# QUEEN OF APOSTLES

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## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021

# 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female."- Mk 10:3-6

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# The Sacraments and Mass Information

## BAPTISM
Baptisms are every first Saturday of the month at 10am, or every third Sunday of the month within the celebration of the Eucharist. Contact the Parish Office for more information on the Baptismal process.

## EUCHARIST
The Eucharist, or Mass, is celebrated every day. For those who wish to receive it for the first time, please contact the Parish Faith Formation Office for more information on the catechetical process.

## CONFIRMATION
Receiving this sacrament completes the Initiation in the Church. It is celebrated with the Bishop once a year. Contact the Parish Faith Formation Office for information on the catechetical process.

## RECONCILIATION
Reconciliation is every Saturday at 4pm outside of the church, or by appointment. This celebration of God's merciful love must be an incessant celebration for us.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Anointings are every second Saturday of the even months at 8am, or by appointment. Contact the Parish Office for information on receiving the sacrament.

## HOLY ORDERS
This gift of vocation to the priesthood and religious life is nourished in the family and sustained by the parish community. Contact the Parish priests for inquiries.

## MARRIAGE
This gift of vocation in creating the domestic Church is a life long process. Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the proposed date and for information on the wedding process.

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## VIGILS & FUNERALS
Contact the Parish Office upon the death of a loved one to arrange a funeral liturgy.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS
This ancient process of accepting someone into the faith is done through the guidance of the Faith Formation Office. Contact the Parish Office to inquire.

## MASS SCHEDULE
**Saturday Vigil: 5pm**

**Sunday: 7:30am, 9am** *(livestreamed on YouTube)***, and 11am**

**Weekday Masses: 9:00am; Saturday 8:00am**

Kindly wear a mask, sanitize hands, and maintain social distancing.

## ✠WE LOVINGLY PRAY FOR✠
Those in our parish who are sick, **Lorraine de Castro, Andrea Boucher, John Jenkins, Roqa Guido, John Ruzzo, Grant Moy, Jr. Richard L. Moy, Carol Meridick, Ryan Pansoy, Salli Spoon, Mary Kay Gray, Frances Nguyen, Nina Gazzingan, Maria D'Avolio, Salli Spoon, Carol Meridick, Jonathan Sacks, Chérie Kaplan, Paula Rowe, Gerarda Romero, and Gonzalo Cruz.** All the front-liners and our servicemen and women who serve in the Armed Forces throughout the world and we remember them in our hearts.

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 3, 2021

**Sunday:** Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

**Monday:** Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

**Tuesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42

**Wednesday:** Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4

**Thursday:** Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13

**Friday:** Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26

**Saturday:** Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28

**Next Sunday:** Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 3, 2021

**Sunday:** 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

**Monday:** St. Francis of Assisi

**Tuesday:** Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

**Wednesday:** St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

**Thursday:** Our Lady of the Rosary

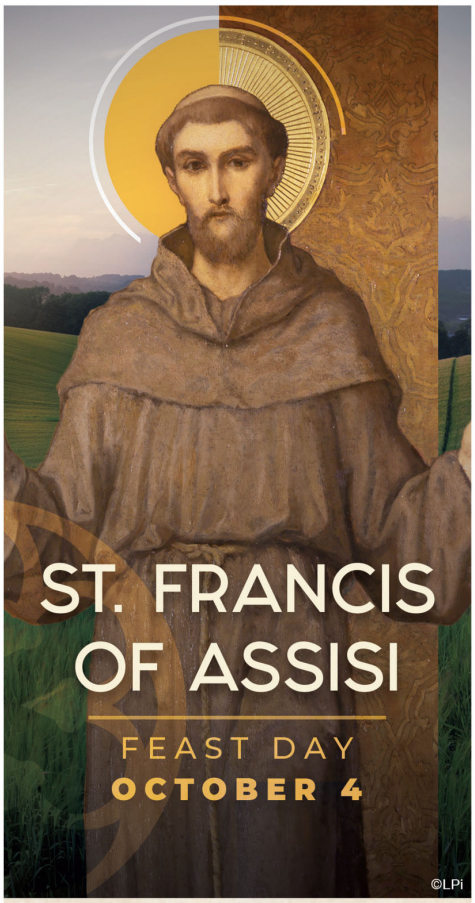
**Saturday:** St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest

**Next Sunday:** 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

"What God has joined together." We are all familiar with these words. Because man and woman are essentially of the same substance, although also distinctively different, there is an innate desire to be connected and united. Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. But they can also be celebrations of great union and happiness. This is proven by couples who have been married for many years who still have that same twinkle of devotion in their eyes that was present on their wedding day. God designed it to be this way. By God's power, the two become one. This is not of human design. The true intimacy of marriage is a Divine Intimacy. It is a bond created by a power far greater than any found in the two people who are joined. Marriage is where the virtue of love is most fully expressed.




## SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Francis of Assisi (1181 – 1226) left a life of luxury for a life devoted to Christianity after reportedly hearing the voice of God, who commanded him to rebuild the Christian church and live in poverty. He founded the men's Order of Friars Minor, the women's Order of St. Clare, the Third Order of St. Francis and the Custody of the Holy Land.

Born in 1181 in Italy, St. Francis of Assisi was renowned for drinking and partying as a youth. During a military expedition/battle between Assisi and Perugia, he was captured and imprisoned for ransom. He spent nearly a year in prison and began receiving visions from God. After his release from prison, St. Francis of Assisi claimed to have heard the voice of Christ, who told him to restore the Christian Church and live a life of poverty. As a result, St. Francis of Assisi abandoned his life of luxury and became a devotee of the Catholic faith.

Today, St. Francis of Assisi, known for his deep love of nature and animals, is the patron saint of the environment and animals. Each October, many animals are blessed on his feast day.

# This Week

## MASS INTENTIONS †

Mass Intention Online Request Form: **www.qofa.org**

**SUNDAY** ▪ October 3 ▪ 7:30am / 9am / 11am
- Matthew Mui Nguyen †
- Joseph Phung Vu †
- Teresita F. Ecarma (birthday)
- Luz & Dave Wenger (wedding anniversary)
- Hanh Nguyen
- **Missa Pro Populo**

**MONDAY** ▪ October 4 ▪ 9:00am
- Jim Lehane †
- Maria Nhan Vu †
- Joy Kuriakose †
- Lorraine Rauchie

**TUESDAY** ▪ October 5 ▪ 9:00am
- Molly Ryan †
- Mary Ann Oddo (birthday)
- Joseph Louis (birthday)

**WEDNESDAY** ▪ October 6 ▪ 9:00am
- Joseph Phung Vu †
- Joseph Family
- Jacob Michael (healing)

**THURSDAY** ▪ October 7 ▪ 9:00am
- Matthew Mui Nguyen †
- Joy Kuriakose †
- Gilbert Lai †

**FRIDAY** ▪ October 8 ▪ 9:00am
- Joseph Phung Vu †
- Joseph Family
- Lorraine De Castro (healing)

**SATURDAY** ▪ October 9 ▪ 8:00am / 5:00pm
- Luciana Joseph
- Jacob Michael (healing)
- Lorraine Rauchie
- Alisa Walsh (birthday)

**SUNDAY** ▪ October 10 ▪ 7:30am / 9am /11am
- Matthew Mui Nguyen †
- Dioscoro Ramos †
- Roy D'Cruz †
- Poor Souls †

## PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**SUNDAY ▪ October 3**

**The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Faith Formation Classes, K-8
Virtual Confirmation Interviews on Zoom

**MONDAY ▪ October 4**

SFT Community Rosary on Zoom at 7pm
(QofA.Spirituality@gmail.com for more info)

**TUESDAY ▪ October 5**

Community Rosary on Zoom at 7pm
(Kristie.Manning@dsj.org for more info)
Bible Study on Zoom at 10am and 7pm on Zoom
(Kristie.Manning@dsj.org for more info)

**WEDNESDAY ▪ October 6**

SFT Community Rosary on Zoom at 7pm
Young Adult Women's Study Group on Zoom at 7pm

**THURSDAY ▪ October 7**

SFT Community Rosary on Zoom at 7pm

**FRIDAY ▪ October 8**

SFT Community Rosary on Zoom at 7pm

**SATURDAY ▪ October 9**

Confessions at 4pm

**SUNDAY ▪ October 10**

**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Faith Formation Classes, K-8
Confirmation session, 6:15pm—8pm

**Pray With Us -- Rosary**
**7:00 pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday**

**On Zoom:**
**Meeting - 792 3910 0570**
**Password - 4ZbMju**

# PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel reading:

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# MISSION

Pray for kids you know who have been hurt because their parents are not living with each other. Ask God to heal their broken hearts.

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# GROWING WITH THE Gospel

CYCLE B

# COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.

# Parish Announcements

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Your generosity has sustained the works of the parish. Thank you for your generous support.

**Collection for Sunday, September 26, '21: $5,349.99**
**Second Collection: $195.00**
**Sandwiches for the homeless: $50.00**
**Total: $5,594.99**
**Upcoming 2nd collections:**
10/24 — World Mission Sunday

## THANK YOU!

Many thanks to those who donated blood at the bloodmobile last Wednesday! If you missed the bloodmobile, you can still make an appointment at another location at www.sbcdonor.org. Thank you for doing your part in saving lives!

## PRAY THE ROSARY

October is a month dedicated by the Church in honor of Mary under her title of the Most Holy Rosary.

This Tradition started after the victorious Battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571 to which the event brought peace and order into the European civilization. The Church has attributed this event to the Mother of God as our Lady of Victory because of the prayers made by the people of Rome day and night asking the intercession of Mary through their recitation of the Rosary. Pope Gregory XIII made this day as the Feast of the Most Holy Rosary.

Join our parish community in praying the holy rosary. A group of dedicated individuals have been praying the rosary at night through the use of social media (through Zoom/see parish website for access). Join our priests for the whole month of October in praying the Rosary before Mass (8:30am Monday to Friday, 7:30am Saturday). Or pray the rosary as a family. In the words of Fr. Patrick Peyton, "The family that prays together, stays together."

## SANDWICHES FOR THE HOMELESS—DONATIONS NEEDED

Twice monthly parishioners make sandwiches that are distributed to homeless in San Jose. We are in need donations of: peanut butter, jelly, granola bars or cash donations. These can be brought to the rectory and marked for the "Social Justice/homeless sandwiches". Many thanks from the Social Justice Committee!

## REGISTER FOR FAITH FORMATION!

Please go to https://qofa.org/2021-2022-register to register for Faith Formation classes, grades K-12!

## SUPPORT CUB SCOUT PACK 328

Please consider supporting our Cub Scout Pack 328 at Queen of Apostles by purchasing popcorn or donating to our American Heroes, which include our military and essential workers. Your contribution allows our scouts to develop leadership and outdoor experience while building character and friendships! If you have any questions, please email "Popcorn Kernel" Denise Li: denisezohrli@gmail.com

**Link to Popcorn Sales to Support Queen of Apostles Cub Scout Pack 328: https://tinyurl.com/PopcornPack328**

Plus Popcorn Videos made by Parishioners, The Traverso Family:

Cub Scout Pack 328 Fundraiser Video 2021: **https://tinyurl.com/Pack328Popcorn2021**

Big Sister, Emma's Troop 582 Fundraiser Video 2021: **https://tinyurl.com/Troop582Popcorn2021**

# Pastor's Corner

***What God has joined together, no human being must separate."*** Mark 10:9

The Gospel reading this Sunday offers us Jesus' words on marriage. The passage opens with the provocation of the Pharisees who ask Jesus if it is "lawful for a man to divorce his wife," as the Law of Moses provides. But with the wisdom and authority that come to him from the Father, Jesus puts the Mosaic prescription into perspective, saying: "For your hardness of heart he" – that is, the ancient legislator – "wrote you this commandment." It is a concession that is needed to mend the flaws created by our selfishness, but it does not correspond to God's original intention.

Jesus quoted the Book of Genesis: "from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one." And Jesus concludes: "What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder." In God's original plan, it is not that a man marries a woman and, if things do not go well, he repudiates her. No. Rather, the man and the woman are called to recognize each other, to complete each other, to help each other in marriage.

This teaching of Jesus is very clear and defends the dignity of marriage as a union of love which implies fidelity. What allows the spouses to remain united in marriage is a love of mutual giving, supported by Christ's grace. But if in the spouses, individual interests, one's own satisfaction prevails, then their union cannot endure.

The Gospel passage itself reminds us, with great realism, that man and woman, called to experience a relationship of love, may regretfully behave in a way that places it in crisis. Jesus does not admit all that can lead to the failure of the relationship. He does so in order to confirm God's plan, in which the power and beauty of the human relationship emerge. The Church does not tire of confirming the beauty of the family as it was consigned to us by Scripture and by Tradition. The Church strives to make her maternal closeness tangibly felt by those who experience relationships that are broken or that continue in a difficult and trying way.

God's way of acting with his unfaithful people – that is, with us – teaches us that wounded love can be healed by God through mercy and forgiveness. For this reason, in these situations, the Church is not asked to express immediately and only condemnation. On the contrary, before so many painful marital failures, the Church is called to show love, charity and mercy, in order to lead wounded and lost hearts back to God.

For God created man and woman together and willed each for the other. He has ordained marriage to be a lifelong covenant of love between them, and its bond indissoluble. Let us treasure marriage as the icon of God's eternal love for us.

## Parish Contacts

### PASTORAL STAFF

Reverend Fr. Jeff J. Fernandez, *Pastor*
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Stefanie Hoover, *Vice Principal*
Sophia Paul, *Pre School Director*
Andrea Guel, *School Office Manager*

### PASTORAL & SOCIAL MINISTRIES

**Ministry and *Volunteer Coordinator***

Christian Family Movement / *Bob Wedig*
Grief Counseling / *Shirley Ruzzo*
Homebound / *Catherine Kim*
Ladies Guild / *Valerie Baker*
Saint Vincent de Paul Society / *Terean Crews*
Spiritual Formation Team / *Richard Lahey*
Social Justice / *Kathy Fanger*

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY

**Ministry and *Volunteer Coordinator***

Altar Servers / *Haidee Baluta*
Baptism / *Kristie Manning*
Extraordinary Ministers / *Bob Wedig*
Funeral / *Phan Nguyen*
Lectors / *Carolyn McDonald*
Musicians / *Teri Silvestri*
Sacristans / *JC Mercier*

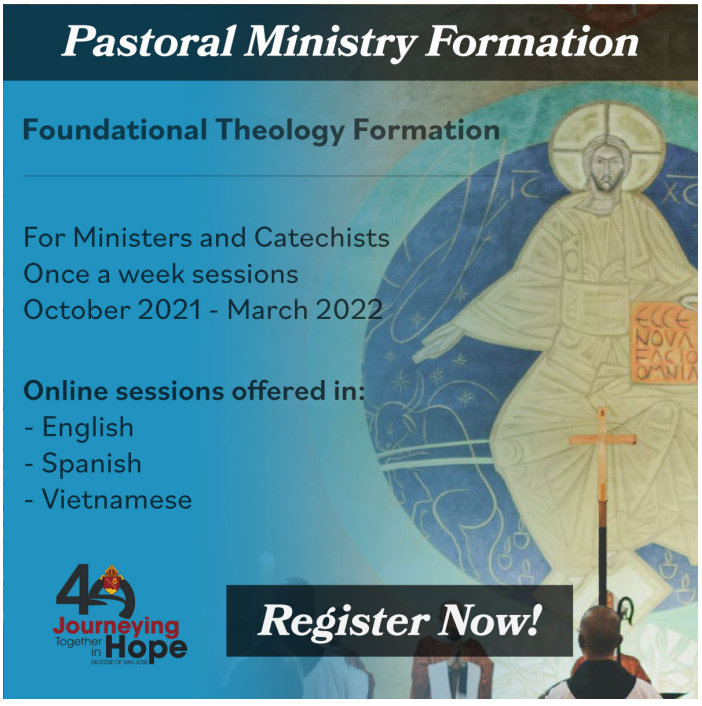
## Announcements Cont'd

### QOFA SCHOOL NEWS

Communication between home and school is always very important. So, conferences with the teachers will be occurring this week. Teachers get to share student progress to this point in the school year and address any questions families may have now. Our teachers' commitment to the students' whole education is very strong and they look forward to partnering with families throughout the school year for the best educational outcomes for their students.

### DIOCESAN PASTORAL FAITH FORMATION 2021

The dioceses is offering foundational theology formation series for ministers. Upon completion, pastoral ministers will receive a "Pastoral Ministry Certification" issued by the Institute for Leadership in Ministry. The 18-session course is one of the requirements for Catechist Certification. Sessions are offered in English, Spanish and Vietnamese. Register at www.dsj.org/evagelization.



# Social Justice Corner

For over 20 years, I taught both 1st and 2nd graders. Every day, I showed them my favorite large-framed picture of Jesus and The Children, painted by Frances Hook. It shows Jesus seated and smiling, with his arm around the shoulders of a child and holding his hand. He is surrounded by a small group of children of many races who are intently looking at him.

In a recent Gospel, we are reminded that children, in Jesus' time, were not valued. In fact, in one story, when the children wanted to see Jesus after a long day of teaching and healing the crowds, the disciples pushed them away. But Jesus said, "Let the children come to me! Do not hinder them. For the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." And Jesus also said, "Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it."

When teaching from my rocking chair, I would often have my young students sit on the floor at my feet. I would ask for one to come stand next to me and we would re-enact this scene with Jesus. I *(as Jesus*) would say, "Mark, it's so good to be with you. Tell me what's going on?" And Mark would tell me what was happening in his life. I would listen, maybe ask a question or two, then say, "Mark, I love you very much." And then I'd ask for another volunteer. I wanted them to know the personal Jesus, who loved them, whom they could talk to as a friend.

We need to be like children – open, receptive, trusting, dependent on knowing that Jesus is THERE for us. Jesus modeled showing love, respect, and dignity to ***every*** person, especially children, the lowly, the poor, the sinners, the outcasts. Do we do the same?

Jesus calls us by name, to be changed, to leave church with great joy and hope to share with others. Reflect on the words of this song…and GO, with Jesus inside you, to bring his love to others.

**THE SUMMONS**

**By Kelvingrove**

***Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?***

***Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?***

***Will you let your love be shown?***

***Will you let my name be known?***

***Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?***

Guadalupe Hope Society

The Guadalupe Hope Society presents

GHS Women's Center

# ROSARY & FAITH TALK LUNCHEON

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2021 @ 11:30AM – 1:00PM**
**IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM**

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!

**Rev. Michael "Mickey" Pintacura will lead the Rosary and give a reflection on "Blessed Anna Maria Taigi: Wife, Mother and Mystic"**

**This event is both in-person and virtual, free to attend. Please call (408) 447-5433 or email at admin@ghswomenscenter.com to reserve a seat, as they are limited due to CDC guidelines. Register on Eventbrite for both in-person and virtual attendance.**

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