

## JESUS

This week's Gospel (Mk. 1:21-28), St. Mark wants us to know who Jesus is. He introduces His Gospel with the words: "the beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the SON OF GOD" (Mk. 1:1).

Within a few verses, we hear the testimony of John the Baptist: that Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit. A few verses later, Mark tells us that at Jesus' baptism a voice came from the heavens saying to Jesus: "You are my beloved Son. With you I am well pleased" (Mk. 1:11).

Now, not even halfway through Mark's first chapter, St. Mark gives us more information about Jesus, but from an unexpected source, the devil. The people in the synagogue recognize the power in Jesus' teaching and recognize that He is teaching as "one having authority" (Mk. 1:22). Indeed, Jesus speaks the Word of God with a freshness and a power they had never seen before. This is to fulfill what Moses, in the first reading (Deut. 18:15-20), spoke about to God's people before he died; that God would send another prophet who speaks God's Word with power and authority. But the devil is not a dummy. The devil catches on immediately. The devil cries out from the person who is possessed: "I know who you are---the Holy One of God" (Mk. 1:24).

The devil is not only perceptive and clever but remembers everything. The devil would have remembered the announcement of the Angels to the shepherds when Jesus was born: "Today in the city of David a Savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord" (Lk. 2:11). The devil would have remembered the visit of the Magi when Jesus was born. St. Mark not only wants us to know who Jesus is but he wants us to know Jesus was not afraid of the evil power in this world and was willing to face them head on.

Throughout the Gospel of Mark, amidst the continual teaching and miracle-working of Jesus, the question lingers: Who is this man? This continues until, at the moment of his death on the cross, another unlikely voice reveals Jesus' identity: the Roman soldier who sees Jesus die calls out, "Truly this man was the Son of God!" (Mk. 15:39).

We can admire the teachings of Jesus. And why not? They have had a major influence on the Western world and much beyond. We can marvel at the miracles described in the Gospels. But do we really grasp and abide in the truth of WHO HE IS? Jesus is not merely a "good man" or the "best of men," but the Holy One of God, the SON OF GOD.

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### The Offertory totals for the week of January 8-14, 2024:

Masses	\$ 12,005.36
Online	\$ 5,160.00
Mail	\$ 379.00
OLPH	\$ 94.00

**Total Collection \$ 17,638.86**

*Thank you in advance  
for your generous giving.*

3-4 February 2024  
**FIFTH SUNDAY**  
In Ordinary Time



#### Saturday

4:00PM — Fr. Robain

5:30PM — Fr. Lieu (Vietnamese)

#### Sunday

8:00AM — Msgr. Mitchell

8:15AM — Fr. Robain  
(The Villages)

10:00AM — Fr. Robain

12:00PM — TBD

2:00PM — TBD (Spanish)

4:00PM — Fr. Lieu (Vietnamese)

6:00PM — TBD

<b>Monday, January 29</b>	Victor Franco Borlaza+ Bert Belisario+ Maria Guerrero
<b>Tuesday, January 30</b>	Ethel Armstrong+ Victor Franco Borlaza+ Polina J. Bongolan+ (Birthday/Anniversary)
<b>Wednesday, January 31</b>	Victor Franco Borlaza+ All Souls Pedro De Guzman+ (Birthday)
<b>Thursday, February 1</b>	Victor Franco Borlaza+ Rari Pragasam & Selri Pragasam (Wedding Anniversary) Peter Lai (Health & Recovery)
<b>Friday, February 2</b>	All Souls in Purgatory Anna Be Le+ Emilia Apalis+
<b>Saturday, February 3</b>	Victor Franco Borlaza+ Kevin Belisario (Birthday) Bert Belisario+
<b>Saturday/Sunday, February 4, 2024</b>	
<b>4PM</b>	All Souls in Purgatory Jaime Renee Agustin (Birthday) Peter Lai (Health & Recovery)
<b>5:30PM</b>	Edward Hanh+ Teodora B. Carcabuso+ (Anniversary)
<b>8AM Chapel</b>	Victor Franco Borlaza+ Thelma F. Rodin+ John Bega (Special Intention)
<b>8:15 Villages</b>	Mary Schell (Anniversary)
<b>10AM Chapel</b>	Fawzi Alrehani+ Adel Alrehani+ Elsa Pesayco Songcayawon+
<b>12PM Chapel</b>	Luciano "Jhun" Castro+ Rosario Ugay+ (Anniversary) Jose Maghirang Reyes+ (Birthday)
<b>2PM Chapel (Spanish)</b>	Raquel Macias+ (Anniversary) Javier Rodriguez+ (Anniversary) All Family of Rodriguez Macias (Prayers)
<b>4PM Chapel (Vietnamese)</b>	Reynold Allan Agustin (Birthday)
<b>6PM Chapel</b>	Victor Franco Borlaza+ Concepcion Borlaza & Julius Morac (Birthday)

### 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.

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QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT OUR  
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AT 408-223-1770,  
EXT. 302



# AWESOME TIDBITS FROM FR. REY

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 28 January 2024



**...to our couples** who recently got married in our parish this month of January; Jacky & Karisza Huynh (January 11) and John and Sarah Kurowski (January 20). May the Lord grant you your heart's desire and blessings as you begin your journey as married couples. Congratulations and wishing you all the love and happiness! 😊



### \*HAPPENING NOW\* MEN'S DISCERNMENT WEEKEND RETREAT (FOR AGES 18-35)

I invite you to pray for all of the men participating this year, that they may discern if God is calling them to the priesthood. This retreat started on Friday, and is ending today, Sunday (28<sup>th</sup>) at Saint Patrick's Seminary & University. Please pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

### \*HAPPENING NOW\* AFTERNOON OF REMEMBRANCE & REFLECTION

All grieving mothers, grandmothers, and supportive friends are invited to an Afternoon of Remembrance & Reflection. Fr. John Auther, S.J. and Rita Morton from Sacred Sorrows will present a topic designed to bring peace to your soul. **Sunday, January 28, 2024, EL RETIRO SAN INIGO THE JESUIT RETREAT CENTER** 300 Manresa Way Los Altos, CA 2:00 p.m. Suggested donation is \$25.



### SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend's second collection is for our *St. Francis Fund*. This will be an awesome opportunity for you to help support our brothers and sisters who are in need of help.



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AT CATHEDRAL

Please mark your calendar for

**\*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 type the link below:

<https://rebsj.sharepoint.com/sites/FamilyLifeSpirituality>



\*\*\* IT'S COMING UP!! \*\*\*

## 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.

## LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION

We will have another opportunity to spend some time in prayer and reflection in our Day of Recollection on February 17, 2024 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am, at the Sandersfeld Hall. Fr. Thomas Reeves, a Discalced Carmelite priest will lead the recollection.



## 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 [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.

### **ALL ARE WELCOME: 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 working and continues to work in our lives, sometimes without our even knowing it!

You are welcome to share those stories in a confidential small group setting as we reflect on how Scripture speaks to us through our own life experiences. It might be a memory of when God touched our lives or it might be a challenge we are dealing with in the present moment. Sharing these stories and hearing the stories of God's presence in other's lives helps us deepen our own personal faith, bringing 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 on 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 tienda 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

### **PRAYER REQUEST** WE ARE HERE TO PRAY FOR YOU



### **We also pray for...**

those who suffer in silence

those with cancer

those who have no one  
to pray for them

graduating classes of 2024

those beginning new journeys

### **SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE PASSAGES**

**TODAY'S READINGS**  
4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Reading I:**  
Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
**Reading II:**  
1 Corinthians 7:32-35  
**Gospel:**  
Mark 1:21-28

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**  
5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Reading I:**  
Job 7:1-4, 6-7  
**Reading II:**  
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23  
**Gospel:**  
Mark 1:29-39



**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

D A T E S   T O   R E M E M B E R

## **ALL PROGRAMS — February 14 - ASH WEDNESDAY**

\*Families attend any Mass time\*

**JOY (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

### **First Communion Second Year Preparation**

**February 25 sessions**

(Attend your assigned session 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

### **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 28 & February 4**

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)

**February 11**

Attend 10:00 AM Mass for dismissal to the session

### **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!

# Youth Ministry

U P D A T E S

## **E.C.H.O. Youth Ministry Schedule—Season 2**

**February 2nd** session in Gathering Hall

**February 9th** session in Gathering Hall

**March 1st** session/Stations of the Cross

**March 8th** session in Evergreen Rooms

**March 22nd** session in Evergreen Rooms

**April 12th** session in Gathering Hall

**April 19th** session in Gathering Hall

**April 26th** session in Gathering Hall

**May 3rd** session in Gathering Hall

**May 10th** session in Gathering Hall

**May 17th - 19th** Retreat at CityTeam Camp Maymac

**May 24th** session in Gathering Hall



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\*\*\*RETREAT\*\*\*

Feb 23-25, 2024

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\*Joint parish  
retreat with  
St. Lawrence  
the Martyr  
& St. Joseph  
of Cupertino\*

Location: **Mission Springs (Scotts Valley)**

Retreat Fee: **\$250** per person

• includes lodging, programming, meals, and T-shirt

## **Confirmation Retreat Registration— Limited**

We are limiting our numbers for the retreat due to collaboration with St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish & St. Joseph of Cupertino Parish. Registration will be sent to Confirmandi that expressed interest.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

# LUNAR NEW YEAR

## SCHEDULE FOR NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION

**New**

**Year's**

**Eve**

month 02  
day 09  
year 2024  
at 6 PM



**First Day  
of the New Year**

month 02  
day 10  
year 2024  
at 5:30 PM



**Second Day  
of the New Year**

month 02  
day 11  
year 2024  
at 5 PM

Everyone is welcome to attend the reception after mass!

\*\*\*Get ready for Lucky Money & Dragon Dancing!\*\*\*



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Diocese of San Jose

### World Day of the Sick 2024

Sponsored by The Order of Malta



Join Us  
for A  
**Special Mass  
for the Sick**

Celebrated by  
Bishop Oscar Cantu  
in honor of  
Our Lady of Lourdes

with  
Anointing of the Sick  
and  
Blessing of the Caregivers

St. Joseph Cathedral  
February 3, 2024  
11:00 a.m.



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

## LUNAR NEW YEAR

MASS SCHEDULE - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024

PER USUAL...	8:00AM	8:15 AM
	English - Chapel	The Villages
10:00AM	12:00PM	2:00PM
English - Chapel	English - Chapel	Spanish - Chapel

\*\*\*EXCEPTIONS\*\*\*

**3:30PM**

Youth Mass - Chapel

\*Youth Mass time  
moved to 3:30pm.  
No 6pm Mass on 2/11/2024\*

**5:00PM**

**VIETNAMESE MASS**

(celebration of the Lunar New Year)

