

# St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Community 2022-23 Annual Report



*St. Francis – a mural on the Franciscan Renewal Centre, Scottsdale, Arizona, USA*

*– by Héctor Rios*

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# Welcome!

To my beloved St. Francis of Assisi parishioners,

As many businesses are slowly getting back after the pandemic, our parish is getting back to its feet as well. As a Parish, we met various challenges but together as one awesome community, we were able to get our parish back to how it used to be.

I am happy to present to you our 2022-2023 Annual Report. I thank the Lord that He has moved us forward from the pain we have experienced for the past 3-4 years. I thank you all for staying with us during this difficult period. As we continue to celebrate the *Eucharistic Revival* of our Church, I am grateful to you for continuously making yourselves a part of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Community through your time, talents, and treasures. Our parish has grown steadily from the time when the late Msgr. John Sandersfeld, together with the pioneers of this parish, started this parish. With your help, I am confident, we shall continue to move forward and strive to make our community even better.

I want to thank the staff of St. Francis of Assisi Parish for putting together this Annual Report.



May the good Lord continue to bless you and your families for your continued love and support for our Catholic Community.

Fr. Rey  
Pastor

## PARISH AT A GLANCE

In 1997, St. Francis of Assisi was canonically established by Bishop Pierre DuMaine. Our parish was formed from ecclesial communities of Sunday worship in communities in different locations. One of the first places of worship in the Evergreen neighborhood was and is still located at the Villages Retirement Community going back to 1972.

Later in 1985, Most Holy Trinity Parish started celebrating masses at the Mt. Hamilton Grange Hall. Over the past 22 years, St. Francis of Assisi parish has grown from a few families who met regularly, to nearly 3,000 registered families! Over the past 26 years, we have had a total of 4 pastors, including our current pastor Fr. Reynaldo Sarmiento. Our founding pastor was Msgr. John Sandersfeld, who unfortunately passed away in the summer of 2022, his name now appears on our parish hall in his memory. His leadership was followed by Msgr. Eugene O'Donnell and then Fr. Matthew Stanley who was reassigned by Bishop Oscar Cantu in the summer of 2023.

At St. Francis of Assisi, we know that “the Eucharist is the source and summit of the Church’s life,” so we work hard to provide prayerful and joyful liturgies. Hundreds of St. Francis of Assisi parishioners volunteer every year for the benefit of both the St. Francis of Assisi’s parish family as well as the larger community.

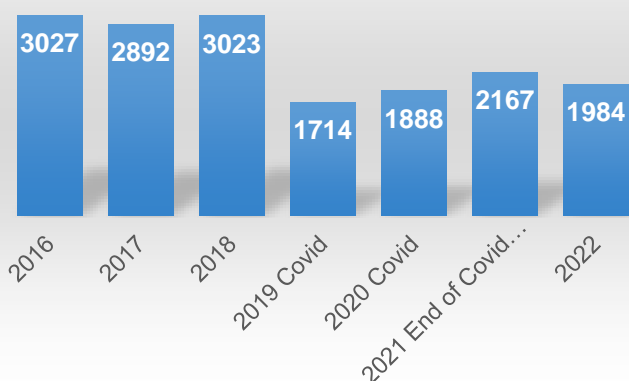
Each of us has been afforded gifts and talents by our Creator and, in our natural desire to grow ever closer to God, we offer these gifts back through the Church. Thousands of hours of service are given by parishioners each year. They enhance the celebration of Mass and liturgies and assist with helping others through social outreach programs. They journey with families to form current and future generations in the faith through religious education programs and sponsor adults entering the Church through the RCIA process. Others assist homebound parishioners by bringing to them the greatest gift of our Catholic faith, the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

This report is a small glance at the many activities joyfully celebrated by our community. It however, in no way covers all of the events, programs, and celebrations of St. Francis of Assisi.

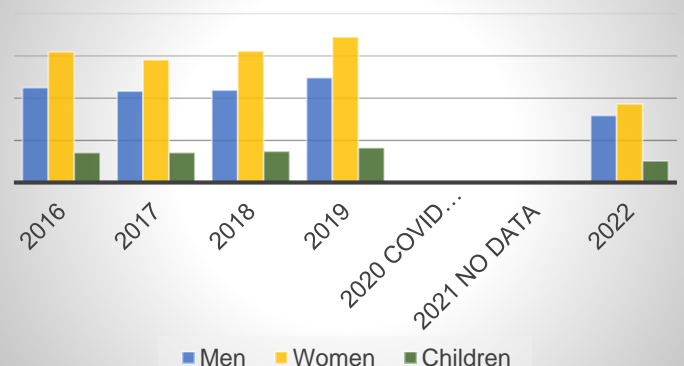
## 2022 MASS ATTENDANCE

### PARISH SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

#### Average Weekly Mass Attendance



#### Attendance by Gender





110 BAPTISMS



48 WEDDINGS



80 FUNERALS



4 NEOPHYTES



## FAITH FORMATION

God is so Good! The 2022-2023 was a wonderful year for Faith Formation Ministry. We no longer had the restrictions of Covid 19. The Catechists couldn't wait to work with the children and adults in person once again. Here are the many ministries provided for the parish this past year.

Order of Christian Initiation

Adult Confirmation

Lectio Divina

Bibletime Series

Parish Mission-Father Paglingayen



These programs would not be possible without the dedication of the many volunteers who commit their own time and energy to support our parish. I want to say "Thank You" with a grateful heart for your service.

We entered into the year excited and ready to go. We planned and wrote lessons for the children and adults. We taught the children about how good our God is. How God created the world and all that is in it. We learned about the stories of our past in the Bible. During Advent, the children learned about Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. That Jesus was born and placed in a manger. The children were exposed to the basic Catholic prayers: The Our Father, Hail Mary, and the Glory Be. In each session, we had the children recite one of these prayers.

### **JOY (Jesus, Others, Yourself)**

Our JOY faith formation program sessions started in October 2022. We had 98 families with over 100 hundred children and youth registered. This year we changed our format for JOY. This year the Diocesan focus was on the Eucharist Revival. In keeping in line with this theme, we moved all our formation to Sundays. The parents went to Mass on Sunday while the children attended classes. The Sacrament of Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. Sundays are our days of Sabbath and reconnection with each other. What a perfect day to be formed and learn the love of our God.

### **Order of Christian Initiation for Adults**

This year we had 2 adults and 2 children who became fully initiated into the Catholic faith. We had one adult who came into full communion with us from another faith tradition. Our team and Catechumenate met every Sunday at 9:00 am to learn about the Catholic faith, Jesus, and our customs and traditions. Our focus during Lent was spent on prayer and contemplation. The Catechumenate were able to attend the Rite of Election



in front of the Bishop after signing their names in the Book of Elect. Their next step was to be baptized, receive the Eucharist, and be confirmed at the Easter Vigil.

### **First Communion**

The 68 First Communion candidates were eager to learn about Jesus and the Eucharist. This year they spent time in First Eucharist class learning about the goodness of our God and all that he has created. We had First Communion sessions in person on Sundays. We watched a clip from The Lion King when Simba was being “baptized” and the entire animal community came to participate in this important event. The clip taught the children that through their baptism, they became members of the Catholic community. They also became the sons and daughters of God’s holy kingdom.

The children had their first experience of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They arrived early Saturday morning with their parents. They were very excited to receive the grace and sacrament of forgiveness.

Lastly, the children celebrated the Sacrament of First Eucharist inside the Chapel in May. They were all dressed up in their finest First Communion attire. I could see in their eyes the excitement of receiving Jesus for the very first time. It was a beautiful celebration.

### **Father Leo Paglingayen**

Father Leo Paglingayen came and shared his enthusiastic passion for Christ and food. Father Leo has traveled around the world not only to learn to cook new recipes but how sharing a meal brings people together. Father Leo shared his life experience of being a priest, a black belt, and a break dancer !!! His love for Jesus was infectious and we are grateful that he was able to spend time with our youth during one of his sessions.



## **YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

It has been another awesome year for our Youth Ministry Programs!

### ***ECHO Junior High:***

Our Echo Junior High ministry had a total of 54 participants who registered for the entire ministry year. Our parish was blessed to have an awesome team of 45 high school volunteer leaders ready and passionate to minister to the junior high youth of our parish. This team was led by our ECHO



Coordinators: Matthew Cendana, Derek Trinh, Ally Cordero, Kirsten Calso, and Sofia Peralta. Our ECHO sessions took place every Friday evening from September to May. This past March of 2023, we held our annual Echo Retreat back at the beautiful and prayerful setting of Camp Maymac in the Santa Cruz mountains. The theme

of this year's retreat was "Masterpiece". The theme was broken down into 5 sub-themes that were discussed over three days. Those sub-themes were: Empty Canvas, Sketching, Coloring, Shadowing, and Masterpiece. In our first session, Empty Canvas, we discussed how we must open our hearts and minds on retreat and be a blank canvas to allow God to work and reveal Himself to us. In "Sketching", we talked about what God has given to us to help build our faith. We then moved on to learn in "Coloring" that there are many colors that could be used to enhance our canvas (or practices to build our faith), but how do we choose which ones are right for us? "Shadowing" showed us



that there will be "dark" times in our lives when faith is hard, but to remember that the final project is not yet complete. And finally, in "Masterpiece" we summarized that, although we have our faults due to our humanity, we were made in the image and likeness of God, which makes us all masterpieces. The retreat consisted of 30 participants and 37 leaders. As the year ended, we bid farewell to 10 of our awesome leaders graduating and leaving for college this upcoming year, praying for them and wishing them the best.

### ***Saints in the City:***

One of our very own youth leaders was recognized at this year's Saints in the City Banquet held by the Diocese of San Jose at St. John Vianney Parish. Sofia Peralta had spent countless hours either participating or volunteering in our ministries over the years from VBS to our ECHO Jr High Program. We are extremely proud to be able to recognize her and everything she has done for our parish community by presenting her with the St. Francis of Assisi Award.



### ***IGNITE:***

Our Ignite High School Ministry, on the other hand, had a total of about 40 registered participants. The participants came every other Sunday afternoon for our general meeting sessions which were also in



collaboration with our JOY Faith Formation Program. Six of our high school youth were also able to attend the Diocesan Youth Retreat held in South Lake Tahoe for five days in June, a retreat in which our Youth Minister was asked to co-coordinate for another year.

### ***Vacation Bible School 2023***

Our “Stellar” Vacation Bible School program took place July 10<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> from Monday to Friday. We were blessed to have a total of about 68 young participants, adding 20 more than we had last year! We also have an awesome team of 45 volunteer high school leaders dedicated to ministering to the youth every day, led by our VBS Coordinator, Sofia Peralta. We hope to continue growing the program next year!



## **LITURGY**

We are so grateful to all our liturgical ministers (Ushers, Greeters, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Sacristans, Altar Servers, and Choir Members) who continuously serve our parish community all year through various ministries including funerals, weddings, baptisms, quinceañeras, and our usual weekend and weekday Mass



celebrations. We are also thankful to our Liturgical Coordinator and Environment Team for continuing to help coordinate and train ministers, as well as decorate our worship spaces for the various liturgical celebrations. Worshiping our Lord through the celebrating of Mass is the most important thing we do as a faith community, and we are so blessed as a parish to have such awesome parishioners to help make our celebrations go as smoothly and prayerfully as possible. We welcome our new Pastor, Fr. Rey, and Parochial Vicar Fr. Robain, and we look forward to working with them to enhance our liturgical celebrations even more!

## SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

The St. Francis of Assisi Community has demonstrated great compassion for our brothers and sisters. Our Catholic social teaching focuses on principles like the dignity of the human person, solidarity, preferential option for the poor and vulnerable, dignity of work, and care for God's creation. We aim to demonstrate these principles through our outreach programs, and through the stewardship of the Francis Fund, which parishioners generously contribute to throughout the year. This year, almost \$60,000 was collected, and it was used to fund both our programs and assist organizations performing important work in our community and globally. Many parishioners also offered their time and talent to serve on these projects and reach out to those in need.



FIND (Families and Individuals in Need) is the parish's direct assistance program to care for families and individuals living within the parish boundaries. Whether in need of food or at risk of having their power or water disconnected, qualifying clients receive assistance thanks to the Francis Fund contributions. This year, the program distributed almost \$9000 in Lucky's grocery cards and over \$5000 in assistance for utility bills and other emergency expenses.

Last December's Christmas Giving Trees project was the most successful gift drive in memory, with well over a thousand wrapped gifts being placed under the trees after Mass. It took multiple deliveries to our partners at Our Lady of Guadalupe and Our Lady of Refuge, and the gifts kept arriving right up to Christmas Eve.

Hundreds of families were touched by the wonderful gifts, through both the giving and the receiving.



Groups of parishioners continued to volunteer at the Second Harvest Food Bank, which also received support from the Francis Fund during the year, along with community organizations like Martha's Kitchen, Action Against Hunger, and Loaves and Fishes. The Farmers Market Team collected 1339 boxes (weighing 36589 pounds!) of fresh produce from the Evergreen Farmers Market and delivered it, along with bread products donated by Costco, to Family Supportive Housing. At Thanksgiving, our parishioners donated over \$4000 to the annual Thanksgiving Outreach for the Poor collection, which was shared with the Most Holy Trinity, St. Maria Goretti, and Christ the King food distribution programs to ensure families had a special holiday meal.



Physical and mental health are concerns that we address in several ways. We trained additional groups of Mental Health ministers through a several-week-long program and supported the work of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) with a donation to the Santa Clara County chapter. We sponsored two downtown Health Fairs, hosted three blood drives for the Stanford Blood Center, and financially supported Birthright, which is focused on providing healthcare and other services to expectant mothers. We also supported the Catholic Charities Mobile Showers van, which provides a vital service for the local homeless community.

There were times during the year when we reacted to the news of the day, responding to disasters and crises as they occurred. When earthquakes caused devastation in Turkey and Syria, we responded with donations to the MISSIO and Catholic Relief Services Earthquake Relief Funds. After the winter flooding in Pajaro, we contributed to Catholic Charities of Monterey's relief effort. When migrants approached the border seeking safety and a better life, we used the Francis Fund to support a pair of organizations working directly to improve the outcomes. The Kino Border Initiative promotes "migration with dignity" through humanitarian assistance, solidarity building between migrants and the community, and policy advocacy in Mexico and the US. The Hope Border Institute "brings the perspective of Catholic social teaching to bear on the realities unique to our US-Mexico border region. Through a robust program of research and policy work, leadership development, and action, we work to build justice and deepen solidarity across the borderlands."

We have increased our Involvement with PACT (People Acting in Community Together), which has been an active force in the community for decades, through organizing activities within the parish and financial support.

We supported the Farmworkers Caravan, an organization that assists the local agricultural workers whose labor helps to feed the world. Most of these workers endure harsh working conditions for low wages, while their families struggle. The Farmworkers Caravan made several trips to the farms, delivering essential items to make life a little easier and showing the workers that they were valued.



Recognizing the importance of education, we ran the annual Back to School Drive in August, during which we collected dozens of backpacks and bags of school supplies. These were shared with schools in the Evergreen School District, allowing students in need to have a new set of supplies when the school year started. We made donations from the Francis Fund to sponsor scholarships at Amigos de Guadalupe, helping local high school students become first-generation college students. We also supported Sacred Heart Community Service, the Salvation Army, and the San Jose Public Library Foundation, which is working to provide programs and opportunities for low-income residents in the areas of literacy, education, and employment.

The Villages Catholic Community formed a special connection with Amigos de Guadalupe's Las Casitas Tiny Homes Project. A parishioner built a donation box resembling a tiny home, where the community can contribute toward Target gift cards that are given to families moving out of the Casitas. The families can purchase items needed to settle into their new accommodations.

A key achievement of the past year was enrolling the Parish in the Laudato Si Action Platform. Pope Francis' encyclical, "Laudato Si", was released in 2015, but despite the urgency expressed in the letter, it has taken considerable time for communities to take the message to heart. The process involved an analysis and recognition of the steps already taken to care for God's creation. We also collaborated with the Diocese of San Jose's Stewards of our Common Home to educate and plan actions related to the Laudato Si goals. For example, we led a Laudato Si-themed Stations of the Cross after one of the Lenten Soup Suppers. We plan to introduce more opportunities during the Season of Creation, beginning September 1.

The Social Justice Team took steps toward forming a Catholic Relief Services (CRS) chapter this year. Information sessions were held for interested parishioners as we looked to form a core team to lead the effort. One of the familiar CRS activities is the Lenten Rice Bowl almsgiving program, which we promoted during Lent. Parishioners were encouraged to keep their Rice Bowl on the table in their homes and contribute throughout the season. At least 130 families participated, and the donations, totaling over \$6100, went toward hunger and poverty alleviation programs locally and to CRS programs in over 100 countries around the world.



The Get on the Bus Program, organized by the Center for Restorative Justice Works (CRJW), gives children of incarcerated parents an opportunity to visit their parents through an annual bus trip. For many of the children, this is the only opportunity that they will have to see their father or mother during the year. The trips to the women's prisons are planned around Mother's Day in May, and the men's prison visits occur close to Father's Day in June.

This was the first year that the program resumed following the Covid pandemic. Trips were scheduled in October 2022 as well as May and June 2023. St. Francis of Assisi hosted a bus stop on a Saturday in



October. Parishioners greeted the excited children and their accompanying adults in the early morning and provided personalized bags of comfort items to help make the long bus ride easier. The parish offered a safe place for the families to park their cars until the bus returned that night. We were prepared to host a bus stop again in the spring, but it was not needed. Instead, we donated from the Francis Fund to help with the program's expenses, and we look forward to working with Get on the Bus next year.

One of the organizations that benefited from the parishioners' donations was the John the XXIII Center. John XXIII is a part of Catholic Charities' Cathedral Social Ministries. Sharon Miller is the Director of Cathedral Social Ministries, and we have donated \$6,840.65 in the form of razors, funding of two health fairs lunches, lunches for attendees of presentations, and gift cards to serve as an incentive for those newly released from being incarcerated to fill out rental applications. John XXIII provides the Window, which allows the clients to collect their mail due to not having a permanent address and to receive medical services. In addition, we also have started to reimburse Trang Do for all the supplies that Trang has purchased over the last ten years. She picks up the food donations from the Almaden Costco each Sunday morning and brings them to the SFOA kitchen for groups to prepare for distribution for up to 50 people on Wednesday mornings. Our Social Justice team is most grateful for the generous donation to the St. Francis Fund. – Linda Yap

We sincerely thank you for the year-round support, through volunteering, donations of items, and contributing financially to the Francis Fund. As you can see, sharing your time and resources can change lives nearby and around the world.

## MEMORIAL GARDEN

Since its dedication in July 1999, the Memorial Garden at St. Francis of Assisi has been an integral and unique part of the community, providing a sacred and peaceful space for the placement of cremated remains.

In the past year, we have sold over 110 niches and we currently have about 135 niches still available. The majority of sales have involved members of St. Francis, or individuals from our neighboring parish communities, who have decided to pre-plan for their future needs.

Since July 2022, we have provided 43 committal services and inurnments. In addition to our permanent niches, we continue to provide the option of temporary niches for families who are still not able to travel due to health or other concerns or are still deciding on the final resting place for their deceased. The Memorial Garden Ministry has assisted by providing information on bringing the ashes from abroad and by creating and filing the appropriate forms with the Santa Clara County Health Department after inurnments.

As for the administrative side, the documentation of the garden has benefited from PlotBox, our main database for tracking niche plots, records for the deceased, and ownership deeds.

The Memorial Garden Ministry also offers annual Masses of Remembrance during the time of All Souls Day, when the names of our dearly departed who were inurned in the garden in the past year are announced.

Other than our columbarium, we also offer additional options for families to pay tribute to their loved ones including, Way of the Cross pavers, Wall of Remembrance plaques, and garden granite benches.

The beautification of the Memorial Garden has continued to improve as well. A few of our loose gravel pathways have now been converted into paved ones for improved safety and accessibility for visitors. Along with the placement of more plants and flowers, one of the garden's biggest developments over the year has been the installment of two additional sinks that include side containers that hold watering cans for visitor use. This way, families have easier access to a sink from different areas of the garden for plant and flower offerings for their loved ones.



Along with regular maintenance, there have also been proposals to ultimately provide more shaded areas, outdoor lighting, and other upgrades and improvements to the landscaping. Hopefully, these developments will commence soon.

Finally, I would like to extend a special thank you to Ranilo Dungo, Jim Castle, Vince Sunseri, Divina Orogio, Victor Espinoza, and our parish's clergy for their continued support and involvement in the maintenance of the Memorial Garden. At its heart, the Memorial Garden's purpose is to provide people with a sacred space for prayer and remembrance of loved ones who have passed on. Thank you all for being a part of what makes that mission possible.

On July 11th, 2024, the Memorial Garden will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of its dedication.

## BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS REPORT

St. Francis of Assisi is so very thankful to our parish community for being so generous with their gifts of time and treasure. These gifts allow us to maintain a clean and beautiful church and surrounding landscape for your enjoyment. For this past fiscal year, we were able to make several improvements to our facilities. In our chapel, we converted our old incandescent lighting above the altar to new LED lighting. We installed two new storage containers, two new water stations, and several new picnic tables in the Memorial Garden area. We were also blessed with a generous donation of office tables and chairs from one of our parishioners for our conference rooms. We were able to complete the renovation of the rectory which included the painting of the rectory and the complete renovation of the living quarters of our clergy. In honor of the passing of our founding pastor Msgr. John Sandersfeld, the hall was renamed “



Sandersfeld Hall” and a beautiful plaque was installed commemorating his vision and leadership as the first pastor of St. Francis of Assisi.

Our parish staff and facilities committee has also been diligently working to plan several new projects that you will see in the coming months. We are very excited about these upgrades and improvements including new signs throughout our property, replacing and installing new carpet in our chapel, replacing an old air conditioner compressor for the chapel to improve its performance, ongoing improvements to our Memorial Garden and, we will be starting the planning process for an improved more welcoming outdoor hospitality area near the entrance of the chapel.

#### FEAST DAY 2022 PICTURES











## PARISH GIFT SHOP



The church's little gift shop is tucked away in what seems like the back of the church and out of people's way. Though not a ministry many people think of, we serve the parish in more than one aspect. Aside from the financial support to the church, we provide parishioners with spiritual comforts like rosaries, novenas, candles, statues, etc... We also assist other parish ministries such as the homebound ministry by stocking a selection of pyxes and burses. For those celebrating their sacraments (e.g. wedding, baptism, first communion, confirmation) we provide gifts to commemorate these important milestones. Our annual Christmas Boutique is the

highlight of our year, and volunteers work hard to prepare months in advance for this event that the entire community enjoys. The gift shop is run by a tiny but mighty group of volunteers. Volunteers do more than just manning the shop. This year, one of our volunteers took the initiative to upgrade the OPEN signs. We are now rid of the heavy wooden signs that have seen better days. We take joy in seeing parishioners finding what they need or sometimes discovering something new to remind them of their faith. Some children come back week after week to buy new comic books on the lives of the saints where they learn about the Catholic Church, and this is how we pass on our faith.

There are busy days, but there are also days that are quiet and a good time to catch up on

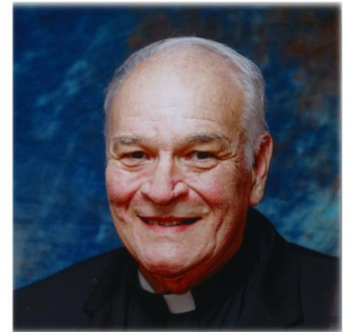
your favorite book. The main challenges the gift shop faces are finding ways to increase our exposure and open more hours. To do that, we need more volunteers. If you have a few extra hours a month, we'd love to have you.

Below are our mighty volunteers for 2022-2023 (in alphabetical order):

Jasleen Badhesha	Karen Meschke
Alegria Hipolito	Becky Mora
Christine Hoang	Mary Ann Raquidan
Cindy Juleson	Eric Trang
Marie Lamantia	Theresa Tsukamoto
Brenda Lee	



# In loving memory of our founding Pastor, Msgr. John Sandersfeld



St. Francis of Assisi, A Catholic Community  
*What you have been Given, Give as a Gift... Matt 10:8*

***Born: March 7, 1940***  
***Entered into eternal life: August 3, 2022***

– By Victor Espinoza, Business Manager St. Francis of Assisi. Originally published September 2022.

One of my favorite quotes of Pope Francis comes from his address to the world's priests at the Chrism Mass on Holy Thursday, March 28, 2013.

“The priest who seldom goes out of himself ... misses out on the best of our people, on what can stir the depths of his priestly heart. ... This is precisely the reason why some priests grow dissatisfied, lose heart, and become in a sense collectors of antiquities or novelties — instead of being shepherds living with ‘the smell of the sheep.’ This is what I am asking you — be shepherds with the smell of sheep.”

The passing of Msgr. John Sandersfeld has brought great sadness and a flood of happy memories to many of us who had the pleasure of working with him over the years. The quote mentioned above epitomizes my experience and my memories of Msgr. John. I first met Msgr. John a little over 20 years ago when I was a young enthusiastic Pastoral Associate and shortly after Business Administrator at a neighboring parish. Bishop Patrick McGrath had just released the text to the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, the vision that was created after months of listening sessions held at all of the parishes of the Diocese. Our mission was clear, create opportunities for lay leadership, focus on faith formation for leaders, and encourage youth leadership and collaboration with other parishes.

The response of the pastors to address this challenge was to encourage all parish staff members of Deanery 6 to meet once a month to discuss how we could address the needs identified in the plan and better serve the parishioners of East San Jose. I remember it so clearly Msgr. John was the visionary and Fr. Kevin Joyce was the spiritual leader, leading us into uncharted territory.

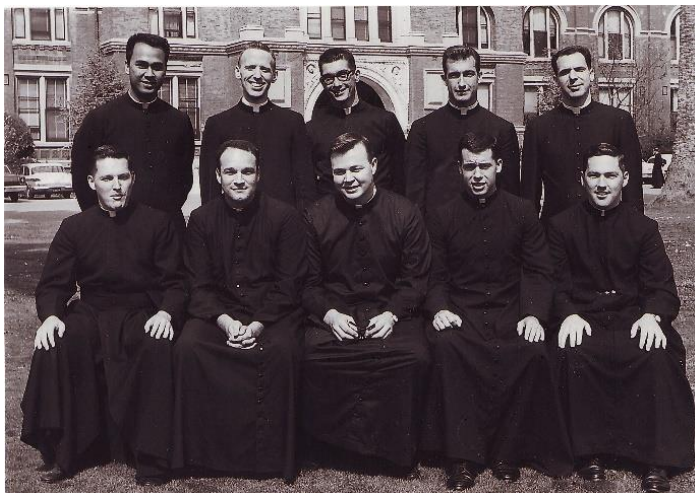
It was during these monthly meetings that I was able to experience the excitement, commitment, and idealism of the Gospel that was personified in the towering figure that was Msgr. John. His passion for community, collaboration, and justice was rivaled by few. Reflecting on that period in time, I don't think I fully grasped the magnitude and impact that we all were part of in the advancement of faith and justice in East San Jose; and without fail, the person promoting the most impactful programs was Msgr. John. With his larger-than-life personality, booming voice, and towering presence he never ceased trying to encourage the leaders to do the right thing for the people of the East Side. At times a quiet captain encouraging others to use their talents, and at other times he was the voice for the voiceless confronting injustice and the powerful when necessary. What made him different though, was that he never gave up



because an idea was too unorthodox or challenging, nothing was impossible for the visionary priest that “walked the talk”.

When he would stand up and say, “You know I’ve been thinking about how we can work on this problem” It was at that moment that Joe Swyte the then Business Administrator of St. Francis of Assisi, Brother Jim Sanders the Administrator of Most Holy Trinity and I, knew that something was already in the works and that we would all be probably working to try to implement or promote one of his ideas.

Out of those meetings came the Deanery 6 Cooperative, a collective of parishes that shared resources and actively collaborated on projects that lasted more than 15 years, a summer literacy program hosted at 6 churches covering most of East San Jose and serving hundreds of children each summer, a basic ministry formation program to offer advanced theological education to hundreds of liturgical and catechetical ministers. The seeds of institutions such as Cristo Rey High School, Amigos de Guadalupe, and countless other initiatives. All of these ideas were planted or cultivated with the help of Msgr. John. His hands touched them all in one way or another.



Little did I know back then that I would eventually end up working in the parish that he helped found. I experience his legacy daily, whether it be with the conversations I have with parishioners about him, or by helping to carry on some of the projects he helped to become a reality. St. Francis has always been a vibrant parish serving the needs of parishioners, a parish rooted in social justice and service to people at every stage in life. My heart as I am sure the hearts of many of you are a little heavier with his passing but I am grateful to have broken bread and worked side by side with a shepherd who was not above living with the smell of the sheep. And while

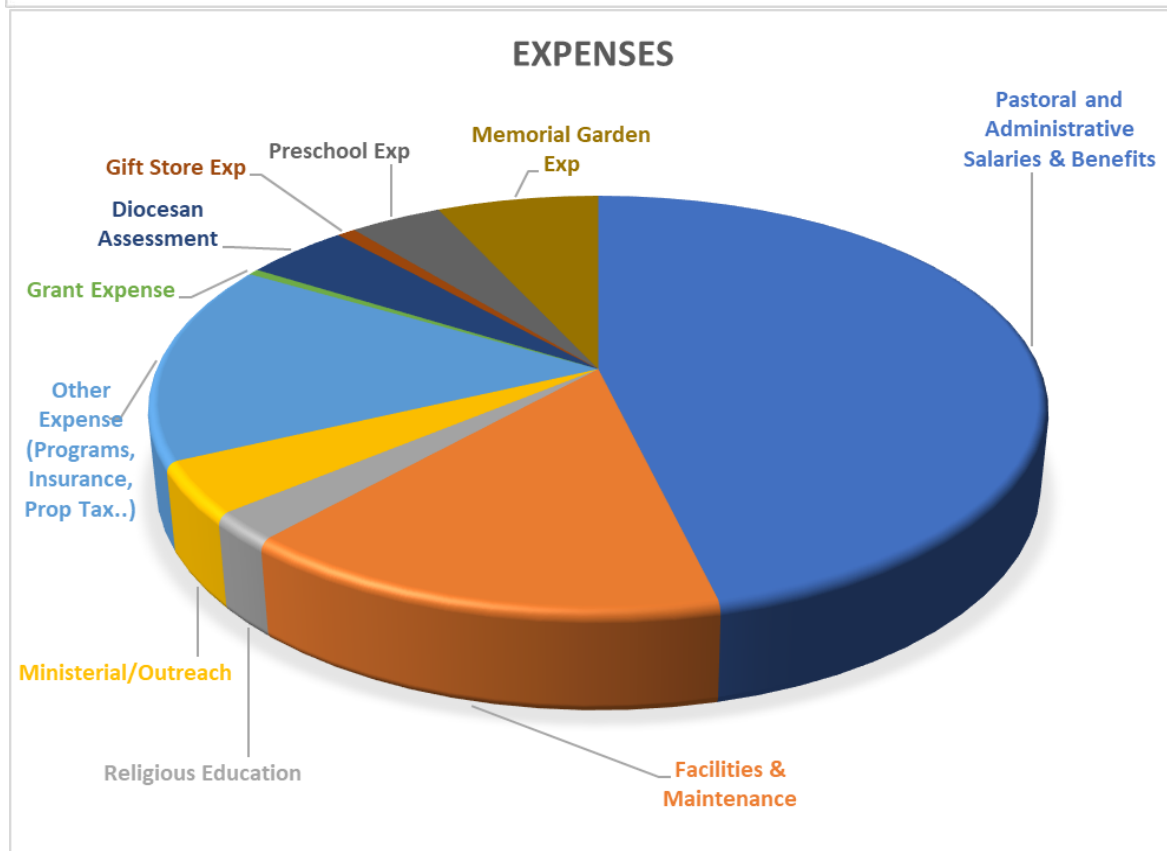
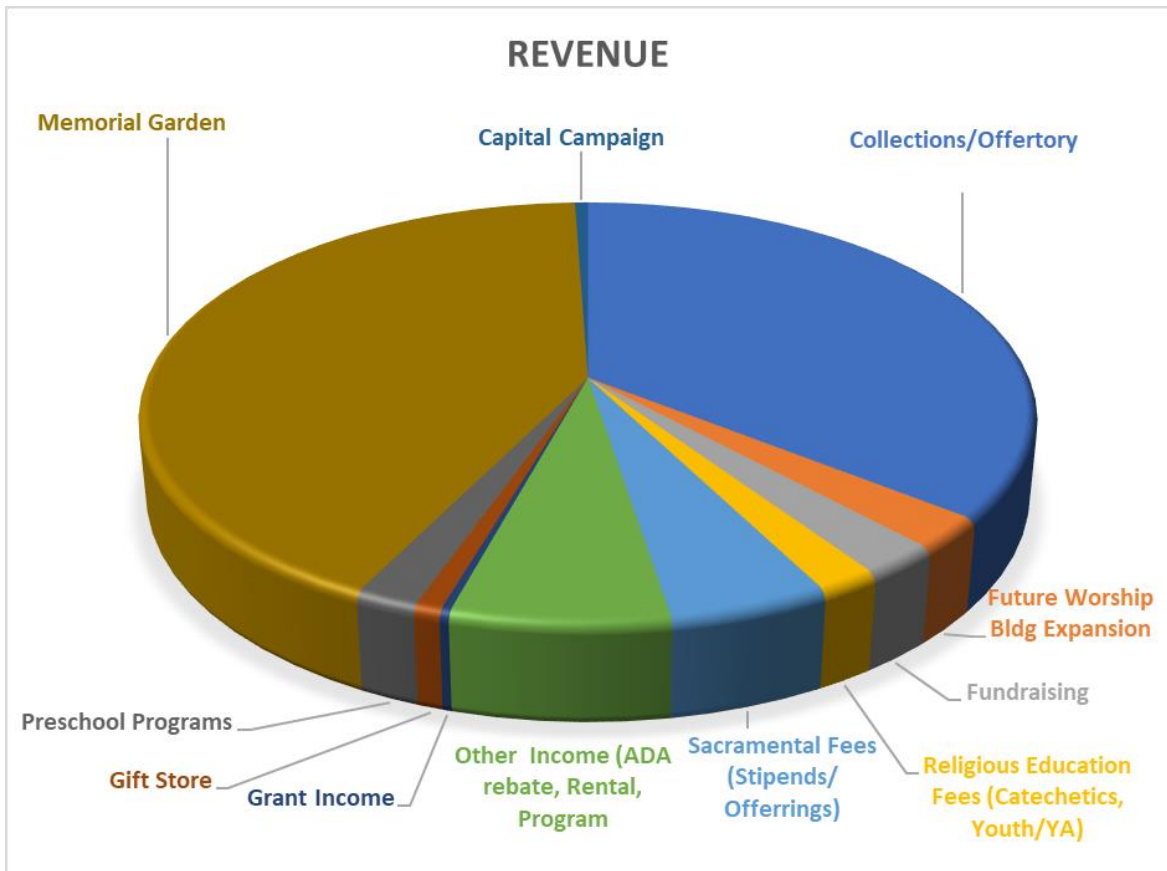
he is no longer physically with us he lives in so many of us. May the Lord grant Msgr. John eternal rest.



## FINANCIAL PROFIT AND LOSS REPORT

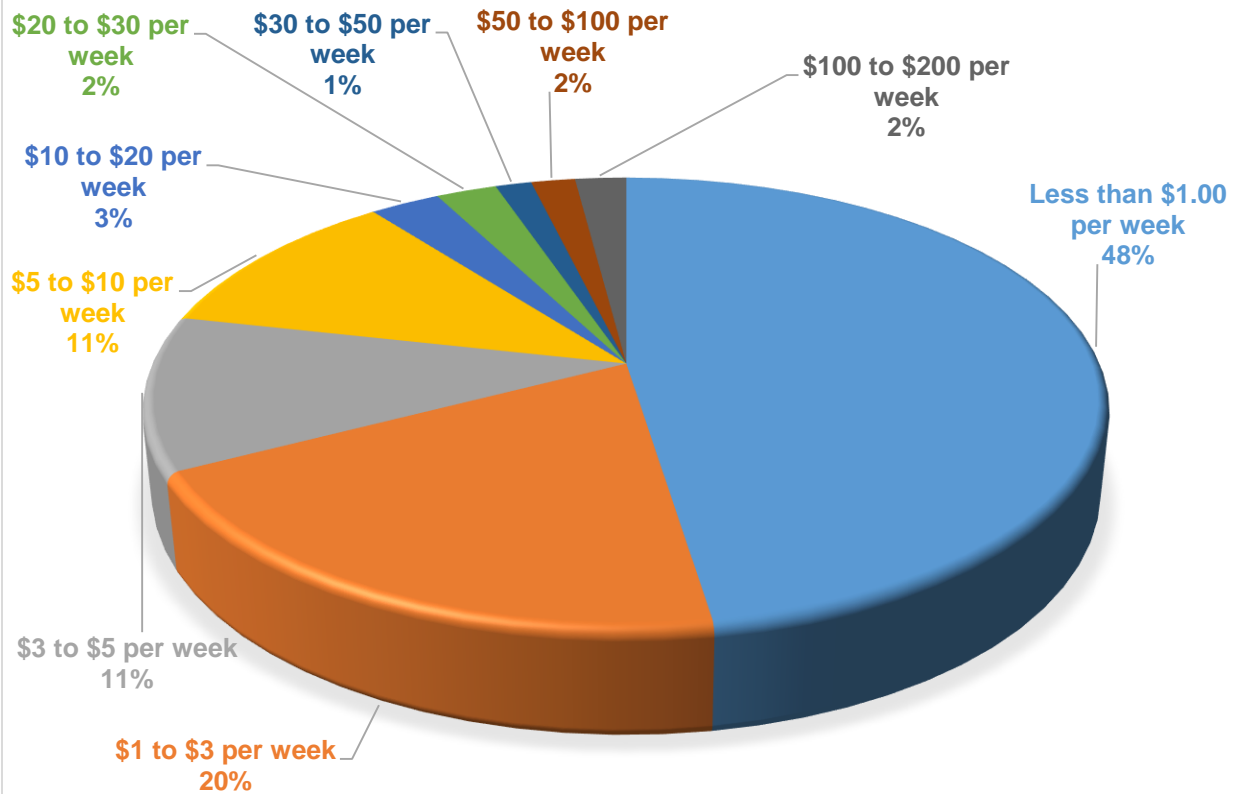
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	<b><u>ACTUAL</u></b>	<b><u>BUDGET</u></b>	<b><u>BUDGET</u></b>
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>			
Collections/Offertory	1,152,127.98	1,035,600.00	1,098,886.12
Future Worship Bldg Expansion	79,077.62	75,000.00	80,000.00
Fundraising	78,313.37	109,900.00	71,850.00
Religious Education Fees (Catechetics, Youth/YA)	61,420.00	66,000.00	57,100.00
Sacramental Fees (Stipends/ Offerrings)	162,945.61	133,350.00	120,401.76
Other Income (ADA rebate, Rental, Program	221,180.18	141,701.00	200,401.76
Grant Income	9,600.00	-	-
Gift Store	26,911.18	25,000.00	26,000.00
Preschool Programs	63,442.75	182,400.00	-
Memorial Garden	1,360,286.19	1,134,000.00	1,171,356.79
Capital Campaign	17,957.14	2,500.00	5,000.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b><u>3,233,262.02</u></b>	<b><u>2,905,451.00</u></b>	<b><u>2,830,996.43</u></b>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>			
Pastoral and Administrative Salaries & Benefits	949,112.30	1,033,805.50	1,040,349.11
Facilities & Maintenance	315,298.25	501,423.00	350,461.31
Religious Education	45,981.30	60,600.00	41,275.00
Ministerial/Outreach	83,741.88	63,834.00	86,267.00
Other Expense (Programs, Insurance, Prop Tax..)	319,199.20	480,550.00	298,832.15
Grant Expense	9,499.41	-	20,009.75
Diocesan Assessment	91,020.00	92,000.00	112,452.43
Gift Store Exp	16,165.05	15,600.00	15,700.00
Preschool Exp	80,544.44	150,280.00	-
Memorial Garden Exp	140,839.24	90,935.50	95,190.05
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>2,051,401.07</u></b>	<b><u>2,489,028.00</u></b>	<b><u>2,060,536.80</u></b>
Depreciation Expense*	404,562.82	407,057.09	406,331.64
<b>Total Expenses * (incl Depreciation</b>	<b><u>2,455,963.89</u></b>	<b><u>2,896,085.09</u></b>	<b><u>2,466,868.44</u></b>
<b><u>Surplus/Deficit * (incl Depreciation)</u></b>	<b><u>777,298.13</u></b>	<b><u>9,365.91</u></b>	<b><u>364,127.99</u></b>



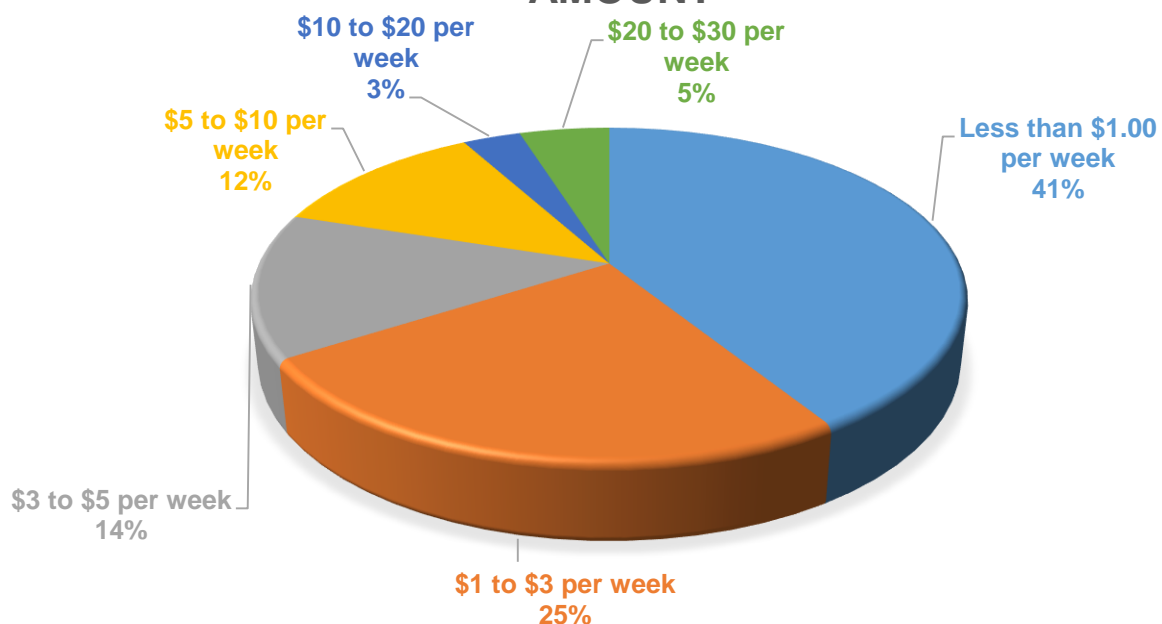


## OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS BREAKDOWN

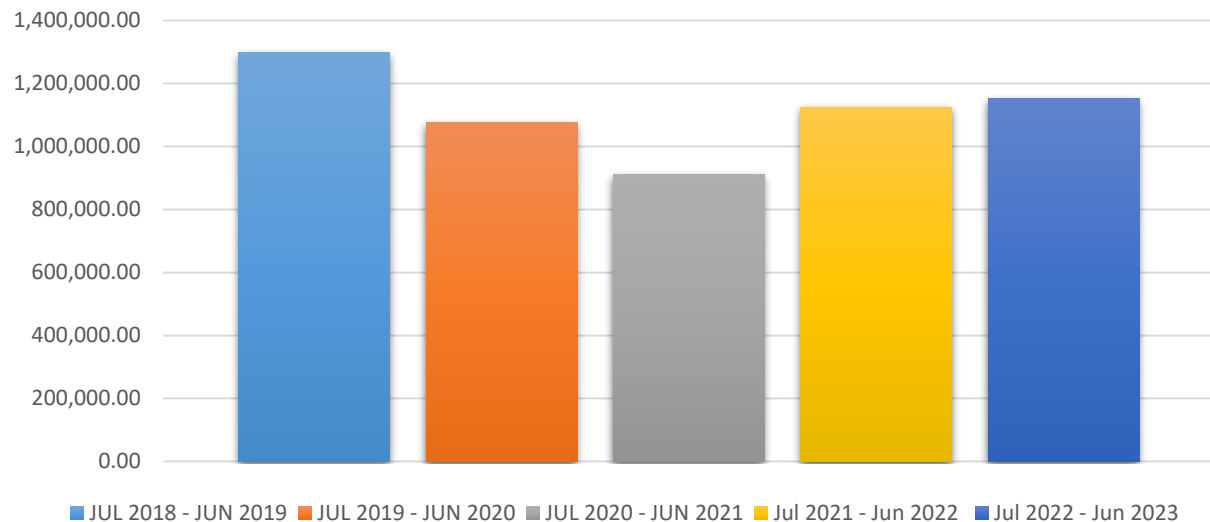
### WEEKLY IDENTIFIABLE ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTIONS BY DOLLAR AMOUNT



### WEEKLY ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS BY DOLLAR AMOUNT



### 5 Year Total Collection/Offertory History



### BALANCE SHEET

	6/30/2023	6/30/2022	\$ Change
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings	3,326,412.65	2,227,116.93	1,099,295.72
Accounts Receivable	45,177.47	60,427.67	(15,250.20)
Other Current Assets	12,875.07	58,783.09	(45,908.02)
Total Current Assets	3,384,465.19	2,346,327.69	1,038,137.50
Fixed Assets	3,561,508.25	3,873,373.49	(311,865.24)
Other Assets	519,403.24	468,834.49	50,568.75
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>7,465,376.68</b>	<b>6,688,535.67</b>	<b>776,841.01</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	34,673.90	23,862.12	10,811.78
Other Current Liabilities	181,415.65	176,689.81	4,725.84
Total Current Liabilities	216,089.55	200,551.93	15,537.62
Long-Term Liabilities	-	430,473.87	(430,473.87)
Total Liabilities	216,089.55	631,025.80	(414,936.25)
Equity	7,249,287.13	6,057,509.87	1,191,777.26
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>7,465,376.68</b>	<b>6,688,535.67</b>	<b>776,841.01</b>

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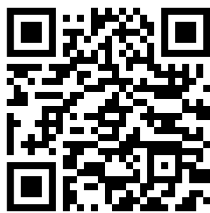
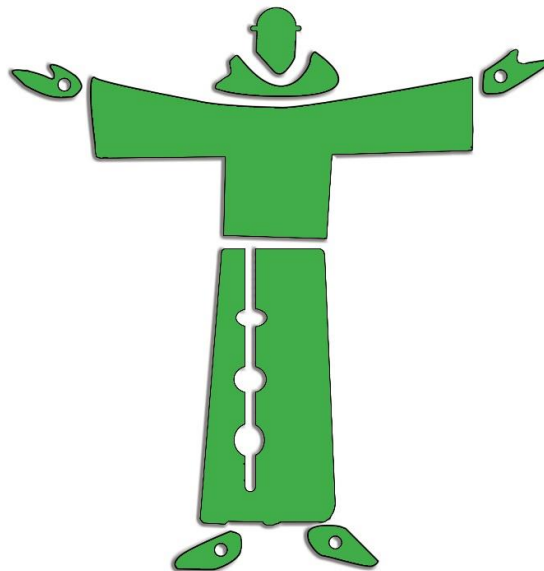
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