

St. Simon Catholic Parish Weekly Bulletin

St. Simon Catholic Parish fosters Christ-centered discipleship through life long spiritual formation, open sharing of our gifts, and active participation in our church, schools, and greater community.

Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

March 3, 2019

We All Scream for Ice Cream!!

Community FAT TUESDAY ICE CREAM SOCIAL sponsored by the Saint Simon Parish Life Group. Enjoy FREE ice cream and FREE entertainment with family and friends!! (non-dairy ice cream option available) This coming Tuesday, **March 5**. Event starts at 5:30pm; Magic Show starts at 6:30pm. Don't Miss it!



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APPEAL

Thank you to the 187 families that have given to the 2019 Annual Diocesan Appeal on behalf of our parish. We have reached 40% of our goal of \$220,283. Your generosity is gratefully accepted and respectfully used. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please prayerfully consider what you can do to help. Every gift makes a difference. You can make a one-time gift, or you can pledge an amount that is payable over ten months. We want and need your participation and your support.

Palms for Ash Wednesday

Palms will be burned this coming Monday so if you haven't returned last year's palms by this weekend's 5:00pm Mass, **please burn them at your home and return them to the earth**. Please do NOT bring them to the church or rectory. Thank you for your cooperation. ~Suzanne Fitzgerald

Living the Eucharist: Share the JOY!

The Living the Eucharist program begins Monday, **March 3**. We have 200 participants in 22 small faith sharing groups throughout our community. What a blessing that we will be journeying together this season of Lent. Please hold our small group communities in your prayers!

Soul of Christ, Love me.
Body of Christ, Feed me.
Heart of Christ, Heal me.
Passion of Christ, Strengthen me.
Embolden and reignite our faith community to be true disciples, as we believe and celebrate the mystery of LIVING THE EUCHARIST in our daily lives!
We give Glory and Praise to you forever, serving all of your people with the Saints, as One!
Amen.



Apply Now - Tijuana Mission Trip

In 2019 BASICS (Brothers and Sisters in Community Service) will be offering two one week immersion trips.

Week 1: **July 6 - 13** - This week will include home building plus special programs for Mothers, Children and Teens.

Week 2: **July 13 - 20** - This week will be for home building only.

Come and learn more about lodging, security, volunteer opportunities, travel arrangements, and how you can help even if you can't travel to Tijuana. Come and learn how this trip changes lives and communities, including ours! For questions contact Joan Mibach, jmibach@stsimon.org or for more information and a video please visit our website www.tijuanaministry.org.

Today's Readings

First Reading — One's speech shows the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he or she speaks (Sirach 27:4-7).

Second Reading — We are given victory over death through Jesus. In the Lord our labor is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:54-59).

Gospel — A good person produces good, an evil person produces evil. The mouth speaks from the goodness of the heart (Luke 6:39-45).

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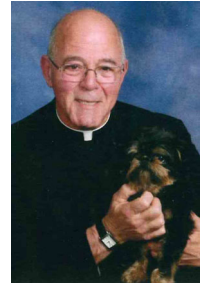
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Message from the Pastor

Our New Choir Director & Music Ministry at St. Simon

I am happy to announce the appointment of Tamami Honma as our director of the adult and children's choirs. Tamami is an internationally acclaimed concert pianist who maintains a full concert schedule. She has made TV and radio appearances across Europe and in the U.S., including performances at the prestigious Aldeburgh Festival and the Warsaw Autumn Music Festival. She was on the academic staff at the Royal Academy of Music in London before joining the faculty as a vocal coach at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. Among her many other roles, she is Assistant Conductor and rehearsal pianist for the 110-member San Jose Symphonic Choir, distinguished faculty member at the local Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA) and co-founder and Artistic Director of the Cal Arte Chamber Orchestra.



Her local community involvement has included over five years of service as CEO/President of the Saratoga Education Foundation which funds science, tech, art and music programs. She is in her ninth year of active involvement with Saratoga Cub Scouts and is past president of the PTA at Argonaut Elementary in Saratoga.

Tamami first came to St. Simon as a piano accompanist to our choirs just over a year ago. She is the mother of four, ages 7 to 14, each of whom plays the piano and a stringed instrument. They, and two of Tamami's students, will make their Carnegie Hall debut in NYC in July.

I share Tamami's optimism and enthusiasm for attracting and developing music ministers, young and old, here at St. Simon. The members of our adult and children's choir couldn't be in better hands and our parish community is made richer by her presence. If you have not yet done so, kindly introduce yourself to her and welcome her to our great community of faith. And equally important, support her ministry by encouraging participation of our many talented young and older parishioners.

Also, our Parish Youth Council is making great efforts to engage young talented singers and instrumentalists to participate in the Sunday 5:00pm Mass and our musician Tony Eiras is keen to work with and welcome those who would like to use their God given talents to give praise and thanksgiving to God. Please support and encourage especially our teens to answer this call.

Thanks and blessings,

Fr. Warwick

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Sunday, March 17 Parish Center 6:00-8:00pm

Come one, Come all! Community Celebration in the Parish Center immediately following the 5:00pm Mass. Reserve your tickets by 5:00pm **March 13**. Enjoy a scrumptious traditional meal of corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, and Irish soda bread! Irish dancers and music. If you would like to help, then go to <https://apps.stsimon.org/engage/> or please contact Tina Lipscomb at tlipscomb@stsimon.org.

Manual sign-up here. Make check payable to "St. Simon PLG."

To pay by credit card go to <http://parish.stsimon.org/>

Family Name, First Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Adults _____ \$17 each

Children _____ \$7 each (5 - 10 years old)

Pay your fee at the Rectory by March 13 at 5:00pm. Erin Go Braugh!

Donut Sunday!

Donuts, coffee, tea & juice are being served after Sunday morning Masses!

Today's Donut Sunday is being hosted by our Youth Ministry led by Aline Santos, our YM Director. Youth from Source (middle school) and Summit (high school) will be serving after the 9:00am and 11:15am Masses. Please join us and talk with our youth about their experience in Source and Summit.

St. Vincent de Paul

We're looking for things to take to the Homeless Shelters! Do you have gently used towels, (wrong color for you!) that you'd like to donate??? Or, do you have packets of diapers for children or adults that you cannot use anymore??? We'll take them to a shelter. We also need toothpaste and toothbrushes, hygiene items and cleansing products. Thanks for helping the homeless in shelters.

Visiting Ministry Information

If you are homebound and cannot attend Mass and would like Communion brought to you, or if you are lonely and would just like a visit, please call Doris DeFranco at 408-739-0974 to schedule a visit. If you are interested in visiting someone who needs uplifting and would like to join this wonderful Ministry, please attend our next meeting on Tuesday, **March 12** from 10:00-11:00am in the Rectory Conference Room.

Dear CFF/PSFF Parents/Guardians,

All Pre-School to 8th grade families in the parish are invited to attend the required Children's Faith Formation (CFF) **Lenten Workshop gathering for families this Sunday, March 3, from 10:00 AM-11:15 AM.** Family's relatives and friends are also invited to attend.

9:00am Mass option. 10:00am Donuts, coffees, drinks and socialize in Spooner Hall. 10:15 - 11:15am Family Lenten Workshop in the Parish Center. Each family will receive Lenten Season materials and a Parish Lenten Gift. 11:15am Mass is another option.

Adult Volunteers Needed

Help One Child Parent Night Out on Saturday, **March 23.**

Help One Child, a non-profit charity here in Los Altos, supports adoptive, kinship, foster and at risk families in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties. One way they do this is to host Parent Night Out events at local churches. St. Simon has generously agreed to support them in this way for a second year. In order to make this event a success we need adult volunteers to help out in a variety of ways. The evening will consist of craft activities, structured games, free play and dinner. We need adult volunteers to help out by leading the different kids age groups through the activities and in serving dinner. The age ranges are from 0 to 15 years. Volunteers need to arrive at 4:00pm and stay until 8:00pm. Please go to <https://apps.stsimon.org/engage/>. Fingerprinting and a short online course is required by the Diocese of San Jose in order to volunteer. For more information please contact Maria at mlplacer@yahoo.com.

40 Days for Life Lent Campaign

From March 6 through April 14, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. **Starting 40 Days for Life Campaign: March 6. Opening Procession: St. Leo to Planned Parenthood: March 9, 9:30am 88 Race St, San Jose, Mary Ann 408-984-4721**

Liturgical Celebrations

MASSES

Daily Mass - Monday—Friday
6:30am and 8:30am

Weekend Mass

Saturday 8:30am and
5:00pm (Sun. Observance)
Sunday 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:15am,
and 5:00pm

Holy Days of Obligation

6:30am, 8:30am and 6:30pm

Weekday National Holidays

9:00am only

School Masses

8:30am 2nd and 4th Wednesdays
of the month during the school year

DEVOTIONS

Eucharistic Adoration Tuesdays
from 9:00am to 3:30pm in the chapel.

SACRAMENTS

RCIA Youth and adults interested in exploring the Catholic Faith or completing the Sacraments of initiation, please call 650-967-8311.

Baptism Infant baptism is celebrated upon completion of our parish Baptism Preparation Program. Generally celebrated during Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. For more information contact a parish priest at the rectory, 650-967-8311.

Reconciliation 4:00pm Saturdays or by appointment, 650-967-8311.

Marriage Couples must complete Marriage Preparation. Contact a parish priest to make arrangements at least six months prior to the date of marriage, at 650-967-8311.

Sacrament of the Sick Ministers can bring communion or, anointing can be arranged, for parishioners who are ill, home-bound or in the hospital. For more information please contact the Rectory office, 650-967-8311. Also offered every first Saturday of the month at the 8:30am Mass.

Saints and Special Observances

Monday: St. Casimir

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday;

Fast and Abstinence; Almsgiving

Thursday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity

Friday: St. John of God; Abstinence

Saturday: St. Frances of Rome

Next Week's Gospel Readings

Monday: Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13;
Lk 4:1-13

St. Simon Parish Financial Results Quarter 2 Ending 12-31-2018

Dear Parishioners,

For the six months ended December 30, 2018, St. Simon Church posted a deficit of approximately \$15,000, compared to a budgeted surplus of \$44,000. Sunday Collections in the second quarter were close to budget so a thank you to those who increased their Sunday giving as requested. Total church income came in 11% under budget (actual of \$938,000 compared to budget of \$972,000) with a shortfall to budget in Sunday Collections, primarily in the first quarter, and a surplus in Gifts and Other Income. Sunday Collections for the first six months are flat compared to the prior year. Church expenses were over budget for the quarter ended December 31, 2018 due to higher benefits expense and timing of expenses for fundraising primarily for the March Auction.

Saint Simon School ended the first six months of the fiscal year with an operating surplus of approximately \$38,000, which was \$97,000 less than the budgeted surplus of \$135,000. Tuition for the first six months remains under budget due to the mix of in-parish versus out-of-parish tuition and higher than planned financial aid. The school expenses were over budget for the period primarily due to higher benefits cost and a \$50,000 required, but unplanned spend on new textbooks.

The Teacher Endowment Fund (TEF) incurred a loss of \$36,000 for the first six months of the fiscal year. TEF expenses were \$32,000 for teacher expense funding and the net loss on investments (income less unrealized loss on investments) for the first six months was \$4,000. At December 31, 2018, the total assets of the TEF were \$1.618 million.

The St. Simon Parish Endowment for Tuition Assistance was launched in October 2017 with the objective of providing tuition support to enable families with a financial need to enroll their children at St. Simon Parish School. Gifts made to the endowment will be matched up to \$250,000 via a matching program provided by a St. Simon family. As of December 31, 2018, \$123,800 has been raised and matched. While we are close to halfway there, we need to raise the final amount by October 31, 2019 to receive the full match. Donations for the 3 months ended December 31, 2018 were \$15,000 compared to \$52,000 for the same period last year. While we know you receive many requests for donations, please do consider this request.

We believe in transparency in the financial operations of St. Simon Church and School. Complete financial statements are available for your review in the parish office. If you have any questions regarding our financial position, please contact any of the Parish Finance Council members. Thank you for your continued gifts of time, treasure and talent.

Sincere regards, St. Simon Parish Finance Council

Don McGovern - Chair Iris Mejias, Co-Chair Roger Biscay Joshua Bligh John Cadeddu Christine Doyle Renee Jordan
Fr. Warwick James Anthony Matusich Fr. Mendie Nguyen Fr. Maurice Igboreka Joan Mibach Ryan Roth Nick Tsiagkas

St. Simon Church Income Statement Performance <small>(Dollars in Thousands)</small>	Actual Qtr. Ended 12/31/2018	Budget Qtr. Ended 12/31/2018	Q2 Notes	Actual YTD 12/31/2018	Budget YTD 12/31/2018	2018-2019 Annual Budget
<u>Income</u>						
Sunday Collections	\$351	\$355	A	\$598	\$651	\$1,244
Gifts, Other Income	134	143	B	340	321	774
Total Income	\$485	\$498		\$938	\$972	\$2,018
<u>Expenses</u>						
Staff Salaries & Benefits	255	\$252		\$481	\$506	\$1,006
Admin & Cathedraticum	53	46		100	91	186
Ministry Programs	51	46		79	70	162
Facilities	71	69		158	164	329
Gifts & Donations & Fundraising	74	27	C	94	55	259
Taxes, Insurance & Interest	25	26		41	42	72
Total Expense	\$529	\$466		\$953	\$928	\$2,014
Net Loss from Operations	-\$44	\$32		-\$15	\$44	\$4
Less Spending from Reserves			D	-\$66		
Net Operating Cash				-\$81		

Note A: Sunday Collections down 8% to budget and flat with previous year.

Note B: Income from gifts and donations lower than planned and higher than planned for credit card gifts for school teacher gifts, Father Murray Tournament, Teacher Fund.

Note C: Includes unbudgeted payment of credit card sales for the benefit of the school, and auction expenses planned for third quarter.

Note D: Includes restricted scholarship funds paid to the school and capital spending for Baptismal font, concrete gutter and security cameras.

Saint Simon School Income Statement Performance (Dollars in Thousands)	Actual Qtr. Ended 12/31/2018	Budget Qtr. Ended 12/31/2018	Q2 Notes	Actual YTD 12/31/2018	Budget YTD 12/31/2018	2018-2019 Annual Budget
Income						
Tuition	\$1,167	\$1,182	A	\$1,918	\$1,964	\$3,939
Fees, Donations, Fundraising, Other	51	63		439	401	556
Programs	108	82		163	148	279
Total Income	\$1,326	\$1,327		\$2,520	\$2,513	\$4,774
Expenses						
Staff Salaries & Benefits	\$1,058	\$1,026	B	\$1,941	\$1,868	\$3,871
Instruction, Technology, Fees, Supplies	111	99	C	253	222	469
Facilities & Maintenance	106	107		222	212	419
Programs	5	3		66	76	13
Total Expense	\$1,280	\$1,235		\$2,482	\$2,378	\$4,772
Net Surplus from Operations	\$46	\$92		\$38	\$135	\$2
Other Income						
Spending from Reserves	0			-4		
Gain/Loss from Student Activities	32			20		
Unrealized Gain on Teacher Fund Invest.	-69			-36		
Net All Surplus	\$9	\$92		\$18	\$168	\$2
Less Capital Spending From Reserves	-26		D	-64		
Net Operating Cash	-\$17			-\$46		

Note A: Includes higher than planned financial aid and tuition discounts.

Note B: Salaries higher than planned and variance on actual vs. health benefit costs.

Note C: New textbooks and learning materials costs higher than planned.

Note D: Spending from reserves for student garden project, exterior classroom doors, and driveway safety bollards ordered.

St. Simon Church and School Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet		
(dollars in thousands)	As of 12-31-2018	As of 6-30-2018
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Operating Cash	\$1,712	\$1,422
Restricted and Designated Cash	2,482	2,609
Accounts Receivable	68	36
Other Assets	7	55
Total Current Assets	4,269	4,122
Fixed Assets (less accumulated depreciation)	5,202	5,307
Total Assets	\$9,471	\$9,429
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Accrued Expenses	\$439	\$442
Deferred Revenue	133	106
Accounts Payable	38	38
Other Current Liabilities	16	4
Total Current Liabilities	626	590
Total Unfunded Pension Liability*	4,658	
Total Liabilities	\$5,285	\$590
EQUITY		
Teacher Endowment Fund	1,618	1,655
Restricted & Designated Funds	2,248	2,050
Fixed Assets in Net Assets	5,202	5,307
Unrestricted Current Assets	-4,885	253
Expected Unrestricted Cash Growth (Net Income)	3	-426
Total Equity	4,186	\$8,839
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$9,471	\$9,429

*Unfunded pension liability for the school and parish recognized 7-1-2018 per Diocesan instruction. The full liability balance hit retained earnings thus the negative unrestricted asset balances. This liability is being reduced each year by the Diocese collecting 15.65% per payroll dollar for pension expense. The actual cost of the pension plan is lower than this and the difference over time will fund the pension.

Our Parish Family

Please keep in your prayers our new members, those who are in need of prayers and those who have preceded us to the Father. To place your name here, please contact Darcy at [650-967-8311](tel:650-967-8311).

Baptisms:

Marriages:

Banner Birthdays: Lisa Schaffer, Michael Pollano, Christina Chechelski, Patricia Sweeney, Toni Thornton, Carol-Lynn Barsky, Mary McCarthy, Jean-Paul Napaa, Gary Martin, Michael Troedson

Banner Anniversaries:

email dyaley@stsimon.org to let us know your wedding date for the database. Thank you.

“New” Parishioners:

Sick: William and Christine Brugnoli, Lorraine Croft, Connie Hall, Tina and Walter Koza, Lisa McBride, Anita Patton, Virginia Paulos, Angie Schynert, Nancy Teubert, Erin Turullols, Barbara Turner, Michelle Vagnati, Art Woods

Deaths:

Mission Doctors Retreat

Mission Doctors Association will offer the 2019 West Coast Retreat/Seminar, **March 29-31** for Catholic Doctors, Dentists, Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants considering short-term mission service. This will be held at Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles. This weekend is offered free of charge to those considering serving at a Mission Hospital or Clinic. Visit www.MissionDoctors.org or call the office for more information [213-368-1872](tel:213-368-1872).

Mass Intentions for March 2/3

Sat., Mar. 2	8:30am	Sp. Int. the Gonsalves Family	Fr. Warwick
	5:00pm	For All St. Simon Parishioners	Fr. Mendie
Sun., Mar. 3	7:30am	Bart Bartolotti	Fr. Maurice
	9:00am	Efrain Alvarez	Fr. Mendie
		Forum Residents' Mass	Fr. Stephen, MM
	11:15am	Sp. Int. of Bill Sommers	Fr. Maurice
	5:00pm	Bernice D'Arcy	Fr. Warwick
Mon., Mar. 4	6:30am	June & Gaetano Giurlani	Msgr. Mitchell
	8:30am	James D'Arcy	Fr. Maurice
Tues., Mar. 5	6:30am	Sp. Int. of the Dzigurski Family	Fr. Mendie
	8:30am	Sang Kyu Choi	Fr. Maurice
Wed., Mar. 6	6:30am	Margaret Teresi	Fr. Warwick
	8:30am	Susan Mackey	Fr. Maurice
STUDENTS PRESENT			
	6:30pm	For All St. Simon Parishioners	Fr. Mendie
Thur., Mar. 7	6:30am	David Volz	Fr. Mendie
	8:30am	Margaret Teresi	Fr. Warwick
Fri., Mar. 8	6:30am	The Firnstahl Family	Fr. Warwick
	8:30am	Sp. Int. of Paul Sullivan	Fr. Warwick
Sat., Mar. 9	8:30am	Jenn & Cecilia Shushereba	Fr. Maurice
	5:00pm	Kevin Van Meter	Fr. Warwick
Sun., Mar. 10	7:30am	Eleanor Jensen	Fr. Mendie
	9:00am	For All St. Simon Parishioners	Fr. Warwick
		Forum Residents' Mass	Fr. Maurice
	11:15am	Marcos Alberto Robles Perez	Fr. Mendie
	5:00pm	Jenn & Cecilia Shushereba	Fr. Maurice

* PPI = Priest's Personal Intention.

PLG Cash Calendar

Congratulations to this week's \$100 Cash Calendar winner: **I. Ronda**.

The *2018-2019 Parish Life Group Cash Calendar* renews our goal to minimize the number of “asks” for donations throughout the year while still continuing to fund the programs, facilities and services that are so vital for our parish community. We have brought in over \$59.5K this year, thank you! If you have any questions about Cash Calendar, please contact Shona Inglis at shona_inglis@hotmail.com or Angela Schaufler at angelademeter@hotmail.com.



Sharing the Gifts of Treasure

Following is the budgeted and actual money received from Sunday and Holy Day collections: as of February 24, 2019.

YTD Budgeted	\$792,774.
YTD Collected	\$745,443.
YTD Variance	(47,331.)

Join over 450 fellow parishioners who now enjoy the convenience of safe, secure and easy Online Giving. Please visit: <http://parish.stsimon.org/online-giving> to sign up today.

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