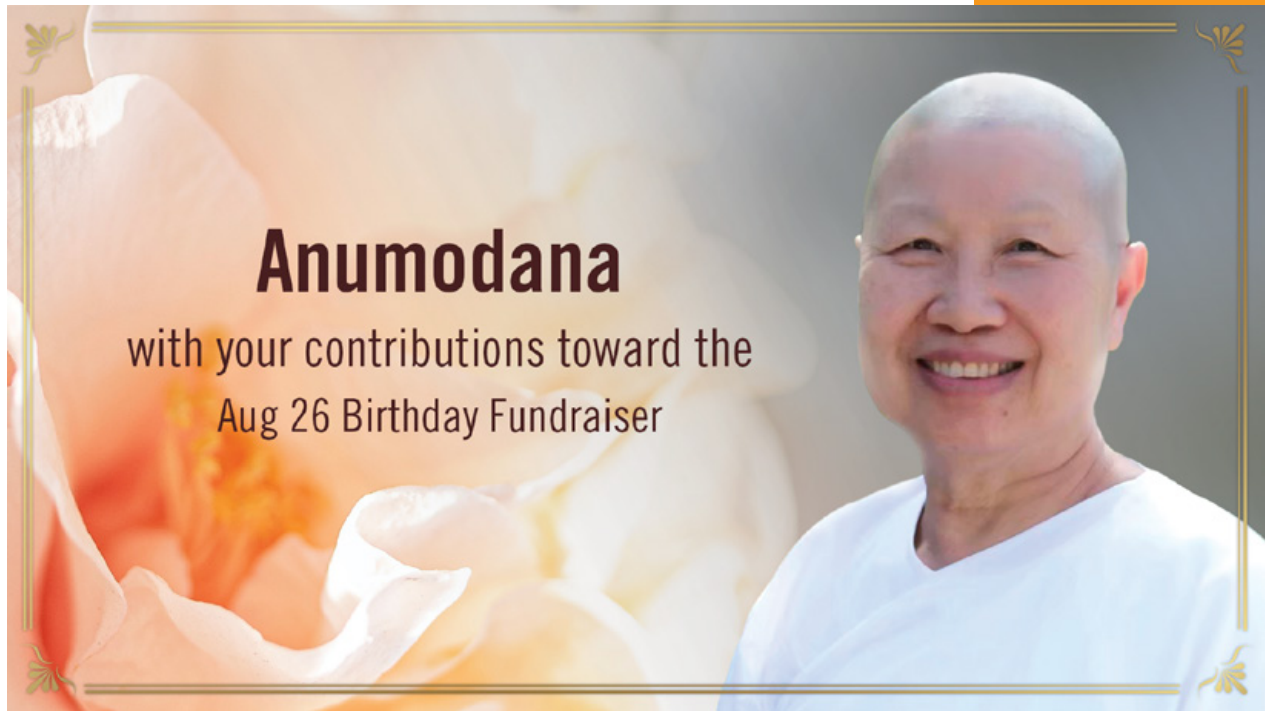




Sawasdee!

The end of the 2023 Vassa (rains retreat) is almost upon us. You know what that means - it's Kathina season! Before the Vassa is over, let's catch you up on what's going on and what's coming up.

San Fran Dhammaram Temple's Fundraisers



Aug 26 Birthday Fundraiser

A fundraiser is held every August 26 in honor of Mae Chee Yo's birthday. This year, Mae Chee Yo pledged to contribute the entirety of the birthday fundraiser to Wat San Fran's animation project.

The total amount of contributions from US and Thai donors was \$21,081.20

Anumodana with your charitable contributions.

Upcoming Fundraiser



The image shows the cover of the 2024 calendar for Wat San Fran. It is a split-panel illustration. The left panel shows a man with long dark hair, a beard, and a blue loincloth, holding a sword with a red hilt. He has blood on his chest and shoulder. The background is a dark blue night sky with stars. The right panel shows a bald monk in a golden robe, holding a black alms bowl. The background is a bright orange and yellow sunset or sunrise sky. The text '2024 CALENDAR' is written in small white letters above 'WAT SAN FRAN' in large white letters at the bottom of the illustration.

Help contribute to the cost of Wat San Fran's 2024 Calendar

\$20 covers the cost of 6 calendars

2024 Calendar Printed Fundraiser

Every year, Wat San Fran publishes an illustrated color calendar with Dhamma teachings from Acariya Thoon. The calendars are freely available in Thailand and the United States. If you would like to contribute to the cost of our 2024 calendar, please do so through the channels below. \$20 covers the cost of 6 calendars.

To donate: [Venmo](#) | [PayPal](#) | [DonorBox](#)

Upcoming Fundraiser



Make it easier for good things to enter your life

Repair Backyard Stairs

Estimated cost
\$1,000–\$2,000
Please donate below

WAT SAN FRAN

Back Stairs Fundraiser

Recently we discovered that the stairs leading into the library from the back yard were damaged. Upon removing the damaged wood, we found many problems and have decided to replace the staircase. This will take a lot of work and materials, but the monks of the temple are keen to tackle this job. We would appreciate help from anyone with construction experience.

We do not know the cost of the project yet, but we expect it to be in the range of \$1,000–\$2,000. If you would like to be a sponsor for this project, please donate below.

To donate: Venmo | PayPal | DonorBox

Upcoming Events



Mobile Consular Services

Thai passport & Thai ID renewal
Sep 30-Oct 1
at San Fran Dhammaram Temple
To schedule an appointment, visit
<https://thaiconsulatela.thaiembassy.org>

Mobile Consular Services

The Royal Thai Consulate will offer mobile consular services at San Fran Dhammaram Temple on September 30, 2023, and October 1, 2023.

Services Available:

- Thai Passport Renewal: Please note that Thai Passport Renewal is reserved for those who have registered for an appointment through the consulate's website. ([click here](#))
- Thai Identification Card Renewal: No appointment is required for Thai Identification card services.

We encourage all individuals holding Thai nationality to take advantage of this opportunity to renew their passport and ID card services at our temple.

Upcoming Events

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End of the vassa

End of Vassa

Please join us in celebrating the end of the 2023 vassa (rains retreat) at San Fran Dhammaram Temple on Sunday, October 29. There will be an alms round in front of the temple at 10:45 a.m. in the “Tak Bat Devo” tradition. This will commemorate the day the Buddha returned to Earth after blessing his mother and other devas in the Tavatimsa heaven during his seventh rains retreat. The event will include a food offering and a Dhamma sermon.

Schedule

10:45 a.m. Alms round

11:00 a.m. Lunch offering

11:15 a.m. Sermon from Phra Kru Palat Anandapanyo

12:00 p.m. Sangha-dana offering

Wat San Fran's 2023 Kathina



Sun Nov 12 at 10 a.m.
Hall of Flowers (9th Ave & Lincoln Way), Golden Gate Park

Please join us in sponsoring and attending San Fran Dhammaram Temple's 2023 Kathina fundraiser event at the Hall of Flowers (9th Ave & Lincoln Way) in Golden Gate Park on Sunday, November 12, 2023.

The funds raised at this year's Kathina will contribute to paying the remaining mortgage of \$1,818,114 on Akaliko (our women's practice center), the cost of operating the temple, travel expenses for monks, the cost of health insurance, YouTube projects such as Animated Buddhist Stories, and the operating costs of the Wat San Fran School.

This year, Saturday November 11 is the 15th anniversary of Acariya Thoon's passing. We will have a special Abhidhamma Chanting in his honor at 6 p.m. Please come join us to remember our teacher. After the chanting, our abbot Phra Kru Palat Arnold Anandapanyo will give a Dhamma sermon.

Saturday, November 11, 2023

San Fran Dhammaram Temple

All day - Preparations for the Kathina

6:00 p.m. Abhidhamma Chanting
by the monks

7:00 p.m. Dhamma Sermon by
Phra Kru Palat Arnold
Anandapanyo

Sunday, November 12, 2023

Hall of Flowers at Golden Gate Park

10:00 a.m. Alms round
10:30 a.m. Food offering
12:00 p.m. Sangha-dana offering
12:30 p.m. Kathina ceremony
2:30 p.m. Performance by
Wat San Fran School
students

Upcoming Events



Kathina Sponsorship levels

\$1,000
principal sponsor

\$100
group sponsor

To donate: Venmo | PayPal | DonorBox

Eight Precept Observance

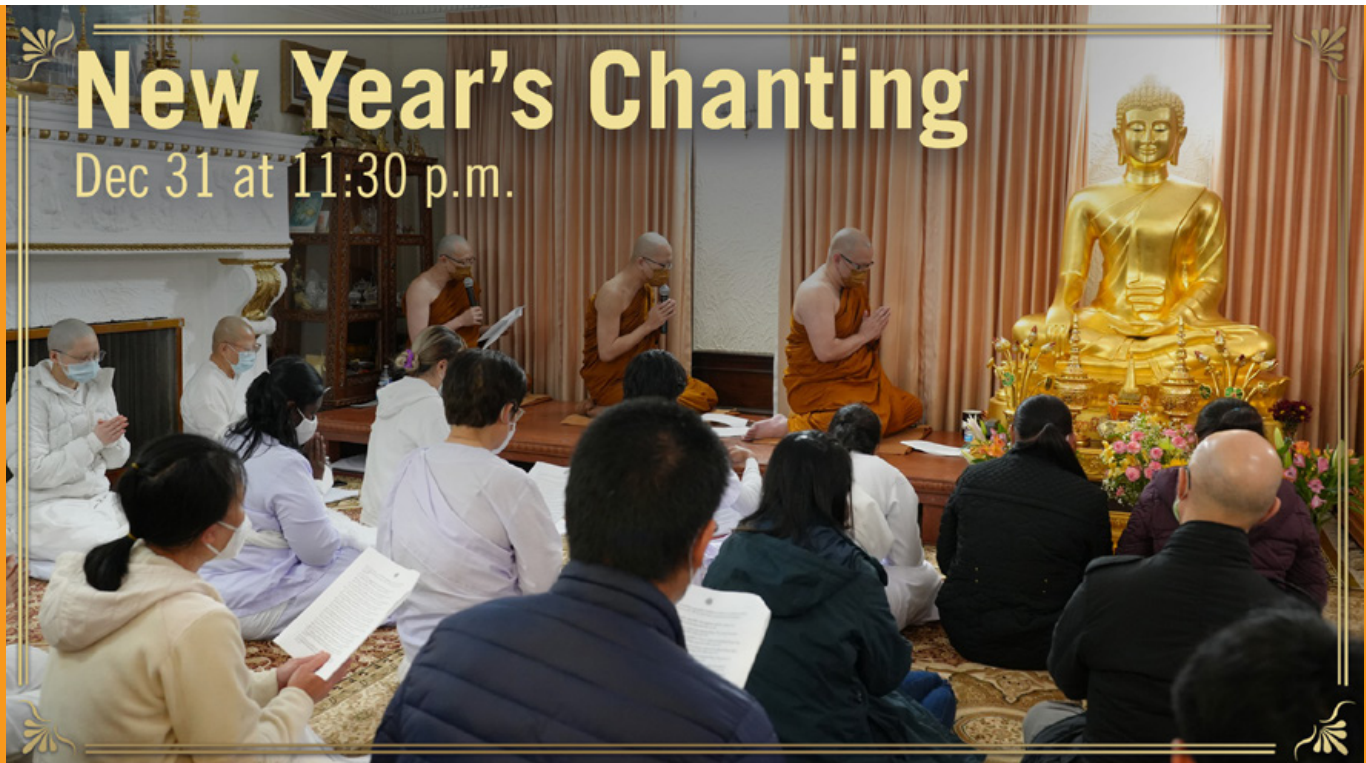
Join us on
the following dates:
Sept 22–24
Oct 27–29
Nov 10–12
Dec 29–Jan 1



Upon arriving, you will formally receive the Eight Precepts. Over the weekend, you will participate in daily chantings, lunch offerings, hear sermons, and read Dhamma books. If you have any questions, the monks and nuns are happy to guide you in your search for answers. Participants are allowed to spend the night at the temple (men) or Akaliko (women).

Reserve your spot now by contacting us at watsanfran@yahoo.com or (415) 753-0857.

Upcoming Events



New Year's Chanting

Every New Year's Eve, we gather to chant blessings to bid farewell to the old year and welcome the new one. The chanting will start at 11:30 p.m. on December 31 and end at 12:15 a.m. on January 1.

Start off the New Year with meritorious deeds by taking part in our Eight Precept observance program from Friday, December 29 at 7 a.m. to Monday, January 1 at 7 a.m. Receive the Eight Precepts Friday morning and spend your time studying the Dhamma, chanting, doing volunteer work at the temple, and learning Dhamma through various activities. Participants are allowed to spend the night at the temple (men) or Akaliko (women). Reserve your spot now by contacting us at watsanfran@yahoo.com or (415) 753-0857.



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Congratulations WSF School Graduates

SUMMER
2023



Highlight from Graduation Day

Congratulations to Wat San Fran School's student for graduating summer school! They received their certificates at the Boathouse on Lake Merced on August 5, 2023. We are so proud of our little ones and their efforts. They worked hard and played hard and we all had a lot of fun. Watching their performances was truly a delight! It was so refreshing to see all of the loving parents cheering on their children.





BACK TO SCHOOL

SPRING '24
enrollment starts on
Dec 10, 2023

For more information contact us at
watsanfranschool@gmail.com

Wat San Fran School Update

Wat San Fran School has opened! Enrollment for Fall '23 is now closed.

Spring enrollment starts on December 10, 2023. Spring '24 classes will begin on January 6, 2024 and end on May 19, 2024. Students will learn Thai language, instruments, and culture.

Classes are open to children aged 5 years and up.

Thank You, Volunteer Teachers

We want to express our appreciation for “Kru Oat” Worrathat Hongmo and “Kru Heart” Patsarat Chotikadachanarong for their contributions this past year. They worked hard to teach our kids Thai language, music, and culture. They have returned to Thailand and we wish them well in their future endeavors. We will always remember the good memories we made together.



THANK YOU

KRU OAT & KRU HEART



Save the Date

Sep 30–Oct 1	Mobile Consular Services
Oct 29	End of the vassa
Nov 11	Anniversary of Venerable Acariya Thoon Khippapañño's passing
Nov 12	San Fran Dhammaram Temple's 2023 Kathina
Dec 17	Wat San Fran School fall semester ends
Dec 31	New Year chanting

*Eight Precept observance (every month)
Oct 27–29, Nov 10–12, Dec 29–Jan 1



"If wisdom does not reveal the truth for the mind to know, it will continue to be deluded—deluded that 'this belongs to me,' or 'this is who I am.' You must reveal the truth to your mind."

Methods of Training Wisdom

Venerable Ācariya Thoon Khippapañño

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