



# St. Simon Community Cash Calendar Raffle



Dear St. Simon Parish Community,

Over the last ten years *St. Simon Parish Life Group Cash Calendar Raffle* has raised over **\$500,000** in donations to support our education and faith formation programs, our parish ministries and outreach efforts, and investment in and maintenance of our parish and school facilities.

Through your generosity over the years, here are some examples of how we were able to invest in our programs, outreach, and facilities;

- **\$100,314** in cash prizes have been distributed to raffle prize winners.
- **Over \$110,000** has been distributed to various organizations in support of our outreach efforts for the homeless, the Tijuana Ministry, relief to those suffering from natural disasters including hurricane, fire and floods, and financial support to other parishes in our Diocese.
- **\$290,586** has been spent in support of our education and faith formation programs, our ministries and campus wide facilities. **2022-2023 Projects** include:
  - Investment in music and arts for the enhancement of liturgies, including the production of *Job*, the Musical and visiting artists like Francesca LaRosa.
  - Church Technology Upgrades.
  - Tijuana Ministry outreach to help build three homes.
  - Supplies and training materials for Catechesis of the Good Shepard, our Montessori style Preschool of Religion program.
  - Computer upgrades for teachers and classrooms.
  - Shade structure for preschool entrance.
  - Tree replacement throughout the campus.
  - Increased subscription for Give Us This Day daily prayer books for general distribution to parishioners.

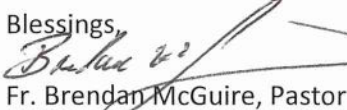
As we kick off our 2023-2024 raffle, we want to remind you that the *St. Simon Parish Life Group Cash Calendar Raffle* is a parish wide, united fundraising effort which minimizes the number of "asks" for donations throughout the academic year. Your participation helps to fund parish wide initiatives so vital to our entire community. We ask each family within our Parish and School to consider purchasing three books of virtual raffle tickets at \$100 per book (total of \$300). If you prefer not to participate in the raffle, you may make a donation in place of purchasing tickets.



You can purchase tickets by going to [Cash Calendar Raffle](#) or by scanning the QR code. Online tickets are sold in books of 10 at \$10 per ticket. For every ticket purchased your name goes into the drawing for a chance to win cash prizes. All names stay in the drawing for the year. For those who prefer paper tickets, they will be available at the Rectory office. Stop by between 9 am and 4 pm, call 650-880-1401 or email Shona Jesensky at [cashcalendar@stsimon.org](mailto:cashcalendar@stsimon.org).

**Don't miss our first two \$1,000 drawings, which will be held at the Parish BBQ on Saturday, September 9th. You do not need to be present to win.**

We are looking forward to a great year of the *St. Simon Parish Life Group Cash Calendar*. If you have any questions, please contact Shona Jesensky at [cashcalendar@stsimon.org](mailto:cashcalendar@stsimon.org). Thank you for your continued, much appreciated support.

Blessings,  
  
Fr. Brendan McGuire, Pastor

  
Ann Kozlovsky, Principal

## Cash Calendar Frequently Asked Questions

### When are the raffle drawings?

Drawings are held at the following parish events. Get your tickets in early for the September 9th BBQ drawings!

St. Simon Parish Fall BBQ	9/9	2x \$1,000 prizes	Volunteer Dinner	1/20	2x \$500 prizes
Monster Mash	10/20	2x \$500 prizes	Fr. Murray Basketball Tournament	1/26	2x \$500 prizes
Turkey Bingo	11/16	2x \$250 prizes	Sundae on Tuesday	2/13	2x \$500 prizes
Ladies Christmas Dinner	12/10	2x \$500 prizes	St. Patrick's Day Dinner	3/17	2x \$500 prizes
Plus 27 Weekly \$100 Drawings					

### Why are we having a Cash Calendar?

The Cash Calendar is a raffle and runs under the guidelines outlined by the Diocese of San Jose and the State of California. We are eliminating many parish-sponsored fundraising efforts and the constant "ask". The St. Simon School Walk-A-Thon, biennial Parish Auction, and other parish social events will continue.

### How does it work?

Raffle tickets are \$10 each, in booklets of 10 tickets. Our goal is for each family to purchase 30 tickets. "Virtual" tickets are sold on line and go into the drawing at the time of the sale. Paper tickets are also available in the Parish Office. The entire Parish is participating in the Cash Calendar, including the School families, Children's Faith Formation, Middle School Youth Ministry, High School Youth Ministry, and other parish ministry groups.

### Is my purchase of raffle tickets tax deductible?

Tickets are sold for a chance to win cash prizes. Your purchase of raffle tickets is not considered a tax-deductible donation. If you wish to support our parish ministries with a tax-deductible donation, mark your online Cash Calendar gift as a donation, or mark with your check made out to "St. Simon Parish" and include the memo, "Cash Calendar Donation." For donations, no tickets with your name will go into the drawing.

### When does the Saint Simon Cash Calendar run?

The Cash Calendar raffle runs annually August through May of the following year. Winners do not need to be present to win. Winning tickets are put back into the drawing to continue your chance to win prizes.

### How do I buy tickets?

Our Cash Calendar Raffle is virtual. Please go to [Cash Calendar Raffle](#) or scan the QR code to purchase your tickets. With each ticket you purchase your name will go into the drawing. More tickets purchased equals more opportunity for winning! While we prefer you purchase tickets on line, you may also purchase paper tickets, or make a donation to the Cash Calendar, by sending your check to the Rectory office, 1860 Grant Road, Los Altos, Ca. 94024. You may purchase raffle tickets for your own use, or encourage family and friends to purchase by sending them this link.



### How are winners notified?

Winners are notified by phone, email and/or mail. We publish the winner's last name in the Church bulletin.

**Winning tickets are re-entered for a chance to win again.**