



A REFLECTION FROM FR. VINCENT PINEDA, PASTOR

"We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Matthew 2:2

Dear St. Francis of Assisi Family,

The feast of Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of Christ to the nations, represented by these mysterious Magi from the East. Their journey speaks to our own spiritual pilgrimages and reminds us that God's call extends to all people, regardless of background or origin.

These wise men were astrologers, pagans by Jewish standards, yet they recognized signs of God's work in creation. They saw a star and understood its significance, then undertook a long, uncertain journey to find the newborn king. Their seeking hearts led them to truth, even though they began outside the covenant community.

Notice the contrast Matthew presents: the Magi travel great distances seeking Jesus, while Herod and "all Jerusalem" are "greatly troubled" by news of his birth. Those far from God actively seek him, while those who should recognize him feel threatened. This pattern repeats throughout the Gospels and throughout history.

The Magi's journey wasn't straightforward. The star led them to Jerusalem, where they naturally inquired at the palace. Herod's scholars could quote scripture about Bethlehem but showed no interest in seeking the Messiah themselves. Sometimes those who know the most about God are least interested in actually encountering him.

When the Magi finally find Jesus, their response is immediate and generous: "They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Each gift carries symbolic meaning – gold for a king, frankincense for God, myrrh for one who would die. These gifts acknowledge Jesus' true identity even when he's just an infant in a humble home.

Their final act is significant: warned in a dream, "they departed for their country by another way." Encountering Christ changes our path. We cannot return the same way we came. The Magi returned home transformed, carrying the good news to distant lands.

Epiphany reminds us that Christ came for all nations, all peoples. In our diverse community, we embody this truth – people from various backgrounds united in worship of Jesus. The Church's catholicity isn't just geographic but reflects God's desire that all people come to know his love.

This week, let us reflect on our own journey to Christ: What "star" led you to seek Jesus? What obstacles or detours have you encountered? What gifts can you offer in homage? And how has encountering Christ changed the path you're traveling?

Christmas Blessings,

Fr. Vincent

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UPCOMING PRESIDER SCHEDULE AND FEATURE ARTICLE

January 10-11, 2026,
The Baptism of the Lord
(Presiders Subject to Change)

SATURDAY VIGIL

4:00PM Monsignor Michael Mitchell
5:30PM Fr. Phong Nguyen

SUNDAY

8:00 AM Fr. Phong Nguyen
8:15AM(Villages) TBD
10:00AM Fr. Vincent Pineda w/Dcn. Andrzej
12:00PM Fr. Vincent Pineda w/Dcn. Joe
2:00PM (Spanish) TBD
4:00PM Fr. Phong Nguyen
6:00PM Fr. Francis Kalaw



A REFLECTION FROM DEACON SUNNY

Epiphany marks the first manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles, symbolized by the visit of the Three Magi. The term “epiphany” denotes a revelation or appearance, often of a divine nature. In Christian tradition, it signifies the realization that the Messiah is for all people, not only for the Jews. The Magi’s journey and homage to the newborn King illustrate this profound insight.

This event offers believers peace of mind and soul, affirming our connection to an eternal Kingdom. As followers of Christ, our lives gain meaning and purpose through a healthy relationship with Him. Our fulfillment and sense of direction stem from serving Christ’s Kingdom, which should be our highest priority

We are called to offer God our talents, prayers, and even our sufferings, symbolized by the gifts of gold, incense, and myrrh. The Epiphany invites us to reflect on which aspects of our lives should be dedicated anew to Christ, striving for spiritual maturity and lasting joy.

As citizens and ambassadors of Christ’s Kingdom, our example should guide others toward true fulfillment. Many seek meaning in transient pursuits, but only Christ’s Kingdom provides enduring purpose. Our words and actions should reflect Christ, prompting us to continually evaluate how we can better embody His teachings and support those searching for deeper joy.

More people than we realize, people who live right beside us, are searching, and if we let our lives shine in Christ, we will help them, as the star helped the Magi, to find true joy

Prayer:

Lord, as we celebrate the Epiphany, help us to recognize Your presence in our lives and dedicate ourselves anew to Your service. Grant us wisdom to guide others toward Your light and may our words and actions reflect Your love and truth. Amen.





Our parish now has a yearly subscription to Formed. Formed guides and supports you along your spiritual journey. Access daily reflections, award-winning movies, e-books, and family-friendly kids' programming from over 100 content providers. Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi can now access the Formed App free. Please follow the instructions to register. Go to <https://formed.org>

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To find our parish, type our parish zip code "95135"

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FAITH FORMATION DATES TO REMEMBER:

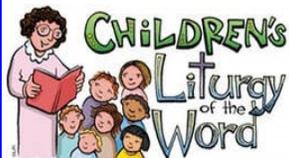
J.O.Y.
January 15 Session

First Communion Second Year Preparation
(8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM)
January 4 Session

Adult Confirmation
(5:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the parish office)
January 18 Session

OCIA (ADULTS)
(Sessions begin at the 10 AM Mass)
January 4 Session
January 11 Session

OCIA (CHILDREN/YOUTH)
(Sessions begin at the 10 AM Mass)
January 11 Session



Children's Liturgy of the Word
(8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 12:00 PM Masses)
January 11 and January 25
All children are welcome!



YOUTH MINISTRY

Our annual ECHO junior high youth retreat is open for registration starting Thursday, January 1st, 2026! All 6th through 8th graders are welcome to join us for a weekend in the beautiful Santa Cruz mountains as we

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SFOA YOUTH MINISTRY 25-26

WEEKLY OFFERTORY TOTALS

COLLECTION TOTALS

As we celebrate the joy of Christmas and focus our hearts on the gift of Christ among us, the financial totals are not available at this time. They will be provided in one of our upcoming bulletins. We are deeply grateful for your faithful stewardship and generosity.

PRAYING FOR THE LIVING AND THE DEAD

Prayer is one of the greatest gifts we can offer—to those who walk beside us now, and to those who have gone before us. As people of faith, we believe that love does not end with death. When we pray for the souls of our deceased family members and friends, we entrust them to God's endless mercy, asking that they be welcomed into the fullness of His peace and light.

At the same time, we lift up those who are sick and suffering. Through prayer, we ask God to be close to them in their pain, to bring comfort in moments of fear, and to strengthen them with hope. Even when healing does not come in the way we expect, prayer reminds us that no one suffers alone—God is present in every tear, every struggle, and every silent cry of the heart.

In praying for both the living and the dead, we are united as one community of faith—here on earth and in heaven. Our prayers become an act of love, trust, and hope, placing every soul into the tender hands of God.

The Mass Intention calendar is open through December, 2026. Please plan your Mass Intention in advance if you want the date you request for birthdays, anniversary's, death anniversaries, etc.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 5, 2026

Jack Spencer Fernandes+
Nhon H. Ton+

Brenden Pragasan (SI)

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

Maria Cecilia Gracioso+
Pons Cordero (Bday)

Tyrel Lim+ (Bday/death Anniv)

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

Luciano Castro Sr.+
Rosalie Chan (Bday)

Fr. Rey (Death Anniversary)

Alexander Guiang+

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Concila Ephraim (Birthday/Wedding Anniv)

Thursday, January 8, 2026

Gloria Gill (Health)

Kathy Rodriguez (Health)

Anthony "Tony" Ojeda (Health)

Friday, January 9, 2026

Maria Mai Thi Duom+
Eliseo Sr.+ and Maria Acosta+

Saturday, January 10, 2026

Oscar Estrada+

Fr. Jeff Fernandez (Bday)

Jackie Nguyen (Bday)

Sandra da Silva (bday)

Saturday/Sunday, January 10-11, 2026

4:00PM Vigil

Tony Lu+ (5yr death anniv)

Zenaida Reyes+

Nguyen Thi Than+

5:30PM Vietnamese Vigil

Leo Hồ Quý Chương+

Maria Phan Thi Huong

Philippe Nguyen Anh Tho+

Sunday 8AM Chapel

Lucila and Bienveniedo Hucalla+

Michel Solari+

Zony Camerino, Jr.+

8:15AM Villages

Michael Gillette+

10AM Chapel

Gioakim Dinh Van Hoc+

Bernardo Dato+

Jose and Ida Del Rosario+

12PM Chapel

Concila Ephraim (Birthday/Wedding Anniv)

Teresa Mai Vo+

Vincent Kiem Hoang+

Paul Do Kim Trung+

2PM Spanish

4PM Vietnamese Mass

6PM Mass

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, Chapel Tabernacle

♦ 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 battling cancer — may God grant them endurance, healing, and compassionate hands to care for them.
- ◆ Those who have no one to pray for them — we lift them up with love, trusting that God knows each of their names and needs.
- ◆ May our parish community hold all these intentions close, as we continue to pray with faith, compassion, and hope in God's unfailing love.

SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

TODAY'S READINGS
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Reading I:

Isaiah 60:1-6

Reading II:

Ephesians 3:3-3a, 5-6

Gospel:

Matthew 2:1-12

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Reading I:

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Reading II:

Acts 10:34-38

Gospel:

Matthew 3:13-17

Why



Parish Registration

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!

¿Por qué es importante registrarse?

Registrarse en su parroquia católica es más que llenar un formulario: es una señal de pertenencia. Le permite a la Iglesia acompañarlo en su camino espiritual, facilita la preparación para los Sacramentos, y asegura que usted sea contado como un miembro valioso de nuestra comunidad de fe. Únase a nosotros no solo en las bancas, sino como parte de la familia.

¡Regístrese hoy!

Tại sao việc ghi danh lại quan trọng?

Ghi danh tại giáo xứ Công Giáo của bạn không chỉ là thủ tục hành chính—mà còn là dấu hiệu của sự thuộc về. Việc này giúp Giáo Hội đồng hành với bạn trong hành trình đức tin, hỗ trợ chuẩn bị các Bí Tích, và ghi nhận bạn là một thành viên quý giá của cộng đoàn đức tin. Xin đừng chỉ hiện diện trong nhà thờ—hãy trở thành một phần của gia đình. Ghi danh hôm nay nhé!



FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH, MASS HOSPITALITY POTLUCK

Join us for Daily Mass on Tuesday, January 6, followed by a POTLUCK. Bring and share your favorite breakfast item as you Enjoy food and fellowship with other parishioners and friends.



PARISH BOOK CLUB

All are invited to join our parish book club which meets **the first Tuesday of each month at 2:00 pm in the Fireside Room.**

Contact Donna for more info
408-238-6681



Dear St. Francis of Assisi Memorial Garden Families,
We kindly ask that you **refrain from bringing new flowers or plants until the completion of the ongoing construction.** This will help us maintain safety and preserve the dignity of the space throughout the improvements.
Thank you for your understanding, cooperation, and continued care for our Memorial Garden.
Memorial Garden Management



A Heartfelt Thank You to Scout Troop 251

We extend our sincere gratitude to our local **Scout Troop 251** for their continued dedication and generous service to **St. Francis of Assisi Parish.** Throughout the year, the Scouts faithfully volunteer at parish events, assisting with setup, serving, and hospitality whenever needed.

This Advent season, their generosity shone especially bright through their incredible contribution to our Giving Tree. The Scouts collectively donated **over 80 gifts**, each one personally purchased and carefully wrapped by the Scouts themselves—an extraordinary example of stewardship, compassion, and selfless service.

We are deeply proud of Scout Troop 251 and truly thankful for the positive impact they make in our parish and wider community. **Well done, Scouts, and thank you for living out the spirit of service so beautifully!**

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