



Updates & Happenings From Camp St. Francis

Please Join Us For

Sunday Evening Mass
- In The Chapel

**Note time change in November*

October

- Sunday, October 20th at **5pm**

November

- Sunday, November 3rd at **4pm**
- Sunday, November 17th at **4pm**



Dear Friends of Camp St. Francis,

A full and active summer has ended at Camp St. Francis, and a new school year has begun. We want to update you on the summer events and some of the good we have been able to accomplish with great thanks to the many that support our mission here at Camp St. Francis.

- From June 5th -12th our **Salesian Youth Leadership Camp (SYLC)** was held. This special week hosted 90 young people from all of our Salesian presences within the province, along with Salesian staff that trained students in areas of leadership so that these young leaders can go back to their sites and put their new leadership skills to do good work in their own communities.
- **Salesian Summer Camp began** with staff training on June 27th and our first week of campers arriving on June 30th and concluded on July 27th. The first three weeks hosted an average of 30 campers and the last week of camp, which was open to both boys and girls, ended with over 90 campers in addition to the counselors and staff. (*Note: Camp is only offered to boys the first three weeks because during that time Salesian sisters have a long standing tradition of hosting summer camp for girls.*) Salesian camp staffers worked very hard to create a memorable time for the campers.
 - During the Salesian Summer Camp weeks, we only charged for the number of campers in attendance at half the regular camp facility rate and did not include any camp staffers or Salesian staff in our numbers for use of facility. We cut expenses quite a bit for the Salesian community.
 - Due to very generous donations from our many friends of Camp St. Francis, we were excited to help families by subsidizing some campers in full and others partially, in addition to cutting rental fees in half. I am so very grateful to our wonderful and supportive community here at Camp St. Francis that do so very much to support our mission and provide these wonderful experiences to our youth. THANK YOU!
- Camp St. Francis provided facilities for several other groups, both religious and non-religious, hosting summer camps for young people. It has been an active and fun-filled summer for many groups from around the area and outside of our community as well.
 1. **Stellar Leadership, Inc.** had camp for about 100 girls from June 16th - 23rd along with 20 staff members.
 2. **Salesian Boys and Girls Club of San Francisco** had about 100 boys and 15 staff members for their summer camp from August 3rd - 10th.
 3. St. Pius X group ran a girls camp from July 28th - August 3rd and their boys camp from August 11th -17th with each group having over 100 participants along with 15 staff members.
 4. **Salesian Novice Retreat** was held from August 19th - 22nd.



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Camp St. Francis Friends' Annual Gathering and Mass was held on Sunday, September 22nd at 3pm. Fr. Mel Trinidad, Salesian Provincial presided. Fr. Ted Montemayor, Br. Tom Mass, and Fr. Marcos Castillo, and our Salesian Sisters from the Corralitos community joined us for our wonderful community gathering. We were blessed to have over 110 well wishers participate in the joyful celebration and stay to enjoy and afternoon together with a delicious dinner that followed.

As we work to foster a warm and welcoming relationship with our neighbors in the area, we sent out a letter to introduce our facility, Salesians, our ministry and welcome those interested to attend mass held every 1st and 3rd Sunday evening of the month. Among the few replies I received, I would like to quote one: ***"Thank you for the very nice letter we received earlier this month. I live on Via Novella, the street closest to your camp. We think it is an asset to have a facility such as yours on our neighborhood. Any "noise" we hear is happy noise and thank you for inviting us to join in some of the activities."***

Warm Regards,

Father Joseph Paradayil
Camp St. Francis

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Aptos, CA 95003

Please Save The Date and Share:

We invite you all to join us during the upcoming Christmas season for a community gathering after Mass on December 15th. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us after Mass for Wine & Appetizers and Great Conversation!!

*****More information coming soon.***

