From the Desk of the Pastor ....

The world has become a lot smaller. Today people live closer to each other than ever before. We depend on each other to an extent we did not in the past. Therefore the influence we have on each other is greater than ever before. By the very nature of our calling, we are expected to be always aware that the way we live our lives, what we say and do, our attitudes and our actions, our freedom of speech and our boundaries, affects the lives of those around us, for better or for worse.

This becomes very important and consequential for all of us: For young people vis-à-vis one another; for married people, vis-à-vis their spouses; for parent’s vis-à-vis their children; for employers vis-à-vis their employees, for neighbors, vis-à-vis one another; and so on.

Here are some examples of the way we can be a scandal to another person: You are a scandal to me when you are unkind or unjust in the way you treat me. You make me feel small. You damage my self-confidence.

You are a scandal to me when you fail to understand my weakness, faults, mistakes, and sins, and write me off as a result of them. When you condemn me, you make me feel that I am evil.

You are scandal to me when you humiliate me because I do not live up to your expectations. You hurt my pride and damage my self-image.

But you also can be a stepping-stone to me when you support me in moments of weakness and doubt.

You are a stepping-stone to me when I am feeling inadequate and you help me discover the special talents God had given me. You are a stepping-stone to me when you forgive me. You liberate me from my past, and I am free to move forward again.

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THE QUASIQUECENENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS ON SALE

The Quasiquincentennial commemorative items: T-Shirts (small, medium, large and x-large), Totes, Wine Glasses and Coffee Mugs will be on sale for one last time in front of the Church on Saturday, September 29, after the 4:30pm Liturgy, and on Sunday, September 30, after all the liturgies.

Blessing of the animals will be on Thursday October 4

On the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, the co-patron of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, there will be a special Blessing for animals, after the 9:00 am mass. All pets and their caretakers/guardians are invited to attend this Blessing ceremony at the front of the Church on 19 Saint Mary's Avenue at 9:30am.

ROSA RALLY

Rosary Rally, “Call to Prayer” will take place at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, on Saturday October 6, 2018. The schedule of events are as follows: 9 am the rosary will be recited, confession will be available at 10 am. Young People’s Rosary Rally Mass will be 11:30 am followed by a Procession, the renewal of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, crowning of the image of the Cathedral Image of Our lady of Guadalupe, ending with Benediction.

Blessing of the animals: October 4

St. Francis was born in 1182 in Assisi. He was the son of a rich merchant. He received a good education, and in the beginning followed the ways of the world. He was taken prisoner in the battle between the Assissians and Perugians. During his imprisonment he experienced a vision from Christ and changed his life completely. After his release he decided to abandon everything for Christ. He left all his possessions and embraced complete poverty, taking the Gospel as his rule of life. His father became extremely displeased at his action and disinherited him. In 1220 he founded a new order. Later in life, Francis received a vision that left him with the stigmata, the marks resembling the wounds Jesus Christ suffered when he was crucified. During his life he also developed a deep love of nature and animals and is known as the patron saint of the environment and animals; his life and words have had a lasting resonance with millions of followers across the globe because he preached peace. St Francis died on October 4, 1226.

Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone’s pastoral visit to St. John the Evangelist Parish: October 7, 2018

On his weekend visits to Parishes, he presides at two masses. In our Parish he will offer the 9:30 am and 12:30 pm masses. He will meet with the people of St. John the Evangelist Parish after the Sunday Masses, the Religious Education Staff in between masses and the Parish Councils after the Masses.

He will visit St. John's School on Friday, October 5, 2018. He will meet with the students and the faculty of the school.

NOT AGAINST US...Jesus corrects his disciples when they saw people who were not of their company casting out demons and doing other works such as Jesus had done. Jesus points out that no one who does a good deed in his name can be opposed to him at the same time.