



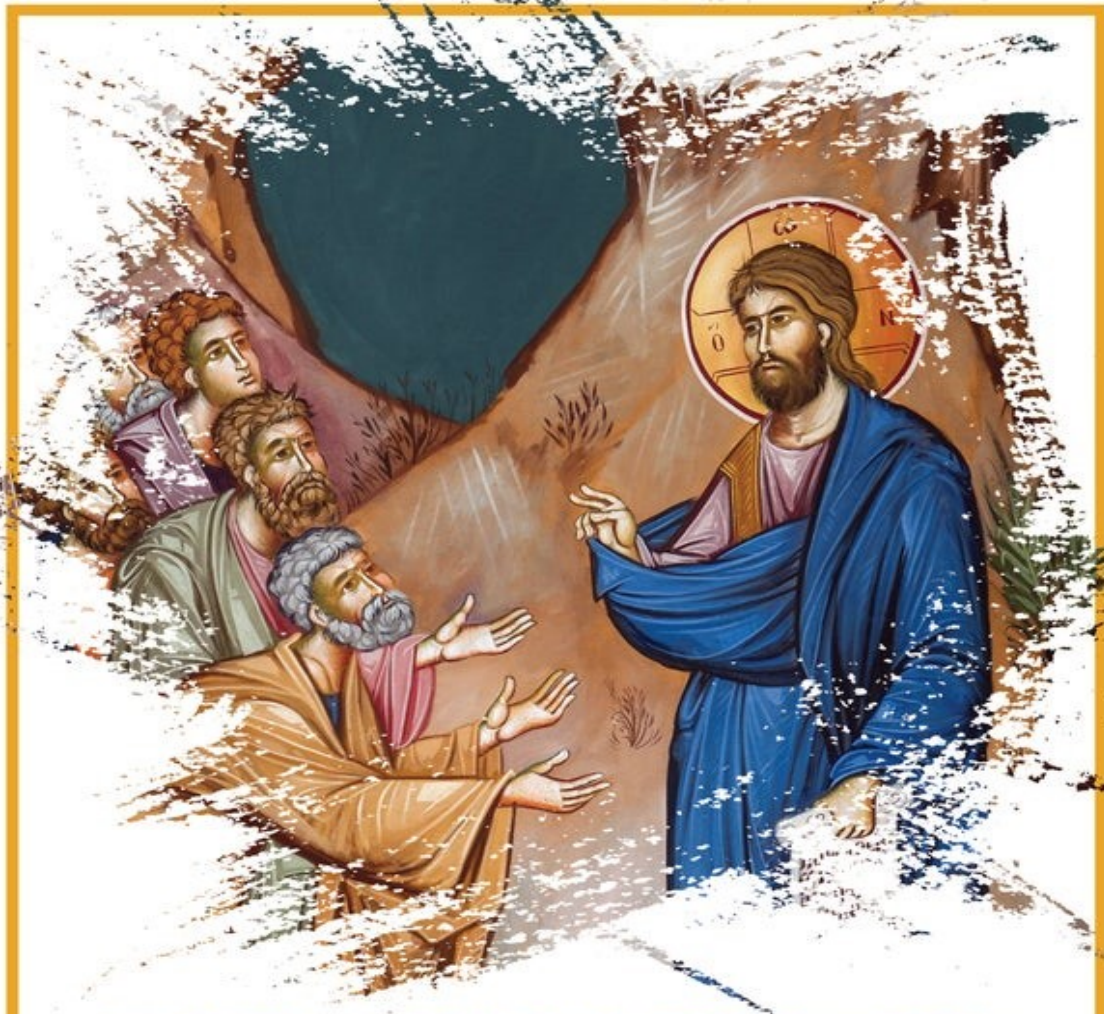
PARISH COMMUNITY

Santa Clara, California

**Twenty-Second Sunday
of Ordinary Time**

September 3, 2023

**Vigésimo Segundo Domingo
de Tiempo Ordinario**



**"WHOEVER WISHES TO COME AFTER ME MUST DENY
HIMSELF, TAKE UP HIS CROSS, AND FOLLOW ME."
—MT 16:24B**

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**"EL QUE QUIERA VENIR CONMIGO, QUE RENUNCIE A SÍ
MISMO, QUE TOMÉ SU CRUZ Y ME SIGA". —MT 16, 24B**

22^º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

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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

Immediately following (in last week's gospel) the declaration by Peter that Jesus is "the Christ, the Son of the living God," there is a not-so-pleasant encounter between Peter and the Lord.

For Jesus, the revelation of His identity was inextricably bound with His coming suffering and death. In the gospels, everything builds to the event at Caesarea Philippi and flows from there toward the Crucifixion.

This is not what Peter or the other Apostles had been expecting, so Peter tries to persuade Jesus to follow another path ("God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you."), to which the Lord responds: "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

Jesus could not and would not follow Peter. Instead, he invites him to "Get behind me," to follow the Lord, instead of trying to lead along the easier path.

Nearly 2000 years later, we believers are still tempted to take the path that leads from pain, suffering and loss. Jesus sees in us, too, obstacles to the work that He still needs to accomplish in our lives and in the world. In the end, we cannot avoid sorrow and suffering any more than Jesus did. It is the cost of being a disciple today, as it has been in every age.

Monthly Collection Update

Beginning this weekend, we will resume our practice of providing you with an end-of-month accounting of our Sunday Offertory, comparing it with our budget of \$9000 per Sunday. We do this so that all can be informed about how well we are doing, thanks to your personal, household and family stewardship.

Budgeted Collection Goal
(July 1 – August 31)
\$81,000

Total Collections
\$84,135.70

Although summer is "low season" for Sunday collections, we benefited from a \$12,000 gift from a parish family during the month of July. As we work to rescue ourselves from the canceled \$60,000 lease with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps for the building at 807 Washington Street, every extra dollar you contribute toward the parish is all the more important. For our part, we are examining expenses to cut as much as possible.

Thank You, Catholic Foundation

Through a grant recently received from the Catholic Community Foundation of Santa Clara County, we have been able to increase the number of copies of *Flor y Canto*, the Spanish hymnal that we use at our liturgies.

We have also received a grant that is assisting us in refurbishing part of the church basement to be used as a center for parish youth.

Finally, our Saint Vincent de Paul Society is beneficiary of a grant to assist in outreach to those whom they serve.

Thank you, Catholic Community Foundation, for your help in our ministries!

Confirmation Candidates' Retreat

Please keep our 30+ candidates for Confirmation and their leaders in your prayers as they take part in their retreat this weekend, from Friday through Sunday, and prepare for the September 30 celebration of the Sacrament..

Open Enrollment for Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation

It's that time of the year! Open enrollment for our Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation for 2023 –2024 is now open, for Grades 1 through 7. This year we are including PreK and K (ages 3-5). Sandra Quintanilla will be at the Grotto area taking applications after the 10:30 and Noon Mass. Please visit our Saint Clare Website and look for **Faith Formation 2023-2024** for updates and information <https://www.stclareparish.org/>



RCIA – The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults & Preparation of the Sacraments of First Communion (Eucharist) and Confirmation for Adults

Adult Faith Formation



*Have you thought about ...
Being Catholic? Join us!*

RCIA is a process through which a person who wishes to receive the sacraments and be received in the Catholic Church will be instructed in the Catholic faith. Catechumens are baptized during the Easter Vigil.

Also adults over 18 **who have been baptized** but wish to receive the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation meet weekly and sessions begin in September. Please contact us to sign up!

If you want to be Catholic or are a Catholic who would like to receive the **Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation**, or if you know someone who wants to be, please contact Diane Madruga for more information by email at camponeses6@gmail.com

Creation Care Tips

“For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life?” —Matthew 16:26

Pope Francis wrote in *Laudato Si'*, “Christian spirituality proposes ... a capacity to be happy with little. It is a return to that simplicity which allows us to stop and appreciate the small things, to be grateful for the opportunities which life affords us, to be spiritually detached from what we possess, and not to succumb to sadness for what we lack.” Name one possession of yours which is “possessing you.” Get rid of it if it is causing you to forfeit your life in any manner.

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Weekly Justice Challenge

The Gospel for Sunday reminds us that discipleship isn't easy. It will often require us to share in the Cross of Jesus. We are called to deny ourselves, to lose our lives for the sake of the Gospel. Your challenge this week is to take up your cross and walk in solidarity with someone who suffers on a daily basis. Can you journey with someone who is poor or homeless, someone who is a victim of prejudice or discrimination, an undocumented immigrant, or someone in prison? Reflect on someone who is in deep physical or emotional or spiritual pain, and offer up your own suffering this week for that person.

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Youth Ministry

Pray for our Confirmation candidates who will be embarking on their retreat on September 8th to 10th in their final preparation period to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on September 30th.

We are in the works of creating a youth space in the church basement. The vision is to give young people a space to hang out, do their homework, and host youth meetings. If you have any furniture that you are willing to donate to this project, please contact Ryan (ryan.bao@dsj.org). We are looking for couches, lounge chairs, rugs, bookcases, and anything else you think would go well in a youth space!



Saint Clare School

Saint Clare School is celebrating Cultural Diversity at its annual Multicultural event on Friday, September 22, 2023, starting at 6:00 PM.

Join us for a fabulous evening of music, dance and food from 15 different countries. Food tickets are available at the entrance of Saint Clare's Elementary School (Washington Street).

ST. CLARE SCHOOL
ANNUAL MULTICULTURAL CELEBRATION

Live entertainment! Silent Auction and more...
September 22nd, 2023
5:30PM - 8:30PM

Elementary Side Tickets Available at the door!

SAINT CLARE SCHOOL

Mrs. Catherine Kogura, Principal
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“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life?”

— Mt 16:24b-26

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Mass Intentions
September 2 - September 9, 2023



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Saturday	5:00 pm	Erlinda Bello Alabanza †
Sunday	7:30 am	Jorge Fontes †
	9:00 am	Ernesto Gonsalves † Manuel & Cristina Jeronimo † Jose Manuel Correia † Vidalia Gaspar Rocha † Maria Simas Mello † Rosalinda Da Silva † Jose Mendoca † Manuel Santos † Fatima Oliveira † Maria Rodrigues † Julio Matos - Health Saint Jude Thadeus- Thanksgiving
	10:30 am	Saint Clare Parishioners
	12:00 pm	Urbano Amaya † Miguel Ochoa † The Menjivar Family Alicia Suárez - Health Ida López - Health Elpidia Barrera - Health Michelle & Sinead - Healing
Monday	9:00 am	Maria Adelina & Jose Furtado Pereira Sr. †
Tuesday	8:00 am	Marie Dunn †
Wednesday	8:00 am	John Burgoon †
Thursday	8:00 am	Irene Soos - Birthday
Friday	8:00 am	The Bettencourt Family
Saturday	8:00 am	Leo Novicke †



Daily Readings

Monday:

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
 Psalms 96:1 & 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13
 Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday:

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11
 Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14
 Luke 4:31-3

Wednesday:

Colossians 1:1-8
 Psalms 52:10, 11
 Luke 4:38-44

Thursday:

Colossians 1:9-14
 Psalms 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6
 Luke 5:1-11

Friday:

Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30
 Psalms 13:6ab, 6c
 Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-2

Saturday:

Colossians 1:21-23
 Psalms 54:3-4, 6 and 8
 Luke 6:1-5

Sunday:

Ezekiel 33:7-9
 Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)
 Romans 13:8-10
 Matthew 18:15-2

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)

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9am - 5pm

Monday - Friday

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then press 9

Boletim Paroquial Português

3 de Setembro de 2023, Domingo XXII do Tempo Comum – A

Reflexão por João Pereira Arruda

Se hoje Jesus falasse com qualquer um de nós e tal como o disse a Pedro” *Vai-te daqui satanás. Tu és para Mim uma ocasião de escândolo, pois não tens em vista as coisas de Deus, mas dos homens.*” Hoje muitos de nós são Pedros que seguindo-O de perto continuam sem entenderem o que é de Deus e o que é do mundo. Surge depois outra pergunta... com todo um feitio impetuoso, sem ser muito pensado, Pedro não se encolheu, amou, ou abandonou Jesus. Essa sua persistência valeu-lhe mais tarde ser-lhe entregue a chave do Reino de Deus. Que atitude tomamos quando uma pessoa nos fala com a rudeza que Jesus falou a Pedro? Ficamos amuados? Envergonhados? Zangados? Até Pedro poderia ter todos esses sentimentos, mas bem dentro do seu coração ele sabia que só Jesus tinha palavras de vida eterna. Se então ele não podia imaginar que, sendo Jesus Cristo o Messias ; poderia por razão alguma ser condenado à morte e morte de Cruz. Também ainda hoje milhares de vezes não entendemos a lógica de Deus porque nos embrenhamos nos factos, nas teorias, na filosofias, nas ideias simples de entender do mundo do que entender a Deus e a Sua maneira de agir conosco. Ainda hoje continuamos a atirar as culpas a Deus, dos desastres naturais sem realmente darmos atenção ao nossa viver no desperdício dos bens naturais e no processo causar precipitadamente o aquecimento global. Atribuímos as guerras, as violências toleradas por Deus quando somos nós que tomamos atitudes de poderio na eliminação dos fracos e dos pobres. Quando assim esquecemos que Deus é Pai tanto dos assaltadores como dos fracos assaltados, Deus deu ao homem todos os bens naturais da Sua criação mas deu a responsabilidade ao homem de gerir esta riqueza de vida mantendo-a limpa e não envenenando as águas, poluindo os mares e os ares, destruindo as florestas que são neste mundo os verdadeiros pulmões pelo qual se pode respirar saudavelmente. A rudeza de Jesus com Pedro pode ser um avivamento na modorra que muitas vezes nos entope o juízo. Os pais assim o fazem também aos filhos quando estes se descuidem de viver um vida simples para escolher uma mais complicada. Nós que somos pais e avós compreendemos isso a não ser que também fechemos os olhos e fazer como os outros discípulos que ficaram calados. Que não disseram nada para continuarem no processo de manter uma imagem respeitável e de não se meter com os outros mesmo que estes estejam a contribuir contra o amor de Deus. Nos nossos dias tal como nos dias de Pedro e tal como ele também damos a Deus respostas mundanas em vez das divinas. Tal como Pedro preferimos o que nos é favorável em vez de lharos e contribuimos para o bem comum de todos e é no bem de todos que está o interesse de Deus.

Piquenique Da nossa Comunidade. *Marquem todos a data do Domingo dia 1 de Outubro próximo para celebrar e participar no evento anual da nossa comunidade promovido pelo Conselho Paroquial Português. Os bilhetes estão a ser vendidos pelos memrs do Conselho e a emente é a mesma dos últimos 20 anos. Carne no espeto á madeirense e ou galinha. Ao comprarem os bilhetes por favor diguem qual preferem. Mais detalhes em próximos boletins.*

Companhia de Jesus: *A cmunidade dos padres e irmãos Jesuitas em Portugal tem em plano construir uma enfermaria para cuidar dos seus membros doentes e de idade avançada. Em ordem de alcançar esse objectivo espera-se que o mesmo exija sacrifícios de todos que possam contribuir com donativos para que este plano se materialise e venha colmatar uma necessidade de os Jesuitas terem um lugar donde os fins das suas vidas sejam tratados e cuidados com os serviços básicos de saúde. O Superior Jesuíta em Portugal colocou esse projecto aos ombros do padre Francisco Rodrigues SJ. A partir dagora faz-se um apelo á nssa comunidade para ajudar no que possam contribuir para a mesma. As pessoas que queirem mais informações sobre esta campanha de angariamento de fundos podem contactar com a Claudia Madruga logo a seguir á missa. Desde já se agradece qualquer donativo pelo qual os mesmos podem ser entregues á Claudia Madruga.*

Um Santo e Alegre Domingo para todos!!

De Monseñor Fran Cilia

Inmediatamente después (en el evangelio de la semana pasada) de la declaración de Pedro de que Jesús es “el Cristo, el Hijo del Dios viviente”, hay un encuentro no tan agradable entre Pedro y el Señor.

Para Jesús, la revelación de su identidad estaba indisolublemente ligada a su sufrimiento y muerte venideros. En los evangelios, todo se basa en el evento de Cesarea de Filipo y fluye desde allí hacia la Crucifixión.

Esto no es lo que Pedro ni los demás Apóstoles esperaban, por lo que Pedro intenta persuadir a Jesús para que siga otro camino (“¡No lo permita Dios, Señor. Eso no te puede suceder a ti!”), a lo que el Señor responde: “Vete ¡Detrás de mí, Satanás, y no intentes de hacerme tropezar en mi camino, porque tu modo de pensar no es de Dios, sino de los hombres!”.

Jesús no podía y no quería seguir a Pedro. En cambio, lo invita a ponerse “detrás de mí”, a seguir al Señor, en lugar de intentar guiarlo por el camino más fácil.

Casi 2000 años después, los creyentes todavía nos sentimos tentados a tomar el camino que conduce al dolor, el sufrimiento y la pérdida. Jesús también ve en nosotros obstáculos para la obra que todavía necesita realizar en nuestras vidas y en el mundo. Al final, no podemos evitar la tristeza y el sufrimiento más de lo que lo hizo Jesús. Es el costo de ser discípulo hoy, como lo ha sido en todas las épocas.

Actualización Mensual de la Colección

A partir de este fin de semana, reanudaremos nuestra práctica de brindarles una contabilidad de fin de mes de nuestro Ofertorio Dominical, comparándola con nuestro presupuesto de \$9000 por domingo. Hacemos esto para que todos puedan estar informados de lo bien que nos va, gracias a su gestión personal, doméstica y familiar.

Meta de recaudación presupuestada
(1 de julio – 31 de agosto)
\$81,000

Colecciones totales
\$84,135.70

Aunque el verano es “temporada baja” para las colectas dominicales, nos beneficiamos de una donación de \$12,000 de una familia parroquial durante el mes de julio. Mientras trabajamos para rescatarnos del contrato de arrendamiento cancelado de \$60,000 con el Cuerpo de Voluntarios Jesuitas para el edificio en 807 Washington Street, cada dólar extra que usted contribuye a la parroquia es aún más importante. Por nuestra parte, estamos examinando los gastos para recortarlos lo máximo posible.

Gracias, Fundación Católica

Gracias a una subvención recibida recientemente de la Fundación de la Comunidad Católica del Condado de Santa Clara, hemos podido aumentar la cantidad de copias de *Flor y Canto*, el himnario en español que utilizamos en nuestras liturgias.

También hemos recibido una subvención que nos está ayudando a renovar parte del sótano de la iglesia para utilizarlo como centro para los jóvenes de la parroquia.

Finalmente, nuestra Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl es beneficiaria de una subvención para ayudar a llegar a aquellos a quienes sirven.

¡Gracias, Fundación Comunidad Católica, por tu ayuda en nuestros ministerios!

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Retiro de candidatos a la Confirmación

Mantenga a nuestros más de 30 candidatos para la Confirmación y a sus líderes en sus oraciones mientras participan en su retiro este fin de semana, de viernes a domingo, y prepárese para la celebración del Sacramento el 30 de septiembre.

Inscripción para Formación en la Fe y Preparación Sacramental.



¡Es esa época del año! La inscripción para nuestra Formación de Fe y Preparación Sacramental para 2023 – 2024 ya está abierta, para los grados 1 a 7. Este año incluimos PreK y K (de 3 a 5 años). Sandra Quintanilla estará en el área a fuera de la iglesia recibiendo solicitudes después de la misa de las 10:30 y del mediodía. Visite nuestro sitio web de Saint Clare y busque Formación en la fe 2023-2024 para obtener actualizaciones e información. <https://www.stclareparish.org/>

RICA – Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos y preparación de los Sacramentos de la Eucaristía y la Confirmación para Adultos

Formación de fe para adultos



Lo has pensado

¿Ser católico? ¡Únete a nosotros!

RICA es un proceso por el cual una persona que desea recibir los sacramentos, **Bautismo, Eucaristía y Confirmación** en la Iglesia Católica es instruida en la fe Católica y luego recibida como fiel de la Iglesia. Los cursos de RICA – comienzan en septiembre y se reúnen una vez por semana. Los catecúmenos son recibidos en la fe en la vigilia de Pascua.

También aquellos adultos mayores de 18 años *que ya han sido bautizados* pero desean recibir la Sagrada Comunión y el sacramento de la Confirmación por favor contáctenos para registrarse. Candidatos comienzan en septiembre y se reúnen una vez por semana.

Si usted desea ser Católico y está interesado en recibir la **Sagrada Eucaristía y la Confirmación** o conoce alguna persona que tiene esa inquietud puede llamar al ministerio de formación religiosa de la parroquia, Sandra Quintanilla (669) 270-2702 o por correo electrónico: Sandra.Quintanilla@dsj.org.

What is God's Dream for YOU?

Come & See!

September 29-October 1, 2023



Stay with us * Pray with us *

Ask your questions * Get to know us!

Join Our Retreat in Los Altos Hills, CA

DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Find out more at Daughters-Of-Charity.com/retreats/

FOR SINGLE CATHOLIC WOMEN 18-40.



You're Invited

**ST. CLARE PARISH - PORTUGUESE COUNCIL
COMMUNITY PICNIC**

SUN, OCTOBER 1, 2023

WHERE: ST. CLARE PARKING LOT
(ACROSS FOR THE CHURCH)

TIME: 12 noon - 1:30 p.m.

MENU: Shish Kebab or BBQ Chicken w/side dishes & dessert

DONATION: \$30 adult, \$15 children under 12
For more information: 650-420-9908 or 408-406-8676

Labor Day Holiday

On Labor Day, Parish Mass will be at 9:00 am. Also, in observance of the holiday, our Parish Office will be closed, reopening at 9:00 am on Tuesday.

Día Feriado del Trabajador

En el Día del Trabajador, la Misa Parroquial será a las 9:00 am. Además, en conmemoración del día festivo, nuestra Oficina Parroquial estará cerrada y reabrirá a las 9:00 am el martes.

Stewardship Report

**Sunday Collection:
August 26th & 27th**

Goal: \$9,000.00

Actual: 5,940.50

**Aid to the People in Maui:
\$5,690.00**

Thank You



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SAN JOSE

Pastoral Planning Update

Our priests have been gathering monthly, dedicating their time to ongoing diocesan pastoral planning discussions. Our recent session focused on how to effectively communicate about the pastoral plan, even while the plan is a work in progress by emphasizing its goal of spiritual renewal for the diocese. We also explored the strategic priority of Youth and Young Adults. Facing the reality that 85% of Catholic youth drift away from their faith by age 17, we examined the high-level recommendations from the planning action team, both at the diocesan and parish levels, for prioritizing and enhancing youth and young adult ministry. We asked for your continued prayers as the teams across the diocese prayerfully and diligently work on the pastoral plan for revitalizing our diocese.

2023 Season of Creation Activities - Let Justice and Peace Flow!

Ecology Fair & Speaker, September 16, from 2pm to 6pm, St. Simon Parish is hosting a talk on The Ecological Vision of Laudato si' provided by Dr. Paul Schutz from Santa Clara University. There will also be an Ecological Fair and Mass celebrated at 5:00pm. St. Simon Parish is at 1860 Grant Rd, Los Altos. Please register.

Saturday morning, September 23 - California Coastal Cleanup Day. Register with the CA Coastal Commission and participate in the cleanup of a local waterway.

Season of Creation Mass & Reception Saturday, September 23 from 9AM – 12PM. Learn how parishes and organizations in the diocese are working on the goals of the Laudato si' Action Platform. Please register.

Living the Season of Creation Every Day: The Ecological Vision of Laudato si' At 10AM **September 30** at St. Francis of Assisi Parish. Explore the Catholic response to the ecological crisis that affects our earth and all life. Please register.

October 4th, Feast of St. Francis of Assisi - Blessing of the Animals, at parishes and schools near you! Join together with your family, pets too, and pray for the protection of all living species and our biodiversity.

To register to one of these events or for more information please go to <https://www.dsj.org/evangelization/social-ministries/stewardship-of-our-common-home-2/>



**Let Justice
and Peace Flow**
Season of Creation 2023

A Mighty River
— Amos 5: 24 —



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Season of Creation 2023

Behold God in Everything!

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CREATION
TIEMPO DE LA CREACIÓN



SEPTEMBER 1 – OCTOBER 4
1 DE SEPTIEMBRE – 4 DE OCTUBRE

“But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!”

Amos 5: 24

The Season of Creation is a time for all Christians to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together.

This time of gratitude and activism starts on September 1st (World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation) and ends on October 4th (St. Francis’ Feast Day).

This year we are called to join the river of justice and peace, to take up climate and ecological justice. Come, journey with us!



**Let Justice
and Peace Flow**
Season of Creation 2023

A Mighty River

USCCB

Prayer to Care for Our Common Home

Father of all,
Creator and ruler of the universe,
You entrusted your world to us as a gift.
Help us to care for it and all people,
that we may live in right relationship--
with You,
with ourselves,
with one another,
and with creation.

Christ our Lord,
both divine and human,
You lived among us and died for our sins.
Help us to imitate your love for the human
family
by recognizing that we are all connected—
to our brothers and sisters around the world,
to those in poverty impacted by environmental
devastation,
and to future generations.
Holy Spirit,
giver of wisdom and love,
You breathe life in us and guide us.
Help us to live according to your vision,
stirring to action the hearts of all—
individuals and families,
communities of faith,
and civil and political leaders.

Triune God, help us to hear the cry of those in poverty, and the cry of the earth, so that we may together care for our common home.

Amen.

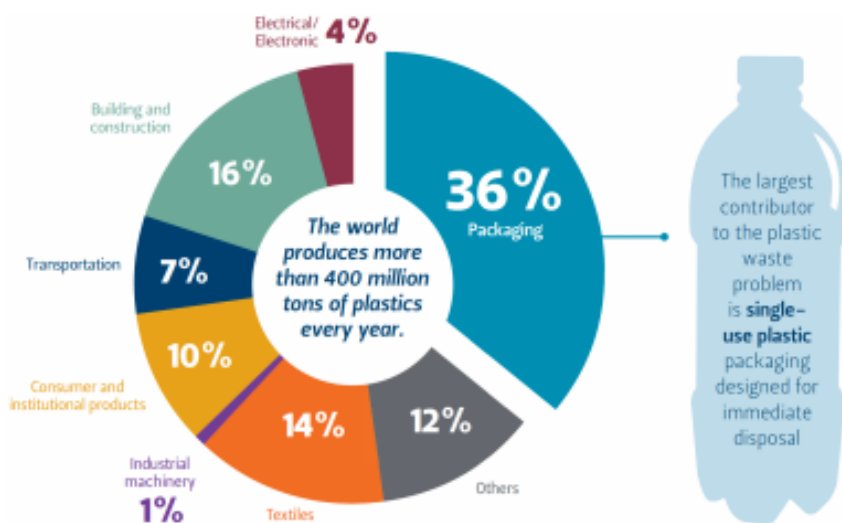
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September 1 - October 4, 2023

Feature: Plastic Pollution

Although plastic has become an everyday convenience, its mismanagement is one of the biggest modern environmental disasters. Plastic pollution is causing catastrophic harm to oceans, rivers, animals, food, human beings, and more.

The chart below shows a breakdown of where plastic is found in our every day lives. For more info, scan the QR!



Take Action!

- **Sunday:** Read Ch. 1 of *Laudato Si'*
- **Monday:** Enjoy a "meatless" Monday! See Sisters of Mercy recipes at <https://bit.ly/SOMMEATLESS>
- **Tuesday:** Carry a reusable water bottle all day instead of buying packaged beverages
- **Wednesday:** Pick up 3 pieces of plastic litter
- **Thursday:** Commit to using cloth or paper shopping bags exclusively
- **Friday:** Bring a reusable straw and utensils with you to work/school
- **Saturday:** Go for a hike or walk!

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.



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