



PARISH COMMUNITY

Santa Clara, California

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday
of Ordinary Time**

September 24, 2023

**Vigésimo Quinto Domingo
de Tiempo Ordinario**



**“THUS, THE LAST WILL BE FIRST, AND THE
FRIST WILL BE LAST.” - MT 20:16**

**“DE IGUAL MANERA, LOS ÚLTIMOS SERÁN LOS
PRIMEROS, Y LOS PRIMEROS, LOS ÚLTIMOS.” - MT 20:16**

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PARISH COMMUNITY

Parish Mission Statement

*Founded in 1777,
Saint Clare Parish is
an ethnically diverse
Catholic community
of faith, united in
worship, discipleship
and service.
In welcoming
immigrants,
newcomers and
strangers, we strive to
live the virtues of
justice and love, so as
to be the face of
Christ in the world,
becoming in Him a
sign of unity and an
instrument of God's
peace.*

From Monsignor Fran Cilia

In this Sunday's gospel reading, Jesus teaches us about the coming Reign of God. Set in terms of the owner of a vineyard who hired workers throughout the day and paid all the same "usual daily wage" that had been agreed upon, no matter what time of the day they began work. Perhaps, we might agree with the complaint of those who worked a full day when they discovered that even those who worked only one hour were paid the same amount. But the question asked by the landowner should make us think: "Am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?"

It is true that faith comes to us in the context of family and community, the gospel passage urges us to do our best and not to compare the progress of our growth in the life of Baptism with that of others. In doing the best that we can, we trust in the mercy and love of God Who, like the parable's landowner, is generous beyond our imagining.

Perhaps we can also be so generous in the ways we are with one another.

Congratulations to Ryan Shek

We offer congratulations to Ryan Shek as he celebrates Christian Initiation this Saturday at the 5:00 pm Mass. We wish him well and pray that he will always remain close to the Lord.

Celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation

Next Saturday, September 30, Bishop Oscar Cantú will be with us to confirm 35 parish youth. We welcome the bishop back to Saint Clare and congratulate our candidates, their families, sponsors and catechists. All are welcome to participate in this liturgy and to support our youth in doing so. 5:00 pm Mass, next Saturday. A reception will follow.

Annual Blessing of Animals

We will celebrate the Blessing of Animals on Friday, October 6 at 2:00 pm, in the school yard between the Middle School and the Rectory and Tent. All are welcome to bring leashed, caged and stuffed pets, and even photos for those who are too shy to come in person.



This blessing is in remembrance of Saint Francis of Assisi, whose feast day is October 4, and is a way of thanking God for the gift of our pet companions.

**The Parish Office will be Closed on Tuesday, September 26.
Sorry for any inconvenience.**

**La Oficina Parroquial estará cerrada el martes 26 de septiembre.
Lo sentimos por cualquier inconveniente.**

Obituary of Mrs. Maria Cantú, mother of Bishop Oscar Cantú

Maria de Jesus Cantú (Durón) entered eternal life on Monday, September 18, 2023 in Houston, TX.

Maria de Jesus was born on January 11, 1934, in Villa Aldama, a small town on the outskirts of Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico. She is the third of six siblings, Josefina +, Jose +, Pedro + Alicia + and Mague. She married Ramiro Cantú + and together formed a beautiful family of eight children: Leticia, Ramiro, Luciano, Maria, Oscar, Nancy, Ricardo, and Juan.

Maria de Jesus, who was lovingly called Mary, was a pious woman and devoted to the Virgin of Guadalupe. She dedicated herself to the ministry of the Hispanic community at her parish, Holy Name Church in the near northside of Houston, Texas. Her husband, Ramiro, worked as a machinist. Together, they saw their children grow up and taught them with faith, hard work, and love. Maria led a very active and committed life in her parish, helping everyone who needed it. She and her husband belonged to the Christian Family Movement and celebrated family with great pride.

Maria dedicated her life to her eight children, many grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She mentored countless young women who moved into the parish community. Her wisdom inspired anyone who asked her for advice and maintained a healthy sense of humor.

Her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and extended family are infinitely grateful for your prayers and expressions of condolences. May Maria rest in peace with the Lord.

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Necrológica de la señora María Cantú, madre del obispo Oscar Cantú

María de Jesús Cantú (Durón), madre del Obispo Oscar Cantú, quien nació a la vida eterna el Lunes, 18 de Septiembre, 2023 en Houston, TX.

Maria de Jesus nació el 11 de enero de 1934 en Villa Aldama, un pequeño pueblo en las afueras de Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, México. Es la tercera de seis hermanos, Josefina+, Jose+, Maria+, Pedro+ Alicia+ y Mague. Contrajo matrimonio con Ramiro Cantu y formaron una hermosa familia de ocho hijos: Leticia, Ramiro, Luciano, Maria, Oscar, Nancy, Ricardo, y Juan.

Maria de Jesus, a quien cariñosamente le decían Mary, fue una mujer piadosa y devota de la Virgen de Guadalupe. Entregada al ministerio de la comunidad hispana en su parroquia del Santo Nombre (Holy Name Parish) en la ciudad de Houston, TX. Su esposo, Ramiro, trabajaba como operario de maquina haciendo herramienta especial. Juntos vieron crecer a sus hijos y los educaban con fe, disciplina, y amor. Mary llevaba una vida muy activa y comprometida en su parroquia, ayudando a toda persona que lo necesitaba. Maria y Ramiro pertenecían al Movimiento Familiar Cristiano y celebraban con mucho orgullo a la familia.

Maria dedico su vida a sus ocho hijos, muchos nietos y bisnietos. Acompañaba con amistad a las mujeres nuevas en la parroquia, para que se sintieran en casa. Mantenía siempre un buen sentido del humor y con sabias palabras y poemas, inspiraba a todo aquel que le pidiera un consejo.

Sus hijos, nietos, bisnietos y demás familia agradecen infinitamente sus oraciones y muestras de condolencias. Que descanse en Paz la mama Pajarita que feliz vio volar alto a su hermosa descendencia.

¡Descanse en Paz!

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Here is a link to the a video for the financial update to the parish:

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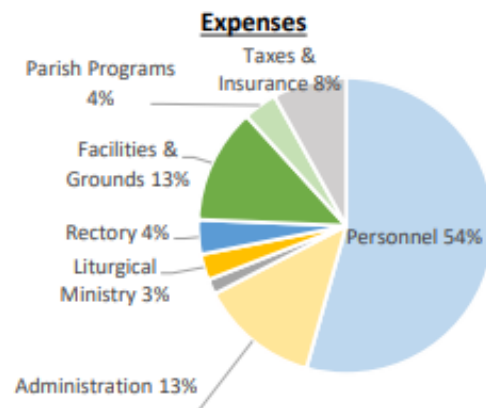
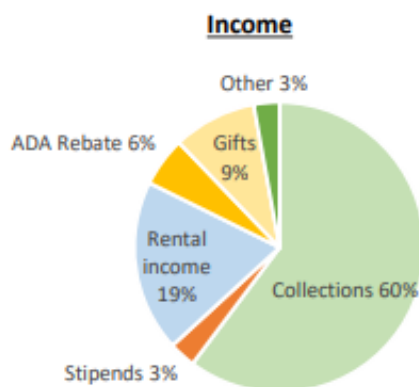
St. Clare Parish Financial Report

Fiscal year: July 1 - June 30

| | <u>Budget FY23</u> | <u>Actual FY23</u> | <u>Budget FY24</u> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <u>Income</u> | | | |
| Collections | \$497,500 | \$552,321 | \$546,700 |
| Stipends | \$29,500 | \$28,222 | \$27,000 |
| Rental income ⁽¹⁾ | \$195,617 | \$174,749 | \$173,551 |
| ADA Rebate | \$55,000 | \$69,093 | \$50,000 |
| Gifts/Donations | \$47,300 | \$79,408 | \$84,500 |
| Other | \$23,300 | \$13,431 | \$25,950 |
| Total Income | <u>\$848,217</u> | <u>\$917,222</u> | <u>\$907,701</u> |
| <u>Expenses</u> | | | |
| Personnel | \$466,610 | \$430,172 | \$511,529 |
| Administration | \$107,770 | \$124,615 | \$122,816 |
| Catechetical & Youth Ministry | \$19,950 | \$15,610 | \$15,650 |
| Liturgical Ministry | \$25,450 | \$34,085 | \$26,700 |
| Rectory | \$42,100 | \$42,278 | \$35,450 |
| Facilities & Grounds | \$98,000 | \$184,944 | \$118,550 |
| Parish Programs | \$23,584 | \$40,296 | \$34,717 |
| Taxes & Insurance | \$62,750 | \$74,902 | \$75,800 |
| Total Expenses | <u>\$846,214</u> | <u>\$946,901</u> | <u>\$941,212</u> |
| Net Income | <u>\$2,003</u> | <u>(\$29,679)</u> | <u>(\$33,511)</u> |

1) FY24 Budget includes JVC house, ethnic communities use of church and parish facilities, and priests in residence

FY24 Budget (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)





COME ONE, COME ALL!!!

St. Clare School has been invited to participate another year at
The Santa Clara Parade of Champions!!!
Saturday, October 7, 2023

The Parade of Champions has always been a celebration of people, non-profits, businesses, organizations, and traditions; bridging communities in Santa Clara and beyond for over 50 years. St. Clare is welcomed to participate and have our choir and students walk in the parade with signage. If you would like to participate and help please reach out to Cherell Rizzo at Cherell.rizzo@dsj.org.

Our Parade Day Program Schedule

- All Day Festivities, Food Trucks, and Fun from 8am to 5pm.
- 8am to 1pm Farmer's Market
- 9am to 3pm Community Village--reserve your Booth before spaces are gone!
- 10am Parade Opening Ceremonies and National Anthem with Ishmeet Kaur
- 11am Start of the SC Parade of Champions
- 1pm Grand Finale Mini Concert with the Sacramento State University Marching Band! (Sponsored by DEVCON)
- 1:30pm to 5pm LIVE "Salsa on the Street" sponsored by Volare Studios

This year we will also host a community booth. We hope you will stop by and say "HI!" For more parade information and event activities visit, <https://www.scparadeofchampions.org/2021-parade-page>.

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Youth Ministry



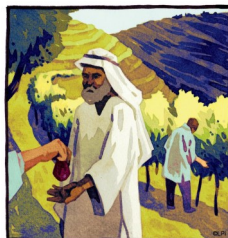
You are invited to join our Confirmation candidates accompanied by their parents and sponsors on **Saturday, September 30th, at the 5pm Mass** to celebrate and pray with them as they receive Confirmation. The Mass will feature Bishop Oscar Cantú and will follow with a reception that all are invited to.

Confirmed and ready to lead? Open applications to be leaders for our Confirmation and Youth Ministry programs will be available in early October. Questions, please find Ryan at Mass.

We continue to develop our youth space with more and more furniture. If you have any furniture that you would like to donate such as coffee tables, shelves, sofas, rugs, and lounge seating, please contact Ryan (ryan.bao@dsj.org). We want to create a youth space that is inviting and relaxing for young people to be themselves, do school work, and have fun!

Ready to jump into reading the Bible with your friends? Look forward to an announcement soon about a new Bible study for youth we are putting together, beginning in October.

Are you a high schooler and are ready to get confirmed? Registrations for Confirmation 2024 program will begin in late October. Look for an update soon!



“**T**he kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard...When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.’” — Mt 20:1, 8

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

Mass Intentions
September 23- September 30, 2023

| | | |
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| Saturday | 5:00 pm | John Burgoon † |
| Sunday | 7:30 am | Florencio Rodarte † |
| | 9:00 am | Ernesto Gonsalves † Jose & Conceicao Gonsalves † Maria Adelina & Jose Furtado Pereira, Sr. † Manuel & Cristina Jeronimo † Vidalia Gaspar Rocha † Maria C. Madruga † Rosalinda Da Silva † Jose Mendonça † Manuel Santos † Fatima Oliveira † David Sousa Jr. † Roselyn Soares Garcia † Teresa Maria Macedo † Julio Matos - Health |
| | 10:30 am | Saint Clare Parishioners |
| | 12:00 pm | Laura Macias † Maria Andrade † Alicia Suárez - Health Ida López - Health |
| Monday | 8:00 am | Mario Lourenco † |
| Tuesday | 8:00 am | Marie Dunn † |
| Wednesday | 8:00 am | Cecilia Orella † |
| Thursday | 8:00 am | The Bautista Family |
| Friday | 8:00 am | The Bettencourt Family |
| Saturday | 8:00 am | Helen Collins † |



Daily Readings

Monday:
Ezra 1:1-6
Psalms 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6
Luke 8:16-18

Tuesday:
Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20
Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5
Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday:
Ezra 9:5-9
Tobit 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8
Luke 9:1-6

Thursday:
Haggai 1:1-8
Psalms 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b
Luke 9:7-9

Friday:
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
or Revelation 12:7-12a
Psalms 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5
John 1:47-51

Saturday:
Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a
Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ab, 13
Luke 9:43b-45

Sunday:
Ezra 18:25-28
Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)
Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5
Matthew 21:28-32

Observances for the week of September 24, 2023

- Sunday:** 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday:** Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
- Wednesday:** Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest
- Thursday:** Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs
- Friday:** Saint Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
- Saturday:** Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday



Boletim Paroquial Português
24 de Setembro de 2023, Domingo XXIV do Tempo Comum A
Dia Mundial do Emigrante e do Refugiado
Reflexão por: João Pereira Arruda

Neste dia em que é dedicado ao migrante e refugiado, somos confrontados por uma passagem evangélica que nos fala de trabalho e recompensa. Jesus nos apresenta hoje uma mensagem que nos abre os olhos e dizer não á mesquinês, ao egoísmo, ao primeiro eu. A riqueza dos Estados Unidos atrai pobres de todo o mundo a quererem viver neste paíz. Nos seus países eles são carentes dos bens essenciais para viverem, eles são ameaçados de morte por ideologias raciais nos seus próprios países e por assim arriscam tudo incluindo as suas próprias vidas para virem para os Estados Unidos. O candidato á presidência dos Estados Unidos ofereceu a solução de evitar a entrada destes migrantes na construção de um muro que impediria a entrada destes neste paíz. Mais de setenta milhões o apoiaram incluindo católicos temerosos que estes fossem criminosos, ladrões e viessem viver aqui de benefícios governamentais. Nada mais idiondo e desonesto na campanha deste senhor, mas o pior foi o grande número de apoiantes que obliteraram por completo o plano de Deus para a Humanidade. Na lógica de Deus, o proprietário da vinha saiu a rua por cinco vezes. Todas elas contratou em vários tempos trabalhadores. No fim do dia os recompensou com o mesmo ordenado; um denário. Na nossa lógica vemos um Deus injusto em dar a mesma recompensa aos primeiros e aos últimos, porém devemos pensar de que ele é dono da vinha tal qual Deus o é do Reino dos Céus. Tal como o dona da vinha deu o prometido a cada trabalhador, assim Deus dá o Reino dos Céus áqueles que n'Ele acredita e ama. A inveja dos primeiros trabalhadores arruinou suas vidas de inveja e sentido de injustiça , porém eles receberam o que lhes foi prometido. Com os migrantes se passa o mesmo . As razões que os motivam a sair das suas terras são na maioria dos casos em busca de melhoramento de vida para si e suas famílias. As nações que tem espaço e trabalho para esses migrantes tem a benção de Deus para que se abra as suas portas e ofereça oportunidades de vida não encontradas em seus países de origem. Quase todos nós na nossa comunidade somos emigrantes, por meios legais ou não escolhemos este país para viver; porém quantos de nós são contra a entrada de migrantes nos Estados Unidos? Reparem que não houve proposta para a construção de muro para a fronteira com o Canadá! Quantos ilegais do Canadá estão nos Estados Unidos? A pergunta que se faz neste dia dedicado ao emigrante e refugiado é esta: Qual seria a resposta que Jesus daria aos apoiantes de muros e restrições para migrantes e refugiados? Deus pelos Evangelhos continua a dar-nos dicas que são importantes para entendermos a Sua lógica e do modo que a recuzamos compreender.

Mensagem do Padre Francisco Rodrigues SJ: *Queridos Amigos! Neste Domingo; 24 de Setembro; ás 11:30 de amnhã, o Sr. Patriarca de Lisboa D. Rui Valério, vai presidir á eucaristia e dar-me posse como Pastor do Lumiar, Lisboa. Como sabem, tenho vários desafios pela frente. Confio-me ás vossas orações e muita comunhão no que fazemos e onde estamos. Vós rstais sempre no meu coração, amisade e oração. Vosso no Senhor, Padre Francisco Rodrigues*

Piquenique Da nossa Comunidade. *É já no próximo Domingo dia 1 de Outubro próximo que o nosso Conselho irá promover o evento anual da nossa comunidade . Os bilhetes estão a ser vendidos pelos membrs do Conselho e a ementa é a mesma dos últimos 20 anos. Carne no espeto á madeirense e ou galinha. Ao comprarem os bilhetes por favor diguem qual preferem. Teremos rifas arrematações, muita música fornecida pelo Deodato Constantin bazar e muita animação e convívio gerada pelos membros da nossa comunidade. Façamos esforços para sermos uma comunidade unida e activa na vida desta paróquia.*

Um Santo e alegre Domingo para todos!

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday Evening Vigil
(Livestreamed)
5:00 p.m. (English)

Sunday
7:30 a.m. (English)
9:00 a.m. (Portuguesa)
10:30 a.m. (English)
12:00 p.m. (Español)
Livestreamed

Liturgy of the Word for Children
During 10:30 a.m. Mass
(English)

Liturgia de la Palabra para Niños
Durante Misa de 12:00pm
(Español)

Weekday Masses

Monday-Saturday 8:00 a.m.
Holidays - 9:00 am

Confessions
Saturdays 3:00 p.m.– 3:30 p.m.
(In the church)

Office Hours
9am - 5pm
Monday - Friday

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De Monseñor Fran Cilia

En la lectura del evangelio de este domingo, Jesús nos enseña sobre el Reino de Dios venidero. Se plantea en términos del dueño de un viñedo que contratava trabajadores durante todo el día y pagaba a todos el mismo “salario diario habitual” que se había acordado, sin importar a qué hora del día comenzaran a trabajar. Quizás podríamos estar de acuerdo con la queja de quienes trabajaron un día completo cuando descubrieron que incluso aquellos que trabajaron solo una hora cobraban lo mismo. Pero la pregunta del propietario debería hacernos pensar: “¿No soy libre de hacer lo que quiera con mi propio dinero? ¿Tienes envidia porque soy generoso?”

Es cierto que la fe nos llega en el contexto de la familia y la comunidad, el pasaje evangélico nos insta a hacer lo mejor que podamos y a no comparar el progreso de nuestro crecimiento en la vida del Bautismo con el de los demás. Al hacer lo mejor que podemos, confiamos en la misericordia y el amor de Dios quien, como el terrateniente de la parábola, es generoso más allá de nuestra imaginación.

Quizás también podamos ser generosos en la forma en que somos unos con otros.

Felicidades a Ryan Shek

Felicidades a Ryan Shek por su celebración de la Iniciación Cristiana este sábado en la Misa de las 5:00 pm. Le deseamos lo mejor y oramos para que siempre permanezca cerca del Señor.

Celebrando el Sacramento de la Confirmación

El próximo sábado 30 de septiembre estará con nosotros el Obispo Oscar Cantú para confirmar a 35 jóvenes parroquiales. Damos la bienvenida al obispo a Santa Clara y felicitamos a nuestros candidatos, sus familias, padrinos y catequistas. Todos son bienvenidos a participar en esta liturgia y a apoyar a nuestros jóvenes para que lo hagan. 5:00 pm Misa, el próximo sábado. A continuación se realizará una recepción.

Bendición Anual de Animales

Celebraremos la Bendición de los Animales el viernes 6 de octubre a las 2:00 pm, en el patio del colegio entre la Escuela Secundaria y la Rectoría y Carpa. Todos son bienvenidos a traer mascotas con correa, enjauladas y de peluche, e incluso fotografías para aquellos que son demasiado tímidos para venir en persona.

Esta bendición es en recuerdo de San Francisco de Asís, cuya festividad es el 4 de octubre, y es una forma de agradecer a Dios por el regalo de nuestras mascotas de compañía.





Jesus and the Eucharist Study

Every parish across the country is invited to host the Jesus and the Eucharist study during the Year of Parish Revival. This seven-session series will immerse participants in the kerygmatic proclamation (Sessions 1–4) and unveil God’s saving work in the Eucharist (Sessions 5–7).

Each session opens with an exhortation from a different bishop, followed by lectio divina prayer with scripture. The main lesson is drawn from content created by the Augustine Institute and will include personal testimonies from Catholics across the country. We will then transition into small group discussions. Each meeting is expected to last around two hours.

BELOW IS AN OVERVIEW OF EACH SESSION:

Session 1: What’s Our Story?

The Bible is the story of God’s love for us. He created us out of love, redeemed us by his love, and transforms us in his love.

Session 2: Who Is Jesus?

Jesus is both God and man, therefore he reveals who God is in relation to us. Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Who do you say that I am?” (Matthew 16:15) He asks this same question of us: who do you say Jesus is?

Session 3: Am I Saved?

Salvation is a gift from God through Jesus Christ that requires our “yes.”

Session 4: Why a Church?

Jesus didn’t simply leave us a written message or instruction manual to follow. He gave us a living, dynamic Church where we encounter him personally and allow ourselves to be transformed into his likeness.

Through the generosity of our donors, the content of this study is available free of charge. Additionally, we will be providing you with support to help you and your team be successful in hosting this series at your parish. Visit the Parish Point Person Portal at eucharisticrevival.org/parishpointperson to access trainings, invitation templates, and other support materials.

Session 5: God Is With Us

God’s presence in the Old Testament foreshadows the gift of the Eucharist, one of the seven sacraments of the Church. Jesus established the Eucharist to give us strength and accompany us at every moment of our earthly journey.

Session 6: The Story of the Eucharist

The story of the Eucharist can be traced throughout Scripture. From Genesis to the present day, this session explores how the Cross is the new Tree of Life, and the Eucharist is its fruit.

Session 7: Bread for the Journey

The Eucharist sustains us on our spiritual journey. Our participation at Mass through the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist is an offering of thanksgiving to God. We are then sent forth to share what we have received.



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Jesús y el Estudio Eucarístico



Explore su fe eucarística Parroquias de todo el país se están preparando para acoger una importante iniciativa de Avivamiento : la serie *Jesús y la Eucaristía*. Este estudio de 7 sesiones creará un terreno fértil en su parroquia para el florecimiento de una verdadera cultura eucarística. Conéctate con tus feligreses de una manera nueva mientras escuchas a algunas de las voces más brillantes del catolicismo y te sumerges en la belleza de nuestra fe, ¡todo completamente gratis!

Si Dios te está llamando a dar un paso adelante y hacer que ésta y otras iniciativas de Avivamiento se lleven a cabo en tu comunidad, Únete a nosotros para convertirte en un defensor de Avivamiento en tu parroquia. Preguntas en la parroquia de Santa Clara contacto Sandra.Quintanilla@djsj.org - teléfono (669) 270-2702.

Siete sesiones comienza el 3 de octubre durante siete lunes, 6-8pm, reunión en la sala.

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| 3 de octubre | Sesión 1: ¿Cuál es nuestra historia? |
| 10 de octubre | Sesión 2: ¿Quién es Jesús? |
| 17 de octubre | Sesión 3: ¿Soy salvo? |
| 24 de octubre | Sesión 4: ¿Por qué una iglesia? |
| 31 de octubre | Sesión 5: Dios está con nosotros |
| 7 de noviembre | Sesión 6: La historia de la Eucaristía |
| 14 de noviembre | Sesión 7: Pan para el viaje |



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Feature: Air Quality

Air pollution is a major threat to global health and is getting worse! Air pollution is a mix of hazardous substances from both natural and human-made sources. A subset of particulate matter (airborne particles) known as PM 2.5 causes most health problems related to poor air quality in the United States.

Numerous scientific studies have linked particle pollution exposure to a variety of problems, including:

- premature death in people with heart or lung disease
- nonfatal heart attacks
- irregular heartbeat
- aggravated asthma
- decreased lung function
- increased respiratory symptoms, such as irritation of the airways, coughing or difficulty breathing.

Unhealthy levels of air quality can also reduce visibility and cause the air to appear hazy. Scan the QR code to learn more from the National Institute of Health.

WE PRAY:

Dear Lord, thank You for giving us this incredible world. May we realize the harm done by pollution and use our time and effort to counter its negative consequences. Help us live mindfully and act responsibly. Amen.

Take Action!

- **Sunday:** Read Ch. 4 of *Laudato Si'*
- **Monday:** Enjoy a "meatless" Monday! See Sisters of Mercy recipes at <https://bit.ly/SOMMEATLESS>
- **Tuesday:** Walk/bike/take public transit to work
- **Wednesday:** Check your car maintenance records to ensure up to date performance
- **Thursday:** Look up your air quality
- **Friday:** Fast from electricity use with a family game night and limited lighting throughout the house
- **Saturday:** Take a stroll in nature!



Week Four

Credit to:



Stewardship Report

*Sunday Collection:
September 2nd & 3rd*

Goal: \$9,000.00
Actual: \$7,776.60

Thank You

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Saint Clare Parking Lot
(Across from the church)

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RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, October 14, 2023
9:00 am to 2:00 pm
Saint Clare Parish Hall

Saint Clare's YLI will hold an old-time "Rummage Sale". All parishioners, friends and family are invited to attend. Vintage items, clothing, china, kitchen gadgets, toys, jewelry, holiday decorations and many more treasures are available! We hope to see you there!

Faith and Racial Equity: Exploring Power and Privilege

"I was a stranger, and you welcomed me." Jesus' words from Matthew 25:35 are a countercultural call to embrace those who are marginalized as if greeting Jesus himself. You are invited to join us in an eight-session JustFaith Ministries program to explore how racial privilege manifests itself in our daily lives. Topics include race and socialization; affirmative action; the school-to-prison pipeline; and racial disparity within the criminal justice system.

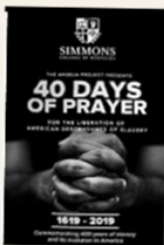
In-person Sessions - Hosted by St. Clare Parish

Sessions 1-8 on consecutive Mondays
Oct. 16th - Dec. 11th 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Virtual Sessions - Hosted by TBD

Zoom Sessions 1-8 on consecutive Wednesdays
Oct. 11th - Dec. 13th 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Both the Monday and Wednesday Sessions begin with an in-person retreat at St. Clare Parish (725 Washington St, Santa Clara, CA 95050) Saturday, September 30th, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. with an optional lunch together to follow.



Discussions within our small groups will draw on each of these books: *40 Days of Prayer*, compiled by Cheryl L. Mills, *White Fragility*, by Robin DiAngelo, and *I'm Still Here*, by Austin Channing Brown

To reserve a place, contact: Kathy Mattingly at kat@kajon.com or (408) 378-2355
Requested tax deductible donation: \$35, \$55, \$75 per person. Approximate cost for books is \$44, which are available through JustFaith Ministries and may be found at bookstores, libraries or on-line.
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