



**A REFLECTION FROM FR. VINCENT PINEDA**  
**July 27, 2025 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find;  
 knock and the door will be opened to you." - Luke 11:9*

My Dear St. Francis of Assisi Family,

Today's Gospel gives us Jesus' teaching on prayer – both the Lord's Prayer and his encouragement to persist in our requests to God. Coming right after the story of Martha and Mary, this passage deepens our understanding of what it means to sit at Jesus' feet and listen.

The disciples make a simple request: "Lord, teach us to pray." They had watched Jesus pray, seen how prayer shaped his ministry and decisions, and they wanted to learn. His response gives us the prayer we know by heart, but perhaps it's worth pausing on its profound simplicity.

"Our Father" – not "my Father" but "our Father." From the very beginning, this prayer forms us as community, reminding us that we approach God together. "Hallowed be your name" places God's honor at the center of our concerns. "Your kingdom come" aligns our desires with God's purposes. "Give us each day our daily bread" acknowledges our dependence and God's provision. "Forgive us our sins" recognizes our need for mercy. "For we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us" connects God's forgiveness to our forgiveness of others. "Do not subject us to the final test" admits our vulnerability and need for God's protection.

After teaching this prayer, Jesus tells a story about persistence – a friend who keeps knocking until his neighbor gets up to help him. The message isn't that God is reluctant and needs to be worn down by our nagging. Rather, it's about the importance of persistent relationship, of bringing our needs and concerns to God again and again.

Jesus' promise is striking: "Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." This doesn't mean we get everything we want, but it assures us that God hears, responds, and gives us what we truly need.

The passage concludes with a beautiful comparison: "If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?" The greatest gift God offers is not any particular thing we might request, but the Holy Spirit – God's own presence dwelling within us.

This week, let the Lord's Prayer shape your daily prayers. Notice how it balances praise, petition, and commitment. Consider: What are you asking, seeking, and knocking for in your prayers? How might God be answering in ways you haven't recognized? And how can you remain open to receiving the Holy Spirit – God's greatest gift?

Blessings,

✝  
*Fr. Vincent*

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**A REFLECTION FROM MRS. LERMA SIMPSON, DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION**

***Through Every Season, God Longs to Be with Us***

We are in the peak of the summer season. Summer is a great time for busy families to relax and reconnect, enjoy the warm weather and perhaps go on a much anticipated family trip. Summer is also a time when families take a break from parish faith formation programs. This is the case since many parishes offer their faith formation programs from September through May. However, families can nurture their faith and grow in their personal relationship with Jesus even when they are on vacation from parish faith formation programs.

One of the simplest ways to do this is to continue to attend Sunday Mass regularly as a family. There are also health benefits associated with active participation in Sunday Mass. Studies have found that attending Mass is directly linked with enhancing your mood and improving your spiritual health. Supposedly it boosts the immune system and decreases blood pressure. If you attend with your family, a closer bond may develop, which leads to a happy family! All it takes is one hour of your time each week, and if your family is out of town, you can most likely find a local Catholic church wherever you are. If there is not one nearby, you can still spend some time with Jesus by praying together as a family.

Unfortunately, praying often gets lost in the shuffle of a hectic family life, especially during vacations. Praying is communicating with God, and like many parents, God Our Heavenly Father wants us to know that we can trust him with our innermost thoughts. We can tell Him our desires, what pains us, what makes us happy, what and who irritates us, etc. However, unlike our earthly parents, God is wherever we are; so it's easy to talk to Him. All we have to do is make the time – as we arise in the morning, before we go to bed in the evening, before family meals (and yes; you can even pray in restaurants), before you get in your car or in the tour bus, before a sports tournament, and just about anywhere and anytime. God does not give us a limit on when or where we can talk to Him. We will never find a “do not disturb” sign at His door. He only asks that we are open to hearing his voice and understanding his response.

Attending Sunday Mass and communicating with God are just a couple of examples of how families can continue to grow in their relationship with God. Our good deeds and kind words also express our desire to be close to God. As we take a break this summer from attending faith formation sessions, God does not take a break from loving us. He longs for us to be close to him always. Therefore, it's essential to include God in our summer activities as well. By doing so, we can ensure that our faith journey continues to flourish as we commit to keep God in our hearts and minds.

For information on our parish faith formation programs, please contact me at [lerma.simpson@dsj.org](mailto:lerma.simpson@dsj.org) or at (408) 223-1770 ext. 316

**UPCOMING PRESIDER SCHEDULE**

**August 2-3, 2025**  
**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*(Subject to Change as needed)*

**SATURDAY VIGIL**  
**4:00PM**  
*Msgr. Michael Mitchell*

**5:30PM**  
*(Vietnamese)*  
*Fr. Phong Nguyen*

**SUNDAY**  
**8:00 AM**  
*Fr. Vincent Pineda*  
**8:15AM(Villages)**  
*Fr. Eddie Obero*

**10:00AM**  
*Fr. Eddie Obero*

**12:00PM — TBD**  
**2:00PM (Spanish)**

**4:00PM**  
*Fr. Phong Nguyen*

**6:00PM**  
*Fr. Vincent Pineda*



## FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL



### Registration Now Open

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

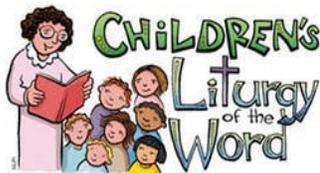
#### **FAITH FORMATION (Elementary/OCIA/OCIC)**

- ✦ J.O.Y. & Faith Formation (First Eucharist Preparation)

#### **YOUTH CONFIRMATION (High School)**

- ✦ Confirmation 1st Year/New Registration
- ✦ Confirmation 2nd Year/Re-registration

<https://sfoasj.com/confirmation>



#### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**August 10 and August 24  
8AM, 10AM, 12PM Mass**

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)**

Join Us  
**EVERY SUMMER  
WEDNESDAY @ 11-NOON\***  
**St. Victor Playdate**

FUN FOR ALL AGES WITH PARENTS  
STORYTIME  
HANDS ON ACTIVITIES  
ARTS & CRAFTS  
PLAY GAMES  
COMPLETELY FREE



**BUILD COMMUNITY WITH US!**

\*Starting July 9<sup>th</sup>

activities for all ages and encourage all families to join us if they are available. There are no RSVP's and it is completely free! We do ask parents or a guardian to accompany their children. Hope to see you there!

#### **St. Victor School**

(located at 3150 Sierra Road) will be offering a Playdate every Wednesday from 11 AM-Noon on the playground starting July 9<sup>th</sup> and the last Playdate will be on August 13<sup>th</sup>. We will have



#### **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



**Our 2022**

**St. Francis of Assisi  
Red Zinfandel is ready with  
your donation to our Wine Club.  
\$12 donation per bottle or  
\$100 donation per case**

## WEEKLY OFFERTORY TOTALS

**JULY 7-13, 2025:**

Masses	\$ 15,279.99
Online	\$ 5,153.00
Mail	\$ 601.00
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	\$ 181.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 21,214.99</b>

*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,

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

Our Mass Intention calendar is open through  
**\*December 31, 2025\***

We are now taking Mass Intentions for Wednesday Evening Mass for Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, July 28, 2025**

Giancarlo Bello+  
Matilda Vickrey (Bday)  
Vicky Seegmiller (Birthday)  
Deacon Joseph Chuong Do+

**Tuesday, July 29, 2025**

Addie Reyes+  
Sara Lee Dato (Thanksgiving)  
Peter Chan+

**Wednesday, July 30, 2025**

Souls in Purgatory  
Juanita Pagatpatan+  
Cheryl Ramirez Guerrero+

**7PM OLOPH**

Tito Cerdan+  
Gregoria Cerdan+  
Marlyn Quaile Uy+

**Thursday, July 31, 2025**

Maria Dung Nguyen+  
Marieta Brooks (Thanksgiving/Bday)  
Ryan Flood (SI)

**Friday, August 1, 2025**

Conrad Rodricks  
Joseph Vi+, Truong+ (Death Anniv)  
Nelinda McKellen+

Cheryl Ramirez Guerrero+

**Saturday, August 2, 2025**

Mark Esguerra (Bday)  
Roberto Supnet+  
Dominatora DeGuzman+ and Pablo De Guzman+

**Saturday/Sunday, 26-27, 2025**

**4:00PM Vigil**

Teresita Galvez+  
Maria Lan Le Duong+  
Jenna Lagdamen (Bday)

**5:30PM Vietnamese Vigil**

Maria Tran Thi Tranh+  
LEO Hồ Quý Chương+  
Thanh Nguyen+

**Sunday 8AM Chapel**

Thelma F Rodin+  
Oscar Ansaldo+  
Juan Mamaril Picman+ (Death Anniversary)

**8:15 Villages**

**10AM Chapel**

Gioakim Dinh Van Hoc+  
For the repose of the souls of Dinh-Mais family  
Giancarlo Bello+

Lucretia de la Cruz+

**12PM Chapel**

Vince Songcayawon (Bday)  
Milagros Pedroza Roble+  
Marcial Ugay+

Felix Olmos+

**2PM Spanish**

Raul Gallegos Lara+  
Alvaro Gallegos Romero (SI)

**4PM (Vietnamese)**

Maria Lan Le Duong+

**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
- those beginning new journeys

### SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

#### TODAY'S READINGS

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Reading I:

Genesis 18:20-32

#### Reading II:

Colossians 2:12-14

#### Gospel:

Luke 11:1-13

#### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Reading I:

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23

#### Reading II:

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

#### Gospel:

Luke 12:13-21

## 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

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish Feast Day!



# Save the Date

## Saturday, October 4, 2025

### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



## RAFFLE

# Talent Show

## Event T-Shirt Sponsorship Opportunities available

## RUN/WALK-- A-THON



# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI 2025 FEAST DAY

## T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

Calling all Creatives! Join Our  
T-Shirt Design Contest!

You have the chance to win a

**\$100** CASH PRIZE

### HOW TO ENTER:

- 1 Create a captivating design that reflects our event
- 2 Submit your design to Rosie.Olivas@dsj.org by August 15, 2025
- 3 Spread the word! Encourage friends, family and other parishioners to enter too



### The relics of St. Thérèse of Lisieux are coming to the USA

**Our Lady of La Vang Church, 389 E Santa Clara St, San Jose (4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., Oct. 20)**

**Santa Clara Carmel, 1000 Lincoln St, Santa Clara (8:00 p.m., Oct. 20 – 12:45 p.m. Oct. 21)**

**Mount Saint Joseph, 12455 Clayton Rd, San Jose (October 22-23 & 24-25—see website)**

The magnificent reliquary of St. Thérèse, containing some of her bones, has visited more than 70 countries around the world since 1994. There have been great crowds and great blessings everywhere. Such continued worldwide acclaim is unprecedented in the history of the Church.

St. Thérèse continues to be loved as “the greatest saint of modern times.” She wrote in her autobiography, *Story of a Soul*: “I would like to travel over the whole earth to preach the Gospel...” In 1999-2000 the reliquary of St. Thérèse first came to the United States. More than one million people came to venerate her relics in 25 states. Now, twenty-five years later, it is a special blessing that the reliquary will be visiting our country during the 100th anniversary year of her Canonization and for the Jubilee Year of the Church. We would be very grateful if you could help promote this visit in your Diocese.

See our website: <https://StThereseUSA2025.com/>



**God Walks in Summer**  
*Inspired by Psalm 104:24  
– “O Lord, how manifold  
are your works!”*

I saw God in the morning  
sun, When fields of gold  
had just begun.  
In singing birds and skies  
so wide, His voice was  
near, His light our guide.

He whispered in the  
summer breeze, And  
danced within the  
rustling trees.  
Each bloom and bee, each  
stream and stone,  
Proclaimed the earth is  
not our own.

So in this warm and  
shining hour, I thank You,  
Lord, for leaf and flower.  
For quiet walks, and  
skies so blue—In sum-  
mer’s joy, I rest in You.



### 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 items.*

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