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Preach the Gospel at all times. If necessary, use words.
— St. Francis of Assisi

LITURGY SCHEDULE

MONDAY-SATURDAY

8:30 AM Chapel

FRIDAY

9:00 AM The Villages

SATURDAY

5:00 PM Chapel *

SUNDAY

8:15 AM The Villages (*The Villages Pkwy*)

8:30 AM Chapel *

9:00 AM Gathering Space *

9:30 AM Mt. Hamilton Grange (*2840 Aborn Road*)

10:00 AM Dove Hill School (*1460 Colt Way*)

10:30 AM Chapel *

11:00 AM Gathering Space *

12:30 PM Chapel*

6:00 PM Chapel – Youth Mass

* *Children's Liturgy of the Word is held.*

OUR VALUES

Spiritual Growth

Shared Responsibility

Participation

Hospitality

Diversity

Social Justice

Vietnamese Bilingual Mass

First Sunday of the Month

4:00 pm

Igbo Mass

Second Sunday of the Month

12:30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Saturday in the Chapel Narthex

4:15-4:45 PM

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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**JANUARY 3, 2010****REFLECTIONS****GOOD NEWS!****January 3**

A startling vision is embedded in the Second Vatican Council document *The Church in the Modern World*: Anyone who helps further the development of the human race also helps the Catholic Church (*Gaudium et Spes*, 44).

We are meant to live in the real world—the world that is messy, confusing, complex, and dangerous. God steps onto the stage of *this* world. The Spirit works at every level of human affairs. Christ calls *us* to act. Thus, Vatican II called us to read the signs of the times.

What led the Magi's steps? How did they interpret the signs they saw? Starting with stars, they were soon immersed in a deeper search.

Whom did *Herod* trust? Did he trust the Scriptures? He had his advisors search the prophets to make sense of what the wise men were saying. Herod trusted the Book of Micah enough to fear a new ruler. He tried to draw the wise men into a sinister plan, but the Magi sensed something. Scripture doesn't say they agreed to help, but they must have given Herod the sense that they took him seriously.

The Magi are savvy. They show courage at each stage of the story. They're not afraid to think on their feet. They're not afraid to go against the plans of those in power. They're not afraid to take a route different from the one they'd planned to take.

They would do well in the modern world.

Dan Finucane
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January 3, 2010
Solemnity of the Epiphany
"At the sight of the star, they were overjoyed."
 Matthew 2:10

STEWARDSHIP

December 20

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| Checks & Envelopes | \$ 12,693.00 |
| Loose Change | \$ 3,400.00 |
| Total Week Offertory | \$ 16,093.00 |
| Envelopes Used | 428 |
| Building Fund this week | \$ 794.00 |
| Dec. Month-to-Date | \$ 51,298.00 |
| Sept' 09' budget | \$ 65,378.00 |

Building Fund Envelope: Building Fund envelope contributions help pay the monthly mortgage of \$32,361.36.

Weekly Offertory Envelope: Weekly Offertory envelope contributions support the monthly operating expenses of the parish. If you are interested in donating on-line, please visit www.parishpay.com

Thank you in advance for your generous giving.

IMPORTANT DATES**Theology Live**

Thursday, January 7
 7pm-8:30pm, Chapel

Generations of Faith

Tuesday, January 12, 6:30pm
 Wednesday, January 13, 6:30pm
 Thursday, January 14, 6:30pm
 Friday, January 15, 6:30pm

Office Closed

Monday, January 18
 In observance of
 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Next Sunday's
 Readings
Baptism of the Lord

Reading I:
 Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
Reading II:
 Acts 10:34-38
Gospel:
 Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



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FROM THE PASTORAL CENTER

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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| Saturday, January 2 | 8:30am | Jaime N. Esteban+ |
| Saturday, January 2 | 5:00pm | Juanito Juinio+ |
| Sunday, January 3 | 8:30am | Cirila Carnay + |
| | 9:00am | Pascual+, Juana+ & Erminio Afalla+ |
| | 9:30am | Phero Peter Hoang Cu' & Anna Ba Pham + |
| | 10:00am | Ricardo Garcia Ventura+ |
| | 10:30am | Barney Meade |
| | 11:00am | Esther Alcantara + |
| | 12:30pm | Adriana Bercasio+ |
| | 6:00pm | Margie Huffmon + |
| Monday, January 4 | 8:30am | Marcelle Spath+ |
| Tuesday, January 5 | 8:30am | Raymond Hamamoto+ |
| Wednesday, January 6 | 8:30am | Alejandro+, Tony+, Ronnie+ Fr. Noli Agunod+ |
| Thursday, January 7 | 8:30am | Esther DeMattei+ |
| Friday, January 8 | 8:30am | Benjamin Zarrabian |

THEOLOGY LIVE

We invite you to attend a session with Fr. Francis Smith, a Jesuit Theologian, on Thursday, **January 7, 2010 from 7:00pm – 8:30 pm** in the Chapel.

Fr. Smith will talk about the **“Kingdom of God on Earth”** In the Lord’s Prayer, we say, **“Thy Kingdom Come.”**

What is this kingdom and where is it? Are we fully part of this kingdom, or are we on the fringes? Join us in this enlightening evening of discussion and fellowship.

REMINDER:

Please make sure to lock your vehicles and remove personal property when attending Mass.

From the Pastors Desk...



We thank you for all the greetings and good wishes that you sent to us for Christmas and the New Year. Thank you too for all the goodies that you shared with us. We are very grateful for your support and friendship. We take this opportunity to wish you good health, peace and prosperity during the upcoming new year.

May the Lord bless and keep you, May he let his face shine upon you and be gracious to you, May he look upon you kindly and grant you his peace.

Fr. Gene, Fr. Loi and Fr. James.

Social Justice

Thanks for sharing with brothers and sisters.

Our deepest thanks for your generosity in sharing your gifts with others. As noted earlier, the Giving Tree for the Shelter produced more than 1,000 gifts and many, many gift cards. We helped the Dayworkers celebrate with a Christmas luncheon and over 350 gifts from the Gathering Space, Dove Hill and Grange communities. In addition, through the generosity of individual parishioners, we were able to bring several bags of stuffed animals and display dolls to the Grail Outreach Ministries near Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. We were also able to provide over 750 beautiful toys to Our Lady of Guadalupe parish for distribution to families unable to provide presents. Our Christmas season was made more joyous because you shared your gifts with our brothers and sisters in need.

National Migration Week

This week, **January 3-10**, our church is celebrating National Migration Week with the theme of "Renewing Hope, Seeking Justice." This is the twenty-fifth year where Catholics take a moment to review the wide diversity of programs supporting migrants all over the globe. This year Pope Benedict is focusing on "Minor Migrants and Refugees." We ask that you continue to keep them in your prayers.

Towels, Sheets and Blankets Drive.

Starting next weekend, **January 10**, we will have another opportunity to share our resources with those in need. Over the next two weekends, we will conduct our annual **New & Gently Used Towels, Sheets and Blankets Drive**. The Dayworker Center is the beneficiary of a portion of the towels and blankets. Many of the Dayworkers do not have showers where they live, and utilize the shower facilities of the Dayworker Center. The San Jose Family Shelter receives all of bedding and a portion of the towels. These are important gifts to the Shelter. When residents leave the Shelter and move to their first home, "transitional housing", they bring all of their bedding. This leaves the Shelter in constant need of new bedding. As always, we depend on the generous spirit of your giving.

FROM THE PASTORAL CENTER

Baptisms



Our Baptisms are scheduled on the First Saturday and third Sunday of each month (except during Lent). The Baptism contact number is 223-1770 x326 or contact the front office at 223-1562. Please make sure to leave a message when calling and someone will contact you within 72 hours.

Marriage



When planning your wedding, please keep in mind that preparation for Marriage is a six month process. You must attend an information night before we can book your wedding in the Chapel. To reserve your space, please contact Rosie Olivas at 223-1562.

Quinceañera



Will your daughter be celebrating her 15th birthday soon? St. Francis of Assisi offers Quinceañera Ceremonies. There are requirements expected of each girl, so please contact us within 6 months so we have time to plan your daughters special day. For more information, please contact Rosie Olivas at rolivas@dsj.org or 223-1770 x304.

Memorial Garden

Our Memorial Garden is a simple, elegant collection of niches surrounded by beautiful accent pieces. The Memorial Garden provides a way to plan ahead for the future or inter a loved one. For more information about our Niches, please contact Mary McAllister in the Parish Office at 223-1770 x308.

Gathering Space Rental

Are you planning a special event? Are you looking for that "Special Place" to celebrate it? St. Francis of Assisi has a Gathering Space available for rent. Our Gathering space can accommodate 250 seated. Inquires welcome. Please contact the Parish Office or Mary McAllister at 223-1770 x308.

Make a Difference This Year

Are you concerned about youth crime, high school drop out rates, teen pregnancy? Join us **Monday, January 11, from 7:30 to 8:30pm in the Fireside Room** to meet some young people from the **California Community Partners for Youth** mentoring program (www.ccpy.org) who will be here to talk about how this program has changed their lives. Come find out how you can be a part of this miracle! For more information, contact Pattie Cortese at 408-218-3963 or pattiecortese@aol.com. RSVP's appreciated.



St. Francis of Assisi Preschool Preschool is back in session beginning tomorrow. It will be great to get back into the learning mode and a little hard, especially after such a long vacation.

We are really looking forward to a great 2010! Space is still available. If you have a preschool aged child who meets our requirements please contact us at 223-1770 x309.

SANTO NINO CELEBRATION



The Diocesan Council of Filipino Catholics, Diocese of San Jose invites everyone to the Annual celebration of the feast of Santo Nino on **January 16**, at St. Joseph Cathedral/Basilica, 80 So. Market St., San Jose. Bishop Patrick McGrath will preside at the Eucharistic celebration. Before the Mass is the traditional "Sinulog" and "Karakol" processions at 11:30 A.M.. The fiesta will be preceded by a nine days novena to be held at different churches in the diocese.

Novena Schedule:

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| Jan. 7 | St. Julie | 7:00 P.M. |
| Jan. 8 | Santa Teresa | 7:00 P.M. |
| Jan. 9 | St. Victor | 5:00 P.M. |
| Jan. 10 | Christ the King | 10:15 A.M. |
| Jan. 11 | St. Elizabeth | 7:00 P.M. |
| Jan. 12 | St. Justin | 7:00 P.M. |
| Jan. 13 | Holy Cross | 6:00 P.M. |
| Jan. 14 | St. Joseph of Cupertino | 7:00 P.M. |
| Jan. 15 | Most Holy Trinity | 7:00 P.M. |

In the evening of the fiesta, there will be a dinner dance at the parish hall of St. Martin's Parish Hall, tickets cost \$30.00 per person. For more information, please call 729-7228 or 439-9414.

WELCOME TO THESE CHILDREN WHO WERE BAPTIZED INTO THE ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COMMUNITY :

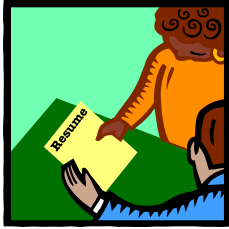


- Keila Jade Aleen Agossa**
Child of Luc and Eurielle Agossa
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Child of Emilio and Elizabeth Garcia
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- Maddox Kai Jugarap-Restani**
Child of Eric and Babette Restani
- Lincoln Sean Pablico Thomson**
Child of Ben and Mirafe Thomson
- Natalie Duong Yuen**
Child of Steven and Dawn Yuen

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

For the Christian there is no such thing as a stranger. There are only neighbors.
Edith Stein/St. Teresa Benedicta

FROM THE PASTORAL CENTER



St. Francis of Assistance Network (SFAN) ...A Parish Job Support Group

Out with the Old Year, Old Job Search and in with the New Year and New Job Search! *Help Us Help You!* Come to a FREE Interview Techniques and Practice session with fellow SFAN members. We will start with a brief presentation of the Five Basic Interview Questions. Then, either in groups or individually, we will prepare our personal responses.

Finally, the luckiest ones of all will have the opportunity to go through a simulated/mock interview with the group observing and making suggestions in a non-competitive environment. If you are shy now, what will you be when you finally get that interview?

Bring your sense of humor and openness to get the job you've always wanted! We will meet on **Saturday, January 9, 1:00 – 3:00 in the Fireside Room.**

No charge for the event. Soft drinks and cookies will be provided.

We do need to know how many people will be participating so we can prepare materials in advance. RSVP: Jim Degan, SFAN Coordinator at sfan@sfoasj.org or 223-1770 X 322.

"Remember - Practice makes perfect - You're the only one who can sell the ultimate product -- yourself -- right into the job"

**FOR ALL MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH.
YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!
January 30 and February 20, 2010**

St. Francis of Assisi along with other parishes are sponsoring two exciting workshops. The topic is **"Our Church in the Modern World"** This workshop is to help you to understand how important each one of us is called to "BE Church" by virtue of your Baptism and become familiar with church terminology (discipleship, stewardship, ecclesiastical). We will look at the history of the church and what it looks like moving forward.

Presenters include: Msgr. John Sandersfeld, Fr. Francisco Rios, Fr. Vincent Bui

St Francis of Assisi

Saturday Jan.30th and Feb. 20

8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

\$ 25.00 donation for both days or \$12.50 for one

Walk in \$30.00

Lunch included.

Register by mail or drop by the office by January 15. Attn. Lisa Nakamura : lnakamura@sfoasj.org
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