



**A REFLECTION FROM FR. VINCENT PINEDA, PASTOR**

**September 21, 2025 – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"No servant can serve two masters... You cannot serve both God and mammon." - Luke 16:13*

My Dear St. Francis of Assisi Family,

Today's Gospel presents us with one of Jesus' most puzzling parables – the story of the dishonest steward who is praised for his shrewd action. This parable has challenged interpreters for centuries, but its message about priorities and ultimate loyalty is crystal clear.

The steward, about to be fired for squandering his master's property, quickly reduces the debts owed to his master, making friends who might help him in his unemployment. His master commends him not for his dishonesty but for his prudent action in securing his future.

Jesus draws a striking lesson: "The children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than the children of light." In other words, people pursuing worldly goals often show more wisdom and urgency than those pursuing spiritual goals. How much planning, energy, and resources do we invest in our earthly future compared to our eternal future?

But the heart of Jesus' teaching comes in his conclusion: "You cannot serve both God and mammon." Mammon represents not just money but the entire system of values that puts material wealth and security above all else. Jesus isn't condemning money itself but the idolatry of money, the trust in wealth as our ultimate security.

This teaching is particularly challenging in our consumer culture, where we're constantly encouraged to find meaning and identity through what we buy and own. Jesus calls us to a fundamental choice: Will we serve God or wealth? Will we find our security in divine providence or financial portfolios? Will we measure success by kingdom values or worldly standards?

The parable encourages us to be "shrewd as serpents" in using our resources for eternal purposes. Just as the steward used worldly wealth to secure worldly relationships, we're called to use our resources – time, money, talents – to build relationships and serve purposes that have eternal significance.

This week, examine your relationship with money and possessions: Do you own them, or do they own you? How can you use your resources more strategically for God's kingdom? What would it look like to invest as wisely in eternal things as you do in temporal ones?

Blessings, *Fr. Vincent*

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## UPCOMING PRESIDER SCHEDULE AND FEATURE ARTICLE

September 27-28, 2025

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*(Subject to Change)*

**SATURDAY VIGIL**

4:00PM Bishop Eusebius

5:30PM (Vietnamese) Fr. Phong Nguyen

**SUNDAY**

8:00 AM

8:15AM(Villages)

10:00AM

12:00PM

2:00PM (Spanish)

4:00PM

6:00PM

Bishop Eusebius

Msgr. Mitchell

Bishop Eusebius

Bishop Eusebius

Fr. Rudy Ruiz

Fr. Phong Nguyen

Bishop Eusebius



### A REFLECTION FROM MRS. LESLIE LEGACION-CAMPOS

*"Do you remember...the twenty first night in September?"*

Maybe you do, maybe you don't. But one thing's for sure, I hope you can recall one song that you can associate with a specific memory.

Whether it's a memory filled with joy and happiness, or one that isn't. That's one of the many superpowers of music - it helps us remember things we might've forgotten. It's as if we closed our eyes and that song came on, and we are transported back to that time and place, who was there, what we were feeling, and every detail from that event seemed like it happened yesterday.

One of the joys, but yet hardest parts of my ministry is serving for funerals. I have probably sung and played at hundreds and hundreds of funeral liturgies, whether for the Masses, rosaries, or vigil services. I have seen people grieve in different ways, dress in different colors, cry, smile, and even laugh. Many times, I ask the family if there is a special song they would like played at the service. Their requests range from Casting Crowns to Luther Vandross to Ella Fitzgerald, and even Ludvig Van Beethoven. Even if I don't know the person who passed away, these special request songs help me know a little more about them and their life, and when I play these songs, I could hear people start to cry, but I also see smiles, and through their smile do I find comfort knowing I was able to take them back to a special memory with their departed loved one.

A song that holds a special place in my heart is **"Lift Up Your Hands" by Basil Valdez**. It was sung at family gatherings, churches, concerts, karaoke nights, you name it. I've heard it sung in different ways by various singers including my dad and my uncles, with full harmonies.

But the reason why it is very special to me is because I got to sing it for people close to me who have passed away, and every time I feel myself getting emotional during the song, I always felt a light breeze brush across my back which gave me strength to finish the song. This song reminds me that God walks with us every day; even when we forget it. And we are invited to walk with others through good and bad times as a symbol that they are never alone. This song brings me a lot of emotions, and I never get tired of singing it. In fact, I still get excited to sing it.

There are many songs that take me back to those special places in my life; some I can just simply laugh to.

**What is that song for you?**

Please send me an email and share that memory and song. [Lesliemarie.Campos@dsj.org](mailto:Lesliemarie.Campos@dsj.org)  
I would love to know.



Faith Formation



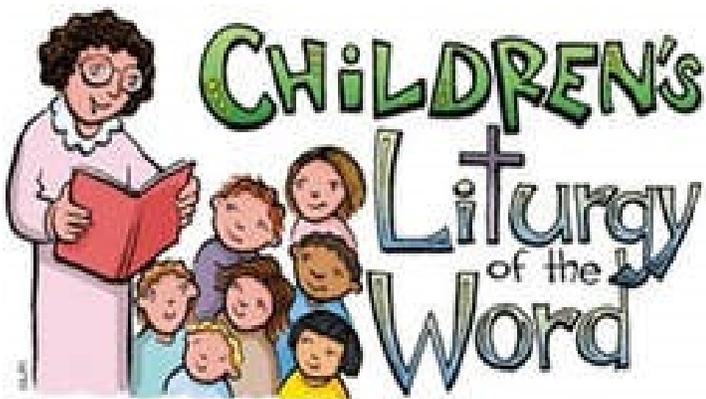
**MANDATORY PARENT ORIENTATIONS**

**Second Year First Eucharist Prep**

*Sunday, September 21 @2:00 PM  
in Sandersfeld Hall*

**JOY:**

*Sunday, September 28 @1:30 PM  
in Sandersfeld Hall*



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**September 28, 2025 at  
8AM, 10AM, 12PM**

*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**

**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](mailto:Rosie.Olivas@dsj.org)

**St. Francis of Assisi Garden**

**Gift Shop**

*Open Friday's, 9AM-12PM  
And Sunday's 9AM-2PM*

*Please stop by for your religious items and gifts*



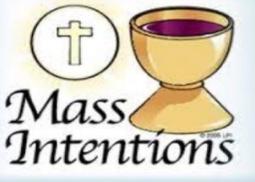
## MASS INTENTIONS

<p><b>Monday, September 22, 2025</b> Prudencio Suriaga+ (1 year anniversary) Anna Hoa Nguyen+</p> <p><b>Tuesday, September 23, 2025</b> Maria Dung Nguyen+ Prudencio Suriaga+ (1 year anniversary) Binh Nguyen (Bday)</p> <p><b>Wednesday, September 24, 2025</b> Barbara Butler+ Maria Tot Pham+ (3rd death anniv) Phero Nguyen T. Phuong+</p> <p><b>Our Lady of Perpetual Help (7PM)</b></p> <p><b>Thursday, September 25, 2025</b> Michael Gillette+</p> <p><b>Friday, September 26, 2025</b> Mae Verano (Birthday) Jose Dato(Bday) Kim Sirhan (Conversion/Healing)</p> <p><b>Saturday, September 27, 2025</b> Maria Do Thi Nga+ Ben Relos+ Luisita and Carlo Magno Uminga+ Nguyen-Ha-Vy-Khoi-Anh Thu (Healing)</p>
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<p><b>Saturday/Sunday, September 27-28, 2025</b> <b>4:00PM Vigil</b> Carlo Magno Uminga and Luisita+ Prudencio Suriaga+ (1 year anniversary) Ed Vallejo+ Christopher Gouw+ (Bday)</p> <p><b>5:30PM Vietnamese Vigil</b> Maria Tran Thi Tranh+ Leo Hồ Quý Chương+ Maria Lan Le Duong+ Thanh Nguyen+</p> <p><b>Sunday 8AM Chapel</b> Steven Justin Parcutilo+ Paulina Parcutilo+ Audi Reyes (Bday) Laura Nitro and Family (Thanksgiving)</p> <p><b>8:15AM Villages</b> Michael Gillette+</p> <p><b>10AM Chapel</b> Conversion of Dinh-Mai's Family Giancarlo Bello+ Roxy Ilagan Amoroso+ Maria Aline Vuong+</p> <p><b>12PM Chapel</b> Manuel Araujo+ Bert Belisario+ Addie Reyes+</p> <p><b>2PM Spanish</b> <b>4PM (Vietnamese)</b> Joseph Theophilus Tran (Bday) Joseph Pham Hong Thai+ Deacon Joseph Chuong Do+ Maria Lan Le Duong+</p> <p><b>6PM Chapel</b> Glenda Jimenez (Healing)</p>
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### WEEKLY OFFERTORY TOTALS

<p><b>COLLECTION TOTALS</b> <b>SEPTEMBER 1-8, 2025:</b></p>	
Masses	\$ 13,663.00
Online	\$ 6,060.44
Mail	\$ 3,821.00
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	\$ <u>143.00</u>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 23,687.44</b>
<p><b>2nd Collection: Worship Expansion Fund \$4,699.00</b></p> <p><i>Thank you in advance for your continual generosity and financial contributions to the needs of our parish!</i></p>	



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

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

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

## 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
- ◆ **Praise and Thanksgiving Ministry** Thursdays at 5:30PM, Chapel Tabernacle

**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


**he 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**  
 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Reading I:**  
 Amos 8:4-7

**Reading II:**  
 1 Timothy 2:1-8

**Gospel:**  
 Luke 16: 1-13

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**  
 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Reading I:**  
 Amos 6:1a, 4-7

**Reading II:**  
 1 Timothy 6:11-16

**Gospel:**  
 Luke 16: 19-31

**Save the Date!**  
 Catholic Cemeteries will be with us on **Monday, September 22nd at 4:00 PM** in the Chapel.



CATHOLIC FUNERAL & CEMETERY SERVICES

As people of faith, we are called to prepare not only for this life but also for eternal life with Christ. Pre-planning your final resting place is an act of love and foresight—it ensures your wishes are honored while easing the emotional and financial burden on your family. In doing so, you leave a legacy of care, peace, and faith.

Catholic Cemeteries offers a variety of options to meet the needs of you and your loved ones while remaining faithful to the sacred traditions of our Church. By planning ahead, you give your family the beautiful gift of peace of mind and the assurance of Catholic funeral services rooted in hope and resurrection.

We invite you to join us, bring your questions, and begin the conversation in a spirit of faith and trust. Catholic Cemeteries is here to guide you with compassion every step of the way.



**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

*“Catholic prayer is a sacred conversation with God, rooted in faith, trust, and love.”*



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



**THE 108TH YEAR  
ANNIVERSARY OF  
OUR LADY OF  
FATIMA  
APPARITION  
"THE MIRACLE OF  
THE SUN."**

Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Crusade

**Date:** Saturday, October 11, 2025

**Time:** 12 Noon

**Location:** Evergreen Community  
Center Parking Lot  
(4860 San Felipe Road/Park Estate  
Way)

**Rally Captains:**

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Miriam Trivino Borlaza

(408-515-5793)



**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 Summer, Fall, or Winter  
Entertaining*

***\$12 donation to our Wine Club per bottle or  
\$100 donation to our Wine Club per case***

**Mental Health Ministry, Mass for  
Suicide Healing and Remembrance.**

**Saturday, October  
18, 2025, at 11:30AM  
in the Chapel.**



*Light  
refreshments to  
follow in the  
Fireside Room.*

*Mental Health  
Ministers  
available to  
listen to stories  
of those we love.  
All invited*

**988** If you or someone you know  
needs support now, call or text  
988 or chat 988Lifeline.org. 988  
connects you with a trained crisis  
counselor who can help.

**QPR. Question. Persuade. Refer.  
Suicide Prevention Online Training.**  
*Three steps anyone can learn  
to help prevent suicide.*  
<https://qprinstitute.com>

**You are not alone!**  
**If you or someone you know  
struggles with mental illness, call  
NAMI-SCC HELPLINE  
408-453-0400 x1 • M-F 10am-6pm  
Walk-In: M-F 10am – 2pm  
For after-hours support, leave a  
voicemail M-F 6-9pm, Sat/Sun 12-6pm**



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