Dear Parishioners:

Tomorrow the Church celebrates the feast of the first Apostle to suffer martyrdom, St. James, the brother of John, the son of Zebedee and Salome (St. Joseph's niece and St. Cleophas's daughter), nicknamed by Our Lord, along with his brother, Boanerges, the Sons of Thunder. St. James is called "the Greater" to distinguish him from the other Apostle of that name. James was one of the most beloved Apostles. It is Peter, James, and John who are privileged to be present at the healing of the daughter of Jairus, the Transfiguration, and the Agony in the Garden. These intimate experiences with Jesus prepared James to become the first Apostle to shed blood for Jesus. James lived only 11 years after Pentecost. He was probably only 40 years old when he died. In that short time in the Apostolate, the Son of Thunder went from Jerusalem to Spain and back again. The breadth and rapidity of his apostolic travel, together with his fiery personality revealed in the Gospels, allow us to glimpse the manly heart of this Soldier of Christ. James was wild with love for Jesus Christ and he wanted to proclaim to all the Good News of his Beloved. It is most fitting that James shed his blood for love of Him while still in the prime of his manhood. It is no accident that James would become the model for and patron of the military religious orders of the period of the Crusades. He is even venerated in Spain, where he was especially the patron of the "reconquista" against the Muslims, as "Santiago de Matamoros," which means, "St. James the Moor-Slayer."

St. James is a Soldier above all of spiritual arms, of course. In Spain, he received the first Marian apparition, as Our Lady appeared to him on the banks of the Ebro River in Saragoza in the year 39. She was standing on a pillar and told him that the faith of the Spanish people, who were not accepting the Gospel at that time, would become as strong as a pillar. He built a shrine to her on that spot, where the great basilica of Our Lady of the Pillar now stands. After Our Lady's apparition, James had more success in Spain. So fervent were his Spanish disciples that, after his martyrdom in 44 by Herod Agrippa in Jerusalem, they carried his body all the way back to Spain, where they buried him in Compostela, "the field of the stars." The body of St. James is one of the great pilgrimage sites in the Catholic world, as thousands of pilgrims for centuries have walked "El Camino de Santiago," imploring his intercession. James's feast is a huge celebration in Spain and in many Spanish-speaking countries. At my own parish, there is a vibrant festival kept the whole of next weekend by those who hail from the town of Santiago Apóstol in Oaxaca, Mexico.

St. James teaches us to love Our Lady of the Pillar and to work with her in conquering our own hearts and the hearts of others for the King of Kings. Let us all, at least in spirit, make our own pilgrimage today along the Way of St. James, begging his help that we may make Christ the King of our hearts and that Mary may reign there as Queen. Let us especially ask him to give us a share in his manly chastity, whereby he traversed the world in passionate love for his Beloved. St. James, pray for us as we celebrate your feast day!

May God Bless you all,
Father Joseph Previtali
Parish Announcements

ST. PATRICK’S SEMINARY & UNIVERSITY
Parishioners are invited to support St. Patrick’s Seminary & University by attending the 2016 Gala on Saturday, September 10th or by purchasing a raffle ticket for a chance to win a 2016 Lexus 2500 or $25,000. This automobile is made possible in conjunction with Putman Lexus of Redwood City. All proceeds go directly to St. Patrick’s Seminary & University towards the ongoing formation of your future priests. Please make your check payable to St. Patrick’s Seminary & University. A limited number of tickets will be sold. In you are interested in attending the gala, please call Leelamma Sebastian at (650)289-3320 or go online at stpsu.edu. Thank you for your support!!

NFP FRIENDS AND FAMILY PICNIC
Come celebrate the US Bishops’ National NFP Awareness week by joining us for a bilingual Mass and picnic on July 30 at St. Raymond’s parish in Menlo Park (1100 Santa Cruz Avenue). Mass is at 10:00am with Fr. Francis Goode, and will be followed by a potluck picnic. The Archdiocese, will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, condiments, plates, utensils...please bring drinks and a side dish or dessert to share. Please RSVP to Ed Hopfner at HopfnerE@SFArch.org or (415)614-5547 so we know how much food to purchase.

K-6 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Registration for Religious Education for all children entering kindergarten through sixth grade will begin on Monday through Wednesday from 5:00pm – 8:00pm and will continue the same weekdays throughout August. We pray for all the parents of our parish, that they will fulfill their solemn duty in giving their children a Catholic education. For more call Claudia at (650) 726-5587 ext. 210.

EDUCACION RELIGIOSA
La inscripción para la educación religiosa para todos los niños que entran en kindergarten hasta sexto grado comenzará de Lunes a Miércoles de 5:00pm a 8:00pm y seguirá los mismos días de la semana durante todo el mes de Agosto. Ofreceremos hamburguesas, hot dogs, platos, condimentos, etc. – trae para compartir por favor algo de beber, postres, ensalada, vegetales etc. Avise por favor a Ed Hopfner o HopfnerE@SFArch.org o llame a (415)614-5547 para saber cuanto comida tenemos que preparar.

Opportunity to learn more about our Catholic tradition!
GREGORIAN CHANT CLASS
With Fr. Joe Previtali
Thursday, July 28, 2016 at 7:00 pm at St. Anthony’s in Pescadero
All are welcome!
Community Holy Hour after Gregorian Chant class on July 28,
Class at 7:00pm; Holy Hour at 8:00pm
Oportunidad para profundizar su conocimiento de nuestra tradición Católica!
CLASE BILINGUE DEL CANTO GREGORIANO (MUSICA CATOLICA)
Con Padre Joe Previtali
Jueves, el 28 de Julio, a las 7:00 pm en la Iglesia de San Antonio en Pescadero
Todos son bienvenidos!
Tendremos Hora Santa después de la Clases de Canto Gregoriano, Clase a las 7:00pm; Hora Santa - 8:00pm

Pray for Our Parishioners Who Are Sick
Sick Relatives & Friends/ Parientes y Amigos
Pray that God’s, healing power will fill them with strength and hope.
Your Offerings | Supporting Our Parish

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Second Collection this week: Religious Education

- July 31: St. Vincent de Paul
- August 7: Building Fund
- August 14: Annual Appeal
- August 21: Religious Education

Mass Schedule and Intentions

**Saturday EVENING July 23, 2016**
- 5:00pm: Anne Minoletti (Int.) and Family
- 8:00pm: Luisa Acosta +

**Sunday July 24, 2016**
- 8:00am: Jose & Olivia Silveira +
- 10:00am: John & Georgina Costa + and Parents
- 12:00pm: Por la Parroquia
- 6:00pm: Jose Lopes & Maria, Manuel Jose + Lotte Kuehn (Int.)

**Monday July 25, 2016**
- 8:00am: Eduardo & Maria Silveira +

**Tuesday July 26, 2016**
- 8:00am: Manuel Pacheco +

**Wednesday July 27, 2016**
- 8:00am: Idalina & Francisco Costa +
- 12:00pm: Por la Parroquia
- 6:00pm: Michael Santiago +

**Thursday July 28, 2016**
- 8:00am: Donal Lehane +

**Friday July 29, 2016**
- 8:00am: Jose & Maria Matos

**Saturday July 30, 2016**
- 8:00am: Manuel & Maria Ferreira + & Parents
- 5:00pm: Frank Vaz Jr. + & Family
- 8:00pm: Luisa Acosta +

**Sunday July 31, 2016**
- 8:00am: Jose Lopes, Isabel & Jose Gabriel +
- 10:00am: John "JD" Donovan +
- 12:00pm: Por la Parroquia
- 6:00pm: Michael Santiago +

St. Vincent de Paul second collection on July 31st.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul at Our Lady of the Pillar helps families and individuals facing emergency situations. By feeding and clothing the homeless and the needy, keeping families housed, offering basic survival necessities, SVdP is the safety net for those in need in our community. St. Vincent de Paul provides monetary assistance to families and individuals in our community thanks to your support and commitment to our efforts. This money has kept families in their homes by paying rent, it has kept the lights on in their homes by paying for utility bills, it has kept people employed by paying for gas as well the repair of their vehicles used to get to their jobs, it has kept people warm by providing blankets, sleeping bags and tents, but most of all it has made them feel like they are loved and cared for. Each case we assist represents a family looking to SVdP as their source of hope.

We ask for your continued support.
Help us make a difference today by contributing to the SVdP second collection on July 31st.

Parish Organizations

**ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE**
The Oaxacan community at Our Lady of the Pillar Church would like to invite all the parishioners to a special Bilingual Mass on Saturday July 30th at 10:00am for the celebration of St. James the Apostle. There will be a procession after Mass followed by refreshment, everyone one in welcome.

La comunidad de Oaxaqueña de Nuestra Señora del Pilar invita a todos los feligreses a una misa especial para la celebración de Santiago Apóstol el día Sábado 30 de Julio a las 10:00am. Después de la misa habrá una procesión y luego se les invita a todos a una comida. Todos son bienvenidos.

St. Anthony’s

- 6:00pm July 23: Familia García–Gutierrez (Int)
- 9:00am July 24: Tom Marks +
- 6:00pm July 30: Bladimir Martinez (Int.)
- 9:00am July 31: Kellie Marcuson +

**Our Lady of Refuge**

- 10:30am July 17: Pierre Schreyer +
- 10:30am July 24: Jakob Groening +

St. Vincent de Paul Society
Our Lady of the Pillar Conference
FOOD PANTRY HOURS

Monday/ Lunes 5:00pm– 7:00pm
Thursday/ Jueves 5:00pm - 7:00pm
Saturday/ Sábado 10:00am– 12:00pm