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# The Bridge

Weekly Chancery bulletin linking the three counties in the Archdiocese •

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## CHANCERY NEWS

### **This Week: Ash Wednesday Directives and Cathedral Schedule**

Wednesday, February 17, see schedule below

Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, 1111 Gough St., San Francisco

As we mark the beginning of Lent, we once again need to adapt our practices to preserve the health of all worshippers, while following the ancient traditions of the Church. Therefore, this year, instead of tracing a cross of ashes on the forehead, ashes will be distributed by the ancient custom of sprinkling over the crown of the head. This practice is used extensively in Europe, and the Holy See has mandated it be used throughout the world this year. Instructions were sent to pastors last week.

Archbishop Cordileone has asked that other than the regularly scheduled daily Mass of the parish, parishes have Liturgies of the Word in order to distribute ashes. This is again a health and safety issue, and completely allowed for by the Rite and the Vatican.

Ashes will be distributed at all Cathedral Masses on Ash Wednesday, February 17. Masses will be held at 7:30 am; 12:10 pm Archbishop Cordileone, principal celebrant, also livestreamed; 7:00 pm (Spanish).

### **NEW - Clergy Assignments Announced**

Office of the Vicar for Clergy

Archbishop Cordileone has announced the following new assignments, and thanked the members of the Priest Personnel Board for their assistance, as well as all priests and deacons of the Archdiocese for their ministry.

Rev. Mark D. Doherty, Interim Rector, St. Patrick's Seminary effective October 1, 2020.

Rev. Patrick J. Summerhays, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia effective January 1, 2021 (N.B. Rev. Stephen Howell also continues as Vicar General). (continued)

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Rev. Linh T. Nguyen, Parochial Vicar, St. Bartholomew Parish effective March 1, 2021.

Rev. Joseph P. Bradley, retired effective April 1, 2021.

Rev. Daniel E. Carter, retiring effective July 1, 2021.

Rev. J. Manuel Estrada, retiring effective July 1, 2021.

Rev. Michael J. Healy, retiring effective July 1, 2021.

Rev. Jonathan Paala, retiring effective July 1, 2021.

Rev. Ernesto M. Jandonero, leave of absence effective February 1, 2021.

Rev. Jose Shaji, release from assignment effective March 1, 2021.

Rev. Peterson O. Tieng, LRMS, returned as planned to the Philippines, January 31, 2021.

Rev. Jeong Gon Kim, returned to Diocese of Suwon, South Korea effective November 22, 2020.

Rev. Tadeusz Rusnak, Sch, assigned elsewhere by Society of Christ effective September 30, 2020.

## **NEW - Vocation Discernment Meeting**

Monday, February 15 in person or via Zoom

Rev. Cameron Faller 415-614-5602 [faller.cameron@sfarch.org](mailto:faller.cameron@sfarch.org)

Join others who are discerning their life's vocation with the Vocations Director of the Archdiocese, Rev. Cameron Faller, on the third Mondays of each month. Gatherings will be in person at the Church of the Visitation (655 Sunnydale Ave.) if possible, or otherwise via Zoom. Please contact Fr. Faller, above, for further information.

## **NEW - Series on Human Trafficking Continues**

February 25 and March 9, 6:30 pm via Zoom

Maria Martinez-Mont, Respect Life Coordinator 415-988-5708 [martinezmontm@sfarch.org](mailto:martinezmontm@sfarch.org)  
[sfarch.org/seminars](https://sfarch.org/seminars)

### **"Child Sex Trafficking: What It Is, How to Fight It"**

February 25

This session will look at the evil of child sex trafficking and what Children of the Immaculate Heart is doing to help them. Special guests are Grace Williams and Lisa Lungren. All are welcome; please register at [sfarch.org/seminars](https://sfarch.org/seminars), where you will also find additional information.

### **"Become a Shepherd in your Parish"**

March 9

This workshop will offer pragmatic, fresh, and creative responses to operationalize a growing Catholic hunger to effectively fight human trafficking. Diocesan and parish leaders will be equipped with an engaging three-pronged approach to transform empathy for victims into action that is effective and long-lasting. Register at [sfarch.org/seminars](https://sfarch.org/seminars).



## **NEW - Respect Life Essay Contest Mass & Awards**

Sunday, March 14, 11:00 am

Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, 1111 Gough St., San Francisco

Maria Martinez-Mont, Respect Life Coordinator 415-988-5708 [martinezmontm@sfarch.org](mailto:martinezmontm@sfarch.org)  
[sfarch.org/essay-contest](https://sfarch.org/essay-contest)

Archbishop Cordileone will celebrate a special Mass honoring the winners of the Archdiocesan Respect Life Essay Contest on Sunday March 14. An Awards Ceremony will follow, in accordance with COVID-19 safety protocols in place on that date. This year there can be no reception following Mass (due to COVID-19) but it is hoped that contest winners and their families will attend the Mass and receive their awards. The Mass will also be livestreamed.

More information about participating in future contests can be found at the link above.

## **Churches May Reopen to 25% Capacity**

On February 5 the U.S. Supreme Court issued an injunction that disallows the complete ban on indoor worship that had been in place in California. Archbishop Cordileone issued a memo to the priests of the Archdiocese with instructions related to this announcement, available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). He also recorded video messages for the faithful in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

For your convenience:

[Archdiocesan Protocols \(English\)](#)

[Archdiocesan Protocols \(Spanish\)](#)

[Letter on the evidence-based safety of our protocols by three infectious disease specialists](#)

## **Chinese New Year Celebrations, Fundraising**

Saturday, February 20, 12:00 noon

St. Anne of the Sunset (schoolyard), 850 Judah @ Funston, San Francisco

Fr. Peter Zhai, Vicar for Chinese Ministry 415-614-5575 [zhaip@sfarch.org](mailto:zhaip@sfarch.org)

[facebook.com/ccinsf](https://facebook.com/ccinsf)

The 2021 Chinese New Year Eucharistic Celebration and Ancestors Veneration will take place February 20 at St. Anne of the Sunset schoolyard, 850 Judah at Funston in San Francisco. This drive-in Mass will be livestreamed at [facebook.com/ccinsf](https://facebook.com/ccinsf). Registration is required ([stanne-sf.eventbrite.com](https://stanne-sf.eventbrite.com)) as is a signed consent form ([stanne-sf.org/consent](https://stanne-sf.org/consent)).

The annual fundraiser banquet that usually follows the liturgy cannot take place this year due to COVID-19. Instead there is a special appeal to raise funds for Chinese Catholic ministries. For more information please contact Fr. Peter Zhai, above. [MASS FLYER](#) | [FUNDRAISER FLYER](#)

## **Please Report These Suspicious Letters**

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The local FBI office has notified the Archdiocese of a postal letter campaign that may have included some of our locations, and asks us to inform them if that has happened.

The letters implied that they were from members of Congress or the White House, contained rude/profane language, and in some cases made unspecified threats if certain actions did not cease. Some bore an Albany, NY postmark. If your parish, school, or other organization received one of these letters please advise Derek Gaskin, above, who will share the information with the FBI as they requested.

## **Earn a Certificate in Restorative Justice**

March 4 - May 13 via Zoom

Julio Escobar, Restorative Justice Ministry    [escobarj@sfarch.org](mailto:escobarj@sfarch.org)

[restorejustice.com](http://restorejustice.com)

A free certificate program on Restorative Justice is beginning in March. The series is a partnership of the California Catholic Conference Office of Restorative Justice; Santa Clara University Pastoral Ministries Program; and the Archdiocesan Restorative Justice Department. Anyone with an interest in restorative justice is encouraged to participate.

The four-part series will include presentations related to the care of the incarcerated and families, with simultaneous translation into Spanish. Sessions are 90 minutes long and cover an overview of restorative justice; trauma and compassion; spirituality; and cultural and interreligious competencies. Additional evenings are a welcome Mass (February 21) and an evening of reflection (May 20). Please visit the website above to register or for more information. [FLYER](#)

## **Start Planning Now for World Youth Day 2023 in Portugal**

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[sfarch.org/youngadults](http://sfarch.org/youngadults)

The Archdiocesan office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries is organizing a package for the 2023 World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal. This information is for individuals and groups interested in learning more about attending. Part of the plan is a hope for side trips to Assisi, the Vatican, El Camino de Santiago before ending up in Lisbon. This is an exciting, life changing event. For information and updates on the pilgrimage details please register on the website above.

## **Catholic San Francisco Invites Parish, School Events**

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The Archdiocesan newspaper "Catholic San Francisco" welcomes event listings and other community news items from parishes and schools throughout the Archdiocese. The paper will be able to share your news on website, email newsletter and print outlets. Alert us to coming events two weeks in advance if possible. Please submit to the CSF general inbox at [csf@sfarch.org](mailto:csf@sfarch.org). Christina Gray monitors the inbox and compiles event listings. She can be reached at [grayc@sfarch.org](mailto:grayc@sfarch.org). Editor Rick DeVecchio can be reached at [delvecchior@sfarch.org](mailto:delvecchior@sfarch.org).

The Bridge also invites your submissions of this type to [thebridge@sfarch.org](mailto:thebridge@sfarch.org). This internal newsletter is sent to parishes, schools, priests, deacons, and many more and is focused on providing easy-to-use information for bulletin and website editors.



## Prepare for Consecration to St. Joseph

Wednesdays, February 17 - March 17, 7:00pm via Zoom/phone

Deacon Christoph Sandoval [Rcs7777@comcast.net](mailto:Rcs7777@comcast.net)

[Cathedral website](#)

Pope Francis has named 2021 the Holy Year of St. Joseph. Join Deacon Christoph Sandoval of the Cathedral parish for a series of Zoom/telephone meetings and lectures on Wednesdays starting Ash Wednesday, February 17, through March 17. This is in preparation for a Consecration to St. Joseph on his feast day, March 19. To register please contact Deacon Sandoval, above. Additional information is available at the link above. (See also the one-day workshop on preparing for this consecration in the Events section below.)

## EVENTS

### Book Club Studies "Jesus: A Pilgrimage"

Thursday, March 4 and Tuesday, April 13, 4 pm via Zoom

Frank Lavin 415-310-8551 [franklavin@comcast.net](mailto:franklavin@comcast.net)

The Sts. Peter and Paul Don Bosco Study Group will meet next on Thursday, March 4 via Zoom to discuss the first thirteen chapters of James Martin, S.J.'s "Jesus: A Pilgrimage." The remainder of the book will be the topic of the subsequent meeting on Tuesday, April 13 (in preparation for, and in celebration of Easter). No reading is necessary to attend. Usually, there is a short Salesian topic presented first. For additional information, contact Frank Lavin, above.

### Food Pantry Donations Needed

Irish Immigration Pastoral Center (IIPC) 415-752-6006

The Pastoral Provisions Community Pantry of the Irish Immigration Pastoral Center is in need of donations of non-perishable items. Donations can be dropped off at The Convent at St. Cecilia's Parish, 2550 18th Avenue, San Francisco, between Ulloa and Vicente from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturdays and Tuesdays.

Currently there is especially a need for coffee, chili, whole grain cereal, kid-friendly snacks, cookies, tomato sauce, green tea, honey, broth, personal care items, individually-wrapped paper towels, and waxed paper.

Anyone who is in need of food at this time is invited to sign up to receive a one-week food box at this link: [linktr.ee/sfiipc](https://linktr.ee/sfiipc).

If there are any questions about the pantry or any other IIPC programs, please call the number above.

## CONCERTS

### St. Mary's Cathedral Sunday "Musical Meditations" Livestream

[St. Mary's Cathedral YouTube](#)



Enjoy the longest continuously running organ concert series in San Francisco, and other instrumental and vocal recitals as well, Sundays at 4:00 pm. For the time being, these Sunday Musical Meditations are not open to the public but are being livestreamed on the St. Mary's Cathedral YouTube channel, above.

February 21: NO RECITAL

February 28: Jin Kyung Lim, organ; with Kathy McKee, mezzo-soprano, and Colby Roberts, tenor

March 7: Federico Andreoni (Italy), Organ

March 14: David Hatt, Organ. Celebrating 50th Anniversary of the artist's first recital

March 21: Hans Uwe Hielscher (Germany), organ

## Livestream Concerts at Mission Dolores Basilica

Mission Dolores Basilica, 3321 16<sup>th</sup> St., San Francisco

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[missiondolores.org](http://missiondolores.org) [facebook.com/missiondoloresf](https://www.facebook.com/missiondoloresf)

Mission Dolores Basilica presents the Second Sunday Concert Series via Livestream on Facebook. All concerts are at 4:00 pm, unless otherwise noted. More information, and links to the livestream, are available at the website and Facebook page above. The next concert is **March 14 – Allison Lovejoy, piano.**

## RETREAT HOUSES

### Vallombrosa Retreat Center, Menlo Park

Vallombrosa Retreat Center, 250 Oak Grove Ave., Menlo Park

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[vallombrosa.org](http://vallombrosa.org)

All public retreats are now online.

**Private Retreats:** Vallombrosa Center currently offer Private Retreats for those who want private rooms for alone time, with Spiritual Direction available. Guests can enjoy the walking trails, shrines and gardens. There are both Day retreats and Overnight (no food or coffee service available in either case) – please visit <https://conta.cc/3gldQtl> to learn more.

### Catholic Cosmologies with Bro. Guy Consolmagno, President of the Vatican Observatory

Saturday, February 20, 10:00 – 11:00 am

From angels and demons to photons and quarks, we've always been curious about how the universe works. But every cosmology, from materialism to Catholicism, is based on assuming things that we may not even realize we are assuming: things we take on faith. And so our cosmologies can be as fun and quirky as the people who invented them! We'll look into the stories behind how St. Paul, St. Augustine, Galileo, Kepler, and Newton, and on up to Stephen Hawking, have all cast their own peculiar take on the big questions of the universe. Presentation includes Q&A; registration fee \$25. Registrants will have access to recording post-presentation.



### **Exploring the Roots and Meaning of Religious Fear: Trusting in a Wise, Prodigal, and Fully Empathetic God with Fr. Ron Rolheiser**

Saturday, Feb. 27, 10:00 – 11:00 am

Most of us live with too many fears in our lives. And all of us live with religious fears, fears about God, about life, and about our eternal destiny. What kind of fear is healthy in our lives and what kind is unhealthy? From where do our religious fears originate? How do we tell healthy fears from unhealthy ones? This retreat will examine the origins and the complexities of religious fear and, after giving fear its proper dues, will examine some biblical principles which invite us to live with less fear. Presentation includes Q&A; registration fee \$25. Registrants will have access to recording post-presentation.

## **El Retiro, the Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos**

300 Manresa Way, Los Altos

[jrclosaltos.org](http://jrclosaltos.org)

The Jesuit Retreat Center, El Retiro, has developed an array of spiritual resources that are available online during this time of social distancing requirements, including virtual retreats. You can look at upcoming retreats by clicking [here](#). The Center is also offering virtual Individually Directed Retreats now. If interested in an individual retreat, please email [retreat@jrclosaltos.org](mailto:retreat@jrclosaltos.org).

### **Ash Wednesday Day of Retreat**

Wednesday, February 17

Pastoral Staff

### **Conversion Journey through Lent**

Thursdays beginning February 18

Pastoral Staff

### **Four Day Directed Retreat**

Thursday, February 18 – Sunday, February 21

Pastoral Staff

### **Live Stations of the Cross (virtual)**

Fridays beginning February 19, 3:00-4:00 pm, Free

Pastoral Staff

### **Pray the Examen**

Wednesday, February 24

Fr. Andrew Rodriguez, SJ

Virtual Communal Prayer

### **Our Lenten Journey into Wholeness and Holiness**

Friday, February 26

Ms. Mary da Silva Abinante

### **Is God Enough?**

Friday, February 26 – Saturday, February 27



Fr. John Auther, S.J.  
Virtual Silent Retreat for Men

## **Mercy Center Retreats and Events, Burlingame**

Mercy Center, 2300 Adeline Dr., Burlingame  
650-340-7474 [mc@mercywmw.org](mailto:mc@mercywmw.org)  
[mercy-center.org](http://mercy-center.org)

Mercy Center's campus remains temporarily closed until further notice due to the pandemic, and looks prayerfully forward to the day when the doors can be opened once again. There is now a variety of offerings for online and at-home use. Please visit the website and sign up for the e-mail list to be informed of all upcoming programs and updates. Current offerings include:

### **Recurring Free Events:**

East-West Meditation  
Centering Prayer  
Prayer in the Style of Taizé  
Cancer Prayer Group

### **Paid Events:**

The Cosmic Web of Love (\$225), February 19 – 21  
Explore the revelatory relationship between science and spirituality

## **JOBS**

All employees of the Archdiocese of San Francisco shall be employed without regard to race, color, sex, ethnic or national origin and pursuant to the San Francisco Fair Chance Ordinance, we will consider for employment, qualified applicants with criminal histories.

### **NEW - Elementary Teachers, San Francisco**

Stella Maris Academy is seeking to recruit passionate and engaging teachers who share our vision of forming young minds and hearts through a classical liberal arts curriculum for the journey of life. We are committed to providing students with a rigorous, integrated, and authentic Catholic education. Theology integrates and the active life of faith animates our parish and school community. We seek teachers who have a strong background in the liberal arts, a passion for sharing their faith with young people, and a talent for engaging and helping students to grow in the classroom.

Candidates must have at least a Bachelors degree in a related subject. Advanced degrees and an appropriate California teaching certification are preferred. A full job description and application instructions can be found [here](#).



## **Controller, Chancery**

The Archdiocese of San Francisco has an opening for a Controller. The Controller reports to the Chief Financial Officer. Primary objective of this position: Manage the financial activities of the Central Administrative Finance Office with respect to: the accounting and reporting functions and services provided to the four Archdiocesan high schools and seminary. Primary attributes of the successful candidate: Strong mentor and manager who is detail-oriented. Must be comfortable with all types of systems; Excel, PowerPoint and GL packages. Strong understanding of Non-Profit, Fund Accounting and GAAP. Effective presenter and communicator. For a complete job description and instructions for applying, [click here](#).

## **Various Teaching Positions for 21-22 school year, Marin Catholic**

Marin Catholic, Kentfield is taking resumes for teachers to be hired in English, Math, Theology, Science, History and Spanish. For complete job descriptions and instructions for applying, please click here to visit the school Employment Page.