

## A REFLECTION FROM FR. VINCENT PINEDA

June 29, 2025 – Saints Peter and Paul

*"And so I say to you, you are Peter,  
and upon this rock I will build my church." - Matthew 16:18*

Dear St. Francis of Assisi Family,

Today we celebrate two pillars of the Church – Saints Peter and Paul. Though different in background, temperament, and ministry, both were transformed by Christ and became foundational leaders in the early Christian community.

Our Gospel recounts Peter's confession of faith – "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" – and Jesus' response naming him the rock on which the church would be built. This exchange reminds us that the Church is built on faith in Jesus as the Christ, a faith that comes not from human wisdom but as a gift from God.

Peter's story encourages us – a fisherman with no special education or status becomes a leader of the Church. His journey includes both profound insight and serious failure. Remember, this same Peter who confessed Jesus as Christ would later deny him three times. Yet Jesus restored him and used him powerfully.

Though our readings today don't include Paul's story, his transformation is equally remarkable – from persecutor of Christians to apostle to the Gentiles. Like Peter, Paul's life shows that God's call doesn't depend on our perfection but on our willingness to be transformed by grace.

As we honor these saints, let's reflect: What is my confession of faith? How has Christ been working to transform me? Where might God be calling me to use my gifts for building up the Church, despite my limitations and failures?

Blessings,

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*Fr. Vincent*

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## UPCOMING PRESIDER SCHEDULE & FEATURED ARTICLE

**July 5-6, 2025-Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Subject to Change as needed)**

### **SATURDAY**

4:00PM — Msgr. Michael Mitchell

5:30PM — TBD

### **SUNDAY**

8:00 AM — Msgr. Michael Mitchell

8:15AM(Villages) — Fr. Vincent Pineda

10:00AM — Fr. Vincent Pineda

12:00PM — TBD

2:00PM — Fr. Rudy Ruiz

4:00PM — TBD

6:00PM — Fr. Eddie Obero



### **ST. PETER & ST. PAUL: SAINTS OF COMMUNION & MISSION | BY THERESE BAO**

Happy Feast Day of St. Peter and St. Paul! Fun fact: my husband chose St. Peter and St. Paul as his patron saints and today also marks our one year anniversary, so there is much to celebrate on this lovely Sunday! Every Sunday during the Nicene Creed, we profess that we believe in “one, holy, catholic, and apostolic” Church. We call these four descriptions the Four Marks of the Church, though they can be synthesized into two functions: communion and mission. These two incredible saints embody communion and mission through their lives and their legacy.

When we say that the Church is “one,” we mean that we are united in *the* One and with each other. If you recall the words of the doxology (when the presider raises the host and chalice), as a Church we are “one” when we do all things “through Him, and with Him, and in Him.” When we say that the Church is “holy,” this means that the Church is sanctified through its communion with the Holy One and safeguards the sacraments, which are holy. The Church as “holy” doesn’t necessarily mean that all of its members are perfect or sinless. Instead, there is a recognition that the more we participate in the sacramental life of the Church, the closer we get to one another and to the Lord. This is why the marks of “one” and “holy” can be summarized by the term “communion.” Another way to look at “communion” is the vertical and horizontal relationships that make up the Cross: the vertical relationship from us to God and the horizontal relationship from us to one another.

From his call to discipleship to his legacy as the rock upon whom the Church is built, St. Peter truly embodies this concept of communion. Though he was by no means a perfect follower of Christ (his doubt upon the water, his tripartite denial of knowing Jesus, etc.), he continually returned to ask for forgiveness and to reunite himself to the Lord. As the first Pope, he became a unifying figure for the early Christians and his legacy — apostolic succession through the papacy — continues to unite billions of Catholics worldwide today.

When we say that the Church is “catholic,” notice the lowercase ‘c’. “Catholic” with an uppercase ‘C’ is the name of our religion, but “catholic” with a lowercase ‘c’ simply means “universal.” The Church is not only universal in how we celebrate the sacraments, but also in our outreach to everyone. All are called to be a part of the Church, regardless of their background! When we say that the Church is “apostolic,” this points to apostolic succession, but more importantly, it also points to the mission of the Church: to send forth bearers of the Good News and to bring others into communion with the larger Church. Our faith invites us to move beyond stagnation and towards invitation and incorporation of others into the life of Christian discipleship.

Enter our wonderful role model for the concept of “mission”: St. Paul. He was infamously established as a persecutor of Christians, had a radical encounter with the risen Jesus, and dedicated the rest of his life to spreading the Good News to the Gentiles and beyond, even when faced with the threat of imprisonment and death. In union with Peter and the other apostles, St. Paul’s message to the early Church was clear: we are a Church on a mission to bring the peace, love, hope, and joy of Christ to others. As we celebrate these two holy men, may this be our prayer today: *O holy Apostles, Peter and Paul, intercede for us. Protect, O Lord, your people who trust in the patronage of your Apostles, Peter and Paul, and by their constant protection protect your people. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

# 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>

## INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

What is OCIA? Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church? Then OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) is for you! The OCIA process introduces you to the beliefs and practices of the Roman Catholic Church. It helps you explore what it means to be a Christian. It prepares you to enter fully into our community of faith through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Becoming Catholic is more than just learning Scripture and rituals; it is discovering how to be a disciple of the Lord.

**We welcome all those who are new to the faith**, the unbaptized or baptized, those that have not yet been confirmed in the Church and those who are simply just searching for God. If you have more questions, contact Lerma Simpson  
[lerma.simpson@dsj.org](mailto:lerma.simpson@dsj.org)



## Youth Ministry

U P D A T E S

# 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](mailto:therese.nguyen@dsj.org) or our VBS Coordinators at [sfoavbscoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:sfoavbscoordinator@gmail.com)

Register ONLINE at [www.sfoasjyouth.com](http://www.sfoasjyouth.com)

### Registration Fees

\$250 Total for One Participant

\$400 Total for Two Participants

\$600 Total for Three Participants



## OFFERTORY TOTALS

**JUNE 9-15, 2025:**

Masses \$ 11,285.00  
Online \$ 4,783.00  
Mail \$ 1,535.00  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
\$ 108.00

**Grand Total \$ 17,711.00**

**Fathers Day 2nd Collection  
\$4,024.00**

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

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Giving**



QUESTIONS?

PLEASE CONTACT OUR  
PARISH BUSINESS &  
OPERATIONS MANAGER,  
VICTOR ESPINOZA

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 30, 2025**

Joseph John Pham+  
Leo Montojo (Birthday)  
Eduardo Nicolas+  
Nelyn Peregrino (Thanksgiving)

**Tuesday, July 1, 2025**

Richard Paquette+  
Thelma Nicolas (Thanksgiving)  
Vincent and Harrison (Thanksgiving)

**Wednesday, July 2, 2025**

Juanito Perez+  
Vincente Cong Minh+  
Edna Reyes+  
**7:00PM Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

**Fr. Rey Sarmiento+**

**Thursday, July 3, 2025**

Earvin da Silva (bday)  
Maria Dung Nguyen+  
Isabella Stephen (Birthday)  
Julie Cruz (Birthday)

**Friday, July 4, 2025**

Bienvenido Daluz+ (Bday)  
L. Nguyen (Bday)

**Saturday, July 5, 2025**

Robert Sonny Mendinueto+

**Saturday/Sunday, July 5-6, 2025**

**4:00PM Vigil**

Nguyen Ngoc Thanh+  
Juanito Juinio Jr.+  
Chase (Healing)  
Coru Lu (Thanksgiving).

**Vietnamese Vigil**

Maria Tran Thi Tranh+  
LEO HỒ Quý Chương+

**Sunday 8AM Chapel**

Thelma F Rodin+  
Alejandra Segui+

**8:15 Villages**

**10AM Chapel**

Gioakim Dinh Van Hoc+  
Joseph Tha Nguyen+

Maria Oanh and Isave Nam Nguyen+  
Elizabeth Caricungan (75th Birthday)

**12PM Chapel**

Senya Fontanilla (Healing)  
Dianne Fontanilla (Healing)

Marlyn Quaile Uy+

**2PM Spanish**

Catalina Reynoso+

**4PM Chapel (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

SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS  
PETER AND PAUL (APOSTLES)

#### Reading I:

Acts 3:1-10

#### Reading II:

Galatians 1:11-20

#### Gospel:

John 21:15-19

#### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

#### Reading I:

Isaiah 66:10-14c

#### Reading II:

Galatians 6:14-18

#### Gospel:

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

## 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



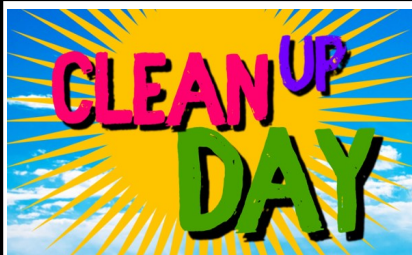
### SUMMER GIVING 2025

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](http://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.

## WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS – FAREWELL TO FR. LIEU VU

*With deep gratitude and affection, we thank **Fr. Lieu Vu** for his faithful service to our parish community. Since arriving at **St. Francis of Assisi** in **July 2018**, Fr. Lieu has been more than a priest to the Vietnamese Community—he has been a devoted shepherd to the entire SFOA family.*

*In his time with us, Fr. Lieu has **baptized 173 children, witnessed the vows of 72 couples, and lovingly accompanied 266 souls** through funerals and committals. He has celebrated **over 1,820 Masses**, offering the Holy Eucharist at Sunday, daily, and vigil liturgies. Beyond the altar, he blessed homes and cars, comforted the sick and dying, and brought the presence of Christ into the hearts of countless parishioners.*

*Fr. Lieu, your gentle spirit, humble heart, and unwavering dedication have left a lasting imprint on our parish. You have truly made a difference—and we will miss you deeply.*



### A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM FR. LIEU VU

My Dearest Parishioners,

Having served this parish community for the past seven years, I am leaving with sad feelings because of love, and yet with a heart full of gratitude to God for the gift of my priesthood, and to one and all who supported and loved me in my humble ministry. I will always remember you all in my prayers. I will miss you all!

My next assignment is St. Victor's Parish in Berryessa, San Jose, which is the neighboring parish of St. Francis of Assisi Parish.

*Fr. Lieu Vu*



### 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.