

"We Are Not Just Beginning — We Are Already Bearing Fruit"
A Pastoral Letter on Our Parish's Living Response to the Diocesan Pastoral Plan
& Our Special Calling During the Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi

(continued from previous edition...)

II. Our Six Priorities — Already at Work

Allow me to briefly walk with you through each of the six strategic priorities and hold them up as a mirror to what you — what we — have already built together:

Worship: Our liturgical life is rich, multicultural, and reverent. From our diverse cultural celebrations and multilingual Masses to our music ministry, our Eucharistic Adoration, and our beautifully celebrated sacraments, worship has always been the beating heart of our parish. We do not gather to perform — we gather to encounter the living God.

Outreach: Our reach into the surrounding community speaks for itself. Whether through our ministry to the homeless, our ministry to the homebound and elderly, our mental health ministry, our prayer shawl ministry, our prison ministry, or our charitable works in the name of the Gospel, we have never been content to be a church turned inward. We go out. We serve. We love.

Lifelong Faith Formation: From our robust OCIA process that welcomes new Catholics, to our adult faith formation programs, our Bible studies, and our retreat and recollection opportunities — formation is not an afterthought in our parish. It is a priority we have long embedded in the rhythm of our communal life.

Family Ministry: We believe that the family is the domestic Church, and our parish walks with families through every season of life — from baptism, marriage preparation and enrichment to parenting support and bereavement ministry. Families are not a demographic here — they are the foundation of our parish family.

Youth and Young Adults: Our young people are not the future of the Church — they are the Church now. Our youth ministry, our young adult groups, our Catholic school partnerships, and our intentional accompaniment of the next generation reflect a parish that refuses to lose its young people to indifference or disengagement.

Structural Renewal: Behind all of these ministries is a leadership structure that is collaborative, accountable, and mission-driven. Our parish leadership team, our finance council, our ministry coordinators, and our volunteer base form a body that works together with transparency and shared purpose.

My friends, this is not wishful thinking. This is the reality that you have built.

And the Pastoral Plan has now given us a common diocesan language to celebrate and sustain it.

(to be continued...part III will appear in the 4/12 /2026 edition of the bulletin)

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April 4 - 5, 2026

Easter Sunday

(Presiders Subject to Change)

SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL

8:00PM

Fr. Vincent Pineda, Fr. Eddie Obero, & Fr. Phong Nguyen

SUNDAY | THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

8:00 AM

Fr. Eddie Obero

8:15AM (Villages)

Fr. Phong Nguyen

10:00AM

Fr. Vincent Pineda

12:00PM

Fr. Eddie Obero

2:00PM (Spanish)

TBD

4:00PM (Vietnamese)

Fr. Phong Nguyen

there will be **no 6pm Mass on Easter Sunday**

TRIDUUM SCHEDULE



Holy Thursday, April 2nd

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00pm

followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11pm

Good Friday, April 3rd

9am Outdoor Stations of the Cross led by Parish Staff

12pm, 2pm (Villages), **3pm, 5pm** (Vietnamese), **7pm** (English)

Easter Vigil, in the Holy Night of Easter, April 4th

8:00pm



HOLY WEEK/EASTER REMINDERS

- The Taizé Prayer Service is Wednesday, April 1st at 7pm.
- There is no Daily Mass scheduled on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.
- The Outdoor Stations of the Cross is on Good Friday at 9am.
- The Parish Office will be closed from April 3-6th.

Faith Formation

D A T E S T O R E M E M B E R

JOY (& first year preparation for children's sacraments)

April 16 session

First Communion Second Year Preparation

May 3 session

Adult Confirmation

(Sessions 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the parish office)

Apr 19 session

OCIA (Adults)

(Sessions begin at the 10 AM Mass)

Apr 4 Easter Vigil
(rehearsal at 9:30AM, call time in evening is 7PM)

OCIA (Children)

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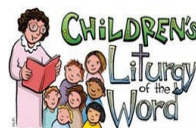
Children's Liturgy of the Word

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

Apr 19 All children welcome!

May 17

May 31



Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi can now access the FORMED™ App free.

Instructions on signing up can be found at <https://sfoasj.com/formed>



E.C.H.O. (Encouraging Christ & Helping Others)
Next session — Friday, April 17 at 6pm

I.G.N.I.T.E. (In God Now I Trust Everything)
Next session — Thursday, April 30 at 6pm

— Save the Date —

Diocesan Youth Retreat June 8-12, 2026

Retreat Registration Open Now!

Visit <https://www.dsj.org/evangelization/yya/youth/dyr/>

YOUTH CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Upcoming Confirmation Sessions:

1st Years = Thursday, April 23 at 6:30pm

2nd Years = Thursday, April 16 at 6:30pm

NORTH STAR YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

We'll be back soon with events!

In the meantime, join us for Youth/Young Adult Mass Sundays at 6PM!

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Our annual Easter Egg hunt is next week!

Youth volunteers are needed to help with the following roles:

- ✝ **hiding Easter Eggs**
- ✝ **supervising prize stations**
- ✝ **traffic-control/supervising outdoor boundary**

For more information, contact **Therese Bao** (therese.bao@dsj.org)

WEEKLY OFFERTORY TOTALS

COLLECTION TOTALS

Week of March 9 - 15, 2026

Masses	\$	13,604.00
Online	\$	4,448.00
Mail	\$	1,535.00
OLPH	\$	151.00

Grand Total \$ **19,738.00**

Catholic Relief Services \$ **5,730.25**

We are deeply grateful for your faithful stewardship and generosity.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 30	James P Cargnoni+
Tuesday, March 31	Anthony Dang Tran (Birthday) Melencio Bernardo
Wednesday, April 1	Lourdes Micael+ All Souls in Purgatory+ Katrina D Demare (Birthday)
OLPH	All Souls Living & Deceased+
Thursday, April 2	Special Intentions for Holy Thursday
Friday, April 3	Special Intentions for Good Friday
Saturday, April 4	Special Intentions for Easter Vigil
Saturday/Sunday, April 5th	
Special Intentions for Easter Sunday	

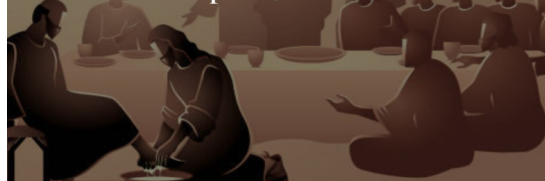
Taizé Prayer & Worship Service

April 1st, 2026



Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper

April 2, 2026



Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

April 3rd, 2026

"Father, into your hands, I commend my spirit."

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

April 3rd, 2026 - 8:00pm



PRAYER GROUP GATHERINGS

- ♦ **Daily Rosary and Prayer (Chapel)**
8:00AM
- ♦ **Adoration (Chapel)**
First Friday of the Month
9:30AM-5:00PM
- ♦ **Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Chapel)**
Wednesdays
6:30PM Rosary & Novena
7:00PM Mass
- ♦ **Spanish Community Prayer & Rosary (Chapel; Tabernacle)**
Wednesdays at 4:30PM
- ♦ **Prayer Shawl Ministry (Fireside)**
Thursdays at 3:00-5:00PM
- ♦ **Praise and Thanksgiving Ministry (Chapel; Tabernacle)**
Thursdays at 5:30PM

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



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.*

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

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

PALM SUNDAY

Reading I:

Isaiah 50:4-7

Reading II:

Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel:

Matthew 26:14-27:66

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Reading I:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Reading II:

Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel:

John 20:1-9

EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

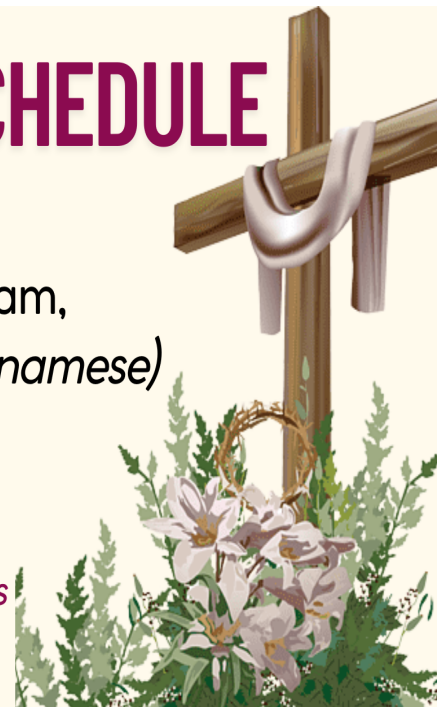
Salubong 5:30am

6am, 8am, 8:15am (Villages), 10am,
12pm, 2pm (Spanish), 4pm (Vietnamese)

No 6pm Mass

****Easter Egg Hunt after the 10am Mass**

Meet in the Hall after Mass for instructions



Youth Volunteers Needed for ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Youth volunteers are needed to help with:

1. Filling Easter Eggs (in the office on weekdays)
2. Hiding the eggs on Easter Sunday before 10am Mass
3. Supervising prize stations after the egg hunt
4. Traffic-control/supervising the outdoor boundary during the Egg Hunt



**PARDON OUR
PROGRESS
EXCITING CHANGES
IN THE WORKS**

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 Night in the Psalms

with Catholic singer & songwriter
Francesca LaRosa

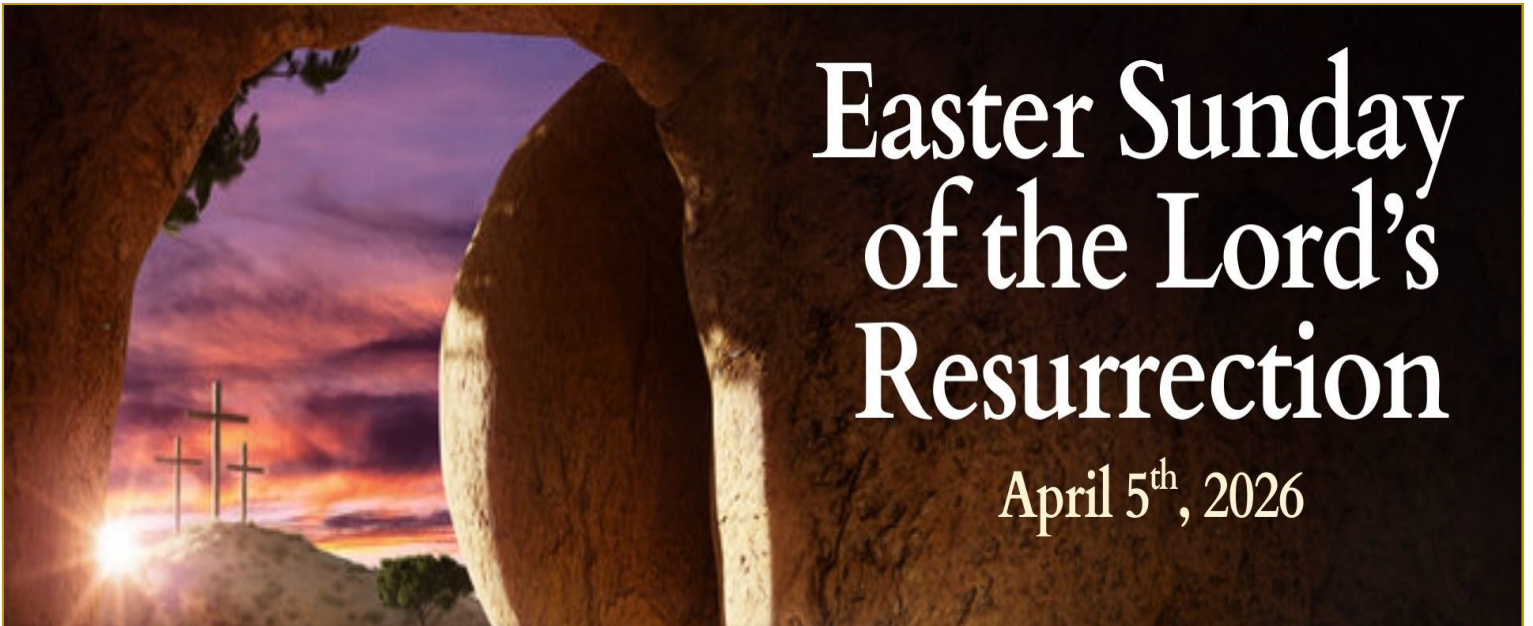
Friday, May 1st at 7pm in the Chapel
Free Admission

This evening includes the history behind some of the most influential Psalms, as well as Francesca's deep prayer & stories of how she composed these settings. It's a night filled with praise & encouragement.



Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection

April 5th, 2026



The Parish Office will be closed from Holy Thursday to Monday, April 5th and reopen on Tuesday, April 6th.

