



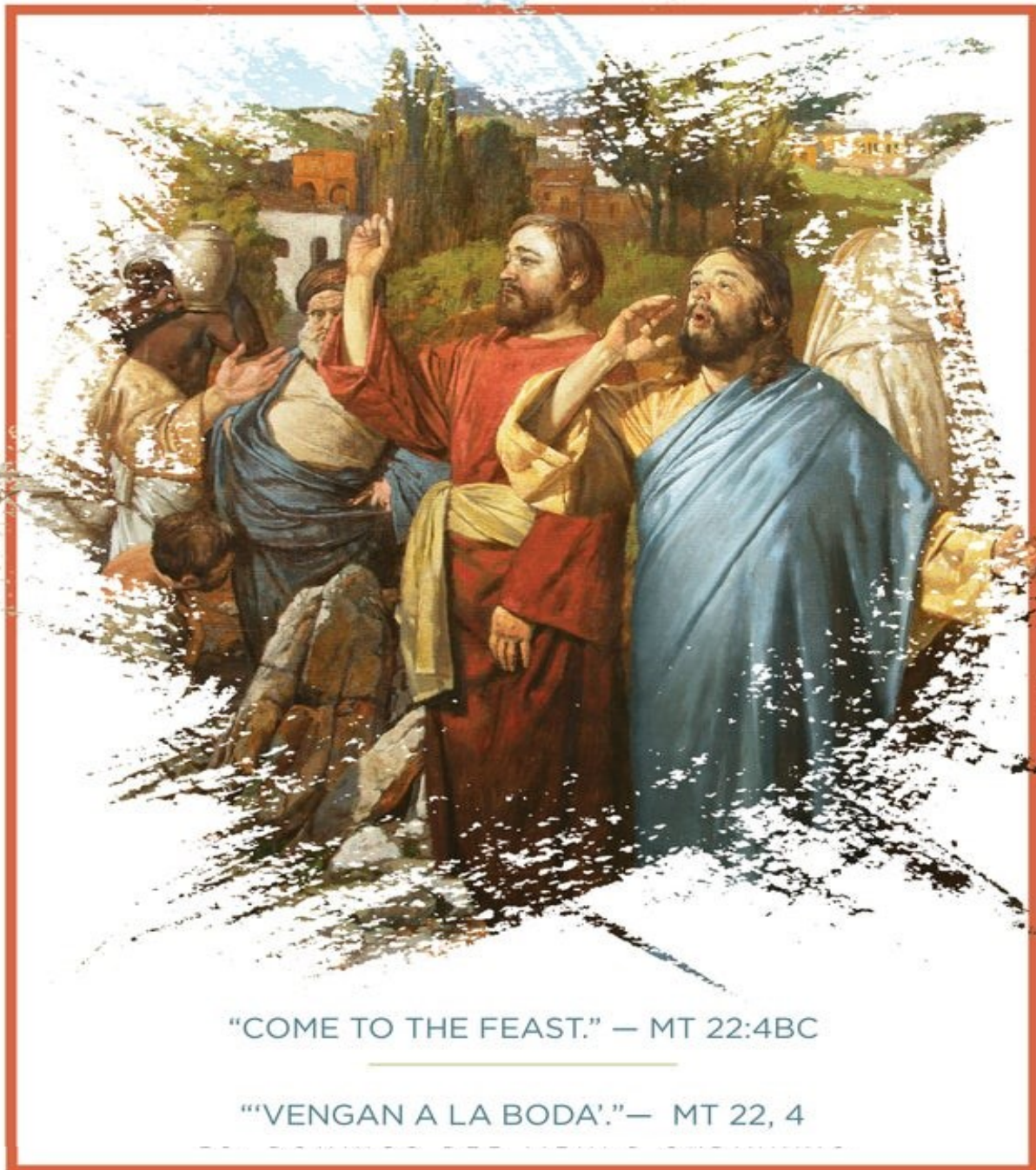
PARISH COMMUNITY

Santa Clara, California

**Twenty-Eighth Sunday  
of Ordinary Time**

**October 15, 2023**

**Vigésimo Octavo Domingo  
de Tiempo Ordinario**



"COME TO THE FEAST." — MT 22:4BC

"'VENGAN A LA BODA.'"— MT 22, 4

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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

Using another parable about the coming Reign of God, Jesus employs the image of a wedding feast, to which the invited guests do not attend. To fill the banquet hall, servants went looking for others to bring to the feast, any who could be found. The troubling part of the parable relates to the person who did not wear his “wedding garment” to the banquet. Why was he cast out “into the darkness,” with hands and feet bound? This seems problematic, since this guest was presumably one of those gathered, “good and bad alike” from the highways and byways.

Jesus preached this parable against the Jewish leaders who refused to welcome Him as the Messiah, the last-called are the non-Jewish people who become believers. Some have theorized that the wedding garment is the metaphorical baptismal robe, worn by a life of faith and virtue.

Jesus’ invitation is a fulfillment of the words of the prophet Isaiah:

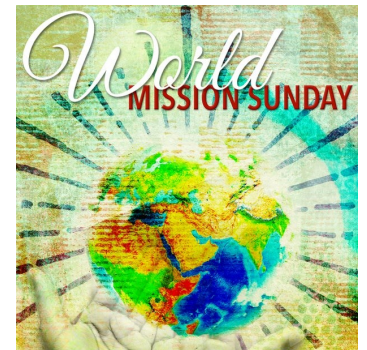
On this mountain the Lord of hosts  
will provide for all peoples  
a feast of rich food and choice wines,  
juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines (Isaiah 25:6).

### No Mass October 16th - 20th

Please note that there are no daily Masses this week (Monday through Friday), while our priests attend a mandatory retreat in Citrus Heights. We apologize for the inconvenience.

### World Mission Sunday - Annual Collection Next Weekend

Pope Francis, [in his message for World Mission Sunday 2023](#), reflects on the theme “Hearts on fire, feet on the move,” based on the story of the disciples who encounter Jesus on their way to Emmaus (cf. Lk 24:13-35). He invites all of us to “set out once more, illumined by our encounter with the risen Lord and prompted by his Spirit. Let us set out again with burning hearts, with our eyes open and our feet in motion. Let us set out to make other hearts burn with the word of God, to open the eyes of others to Jesus in the Eucharist, and to invite everyone to walk together on the path of peace and salvation that God, in Christ, has bestowed upon all humanity.”



On World Mission Sunday, we join our Holy Father in supporting his missions. As we pray and respond here at home, we share in those celebrations taking place in every parish and school throughout the world. Together, through our prayers and financial support, we bring the Lord’s mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope’s missions.

In a world where so much divides us, World Mission Sunday rejoices in our unity as missionaries by our Baptism, as it offers each one of us an opportunity to support the life-giving presence of the Church among the poor and marginalized in more than 1,111 mission dioceses.

You can find the resources as part of this newly-launched microsite for World Mission Month: <https://onefamilyinmission.org/>. Resources for World Mission Month: <https://www.missio.org/resources>

## Anointing of the Sick

On the last weekend of the month, October 28/29, we will again celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at all Sunday Masses.

The question always comes up – “Who should be anointed?” Maybe we can begin with who should not be anointed. . . It is not for healthy individuals, or even for someone who woke up with a cold or another more ordinary and passing condition. Also, this anointing is not for babies and young children, generally thought of as those under 7 or 8 years old.

But if you have an acute or chronic illness (known to you, but it is not necessary that anyone else knows it) or if you are significantly weakened because of your age, this Sacrament is for you.

We will reserve some seats in the front row at the Masses that weekend, to encourage those who have mobility issues to approach the sacrament. After the intercessions and some prayers and the laying on of hands on each person who will be anointed, each will be anointed on the forehead and hands. There will be a concluding prayer and Mass will continue with the Preparation of the Gifts. Please think about whether you are a candidate for this sacrament. If you are not sure, you can ask either of the priests to help you make that decision.

### Creation Care Tips

*“On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines...” — Isaiah 25:6*

God wants all people to be well-fed, but sadly, even as millions of people in our world are starving, one-third of food (more than 1 billion tons) is lost or wasted globally. Such waste contributes to eight percent of greenhouse gases emitted. This week, make an audit of your food consumption and waste. Do you buy more than you can eat before it goes bad? Do you let restaurant left-overs rot in your fridge while you make something new? Clean out your fridge and cabinets, making use of all you’ve bought but haven’t eaten yet.

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### Weekly Justice Challenge

The Sunday Gospel describes the wedding banquet to which the groom’s father invited his family and friends. But the invited guests chose not to come. In frustration, the father welcomed people beyond his immediate circle, even reaching out to people on the fringes of society. And they came! Jesus’ message is clear: through him, God has given us a new understanding of who the Chosen People are. They are not only people born into the Jewish community. The chosen people include anyone who says yes to God’s call. Your challenge this week is to look at someone who is not Catholic, a person you don’t know very well. It might be someone you pass on the street or in the grocery store, perhaps a person whom you consider different or wrong, scary or mean. Can you view the person through God’s eyes, seeing them as part of God’s chosen people? Can you name one way in which the person has said yes to God? In the coming week, commit yourself to a change of attitude or heart about this person.

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# 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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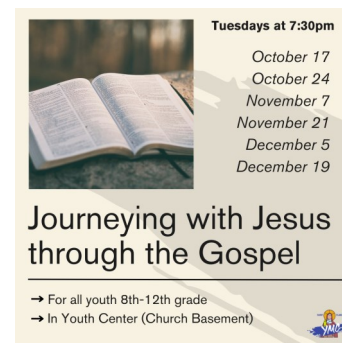
**Emergencies**  
**(for the sick and dying):**  
408-248-7786  
Follow the prompt,  
then press 9

# Youth Ministry



If you have been confirmed and are ready to become part of our youth leadership, you can now apply! Our leadership team receives continued formation and accompanies other young people in their journey through Confirmation. Applications are due by Oct 22.

Don't know anything about the Bible but ready to start and even deepen your faith? Journey together with your friends uncovering who Jesus is through the Gospels in our Tuesday groups at 7:30pm in the youth center located in the church basement (enter on the hall side). No Bible is needed but if you have one, bring it. Don't forget a friend with you.



Our youth space continues to expand! 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](mailto: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!



Is your 8th-12th grader ready for Confirmation? Embark on the journey with us by completing our registrations that will be available in late October. Our program will begin in January and last until September that includes monthly sessions and a weekend retreat.

## PRAYER FOR SYNOD ON SYNODALITY 2021-23

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.  
With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;  
Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.  
We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.  
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path  
nor partiality influence our actions.  
Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life  
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.  
All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

## Saint Clare School

Thanks to our Saint Clare School and Parish community for coming out to cheer us on in the 90 degree weather and for visiting us at our village booth on Saturday, Oct. 7th. We even had a visit from Krazy George Henderson! Although it was the hottest day of the week, the students, parents, faculty and staff who attended had tons of fun! We are looking forward to next year!

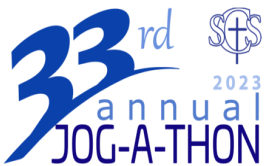


Saint Clare School is excited to present our second Wildcat Wednesday community building event!

### Trunk or Treat Wednesday, October 18th from 5-7pm

Come join us as we kick off the Halloween season. Families will be decorating their cars in a most ghoulish and haunting fashion and will be handing out fun tricks and treats to whomever dares stop by.

The school will be providing bags for the children to go around and collect their trunk-or-treat surprises. Hope to see you all then!



Saint Clare School is celebrating its 33rd Jog-A-Thon fundraising event on Wednesday, October 25th. Jog-A-Thon is a fun student event and our biggest fundraiser of the year. Thanks to the hard work of our Jog-A-Thon committee and our community we have set a target goal this year to raise \$50,000!

“Leading with habits of the heart,” the amounts raised will go towards much-needed facilities improvements such as the completion of our HVAC/air filtration system, floor upgrade for the elementary school, and roof repairs at our middle school. Please read the information below for more info on how you can get involved.

### PLEDGE FOR OUR STUDENTS AND FACULTY

Support St. Clare students and faculty by making a flat pledge or per lap pledge for your favorite student or staff member on the St. Clare School [99Pledges Website](#). Type in the student or faculty name in the search window to get to their individual pledge page, or donate to the [main fundraiser page](#).

### CORPORATE GIFT MATCHING

Many companies encourage their employees to donate to tax-exempt 501(C)(3) charities by offering to match up to a certain maximum (or sometimes double or triple the donation!) of the employee’s monetary donation. Check with your HR department to see if they will support the St. Clare Jog-a-Thon! St. Clare’s Taxpayer ID is 94-2734503. Email [scsjogathoncommittee@gmail.com](mailto:scsjogathoncommittee@gmail.com) if you have any questions on this process.

### BECOME A BUSINESS SPONSOR

Own a small business? Support St. Clare by being a business sponsor! There are a variety of sponsorship levels available, each with varying levels of advertising and promotion for your business. Your donation is tax-deductible:

#### Bronze Level | \$325

Business logo will be printed on a large Thank You banner and hung on the street-side of the school fence. Additionally, your logo will be showcased in the weekly principle school e-newsletter

#### Silver Level | \$750

In addition to the Bronze Level package, your logo and hyperlinks will be advertised weekly on school social media accounts (Facebook/Instagram)

#### Gold Level | \$1,000

In addition to the Silver Level entitlements, your company will be highlighted on the principle’s page in the Saint Clare weekly bulletin (Digital & Print)



## Daily Readings

### 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 25:6-10a

Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Matthew 22:1-14 (or 22:1-10)

Monday

Romans 1:1-7

Psalms 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4

Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday

Romans 1:16-25

Psalms 19:2-3, 4-5

Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday

2 Timothy 4:10-17b

Psalms 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18

Luke 10:1-9

Thursday

Romans 3:21-30

Psalms 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab

Luke 11:47-54

Friday

Romans 4:1-8

Psalms 32:1b-2, 5, 11

Luke 12:1-7

Saturday

Romans 4:13, 16-18

Psalms 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43

Luke 12:8-12

Next Sunday

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Psalms 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Matthew 22:15-21

## Mass Intentions October 14 - 21, 2023

<b>Saturday</b>	5:00 pm	Erlinda bello Alabanza †
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 am	Ramon Abragan †
	9:00 am	Ernesto Gonsalves †
		Manuel & Cristina Jeronimo †
		Rosalinda Da Silva †
		Jose Mendonça †
		Manuel Santos †
		Jose Carlos Rodrigues †
		David Sousa, Jr. †
		Deolinda Sousa †
		Antonio Sousa †
		Constantina Silva †
		Julio Matos - Health
		In honor of Saint Jude Taddeus
		In honor of Our Lady of Fatima
	10:30 am	Saint Clare Parishioners
	12:00 pm	Laura Macias †
		Maria Andrade †
		Alicia Suárez - Health
		Ida López - Health
		Phillip Gabriel Esquivel - Special Intention
<b>Monday</b>	8:00 am	No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 am	No Mass
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00 am	No Mass
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00 am	No Mass
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 am	No Mass
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 am	Frank D. Hogan †

## Observances for the week of October 15, 2023

**Sunday:** 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:** Saint Hedwig, Religious; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

**Tuesday:** Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

**Wednesday:** Saint Luke, Evangelist

**Thursday:** Saints John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests, & Companions, Martyrs

**Friday:** Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest

**Next Sunday:** 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday

## Boletim Paroquial Português

15 de Outubro de 2023; Domingo XXVIII do Tempo Comum – A  
Reflexão por: João Pereira Arruda

Uma vez mais no Evangelho de hoje, tal como outros mais evangelhos, Jesus procura simplificar a descrição do Reino de Deus por parábolas. Não se sabe precisamente a razão porque os convidados recusaram ir ao banquete. Sabe-se que pelo menos um foi trabalhar e o outro foi para o seu negócio. O Rei tinha tudo preparado; fosse o local ou as comidas, mas mesmo assim os convidados tinham outros argumentos seus para recusarem e até tratarem mal os criados. Pode-se entender que Deus por nós faz tudo incluindo o dom do Seu único Filho mas que fizemos nós a Ele? Simplificando por parábolas em comparações facilita-nos em fazer um entendimento do Reino de Deus que é a nossa pátria eterna em que viveremos para sempre com Deus. Mesmo assim criamos barreiras feitas de entulho e de ninharias em que recusamos a chamada de Deus e a Sua Oferta de salvação que Ele nos dá. Nos nossos dias continuamos a ter as mesmas atitudes que o povo tinha no tempo de Jesus Cristo. Olhamos para o Céu como uma coisa que está para lá da nossa imaginação, muito longe do nossa alcance e por assim ser continuamos a pôr os nossos interesses, por mais mesquinhos e frívolos que seja e consequentemente recusamos o chamamento de Deus de estarmos preparados para a vida imortal. As próximas seis semanas teremos evangelhos e leituras que nos falarão sobre o fim das nossas vidas, sobretudo o convite a estarmos preparados para termos as nossas vidas neste mundo limpas e escorreitas para podermos gosar com Deus no lugar que Ele nos tem preparado para cada um de nós. Que não façamos como o convidado que chegou ao banquete sujo e andrajoso com vestimentos inadequados para estar na festa daquele banquete. O fim dele foi ser expulso e enviado para as trevas; assim também será, quando não estivermos preparados para entrar no Reino de Deus. A igreja dos nossos dias oferece-nos os sacramentos que: nos alimentam, nos preparam, nos ajudam nos precursos das nossas vidas desde o Baptismo em que Deus Pai nos faz seus filhos, na comunhão que Jesus se dá para estar conosco e trilhar conosco os caminhos desta vida, a confirmação em que o Espírito Santo nos fortalece com os seus dons para sabermos lutar e defender as causas de Deus nas nossas vidas, o matrimónio que nos ajuda a alimentar os esposos no seu relacionamento e amor conjugal na entrega um pelo outro, a ordenação sacerdotal que faz dos sacerdotes leaders espirituais, dedicados á nossa espiritualidade, a mantermo-nos ligados a Cristo e á sua igreja, e a Snta Unção que nos ajuda a preparar no nosso fim da caminhada e a reconciliação que nos ajuda a branquear a nossa consciência pecadora, ajuda a branquear as nossas vestes para que cheguemos ao banquete com a roupas apropriada para se ficar lá. Pensemos hoje nas vezes em que recusamos a chamada de Deus! Pensemos hoje se de facto estamos preparados para irmos e estarmos no banquete.

**Comunidade Paroquial Portuguesa da Paróquia de Santa Clara:** *O fim do ano aproxima-se a passos largos. É tempo neste mês de Outubro fazer esforços redobrados com a reza do terço, ou do rosário se assim houver tempo a mais, Em seis semanas litúrgicamente celebraremos Cristo Rei do Universo e a entrada de um novo ano Litúrgico – Ano B. O Convívio do Natal está marcado para o Sábado dia 16 de Dezembro. O Conselho está a tentar programar ensaios com as crianças que mais tarde serão divulgados á nossa comunidade neste boletim. Geralmente não temos crianças nas nossas missas, mas através dos cinquenta anos que temos uma maneira própria de celebrar o Natal com as crianças requer que os pais, os avós e os tios animem a estas fazerem parte do espectáculo do Natal, precisamos da vossa colaboração.*

***Um Santo e Alegre Domingo para todos!!***

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## De Monseñor Fran Cilia

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Utilizando otra parábola sobre el Reino de Dios venidero, Jesús utiliza la imagen de un banquete de bodas, al que los invitados no asisten. Para llenar el salón del banquete, los sirvientes fueron a buscar a otros para traer al banquete, a cualquiera que pudiera encontrar. La parte preocupante de la parábola se relaciona con la persona que no usó su “traje de boda” en el banquete. ¿Por qué fue arrojado “a las tinieblas”, atado de pies y manos? Esto parece problemático, ya que este invitado era presumiblemente uno de los reunidos, “buenos y malos por igual” de las carreteras y caminos apartados.

Jesús predicó esta parábola contra los líderes judíos que se negaron a darle la bienvenida como el Mesías, los últimos llamados son los no judíos que se convirtieron en creyentes. Algunos han teorizado que el traje de boda es el manto bautismal metafórico, usado por una vida de fe y virtud.

La invitación de Jesús es un cumplimiento de las palabras del profeta Isaías:

En este monte el Señor de los ejércitos  
proveerá para todos los pueblos  
un festín de rica comida y vinos selectos,  
comida jugosa y rica y vinos puros y selectos (Isaías 25:6).

## Domingo Mundial de las Misiones - Colecta Anual el Próximo Fin de Semana

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El Papa Francisco, en su mensaje para la Jornada Mundial de las Misiones 2023, reflexiona sobre el tema “Corazones en llamas, pies en movimiento”, basándose en la historia de los discípulos que encuentran a Jesús en su camino a Emaús (cf. Lc 24,13- 35). Nos invita a todos a “ponernos en camino una vez más, iluminados por nuestro encuentro con el Señor resucitado e impulsados por su Espíritu. Partamos de nuevo con el corazón ardiente, con los ojos abiertos y los pies en movimiento. Propongámonos hacer arder otros corazones con la palabra de Dios, abrir los ojos de los demás a Jesús en la Eucaristía e invitar a todos a caminar juntos por el camino de paz y salvación que Dios, en Cristo, les ha concedido. toda la humanidad”.

En el Domingo Mundial de las Misiones, nos unimos a nuestro Santo Padre para apoyar sus misiones. Mientras oramos y respondemos aquí en casa, compartimos las celebraciones que tienen lugar en cada parroquia y escuela del mundo. Juntos, a través de nuestras oraciones y apoyo financiero, llevamos la misericordia del Señor y ayuda concreta a las comunidades más vulnerables en las misiones del Papa.

En un mundo donde tanto nos divide, el Domingo Mundial de las Misiones se regocija en nuestra unidad como misioneros por nuestro Bautismo, ya que nos ofrece a cada uno de nosotros la oportunidad de apoyar la presencia vivificante de la Iglesia entre los pobres y marginados en más de 1.111 diócesis misioneras.

Puede encontrar los recursos como parte de este micrositio recientemente lanzado para el Mes Mundial de las Misiones: <https://onefamilyinmission.org/>. Recursos para el Mes Mundial de las Misiones: <https://www.missio.org/resources>

## Unción de los enfermos

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El último fin de semana del mes, 28 y 29 de octubre, celebraremos nuevamente el Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos en todas las Misas dominicales.

Siempre surge la pregunta: "¿Quién debe ser ungido?" Quizás podamos comenzar con quiénes no deberían ser ungidos. No es para personas sanas, ni siquiera para alguien que se despertó con un resfriado u otra condición más común y pasajera. Además, esta unción no es para bebés y niños pequeños, generalmente considerados como aquellos menores de 7 u 8 años.

Pero si tienes una enfermedad aguda o crónica (la conoces, pero no es necesario que nadie más la sepa) o si estás significativamente debilitado a causa de tu edad, este Sacramento es para ti.

Reservaremos algunos asientos en la primera fila en las Misas de ese fin de semana, para animar a aquellos que tienen problemas de movilidad a acercarse al sacramento. Después de las intercesiones y algunas oraciones y la imposición de manos sobre cada persona que será ungida, cada uno será ungido en la frente y en las manos. Habrá una oración final y se continuará con la Misa con la Preparación de las Ofrendas. Piense si es candidato para este sacramento. Si no está seguro, puede pedirnos a cualquiera de nosotros, los sacerdotes, que le ayudemos a tomar esa decisión.





**GROW AS A DISCIPLE** | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

I have about 75 first cousins (yes, really!), so I grew up accustomed to large gatherings. “Feasts” in our family were almost an everyday kind of thing. So you can imagine my initial reaction to today’s parable: Why would anyone refuse such a grand invitation? Who doesn’t love a feast? As we know, however, with parables, Jesus is giving us a message that is deeper than it first appears. Today he uses the image of a wedding feast to explain God’s abundant generosity, and the indifference or outright refusal this loving generosity is often met with. Yes, we enjoy sharing food with family and friends, but are we always gracious recipients of God’s love and bounty? Are we prepared, and properly disposed, to receive it? (Think of the graces we receive in the sacraments, especially confession.) The kingdom of heaven is the banquet to which we are all invited, and too often we can become busy with our material lives and not notice this ongoing invitation. Or we push it out of our minds, or gad about in the wrong garments (of sin, and not grace). Let us open our ears and our hearts to God’s loving invitation, strive to be holy people, and share this gift with those around us.

**ACTION** When you get dressed each morning this week, take a look at what you are wearing spiritually, as well as physically. What does the (spiritual) garment look like? Is it appropriate for a wedding feast? Pray the Act of Contrition (and go to confession if necessary), and then make a conscious effort to repair any faults in your spiritual garment: forgive someone or apologize to someone; pray specifically for someone you do not especially care for; spend time in Eucharistic Adoration.



As we urgently for peace, we recall especially all the families and individuals suffering from these events.

– Pope Francis

**GO EVANGELIZE**

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

We learn from today’s readings that the kingdom of heaven can be likened to a sumptuous banquet. Isaiah, in the first reading, says it well, proclaiming, “The Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines.” Isaiah then moves from imagery of food to talk about how God will destroy death forever and wipe away all tears. In other words, God has saved his people, and offers us his constant presence and the gift of eternal life. But we must respond to God’s generosity in the proper manner so we are prepared to enter the kingdom when the time comes. Making our relationship with Jesus our number one priority will prepare us well to receive and respond to this invitation. From this we will see how our other priorities naturally change and how God always provides. As St. Paul says in his Letter to the Philippians: “My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.”

**ORACIÓN POR EL SÍNODO SOBRE LA SINODALIDAD 2021-23**

Estamos ante ti, Espíritu Santo,  
reunidos en tu nombre.

Tú que eres nuestro verdadero consejero:  
ven a nosotros, apóyanos,  
entra en nuestros corazones.

Enséñanos el camino,  
muéstranos cómo alcanzar la meta.

Impide que perdamos el rumbo como personas  
débiles y pecadoras.

No permitas que la ignorancia nos lleve por falsos caminos.

Concédenos el don del discernimiento,  
para que no dejemos que nuestras acciones se guíen  
por perjuicios y falsas consideraciones.

Condúcenos a la unidad en ti,  
para que no nos desviemos del camino  
de la verdad y la justicia,  
sino que en nuestro peregrinaje terrenal nos  
esforzemos por alcanzar la vida eterna.

Esto te lo pedimos a ti, que obras en todo tiempo y lugar,  
en comunión con el Padre y el Hijo por los siglos de los siglos.  
Amén.



## NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

### ***Jesus and the Eucharist: A Small Group Series for Eucharistic Revival***

Dear Parishioners,

As we continue this year of Eucharistic Revival, we would like to invite you to grow closer to Jesus alongside fellow parishioners through the Jesus and the Eucharist study. This study was specifically designed for this Year of Parish Revival, and we will be joining many other parishes throughout the United States in participating in this small group study as we journey together through this three-year National Eucharistic Revival.

Each session is full of rich theological content, powerful testimonies, and unique and timely messages from individual bishops across the country. This is a great opportunity to dive more deeply into the richness of our Eucharistic faith.

This study will be a special time to grow in community within our parish as we walk this sacred year together, and we really desire you to join us.

Please join us on Monday October 9 through November 13, 2023, at 6pm at the main hall.

Hospitality will be provided, and we hope to see you there!

<b>Session 1: Wat's the Story?</b>	<i>Oct. 2</i>	<b>Session 5: God is with us.</b>	<i>Oct. 30</i>
<b>Session 2: Who is Jesus?</b>	<i>Oct. 9</i>	<b>Session 6 The Story of Eucharist.</b>	<i>Nov. 6</i>
<b>Session 3: Am I Saved?</b>	<i>Oct. 16</i>	<b>Session 7: Bread for Journey.</b>	<i>Nov.13</i>
<b>Session 4: Way a Church?</b>	<i>Oct. 23</i>		

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### ***Jesús y la Eucaristía: Una serie para grupos pequeños para el Avivamiento Eucarístico***

Queridos feligreses,

Al continuar este año de Avivamiento Eucarístico, nos gustaría invitarlos a acercarse más cerca a Jesús junto a otros feligreses a través del estudio “Jesús y la Eucaristía”. Este estudio se diseñó específicamente para este Año del Avivamiento Parroquial, y nos uniremos a muchas otras parroquias de todo Estados Unidos para participar en este estudio en pequeños grupos mientras recorremos juntos este Avivamiento Eucarístico Nacional de tres años de duración.

Cada sesión está repleta de rico contenido teológico, poderosos testimonios y mensajes únicos y oportunos de obispos individuales de todo el país. Es una gran oportunidad para profundizar en la riqueza de nuestra fe eucarística.

Este estudio será un momento especial para crecer en comunidad dentro de nuestra parroquia mientras caminamos juntos este año sagrado, y realmente deseamos que te unas a nosotros.

Únete a nosotros el del martes 10 de octubre al 14 de noviembre de 2023 a las 6pm en el salón principal.

Se ofrecerá hospitalidad, ¡y esperamos verte allí!

<b>Sesión 1:Cuál es nuestra historia?</b>	<i>Oct. 3</i>	<b>Sesión 5: Dios está con nosotros.</b>	<i>Oct. 31</i>
<b>Sesión 2: Quién es Jesús?</b>	<i>Oct. 10</i>	<b>Sesión 6: La historia de l Eucaristía.</b>	<i>Nov. 7</i>
<b>Sesión 3: Estoy salvo?</b>	<i>Oct. 17</i>	<b>Sesión 7: Pan para el camino.</b>	<i>Nov. 14</i>
<b>Sesión 4: Por qué una Iglesia?</b>	<i>Oct. 23</i>		



*Annual Fundraiser Dinner  
& Silent Auction*

**Let them come to Me**

Saturday, October 28, 2023  
Sacred Heart Parish, Geary Hall  
13716 Saratoga Avenue, Saratoga, CA 95070

Doors Open	5:30 PM
Welcome and Opening Prayer	6:00 PM
Keynote Speaker	
Rev. Angelbert Chikere	7:00 PM

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*Rev. Angelbert Chikere*

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Rev. Angelbert Chikere, Director of Life, Justice, & Peace – San Jose Diocese.



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Join Bishop Cantu at the SJ Diocese' Respect for Life Mass before dinner at 5PM at Sacred Heart Church.

# Stewardship Report

**Sunday Collection:  
October 7th & 8th**

**Goal: \$9,000.00  
Actual: \$10,717.50**

**Saint Clare School:  
\$2,007.00**

**Thank you!**

## 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.



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](mailto: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. Scholarships are available on request.

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Retreat

With Francesca LaRosa, Meredith Augustin & Fr. Brendan

Friday, October 27 &  
Saturday, October 28, 2023



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