



A REFLECTION FROM FR. VINCENT PINEDA, PASTOR

AUGUST 10, 2025 – NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom." - Luke 12:32

Dear St. Francis of Assisi Family,

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks tenderly to his "little flock" – a phrase that captures both our vulnerability and our belovedness. These words come in the context of teachings about anxiety, possessions, and readiness for the master's return.

Jesus begins by addressing our deepest fears: "Do not worry about your life and what you will eat, or about your body and what you will wear." He points to the ravens who don't sow or reap yet are fed by God, and to the lilies that neither toil nor spin yet are clothed more beautifully than Solomon. If God cares for birds and flowers, how much more will God care for us?

Then comes this beautiful assurance: "Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom." The kingdom isn't something we earn through worry or accumulation – it's a gift the Father delights to give. This transforms everything about how we live.

Because we are recipients of God's kingdom, Jesus calls us to a radical generosity: "Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven." This isn't about poverty for its own sake but about investing in what lasts.

The passage continues with the parable of the watchful servants, emphasizing readiness and faithful stewardship. We're called to live in constant expectation of our master's return, not with anxiety but with joyful anticipation. The surprise is that when the master returns, he will serve those who have been faithful – a beautiful reversal that reflects the nature of God's kingdom.

The challenge intensifies with Jesus' words about responsibility: "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more." This isn't meant to burden us but to help us recognize the privilege and responsibility that come with being part of God's kingdom.

This week, reflect on Jesus' tender words: "little flock." How does knowing you are beloved and cared for by God change your relationship with worry? What might it mean to live as one who has already received the kingdom? How can you be a faithful steward of what God has entrusted to you?

Blessings, 

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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 *Fr. Vincent Pineda*

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

SUNDAY

8:00 AM *Msgr. Michael Mitchell*

8:15AM(Villages) *Fr. Vincent Pineda*

10:00AM *Fr. Vincent Pineda*

12:00PM *TBD with Deacon Joseph Cabrido*

2:00PM (Spanish) *TBD*

4:00PM *Fr. Phong Nguyen*

6:00PM *Vincent Pineda*



A REFLECTION FROM DEACON ANDRZEJ SOBczyk QUALITY OF LIFE

I recently visited Copenhagen, and the first thing that I was struck by was that there were very few cars driving around. In fact, I had to watch out for bikes at intersections more than cars. Quite a few streets are converted to pedestrian use only. While doing a little research, I discovered that car ownership is heavily taxed in Denmark in order to discourage driving, while promoting cycling, walking, and the use of public transportation. My hotel was on the outskirts of the city, and yet I was able to reach the very center in 14 minutes by walking 5 minutes to the nearest subway station, and then spending 9 minutes on a fully automated and frequently running metro line. A taxi would not be any faster, and driving my own car would be even more cumbersome when it comes to parking.

A few days later I moved on to Warsaw, a city that I was raised in, but again I was surprised by how easy it is to move around without a car. Public transportation is readily available, quick, frequent, safe, clean, and inexpensive; in fact, seniors can ride for free. But the best part is that people can walk within their neighborhoods to reach everything they need for everyday living. Using as an example the location of the residential neighborhood condo that I am staying at, there are plenty of services within a short walk: a farmers market, dozens of specialty food stores and bakeries, over a dozen restaurants, doctors' offices, pharmacies, a hospital, 5 preschools, 3 primary schools, 2 high schools, 2 universities, 4 Catholic churches, a movie theater, children's theater, 3 drama theaters, a cultural center and concert venues, 3 libraries, 5 parks, many playgrounds, museums, and countless other venues. I can walk everywhere within my self-contained neighborhood, connect with old friends and family, take public transportation to other neighborhoods, or take a fast train to other cities. All of this can be enjoyed without owning a car.

Does it mean that everything in Europe is better than in the US? Of course not. City living is not for everyone, nature is beautiful in the US, and the weather is great in California. But we can learn a thing or two about the quality of life from other nations. Our youngest generation is facing a high cost of living and an affordability crisis. We have an acute shortage of affordable homes. More housing needs to be built, either by spreading into ever more distant suburbs, or increasing housing density and building up. Based on my European experiences I would argue for greater density, because it enables people to have a car free life, and plenty of services within quick reach. Some new US neighborhoods are already experimenting with this concept. But it requires a shift in mentality, and a willingness to focus first on common good when planning new neighborhoods and expanding the existing ones.

It all comes down to relationships, and our faith is all about it: having a life-giving relationship with God and with others, thinking about the well-being of our communities, and taking care of the most vulnerable. This will in turn enrich all of us individually and increase our quality of life.

Faith Formation

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



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

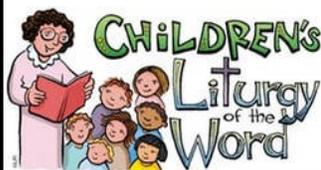
FAITH FORMATION (Elementary/OCIA/OCIC)

- ✦ 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>

**REGISTRATION CLOSÉS
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**



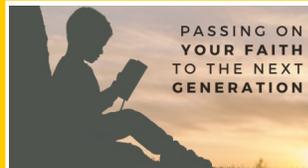
**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF
THE WORD
August 17
8AM, 10AM, 12PM Mass**

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



FAITH FORMATION

Faith: The Next Generation

– Pass It On! Boldly go where many have gone before and help pass on the Good News

of Jesus Christ and our Catholic faith! This fall over 100 children will sign up to learn more about Jesus and the Catholic faith and to prepare for their sacraments. You can help them by becoming a catechist for JOY (Jesus Others and You) or for First Eucharist preparation. The sessions are only once a month, and you don't need any previous experience as a catechist. You will be trained and supported along the way. As you nurture the faith of our young, you will learn and grow as well! As one long-time catechist put it, "I learn so much from the children!" If you are interested in joining our wonderful team of catechists or for more information, please contact Lerma Simpson at lerma.simpson@dsj.org or at (408) 223-1770 ext. 316.

The Living Camp

CACCLC is a Catholic young adult camp held every year over Labor Day weekend. We welcome young adults from all across California to come together to grow in faith, build meaningful friendships, and be renewed through a weekend rooted in prayer. This year, the camp will be from Friday, August 29, 2025 to Monday, September 1, 2025, and it'll be held at Santa Teresita Youth Conference Center in Three Rivers, CA. Our theme for the year is "Rise Up and Follow Me", an invitation to take that next step with Christ, wherever you are in your faith journey. Our spiritual director will be Fr. Cheeyoon Chun, who will lead several talks throughout the weekend. And we'll also have small groups, Mass, Adoration, praise and worship, and plenty of time to hang out, meet new people, and have fun. More information and resources about the camp can be found at cacclc.org.

CACCLC Young Adult Camp

What: California Catholic Living Camp 2025

Who: Young Adults (18+)

When: Labor Day Weekend (Friday, August 29th – Monday, September 1st)

Where: Santa Teresita Youth Conference Center, Three Rivers, CA

Link for additional information: <https://cacclc.org/>



Registration
QR code
Late registrations
accepted!



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 11, 2025

Irene Zuniga (Bday)
Rose and Rod Cabaal (Health/Strength)
Christina Merced (Health/Healing)
Harry Martinez+

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

Maria Dung Nguyen+
Shaun Inuman (Bday)
Giovanni Reyes (Bday) & Expedito Reyes+

Bernardo and Jesusa Usita+,
Fr. Phong Nguyen (Birthday)

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

Aurora Couto+
Eugenia Apostol+
Franco Borlaza+
Becky and Emma Haslemann-Nutter.

7PM OLOPH

Christina Merced (Health/Healing)
Jessica Ison (Health/Healing)
Lenore McMahan+

Thursday, August 14, 2025

Alexandra Demare (Thanksgiving)
Clark Seegmiller+
Christina Merced (Health/Healing)
Jessica Ison (Health/Healing)

Friday, August 15, 2025

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN
MARY

Saturday, August 16, 2025

Christina Merced (Health/Healing)
Jessica Ison (Health/Healing)
Nora Alcantara (Thanksgiving)

Saturday/Sunday, August 9-10, 2025

4:00PM Vigil

Jacinto Gosiengfiao+
Teresita Galvez+
Ava Charisse D. Lu (Bday)
Maria Pham T. Hue+

5:30PM Vietnamese Vigil

Maria Tran Thi Tranh+
Anthony Hung Tran (Bday)
Leo Hồ Quý Chương+
Maria Lan Le Duong+

Sunday 8AM Chapel

Anna Maria Hai Nguyen+
Steven Justin Parcutilo+
Cheryl Ramirez Guerrero+
Glenda Jimenez (Healing)

10AM Chapel

Dinh-Mai Family+
John Bui+
Maria Aline Vuong+
Dominador and Leanora DeJesus+

12PM Chapel

Felix Olmos+
Victoria and Perfecto Raquidan+
Jessica Ison (Health/Healing)
Fortunato Rodriguez+

2PM Spanish

Raul Gallegos Lara+

4PM (Vietnamese)

Maria Lan Le Duong+
Thanh Nguyen+
Ana Quach+

6PM Chapel

Jason Bascos(Birthday)
Madison Bascos+

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 21-27, 2025:

Masses	\$ 11,996.00
Online	\$ 5,763.00
Mail	\$ 585.00
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	
	<u>\$ 142.00</u>
Grand Total	\$ 18,486.00

*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



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 to our Wine Club per bottle or \$100 donation to our Wine Club per case

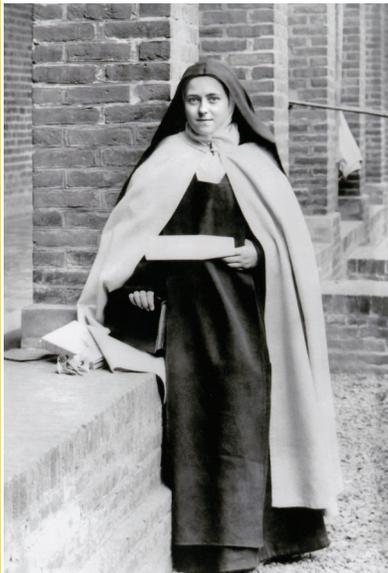
The relics of St. Thérèse of Lisieux are coming to the USA

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/>