

St. Francis Catholic Kitchen Newsletter January 2023

“St. Francis is...One Mission,
Two Programs...graciously providing food,
clothing, shelter, and new opportunities
to those in need,
with dignity and love since 1982.”

To help carry on the charitable work
of the soup kitchen program,
please mail your donation check to:

St. Francis Catholic Kitchen
205 Mora Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Checks designated for the transitional
shelter program may be mailed directly to:

Jesus Mary Joseph Home
132 Lennox ST
Santa Cruz, CA 95060



Or, send your gift using PayPal on the website:
stfrancissoupkitchen.org



**In Memoriam. Patricia Gorman
Beloved Director of JMJ Home**

REJOICE! IT'S NEW DAWN, IT'S A NEW DAY!



FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT...

As we celebrate the 40th anniversary of
SFCK in 2023, we open a new chapter called,

“REMEMBER, REMODEL, REBUILD.”

REMEMBER...

- Our founder, the late Fr. Peter Carota, whose vision of Christian service lives on in our mission and two programs!
- Our beloved, dedicated JMJ director, the late Pat Gorman, whose sudden passing in September brought about great challenges and deep sadness.
- Our compassionate food donors, benefactors, and volunteers who have faithfully supported our mission and programs for forty years. Thank you.
- The ongoing work of Richard Crowe at the soup kitchen. Richard has devoted over 20 years to feeding the hungry and caring for the homeless. Thank you!

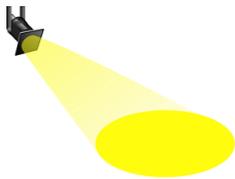
REMODEL...Starting in December 2022, soup kitchen remodeling projects are being undertaken with generous partnership funding by **Second Harvest Food Bank**. What good news! After 40 years, many kitchen upgrades are necessary!

REBUILD...How difficult it will be to replace Pat! Nonetheless, her legacy of love at JMJ will go on. Please pray for the board, currently searching for a new Program Director. (See the website for a job description.) Perhaps you know of a candidate who shares Pat's selfless love and dedication to Christ? Call me at 831-427-1380. May God bless you!

Sincerely, President Wayne Shaffer



Pat was an inspiration, mentor, and friend to many. Her dedication to Christ and to others was unceasing. JMJ was her vocation!



Morgan Wiley, new SFCK board member

Morgan says, "A community is only as healthy as its weakest member and only as wealthy as its most deprived. I am honored to serve as part of an organization who meets people where they are by offering a meal, seat at the table, second chances, and the opportunity to heal. Through my background and career in leadership development, social change, and building relationships, I hope to bring more visibility and partnership to this important work happening in our community."

Indoor dining and services will fully resume when safe to do so, as determined by public health, and when remodeling projects funded by **Second Harvest Food Bank** are completed. Thank you, SHFB--you are awesome!

During the hubbub of construction, kitchen volunteers will continue to prepare lunches and to hand out personal items, every Monday through Friday. More kitchen crew volunteers are needed on Mondays, as well as lunchtime monitors M-F. Volunteers receive orientation and training, and are asked to sign up for one weekday a week.



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Please consider making a donation to help with expenses.



Thanks to generous donors, St. Francis is able to provide basics--all at no cost--to homeless and hungry guests every weekday throughout the year. Kitchen guests receive nutritious brown bag lunches, ponchos, masks, socks, underwear, and hygiene kits. Nearly **30,000 meals** were served from March 2020 to December 2022, including hot meals at Thanksgiving & Christmas, thanks to Five Star Catering, Families of Holy Cross, Mt. Hermon Conference Center, Martinelli's, and Safeway. Gifts were donated by Valley Churches United.



St. Francis Catholic Kitchen is a non-profit 501c3 charitable organization founded by the late Father Peter Carota in 1983.



"The one who practices mercy does not fear death. And why does he not fear it? Because he looks death in the face in the wounds of his brothers and sisters, and he overcomes it with the love of Jesus Christ." – Pope Francis

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CHRISTMAS 2022 SOUP KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS