



A REFLECTION FROM FR. VINCENT

"Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?" - Luke 18:7

Dear St. Francis of Assisi Family,

Today's Gospel presents us with one of Jesus' most encouraging parables about prayer – the story of the persistent widow. It's a story that speaks to anyone who has ever felt their prayers go unanswered, who has grown weary in asking, or who has wondered if God truly hears.

The widow in this parable faces an unjust judge – a man who "neither feared God nor respected any human being." Yet she refuses to give up. Day after day, she returns with her plea: "Render a just decision for me." Her persistence eventually wears down even this corrupt judge, who grants her request simply to be rid of her.

Jesus uses this story to teach us about prayer, but notice the contrast he draws: if even an unjust judge will eventually respond to persistent pleading, how much more will our loving God respond to the cries of his children? The argument moves from lesser to greater – from the worst kind of judge to the best kind of Father.

The key phrase Jesus uses is striking: God will "secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night." God doesn't merely tolerate our prayers; he actively desires to respond to us. We're not bothering God when we pray persistently; we're engaging in the very relationship for which we were created.

But Jesus ends with a sobering question: "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" This suggests that persistent prayer is itself an act of faith – faith that God hears, faith that God cares, faith that God will act in his perfect timing.

In our instant-gratification culture, persistent prayer can be challenging. We want quick answers, immediate solutions. But sometimes God's "not yet" is as important as his "yes" or "no." Persistent prayer shapes us, deepens our trust, and aligns our will with God's purposes.

This week, consider: What prayers have you given up on? What situations need your persistent, faithful intercession? How can you maintain hope and faith even when answers seem delayed? Remember, the widow didn't just pray once – she kept coming back. Let her example inspire your own prayer life.

Blessings, *Fr. Vincent*

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UPCOMING PRESIDER SCHEDULE AND FEATURE ARTICLE

October 25-26, 2025

30TH 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

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Msgr. Mike Mitchell

Fr. Vincent Pineda

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Fr. Rudy Ruiz

Fr. Phong Nguyen

Fr. Eddie Obero

A REFLECTION FROM DEACON ANDRZEJ SOBczyk CALLING FOR GOOD POWER



This time, instead of writing my own reflection, I offer you a quote from a reflection by Franciscan priest, Richard Rohr. He published it on September 12, 2025:

Spiritual power is more circular or spiral, and not so much hierarchical. It's shared and shareable. God's Spirit is planted within each of us and operating as each of us (see Romans 5:5)! The Trinity shows that God's power is not domination, threat, or coercion. All divine power is shared power and the letting go of autonomous power.

There's no seeking of power over in the Trinity, but only power with—giving away and humbly receiving. This should have changed all Christian relationships: in churches, marriage, culture, and even international relations. Isaiah tried to teach such servanthood to Israel in the classic four "servant songs." But Hebrew history preceded what Christianity repeated: both traditions preferred kings, wars, and empires instead of suffering servanthood or leveling love.

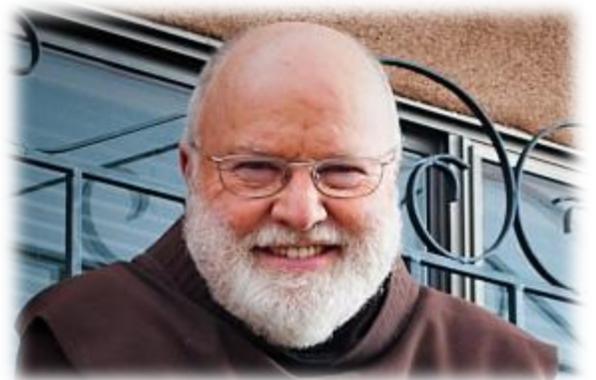
Since this is so ingrained in our psyche, we must work hard to dismantle systems of domination. I emphatically state, together with my fellow Christian elders and leaders:

We believe our elected officials are called to public service, not public tyranny, so we must protect the limits, checks, and balances of democracy and encourage humility and civility on the part of elected officials....

We reject any moves toward autocratic political leadership and authoritarian rule.... Disrespect for the rule of law, not recognizing the equal importance of our three branches of government, and replacing civility with dehumanizing hostility toward opponents are of great concern to us. Neglecting the ethic of public service and accountability, in favor of personal recognition and gain often characterized by offensive arrogance, are not just political issues for us. They raise deeper concerns about political idolatry, accompanied by false and unconstitutional notions of authority.

What if we actually surrendered to the inner Trinitarian flow and let it be our primary teacher? Our view of politics and authority would utterly change. We already have all the power (dynamis) we need both within us and between us—in fact, Jesus assures us that we are already "clothed" in it "from on high" (see Luke 24:49)!

Franciscan Father Richard Rohr is a globally recognized ecumenical teacher, author, and founder of the Center for Action and Contemplation (CAC) in Albuquerque, New Mexico, known for popularizing Christian mysticism and the union of contemplation and action. His teachings emphasize the universal presence of God, self-transformation, and compassion, often seen as an "alternative orthodoxy" that bridges traditional Christian thought with modern spirituality





Faith Formation

FAITH FORMATION DATES TO REMEMBER:

JOY

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

October 19 Session

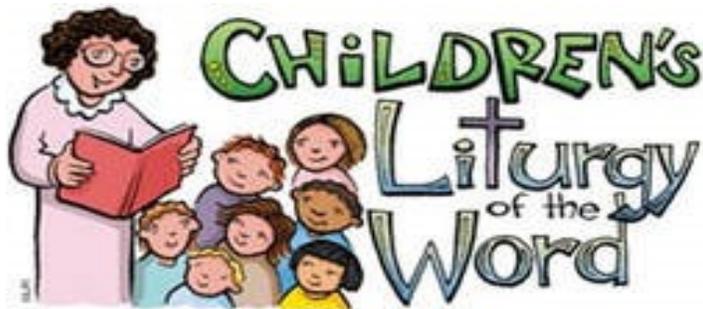
ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

October 19 Session

OCIA (CHILDREN/YOUTH)

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



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

All children are welcome!

October 26

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Office closed for the following...

Tuesday, November 11 Veteran's Day

Thursday, November 27-28 Thanksgiving
Thanksgiving Mass

Wednesday, December 24-Friday, January 2
Christmas Holiday

SPECIAL EVENTS

Thursday, December 4 Advent Reconciliation

Saturday, December 6 Christmas Tree
Lighting and Raffle

Friday, December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe
Mass and Reception

Monday, December 15-Tuesday, December 23
Simbang Gabi



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

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
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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 20, 2025

Eduardo Perez+
 Vinh Nguyen (Bday)
 Matthew Atangan+
 Carol Hamro (Healing)

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Asteria Misa+
 Walk Water Technologies (SI)
 Ravi Pragasam (Bday)
 Reynaldo Reyes+ and Glen Gorospe+

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

Gioakim Dinh Van Hoc+ (Death Anniversary)
 Maria Dung Nguyen+
 Matthew Atangan+
 Lita Casimiro (Thanksgiving)
Our Lady of Perpetual Help (7PM)
 Guise Tran Mai Chau+
 Michael Gillette+
 David A. Sanville+

Dorothy & Michael Usi (Health/Healing/Thanksgiving)

Thursday, October 23, 2025

Carmen Marquez Mendoza+
 Joshua Palamuttam (birthday)
 Emilio Perez+
 Alan Reyes+

Friday, October 24, 2025

Crisanta Aviles (Bday)
 Paula Eugenio Sarmenta+
 Kim Sirhan (Conversion/Healing)
 Cheryl Ramirez Guerrero+

Saturday, October 25, 2025

Maria Du N. Tho+
 Kim Sirhan (Conversion/Healing)
 Nguyen-Thong-Tian Conversion
 Peter Hao-Helen Conversion

WEEKLY OFFERTORY TOTALS

COLLECTION TOTALS

SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 5, 2025:

Masses	\$	13,135.25
Online	\$	6,633.00
Mail	\$	1,333.00
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	\$	126.00
Grand Total	\$	21,227.25

**2nd Collection: Worship
 Space Expansion \$3,280.00**

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

Saturday/Sunday, October 25-26, 2025

4:00PM Vigil

Mary Tuyet Nguyen+
 Tony Lu+
 Bibiana and Teodoro Mendoza+
 Manuela Juinio+

5:30PM Vietnamese Vigil

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

Sunday 8AM Chapel

Brigida Flores (Birthday)
 Nathan Crafts (SI)
 Laura Nitro and Family (Thanksgiving)
 Glenda Jimenez (Healing)

8:15AM Villages

Michael Gillette+
 Colleen Cortese (Health)
 Max Wright+

10AM Chapel

Conversion of Dinh-Mai's Family
 Giancarlo Bello+
 Maria Aline Vuong+
 Kim Sirhan (Conversion/Healing)

12PM Chapel

Manuel Araujo+
 Renato Dato (Bday)
 Norene Burch+
 Thoa, Think, and Thang Dang+

2PM Spanish

Marta Fuentes+
 Jeremy Eduardo (SI)

4PM (Vietnamese)

Maria Lan Le Duong+
 Isave Le Thi Hue+
 Rosa Nguyen Dau+
 Guise Tran Mai Chau+

6PM Chapel

Leonora Liban+ (Bday)
 Alan Reyes+ (15th Death Anniversary)
 Caliyah and Chevelle De Guzman (Bday)
 Nelinda Peregrino (bday)



Mass
Intentions

**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**
 hosted by Legion of Mary,
 Wednesdays, Chapel, Rosary &
 Novena, 6:30PM, Mass, 7:00PM.
- ◆ **Spanish Community Prayer
 and Rosary**, Wednesdays,
 4:30PM
- ◆ **Prayer Shawl Ministry**
 Thursdays, 3:00-5:00PM,
 Fireside Room
- ◆ **Praise and Thanksgiving
 Ministry** Thursdays, 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

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I:

Exodus 17:8-13

Reading II:

2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Gospel:

Luke 18:1-8

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I:

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

Reading II:

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel:

Luke 18:9-14

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

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- NATIVITIES
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- CHRISTMAS CARDS
- ORNAMENTS
- SAINT STATUES
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35 for \$25	25 for \$25
95 for \$50	75 for \$50
230 for \$100	200 for \$100
440 for \$150	400 for \$150
650 for \$200	600 for \$200

GRAND PRIZE: \$20,000

2 Consolation Winners of \$1000 each

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Two (2) Winners
\$500 vouchers to be used toward hotel package, cruise or river cruise.
Donated by: Yen Tours Travel
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