



A REFLECTION FROM FR. VINCENT PINEDA, PASTOR

August 3, 2025 – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." - Luke 56:59

Dear St. Francis of Assisi Family,

Today's Gospel confronts us with one of Jesus' most direct challenges about wealth and priorities. It begins when someone asks Jesus to settle a family inheritance dispute, but Jesus uses this as a teaching moment about what truly matters in life.

The parable of the rich fool is startling in its relevance to our consumer culture. Here's a man who has been blessed with abundance – his land produces a rich harvest. Rather than sharing this bounty, he decides to build bigger barns to store it all for himself. He imagines a future of ease and self-indulgence: "Rest, eat, drink, be merry!"

But God calls him a fool, and that very night his life is demanded of him. The question that haunts the parable echoes through the ages: "The things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?"

This isn't a condemnation of success or planning for the future. The foolishness lies in the man's complete self-focus. Notice how many times he uses the word "I" and "my" – my crops, my barns, my grain, my goods, my soul. He never considers others who might benefit from his abundance, never acknowledges God as the source of his blessings, never thinks beyond his own comfort.

Jesus concludes with a principle that challenges our culture's values: "Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God." Being "rich in what matters to God" means generosity, compassion, justice, love – treasures that can never be taken from us.

This teaching speaks powerfully to our time of economic uncertainty and growing inequality. It asks us to examine our relationship with possessions and consider what constitutes true security. It challenges both those who have much and those who desire much to reflect on what really makes life worth living.

This week, consider: Where do you find your security – in possessions or in God? How can you be "rich in what matters to God"? What abundance has God given you that might be meant for sharing?

Blessings

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Fr. Vincent

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UPCOMING PRESIDER SCHEDULE AND FEATURE ARTICLE

August 9-10, 2025

Nineteenth 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 Msgr. Michael Mitchell

8:15AM(Villages) Fr. Eddie Obero

10:00AM Fr. Vincent Pineda

12:00PM Fr. Eddie Obero

2:00PM (Spanish) TBD

4:00PM Fr. Phong Nguyen

6:00PM TBD

THE IMPORTANCE OF COMPLETING YOUR SACRAMENTS

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Bulletin

As Catholics, the Sacraments are the milestones of our spiritual journey—beautiful, sacred gifts instituted by Christ to strengthen our relationship with God and the Church. Each Sacrament opens the door to grace and guides us toward a fuller, more meaningful life in faith.

Baptism is our entry into the Catholic faith, washing away original sin and making us children of God. Through **First Holy Communion**, we receive the Body and Blood of Christ, nourishing our souls and uniting us with Jesus in a profound way. **Confirmation** seals us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, empowering us to live out our faith boldly and serve others with courage and compassion.

Yet, too often, many of us stop somewhere along the way. Life gets busy. We may move, change schools, or simply fall out of rhythm with the Church. But God's invitation remains open—always calling us to return and be made whole.



Completing the Sacraments is not just a requirement; it is a blessing. It deepens your relationship with Christ, strengthens your connection to the parish community, and equips you to face life's challenges with faith. If you have not yet received your First Communion or Confirmation, it is never too late. Adults and teens alike are welcome to prepare through our parish programs.

Parents: your role is vital. Enroll your children in religious education, attend Mass regularly, and be an example of faith lived out loud.

At St. Francis of Assisi Parish, we are here to walk with you. Let us help you or your family complete this sacred journey. Come, receive what Christ longs to give.

"He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion" – Philippians 1:6

Registration for Sacramental Preparation is NOW OPEN. For more information, please contact Lerma Simpson at 408-223-1770 x316 or email her at Lerma.Simpson@dsj.org

Faith Formation

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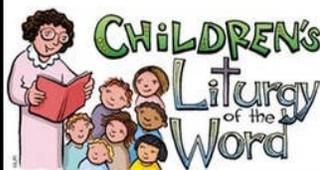
RE-REGISTRATION AND NEW ENROLLMENT FOR OUR FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS:

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



DEAR PRAYER ANGELS!

We Have decided to take a break this summer....We will not have our weekly meetings from August 7-14.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, August 21, 2025.

This is the longest we have ever gone without meeting for the last 17 years! We all need a break with summer schedules etc! Please let me know if you want to put a name in the prayer journal, need a shawl or more yarn!

Have a great summer! Continue to keep each other in our daily prayers!

Blessings , Joyce

Why Registering Matters

Registering at your Catholic parish is more than just paperwork—it's a sign of belonging. It allows the Church to support you in your spiritual journey, helps with Sacrament

preparation, and ensures you are counted as a valued member of our faith community. Join us not just in the pews, but as part of the family. Register today!



Parish Registration

¿Por qué es importante registrarse?

Registrarse en su parroquia católica es más que llenar un formulario: es una señal de pertenencia. Le permite a la Iglesia acompañarlo en su camino espiritual, facilita la preparación para los Sacramentos, y asegura que usted sea contado como un miembro valioso de nuestra comunidad de fe. Únase a nosotros no solo en las bancas, sino como parte de la familia. ¡Regístrese hoy!

Tại sao việc ghi danh lại quan trọng?

Ghi danh tại giáo xứ Công Giáo của bạn không chỉ là thủ tục hành chính—mà còn là dấu hiệu của sự thuộc về. Việc này giúp Giáo Hội đồng hành với bạn trong hành trình đức tin, hỗ trợ chuẩn bị các Bí Tích, và ghi nhận bạn là một thành viên quý giá của cộng đoàn đức tin. Xin đừng chỉ hiện diện trong nhà thờ—hãy trở thành một phần của gia đình. Ghi danh hôm nay nhé!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 4, 2025

Mark Visenio (Bday)
 Bob Juleson (Bday)
 Francesca Keeney+
 Santiago Bocanegra+

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

Jim Vincent Keller+
 Alexander Guiang+
 Sheila Rad (Healing)
 Christina Merced (Health/Healing)

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

Maria Dung Nguyen+
 Marlyn Quaile -Uy+
 Rose and Rod Cabel (Health/Strength)

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Christina Merced (Health/Healing)
 Jessica Ison (Health/Healing)

Thursday, August 7, 2025

Joseph Vu+, Van Khang+ (Death Anniv)
 Alexander Guiang+
 Peter James Malinis+
 Jessica Ison (Health/Healing)

Friday, August 8, 2025

Aimee Rae D. Penafior (Thanksgiving)
 Mary Mitchell+
 Tessie Nieva (Birthday)
 Christina Merced (Health/Healing)

Saturday, August 9, 2025

GianCarlo Bello+ (Anniv)
 Lydia Pontillas+
 Rose and Rod Cabel (Health/Strength)
 Jessica Ison (Health/Healing)

Saturday/Sunday, August 9-10, 2025

4:00PM Vigil

Nicholas Pernia+
 Amanda Taruc (Bday)
 Ari Lappalainen-Zhao+

5:30PM Vietnamese Vigil

Maria Tran Thi Tranh+
 LEO HỒ QUÝ CHƯƠNG+
 Maria Lan Le Duong+
 Thanh Nguyen+

Sunday 8AM Chapel

Oscar Estrada+
 Teresita Galvez+
 Macario and Adela Turqueza+
 Christina Merced (Health/Healing)

10AM Chapel

Maria Mai Thi Duom+
 Santiago Uminga+
 Bailey Do+
 Giancarlo Bello+

12PM Chapel

Drina Martinez+
 Jesus Ruiz and Family+
 Alexander Esguerra (Bsay)
 John Nguyen Van Ly+

2PM Spanish

Raul Gallegos Lara+
 Alvaro Gallegos Romero (SI)

4PM (Vietnamese)

Maria Lan Le Duong+
 Ana Nguyen+
 Dominico Nguyen+

6PM Chapel

Jessica Ison (Health/Healing)

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.*

WEEKLY OFFERTORY TOTALS

JULY 14-21, 2025:

Masses	\$ 10,885.00
Online	\$ 7,428.00
Mail	\$ 1,405.00
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	\$ 198.00
Grand Total	\$ 19,916.00

2nd Collection: Peter's Pence
\$ 5,001.00

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

**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.

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

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I:

Wisdom 18:6-9

Reading II:

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Gospel:

Luke 12:32-48

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



**Catholic Fun
Fact – August
Edition**

*The Month of
the Immaculate
Heart of Mary*

Did you know that the Catholic Church dedicates the month of **August** to the **Immaculate Heart of Mary**? This devotion invites us to reflect on Mary's pure and loving heart—full of grace, compassion, and unwavering obedience to God. Her heart, often shown pierced with swords, reminds us of her deep sorrow and steadfast faith, especially during the Passion of her Son.

August 15 also brings one of the Church's greatest Marian feast days: the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. On this Holy Day of Obligation, we celebrate the belief that Mary was assumed body and soul into Heaven—a sign of the glory that awaits all faithful Christians.

So this August, take a moment to honor Mary's heart by imitating her love, humility, and trust in God.

"My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God." —

Our Lady of Fatima

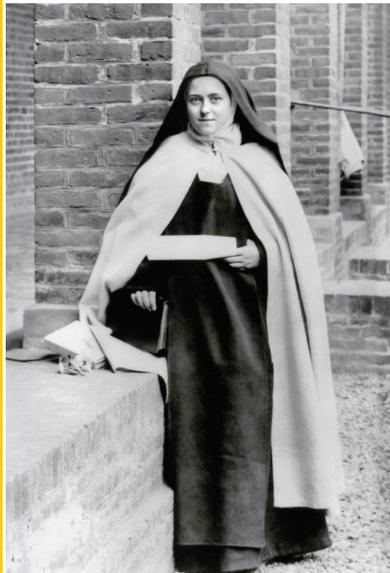
The relics of St. Thérèse of Lisieux are coming to the USA

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/>