

Jesus, I Trust in You

In Jesus' day, leprosy was a very terrible condition. In Mark's Gospel this Sunday, the people hate the sight of the leper and the leper in turn hates the sight of himself.

The leper announces his presence as 'unclean' in the midst of the community, but the compassionate Jesus defies this stigma. He touches and heals the leper. The important message from this story is that no tragedy, calamity or disaster is so crushing that Jesus turns His back on us. He is ever ready to heal and assist us in our journey of life & in our faith journey more than we can imagine or more than we can know! His door is ever wide open to us. He feels our pain and desires to restore in us all we have lost as a result of sin

But the big question is, are we ready to offer an appropriate response? Are we ready to accept that whatever broken condition we find ourselves in, Jesus comes to accompany us and makes of us something more beautiful?

The leper broke the law by approaching Jesus. Though touching a leper may risk sharing a leper's uncleanness and marginalization, Jesus met the desperation of human need with much understanding and compassion. He stretched out His hand and touched the leper. He touched the man who society had considered unclean and untouchable. To Jesus, the leper was not unclean; he was simply a human soul in desperate need.

If we run to Jesus in our dark moments and if we approach Jesus with sincere heart and trust; He will embrace us with joy notwithstanding our weak and human condition. The grace and courage to always approach Jesus in every life and faith challenges we face is what we constantly seek during every Eucharistic celebration.

May our prayer always be, "Jesus, I Trust In You."

Deacon Sunny Offorjebe

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The Offertory totals for the week of January 22-28, 2024:

Masses	\$ 12,096.00
Online	\$ 6,030.00
Mail	\$ 745.00
OLPH	\$ 122.00
1st Collection	\$ 18,993.00

St. Francis Fund \$ 4,317.44

Total Collection \$ 23,310.44

*Thank you in advance
for your generous giving!*

17-18 February 2024
**FIRST SUNDAY
Of Lent**



Saturday

4:00PM — Fr. Robain

Assisted by Deacon Joe

5:30PM — Fr. Lieu (Vietnamese)

Sunday

8:00AM — Msgr. Mitchell

8:15AM — Fr. Rey

(The Villages)

10:00AM — Fr. Rey

Assisted by Deacon Sonny

12:00PM — Fr. Robain

2:00PM — Fr. Joseph Page

(Spanish)

4:00PM — Fr. Lieu (Vietnamese)

6:00PM — Fr. Robain

Assisted by Deacon Andrzej

Monday, February 12	Victor Franco Borlaza+ Timothy Canlas+ Kenneth Wayne Allen+
Tuesday, February 13	Victor Franco Borlaza+ Rodolfo Altay (Birthday) Miah Galindo (Birthday)
Wednesday, February 14	Steven Marten (Health) Margret Collaco (Health) Perez Family(Health/Marriage)
Thursday, February 15	Angelle Aclinou+ Celso Davila Sr.+ Valentine Davile+
Friday, February 16	Victor Franco Borlaza+ Amando Mendap (Birthday) Celso Sahagun+
Saturday, February 17	Victor Franco Borlaza+ Reyee Mark Agustin (Birthday) Lolita Cruz+
Saturday/Sunday, February 18, 2024	
4PM	Joed Jenson+ Maria Bui Thi Ty+ Ruben Nasol+
5:30PM (Vietnamese)	All Souls
8AM Chapel	Victor Franco Borlaza+ Thelma F. Rodin+ Simon D'Souza (Birthday)
8:15 Villages	Phyllis Cassidy+(Anniversary)
10AM Chapel	Miguel De Los Santos+ Amparo Pua+ (Anniversary 40th Day) Elsa Pesayco Songcayawon+
12PM Chapel	Aurora "Baby" Caparas+ Tom & Luz Anzelde+ Elsa Pesayco Songcayawon+
2PM Chapel (Spanish)	Luis Flores+
4PM Chapel (Vietnamese)	All Souls
6PM Chapel	Dory Aviles (Special Intention) Julie Nguyen (Health/Recovery) Eladio L. Santos+ (Anniversary) (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
PARISH BUSINESS & OPERATIONS
MANAGER, VICTOR ESPINOZA
AT 408-223-1770,
EXT. 302



AWESOME TIDBITS FROM FR. REY

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11 February 2024

HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR!

Be Our Light for the New Year

Come, Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Risen Christ,
be with us today and always.

Be our Light, our Guide, and our Comforter.

Be our Strength, our Courage,
and our Sanctifier.

LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION

During the Lenten season, 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 through 11:30 am
at the Sandersfeld Hall.

Fr. Thomas Reeves, a Discalced Carmelite
priest,
will lead the recollection.



FEBRUARY 14 IS ASH WEDNESDAY

What an awesome day to begin the season of Lent! Save the date for the Lord!

Our schedule of services will be as follows:

Mass Schedule

8:30 am, 12:30 pm (English)

5:00 pm (Vietnamese)

7:00 pm (Bilingual)

Liturgy of The Word (with Communion)

10:30 am (English)

3:00 pm (English)



PRAY

Prayer is an important part of our daily lives as an individual, family or as a community. During Lent, we set aside time to pray, to re-commit our life to Christ, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection. Meditating on the Passion of Christ allows us to enter more deeply into the paschal mystery of Christ.

FAST

We, Catholics, are asked to fast during Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and not to eat meat on Fridays of Lent. Abstaining from meat and/or other things that we can give up during Lent are encouraged. They are forms of sacrifices that are not an end in themselves but remind us that only God can satisfy our deepest hunger and need.

ALMS

Alms giving is an act of Christian charity. As Christians we are called to be conscious of the needs of others, particularly the poor and hungry. As recipients of God's love and mercy, we respond by sharing what we have to those in need. Fasting helps us be in solidarity with the hungry and should impel us to reach out to them and those in need.

Supporting Our Mission Together

Our Parish Goal: **\$260,000.00**



The 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal invites all Catholics to "support our mission together:" to fund the ministries, services, and programs offered by the Diocese of San José which in turn supports all parishes. Watch your mailboxes for more information regarding this once-a-year appeal! Please prayerfully consider your gift for these important ministries. For information on the work of the Diocese, visit www.dsjs.org/ADA.

"All tithes of the land, whether in grain from the field or in the fruit from the trees, belong to the Lord, as sacred to Him."- Lev. 27:30

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, 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



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...

Elizabeth Sỷ Thị Nguyễn+

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
6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I:
Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

Reading II:
1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1

Gospel:
Mark 1:40-45

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Reading I:
Genesis 9:8-15
Reading II:
1 Peter 3:18-22
Gospel:
Mark 1:12-15



**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

March 1 Soup Supper & Stations of the Cross

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

March 3 sessions *CANCELLED*

First Communion Second Year Preparation

February 25 sessions

(Attend your assigned session time)

March 2 First Reconciliation (10:00 AM in the Chapel)

Youth Confirmation Second Year Preparation

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

March 5 session

Adult Confirmation

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

March 3 session

OCIA (ADULTS)

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

February 11 *today* Rite of Sending for Catechumens

During 10:00 AM Mass followed by session

February 18 *next Sunday* Rite of Election

At 3:00 PM @ the Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph

No 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

March 2 First Reconciliation (10:00 AM in the Chapel)

High School IGNITE

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

March 3 sessions *CANCELLED*

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

February 18 at the 8 AM, 10 AM, & 12 PM Masses

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

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

***Registrations for retreat will open after Easter!



Confirmation Retreat Registration— CLOSED

We are no longer taking registrations for this year's confirmation retreat, but there are other retreat opportunities later this summer!

All Confirmation sessions will continue as scheduled.

FRONT DESK VOLUNTEER

The parish office is seeking volunteers who can work **at the front desk** from **1pm to 4pm** on **Thursdays & Fridays** until June.

Prerequisites for Role:

- basic technological skills (phone calls, reference calendar...)
- a willingness to serve and learn

To join our team or for additional information contact:

The Office at (408) 223-1770

FREE ITEMS AVAILABLE!

Though we've said our farewell to the preschool program here at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, we have yet to part with some of the supplies and materials.

We'd like to offer all parishioners this opportunity to search through the Supplies/mini-furniture left from the program and to give these items a new home.

See below a gallery of some items we're looking to give away!



2023 Contributions Statements

were mailed out the week of January 22, 2024.

Parishioners who have contributed by way of **ParishSoft Online Giving, Contributions Envelopes, and checks** will receive statements in the mail.

Parishioners who have given through **Paybee** will receive a statement directly from **Paybee**, & these contributions will not be noted in the statements issued by St. Francis of Assisi.

Should you find an error in your statement please contact the parish business manager: Victor Espinoza at victor.espinoza@dsj.org.

In your email regarding this error, please include:

- ✦ a brief **description** of the error
- ✦ your **contact information** (name, phone, etc.)
- ✦ the **date of the contribution**
- ✦ the **intended fund**
- ✦ the **amount of the contribution**,
- ✦ and the **check number or a payment verification** by your financial institution.

Requests for statement amendments need to be received **before April 5th** for our office to issue a corrected statement before the Federal Tax Filing Deadline.

Thank you for your contributions & your generosity!