

A REFLECTION FROM FR. VINCENT PINEDA

June 22, 2025 – The Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

"Give them some food yourselves." - Luke 9:13

Dear St. Francis of Assisi Family,

Today's Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ invites us to reflect on the Eucharist – Christ's extraordinary gift of himself to us and the call to become what we receive.

The Gospel story of the feeding of the five thousand begins with Jesus welcoming the crowds, speaking to them about the kingdom of God, and healing those who needed cure. When evening approaches and the disciples suggest sending the people away, Jesus gives a challenging response: "Give them some food yourselves."

The disciples see only scarcity – five loaves and two fish among thousands of people. But Jesus sees possibility. Taking the little they have, he blesses it, breaks it, and gives it to the disciples to distribute. Not only is everyone satisfied, but twelve baskets of fragments remain.

This miracle prefigures the Eucharist, where Jesus continues to take, bless, break, and give himself to nourish us for our journey. It also reveals a profound truth: in God's economy, when we offer our "not enough," it becomes more than enough in his hands.

The Eucharist isn't just about receiving; it's about becoming – becoming the Body of Christ for a hungry world. Jesus' words to the disciples echo to us today: "Give them some food yourselves." Having been nourished by Christ, we're sent to nourish others – not just with material food, but with compassion, justice, hope, and love.

This week, we ask ourselves: What "loaves and fishes" – what seemingly insufficient resources – might God be asking you to offer? How is God calling you to feed others from what you have received?

Blessings,

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UPCOMING PRESIDER SCHEDULE & FEATURED ARTICLE

June 28-29, 2025-Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

SATURDAY

4:00PM — Fr. Vincent Pineda

5:30PM — Fr. Loi Huynh (Vietnamese)

SUNDAY

8:00 AM — Fr. Vincent Pineda

8:15AM(Villages) — Msgr. Michael Mitchell

10:00AM — Fr. Vincent Pineda, *assisted by Deacon Joseph Cabrido*

12:00PM — Fr. Jeff Fernandez

2:00PM — Msgr. Gene O'Donnell

4:00PM — Fr. Loi Huynh (Vietnamese)

6:00PM — Fr. Vincent Pineda



WHAT IS LITURGY? BY DEACON JOE CABRIDO

You've heard the word **liturgy** commonly spoken in church: Eucharistic liturgy, liturgy of the word, liturgy of the hours, baptismal liturgy, etc. And because we hear it so often, it is assumed everyone knows what it means. I always thought of it as public prayer, but I learned that there is more to it than that, and its meaning changed over time as Christianity developed.

The word liturgy originates from the Greek word *leitourgia*, derived from two other words *leitōs* or *leos*, meaning people or public, and the verb *ergon*, meaning to do. As early Christianity was developing, the word used in the general population was *leitourgos*, which denoted someone who served in a public duty of some kind, in the service of others. And so secularly, the noun *leitourgia* came to mean to support some public work of some kind or to minister to people, or it also came to mean the public work itself.

As the early church was developing and trying to understand what Church meant, the early Christians began to view some of what they were experiencing as *leitourgia*, as work done for others by someone. Early Christians began to see Christ as *leitourgos*. In his letter to the Hebrews, St. Paul teaches that Jesus is the eternal high priest who ministered to us by offering himself as a sacrifice to give us the gift of salvation.

Eventually, the word liturgy became to be understood as the worship of God and its associated rites and rituals. For the first hundred years, beginning with St. Paul, he uses the phrase, "breaking of the bread". The patristic fathers then called it *mysterium* or mysteries, but it wasn't until the Council of Trent in the 16th century that the word "liturgy" was re-introduced and became standard use referring to the Holy Mass, or Eucharistic liturgy.

And it wasn't until 1947, in his encyclical *Mediator* that Pope Pius XII offered a formal definition of liturgy, stressing that it is a public act. It is public worship by Christ to the Father, and community to its Founder through Christ. It is a public action that is communal, work done by the sacramental community, the Mystical Body of Christ, for the entire world. **Liturgy is not a personal prayer. Nor is it a show for public display, or just following rubrics, but a public act of praise and adoration of God to return us to the right relationship with the Father.**

This definition becomes the seed for teachings of the Second Vatican Council on liturgy, "considered as an exercise of the priestly office of Jesus Christ himself, and in this liturgy, the whole public worship is performed by the Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, that is, by the Head and His members".

This is why we are encouraged strongly to actively participate in Mass and not be passive spectators. By participating in liturgy, we are put in contact with the mystery of the Triune God, experiencing Jesus using our five senses through the words and actions of the liturgy. Active participation involves being fully engaged both outwardly and inwardly in the liturgy, including conscious prayer, attentive listening, and outward gestures. It's not just about attending Mass but about actively uniting oneself with Christ and the Church in the sacred mystery being celebrated. So, don't spectate. Actively participate.

Faith Formation

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

REGISTRATION

is now open!

**RE-REGISTRATION AND NEW ENROLLMENT
FOR OUR FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS:**

FAITH FORMATION (Elementary/OCIA/OCIC)

✦ J.O.Y. & Faith Formation Open Enrollment

YOUTH CONFIRMATION (High School)

✦ Confirmation 1st Year/New Registration

✦ Confirmation 2nd Year/Re-registration

<https://sfoasj.com/confirmation>



**FAMILY AND KID STUFF TO DO DURING THE
MONTH OF JUNE AND SUMMER MONTHS!**

Take on a Kindness Challenge as a Summer Religion Activities. Make a simple kindness calendar with ideas for the summer, like:

- ♥ Write a thank-you note to your priest
- ♥ Pick up litter at the park: *We pick up trash while walking to the grocery store, then all the kids get to pick out candy to enjoy on the walk home.*
- ♥ Bake cookies for a neighbor
- ♥ Clean your room and Donate toys or clothes

Let each act be a way to show God's love in everyday life.



Youth Ministry
UPDATES

VBS 2025



ROAD TRIP

ON THE GO WITH GOD

at St. Francis of Assisi Parish!

SAVE THE DATE:

JULY 14TH - 25TH, 2025

2 WEEKS OF FUN WITH THE SON (MONDAY - FRIDAY)

ROAD TRIP: ON THE GO WITH GOD!

Who can attend? Incoming 1st grade through incoming 6th grade

When is registration open? Registration is open now through July 5th!

What are the times of VBS? VBS Youth will arrive at 9:00am and pick-up is at 1:00pm. Our Program is for 2 weeks, Monday through Friday, July 14-25, 2025 (10 days).

Who should I contact? If you have any questions, please contact **Therese Bao** at

therese.nguyen@dsj.org or our

VBS Coordinators at

sfoavbscoordinator@gmail.com

Register ONLINE at sfoasj.com

Registration Fees

\$225 Total for One Participant

\$400 Total for Two Participants

\$600 Total for Three Participants

OFFERTORY TOTALS

JUNE 2-8, 2025:

Masses \$ 13,827.00
Online \$ 5,973.00
Mail \$ 1,075.00
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
\$ 165.00
Grand Total \$ 21,040.00

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

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QUESTIONS?

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

Please plan your
Mass Intentions
in advance if possible
(Birthdays, Anniversaries,
Death Anniversaries).
Our Mass Intention calendar
is open through
December 31, 2025
Beginning July 1, 2025,
we will be taking Mass
Intentions for Wednesday
Evening Mass for Our Lady of
Perpetual Help.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 23, 2025

Tracie Allen (Birthday)
Josefina Papa (Birthday)
Bernardo and Olympia Dato+

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Brendan Pragasam (Birthday)
Francis Lai (Birthday)
Pol Acosta+ (40 days)

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

Jerry Gage+
Ace Gacayan (Healing)

Thursday, June 26, 2025

Senya Fontanilla (Healing)
Dianne Fontanilla (Healing)

Friday, June 27, 2025

Maria Do Thi Nga+
Maria Dung Nguyen+
Ernesto Evangelista Sr+ (40th day)

Saturday, June 28, 2025

Jon Daniel Gaviola (Birthday)
Steven Justin Parcutilo+

Saturday/Sunday, June 28-29, 2025

4:00PM Vigil

Jiancarlo Marcial (Bday)
Nguyen Ngoc Thanh+
Alejandra Segui+
Vietnamese Vigil

Maria Tran Thi Tranh+
LEO HỒ Quý Chương+
Sunday 8AM Chapel
Glenda Jimenez (Healing)

Ronald Crafts+
Eden Crafts+

8:15 Villages

10AM Chapel

Peter Cianci+

For the repose of the souls of multiple
generations of the Dinh-Mais family

Mary and Ralph Torrisi+

Giancarlo Bello+

12PM Chapel

Addie Reyes, Jr.+

Manuel Araujo+

Addie Reyes+ and Alfredo Reyes+ (17th
Death Anniv)

Julio Moral (Bday)

2PM Spanish

Luis Guzman+

4PM (Vietnamese)

6PM Chapel

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- ♦ **Daily Rosary and Prayer**
8:00AM, Chapel
- ♦ **Adoration**, First Friday of
month, 9:30AM-5:00PM, Chapel
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **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. *Amen.*

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

THE MOST HOLY BODY
AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Reading I:

Genesis 14:18-20

Reading II:

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Gospel:

Luke 9:11b-17

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS
PETER AND PAUL (APOSTLES)

Reading I:

Acts 3:1-10

Reading II:

Galatians 1:11-20

Gospel:

John 21:15-19

Gift Shop Volunteers Needed!

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!

For more information
(Para más información):
408-223-1770



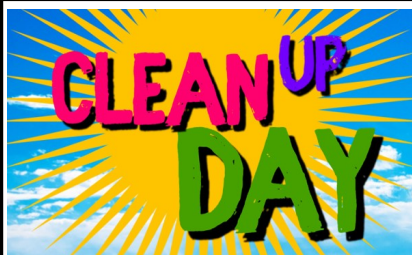
SUMMER GIVING 2025

Summer is here and between traveling and changing schedules, Sunday Offertory contributions often drop off significantly during the summer months. 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.
- ♥ Text "Give" to 408-479-5858 on your phone.
- ♥ If you would like an account to be created for you, please contact our Parish Business and Operations Manager Victor Espinoza at 408-223-1770 Ext. 302



MEMORIAL GARDEN CLEAN UP DAY

Once a year we do a major clean up of our Memorial Garden.

This Annual event will take place on: **Friday, August 1, 2025 from 9:00am-2:00pm.**

We will discard all flowers and plants, wash down the pavement, pull weeds and general gardening. Bring your bucket, hat and gardening gloves! If you have a loved one in a niche, you are welcome to wash the outside of the niche with water. See you there!



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 GARDEN GIFT SHOP

Visit our gift shop this summer for your religious gift needs. We have gifts for Baptisms, House Warmings, and Anniversaries. We also have books for kids as well as adults. We have statues, bibles, bracelets, and pet stuff.

The SFOA Garden Gift Shop is opened Fridays from 9AM-12PM and Sundays from 9AM-2PM



FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH, DAILY MASS HOSPITALITY POTLUCK

Join us for Daily Mass on Tuesday, July 1, followed by a POTLUCK. Bring and share your favorite breakfast item as you Enjoy food and fellowship with other parishioners and friends.



Aloha!

JOIN US FOR

Volunteer Appreciation 2025

IF YOU VOLUNTEERED
DIRECTLY AT THE PARISH OR
THROUGH MINISTRY,
WE ARE CELEBRATING YOU!

Friday, June 27

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM

DINNER AT 6PM

ENTERTAINMENT 6:30

PLEASE RSVP TO ROSIE
VIA EMAIL

AT ROLIVAS@DSJ.ORG
SPECIFY YOUR NAME
AND MINISTRY PLEASE



**Our 2022
St. Francis of Assisi
Red Zinfandel is ready with
your donation to our
Wine Club.**

Our Red Zinfandel is made from a red wine grape, grown extensively in California since the mid-1800s, and is grown in few other places in the world. The grapes can produce wines with plenty of character.

High in natural alcohol and tannin, grown carefully it can be rich and complex, with dark berry fruit and peppery spice.

The most known example of Zinfandel outside of California is Italy's Primitivo, which can be similar in style, but is often a bit lighter and less alcoholic than West Coast examples.

*The perfect pairing with your
Spring and Summer
entertaining!*

**\$12 donation per bottle or
\$100 donation per case**



The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, July 4, 2025, in observance of Independence day. Please plan your parish visits accordingly.