

DIOCESE OF SAN JOSÉ
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH · SAN JOSÉ, CALIFORNIA
Special Jubilee Site — Year of St. Francis

4-Week Bulletin Announcement Series · Diocese of San José

WEEK 1 — THE ANNOUNCEMENT

We Have Been Called. Come Pilgrim With Us.

Something remarkable is happening right here in San José. St. Francis of Assisi Parish has been officially designated as a Special Jubilee Site for the Jubilee Year of St. Francis — the 800th anniversary of the death of the saint who gave our parish its name. In the entire Diocese of San José, our doors are among the very few designated for this sacred honor.

This is not just about our parish. This is an invitation to the whole diocese — to every family, every ministry, every faith community — to come and walk in the footsteps of the Poor Man of Assisi, right here among us.

Throughout this Jubilee Year, we will gather, pray, sing, celebrate, and be transformed. There will be events for all ages, pilgrimage opportunities, and special programs designed to bring St. Francis's spirit alive in our community and yours.

For more information about upcoming events throughout the year, contact our parish office or visit our parish website: www.sfoasj.com.

Pax et Bonum,
Fr. Vincent Pineda
Pastor

WEEK 2 — THE INVITATION

A Pilgrimage Is Simply One Step Toward God.

Francis of Assisi was a man who walked. He walked the roads of Umbria barefoot. He walked toward lepers when everyone else walked away. He walked into churches in ruin and heard God say: rebuild my house.

A pilgrimage asks something simple of us: come. Take one step — one deliberate, faithful step — toward something larger than yourself. Our parish, as an official Special Jubilee Site for the Diocese of San José, is ready to receive you as a pilgrim. Whether you come alone, with your family, or as part of a group from your parish, we welcome you.

Our trained docents are ready to guide pilgrimage groups throughout the year, sharing the story of St. Francis, the story of this community, and the story God is still writing among us. Reserve your spot and bring your community on pilgrimage.

To schedule a pilgrimage group or reserve a docent guide, contact the parish office or visit our website for reservations and event listings www.sfoasj.com.

Pax et Bonum,
Fr. Vincent Pineda
Pastor

WEEK 3 — THE EVENTS

A Year of Celebration. Something for Everyone.

This Jubilee Year, St. Francis of Assisi Parish — the Diocese of San José's Special Jubilee Site — will host a full calendar of events open to all. Masses, reflections, concerts, community gatherings, and pilgrimage days are being planned throughout the year to mark this once-in-800-years occasion.

Francis didn't celebrate alone. He gathered brothers and sisters, creatures great and small, rich and poor, the whole family of God. We intend to do the same.

Whether you are searching for a deeper prayer life, a meaningful outing with your parish group, or simply a place to pause and breathe in the grace of this holy year — our doors are open. Come once. Come often. Bring a friend who may not have walked into a church in a while.

Check our parish website: www.sfoasj.com or contact the parish office for the full schedule of Jubilee events and pilgrimage programming throughout the year.

Pax et Bonum,
Fr. Vincent Pineda
Pastor

WEEK 4 — THE CALL TO ACTION

Bring Your Parish. Bring Your Group. Bring Yourself.

We are now in the heart of the Jubilee Year of St. Francis, and the invitation remains wide open. St. Francis of Assisi Parish is the designated Special Jubilee Site for the Diocese of San José — and that means we belong to all of you.

Our docent team is trained and ready to walk with your group — sharing the history, the Franciscan spirit, and the living faith of this community. All you need to do is reach out and reserve a time. We can accommodate parish groups, school groups, prayer communities, and families. Come as pilgrims. Leave as something more.

Francis once said: "Start by doing what's necessary, then what's possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible." The first step is simply calling us.

To reserve a docent for your pilgrimage group or to learn about Jubilee events throughout the year, contact the parish office or visit our website: www.sfoasj.com. We look forward to welcoming you.

Pax et Bonum,
Fr. Vincent Pineda
Pastor