

REFLECTION: WALKING IN GOD’S WISDOM, LIVING AS TRUE DISCIPLES

This Sunday’s readings remind us that following Christ is both a gift and a challenge. The Book of Wisdom asks a humbling question: *“Who can know God’s counsel, unless He gives wisdom and sends His Spirit from on high?”* Left to ourselves, our thoughts are clouded, our plans uncertain, and our hearts weighed down with worries. Yet God promises to guide our path when we open ourselves to His Spirit.

In the second reading, Paul appeals to Philemon with tenderness, urging him to welcome back Onesimus not as a slave but as a brother in Christ. Here we see the Gospel in action—relationships transformed, divisions healed, and love raised above power or status. Paul shows us that discipleship is not about control but about freely choosing mercy, reconciliation, and fraternity.

Then Jesus speaks words that can unsettle us: *“Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple... Anyone who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.”* His call is clear and radical. To follow Christ is to put Him above everything—family, possessions, even our own lives. It does not mean we stop loving those closest to us, but that our love for Christ becomes the foundation of all other loves. He invites us to “count the cost,” not to discourage us, but to remind us that discipleship is not half-hearted.

At St. Francis of Assisi, our patron reminds us with his own life that when we let go of worldly attachments, we gain far more than we lose. St. Francis gave up wealth, comfort, and status, but in return he received the joy of living fully in God’s love and becoming a channel of peace for others.

This week, let us pray for the wisdom to see our lives as God sees them, the courage to carry our crosses faithfully, and the grace to put Christ first. True discipleship will cost us something, but the reward is eternal life in Him.

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UPCOMING PRESIDER SCHEDULE AND FEATURE ARTICLE

September 13-14, 2025

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

(Subject to Change)

SATURDAY VIGIL

4:00PM *Fr. Eddie Obero*

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

SUNDAY

8:00 AM *Fr. Eddie Obero*

8:15AM(Villages) *Msgr. Mitchell*

10:00AM *Fr. Eddie Obero assisted by Deacon Sunny*

12:00PM *Fr. Vincent Pineda assisted by Deacon Joe*

2:00PM (Spanish) *Joseph Page*

4:00PM *Fr. Phong Nguyen*

6:00PM *Fr. Eddie Obero*

PREPARING FOR OUR ANNUAL REPORT: CELEBRATING PARISH LIFE

As St. Francis of Assisi Parish prepares our Annual Report, we pause to recognize the many ways our community continues to grow in faith, service, and unity. An annual report is not only a record of numbers and events—it is a reflection of how the Holy Spirit is alive in our parish, working through each one of us.

Our **volunteers** are the heartbeat of parish life. They serve quietly and faithfully—greeting parishioners at Mass, preparing the liturgy, teaching our children and youth, assisting with sacramental preparation, and reaching out to those who are homebound or grieving. Their commitment makes it possible for our parish to be a place of welcome, compassion, and service.

Our **ministries** are the hands and feet of Christ in our community. From faith formation and social justice to music, hospitality, bereavement, and outreach, each ministry brings hope and light to those it touches. Together, these ministries extend the mission of our parish beyond our walls, strengthening our connection to the wider Church and the Diocese of San Jose.

Our **parish events**—whether spiritual, cultural, or fundraising—remind us that we are one family in Christ. Feast days, celebrations, and community gatherings provide opportunities to pray, work, and rejoice together. They not only build fellowship but also help sustain the mission of our parish for future generations.

As we prepare to publish this year's Annual Report, we give thanks for all that has been accomplished through God's grace and your dedication. May it inspire us to continue working together as disciples of Christ, serving one another and building up the Body of Christ here in our community.

On behalf of our clergy and parish staff, **thank you for your generosity, faith, and service. Together, we are living the mission of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, guided always by the love of Christ.**

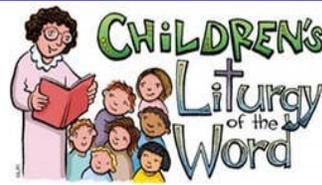


THE HEART OF
OUR PARISH:
VOLUNTEERS,
EVENTS, AND
MINISTRIES

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



Faith Formation



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD
September 14, 28, 2025 at 8AM, 10AM, 12PM



MANDATORY PARENT ORIENTATIONS

Second Year First Eucharist Prep
Sunday, September 21 @2:00 PM
in Sandersfeld Hall
JOY:
Sunday, September 28 @1:30 PM
in Sandersfeld Hall

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION IS NOW

CLOSED

St. Francis of Assisi

2025-2026

REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW.
IGNITE: MEET ONCE A MONTH ON THURSDAY.
ECHO: MEET WEEKLY ON FRIDAY.
BOTH WILL START IN SEPTEMBER



ENROLL NOW



Registration Open from August 1st onward!



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 8, 2025

Natividad Lagasca+
Rene Paquette+
Rosario Dato+

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Rose Aclinou (Bday)
Senya and Dianne Fontanilla (Healing)

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

Oscar Estrada+

Our Lady of Perpetual Help (7PM)

Peter and Lisa Nguyen+
Thai Nguyen+

Thursday, September 11, 2025

Maria Dung Nguyen+
Tess Reyes (Bday)

Friday, September 12, 2025

Virgilio Sanchez+
Doris Lagasca+
Ed Merced+

Kim Sirhan (Conversion/Healing)

Saturday, September 13, 2025

Franco Borlaza+
Oscar David+ (Bday)

Peter Hoa-Helen Conversion

Nguyen-Ha-Vy-Khoi-Anh Thu (Healing)

Saturday/Sunday, September 8-14

4:00PM Vigil

Elpidio and Amparo de Jesus+
Teresita Galvez+
Cora M Lu & Family (Thanksgiving)

5:30PM Vietnamese Vigil

Maria Tran Thi Tranh+
Leo Hồ Quý Chương+
Maria Lan Le Duong+

Sunday 8AM Chapel

Trevor Beatty and Dana Schreiber
(Health and Healing)

Paul Schrieber+

Prescila Sahagun+

Phero Tran Quoc Tuan+

8:15AM Villages

10AM Chapel

Maria Mai Thi Duom+
John Bui+

Joseph Tha Nguyen+ & Isave Nam Nguyen+

Maria Oanh Nguyen+

12PM Chapel

Agapita Pedroza+
Milagros Pedroza Roble+

Therese Le Van+

Tess Reyes (Bday)

2PM Spanish

Souls in Purgatory

4PM (Vietnamese)

Maria Lan Le Duong+

Thanh Nguyen+

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.

♦ Spanish Community Prayer and Rosary, Wednesdays at 4:30PM

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

COLLECTION TOTALS

AUGUST 18-24, 2025:

Masses \$ 12,580.00

Online \$ 4,693.00

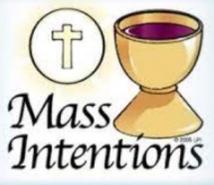
Mail \$ 140.00

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
\$ 142.00

Grand Total \$ 17,555.00

2nd Collection: Black and Indian
Missions \$3,585.00

**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

**Our 2026 Mass Intentions
will open October 13, 2025**

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

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I:

Wisdom 9:13-18b

Reading II:

Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Gospel:

Luke 14:25-33

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Reading I:

Numbers 21:4b-9

Reading II:

Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel:

John 3:13-17

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Feast Day!



LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI FEAST DAY SET-UP AND CLEAN-UP

If you would like to volunteer, you will need to follow Diocesan Guidelines and be fingerprinted (if you are over 18) and take the Virtus Safe Environment Training prior to October 4. Please contact Rosie.Olivas@dsj.org



MEMORIAL GARDEN CONSTRUCTION

Dear Memorial Garden Families, We are preparing for construction in the Memorial Garden. We will be throwing out all flowers and plants in preparation of the new addition to the Memorial Garden. Please do not add any flowers or plants at this time. If you have plants in the garden, you may want to take them home. Otherwise, we will dispose of all items in the garden.

Thank you, Parish Memorial Garden Management

VOLUNTEER Opportunities **Volunteers Needed - Funeral Ministry**

St. Francis of Assisi Parish is seeking volunteers to serve in our **Funeral Ministry**.

Volunteers assist with funeral set-up, support during the Mass, and serve as Sacristans if needed. This is a meaningful way to offer comfort and service to families in their time of need.

All volunteers must follow **Diocesan guidelines**, including **fingerprinting** and completion of **Safe Environment training**.

If you feel called to serve, please contact Rosie at rolivas@dsj.org or 408-223-1770 x301



Save the Date
SUNDAY, SEPT. 28
@ 10 AM - 12 PM

St. Victor School Open House



3150 SIERRA ROAD



Discover St. Victor School at our Open House on Sunday, Sept. 28, 2025, 10 AM–12 PM! Tour classrooms, meet our teachers, and see why families choose our preschool (age 3) through 8th grade programs. Experience our warm, faith-filled community and learn about our strong academics and enrichment opportunities. Visit stvictorschool.org/events or contact info@stvictorschool.org | (408) 251-1740.

Join us All Are Welcome

- Tours with our current families
- Chat with our teachers
- Games & Crafts for kids
- NFL game & Light Refreshments

RSVP

stvictorschool.org/events

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!**



Celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Vailankanni

**Saturday, September 13, 2025 -
4:00 PM Vigil Mass**

We joyfully invite our parish community to join us in celebrating the Feast of **Our Lady of Vailankanni** at the 4:00 PM Vigil Mass on **Saturday, September 1, 2025**, here at St. Francis of Assisi Parish.

Who is Our Lady of Vailankanni?

Known as the “*Lourdes of the East*,” Our Lady of Vailankanni is a beloved title of the Blessed Virgin Mary in India. Tradition tells us that in the 16th and 17th centuries, the Blessed Mother appeared to children and the sick in the small coastal town of Vailankanni, in Tamil Nadu. Many miraculous healings took place through her intercession, and she became known as **Our Lady of Good Health**.

Today, millions of pilgrims from around the world travel to the Shrine Basilica of Our Lady of Vailankanni each year, seeking comfort, healing, and hope. She is especially cherished by the faithful of India and by Catholics across the globe who turn to her in times of need.

A Celebration of Faith and Culture

Here at St. Francis of Assisi, we are blessed to join in this tradition of honoring Mary under this beautiful title. This special Mass is a time to lift our prayers to our Blessed Mother, asking her to intercede for our families, our parish, and all who are in need of healing and peace.

We warmly welcome all parishioners and friends to join in this feast day celebration. Come experience the richness of faith and devotion that unites us as one family in Christ, through the loving care of Our Lady of Vailankanni. A small reception will follow

“Our Lady of Vailankanni, pray for us!”

Does your ministry have an event you'd like advertised in our communications? Fill out the form which can be found on the link below!

To help make event communications submissions more efficient and streamlined, we'll be using a form to intake requests and get them through approval by our administrative team! Visit this site:

<https://sfoasj.com/bulletin-submissions>
for our updated protocol!