday, Oct 17

Christine J. Villanueva+  
Victorino I. Aguilar Jr.+  
Magdalena Moore (Bday)

### Wednesday, Oct 18

Dan Batacan, Jr.+  
Aguilar (Family)+  
Steven Justin+

Francisco Parcotilo+

### Thursday, Oct 19

Benjamin Gagante Sr+ & Melchor Gegante+ (Brothers)  
Lucia Luistro+

Benjamin Misa (Bday)

### Friday, Oct 20

Aline Adjinakou+  
Robert Lane+

### Saturday, Oct 21

Asteria V. Misa (Bday) +

### Saturday/Sunday, October 22, 2023

4PM

Drina Martinez+  
Manuela Juinio+  
Edith Genson+

5:30PM

Teresa Pauline Nguyen+

### Sunday 8AM Chapel

Thelma Rodin+  
Lita Casamiro (Bday)  
Jim Weed+

Amalia S. Manzanilla+

8:15 Villages

10AM Chapel

Gioankim Hoc Dinh+  
Maria Duom Mai+  
John Bui+, David & Ty Pham+

Johanna Castle+

12PM Chapel

Michael & Michelle Le+

Anna Ky Thanh+

Jaime Caricungan+

2PM Chapel (Spanish)

4PM Chapel (Vietnamese)

Maria Tracy Pham (Bday)

6PM Chapel

Amalia S. Manzanilla+

Florencia Crisostomo+ (Anniv)

Alan Reyes+ (Anniv) & Anna Roa+ (Bday)

## 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

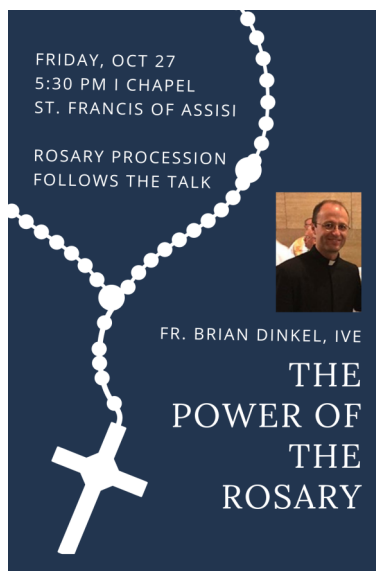
## SHOUT OUT TO...



... **ALL of YOU** for an awesome celebration of last week's Feast Day and my installation. It would not have been as joyous and successful event if it were not for your generous support and contribution, for your resources, talents, time, prayers and even just for your presence. No amount of words can describe how truly grateful I am. There are so many individuals and groups that I am grateful for, so I plan to have that list in the next issue, and probably include some pictures. You are all awesome!

**RESPECT LIFE MONTH.** October is respect life month. Pope Francis said, *"Every human life, unique and unrepeatable, has value in and of itself; it is of inestimable value."* For more information, resources, and events honoring this month, visit <https://www.dsj.org/evangelization/social-ministries/respect-life/>

**THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY.** The holy rosary is one of the powerful prayers in the Catholic church. Whenever we pray the rosary, we not only honor Mary, our Lady of the Rosary, but also fulfill her request to pray it every day for world peace and the conversion of the world. To celebrate the month of the Rosary, in line with this month's celebration, I have invited



Fr. Brian Dinkel, IVE, Pastor of Our Lady of Peace, to give us a talk on the Power of the Rosary. Please mark your calendar, **October 27, Friday, 5:30 pm through 6:30pm.** Following the talk is a rosary procession. I want to thank the awesome members of the Our Lady of Assumption praesidium of our Legion of Mary for sponsoring the event. See you then!

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY.** Our second collection next weekend is for the World Mission Sunday. Your generous contribution will help the Church in her evangelization mission.

**ANNUAL CLERGY RETREAT.** All the priests of our diocese will have a retreat this week, October 15-20. Please pray for us priests for a fruitful and blessed retreat. We have scheduled visiting priests to cover our daily Masses. Please give them a warm SFOA welcome ☺.

**2023 SWEEPSTAKES FUNDRAISER.** Please visit the link <https://go.rallyup.com/sfoafundraiser> for more details. This will coincide our Christmas Tree Lighting event on December 2, Saturday after the 5:30 pm Mass.

**October 21th - 22th, 2023**  
**29th Week in Ordinary Time**  
**Saturday (Anticipated)**

4:00p.m. - Fr. Rey (Assist Dcn. Sunny)  
5:30p.m. - Fr. Lieu Vu (Vietnamese)

**Sunday**

8:00 am - Fr. Robain (Assist. Dcn. Sunny)  
8:15 am - Msgr. Mitchell (Villages)  
10:00 am - Fr. Rey (Assist. Dcn. Andrez)  
12:00 pm - Fr. Robain (Assist. Dcn. Andrez)  
2:00 pm - Fr. Rudy (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. The Garden, it is a quiet space in which you can pray, reflect, and remember. 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.

#### PAVING STONES

Also part of the Memorial Garden are paving stones and the Stations of the Cross. If you wish to fill out an order form for the paving stones, you can download the order form (<https://www.sfoasj.com/paving-stones-order-form>) and mail it or drop it by the office.

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QUESTIONS?  
PLEASE CONTACT OUR  
PARISH BUSINESS &  
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MANAGER VICTOR  
ESPINOZA AT  
408-223-1770  
EXT. 302

### 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)**



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 inglés con Christine Hoang 1-650-272-9289 ¡Gracias!

### 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 - EIGHTH  
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Reading I:

Isaiah 25:6 - 10a

#### Reading II:

Philippians 4:12 - 14,  
19-20

#### Gospel:

Matthew 22:1- 14

#### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

TWENTY - NINTH  
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Reading I:

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

#### Reading II:

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

#### Gospel:

Matthew 22:15-21



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.

**Faith Formation Dates to Remember:**



**JOY (and first year preparation for children's sacraments)**

**October 29** Joy sessions (attend your assigned session time)  
High School students attend JOY through IGNITE 3:30 PM to 5 PM

**November 1** All Saints Day Holy Day of Obligation – families attend Mass

**First Communion Second Year Preparation**

**October 22** First Eucharist session (attend your assigned session time)  
**November 1** All Saints Day Holy Day of Obligation – families attend Mass

**Youth Confirmation Second Year Preparation – sessions 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM in the Evergreen Rooms**

**October 24** session  
**November 1** All Saints Day Holy Day of Obligation – families attend Mass

**Adult Confirmation – sessions 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the parish office**

**November 1** All Saints Day Holy Day of Obligation – attend Mass  
**November 5** session

**OCIA (ADULTS) – sessions 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM in the parish office**

**October 22** session  
**October 29** session

**OCIA (CHILDREN/YOUTH) Second Year Preparation – sessions 10:00 AM to 11:30 PM in the parish office**

**October 29** Joy sessions (attend your assigned session time)  
High School students attend JOY through IGNITE 3:30 PM to 5 PM

**November 1** All Saints Day Holy Day of Obligation – attend Mass

**Middle School ECHO – meet in the Gathering Hall 6:00 to 8:00 PM**

**October 27**  
**High School IGNITE – meet in the Gathering Hall 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM**  
**October 29**

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, **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) (408)223-1770 Ext. 302**

**Parish  
Bulletin**

**The next Parish Blood Drive will be held on Saturday,  
October 21st from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm in  
Sandersfeld Hall.**

Please consult the Bulletin & Bulletin Boards to learn how to sign up. The event is open to the public and any and all eligible donors are encouraged to come by that Saturday and donate. There is a promotion of a \$10 Gift Card to local retailers, so bring a friend if you can. Please sign-up in advance so there is enough staff so that no one has to wait. There will also be sign-ups at the

**SPIRITUAL RENEWAL OF OUR DIOCESE - PASTORAL PLAN  
AUGUST UPDATE WEDNESDAY,  
DECEMBER 6, 2023**

**5PM VESPERS AT OUR LADY OF LA VANG**

We invite you to join us for the second draft consultations on September 14 through 16. This is your chance to give us your valuable feedback and help shape the future of our pastoral planning process. So, keep an eye out for the

invite with RSVP information coming soon. Let's work together to spiritually renew our Diocese. The planning action teams consist of 6 to 12

members, including representation from parishes, schools, or the clergy, and are led by a member of the Pastoral

**MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH, DO YOU NEED COMMUNITY SERVICE HOUR COMMITMENTS? BECOME A CATECHIST AID ONCE A MONTH FOR JOY AND/OR FIRST EUCHARIST PREPARATION.**

Looking for some community service activities to place on your high school or college entrance resume? Maybe you plan on working with children one day? Or need to fulfill your community service hour commitments for school? You don't have to look far to search for an activity. St Francis of Assisi has one just for you! Help out as a catechist aid once a month on Sundays for either our JOY and/or our First Eucharist Preparation process at either the 8 AM, 10 AM or 12 PM Masses. Your role will be to assist the catechist with taking attendance, passing out material, and assisting children who need assistance. All youth volunteers are required to learn the Diocesan Youth of Conduct and those over 14 years of age must take an online Teen Safe Environment session.

**If interested, please contact Lerma Simpson @lerma.simpson@dsj.org or at (408) 223-1770 ext. 316.**





# 2023 St. Francis of Assisi Sweepstakes



Grand Prize \$20,000.00

Second: \$2,000.00

Third: \$1,000.00

Fourth: \$500.00



Early Bird Entry  
Special Ends  
October 20th!

35 for \$25

95 for \$50

230 for \$100

440 for \$150

650 for \$200

SCAN  
ME!



Automatic Drawing will take place on December 2, 2023  
During the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Entries After  
October 20th

25 for \$25

75 for \$50

200 for \$100

400 for \$150

600 for \$200



To order Sweepstake entries by mail, complete this form and return it with your check in the enclosed envelope. All entries are electronic; an email will be sent with your entry numbers. No physical entry coupons will be mailed back. Entry totals will be automatically adjusted for Early Bird Entries.

Make checks payable to: "St. Francis of Assisi"

Entry Selection(s): \_\_\_\_\_ 25 entries for \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ 75 entries for \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ 200 entries for \$100 \_\_\_\_\_

400 entries for \$150 \_\_\_\_\_ 600 entries for \$200

Total amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print clearly and complete all information)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Required: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail orders must be received no later than 2:00 PM Wednesday, November 29, 2023 to qualify for the drawing on Saturday December 2, 2023. Winners will be notified by phone and e-mail. Winners do not need to be present. For more information, contact the parish office at 408-223-1562. All prizes are subject to IRS regulations. Online entries must be received by Tuesday November 28<sup>th</sup> 11:59 PM Pacific Time.

\*NO PURCHASE OR PAYMENT OF ANY KIND IS NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN THE SWEEPSTAKES\*

( ) Please enter my name in the drawing. I do not wish to make a donation at this time.