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"Talitha Koum"

A very grateful thank you for all who supported the Faith Formation Conference and the wonderful team of volunteers who are working so hard to make this a success.

If you have not registered there is still time. You can register onsite from 8:00—9:30 (St. Matthew Parish, One Peter Yorke Way, San Mateo)

Faithformationsf.org

As we celebrate in November all of the Saints who model for us what it means to be Jesus to the world and we remember all the dead. With so many places of war we hold them in hope that all may join in the Banquet of the Lord. We pray for all who still are suffering the terrible experiences of war, hatred and misuse of power.

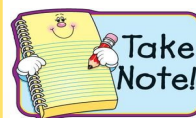
We are thankful for the Synod in Rome that the discussions experienced may bring about a "new church" filled with listening, openness, peace and hope. Let us pray for our church and leaders.

May we have a thankful heart and open-forgiving spirit as we celebrate Thanksgiving



*Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.*

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. —Psalm 100:4-5



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**You can still register on site for the
Faith Formation Conference.**

**There is still some room in the buses
from Marin and San Francisco if you
do not want to drive.**



Dorothy Vigna

DRE—St. Paul Parish in San Francisco. Died— October 6

Dorothy taught at St. Michael, St. Philip and Our Lady of the Visitacion Schools. She taught for over 50 years retiring two years ago.

Sine 1994 she was the Director of Religious Education at St. Paul’s Parish.

Through her work in both the school and parish setting, Dorothy has touched the hearts of many children and their families. She had a huge heart and a generous spirit. May she rest in peace.



James Falon—Father-in-Law of Kathy Falon, DRE at St. Dominic Parish. Please pray for James and the family.

Kathleen Folan <kathy@stdominics.org>



Reverend Edward Bohnert died peacefully Sunday night at 11:45 pm. He had been on hospice care at Villa Fontana Assisted Living in San Jose, where he resided in his last months of declining health. Born April 28, 1949, Fr. Bohnert had just celebrated his 74th birthday. He was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop John R. Quinn almost 38 years ago on November 16, 1985. Fr. Bohnert

served as parochial vicar at Saint Isabella Parish, Saint Gabriel Parish, Saint Vincent De Paul Parish, Saint Raymond Parish and Mission Dolores Basilica and pastor at Saint Veronica Parish for 6 years from 2002 to 2008. He retired on May 1, 2015

Jose Agudo Gordero, the father of Rev. Moises Agudo Romero, died Monday, October 9, 2023 at the age of 83.

Jose Agudo, was the eldest of 12 siblings, the son of Luis Agudo and Juliana Gordero, was born in Colmenar de Oreja, a province of Madrid, Spain, on February 29, 1940, one year after the Civil War of Spain was over. He married Rosario Romero Requena 65 years ago on December 24, 1958. They had 16 children and more than 120 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Mrs. Olivia Ignacio Nunez passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 1, 2023.

Olive, as she was lovingly known to most, was born on June 4, 1946. She was from San Roque, Cavite City, Philippines. She graduated from Cavite National High School in Cavite City and the University of the East in Ma-

nila.

She had been a dedicated Catechist at St. Augustine’s Faith Formation Program since 2005. During her years in the ministry, Olive planted abundant seeds of faith, and touched the hearts, minds, and lives of her young students. She was present at this year’s catechist retreat, orientation meeting, and commissioning mass. She taught her last 3rd Grade class on Saturday, September 16, 2023.

Olive was also a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVdP) St. Augustine Conference for 23 years. She was awarded the 2023 Ozanam Award but was unable to receive her award on September 30, 2023.

She was a devout Catholic and loved being a part of the St. Augustine Community. She selflessly gave her time by participating in SVDP, teaching CCD, being a Eucharistic Minister, and participating in the various church activities. She will be remembered for her gentle kindness, generosity, and thoughtfulness. She will be greatly missed.

Mary Ann Schwab

October 11, 1920 - October 18, 2023

Mary Ann Schwab, a dedicated champion of faith-based human justice and an ardent advocate for the empowerment of Christian women passed away peacefully on October 18, 2023. Mary Ann dedicated her life to assisting women to find their voices and speak up for human life causes. She served as president of the National Council of Catholic Women from 1983-85



Mary Ann dedicated her life to assisting women to find their voices and speak up for human life causes. She served as president of the National Council of Catholic Women from 1983-85 where she deepened her role in the Respect Life movement and had an enlightening experience with a UN delegation to Kenya. Mary Ann leaves behind a profound and enduring legacy within the San Francisco Archdiocese and Saint Brendan’s parish, communities she so deeply cherished. Her life’s work serves as a testament to the remarkable impact one individual can have on the world.

Friends are invited to visit on Wednesday, November 1st at 5:00 pm at St. Brendan’s Catholic Church, 29 Rockaway Ave. in San Francisco where a Rosary will begin at 6:00 pm. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at the church on Thursday, November 2nd at 10:00 a.m. Mary Ann will be laid to rest with her husband Francis.

Youth Ministry Position Open

All Souls Parish in South San Francisco is seeking a highly motivated part-time Youth Minister who is on fire for God! And who will help bring our youth on fire for God! The Youth Minister will assist in facilitating for our youth an encounter with Jesus Christ—motivating, guiding, and encouraging them on towards a life-long relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. The Youth Minister will work closely with the Pastor and Director of Religious Education, Parochial School Principal, and a few others, forming a team of advisors, to implement a dynamic and supportive Youth Ministry presence at our parish, and to define its vision and goals. The Youth Minister, together with the advisory team, will be responsible for developing ways to create youths’ habits that encourage and foster in each young soul love for prayer (especially the Holy Rosary, Lectio Divina and Adoration), and love for the Church in its’ Sacramental life. The Youth Minister will assist in training young leaders and reach a balance between prayer/spirituality/scripture, social/moral, and fun and games. The Youth Minister will assist in drawing out the great potential of our youth in becoming a unique “image of God” and equipping them and leading them on a path of holiness and joy.

If you are interested, please contact the Religious Education Office at All Souls Parish at 650-873-5356. Or send an email to ReligiousEducation@AllSoulsParishSSF.org

Foundational Training Participants are meeting with Anelita monthly for develop their skills in the Parish Catechetical Ministry Role. Welcome to our new people.

Sr. Erlinda Carandang, FdCC	Holy Name
Sr. Elizabeth Siguenza, RVM	Our Lady of Mercy
John Mills	Epiphany
Veronica Robelo	St. Timothy
Emerita Reyes	Holy Name
Rachelle Villa	St. Patrick
Zulma Telles	St. Boniface
Nerissa Broas	St. Augustine
Khay Ronquillo	St. Augustine
Hilda Dela Cruz	Holy Names
Linda Gamboa	St. Augustine
Carmen Ramirez	St. Anthony, Menlo Park
Carmen Perlas	St. Anne of the Sunset
Nenette de Jesus	Our Lady of Mercy
Sr. Georgina Delgado, OP	Holy Angels

If you are interested in joining please contact Anelita Reyes at 415-614-5651 reyesa@sfarch.org



Foundational Training Course

“the single most critical factor in an effective parish catechetical program is the leadership of a professionally trained parish catechetical leader.” (NDC, Chapter 8 No. 5)

The Foundational Training Course aims to train those who are new in parish catechetical leadership roles on the administration and management of parish faith formation program and youth ministry program.



New Master Catechist for the Archdiocese

Welcome our new people

Dan Veto—DRE at St. Anselm

Ed Dantes—St. Augustine & Knights of Columbus

Ryan Mayer currently serves as the Director of the Office of Catholic Identity Formation & Assessment.

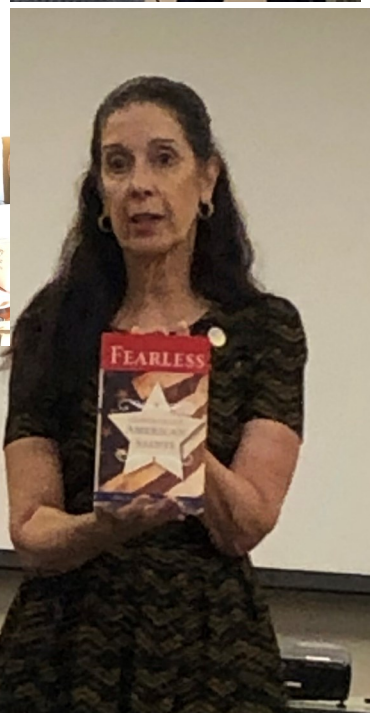
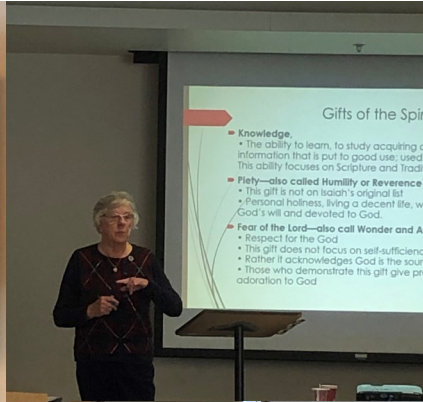
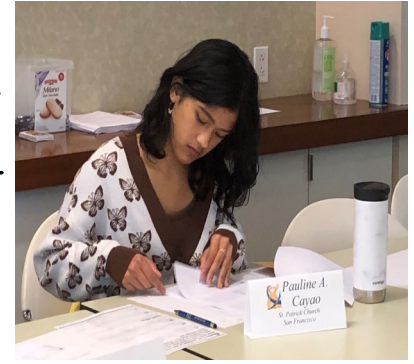
Sarah Currier currently serves as the principal at Ecole Notre Dame de Victoires.

We are thankful for these wonderful Master Catechist



Adult Confirmation classes October 20 and 21.

We had 35 candidates attending. Parish involvement were from Our Lady of Loretto, St. Dominic, St. Kevin, Mission Dolores, St. Catherine of Siena, St. Raphael, Most Holy Redeemer, St. Gabriel, St. Ignatius, St. Augustine, St. Hilary, St. Peter-Pacifica, St. Pius, St. James, St. Andrew, St. Gregory, St. Bruno, and St. Charles. Class options were for presentations in English or Spanish. Our Master Catechists presented the topics.



St. Raymond Celebrated Living

Rosary

St. Raymond Religious Education celebrated the month of the Holy Rosary last October 1, 2023. The children who are in the program for Religion classes did a Living Rosary with their catechists. Bro. Kyle Laluces of St Patrick Seminary and doing a field education in the parish headed the activity.

He gave a lesson about the rosary, and explains how to pray it, and why we are praying it as Catholic. Fr. Pawel, parochial vocal, glanced the event and showed the RE kids the 150 beads Dominican Rosary.

The event culminate with praying the rosary, Glorious Mystery. Each of the catechists lead each mystery, and each of the students lead each prayer for each of the decade of the rosary. They come forward to say the prayer, and each of them lit a candle representing the rosary beads.



Faith Formation Conference 2023 Preparation

They say that it takes a village to raise a child but it takes the whole church to put on the 2023 Faith Formation Conference. Our Parish Catechetical Leaders have worked hours to establish the website, organize registration and rooms and so much behind the scenes work.

Robyn Lang from Immaculate Heart of Mary organized a bag stuffing group over the weekend for over 650 registrants.



DON'T FORGET TO



1. People can still register at the door.
2. Morning refreshments will only take cash and no credit cards
3. Greeters will help you with where you are going
4. English Praise and Worship begins right before the Archbishop's talk at 9:15 AM. Please come for the prayer as well as the talk
5. Spanish Praise and Worship begins before the Archbishop's keynote at 10:20. Please come for the prayer as well as the talk.
6. There is still room on the buses if you would like to take the bus from Marin or San Francisco. Please contact St. Celeste if you want to join arbucklec@sfarch.org or 415-614-5652.
7. Check the website for continuing information—

faithformationsf.org

Please keep all in prayer as we begin our day together. Thanks for all the support by registering, working on the team to put this on and especially Msgr. John Talesfore and Teresita Contreras for all the working with what saying "YES" means.



Compass aims to anticipate the needs of Catholic parents, accompany them through the trials and joys of family life, and point them to faithful answers to life's difficult questions.

TIPS FOR OPEN COMMUNICATION

1. COMFORTABLE TIME & LOCATION

- » Know where your child may be most comfortable (e.g., car, on a walk, etc.).

2. NOT IN TROUBLE

- » Don't start with "you're not in trouble," but reassure your child of this if they become defensive or upset.
- » Be sure your body language and tone of voice send this message.

3. STRESS THAT THEY ARE GOOD

- » Always stress that your child is good. Be hopeful. Remain calm.

4. LISTEN!

- » Ask questions and give your child time to think and respond.
- » Practice active listening.

5. PRESS PAUSE

- » It is okay to say "I don't know; let me get back with you," or "Let's talk about this more tomorrow." This gives you time to cool down your own emotions or allows you to look up answers to questions your child may have.
- » Also, remember the talk doesn't need to be long. Your child does not need to tell you everything all at once. Regularly revisit the topic and address questions as they arise.

CONVERSATION GUIDE

1. ASK

- » What do you think about [insert topic]?
- » What do you know about [insert topic]?
- » Have you heard about [insert topic]? What are your thoughts?
- » Remember that show we watched recently? What did you think about when...

2. LISTEN

3. AFFIRM WHAT THEY SAID

(you don't have to agree - if this is difficult for you just repeat what they said back to them)

- » So what you think is...
- » Correct me if I am wrong but you believe that...

4. THANK THEM FOR SHARING

5. SHARE WHAT YOU WANT THEM TO KNOW

6. ASK THEM THEIR THOUGHTS AND QUESTIONS

7. END ON A POSITIVE NOTE.

- » Thank them for having the conversation and affirm them that you will get the answers requested. Setting a date and time might be helpful.



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2024 RESPECT LIFE ESSAY CONTEST

Theme: Adoption as a
Concrete Way of Love

Essay due January 26, 2024

For all students in grades K-12 in public school,
private school, and home school. Cash Prizes!!!

For more information visit
sfarch.org/essay-contest
or contact prolife@sfarch.org.



 November				
11	Veterans Day	Pastoral Offices are closed		
23-26	Thanksgiving Weekend	Pastoral Offices are closed		
25	Adult Confirmation	5:30 PM	St. Mary Cathedral	Bertonel@sfarch.org
26	Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King of the Universe			
 DECEMBER		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		
9	Guadalupe Pilgrimage Mass	2:00 PM		
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!			
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 Kingdom: 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!			
24				
25	Christmas	Holy Day of Obligation		
22-29	Christmas Break	Pastoral Offices are closed		
	 	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		
15	Martin Luther King Holiday	Pastoral Offices are closed		
19	Clergy & Religious Dinner with Knights of Columbus	5:00 Cocktails 6:30 Dinner	Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus St. Francis Chapter	Lorna_Feria@yahoo.com
20	Walk for Life Mass	9:30 and afterward walk		
22	Foundational Training Course #5			Anelita Reyes reyesa@sfarch.org (415) 614-5651
28	Cathedral Pilgrimage	4:00 PM		Laura Bertone bertonel@sfarch.org
29	Deaneries 8 & 9 DRE Meeting	Mater Dolorosa 10 am to 12 noon		Anelita Reyes reyesa@sfarch.org (415) 614-5651
		Pope's Prayer Intention	Violence Against Women— We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by	Society and have their sufferings considered and healed
5	Foundational Training Course #6			Anelita Reyes reyesa@sfarch.org (415) 614-5651
10	Luna New Year	Year of the Dragon		
14	Ash Wednesday			
15-18	LA Religious Education Congress	All day	Anaheim Convention Center	https://recongress.org/
18	Rite of Election	4:00 PM	St. Mary Cathedral	bertonel@sfarch.org
19	Presidents' Day	Pastoral Offices are closed		
24	Chinese Celebration with the Archdiocese of SF	2:30 PM St. Mary Cathedral		

		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
4	Foundational Training Course #7			Anelita Reyes reyesa@sfarch.org (415) 614-5651
10	Daylight Savings Starts	(Spring forward)		
17	St. Patrick Day	Archdiocesan Feast Day Patron Saint		
19	St. Joseph Day	Archdiocesan Feast Day Patron Saint		
21	Chrism Mass	5:00 PM		bertonel@sfarch.org
24	Palm Sunday			
29	Good Friday	Pastoral Offices are closed		
31	Easter Sunday			
		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		
19-20	Adult Confirmation Classes	Friday 6:00-8:30 PM Sat. 10:00-3:00 PM	Pastoral Offices	arbuck- lec@sfarch.org
20	All Saints Retreat for Intellectual Disabilities	11:00-2:30 pm	St. Augustine Church 3700 Callan Blvd, SSF	ferial@sfarch.org
		Pope's Prayer Intention	The World of Finance– Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate	The financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers
2nd	Pius X Awards and Dinner	6:00 PM	St. Mary Cathedral	arbuck- lec@sfarch.org
11	Cathedral Confirmations	10:00 AM		bertonel@sfarch.org
12	Mother's Day & Ascension of the Lord			
19	Pentecost Sunday			
25	Adult Confirmations	5:30 Mas	ST. Mary Cathedral	bertonel@sfarch.org
27	Memorial day	Pastoral Office are Closed		

		Pope's Prayer Intention	The Beauty of Marriage Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a	Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience
1	Feast of Corpus Christi			
15	Presbyteral Ordinations	10:00 AM		
19	Junetennth	Pastoral Offices are Closed		
		Pope's Prayer Intention	Social Friendship– We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous	and passionate architects of dialogue & friendship
		Pope's Prayer Intention	The Church—that the church may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and	And strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel
15	Assumption of Mary	Holy Day		
		Pope's Prayer Intention	An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle– 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
2	Labor Day	Pastoral Offices are closed		
		Pope's Prayer Intention	Missionary Disciples—that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the	Mission, by being witnesses of the life that has the flavor the the Gospel.
12	Rosary Rally	TBA	TBA	
		Pope's Prayer Intention	People Who Suffer from Depression– that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find	Support and a light that opens them up to life.
1	All Saints Day			
3	Day Light Savings ends (fall back)			
23	Feast of Christ the King/ Fall Adult Confirmations	5:30 Mass	St. Mary Cathedral	bertonel@sfarch.org
28	Thanksgiving	Pastoral Offices are closed Thursday and Friday		