



Walking in Simple Joy

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." - Luke 23:34

My Dear St. Francis of Assisi Family,

Today we enter Holy Week, beginning with the triumphal entry into Jerusalem and moving swiftly to the passion narrative. The contrast is stark – from "Hosanna!" to "Crucify him!" in the span of a few days. This dramatic shift reminds us of the complexity of human nature and our own capacity for both devotion and betrayal.

Luke's passion narrative particularly emphasizes Jesus' mercy and forgiveness. Even in His suffering, Jesus prays for His executioners, promises paradise to the repentant thief, and remains faithful to His mission of love. His words from the cross continue to challenge and inspire us: "Father, forgive them."

As we walk through this holiest of weeks, I invite you to enter deeply into this story. Attend our Holy Week services if you can. Spend time in prayer with different characters in the passion narrative – Peter in his denial, Mary in her steadfast presence, Simon of Cyrene in his unexpected service, the centurion in his moment of recognition.

This week, consider: Where do you find yourself in this story? What crosses do you help others bear? What sacrifices is love asking of you? How can you remain faithful when faith itself is tested?

TRIDUUM SCHEDULE | April 17-19, 2025

- ✠ Holy Thursday's Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
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- ✠ Good Friday's Celebration of the Lord's Passion
April 18 at 12:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm (Viet) & 7:00pm (Bilingual) in the Chapel; 2:00pm in the Villages
- ✠ The "Night of all Nights," the Easter Vigil
April 19 at 8:00pm (Multilingual) in the Chapel

Lenten Blessings,



☞ OFFICE HOURS

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UPCOMING PRESIDER SCHEDULE & FEATURED ARTICLE

April 19 - 20, 2025

The Resurrection of Our Lord

*"This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad." - Psalm 118*

Saturday

~~4:00PM~~/5:30PM — *No 4/5:30PM Mass*

Easter Vigil

8:00PM — Fr. Vincent, Fr. Lieu, Fr. Eddie
assisted by Deacon Sunny

Sunday

6:00 AM — Fr. Vincent assisted by Deacon Joe

8:00 AM — Fr. Lieu

8:15AM(Villages) — Msgr. Mitchell

10:00AM — Fr. Vincent

12:00PM — Fr. Eddie assisted by Deacon Andre

2:00PM — Msgr. Gene (Spanish)

4:00PM — Fr. Lieu (Vietnamese)

~~6:00PM~~ — *No 6:00PM Youth Mass*



Fr. Lieu | Passion Sunday Welcome to Holy Week! Today we begin Holy Week, a week when we enter into the mystery of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection; the mysterious depths of a love that is stronger than death.

We begin the week by calling to mind the triumphant entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem (Luke 19:28-40). The prophecies are fulfilled and Jesus prepares to complete his mission by embracing the Cross.

The prophet Isaiah in the first reading (Isaiah 50:4-7) talks about the Suffering Servant. The Suffering Servant is the Messiah who suffers with patience and trust in God: "The Lord God is my help; therefore I am not disgraced; knowing that I shall not be put to shame."

Jesus in the Gospel (Luke 22:14-23:56) is the Suffering Servant foretold by Isaiah. He is able to embrace suffering and death with a confidence that God the Father will not let him be put to shame, but will vindicate him. Jesus' confidence in the Father is surely tested in the last hours of his life, and Jesus clings to God the Father.

St. Paul in the second reading (Philippians 2:6-11) talks about the plans of the Father for Jesus: "Jesus humbled Himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." Jesus dies for us. In the midst of incredible suffering, Jesus clings to his love for all people and clings to his will to save all people.

So we come to the Passion once more. By the end of today's long Gospel, the work of our redemption will have been accomplished, the new covenant will be written in the Blood of his broken body hanging on the cross at the place called the skull. Jesus remains faithful to God's will to the end, and does not turn back in his trial. He gives himself freely to his torturers, confident that God the Father will vindicate him.

This is why God greatly exalted him; this is why we have salvation in his name; and this is why we come to the table of the Lord offering our thanksgiving to God for our salvation in Christ. As we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ at the table of the Eucharist, let us follow his example of humble obedience in the trials and crosses of our lives, we know we will never be forsaken. We know, as the Centurion said: Truly this was the Son of God (see Matthew 27:54).

Faith Formation

D A T E S T O R E M E M B E R

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

May 8 session

First Communion Second Year Preparation

April 27 session

Adult Confirmation

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

May 4 session

OCIA (ADULTS)

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

April 13 Session

April 19 9:30 AM — Easter Vigil Rehearsal
8:00 PM — Easter Vigil & Celebration
of Sacraments

OCIA (CHILDREN/YOUTH) Second Year Preparation

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

April 19 9:30 AM — Easter Vigil Rehearsal
8:00 PM — Easter Vigil & Celebration
of Sacraments

Children's Liturgy of the Word

(8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 12:00 PM Masses)

May 18 All children welcome!

Re-registration and new enrollment
for our Faith Formation Programs
will open later this spring/early summer.
Keep an eye out on this page
for more information on this!

- ✚ Confirmation 1st Year/New Registration
(opens May 1st, 2025)
- ✚ Confirmation 2nd Year/Re-registration
(opens May 1st, 2025)

See this website for more information:
<https://sfoasj.com/confirmation>



Youth Ministry Registration - OPEN

Registration is open all season long!

All youth are welcome!

Visit sfoasjyouth.com for registration form

E.C.H.O. (Encouraging Christ & Helping Others)

Next session — Friday, May 2 at 6pm

no session 4/18 and 4/25 (Good Friday & Easter)

I.G.N.I.T.E. (In God Now I Trust Everything)

Last session — Thursday, May 15 at 6pm

Retreat Registration Open - June 9-13, 2025

NORTH STAR YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Our Young Adult Crew's last session has been
changed from Thursday, May 22nd to
Friday, May 23, 2025 at 7:00pm!

Become a season sponsor and donate \$75 to help us
fund vendors/speakers for future events!

Upcoming Confirmation Sessions:

**First Years (Last Session) =
Thursday, May 8 at 6:30pm**

**Second Years (Last Session) =
Thursday, May 1 at 6:00pm**

OFFICIAL Confirmation Rehearsal
on Thursday, May 29th at 7:00pm

Confirmation Mass
on June 1 at 6:00pm

~ VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ~

**Leadership Applications open now
Participant Registrations open soon!!!**

The Offertory Totals for the week of
March 24 - March 30, 2025:

Weekend Masses

Masses	\$ 12,202.00
Online	\$ 5,018.00
Mail	\$ 1,545.00
OLPH	\$ 145.00
1st Collection	\$ 18,910.00

Easter Flowers	\$ 4,023.00
Grand Total	\$ 22,933.00

*Thank you in advance for your continual
generosity and financial contributions
to the needs of our parish!*



QUESTIONS?

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



**Mass Intentions for 2025
are now open!**

Please plan your
Mass Intentions
in advance if possible
(Birthdays, Anniversaries,
Death Anniversaries).

Our Mass Intention calendar
is open through
December 31, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 14	Catherine Pham (Thanksgiving) Nguyet-Dang Family (Well-Being) Evelyn & Jon Daniel Gaviola (Wedding Anniversary)
Tuesday, April 15	Consolacion Yap+ Maria Dung Nguyen+
Wednesday, April 16	Juliana Perez+ Tien Thang+ (Death Anniversary) Joseph Vu+ (Death Anniversary) Joshua Sahagun+
Thursday, April 17	Special Intentions
Friday, April 18	Special Intentions
Saturday, April 19	Special Intentions
Saturday/Sunday, April 20	
4PM	Special Intentions
5:30PM	Special Intentions
8AM Chapel	Special Intentions
8:15AM Villages	Special Intentions
10AM Chapel	Special Intentions
12PM Chapel	Special Intentions
2PM Chapel (Spanish)	Special Intentions
4PM Chapel (Viet)	Special Intentions
6PM Chapel	Special Intentions

Did you not receive your monthly giving envelopes?
Please notify Rosie in the front office (408-223-1770 x301 or rolivas@dsj.org) so we can make sure to get them to you and not interrupt your weekly giving.

DATABASE CLEAN-UP

We are currently cleaning up our database and making corrections to parishioners accounts that are getting 2 sets of envelopes and their Titles are wrong (Mr., Mrs., Ms.). Please be patient, or contact Rosie to let us know of any changes to your account.

This is also a good time to update us with your contact phone numbers and email addresses. Send updated info to Rosie at rosie.olivas@dsj.org

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.

We also pray for...

those in need of healing

those who have recently
passed away

those who suffer in silence

those with cancer

those who have no one to
pray for them

graduating classes of 2025

those beginning new journeys

SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

TODAY'S READINGS

PALM SUNDAY

Gospel (Procession of Palms):

Luke 19:28-40

Reading I:

Isaiah 50:4-7

Reading II:

Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel:

Luke 22:14-23:56

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

EASTER SUNDAY

Reading I:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Reading II:

Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel:

John 20:1-9

Does your ministry have an event you'd like advertised in our communications? Fill out this form!

As of this January (2025), to help make event communications submissions more efficient and streamlined, we'll be using a form to intake request and get them through approval by our administrative team! Visit this site: <https://sfoasi.com/bulletin-submissions> for our updated protocol!

TRIDUUM SCHEDULE | April 17-19, 2025

<https://sfoasi.com/holy-week-triduum-2025>

Join us in the celebration of Holy Week, beginning with the traditional Solemn Procession of Palms on Passion Sunday, April 13, continuing into the Easter Triduum:

✠ Holy Thursday's Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper | April 17 at 7:00pm in the Chapel

The Altar of Repose will be available until 11:00pm

✠ Good Friday's Celebration of the Lord's Passion | April 18

12:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm (Viet) & 7:00pm (Bilingual) in the Chapel;

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The celebration of the Paschal Triduum of Christ's passion, death and resurrection, the culmination of the liturgical year, call us to undertake a journey of preparation, in the knowledge that our being conformed to Christ is a priceless gift of God's mercy. We invite every parishioner to join with us in this journey of conversion at St. Francis of Assisi Parish.

ADA 2025 Parish Goal

\$220,000.00



- Annual Diocesan Appeal Updates -

TOTAL PLEDGED as of Week 9:

\$248,178.35 with 373 families participating!
(That's 113% of our goal!!!)

We have officially surpassed our goal for the ADA!
Everything collected from this point onward goes directly back to our parish, funding the various ministries and projects that help make our community what it is.

For more information on the jubilee year of hope and other opportunities available (from pilgrimages to Diocesan events) please visit

<https://sfoasi.com/jubilee-year-2025-pilgrims-of-hope>



The parish gift shop is seeking volunteers

who can assist with sales on Fridays and/or Sundays. Come join our wonderful team and help to serve our community!

To join our team or for additional information
(Para más información):
The Office 408-223-1770

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 interested, please contact Leslie in the parish office. Thank you!

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 AT 7:00PM.

PARISH BOOK CLUB

All are invited to join our parish book club which meets
the first Tuesday of each month
at 2:00 pm in the Fireside Room.
Contact Donna for more info 408-238-6681

St. Francis of Assisi Parish
EASTER SUNDAY
Worship Schedule

April 19, 2025 - Easter Vigil at 8:00pm

April 20, 2025

5:30am (SALUBONG)

6:00am Easter Sunrise Mass

8:00am

8:15am (Villages)

10:00am *Easter Egg Hunt after mass*

12:00pm

2:00pm (Spanish)

4:00pm (Vietnamese)

***PLEASE NOTE:

There will be **NO 6PM YOUTH MASS**
on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025.



EASTER EGG HUNT

(after the 10:00 AM Mass Easter Sunday)

<https://sfoasj.com/easter-2025>

All of our little ones are invited to join our parish's 2nd annual Easter Egg Hunt (age limit: current 5th graders)!

As some families might remember last year, unlike a traditional egg hunt, our parish adds a little twist:

- ♥ the eggs do not contain actual gifts!
- ♥ instead, they contain tickets
- ♥ each ticket wins a "type" of prize

For example, if you find an egg and open it up, there will be a ticket that says something like "1 small candy." Our youth leaders will be supervising the stations where your little ones can pick up their prize!

To help make this event a reality, any donations of empty plastic Easter eggs would be greatly appreciated! Last year, we had about 500+ children join the hunt, so we need A LOT of eggs.

For more information on drop-off or any questions you might have, contact **Therese Bao** (therese.nguyen@dsj.org)

The Filipino Clergy of Monterey, Oakland, Sacramento, San Francisco and San Jose

invite you to watch

"Fathers Unite"

celebrating the 50th anniversary of the founding of the National Federation of Catholic Family Councils (NFFC) on November 1975

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH CENTER (GYM)

17585 Fremont Blvd, Fremont, CA 94536

Monday, May 19 @ 6PM

Ticket Prices: \$35 Family | \$20 Adult | \$5 Child

For more information on tickets and ways to support, kindly contact:

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Fr. Louie Rata (Sacramento) | louierata@stjohn.org

Fr. Mark Roburiano (San Francisco) | roburiano@stmarkstarch.org

Fr. Francis Raine (San Jose) | francis.raine@stjohn.org



UPCOMING SUMMER YOUTH EVENTS:

DIOCESAN YOUTH
RETREAT (DYR)

JUNE 9 — 13, 2025

REGISTRATION OPEN!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY 14 — 25, 2025

REGISTRATIONS BEGIN
MAY 15, 2025!