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### MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR PARISH CATECHETICAL LEADERS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO



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Mary,
Star of Evangelization
Help us Be
Missionary Disciples

June has been a busy time with the closing of programs for summer break, recognition of our catechists and helpers, the Eucharistic Revival and graduations. And with summer planning and programming is the time for certification workshops and planning.

Remember to take advantage of our many catechists workshops that are being offered online and in person. Our newsletter has many opportunities being offered.

If you did not send in your catechists names for certification please do so and we will send you the certificates. This is a great way to welcome our catechists back to the parish programs.

Please mark on your calendar November 4, 2023 for our Faith Formation Conference. It is in person this year at St. Matthew Parish and will offer a wonderful array of workshops. The cost is \$25 per person. Some of our speakers are listed in this Echo/Eco. A full list along with registration will be up on the webpage in August. We offer workshops in English and Spanish. Lunches will be provided by order with your registration.

Special note is that Archbishop Cordileone is joining us for the keynote address. We are very happy he has freed his calendar to join each one of you for the day. As the chief catechist of our archdiocese his address will share his wishes for each of you.

A special request is that you send all of your catechists and helpers. This is the one event each year that is focused just for the ministry. Please do not have classes but give a free day so all can attend. How about thinking of it as the "Super Bowl of Faith Formation" No one will want to miss this event!

The Office of Faith Formation is very thankful to Msgr. John Talesfore, pastor at St. Matthew, and Teresita Contreras, parish Director of Faith Formation, for welcoming us so warmly. They are so pleased to join with you in this event. We have a great space to work in, in the parish school and parish and plenty of parking.



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### 'Talitha Koum'

November 4, 2023
Faith Formation Conference
Archdiocese of San Francisco
St. Matthew Parish

## Pope's Message for the World Day of the Poor



"A great river of poverty is traversing our cities and swelling to the point of overflowing; it seems to overwhelm us, so great are the needs of our brothers and sisters who plead for our help, support and solidarity." These words come from Pope Francis' newly released message for World Day of the Poor. The message was released ahead of the seventh annual observance, which will take place on November 19, 2023.

The message's theme, "Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor" comes from the book of Tobit. The message thanks the ordinary people who care for the poor and excluded and also acknowledges the sixtieth anniversary of the <a href="mailto:encyclical">encyclical</a>
<a href="mailto:Pacem">Pacem in Terris</a>



Bud and Lorna Feria renewed their wedding vows on June 26 for 30 years of marriage. Lorna is our coordinator for Special Needs with our office of Faith Formation. A true gift of love and faithfulness.

## Job Openings in the Archdiocese of San Francisco

St. Timothy Parish in San Mateo is looking for a full time DRE and Youth Minister. A bi-lingual person (Spanish) is preferred. If interested send your resume to dallen@sttims.us

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Mill Valley is looking for a full time DRE. Emphasis is on Evangelization and Whole Parish Catechesis. If interested send your resume to Fr. Patrick Michaels, pilgrym.ptm@gmail.com



#### Deanery 10 Gathering

The Parish Catechetical Leaders gathered for lunch to celebrate Jacob Tolentino's graduation with his Master's Degree from Santa Clara University Jesuit School of Theology. Jacob is the DRE at St. Bartholomew. What a great accomplishment while working at the parish full time. We are so proud you are part of our archdiocese.

We also said goodbye to Anna Park, Religious Education Coordinator at St. Timothy in San Mateo. She is retiring after serving as catechists and coordinator for more than 30 years. Her love for the ministry and families has blessed many. We are so thankful for her ministry and will miss her companionship we all of us.





Ana Park will be leaving as the DRE at St. Timothy in San Mateo the end of June. She has been a strong supporter of families and the many children in her pro-

grams. We will indeed miss her joining our Deanery 10 meetings. Ana, you are truly a hoy gift to all of us. Blessings as you leave.



#### Mrs. Luningning Carlos

Mater Dolorosa Catechist

What's Your Catholic Aptitude? Using Apps That Engage Mrs. Luningning A. Carlos passed away on June 6, 2023. Ms. Ning as she was affectionally called was always faithfully

present with the children of the Mater Dolorosa Faith formation program. She was a catechist at Mater Dolorosa Church for the last 12 years. Her presence will be missed by many.

May the angels lead you to the banquet of the Lord.



#### Sr. Marian Rose Power, Sister of Mercy

April 19, 1935 - June 21, 2023 Sister Marian Rose Power died at the age of 88 on June 21, 2023 at Marian Oaks Life Center in Burlin-

game.

Her years of ministry were primarily in elementary education, first as a classroom educator, then administrator, and religious education coordinator. Wherever she was she gave her heart and soul to the needs of the people she served.

In 1978 she went to St. Peter's Parish in San Francisco's Mission District fulfilling her desire to work with those who are economically poor. She learned Spanish in order to better connect with the students and families. Sister truly became an integral part of the parish community as well as of the neighborhood, helping meet people's needs on many levels and providing love and support.

**Sandi Zicke**, who for over 20 years directed the sacramental classes for students with special needs at St. Veronica retired this year. The teachers past and present gathered to thank her for all the work she gave in preparing

these families.



Home make quilt as going away gift made by one of the past catechist—Pam. We all know what a big fan Sandi is of the Giants.







A look ahead to some of our wonderful speakers for our Faith Formation Conference on November 4th

textbooks, and how we might practically go beyond the textbook to achieve the best results for our students

> **Ana Barraza** currently serves in the Diocese of Sacramento, CA, and has been involved in ministry for over 25 years as a catechist, youth minister,

PCL, music minister, and retreat director for children, youth, and adults. Ana has presented workshops at different diocesan and national conferences in English, Spanish, and bilingually. She firmly believes in the richness of cultural diversity. (Ana is bilingual)

The Saints and the Eucharist. Learn about various saints and

how the Eucharist has inspired them in their lives. Workshop given in English and Spanish

#### Dr. Joseph White, PH. D.

Dr. Joseph White is a child and family psychologist and Director of Catechetical Resources for OSV. He has written twelve

books and numerous articles about catechesis, Catholic education, and ministry.



New Directory of Catechesis: Kerygma, Catholic Anthropology, and **Missionary Discipleship!** 

Paul Canavese serves as director of The Pastoral Center (PastoralCenter.com) and its Growing Up Catholic family catechesis ministry.

#### **Eucharistic Revival for Families • As**

the U.S. bishops invite us deeper into a three-year reflection on eucharistic revival, how can we reboot the way we prepare children and youth to receive First Eucharist and continue to engage families with these sacraments? ...

Whole Family Catechesis 101: How to Instill Faith that Lasts a Lifetime • The church teaches that parents are the

> primary educators of their children, but we generally foster a formation model in which parents outsource this responsibil-

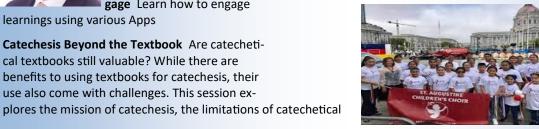
#### Others to join for the day and

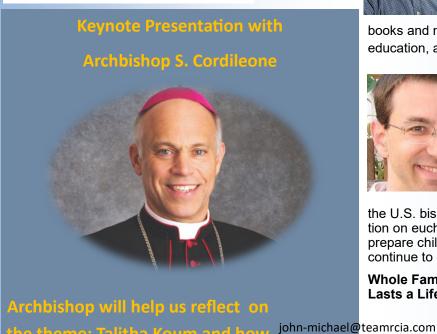












**Steve Botsford** Vice President Catechetical Learning Wm. H. Sadlier—New York What's Your Catholic Aptitude? Using Apps That Engage Learn how to engage

### **Catechist Formation**

found on page 9.





Online workshops for catechist formation are currently going on until August 12. The flyer is on page 8 on this issue of ECHO. The remaining workshop dates are also noted on the calendar

Saturday, August 19 — the catechists in the parishes on Northern San Mateo and Coastside deaneries will have their 12th Annual Catechists' Day — a retreat (in person) at St. Dunstan Parish Hall, Millbrae. See the flyer on page

pages as well as below



DATE	TIME	
July 8	1 to 2:30 pm 2:45 to 4:15 pm	Online
July 15—hosted by DREs in Deaneries 8 & 9	1 to 2:30 pm 2:45 to 4:15 pm	Online
July 29— hosted by DREs in Deaneries 8 & 9	1 to 2:30 pm 2:45 to 4:15 pm	Online
August 12	1 to 2:30 pm 2:45 to 4:15 pm	Online

November 4 is our Archdiocesan Faith Formation Conference. It will be held at St. Matthew. The flyer is on page





In-person workshops will be conducted on August 5, 12 and 19 at St. Matthew. The workshops will be from 10 am to 12 noon. Workshop topics are on the flyer which can be found on page 7 on this issue of ECHO.



Dear catechists,



Beginners' Institute Is a series of workshops specifically designed to train new or nearly new catechists. The workshops will be conducted in person at the Archdioce-

san Pastoral Center, One Peter Yorke Way, SF, CA 94109. The workshop dates are August 26, September 2 and September 9. The flyer with the topics and names of presenters can be

You are required to make visible and tangible the person of Jesus Christ, who loves each one of you, and therefore becomes the rule of our life and the criterion of judgement for our moral action. Never stray from this source of love, because it is the condition for being happy and full of joy, always and despite everything. This is the new life that sprung forth in us on the day of our Baptism, and which we have the responsibility to share with everyone, so that it may grow in everyone and bear fruit. -Pope Francis, 2022

#### Central San Mateo County Deanery Presents

#### 2023 Summer Catechist Formation

#### Rise Up & Share the Faith!

Join us for opportunities to learn, share and pray as we answer God's call to share the faith as Catechists

#### St. Matthew Catholic Church

One Notre Dame Ave San Mateo, CA 94402

10:00 am - 12:00 pm



Date	Topic
July 29	Learning Styles – Why they do what they do in the classroom
August 5	Pray with me – Practical ways to use prayer in the classroom
August 12	The Liturgical Calendar - What color are you wearing tomorrow?
August 19	Put it into practice - Classroom Management

#### **Please Respond**

Thank you for letting us know you are coming! 2 options:

1) Use this link: <u>Summer Catechist Formation</u>
2) email your director or tcontreras@stmatthewcath.org



#### Office of Faith Formation Archdiocese of San Francisco





# 2023 Summer Workshops for Catechist Formation June, July & August (Online)

DATE	TIME	ТОРІС	PRESENTER	
June 24	1 pm to 2:30 pm	God speaks —- the Liturgy of the Word	Felisa Cepeda—DRE & Master Catechist—Mater Dolorosa Church	
	2:45 to 4:15 pm	The Church at Prayer: Our Father	Karen Guglielmoni—DRE & Master Catechist, St. Veronica Church	
July 8	1 pm to 2:30 pm	The Four Marks of the Church	Deacon Edward Te—DRE & Master Catechist, Saints Peter & Paul Church	
	2:45 to 4:15 pm	Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew	Anelita Reyes ADSF Office of Faith Formation	
July 15	1 pm to 2:30 pm	The Implications of Beatitudes for Daily Life	Joanne Bartolotti—DRE & Master Catechist, St. Robert Church	
	2:45 to 4:15 pm	Catholic Social Teaching: Realizing the Kingdom of God	Diane Lawrence - Master Catechist, St. Gabriel Church	
July 29	1 pm to 2:30 pm	Digital Languages and Tools: Catechesis in the Digital Era	Joanne Bartolotti	
	2:45 to 4:15 pm	Why did Jesus teach in Parables?	Veronica Wong—Master Catechist, Holy Name Church	
August 12	1 pm to 2:30 pm	Living a Eucharistic Life	Anelita Reyes ADSF Office of Faith Formation	
	2:45 to 4:15 pm	The Language of Art & Beauty in Catechesis	Sr. Celeste Arbuckle, SSS Director, ADSF Office of Faith Formation	



- ⇒ All of the above-listed workshops will be presented online and will take place in real time.
- ⇒ Attendance to each workshop shall be credited 1.5 hours towards Basic California Catechist Certification/re-certification
- ⇒ Registration fee: \$5.00 for the day (2 workshops). Write check payable to Office of Faith Formation and mail to: Office of Faith Formation, Archdiocese of San Francisco, One Peter Yorke Way, San Francisco, CA 94109, OR inform us if we are going to bill your parish.
- ⇒ Scholarship available
- ⇒ To sign-up for the workshops, or to avail of scholarship, please send an email to Anelita Reyes at

reyesa@sfarch.org or call (415) 614-5651



Questions? Send an email to reyesa@sfarch.org or call (415) 614-5651



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#### 2023 Beginners' Institute Catechist Formation for New and Nearly-new Catechists



Catechists who are working on their certification/re-certification may also sign up on the courses they have not yet taken --see list below.

here: Archdiocese of San Francisco Pastoral Center
One Peter Yorke Way, San Francisco, CA 94109

DATE	TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTER
AUGUST			
26	9:30 am to 11:00 am	Introduction to Scripture	Sr. Teresa Malave, VDMF DRE & Master Catechist St. Agnes Church, SF
	11 am to 12:45 pm	The Sources of Catechesis & Lesson Planning	Diane Lawrence Master Catechist St. Gabriel Church, SF
SEPTEMBER			
2	9:30 am to 11:00 am	Learning Styles, Teaching Styles	Missy Sundblad DRE & Master Catechist St. James Church, SF
	11:15 am to 12:45 pm	Prayer Forms	Missy Sundblad DRE & Master Catechist St. James Church, SF
9	9:30 am to 11:00 am	Sacramental Theology	Gerri Jose Master Catechist St. Anne of the Sunset Church, SF
	11 am to 12:45 pm	Why be a Catechist? The Person of the Catechist and the Ministry of Catechesis	Anelita Reyes ADSF Office of Faith Formation



- ⇒ Workshop fee \$5.00 per workshop day (<u>You may write a check payable to Office of Faith Formation</u> and mail to OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION, Archdiocese of San Francisco, One Peter Yorke Way, San Francisco, CA 94109 <u>OR inform us if we are to bill your parish</u>).
- ⇒ Scholarships available.
- ⇒ Catechists who are working on their Basic California Catechist Certification/re-Certification are welcome to attend.



For questions or to register for the workshops, please call Anelita Reyes (415) 614-5651 or email <a href="mailto:reyesa@sfarch.org">reyesa@sfarch.org</a>

Do not be afraid: if the Lord calls you to this ministry, follow him! You will be participants in the same mission of Jesus of proclaiming his Gospel and introducing others to the filial relationship with God the Father.—Pope Francis





The National Community of Catechetical Leaders (NCCL) is dedicated to promoting the ministries of Evangelization and Catechesis in the U.S. Catholic Church by fostering a community of leaders who proclaim and teach the Word of Jesus Christ through the witness of accompaniment, education and formation in the Catholic faith.

### Journey toward the Future of Catechesis 2023 NCCL Convocations

Project Coordinator: John Roberto, NCCL Executive Director (iroberto@lifelongfaith.com)

Journey toward the Future of Catechesis with All Ages and Generations is designed to engage the catechetical community in envisioning new directions and initiatives for proclaiming and teaching the Catholic faith in our world today guided by the vision and practices of the Directory for Catechesis (Vatican, 2020). Building on the vision of the 1971 and 1997 Directories, the new Directory for Catechesis (2020) provides a fresh vision and blueprint for developing catechesis in the 2020s and beyond.

The big question for catechetical leaders is how can the vision and practices of the *Directory for Catechesis* guide catechetical ministry in parishes across the United States. This is the focus of the 2023 NCCL Convocations. We are going to explore how the catechetical vision of the *Directory* and the practices that flow from that vision can transform catechesis with all ages and generations in a parish community by addressing ten key questions.

- 1. What is the new context (social and cultural) for catechesis today? What are the new needs of parents, families, and people of all ages? What are the challenges and where are the opportunities?
- 2. What does the Directory mean by catechesis and how is it connected to evangelization?
- 3. How can the catechumenal vision as a source of inspiration for all catechesis be put into practice with all ages and generations?
- 4. How can the five interrelated tasks of catechesis guide the development of a holistic curriculum and programming with all ages and generations?
- 5. How do we draw upon the seven sources of catechesis in designing catechetical curriculum and programming, and in teaching all ages and generations?
- 6. What is the relationship between catechetical content and method?
- 7. Which educational approaches and methods are most consistent with the pedagogical vision of the Directory?
- 8. How do we design catechesis for families and children, teens, young adults, adults, the elderly, and persons with disabilities informed by the vision and practices suggested in the *Directory*?
- 9. How do we prepare and form today's catechist as a witness of faith and keeper of the memory of God; as a teacher and mystagogue, and as an accompanier and educator?
- 10. What new models of catechist formation are needed to engage today's catechist?

#### Convocation Locations

September 18-19
 September 26-27
 September 26-27
 October 3-4
 San Francisco: Mercy Center, Burlingame, CA
 Baltimore: Bon Secours Center, Marriottsville, MD
 Dallas: Hilton Garden Inn DFW Airport South

For more information <a href="https://www.ncclcatholic.org/future-of-catechesis.html">https://www.ncclcatholic.org/future-of-catechesis.html</a>

CYO CAMP

**SUMMER 2023** 

# FAMILY CAMP







3-DAY AUGUST 6-8TH



4-DAY AUGUST 10-13TH







# REGISTRATION OPEN NOW

SWIMMING - ARCHERY NIGHT HIKE - CAMPFIRES CANOEING - DANCING ARTS & CRAFTS - TIE DYE STARGAZING - GAMES

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# ESPANOL



#### ¿Conoces a Raúl Lara?

Hola, soy el nuevo Coordinador de Catequesis Hispana, en las próximas semanas me estaré comunicando con los programas y coordinadores de catequesis en español para ponerme a su disposición.

Espero pronto concernos.

laral@sfarch.org 415-614-5594



#### Reflexión

Una madrugada un joven se acercó a la playa, al acercarse aún más a la orilla vio a un hombre moviéndose de un lado para otro, el joven le dijo:

- ¿Qué haces?

El hombre le respondió:

-"Recojo estrellas de mar y las devuelvo al mar antes de que el sol salga y las queme"

El joven miró a la lejanía y le dijo:

- Pero no tiene ningún sentido, hay miles de estrellas a la orilla del mar, jamás podrás salvarlas a todas.
- Mira, ¿Ves esta estrella que tengo en mis manos? Para esta estrella, sus descendientes e incluso para sus depredadores si tiene mucho sentido.

El joven calló y el hombre se alejó recogiendo estrellas de mar, el joven miró pensativo el mar durante unos minutos, luego tomó una estrella de mar y la devolvió a los océanos.



#### Santa María Goretti

María nació el 16 de octubre de 1890 en Italia, la

tercera de siete hijos, sus padres Luigi y Assunta fueron trabajadores del campo que por su condición de pobreza tuvieron que mudarse en varias ocasiones hasta que le asentaron en Nettuno donde compartieron casa con la familia Serenelli. Al poco tiempo de haber llegado, su padre enfermo de malaria y falleció teniendo María solo nueve años.

Su madre trabajaba y María se encargaba de cuidar a Teresa su hermana menor y de las labores domésticas; un día Alessandro Serenelli quiso abuzar de ella arrastrándola de las escaleras hacia adentro de la casa dónde ella se opuso diciéndole que eso "es pecado mortal" él amenazo matarla peo ella seguía luchando ferozmente gritado "¡No! Es pecado mortal, Dios no quiere esto" al él insistir, ella dijo que prefería morir a ser ultrajada entonces la apuñalo once veces con un punzón, ella corrió hacia la puerta y dándole alcance la apuñalo tres veces más, al escuchar los ruidos Teresa despertó llorando, lo que llamó la atención de su familia, y al regresar encontraron a María en un charco de sangre.

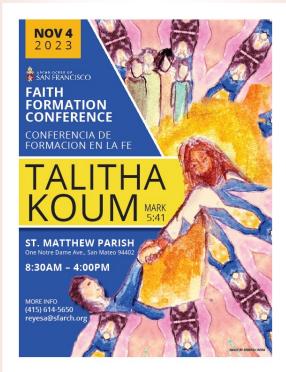
María fue intervenía sin anestesia, pero sus heridas eran muy graves de tal manera que no sobrevivió, antes de morir perdono a su atacante diciendo "quiero que este a mi lado en cielo". Tres años más tarde Alessandro de convirtió después de que María se le apareciera en un sueño.

María fue beatificada el 27 de Abril de 1947, tres años después fue canonizada por el Papa Pio XII el 24 de Junio de 1950, en la ceremonia estuvo presente su madre Assunta, sus hermanos y Alessandro Serenelli.

A María le celebramos el 6 de Julio.

Tuly & CO OCA STOCK PHOLO		Pope's Prayer Intention	Social Friendship-We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of con- flict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of	dialogue and friendship
4	July 4th	Pastoral Office are closed		
4-8	Youth on a Mission			
15	Catechist Formation (workshops) hosted by DREs of Deaneries 8 & 9	1 to 4:15 pm	Virtual (via Zoom)	Anelita Reyes reyesa@sfarch.org (415) 614-5651
16	ONFIRE	9AM—9 PM	Six flags Discovery Kingdom Vallejo	www.onfirenorcal.com
25	World Day for Grandparents and Elderly			
28—29	Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference	12:00—5:00 8:00-6:00	St. Mary Cathedral	Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference
29	Catechist Formation (workshops) hosted by DREs of Deaneries 8 & 9	1 to 4:15 pm	Virtual (via Zoom)	Anelita Reyes reyesa@sfarch.org (415) 614-5651
AUG		Pope's Prayer Intention	The Church-Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to	Reform herself in the light of the Gospel
1-6	World Youth Week in Lisbon			
5	Catechist Formation with Deanery 10	10:00-12:00	St. Matthew	Sr. Celeste Arbuckle arbucklec@sfarch.org
12	Catechist Formation with Deanery 10	10:00-12:00	St. Matthew	Sr. Celeste Arbuckle arbucklec@sfarch.org
12	Catechist Formation (online workshops)	1 to 4:15 pm	Virtual (via Zoom)	Anelita Reyes reyesa@sfarch.org
15	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Holy Day of Obligation		
19	Catechist Formation with Deanery 10	10:00-12:00	St. Matthew	Sr. Celeste Arbuckle arbucklec@sfarch.org
19	"Through Him, With Him, In Him" Annual Deanery Catechists' Day (Deaneries 8 & 9)	8:30 am to 3 pm	St. Dunstan Parish Center Millbrae	Anelita Reyes reyesa@sfarch.org (415) 614-5651

SEPTSMI	BER	Pope's Prayer Intention	An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle—We pray that that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally	Sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.
1	World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation	Have you read Laudato Si?	Do something to help the environment	
2	Beginners' Institute (Training for new or nearly new catechists)	9:30 am to 11:45 am 11 am to 12:15 pm	Archdiocese Pastoral Center One Peter Yorke Way San Francisco	Anelita Reyes reyesa@sfarch.org (415) 614-5651
4	Labor Day	Pastoral Offices are closed		
7	Beginning of Year Meeting Pick one to attend	12:30-3:00	St. Bartholomew	Sr. Celeste Arbuckle arbuck- lec@sfarch.org
11	Beginning of Year Meeting Pick one to attend	9:30-12:00	ТВА	Sr. Celeste Arbuckle arbuck- lec@sfarch.org
11	Beginning of Year Meeting Pick one to attend	6:00-8:30 PM	ТВА	Sr. Celeste Arbuckle arbuck- lec@sfarch.org
17	Catechetical Sunday	"Come to me all who are burden"		Usccb.org
18-19	NCCL Fall Convocation		Mercy Center	NCCL.org
OCTO	BER	Pope's Prayer Intention	Missionary Disciples—We pray that every baptized Evangelization, available to the mission, by being	witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.
4	Feast of St. Francis	Patron Saint of the Archdiocese		
9	Indigenous People Day & Columbus Day	Pastoral Offices are closed		
15	World Mission Sunday	Plan to learn what missionaries do		
20 –21	Adult Confirmation Classes	Fri. 6:00 –8:30 Sat. 10:00-4:00	Pastoral Center	Sr. Celeste Arbuckle arbuck- lec@sfarch.org
Nove	mber	Pope's Prayer Intention	People Who Suffer from Depression—We pray that people who suffer from depression or burnout	Will find support and a light that opens them up to life
1	All Saints Day	Holy Day of Obligation		
2	All Souls Day	Remembering our loved ones who have died		



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4	Faith Formation Conference "Talitha Koum"	8:00-4:00 PM		Sr. Celeste Arbuckle arbuck- lec@sfarch.org
11	Veterans Day	Pastoral Offices are closed		
23-26	Thanksgiving Weekend	Pastoral Offices are closed		
26	Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King of the Universe			
Decembe -	Re	Pope's Prayer Intention	For Catechists—Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God; may they be its witnesses, with courage	and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.
3	First Sunday of Advent			
8	Immaculate Conception	Holy Day of Obligation		
15	Simbang Gabi Novena (Day 1)			
17	O Antiphons: O Sapientia O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!			

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18	O Antiphons: O Adonai O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!			
19	O Antiphons O Radix Jesse O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!			
20	O Antiphons - O Clavis David O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal King- dom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!			
21	O Antiphons O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.			
22	O Antiphons - O Rex Gentium O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!			
23	O Antiphons - O Emmanuel O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!			
25	Christmas	Holy Day of Obligation		
22-29	Christmas Break	Pastoral Offices are closed		
January Land	<b>*</b>	Pope's Prayer Intention	Human Fraternity—May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of	Other religions, praying for one another, open to all.
1	New Years Day—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	Pastoral Offices are closed	Holy Day of Obligation	
15	Martin Luther King Holiday	Pastoral Offices are closed		

- 🌉	EBRUARY -	Pope's Prayer Intention	Violence Against Women— We pray for women who are victims of violence, that	Society and have their sufferings con- sidered and healed
14	Ash Wednesday			
15-18	LA Religious Education Congress	All day	Anaheim Convention Center	https:// recongress.org/
18	Rite of Election	tba	St. Mary Cathedral	bertonel@sfarch.org
19	President's Day	Pastoral Offices are closed		
	1ARCH	Pope's Prayer Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation  – Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed	Depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God
17	St. Patrick Day	Archdiocesan Feast Day Patron Saint		
19	St. Joseph Day	Archdiocesan Feast Day Patron Saint		
24	Palm Sunday			
29	Good Friday	Pastoral Offices are closed		
31	Easter Sunday			
	hello April	Pope's Prayer Intention	Fundamental Rights—We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for foundational rights under	Dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.
1	Easter Monday	Pastoral Offices are closed		
***	May 🍑	Pope's Prayer Intention	The World of Finance– Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with	The financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers
2nd	Pius X Awards and Dinner	6:00 PM	St. Mary Cathedral	Sr. Celeste Arbuckle arbuck- lec@sfarch.org