

PRAY - OREMOS - Xin cầu nguyện



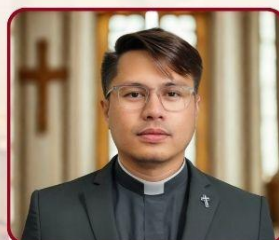
Pray for our Seminarians
Oremos por Nuestros Seminaristas
Xin cầu nguyện Cho các chủng sinh



Thien Bui
Fourth Year
Theology/
Configuration
Saint Maria Goretti
Parish



Khoa Bui
Third Year
Theology/
Configuration
Saint John Vianney
Parish



Quizzer Besinio
Third Year
Theology/
Configuration
Saint Nicholas &
Saint William Parish

**LEARN MORE ABOUT
OUR SEMINARIANS!**



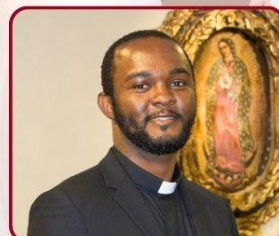
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First Year
Theology/
Configuration
Five Wounds
Parish



Joseph Nguyen
1st Year Philosophy/
Discipleship
Our Lady of La Vang
Parish



**Fortunatus
Nnadi**
Pastoral Year
Saint Cyprian
Parish



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Lorenzo Caruso
Propaedeutic Year
Saint Anthony
Parish



**Preston
Venenciano**
Propaedeutic Year
Saint John the Baptist
Parish



What about you?
**Is God Calling You
to be a Priest?**



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Thanks to all those who helped, brought food and came to our “Families of Faith” Multi-cultural Potluck this past Sunday! It was a time to celebrate our diverse parish community with lots of good food and fellowship!

RUMMAGE SALE

St. Thomas of Canterbury Church

Saturday, October 18, 2025
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 19, 2025
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

DONATIONS: Before donating please ask yourself if it is something you would want to buy, is it clean and in good condition or is it too outdated.

ITEMS TO DONATE:

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| Hangers, all types | Books, puzzles, DVDs |
| Clean clothing-adult and children | Shoes, boots, purses |
| Linens - towels, blankets, throws, etc. | Treasures and décor |
| Toys – games, handheld e-games, dolls, etc | Bikes, scooters in good condition |
| Camping equipment | Small working electrical appliances |
| Decorations - seasonal, holiday, costumes | Kitchen - glasses, plates. pots/pans, etc. |

ITEMS WE CANNOT ACCEPT:

- | | |
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| Electronic equipment | Furniture, mattresses |
| Lamp shades | Skis, ski boots |
| Plastic yard tables or chairs | Medical equipment |
| Carpets, rugs | Draperies, window blinds, rods |

DROP OFF DAYS/TIMES:

- After 5:15 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. *weekend* Masses beginning Sept 6.
- Evenings – every Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 8 p.m. beginning Sept. 9.
- After every *weekday* Mass (Wed, Thurs, Fri.) beginning Sept. 10. Contact Wendy Corkery or Nina Truong after Mass.
- Last drop-off date is Sunday, Oct. 12.

Bring donations to the old book shed across from the office.
Do not bring items to the office or leave them outside.



Pizza My Heart Restaurant Fundraiser: THANKS to those of you who supported our latest fundraiser! *We received \$115.74 for the parish!*



Mark your calendars! On **Sunday, October 5th** in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, we will celebrate with our Parish Picnic, a Blessing of the Animals and pray a Living Rosary.

11:15am – Parish Picnic

11:45am – Living Rosary

12:30pm – Blessing of the Animals





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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Dear friends in Christ,

With great joy, we share that **Pope Leo XIV** has bestowed a significant honor upon us by appointing **Rev. Andres "Andy" C. Ligot** as Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of San José.



Today, we rejoice with gratitude for Bishop-elect Andy's 'yes' to the Lord and to the Church in Silicon Valley. His priestly heart, pastoral experience, and steady leadership will bless our parishes, schools, and ministries. I invite the faithful to keep him in prayer as he prepares for episcopal ordination.

In Christ,
Most Rev. Oscar Cantú
Bishop of San José

Please **join us online at 11:30 a.m. (Pacific)** as **Bishop Oscar Cantú** introduces **Bishop-elect Ligot** at <https://www.facebook.com/DioceseSanJose>

The official announcement can be found on our [website](#).

About Bishop-elect Andres "Andy" C. Ligot

Bishop-elect Ligot serves as Vicar General/Chancellor of the Diocese and Pastor of St. Elizabeth of Portugal Parish in Milpitas. Born in the Philippines and ordained in 1992 at St. Peter's Basilica by Pope St. John Paul II, he later earned an M.A. in Sacred Theology (1992), J.C.L. (1997), and J.C.D. (1999) from the University of Navarra after earlier philosophy studies at San Pablo College Seminary and the University of Santo Tomas. He has ministered in our local Church as parish pastor, Judicial Vicar, and now Vicar General, serving in English, Spanish, Tagalog, and Ilocano.

Saint Thomas of Canterbury

1522 McCoy Ave, San Jose, CA 95130



Faith Formation

Grades 1-6 Weekly Catechism Classes for on-going Faith Formation

- ***Sacrament Preparation:*** Two Year Process for First Communion and Confirmation
- ***First Reconciliation & First Communion:*** Begins in 2nd Grade and up (Must have completed ONE year of catechesis/faith formation)
- ***Confirmation:*** Begins in 7th Grade and up
- ***Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (ages 7 and up):*** For those inquiring about becoming Catholic or those seeking Full Initiation into the Church (Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist)
- ***Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):*** For those inquiring about the Catholic Faith or those seeking Full Initiation into the Church
- ***4:12 Youth Ministry: For 7th to 12th Grades (Jr. High & High School):*** Where Faith, Fellowship, Fun and Food come together!

Faith Formation, Catechism Classes, Sacrament, Preparation:

Vicki Schwoob, Director of Religious Education/Faith Formation;
(408) 766-3270 Vicki@StThomasSJ.org

RCIA for Adults: ***Vicki Schwoob***; Vicki@StThomasSJ.org

Youth Ministry: ***Lucy Chai***; lucy.chai@gmail.com



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

For those inquiring about the Catholic Faith or those seeking Full Initiation into the Church.

For baptized Catholics who have not yet received the Sacraments of Confirmation or Eucharist (Full Communion into the Church).

For those baptized in another Christian tradition and are interested in becoming Catholic.

For the unbaptized who are seeking to become baptized into the Catholic faith.



If you are interested in learning more about the **RCIA** process, please contact the parish office, vicki@stthomassj.org

Doctors, nurses and health care workers are invited to join in prayer and fellowship, offering support for all who serve in the medical field.



WHITE MASS

FOR MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

Celebrated by
Most Rev. Oscar Cantú, STD
Bishop of San José

OCTOBER SATURDAY 18 | **5:00 PM**
ST. SIMON PARISH
1860 Grant Rd., Los Altos CA 94024



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Monthly American Sign Language Mass Celebration

July through December

Fr. Paul Zirimenya, from the Archdiocese of San Francisco, has graciously accepted to continue guiding our monthly ASL Masses for the Deaf and their families at St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish – 1971 St Lawrence Dr, Santa Clara, CA 95051. The Masses will be at 3:30 PM on the following dates:



2025 AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE MASS

July - December

Come with your family or friends and support our Catholic Deaf brothers and sisters.

**MASS CELEBRATED
BY FR. PAUL ZIRIMENYA**

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH AT 3:30 PM

JULY - SEPTEMBER

Sunday, July 20
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 17
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, September 21
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

OCTOBER - DECEMBER

Sunday, October 19
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, November 16
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, December 21
4th Sunday of Advent



Serra Club Fundraiser Dinner

Supporting Vocations in the Diocese of San Jose

Saturday, October 25, 2025

School Gym @ St. Martin of Tours
200 O'Connor Dr., San Jose, CA 95128

Vigil Mass at 5:00 pm Dinner at 6:00 pm

Silent Auction/Raffle

\$40 per person

Dinner Menu Includes:

Fresh Bread & Butter
Classic Italian Salad
Chicken Parmigiana
Pasta Aglio Olio
Mixed Vegetables Medley
Dessert Selection

Join us for an fun evening of fellowship, delicious food, and support for those discerning a call to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. Your presence helps nurture vocations and strengthen our diocesan community.



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



Use the QR code to order tickets
online or call Cathleen at
408 248-6728 to make a reservation.

Catered by:



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Knights of Columbus Father Mark M. Catalana

Council 16108



To join online:

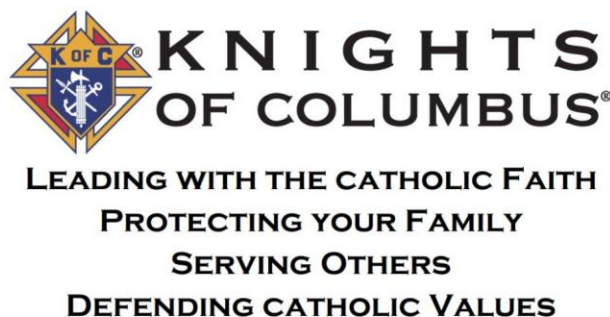
www.kofc.org

JOIN

There is other Knights of Columbus information at this web site.

Our Council meets in the Canterbury Room at 7pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

If you are undecided about joining us, please, attend our meeting.



If you would like to learn more about the Knights of Columbus and what we can do, access the website. <https://www.kofc.org/en/index.html>.

If you might be interested in joining our Council, please, either call or text me, John “Jack” Oneto, at (669)609-4743 or email me at johnoneto@earthlink.net and I can invite you to one of our monthly Business meetings or set up an informal gathering with me and one or more other members of our Council.

July 14, 2025

Father Mark M. Catalana
Knights of Coumbus Council
Membership Drive

Dear Parishioners,

My name is John Oneto, Grand Knight of the Father Mark M. Catalana Council of the Knights of Columbus. All of our members are parishioners here at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church and one of our primary goals is to support our parish.

The Knights of Columbus is an International organization of Catholic men with Councils in many countries that was founded in 1882 by Blessed Father [Michael J. McGivney](#) in [New Haven, Connecticut](#).

The Knights of Columbus advocates for Catholic causes and provides a wide range of services to Catholic institutions worldwide. It is also one of the world's largest insurance companies for its members.

I'm speaking with you this evening/morning because our Council is in danger of closing. We have a small group of seven active members who have accomplished more than many larger councils. But, we have an urgent need for Catholic men of our parish, especially younger ones, to step up to join us.

The primary reason that our Council was founded in January 2015 with 18 members was to honor and remember Father Mark M. Catalana, an extremely charismatic and loved priest.

Father Mark was Director of Seminarians and Vocations for our Diocese from 2000 to 2010. During that period 40 Seminarians were ordained to the priesthood.

Father Mark became our Pastor in 2010. He did not drive a car, instead he rode a bicycle wherever he went. One evening in May 2013, he was riding from San Tomas Express onto Winchester Blvd. As he entered Winchester his handlebar caught on the side view mirror of an oncoming automobile which resulted in his untimely death. Our current parishioners for whom Father Mark was our Pastor still mourn his sudden loss.

Hopefully, you can understand what a fine, holy priest Father Mark was and some of you will join our Council to keep his memory alive for as long as we can. The Knights of Columbus will always be here to support us.

Annual dues are only \$45. How much time you devote to Council activities is up to you. Most of our activities are on weekends and only require two to four hours.

Our activities include hosting Handicapped, fund raising dinners, turkeys and hams to needy families in our parish for Thanksgiving and an Advent Coat Drive for Needy and Homeless people.

Members of our Council are at the doors of the Church with an information sheet on how you can join our Council online or with a paper application. You get a free membership for the rest of the year if you join Online. It's the preferred method.

In conclusion, our Knights of Columbus Council is a small group of men who work well together and we welcome you to join us.



MASS FOR SUICIDE HEALING AND REMEMBRANCE

Saturday, October 18 at 11:30 a.m.

Father Michael Carson
Life, Justice and Peace
Diocese of San Jose

If you desire, please bring a photo or memento of your loved one



St. Francis of Assisi Parish
5111 San Felipe Road, San Jose, CA 95135

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Light refreshments to follow the Mass

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, Second Edition, states:
"We should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives.
By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance.
The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives." (CCC 2283).

St. Thomas of Canterbury Community Connections Mental Health Ministry



As of July, 2025, Kathy Mattingly, Social Ministries Liaison, to step into the role of leader of Community Connections, the Mental Health Ministry at our parish. After a few months off, we will resume monthly meetings at the parish in the Becket Hall on the 2nd Thursday of the month, August 14, 7:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings.

In our parish, we refer to Mental Health Ministry as Community Connections. Our members are trained to listen with the ears of the heart and to accompany one another and anyone who may be encountering struggles. We also support as many parish events as possible, either individually or as a group. The picture shows seven Community Connections members between the workers and the seniors being honored at the Lenten Senior Lunch sponsored by the Confirmation Class. Thanks to the Youth and Confirmation Leaders and the young people themselves for a great event.

Help us find ways to make our community even more welcoming to those who may be facing struggles.

Contact Kathy Mattingly, 669-222-9418. Your ideas are welcome.

Thanks and Blessings,
Kathy



The Wednesday Bible Study is returning, with a twist. Starting September 10th in the Canterbury Room at 9:45am for prayer requests and 10am for studying the upcoming weeks' Sunday Readings.

Joyce will still send out the prayer requests and Linda and Juanita will run the meetings. We look forward to seeing many familiar and new faces.

For any questions, please contact Linda Delescale at (408)540-7699.

The Poor Clare Monastery



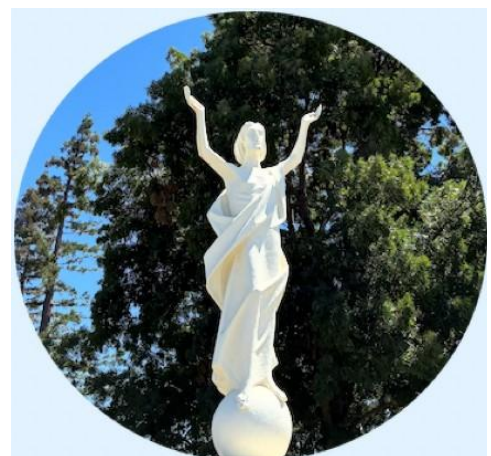
The Poor Clare Monastery invites young adult sisters in Christ, if your heart yearns for deeper prayer and a glimpse into a life devoted entirely to God, consider a visit to The Poor Clare Nuns cloistered community. The Sisters warmly welcome individual visits for quiet reflection and conversation. Feel free to contact us through the inquiry form to arrange your visit any day of the week.

Click here [for more information](#) and [here for inquiry form](#).

Sunrise With Jesus

August, September, October
Every Wednesday at 7:30am
followed by Mass at 8:00am
Church of the Ascension
12033 Miller Ave, Saratoga.

Dedicate 30 minutes a week
to learn more about **Prayer**
in the **Scriptures**,
in the **Spiritual** tradition, and
in the lives of the **Saints**.



In our hearts, there is a yearning to connect with God, as demonstrated by the disciples of Jesus, who asked, "Lord, teach us how to pray."

Learn to find rest in the Lord who said, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."



JOIN US!

SAINT THERESE DE-LISIEUX

VENERATION AND MASS CELEBRATION OF THE RELICS

Monday, October 20, 2025

Our Lady of La Vang

4:00 PM

**MASS CELEBRATION WITH
BISHOP CANTÙ**

AFTER MASS- 6:45 PM

PUBLIC VENERATION

7:00 PM

**DEPARTURE OF THE RELICS
AND RECEPTION AT OUR LADY
OF LA VANG PARISH**



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MEANING OF THE LOGO

of the Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025

Pilgrims of Hope

DICASTERY FOR EVANGELIZATION
SECTION FOR FUNDAMENTAL
QUESTIONS REGARDING
EVANGELIZATION IN THE WORLD

The cross of Christ is the hope that cannot ever be abandoned because we are always in need of it, especially in the most difficult moments.

The figures represent humanity from the four corners of the World. They are embracing each other to illustrate the solidarity between the peoples, as the first holds onto the cross.

The Cross, in the shape of a sail, is transformed into an anchor that imposes itself over the waves in motion. A universal symbol of Hope.

The rough sea is a reminder of the difficulties of the pilgrimage of life. Often, personal events as well as those of the world, press on us more intensely, demanding a greater hope.



Jubilee Year 2025



Jubilee Year 2025 - *The Holy Father has decided that 2025 will be the year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years.*

The theme is **"Pilgrims of Hope,"** and it will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis.

The 2025 Jubilee will officially open on December 24, 2024, at 7pm with a Mass presided over by Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square.

The door will remain open until the end of the Jubilee Year on January 6, 2026.

During the Jubilee, the faithful are encouraged to participate, either by going on pilgrimage to Rome or locations in our diocese to be announced. The rite of the Opening of the Holy Door will follow. [Click here](#) for the Jubilee Year 2025 website.

Interested in Ministry? What is stirring in your heart?



God is always calling us to do something, especially for His Church.

If you are interested in serving as a Liturgical Minister (altar server, usher, lector, eucharistic minister), catechist, hospitality minister (helping w/ funeral receptions), gardening angel, Outreach minister (helping w/ Homeless Support Action Team OR Community Connections (helping w/ Mental Health Ministry Team), please contact Fr. Vincent or Vicki at the parish office. We can help lead you in the right direction.

“For as in one body we have many parts, and all the parts do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ and individually parts of one another. Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us exercise them.”

Romans 12:4-6



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CARDS=GIFT***

CARDS=SCRIP

*DID YOU KNOW THAT SCRIP IS AN ON-GOING **FUND RAISER**? ALL THE PROFITS COME BACK TO ST. THOMAS.*

Gift cards are purchased at a discount, we make a percent from each card we sell.

There are several gift cards in stock but HUNDREDS of stores are available, by special order.

*Any questions, I'm always at the side of the church at the SCRIP table.
Blessings,*

JoAnn

SCRIP AVAILABLE TODAY:

AMAZON \$25
ARCO \$50
CVS \$25
HOME DEPOT \$25
McDONALD'S \$10
NOB HILL \$25/\$100
PANERA BREAD \$10
SAFEWAY \$25/\$100
SMART & AND FINAL \$25
SPROUTS \$25
STARBUCKS \$25
TACO BELL \$5
TARGET \$10/\$25
WALMART \$25



Your Mental Health Cheat Sheet

**Take
Action**
FOR MENTAL HEALTH

1. CHECK IN



Check in with yourself

- How am I doing?
- Am I noticing a difference in myself?
- Could I use some extra support?



Have a check-in chat

- Ask someone how they are doing
- Really listen to their answers
- Let them know you care and are willing to support them

2. LEARN MORE

Learn when your chosen support system can be helpful:

- Becoming anxious, worried, or overwhelmed all the time
- Being unable to focus on work or school
- Withdrawing from friends and activities
- Feeling sad, hopeless or helpless
- Having difficulty coping with daily problems or stress
- Using more alcohol or drugs than usual or more often
- Acting moody or irritable
- Changing from healthy eating or sleeping patterns to non-healthy eating or sleeping patterns



3. GET SUPPORT



Talk openly with someone you trust about what you are experiencing.

Seek help from a mental health professional or your chosen support system.



Connect with others through a Peer support group.

Stay in touch with people who care about you. Tell them specific things they can do to support.



For immediate help, call 9-8-8 or text 741741
See TakeAction4MH.com/find-help-now for a list of resources.



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Ways to Report Misconduct

Formas de Denunciar Mala Conducta

Cách Báo Cáo Hành Vi Sai Trái

Safe Environment

Ambiente Seguro

Môi Trường an Toàn

- Police 911
- Child Protective Services 833-722-5437
- EthicsPoint hotline 844-372-1691
- opcva.ethicspoint.com

If you suspect abuse in your parish, school or in the Diocese of San Jose, please contact:

Si sospecha abuso en su parroquia, escuela o en la Diócesis de San José, comuníquese con:

Nếu bạn nghi ngờ lạm dụng trong giáo xứ, trường học hoặc trong Giáo Phận San Jose, vui lòng liên hệ:

Office for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults

Oficina para la Protección de Menores y Adultos Vulnerables

Văn phòng bảo vệ trẻ em và người lớn dễ bị tổn thương

Anthony Gonzalez 408.983.0113

anthony.gonzalez@dsj.org

Griselda Cervantez 408-983-0225

griselda.cervantez@dsj.org

- EthicsPoint hotline 888-325-7863
- dsj.ethicspoint.com

Financial Mismanagement

Mala Gestión Financiera

Quản Lý Tài Chính Sai

Office of Audit Services

Oficina Servicios de Auditoría

Văn phòng Dịch vụ Kiểm toán

Julio Bermudez 408.983.0241

julio.bermudez@dsj.org

If you suspect financial mismanagement or misconduct in your parish, school or in the Diocese of San Jose, please contact:

Si sospecha mala administración financiera o mala conducta en su parroquia, escuela o en la Diócesis de San José, comuníquese con:

Nếu bạn nghi ngờ quản lý tài chính sai trái hoặc hành vi sai trái trong giáo xứ, trường học hoặc trong Giáo phận San Jose, vui lòng liên hệ: