

A REFLECTION FROM FR. VINCENT

"Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" - Luke 17:18



My Dear St. Francis of Assisi Family,

Today's Gospel tells the touching story of ten lepers who encounter Jesus, but only one returns to give thanks. It's a story that reveals profound truths about healing, gratitude, and the universal reach of God's mercy.

Ten lepers approach Jesus, calling out, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" Their cry reflects both desperation and faith – they believe Jesus can help them. Jesus doesn't heal them immediately but tells them to show themselves to the priests. As they go, trusting in his word, they are cleansed.

All ten experience physical healing, but only one – a Samaritan, a foreigner – returns to Jesus, falling at his feet and giving thanks. Jesus asks three poignant questions: "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?"

The story reveals different levels of healing. All ten received physical cleansing from their leprosy, but only one received something deeper. To him Jesus says, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." The Greek word used here is the same word used for salvation – this man received not just physical healing but spiritual wholeness.

What made the difference? Gratitude. The one who returned didn't just receive a miracle; he recognized the source of the miracle and responded with worship and thanksgiving. His gratitude opened him to deeper healing.

It's striking that the one who returned was a Samaritan – someone the Jewish community would have considered an outsider, even a heretic. Yet he alone demonstrates the proper response to God's mercy. This reminds us that God's love reaches beyond all boundaries and that sometimes those we least expect show us what faith looks like.

This story challenges our own attitudes toward God's blessings. How often do we receive God's gifts – health, family, opportunities, daily provisions – and take them for granted? How often do we cry out to God in times of need but forget to return with thanksgiving when our prayers are answered?

Gratitude isn't just good manners; it's a spiritual discipline that opens our hearts to recognize God's constant presence and provision in our lives. It transforms us from passive recipients of blessing into active participants in God's love.

This week, practice intentional gratitude: What healing – physical, emotional, or spiritual – have you experienced that deserves thanksgiving? How can you cultivate a heart that recognizes and responds to God's daily mercies? Like the Samaritan leper, how can you return to Jesus with praise and thanksgiving?

Blessings, *Fr. Vincent*

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UPCOMING PRESIDER SCHEDULE AND FEATURE ARTICLE

October 18-19, 2025

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Subject to Change)

SATURDAY VIGIL

4:00PM Fr. Vincent Pineda

5:30PM Fr. Phong Nguyen

SUNDAY

8:00 AM

8:15AM(Villages)

10:00AM

12:00PM

2:00PM (Spanish)

4:00PM

6:00PM

Msgr. Michael Mitchell

Fr. Phong Nguyen

TBD

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Fr. Johannes Busch

Fr. Phong Nguyen

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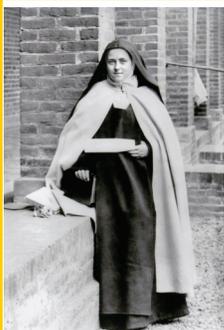
A REFLECTION FROM ROSIE OLIVAS MY NEW JOURNEY WITH CHRIST...

In September, I began my new and challenging journey with the **Institute for Leadership in Ministry (ILM)**. This three-year program requires weekly classes and monthly Saturday sessions, and it has proven to be far more demanding than I expected. Having been away from formal study since the early 1980s, I admit the adjustment has not been easy. Yet after serving at the church for sixteen years, I felt in my heart that the time had come to deepen my faith and understanding.

Though I have been Catholic all my life, I now realize how much there is still to learn, and how much more there is to experience in a relationship with Christ. Surprisingly, the first lesson has been one I thought I already knew—how to pray. On the very first day, we were asked to pray in silence for thirty minutes. At first, I wondered how I would remain still and focused for so long. But in that time, I discovered something beautiful: I can sit with Jesus, speak to Him as my friend, and even hear His voice respond in the silence of my heart.

I am learning to enter into Scripture more deeply, imagining myself walking alongside Jesus and His disciples, and even seeing the Gospel through the tender eyes of Mary, His mother. These moments of prayer and reflection have opened my heart in ways I never expected. What once seemed like a difficult assignment has become an invitation to draw closer to God.

This journey is only beginning, and while it is demanding, it is also filled with grace. I look forward to all that God will teach me in the days ahead, trusting that every challenge will bring me closer to Him.



The relics of St. Thérèse of Lisieux are coming to the Diocese of San Jose

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.



FAITH FORMATION DATES TO REMEMBER:

JOY

FIRST COMMUNION 2ND YEAR PREPARATION
(8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM)

October 12

Rite of Welcome: 10AM and 12PM Masses

October 19 Session

ADULT CONFIRMATION

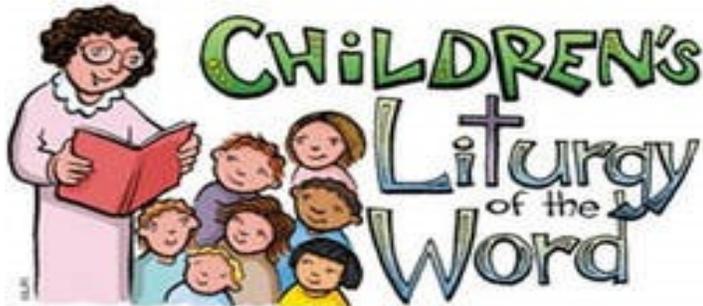
(Sessions 5:00PM-6:00 PM, parish office)

October 19 Session

OCIA (CHILDREN/YOUTH)

(Sessions 10:00AM-11:30AM, parish office)

October 12 Session



(Sunday Masses: 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 12:00PM)

All children are welcome!

October 12

October 26

"Everything we have is
God's gift;
everything we give is our
response."



ECHO JUNIOR HIGH MINISTRY (ALL SESSIONS ARE
ON FRIDAYS FROM 6PM-8PM IN SANDERSFELD HALL)

October 17, 2025

October 24, 2025

November 14, 2025

November 21, 2025

December 5, 2025

IGNITE & MYSTERIUM HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

(Thursdays from 6PM-8PM in the Fireside Room)

October 23, 2025

November 20, 2025

Donate a Prize
TO OUR
FUNDRAISING
RAFFLE



SUPPORT OUR ANNUAL RAFFLE!

We are currently seeking donations to make our Annual Raffle a success. If you have vacation homes, time shares, sports tickets, event tickets, or other exciting items you would like to contribute, we would be most grateful for your generosity.

For more information or to arrange your donation, please contact:

Victor Espinoza, 408-223-1770 ext. 302,

victor.espinoza@dsj.org

Thank you in advance for your consideration!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 13, 2025

Maria Dung Nguyen+
Franco Borlaza+
Ester DeGuzman+ (Bday)
Eloisa Moeser+

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Caroline Lissa+
Marilou Michalke (Birthday)
Ed Vallejo+ (Bday)
Michael Gillette+

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

Jay Nacionales (Bday)
Walk Water Technologies (SI)
Jerry Vasquez+
Mary Martinez+

Our Lady of Perpetual Help (7PM)

Matthew Atangan+
Socorro Alindogan+
KC Ruiz+
Frederico Domingo+

Thursday, October 16, 2025

Anna Nancy Lee (Bday)
Diony Ben Misa+
Susan (Healing)

Friday, October 17, 2025

Kim Sirhan (Conversion/Healing)
Victorino Aguilar, Jr.+
Aguilar and Goyma Family (SI)
Violeta "Betty" Lomibao Padillo+

Saturday, October 18, 2025

Lucia Luistro+
Francisco Parcutilo+
Steven Justin Parcutilo+
Nguyen-Ha-Vy-Khoi-Anh Thu (Healing)

Saturday/Sunday, October 18-19, 2025

4:00PM Vigil

Mary Tuyet Nguyen+
Tony Lu+
Bibiana and Teodoro Mendoza+
Edith Genson+

5:30PM Vietnamese Vigil

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

Sunday 8AM Chapel

Trevor Beatty/Dana Schreiber (Health & Healing)
Paul Schrieber+
Benjamin Gagante Sr.+ & Melchor Gagante+
Laura Nitro and Family (Thanksgiving)

8:15AM Villages

Gillette Family
Michael Gillette+

10AM Chapel

Dinh-Mai Family+
Giancarlo Bello+
Maria Aline Vuong+

Kim Sirhan (Conversion/Healing)

12PM Chapel

Derrick Berry+
Anna Roa+ (Bday) and Alan Reyes+
Rene Bitonio+
Glenda Jimenez (Healing)

2PM Spanish

4PM (Vietnamese)

Maria Lan Le Duong+
Thanh Nguyen+
Guise Tran Mai Chau+
Guise Tran Dinh Huy+

6PM Chapel

Matthew Atangan+
Demetrio Acosta+
Paulina Bongolan
Agapito & Juana Jacob+

WEEKLY OFFERTORY TOTALS

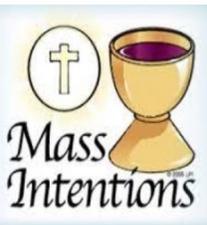
COLLECTION TOTALS

SEPTEMBER 22-28, 2025:

Masses	\$	11,939.00
Online	\$	5,248.00
Mail	\$	545.00
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	\$	208.00
Grand Total	\$	17,521.00

2nd Collection: St. Francis Fund **\$6,386.00**

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 for 2025 is almost full.

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



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

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I:

2 Kings 5:14-17

Reading II:

2 Timothy 2:8-13

Gospel:

Luke 17:11-19

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I:

Exodus 17:8-13

Reading II:

2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Gospel:

Luke 18:1-8

VOLUNTEER



We are 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.

Diocesan guideline must be met.

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



MEMORIAL GARDEN CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The construction of the new niches in our Memorial Garden has been delayed due to additional requirements from the city. Although we had originally planned to begin in early October, construction is now expected to start in early 2026. We sincerely appreciate your patience and understanding as we prepare for this important addition to our parish grounds.

As part of the preparation for construction, all flowers and plants currently in the Memorial Garden will need to be removed. Please do not place any new flowers or plants at this time. If you have personal plants in the garden, we encourage you to take them home. Any remaining items will be respectfully disposed of by our team.

Memorial Garden – All Saints Day & All Souls Day

On November 1 and 2, 2025, we will honor the traditions of All Saints Day and All Souls Day. Families will be welcome to bring **flowers only** to commemorate this sacred occasion. Please note:

- Flowers must be placed in a plastic container no taller than 7 inches.
- No ceramic, glass, or keepsake items are permitted.
- All flowers will be respectfully removed the following week.

Thank you for your cooperation and support,
Parish Memorial Garden Management



The next Parish Blood Drive will be held on **Saturday, October 25th from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm in Sandersfeld Hall**. The event is open to the public and any and all eligible donors are encouraged to come by that Saturday and donate. Please sign-up in advance so there is enough staff so that no one has to wait.

Signup Link: <https://sbcdonor.org/donor/schedules/drive-schedule/11514>

Thank you for your support.

Mass of Remembrance

WE WILL READ THE NAMES OF THOSE WHO HAD
FUNERAL MASSES OR WERE PLACED IN THE
MEMORIAL GARDEN FROM
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024-SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

(VIETNAMESE)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2025, 5:30PM

(ALL OTHERS)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025, AT 6:00PM



OTHER PARISH HAPPENINGS

Join Us At The



Christmas Boutique

This annual Christmas event happens here at the Gift Shop!

SALE NOV. 22-23 10% OFF ON XMAS ITEMS

WHAT DO WE CARRY?

- NATIVITIES
- ADVENT ITEMS
- CHRISTMAS CARDS
- ORNAMENTS
- SAINT STATUES
- CANDLES
- & MORE!

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St. Francis of Assisi Parish



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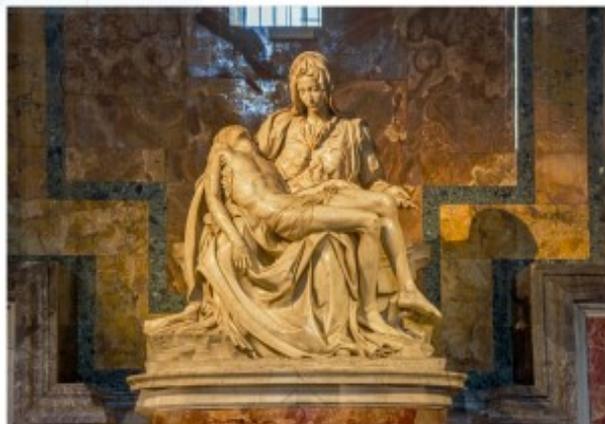
Thank you for helping us sustain this blessing for our parish family!



Living Rosary @St. Francis of Assisi

Oct. 18, 2023
Saturday @3pm

@Msgr John
Sandersfeld Hall



MASS FOR SUICIDE HEALING AND REMEMBRANCE

Saturday, October 18 at 11:30 a.m.
Father Michael Carson
Life, Justice and Peace
Diocese of San Jose

If you desire, please bring a photo or memento of your loved one



St. Francis of Assisi Parish
5111 San Felipe Road, San Jose, CA 95135

ALL ARE WELCOME!
Light refreshments to follow the Mass

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, Second Edition, states:
"We should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives.
By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance.
The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives." (CCC 2283).