

"Where there is no love, put love, and you will find love."
- St. John of the Cross

Countless numbers of parents can proudly say that they are blessed to have raised wonderful, healthy children who have good morals and are respectable members of society. No doubt, these parents have had their share of challenges as they reared their children through the stages of their growth, but even through the toughest times, they never gave up on their children in the same way Jesus never gave up on us. Surely these children felt and experienced God's unconditional love through their parents.

Unfortunately, there are children who are growing up unable to feel God's love. Many children who suffer from mental disorders; histories of physical, emotional, and sexual abuse; parents' addictions; and/or learning disabilities lack the presence of a caring and loving adult community to walk with them through such hurdles. Often, they seek unhealthy relationships to compensate for this isolation. Then what happens? Potentially, they can end up in youth detention centers and eventually incarcerated where they are further isolated. In Santa Clara Country, youth who have in some manner infringed upon society are detained in one of the two youth detention facilities – William F. James Ranch or Juvenile Hall.

During a previous JOY session with teens in our parish community, we discussed our connections with Jesus and how Jesus is not only connected to those who are righteous and good, but to all – even to those who are deemed "bad" and outcasts in our society. It is our mission as baptized Christians to maintain our connections to Christ and to bring others to see, feel, and experience that same connection we have with our Lord. The teens left the session with an assignment to write letters of hope and encouragement to the youth who are held in our county's two juvenile facilities. The goal was to convey the love of Christ to these youth through the words of our JOY teens and their families.

Our teens were anxious and excited to write these letters – thank you parents for instilling in your children the eagerness to pass on the love that was given to them! I will give these letters to the Restorative Justice team in the Diocese who in turn will deliver these letters to either of these detention facilities where they will randomly be handed to their youth occupants.

If you would like to include a letter or two with this batch, please submit them to me by January 31. Please do not write your full name on these letters – your first name or initials will suffice. If you plan on placing the letters in envelopes, please do not seal them as the Restorative Justice team will inspect each letter for word and content appropriateness.

It is my prayer that our children who are broken and isolated will be able to feel Jesus' love in their lives just as our own children do. With the guidance and help of the Holy Spirit, Christ can work through us to bring them that love in however way we can and are able so that there is hope that when they return to society, we can see, feel, and experience Jesus' love flowing from them.

- Lerma Simpson

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The Offertory totals for Fourth Sunday of Advent, Christmas Eve & Christmas Day 2023:

 4th Sunday of Advent
 \$ 10,524.00

 Online
 \$ 6,845.00

 1st Collection
 \$ 17,369.00

 SMSH
 \$ 2,239.00

 Christmas Eve/Day
 \$ 29,162.00

 Total
 \$ 31,401.00

Collection Total \$48,770.00

The Offertory totals for the week of Dec. 31, 2023-Jan. 1, 2024:

Masses	\$ 14,278.59
Online	\$ 8,690.00
Mail	\$ 3,585.00
OLPH	\$ 122.00
1st Collection	\$ 26,675.59
SMSH	\$ 3,806.00
St. Francis Fund	\$ 3,795.19
Simbang Gabi	\$ 1,939.00
Christmas	\$ 4,807.00
Building Fund	\$ 2,211.00
2nd Collection	\$ 16,558.19

1st & 2nd Collection \$43,233.78

Thank you in advance for your generous giving.

20-21 January 2024 THIRD SUNDAY In Ordinary Time



Saturday

4:00p.m. - Fr. Robain 5:30p.m. - Fr. Lieu (Vietnamese)

Sunday

8:00 am – Msgr. Mitchell 8:15 am - Fr. Rey (The Villages) 10:00 am – Fr. Rey 12:00 pm – Fr. Robain Assisted by Deacon Andrej 2:00 pm – TBD (Spanish) 4:00 pm – Fr. Lieu (Vietnamese) 6:00 pm – Fr. Robain Assisted by Deacon Joe

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 15

Victor Franco Borlaza+ Dossavi Ambroise+ Laurelgilda Jamir+

Tuesday, January 16

RoDolfo M. Segura+ (Anniv) Victor Franco Borlaza+ Dossavi Ambroise+

Wednesday, January 17

George Guzman Longouia+ (Bday) Pauline Vincent (Bday)

Victor Franco Borlaza+

Thursday, January 18

Joseph Bode Aclinou+ Antonia Vasquez+ & Escalastico Vasquez+

Alfred Vasquez+

Friday, January 19

Eliazer Visenio+ (Bday) Victor Franco Borlaza+ Dossavi Ambroise+

Saturday, January 20

Anthony Hole+ (Bday) Michael Visenio (Bday) Victor Franco Borlaza+

Saturday/Sunday, January 21, 2024 4PM

Cora Mendoza-Lu & Family (Thanksgiving)

Dossavi Ambroise+

Michael Hulsev+

5:30PM - For All Souls

Sunday 8AM Chapel

Anthony Hole+

George Rossy (Health/Recovery)

Ana Alice Mandap Luciano (Bday)

8:15 Villages

Wilford Marion Wilson+

10AM Chapel

Victor Franco Borlaza+

Santiago Uminga+

Ave Jan Cadabona (Thanksgiving)

12PM Chapel

Victor Franco Borlaza+

Dinh Dang Family (Thanksgiving)

Jeb Layton+

2PM Chapel (Spanish) - For All Souls **4PM Chapel (Vietnamese)** - For All Souls

6PM Chapel

Dossavi Ambroise+ Marcial Family

Maria Berence Urena+ (20th Anniv)

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, rant that I may not so much seek be consoled as to console:

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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 14 January 2024



...to our maintenance staff, liturgy environment team l and volunteers, 😂

who assisted us in taking down our Christmas environment. It is never easy to take down everything we had for Christmas environment in such a short time, but thanks to the awesome teamwork of these people, we were able to pull it through!



... to our money counters, for offering the extra miles to finish the counting of our collections. Our community

will always be grateful for your generosity, patience and understanding.

You are all awesome!



REVS vs. SEMS BASKETBALL CHALLENGE

It's that time of the year to support our priests and seminarians, on *Sunday, January 21, 2024 @ St Francis High School (1885 Miramonte Ave, Mountain View) Please type the link for more information. https://www.dsj.org/catholic-life/ vocations/basketball/



MEN'S DISCERNMENT WEEKEND **RETERAT FOR AGES 18-35.**

Find out if God is calling you to the priesthood. Meet the priests and seminarians of San Jose. Experience their life and get your questions, doubts, concerns answered. Meet other men like you who are discerning. It will be on *January 26-28, 2024 @ Saint Patrick's Seminary & University (320 Middlefield Rd, Menlo Park). Please type the link below for more information. https://www.dsj.org/catholic-life/ vocations/retreats/mens-retreats/



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY **CELEBRATION AT CATHEDRAL**

Please mark your calendar on *February 17, 2024,10:00 am, at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph. Couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries (1st, 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, and greater) in 2024 are invited to attend the celebration mass. Participating married couples will renew their wedding vows & receive a blessing at the celebration presided over by our Most Reverend Bishop Oscar Cantú. Wedding Anniversary certificates will be mailed. For more information, please visit https://rcbsj.sharepoint.com/sites/ **FamilyLifeSpirituality**



TET CELEBRATION (Lunar New Year 2024).

Our Vietnamese community will celebrate the Tet or Lunar New Year on February 11, 2024. To give way to this celebration, our afternoon Mass schedule *on that Sunday only* is as follows;

2:00 pm, Spanish Mass 3:30 pm, Youth Mass 5:00 pm, Vietnamese Mass.

***There will be NO 6:00 pm Mass. Thank you for your flexibility & understanding.



SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection on January 21-22 for the benefit of the Church in

Latin America. This will be an awesome opportunity for you to support the ministry among their poor and suffering neighbors in Central and South America and the Caribbean Islands.

Please type the link below for more information: https://www.usccb.org/committees/church-latinamerica.

Mass Intentions for 2024 are now open.

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 **June 30, 2024**.



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 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

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.

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 live 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:
The Office 408-223-1562

Buscamos Voluntarios
La tiendita de artículos religiosas 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



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

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I:

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

Reading II:

1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Gospel:

John 1:35-42

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Reading II:

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel:

Mark 1:14-20



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:

IOY (and first year preparation for children's sacraments)

February 4 sessions (Attend your assigned session time)

- High School students attend JOY through IGNITE 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

February 14 - ASH WEDNESDAY families attend any Mass time

First Communion Second Year Preparation

January 21 sessions (Attend your assigned session time)

February 14 - ASH WEDNESDAY families attend any Mass time

Youth Confirmation Second Year Preparation

(Sessions 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM in the Evergreen Rooms)

February 4 - RITE OF WELCOME MASS for Confirmandi - at 6:00pm Mass

February 14 - ASH WEDNESDAY families attend any Mass time

Adult Confirmation

(Sessions 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the parish office)

February 4 session

OCIA (ADULTS)

(Sessions 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM in the parish office)

January 14 & 21

- 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)

January 21

- Attend 10:00 AM Mass for dismissal to the session

Middle School ECHO

(Meet in the Gathering Hall 6:00 to 8:00 PM)

January 26th session (welcome back!)

High School IGNITE

(Meet in the Gathering Hall 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM)

February 4 session

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Weekend Tech Assistance Needed!

We are looking for volunteers 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!



QUESTIONS?

PLEASE CONTACT OUR

PARISH BUSINESS & OPERATIONS MANAGER

VICTOR ESPINOZA

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What comes to mind when you think about the New Year? One thing that people often do is to make resolutions to which they hope to commit during the entire year. People resolve to lose weight or declutter their closets and garages. However, the grownups in the family aren't the only ones who could be making new year's pledges. Why not make resolutions together as a family? One thing that your family can place on your to do list this year is prayer. Prayer is one of the most important parts of our Christian lives, but we don't do enough of it.

But this year, you can change that.

Prayer is communicating with God. When we talk to God He will listen, but don't forget to listen yourself. You may not hear words because God often speaks to our hearts and minds. Ask for the Holy Spirit to help you listen to His words better.

When Jesus prayed, he asked for daily bread, not weekly or monthly bread. He asked for nourishment on a daily basis; therefore, we should seek the nourishment of prayer daily – not just whenever we find it convenient. So this year, make a family pledge to include prayer in your routine every day. You will find your family's relationship with God growing stronger with every prayer said. Your family will be in my prayers for a bright and joyous new year!

Happy New Year!

Lerma Simpson

Faith Formation



BUSINESS HOURS

Fridays 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Sundays 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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