



Sawasdee!

The end of the 2024 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.

Wat San Fran's Fundraisers



Main Buddha Statue Restoration



Join us in Making Merit: Main Buddha Statue Restoration

We invite you to participate in a special opportunity to make merit by sponsoring the restoration of the main Buddha statue at Wat San Fran. Your contributions will help cover the cost of materials needed to buff, prime, paint, and apply the final clear coat to the statue's exterior, as well as build several new platforms: for the Buddha statue, for Luang Por Thoon's statue, and also for our resident monks and nuns.

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In a past life, long before Visakha became the great patroness of the Gautama Buddha, she was born into a rich family. In that age, Buddhism was declining. The young girl saw a large Buddha statue that had deteriorated and felt inspired to renovate it to its former glory. The merit she gained from that decision led to her wealth and prosperity in many future lives. We invite you to emulate the chief patroness of the Buddha and hope that your contributions have a similar kammic effect.

We will keep you updated on our progress and anumodana with everyone who contributed to the project.

To donate:

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Birthday Fundraiser

August 26 is Mae Chee Yo's birthday, and we hold an annual fundraiser to honor this auspicious event.

Mae Yo chooses the recipient of the donations from the community each year. This year, Mae Yo has chosen to donate \$10,221 to Wat Doi Pha Som, located in Samoeng district, Chiang Mai, Thailand, to buy a used 4WD vehicle to be used for going up and down the mountain for their daily alms rounds and other tasks. The remainder of the \$6,797 funds raised will be allocated towards the salaries for the Wat San Fran Animation Team in the US. The total sum of all contributions from donors in the US and Thailand was \$17,018.

Anumodana with your charitable contributions.

Q&A with Mae Yo Book Printing Fundraiser

In an effort to preserve and transmit MaeYo's wisdom and insight, Wat San Fran has published over 150 "Q&A with Mae Yo" videos on our YouTube channel. These videos are a great treasure trove of Dhamma, providing practical answers to questions related to Buddhist practice that are beneficial to both practitioners and laypeople.

Wat San Fran is planning to publish a three-book set of the Thai transcription of the entire Q&A series. If you want to reserve a set, let us know. You are also invited to contribute to the printing costs as a merit-making opportunity.

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**Help contribute
to the cost of
Wat San Fran's
2025 Calendar**
\$20 covers the cost
of 5 calendars

Every year, Wat San Fran publishes an illustrated color calendar with Dhamma teachings from Acariya Thoon Khippapañño. The calendars are freely available in Thailand and the United States. If you would like to contribute to the cost of our 2025 calendar, please do so through the channels below. \$20 covers the cost of 5 calendars.

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Monthly Pledge for Temple General Fund

We rely solely on your generous donations to fund our mission to spread Acariya Thoon Khippapañño's teachings. One way to make a lasting impact is by setting up a recurring monthly donation. By providing a monthly pledge, you will receive consistent support in your lives.

Your donations help cover essential costs such as mortgage loan payments, maintenance, daily operations, utilities, food, health insurance, and the general operation of the temple.

Please visit our DonorBox page to set up a monthly contribution. The address is <https://donorbox.org/watsanfran>



Employer Matching Programs

Employer matching programs are an excellent way to maximize your donation. Many companies offer this benefit, allowing you to amplify your contribution. To find out if your company participates, explore the top matching gift companies here: <https://doublethedonation.com/list-matching-gifts-companies/>.

If your employer offers a matching program, please contact us at watsanfran@yahoo.com for more information.

Upcoming Events



Join us on the following dates:
Oct 18–20, Nov 8–10, Dec 27–Jan 1

Eight Precept Observance

You will formally receive the Eight Precepts when you arrive. 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.

End of the Vassa

Please join us in celebrating the end of the 2024 vassa (rains retreat) on Thursday, October 17 at Wat San Fran. There will be an end of the vassa alms round, “Tak Bat Devo”, in front of the temple at 10:30 a.m., which commemorates the day when the Buddha returned to Earth after blessing his mother and other devas in the Tavatimsa heaven during his seventh vassa.

For those unable to join on Thursday, we will also have an alms rounds in front of the temple at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 20.



Schedule

10:30 a.m. Alms round

11:00 a.m. Lunch offering

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

12:00 p.m. Sangha-dana offering

Upcoming Events



Please join us in sponsoring and attending Wat San Fran's 2024 Kathina fundraiser event at the Hall of Flowers (9th Ave & Lincoln Way) in Golden Gate Park.

The funds raised by this year's Kathina will go towards paying the remaining mortgage of \$1,684,171 on Akaliko (our women's practice center), the cost of operating the temple, travel expenses for monks, covering the cost of health insurance, YouTube projects such as Animated Buddhist Stories, and the operating costs of the Wat San Fran School.



Sponsorship levels:

\$1,000 principal sponsor
\$100 group sponsor

This year's principal sponsors will receive a limited edition Wat San Fran tote bag.

Sunday, October 27, 2024

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

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Wat San Fran School graduation day!

The Wat San Fran School held its graduation ceremony on Saturday, August 10, 2024 at the Hall of Flowers. The ceremony was a resounding success! Many proud and excited parents showed up to support their children and watch as they received their diplomas.

Additionally, students received certificates and awards that highlighted their individual skills and achievements.

Student performances were also a major highlight! Graduates performed Thai music, dance, and dramatic enactments of several Jataka stories. The children were all smiles and really put an incredible amount of effort into their performances.

Videos of the performances are available to watch on our YouTube channel.

Our school is currently not accepting new students, but if you would like your child to join the waiting list, please email us at watsanfranschool@gmail.com.





Kru Au



Kru Rat



Kru Mai



Kru Ya



Kru Namkhing

Thank You, Volunteer Summer Teachers

Since our summer term has come to an end, it is time to bid farewell and express gratitude to our departing staff, who have returned home to Thailand. We'd like to thank Kru Au (Vaigoon Malai) and Kru Rat (Sirat Banluephongphan) from the Chulalongkorn University Volunteer Teacher Program for their dedicated effort and devotion to giving their best each and every day while teaching our kids Thai language, music, and culture. We wish them a safe journey and good fortune in their future endeavors. We will continue to hold the memories we made together dear to our hearts.

We also would like to thank our local volunteer teacher, Kru Mai (Molruedee Boonchoo). Thanks to all of our teachers, the summer semester was a great success!

We also wish to welcome the new teachers who will be with us for our year-round program: Kru Ya (Aranya Yuenyong) and Kru Namkhing (Chuthamat Phiromloed). They have just arrived in San Francisco and we are so excited for the upcoming fall semester.



Wat San Fran School Update

Wat San Fran School's fall semester has begun.

Enrollment for Fall '24 is closed.

Enrollment for Spring '25 is also closed. We have already accepted the maximum number of students.

If you wish to join the waiting list, please email us at watsanfranschool@gmail.com.

Classes are open to children aged 5 years and up.

Save the Date

Oct 17	End of the Vassa Day
Oct 20	End of the Vassa Event
Oct 27	San Fran Dhammaram Temple's 2024 Kathina
Nov 11	Anniversary of Venerable Ācariya Thoon Khippapañño's Passing
Dec 22	Last Day of Wat San Fran Fall Semester
Dec 31	New Year Chanting

*Eight Precept observance

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“Paññā means clever or stratagem, or what is called kusala. Kusala is wisdom (paññā), it is cleverness.

If someone possesses cleverness, making merit will be easy. Giving alms or upholding the precepts will be doable. Worldly tasks will also be doable. This is if someone possesses cleverness.”

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Venerable Ācariya Thoon Khippapañño

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