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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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PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION**MARCH 28, 2010****REFLECTIONS****Good News!****March 28**

Christ's passion is vivid, stark, blood-soaked, and deadly. Christians have long meditated on the cross, the place where Jesus died. We don't celebrate pain, but we're forced to grapple with it.

First in Gospel descriptions, then through centuries of artists' grueling imagery, during prayers before the Stations of the Cross, in movies, through sermons, while praying the rosary, in the lives of the saints, in every Eucharist—Christians have grappled with the anguish of Christ.

We don't want pain, but we're forced to face it. We connect our pain to Christ's. Martyrs in every century have united themselves with the Crucified One. Their deaths say *this makes no sense unless you understand Christ*. Physical pain, psychological torment, spiritual desolation—all have found meaning when connected to Jesus.

We know fear. Fear haunts those involved with Jesus' last hours. Pilate pushes his problem on someone else. The crowd wants Jesus gone. A criminal taunts Jesus as he hangs near death a few feet away.

And yet, even at its worst, the end of Jesus' life promises more than the agony that was obvious and immediate.

The Roman centurion at the scene had witnessed enough torture and death to know—*this execution was different*. This man is *innocent*. Through tears, a crucified criminal turns to Jesus in hope. Jesus' followers, the women who stayed with him from the first days in Galilee, were shocked to see him die outside the walls of Jerusalem. Yet this death *changed everything*.

We know the power of death. All too well, we know fear. But in Christ we know God's last word is neither fear nor death. *Hope* was embedded even in the worst hours of the end—hope greater than death.

Dan Finucane, sundaybulletins@liguori.orgNext Sunday's Readings: *Easter Sunday*

Reading I: Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Reading II: Colossians 3:1-4
Gospel: John 20:1-9
Afternoon Gospel: Luke 24:13-35



**March 28
Passion/Palm
Sunday**
*"When they
reached the
place called The
Skull, they cruci-
fied him there."*
 Luke 23:33

STEWARDSHIP

March 21

Checks & Envelopes	\$ 12,954.00
Loose Change	\$ 3,520.00
Total Week Offertory	\$ 16,474.00
Envelopes Used	449
March Month-to-Date	\$ 49,550.00
March '10 Budget	\$ 73,734.00
Building Fund this week	\$ 1,250.00

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**Cesar Chavez Holiday**Office Closed
Thursday, April 1**Good Friday**Office Closed
Friday, April 2**Ignite Passion Play**Friday, April 2
6:30pm, Chapel**Easter Sunday**

April 4

Easter MondayOffice Closed
April 5**Generations of Faith**Tuesday, April 13
Wednesday, April 14
Thursday April 15
Friday, April 16**DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN ARTICLES IS MONDAY AT 12PM EACH WEEK.**Please send them to bulletin@sfoasj.org for consideration in body of email not attachments.

FROM THE PASTORAL CENTER

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 27	8:30am	Camilo Alcantara Sr.+
Saturday, March 27	5:00pm	Richard Spiteri +
Sunday, March 28	8:30am	Anita Peregrino+
	9:00am	Lourdes Terese Rossy +
	9:30am	Mia Blue Gonzalez
	10:00am	Bibiana and Teodoro Mendoza +
	10:30am	Anita Peregrino+
	11:00am	Efrenny Suriaga+
	12:30pm	Primitiva "Emy" Saraya Cenon +
	6:00pm	Efrenny Suriaga+
Monday, March 29	8:30am	Maria Concepcion Wociechowski
Tuesday, March 30	8:30am	Joseph Pham (healing)
Wednesday, March 31	8:30am	Asuncion Baligad+
Thursday, April 1	8:30am	_____
Friday, April 2	8:30am	Ernie Sapiens +

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 1

Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00 p.m. Gathering Space

Good Friday, April 2

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

9:00 a.m. Stations of the Cross

2:00 p.m. The Villages

5:00 p.m. Gathering Space

6:30 p.m. Ignite Passion Play

7:30 p.m. Gathering Space

Holy Saturday, April 3

Easter Vigil

8:00 p.m. Gathering Space

Easter Sunday, April 4

6:00 a.m. Salubong

8:15 a.m. Villages

8:30 a.m. Chapel

9:00 a.m. Gathering Space

9:30 a.m. The Grange

10:00 a.m. Dove Hill

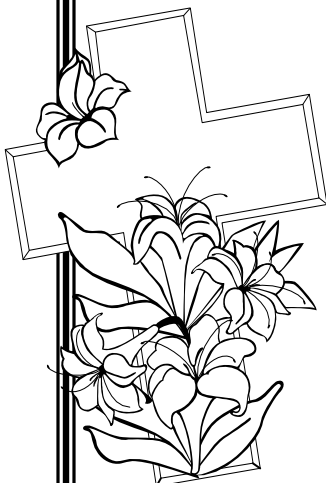
10:30 a.m. Gathering Space

11:00 a.m. Chapel

12:30 p.m. Gathering Space

4:00 p.m. Vietnamese Mass, Chapel

6:00 p.m. Chapel



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(P)ASTORAL COORDINATORS**

WEEKLY MASSES

MONDAY-SATURDAY DAILY MASS

(E) Rusty Kilkenny

(W) Lina Casanova

(P) Ester DeGuzman

SATURDAY, 5:00 P.M. CHAPEL

(W) Rick Caton

(P) Ederlyn Suriaga and Rudy Garcia

SUNDAY, 8:15 A.M. VILLAGES

(E) Shirley Roberts

(W) Cindy Juleson

(P) Skip Dugger

8:30 A.M. CHAPEL

(E) Mario Dizon and Victor Espino

(W) Tina Graham

(P) Virginia Dutton

9:00 A.M. GATHERING SPACE

(E) Joe Cabrido

(W) Marnie & Butch Francisco, Rich Friedrich, and Stan & Colleen Alger

(P) Diane Haaser

9:30 A.M. GRANGE HALL

(E) Alan Covington

(W) Jerry Ososkie and Dan Sagisi

(P) Nancy & Steve Schwalen

10:00 A.M. DOVE HILL SCHOOL

(E) Cora Lu

(W) Julie Parayno

(P) Remy Mercado

10:30 A.M. CHAPEL

(E) Lerma Simpson

(W) Cris & Frank Salamanca

(P) Joe & Beth Millares and Bev Brown

11:00 A.M. GATHERING SPACE

(E) Julio & Jesusa Moral

(W) Hunter & Gina Elkins

12:30 P.M. CHAPEL

(E) Sharon Hurley

(W) Fernando & Gloria Saraya

(P) Peter Vu

6:00 P.M. CHAPEL

(E) Ben Cruz

(W) Michael Back and Angela Cortese,

(P) Lito Vasquez

MONTHLY MASSES

4:00 P.M. VIETNAMESE MASS

(E) Minh Tam Le and Hai Au Phan -Vu

(W) David Phan and Theresa Nguyen

(P) Nhat Nguyen and Hung Le

12:30 P.M. IGBO COMMUNITY

(E) Aidan Ogamba

(W) Sunny Offorjebe

(P) Celine Ogamba and Gudluck Ukwuije

FROM THE PASTORAL CENTER

Salubong

"Salubong" is a Tagalog word for the act of meeting someone who is arriving. In the early morning of Easter, Mother Mary goes to visit Jesus' tomb. As part of our Easter celebration here at St. Francis of Assisi, we invite all parishioners to experience the joy of Easter morning "Salubong," a re-enactment of the first meeting of the Risen Christ and Mother Mary. This will take place on **Sunday April 4 at 6AM** at the St. Francis of Assisi statue, with Mass in the chapel immediately thereafter. A traditional Filipino breakfast follows afterwards.

Spring Clean 2010

Please join us in the Annual Spring Clean Event to be held on **Saturday April 10, at 8:00 AM**. Please bring any tools you may want to us, gloves will also be helpful. We have shrubs that need to be trimmed along with lots of weeds that are flourishing from the abundant winter rains we have been blessed with. Coffee, water and doughnuts will be provided. Plan to meet in the upper parking lot next to the Memorial Garden. We look forward to seeing you there.

Easter White Books

The Easter White books are here. They will be sold after each mass by the EC coordinator and available at other times in the gift shop. The cost of the book is \$1.

Social Justice

Donated Goods. We are grateful to those parishioners who bring "gently used" clothing to the parish. We can always find homes for clothing and bedding that is in good condition. Please do not overload the bags of your donations, so our volunteers are able to handle them. We cannot accept books and other items left over from spring cleaning. Please do not leave these items in the narthex. If there is a question about donating a useful household item that is in good condition, please check with the office before leaving it. We are very appreciative of those who remember to bring non-perishable food and toiletries to Sunday Mass.

Book Group

On **Tuesday, April 6 at 7:30** we will meet to discuss the classic novel *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith. For more information contact Mary Fitzgerald at 223-8205. All are welcome.

Pilgrimage 2010

Pilgrimage - We will not be planning a Parish Pilgrimage for this year. Bret Thoman, who is in charge of all of our pilgrimages, has a group going September 13-23, 2010. If you would like more information contact his Email - bthoman@stfrancispilgrimages.com or his address, P.O. Box 3605, Peach Tree City, Georgia, 30269

**Youth Ministry Upcoming Events**

Krispy Kreme Donut Sale
Sunday, March 28 after every Mass.

IGNITE will be selling krispy kreme donuts to raise funds for retreats and World Youth Day. Please support our youth. Pre-orders will be available.

IGNITE Passion Play

April 2, at 6:30pm in the Chapel cost: FREE

Our high school youth group will be re-enacting the Passion on Good Friday. It is a wonderful spiritual experience. Students interested in participating, our practices are Mondays, March 15 (Office), 22 (Fireside Room), and 29 (Fireside Room) from 7pm - 8:30pm.

World Youth Day 2011: Madrid, Spain
Information Night, March 29 at 6pm Evergreen Rooms.

Open to all 16 years old and over.

ECHO Jr. High Retreat

"Jesus: The Ultimate Transformer"

Open to all 6th - 8th graders

April 30 - May 2

Cost: \$130

Registration Deadline: April 11

If interested, contact Nelson Gonzales at (408) 826-2043.

Generation of Faith



Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum are our central liturgical celebration of the year. At our Generations of Faith Gathering in March, we walked you through the Triduum, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil, and gave some insights into meaning of these special days.

The Triduum is a wonderful way to teach your children about the holiest days of the year. These events are full of tradition and symbolism. It is a special time for the entire church community to gather, to pray and reflect on the life-death-resurrection of Christ.

Please make these days a special priority for your family this year.

Palm Sunday March 28th Jesus entry into Jerusalem

Holy Thursday April 1st The Lords Last supper and Washing of the Feet

Good Friday April 2 The Passion of Jesus

Holy Saturday April 3 The Vigil Mass includes lighting of the new fire, reading from several scripture passages, welcoming the newly baptized, and joyously celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

(See Holy Week Schedule for times)

Our next Generations of Faith gatherings will be **April 13, 14, 15, 16**, Please bring cookies and juice to share with each other.

Quote of the Week

The fullness of joy is to behold God in everything.
St. Julian of Norwich, English mystic

FROM THE PASTORAL CENTER



St. Francis of Assisi Preschool

We will be closed for Spring Break from March 29-April 5.

Classes will resume on Tuesday, April 6.

Space is available for the remainder of the 2010 school year. We have also started accepting registration for the 2010-2011 school year. If you have a preschool aged child who meets our requirements please contact us at 223-1770 x309. Space is limited, so please make sure to contact us soon.

Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley

Sign-ups for Rebuilding Together will be taken after Mass on the weekends of April 10-11 and April 17-18. The workday will be **Saturday April 24**. Rebuilding Together is an organization that supports the refurbishment of homes for people who cannot do so on their own. The work involves general cleaning and repair, yard maintenance and painting the home. The hours are typically 8am-4pm, but anytime you can contribute is appreciated. This is a great way to meet fellow Parishioners, reach out to your community and get some exercise. For further information, contact Marcos Herrera at 238-9835.

Cancer Support Prayer Group

For all those in our parish who are dealing with cancer in their lives, those newly diagnosed, currently under treatment, in remission or those who are friends or family members who pray and care for someone with cancer. The cancer support prayer group meets every **Thursday afternoon from 5pm to 6pm** in the Fireside Room. Everyone is welcome, no sign-up necessary just drop in. Call Joyce Harper 499-5194 with questions.

2010 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Total to date	\$ 189,712.00
Percent to total goal	102%
Average Gift	\$ 309.00
Active Families	1522
Contributors to date	613
Percent of Participants	40%

If you have not submitted your pledge yet, please feel free to add them to the collection basket next week. Everything pledged over our goal comes back to the Parish for Parish Programs.

Even the smallest donations make a difference.

Thank you in advance for your generous giving.

Upholstery Classes

There will be a series of Upholstery Classes held in the Fireside Room on **April 6, 8, 13, and 15**. This is a set of four classes that complete the course. Betsy Toole will demonstrate how to recover the seats of the chapel chairs. While you are learning this skill you will be helping to recover the worn and stained seats for the parish. If you would like to take this upholstery class you must register in advance by calling Betsy at 270-4131. You will need to bring protective eye wear and may need to purchase a few specific upholstery tools. Registering in advance will assure that the needed tools will be ordered & available at the first class.

Men's Retreat

The St. Francis Annual Men's Silent Retreat will be held from **April 30 through May 2** at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Los Altos. Please call Bob Juleson at 238.3623 or the JRC at 650.948.4491 for more information.

Presentation Repertory

Looking for something fun to do this summer? Is there a teen in your life who loves summer, theatre, and fun? If so, join us! Presentation Repertory (PresRep) is a five-week summer theatre program for boys and girls ages 12-17. In these five weeks the students will take classes such as acting, improv, dance, vocal technique, and technical theatre, as well as rehearse and perform in two musicals. This year our mainstage full-scale musical is the Broadway hit *Footloose*, and our second is the original musical *Thespis & Company*. Every student is guaranteed roles in both shows. This fast-paced, high-energy program is as educational as it is fun! For more information visit the website at www.presrep.com, or call (408) 264-1664 x2429.

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