



Oil for Our Own Lamps

What parent doesn't want the best for their child? We teach them to be polite, to be nice to others and to love God, so they are well prepared to live a life of their own when they leave home. So too does God our Father want the best for us, doing everything in his power so we can be welcomed into his kingdom. And in today's gospel, Jesus teaches us through the parable of the ten virgins that we must always be prepared because no one knows the time of our own death. Our Divine Bridegroom may appear at any time to escort us into the heavenly wedding feast. It seems obvious this is why the five wise virgins brought with them sufficient oil for their lamps.

But Jesus also narrates an exchange between the foolish and wise virgins that is a bit perplexing. If the words are taken literally, the wise virgins seem to be selfish as they do not want to share their oil with the foolish ones. The beauty of parables is that there is always a deeper meaning that Jesus wants us to discover. You see, the oil in their lamps isn't really oil. It is our love of God and the faith we carry within us. It is something that we are not able to share.

Yes, we can teach others about our knowledge of God and our faith, but we cannot give them our faith. Just like the parents who teach their children how to lead a Christian life, the parent cannot live their lives for them. That child will have to live his own life. Jesus teaches that our lamps cannot be fueled by somebody else's oil. We must have oil replenished by our prayer and love of God for our own lamps.

- Dcn. Joe Cabrido

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

The Offertory totals for the week of Oct. 23-29, 2023:

Masses	\$ 10,244.00
Online	\$ 6,512.00
Mail	\$ 770.00
OLPH	\$ 150.00
1st Collection Total	\$ 17,676.00
Thanksgiving Outreach	\$ 100.00
World Mission	\$ 301.00
Catholic Campaign Human Dev.	\$ 10.00
All Souls	\$ 2,114.00
All Saints	\$ 150.00
Clergy Retirement	\$ 100.00
St. Francis	\$ 4,294.50
2nd Collection Total	\$ 7,069.50
1st & 2nd Collection Total Overall	\$ 24,745.50

*Thank you in advance
for your generous
giving.*



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, Nov 13
Patricia A. Stanley+
Charito S. Valencia
Tri Tram & Nhat Nguyen+ (Anniv)

Tuesday, Nov 14

Isaac Alaverz
Carren Reys+

Feliciano Santos+

Wednesday, Nov 15

Milagros Pedroza Roble+
Cerila Llagast+

Eustaquio C. Merced+

Thursday, Nov 16

Anne Tossouve Aclinou
Anna Nancy Lee (Birthday)
Maria Teresa Han+

Friday, Nov 17

Eustaquio C. Merced+
Ed Merced+

Laurence Allen Milligan+

Saturday, Nov 18

Perfecto Santiago+
Rustito Cruz+

Alma Ted Ramirez (Thanksgiving)

Saturday/Sunday, November 19, 2023 4PM

James Martins+
Mrs. Magdalena Parungao+
Edgardo Encinares+

5:30PM

Teresa Pauline Nguyen+

Sunday 8AM Chapel

Thelma Rodin+
Joseph Tu Pham+

Erick Blanco (Health & Recovery)

8:15 Villages

10AM Chapel

Johanna Castle+

Jane & James Branham+

Ernesto Mindoza+ (5yr Anniv)

12PM Chapel

Barbara Gerwe+
Ponciana+ (Bday)

Mike Tinsay+

2PM Chapel (Spanish)

4PM Chapel (Vietnamese)

Thomas Tri Le+

6PM Chapel

Gonzalo Merida Tuyor+
Ester Tuyor Doctor+
Claire Almogela(Health/Recovery)

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



... all those who availed of our sweepstakes fundraiser. We have less than a month to hit our target, and we are almost there.

The more entries you get, the more chances of winning. See details below. To all of you...you are awesome!

... all those who gave their love offerings and donations in celebration of All Saints and All Souls Day.

We are truly grateful for your awesome generosity 😊



2023 SWEEPSTAKES FUNDRAISER

Please follow the link for more details about our annual fundraiser: <https://go.rallyup.com/sfoafundraiser>. The more entries you have, the more chances of **WINNING** 😊. The announcement of winners will be during our Christmas Tree Lighting event on **December 2, 2023, Saturday** after the 5:30 pm Mass. **"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas."**

NOVEMBER 19 - WORLD DAY OF THE POOR.

[https://rcbsj.sharepoint.com/sites/LifeJusticePeace/On World Day of the Poor](https://rcbsj.sharepoint.com/sites/LifeJusticePeace/On%20World%20Day%20of%20the%20Poor), be poor like those you serve, pope says - On the feast of St. Anthony of Padua, patron of the poor, the Vatican published Pope Francis' [message for the World Day of the Poor 2023](#). World Day of the Poor is observed by the Catholic Church and celebrated on the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary time since 2017. It was established by Pope Francis in his [Apostolic Letter, Misericordia et Misera](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR.

One of the celebrated occasions in the United States (or even in other countries) is *Thanksgiving Day*. Families gather either at the comfort of their homes or in the restaurants to share food, stories, successes, and to give thanks. Wherever or whoever we are celebrating it with, let us remember the **SOURCE** of everything that we have **...GOD!** Join us in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist to give thanks to The Giver. There will be

a blessing of food and wine during the Mass. See you 😊

PASTORAL PLANNING PROCESS.

Be informed. Be updated. Please visit the link below:

<https://rcbsj.sharepoint.com/sites/PlanningandMissionEffectiveness/SitePages/Pastoral-Planning-Process.aspx>

Be thankful and grateful to the Lord!

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thursday, November 23
9:30 am

Blessing of food and wine
during Mass

November 18-19 2023
33rd Week in Ordinary Time
Saturday (Anticipated)

4:00p.m.—Msgr. Mitchell
5:30p.m. - Fr. Lieu Vu (Vietnamese)

Sunday

8:00 am – Fr. Robain
8:15 am - Fr. Rey (Villages)
10:00 am – Fr. Lieu Vu
12:00 pm – Fr. Robain
2:00 pm – TBD (Spanish)
4:00 pm – Fr. Lieu (Vietnamese)
6:00 pm – Fr. Rey



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, 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.



QUESTIONS?
PLEASE CONTACT OUR
PARISH BUSINESS &
OPERATIONS
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**



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 2024

Those beginning new journeys

SUNDAY'S SCRIPTS

READINGS

TODAY'S READINGS

THIRTY-SECOND
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I:

Wisdom 6:12 - 16

Reading II:

Thessalonians 4:13 - 18
2:7b-9, 13

Gospel:

Matthew 25:1 - 13

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

THIRTY-THIRD
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I:

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20,
30-31

Reading II:

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel:

Matthew 25:14-30



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)

December 3 Joy sessions (attend your assigned session time)

High School students attend JOY through IGNITE

3:30 PM to 5 PM

December 8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

– Holy Day of Obligation

First Communion Second Year Preparation

November 19 First Eucharist session

(attend your assigned session time)

December 8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

– Holy Day of Obligation

Youth Confirmation Second Year Preparation

– sessions 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM in the Evergreen Rooms

November 14 Session

December 8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

– Holy Day of Obligation

Adult Confirmation

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

December 3 Session

December 8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

– Holy Day of Obligation

OCIA (ADULTS)

– sessions 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM in the parish office

November 12 & November 19

Attend 10:00 AM Mass for dismissal to the session

OCIA (CHILDREN/YOUTH) Second Year Preparation

– sessions 10:00 AM to 11:30 PM in the parish office

November 19 Attend 10:00 AM Mass for dismissal to the session

Middle School ECHO

– meet in the Gathering Hall 6:00 to 8:00 PM

November 17

High School IGNITE

– meet in the Gathering Hall 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM

December 3

St. Francis Garden Gift Shop invites you to our Annual Christmas Boutique.

Saturday, November 18, 2023 - 10AM - 7PM.

Sunday, November 20, 2023 - 9AM - 6PM.

10% OFF (Excluding Wine & 25th Merchandise)

“Little Advent Books for Reflection will be at the Annual Christmas Boutique and in the Gift Shop.”

**In the Garden Rooms
(Next to the gathering hall)**



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. 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**

**St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Weekend Assistance Needed**

“We are looking for volunteer to assist our music director in setting up the parish laptop, screens and projectors for weekend liturgies. If you are tech-savvy and interested in getting involved, please contact Leslie in the parish office. Thank you!”

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

SCAN
ME!



www.sfoasj.com

Grand Prize \$20,000.00

Second: \$2,000.00

Third: \$1,000.00

Fourth: \$500.00



Entries

25 for \$25

75 for \$50

200 for \$100

400 for \$150

600 for \$200

Mail orders must be received no later than 2:00 PM
Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Online entries must be received by Tuesday November
28th, 11:59 PM Pacific Time

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



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 28th, 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.