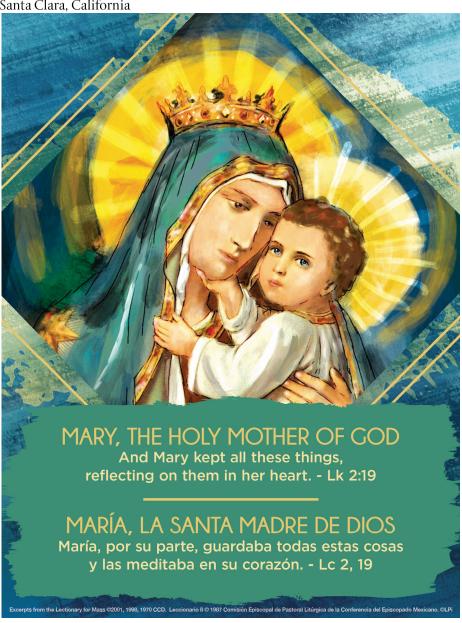


January 1, 2023 Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Santa Clara, California



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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

Happy New Year to you all!

Recent years have been marked by pandemic, war and insurrection.

What will this year bring? In some ways, this will be determined by us; although we cannot control the circumstances and events of the world around us, we can help determine how those events affect us. We can take our cue from who it is that we celebrate and honor: Mary, the Mother of God, who "kept these things [regarding the Birth of Jesus] and reflected on them in her heart."

Mary teaches us trust in God, even when we do not know the outcome of unfolding events. She teaches an openness to God's will, even when it messes with the trajectory of our lives as we have envisioned it.

For us, 2023 is more than just the pages of a calendar. It is full of hope and possibility. May it be for us a time of peace and joy in the Lord.

From all of us who serve you here at Saint Clare, we wish you many blessings in this New Year.

Thank You

Thank you to all who brought poinsettias to enhance our Christmas environment in the sanctuary and throughout the church. We are all very grateful for your thoughtfulness.



Parish Office Closed

Our Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 2, in observance of the New Year's Day holiday. Mass that morning will be at 9:00 am



Saint Clare School: Breakfast at Clare's

In conjunction with Catholic Schools Week and to welcome prospective families at our Open House event, please join us for a delicious breakfast to include tasty pancakes, scrambled eggs, country potatoes, and sausage along with orange juice and



coffee. All profits to support various school projects. Tickets available at the door or (preferably) pre-purchase your tickets now at stclare.school/breakfast (Children 12 & under: \$10 | Adults \$14).

Youth Ministry News



Support our new candidates on **January** 21st at 5:00pm in the church. We will be celebrating the **Rite of Enrollment** for our new candidates who will formally commit to their journey of formation for the Confirmation year. This will be a part of our weekly vigil Mass.

Christmas Movie Night (post-Christmas) on January 13th, 2023! Don't let the holiday cheer end in the new year. Continue the fun by joining us for a movie night at 6:00 pm featuring *The Star*. Remember to bring a blanket, chair, and friend! Weather permitting, the movie will show in the rectory garden.

Get ready for the Revs vs. Sems game between parish priests and seminarians on **Sunday**, **January 8th at 7:00 PM**. Get your tickets (\$10) online at www.dsj.org/catholic-life/vocations/revs-sems/ or with Ryan. Tickets WILL sell out!

MOVIE NIGHT

JANUARY 13TH, 2023 SHOWTIME 6:00 PM RECTORY GARDEN



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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)

Weekday Masses Monday-Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Confessions

Saturdays 3:00 p.m.— 3:30 p.m. (*In the Tent*)

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Weekly Justice Challenge

The first week of January is National Migration
Week. Mary and Joseph and Jesus were refugees
when they fled to Egypt to escape the persecution by
Herod. They know what it is like to be strangers in
another land. Your challenge this week is to honor those who migrate
by educating yourself on the reality and reasons for migration. Go to
the United States Bishops' website (http://www.usccb.org/about/migration-and-refugee-services/) and learn about migration through
the lens of faith. Then choose one concrete action recommended on
the Bishops' website which you can do to stand with refugees in
today's world. Or, if you have migrants or refugees in your own
community, determine one thing you as a family can do to support
them.

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Creation Care Tips



As the time for making New Year's resolutions is upon us, resolve to grow something yourself that will feed you and your loved ones this year (or to grow at least a little more than you have in the past). It might be as basic as growing herbs on your windowsill or experimenting with your first tomato plant. It might be something more ambitious like

setting aside an area for creating a garden bed or planting some fruit trees or bushes. If you don't have land of your own, you can grow plants in pots on a patio or look into joining a community garden where you can tend to your own plot. Eating food you've grown yourself eliminates the carbon impact of transporting food grown hundreds or even thousands of miles away.

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Question of the Week

Living with Uncertainty

Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. (Luke 2:19)



- Numbers 6:22-27• The priestly blessing
- Galatians 4:4-7 Free sons of God in Christ
- ◆ Luke 2:16-21 The shepherds' visit, the circumcision



- ◆ Adults: When have you found it difficult to understand or accept a teaching of the church? What helps you be faithful?
- ♦ Kids: Who teaches you to have faith in God?

Mass Intentions December 31, 2022– January 7, 2023



Mass on Monday, January 2nd will be at 9:00am in observance of the New Year's Day holiday.

Ann Marie Peacock+
Tuesday 8:00am
Hawkes Family
Wednesday 8:00am
Rosa Adelina Rodrigues+
Thursday 8:00am
John Peacock+
Friday 8:00 am
Rusty Ten Suan– Thanksgiving

Saturday 8:00 am Theodore Rumohr+

Monday 9:00am

Daily Dandings	Saturday	
Daily Readings	5:00 pm	Saint Clare Parishioners
Monday 1 John 2:22-28 Psalms 98:1-4	Sunday 7:30 am	Saint Clare Parishioners
John 1:19-28	9:00 am	Victor Lopes+
Tuesday 1 John 2:29 — 3:6 Psalms 98:1, 3cd-6		Ernesto Gonsalves+ Jose Gonsalves+ Nelson Pascoal+
John 1:29-34	10:30 am	Beatrice Palomino
Wednesday 1 John 3:7-10	12:00pm	Ida Lopez-Salud Leonor Torres+

Saturday

Psalms 98:1, 3cd-6 John 1:29-34 **Wednesday** 1 John 3:7-10 Psalms 98:1, 7-9 John 1:35-42 **Thursday** 1 John 3:11-21 Psalms 100:1b-5 Luke 4:14-22a

Friday 1 John 5:5-13 Psalms 147:12-15, 19-20 Mark 1:7-11

Saturday 1 John 5:14-21 Psalms 149:1-6a, 9b John 2:1-11

Sunday Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12





To See and Understand

e begin the new year by celebrating Mary as Mother of God. This is an invitation from the Church to think about the mystery of our lives. Who are we? What are we? What have we become through grace?

Who is Jesus? What difference has he made in our lives? What difference did he make in the life of Mary?

Jesus did not change the life of Mary merely by asking her to act differently, to give him birth and raise him. Becoming a mother is not simply starting a job; it is the beginning of a relationship.

What difference has Jesus made in our lives? How do we think of ourselves now that the relationship is established between Jesus and us? How do others think of us? Do they see us as Christians, followers of Jesus? Or as Catholics, members of a particular Church with unique beliefs and practices?

Do we habitually, constantly, from waking to sleep-

ing every day, think of ourselves as the living Body of Christ? Do we see ourselves as the continuation of his living, embodied presence on earth? Is this the way others see us? Is this the way we see other Christians?

We celebrate Mary as Mother of God to remind ourselves of who she is; this reminds us of our own identity. When we celebrate what the grace, the favor of God, made her, we celebrate what grace has made us. When

we celebrate what her relationship with Jesus made her, we celebrate what our relationship with Jesus has made us.

In both cases, the essence of the relationship is union: sharing one life. We do not merely imitate Jesus JANUARY 1, 2023

MARY MOTHER OF GOD

Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21

or act differently because of our relationship with him. We live by his life. Because we live by the life of Jesus, we are what he is. Because he is divine, we are divine.

The mystery of becoming a mother is the mystery of one life taking place within another. It is the mystery of a baby living by the life of its mother; the mystery of one human body, one person, living and growing within the body of another and sharing the other's

> life. Although a baby in the womb is human, it does not have everything it needs to live a human life. It needs to share its mother's life until it is fully formed. Although it has its own distinct life as an individual person, it cannot live except by sharing its mother's life.

> This is the mystery of Mary's relationship with Jesus. As God, Jesus had his own divine life. In order to become human, however, he had to share in Mary's

life. To become God-made-one-of-us, Jesus had to experience shared life.

This is the mystery of our relationship with Jesus. We have our own distinct human lives. But in order to become divine—to become children of God in fact

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and not just in a manner of speaking—we need to share in the divine life of Jesus. We need to be united with him in a shared life. We do this by being baptized into membership in his Body. As members of Christ, we live by the life of his Body as surely as Jesus in the womb lived by the life of Mary's body. This is the meaning, the mystery of grace.

REFLECTING ON THIS WEEK'S GOSPELS

Pray daily: Lord, by taking flesh of Mary you made her the Mother of God. By continuing your life and mission in me you have made me the Body of Christ. Join me to you in mind and heart and desire. Amen.

January 2: John 1:19-28. The Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask John, "Who are you?" How would you answer that question? Do you identify yourself primarily by your relationship with Christ? What is that relationship?

January 3: John 1:29-34. John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" Since you are the Body of Christ, you are also the "lamb of God." How do you live it out?

January 4: John 1:35-42. Jesus said to them, "What are you looking for?" How would you answer? What are you looking for in life? How has that changed over the years?

January 5: John 1:43-51. Jesus found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." What did Jesus actually invite Philip to do? Why? How can you "follow" Jesus in your dai-

ly choices instead of simply hearing or reading about him occasionally?

January 6: Mark 1:7-11. "I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." What does it really mean to be baptized with the Holy Spirit? How does this differ from repenting and believing?

January 7: John 2:1-12. The chief steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "You have kept the good wine until now." In what way is the life of grace like good wine?

LIVING THIS WEEK'S GOSPELS

As Christian: Decide how you would define yourself in relation to Jesus. Write that down and put it where you will see it every day.

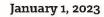
As Disciple: Each day ask yourself how Jesus used one of his bodily powers—sight, hearing, taste, touch or speech—and compare this with the way you, as a member of his Body, use yours.

As Prophet: Once a day look back over your actions and ask, "Did I do that as the Body of Christ?"

As Priest: Each day offer yourself deliberately as the "lamb of God" through a word or act that is healing for others.

As King: Each time you move from one place to another, remind yourself that you are the Body of Christ, charged to continue his mission on earth. Ask yourself how you can do this at your destination.





Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27 | Gal 4:4-7 | Lk 2:16-21

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

Today's readings remind us of the central role Mary plays in the story of Jesus and the story of our salvation. We may be tempted to place her on a pedestal – as well we should – she is the Mother of God! At the same time, today's Gospel reminds us she is not divine herself, but human – and she bore the incarnate flesh of the Son of God in his divine and human nature. She went through the sleepless nights and the uncertainties of parenting in all its stages. She learned early on what it takes many of us a lifetime to learn – often in fits and starts – absolute trust in God. As we celebrate this solemnity, we can bring our uncertainties, fears, and struggles to Mary our mother, asking for the grace to follow her faithful example.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Of course there's nothing wrong with New Year's resolutions, and I always admire people who have thought about them in advance. Me? I'm often tongue-tied on January 1 when someone asks me what my resolutions are (hmm ... maybe I should think about kicking that procrastination habit in 2023?) This is why Mary's reaction to the visit of the shepherds strikes me so profoundly. The shepherds pay homage to Jesus and spread the word that God's Son has been born. Mary, Luke writes, "kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." As we move into a new year, so rich with possibility, we might follow Mary's example and reflect before jumping headlong into this or that goal or New Year's resolution. Instead, perhaps we can take the day - or a week or a month - to prayerfully reflect on how we can best put our faith in Jesus into action. How can we witness to our faith in our daily lives? What changes might help us do that? We can ask God to help us draw up a list of ways that we can be more faithful to him.

PRAY Pray the Hail Mary, reflecting on each line with gratitude. If you have more time, give yourself a "mini-retreat" by reading or reflecting on a book or devotional about Mary.





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De Monseñor Fran Cilia

¡Feliz Año Nuevo a todos!

Los últimos años han estado marcados por la pandemia, la guerra y la

¿Qué traerá este año? De alguna manera, esto será determinado por nosotros; aunque no podemos controlar las circunstancias y los eventos del mundo que nos rodea, podemos ayudar a determinar cómo nos afectan esos eventos. Podemos seguir el ejemplo de a quién celebramos y honramos: María, la Madre de Dios, quien "guardó estas cosas [respecto al nacimiento de Jesús] y las

María nos enseña a confiar en Dios, incluso cuando no sabemos el resultado de los acontecimientos que se desarrollan. Ella enseña una apertura a la voluntad de Dios, incluso cuando interfiere con la trayectoria de nuestras vidas tal como la hemos imaginado.

Para nosotros, 2023 es más que solo las páginas de un calendario. Está lleno de esperanza y posibilidad. Que sea para nosotros un tiempo de paz y gozo en el Señor.

De parte de todos los que le servimos aquí en Santa Clara, les deseamos muchas bendiciones en este Año Nuevo.

Gracias

Gracias a todos los que trajeron nochebuenas para embellecer nuestro habiente de Navidad en el santuario y en la iglesia. Les estamos muy agradecidos por su consideración.



Oficina Parroquial Cerrada

La Oficina Parroquial estará cerrada el lunes 2 de enero en observación de la festividad del Dia de año nuevo. La misa esa mañana será a las 9:00am.



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Boletim Paroquial Português

1 de Janeiro de 2023; Solenidade de Santa Maria Mãe de Deus Reflexão pelo Padre Francisco Rodrigues

Os pastores foram à pressa, viram o Menino e regressaram todos contentes!

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A versão do evangelho de S. Lucas recorda-nos os pastores de Belém como primeiros anunciadores e protagonistas do anúncio da boa notícia. Os pastores eram guardadores de rebanhos de ovelhas. Sentiam-se excluídos e pouco valorizados pelos outros por não terem importância social. Viviam a maior parte do ano, noite e dia, nas montanhas a guardarem os seus rebanhos. As montanhas estavam cheias de cavernas onde os pastores se abrigavam e se protegiam. Foi neste ambiente que receberam o anúncio da parte de Deus: o Pastor dos pastores tinha acabado de nascer numa gruta semelhante a tantas outras. Os pastores partiram motivados por desejos grandes de encontrarem Jesus, Maria e José numa das grutas que os abrigou tantas vezes, assim como as suas ovelhas! Perceberam pela fé e pelo coração que estavam perante o esperado e desejado Jesus de Nazaré. Partiram, cheios de entusiasmo para anunciarem a Boa Notícia. Estes pastores, pela sua condição social, não seriam humanamente as pessoas mais indicadas para anunciarem a Boa Notícia. No entanto, Deus não se rege pelos nossos critérios humanos, menos ainda quando estes critérios se tornam mundanos. Deus não chama para o seu anúncio necessariamente os mais qualificados. Antes, Deus qualifica os chamados. Deus tem um modo de agir tão desconcertante, surpreendente e criativo. Mais relevante do que a mensagem transmitida, assiste-lhes a certeza de quem a transmite. O Senhor é o grande arauto da sua mensagem. Serve-se da simplicidade e pobreza de quem se deixa trabalhar e ser um simples instrumento da sua mensagem.

Hoje, no contacto que temos com a palavra, na avida sacramental que nos alimenta, e na eucaristia que nos faz família comunitária, é a nossa vez de sermos protagonistas do anúncio; por palavras, atos e missões. Se fizermos o nosso trabalho, o Senhor faz o resto porque Ele e cada um de nós, somos maioria absoluta!

Desejo a todos os portugueses de Santa Clara, luso descendentes, e comunidade mais alargada de Santa Clara as maiores bênçãos do Céu e muito paz durante o novo ano que hoje inicia. Tal como fizeram os pastores, que cada um de nós, ao longo deste ano, seja protagonista do amor de Deus dando a conhecer nas nossas famílias e onde quer que nos encontremos ou possamos chegar. Rezemos sempre pelos idosos, doentes da nossa comunidade e pela paz no mundo.

Avisos

Na próxima sexta-feira, dia 6 de Janeiro, pelas 5.30 PM, o Padre Francisco Rodrigues celebrará missa em português, na capela da reitoria em ação de graças pelo dom da sua vida, vocação e missão, e rezará a missa também por toda a comunidade.

O Conselho Paroquial Português agradece o apoio dado pelos membros da nossa Comunidade Paroquial Portuguesa e deseja que este Novo Ano traga saude e prosperidades para todos. Que este Novo Ano seja de paz para todo o mundo.



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Welcome!

Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God for you. If you are not registered, please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office.

Name:	
Address	x:
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	Would you like to receive envelopes?

Stewardship Report

Sunday Collection: December 17th and December 18th

> Goal: \$8,400.00 Actual: \$9,195.50

Sunday Collection: December 24th and December 25th

Not available at time of printing

Thank You!



¡Bienvenido!

Nuestra más cordial bienvenida a todos los que están celebrando con nosotros, ya sea que han estado por largo tiempo o estén recién llegados a la parroquia. Damos gracias a Dios por ustedes. Si aún no está registrado, por favor, llene este formulario y póngalo en la canasta de la coleta o mándelo por correo a la oficina de la parroquia.

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Dirección:
Ciudad: Código postal:
Numero teléfono:
Correo electrónico:
¿Desea recibir sobres de contribución?