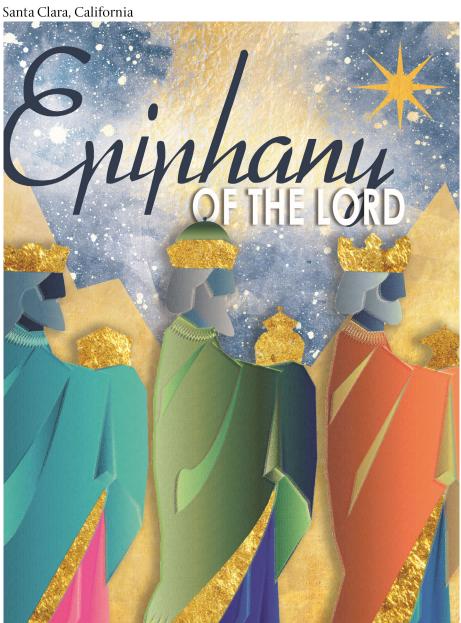


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From Monsignor Fran Cilia

The Feast of the Epiphany is a reminder to us that God is a God of surprises. Most certainly, the magi did not anticipate that their journey to the "newborn King of the Jews" would lead them to the backwater town of Bethlehem, where they found Jesus. It is also amazing that this revelation was made to foreigners, in keeping with today's responsorial:

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.

All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him (Psalm 72:11).

On Epiphany 2023, we can also expect the unexpected; God seldom fits into the categories we erect. Neither does the Lord abide by the limitations that we attempt to place upon Him.

There are epiphanies of God's presence all around us and sometimes these are in people and situations that truly surprise us. In the same way, each of us is called to be to others real signs of the loving presence of God in their lives.

Thank You!!

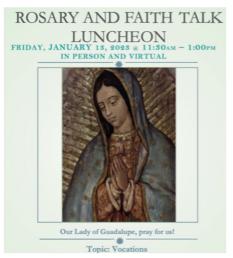
As the Christmas Season comes to a close, we (Fr. Victor and Msgr. Fran) would like to thank all of you for your many kindnesses during the last month. From your gifts and plants toward the festive environment in the church, the manger scene, your financial support of the parish in the Christmas Collection and other end-of-year giving, and, finally, the many gifts to us and our staff. From the bottom of our hearts, we are most grateful!

Guadalupe Hope Society

Rev. Andrew C. Nguyen, Pastor of Saint Thomas of Canterbury and Director of Vocations for the Diocese of San Jose, will lead the Rosary and Share a faith Talk.

This event is free to attend. Please call (408) 447-5433 or email at admin@ghswomenscenter.com to reserve your seat at the Santa Maria Hall. This is an in-person event, and will be streamed virtually.

https://rosaryjanuary1323.eventbrite.com



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!

Diocesan Novena for our Diocesan Synod 2023



God our Father, with trust in your love and mercy we commend our Synod into your hands. Be with us and guide our synod process with the grace of Your Holy Spirit. Give us all the wisdom and the courage to respond in new ways to the challenges we face and to the needs of our sisters and brothers, so that we may become ever closer to Jesus your Son, in whose Body the Church, he has called us to be.

We pray specifically for our ministry ENGAGING YOUTH, YOUNG ADULTS AND FAMILIES and to all people of goodwill that the Holy Spirit may grace us with the courage to serve those who are given to our care with the love and compassion of the Good Shepherd.

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe, we make our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

P./ Beloved Saint Joseph, patron of our Diocese....R./Pray for us. P./ Beloved Saint Clare, intercessor of our valley....R./Pray for us

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PARISH COMMUNITY

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday Evening Vigil (Livestreamed)

5:00 p.m. (English)

<u>Sunday</u>

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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408-248-7786 Follow the prompt, then press 9

Weekly Justice Challenge

This week we commemorate the Epiphany, the story of the wise men from the east paying homage and bringing gifts to the Infant Jesus. Their presence in the stable reveals that Jesus came for all people, not just the Jewish community. But the faith of the wise men was almost thwarted by Herod, who sought to destroy the baby he had heard was born. Your challenge this week is to reflect on how often you turn to violence—violent words, violent actions, violent feelings—when you feel threatened by someone. Make a personal commitment to respond to other people's anger or hate or meanness with nonviolence. Pledge to make love the underlying motive and foundation on which you resolve your conflicts.

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Creation Care Tips

"Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." — Matthew 2:11

Having just come through another Christmas season of gift-giving, consider which gifts you gave or received were the most significant to you. Likely you most treasure those that won't end up in a landfill sooner rather than later. As we move into a new year, consider vowing to give gifts this year that aren't disposable in any way. How might you give gifts of time, talent, and "treasure" that won't end up in the garbage?

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Saint Clare School News



This year, National Catholic Schools Week runs from January 29 - February 3, 2023. CSW is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States and focuses on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its

contributions to our church, communities, and nation. The 2023 theme for Catholic schools is Faith. Excellence. Service.

In honor and celebration of Catholic Schools Week, Saint Clare School would like to extend an invitation to all parishioners, neighbors, friends and family to join us in celebrating our Catholic faith, our school, and our students. Your support and participation is treasured and greatly appreciated.

January 29 ~ Celebrating Our Parish. Saint Clare School Open House & Pancake Breakfast -

Join us for a delicious breakfast and follow up with a tour through the school. Meet teachers, students, parents and alumni. Hear their stories, learn about our past, present, and future and receive a small token of our appreciation.

February 1 ~ Celebrate Our Nation

Join us in showing support and gratitude for our community veterans and attend a flag ceremony presented by the Portola Assembly Knights of Columbus. The school will be receiving a flag that was flown over our nation's capital.

February 3 ~ Celebrate Our Faculty/Staff & Volunteers. We invite you to write a note or send an email message of admiration and appreciation to the faculty, staff and volunteers of Saint Clare School and anyone else you know who have dedicated themselves to this vocation. Your uplifting words give life and energy to all. Notes and cards may be dropped off at the parish office in % Saint Clare Faculty/Staff and, emails may be sent to Stclare-Office@dsj.org

These and other celebrations of our community during this week, such as, celebrating parent, caregivers and students, continue to be an important part of sharing the faith-filled mission of Saint Clare School.

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Mass Intentions January 7-14, 2023



Daily Readings

Matthew 3:13-17

Psalms 29:1-4, 3, 9-10

Saturday

5:00 pm Saint Clare Parishioners **Sunday**

Jonh Burgoon+

Monday 8:00am

PARISH COMMUNITY 7:30 am Maria Paz Tensuan+ Tuesday 8:00am 9:00 am Maria L Monteiro+

The Peter's Family Dora de Oliveira+

Wednesday 8:00am Vidalia Gaspar Rocha+

Monday Fernando R. Moreira+ Hawkes Family Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 Esnesto Gosalves+

Thursday 8:00am Carlos Mancebo+ The Brady Family Maria Mancebo+

Friday 8:00 am Tuesday Lobato Family

Hebrews 2:5-12 The Hegyi Family 10:30 am Duclayan Family+ Psalms 8:2ab, 5, 6-9

Whitten Family+ Saturday 8:00 am Mark 1:21-28

12:00pm Ida Lopez-Salud The Bautista Family Wednesday Cecilia Buitrago Sanchez+ Hebrews 2:14-18

Psalms 105:1-4, 6-9 Volunteers Wanted for Shower Service for the Unhoused

Thursday

Mark 1:29-39

Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County offers a shower service for our Hebrews 3:7-14 homeless and unhoused at Our Lady of Refuge Church in San Jose on Psalms 95:6-11 Thursdays, from 1 PM-4 PM.

Mark 1:40-45 We are looking for volunteers to staff the showers from 12:15-4:30. Friday Volunteers will provide a welcoming and inclusive environment. Hebrews 4:1-5, 11 Interested volunteers may register/apply here: Catholic Charities Parish

Engagement Application Page Psalms 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8

Mark 2:1-12

Saturday

Hebrews 4:12-16 Psalms 19:8-10, 15 Mark 2:13-17

Sunday

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 Psalms 40:2, 4, 7-10 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 John 1:29-34

LOOKING FOR A SHOWER?

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What Is the Glory of God?

he story of the Magi or wise men was included in Matthew's Gospel to show that from the beginning God intended to call the Gentiles (non-Jews) into unity with the Chosen People. This story was probably an answer to the fundamentalists of the early Church, who opposed Paul's work with the Gentiles on grounds that this was just a "human decision" of the Church; and that "Jesus himself" never preached to non-Jews.

The problem was that the Jews—like everyone else—were tempted to be nationalistic. They could say "Israel first" the way we might say "America first." Isaiah's prophecy, "Arise, shine; for your light has come / Nations shall come to your light. The wealth of the nations shall come to you" could mean that Israel would dominate the earth with a universally respected Jewish culture. In reality, this prophecy meant that by the light which came to earth through the Jews, every

nation would be enlightened without being absorbed; every human culture would be transformed without losing its identity. All the human "wealth of the nations"—both material and cultural—would be shared among all without being lost to any.

God's plan from all eternity was to "gather up all things in him [Christ], things in heaven and things

on earth" (see Ephesians 1:10). Jesus did not come to make one nation or culture dominant over others but instead to glorify the entire human race by bringing everything human, in all its variety and diversity, to its full potential—not only to its natural perfection, but to the glory it can have when transformed by grace.

Jesus came that we might "have life and have it abundantly" through the life of grace (see John 10:10).

JANUARY 8, 2023

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Saint Irenaeus says, "As those who see light are in the light sharing its brilliance, so those who see God are in God sharing his glory, and that glory gives them life." He adds that, if we persevere in love, obedience and gratitude to God, "we will receive greater glory from him, a glory which will grow ever brighter until we take on the likeness of the one who died for us."

Saint Paul spoke of building up the Body of Christ, "until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God...to the measure of the full stature of Christ" (see Ephesians 4:13).

The glory of God and the glory of the human race become one and the same reality in "the full Christ"—head and mem-

bers—and that glory is "all humanity, fully alive." According to Saint Paul, we are called, consecrated and commissioned to bring about the glory of God, shining through a glorified human race united, with all its individual and cultural diversity, into one Body in Christ.

To celebrate Epiphany is to celebrate not just the light of Christ but the revelation of that light to the

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whole world. To celebrate this means to rejoice in it, to "single out for grateful remembrance" that people of every race, culture and nation are called to be one Church, one assembly. We are called to be one with each other in faith, in hope and in love, without suppressing diversity or differences. We are called to rejoice in the fact that our Church is *catholic*—that is, a composite of cultures and nations, and does not express itself in the same way all over the world.

Above all, this feast calls us to reach out to others and invite them to celebrate with us the light of Christ. Epiphany reminds us that it is not catholic to want to keep a parish homogeneous—a community of people comfortable with each other because they share the same language, customs, culture or social background. We should not be comfortable until we have invited everyone to join us as believers in Jesus.

REFLECTING ON THIS WEEK'S GOSPELS

Week After Epiphany

Pray daily: Lord, you took flesh as a human being so that all might see the glory of God shining through the humanity you created. And you have called every human being to become your Body through Baptism. Pour out your life into every heart, and open our eyes to see your glory shining in every person of every race and nation and temperament. Amen.

Monday: Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25. "He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum...so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled." Jesus lived in the mixed culture of Galilee to show he came for all people. How much do you reach out to different ethnic groups and races?

Tuesday: Mark 6:34-44. "As Jesus went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them." Do you feel a kinship with the whole human race that makes you want to help every person you see, regardless of race, nationality or social status?

Wednesday: Mark 6:45-52. "But when they saw him walking on the sea, they thought it was a ghost." Do

you look for Jesus to come to you in unexpected persons, thoughts or other ways?

Thursday: Luke 4:14-22. Jesus said to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." How have you experienced Jesus as glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, sight to the blind and freedom for the oppressed?

Friday: Luke 5:12-16. The man covered with leprosy said, "Lord, if you choose, you can make me clean." Jesus touched him and said, "I do choose. Be made clean." What has Jesus shown that he wants to do for you? What are you asking him to do?

Saturday: John 3:22-30. John answered, "No one can receive anything except what has been given from heaven." Do you realize that God is constantly giving light and inspiring love to all the people with whom you live and work? Do you deal with each person accordingly?

LIVING THIS WEEK'S GOSPELS

As Christian: Write down three things you like most about the customs, ceremonies, and so on, of the Church. How many of these are essential and how many are cultural, changeable, particular ways of expressing Christianity?

As Disciple: Read something (in the *New Catholic Encyclopedia*, for example, or search on the internet) about the Eastern rites in the Catholic Church. Do any have parishes where you live?

As Prophet: Identify one way the glory of God shines through your life-style and behavior, a way that is particularly, personally, uniquely your own.

As Priest: Invite someone of a different religion, race or perspective to come to Mass with you one Sunday.

As King: For a day count how many times you or those around you speak negatively about other races, ethnic groups, political parties or people in other departments at work.

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De Monseñor Fran Cilia

La Fiesta de la Epifanía nos recuerda que Dios es un Dios de sorpresas. Sin duda, los magos no anticiparon que su viaje hacia el "Rey de los judíos recién nacido" los llevaría al pueblo atrasado de Belén, donde encontraron a Jesús. También es asombroso que esta revelación se haya hecho a extranjeros, de acuerdo con el responsorio de hoy:

Todos los reyes le rendirán homenaje, todas las naciones le servirán (Salmo 72:11).

En la Epifanía de 2023, también podemos esperar lo inesperado; Dios rara vez encaja en las categorías que erigimos. El Señor tampoco se atiene a las limitaciones que intentamos imponerle.

Hay epifanías de la presencia de Dios a nuestro alrededor y, a veces, se encuentran en personas y situaciones que realmente nos sorprenden. Del mismo modo, cada uno de nosotros está llamado a ser para los demás signos reales de la presencia amorosa de Dios en sus vidas.

¡¡Gracias!!

A medida que la Temporada de Navidad llega a su fin, nosotros (el Padre Víctor y Monseñor Fran) nos gustaría agradecerles a todos ustedes por sus muchas bondades durante el último mes. De sus regalos y plantas hacia el ambiente festivo en la iglesia, la escena del pesebre, su apoyo financiero a la parroquia en la Colecta de Navidad y otras donaciones de fin de año y, finalmente, los muchos obsequios para nosotros y nuestro personal. ¡Desde el fondo de nuestros corazones, estamos muy agradecidos!

Novena Diocesana Para el Sínodo Diocesano 2023

Dios Padre Nuestro, con confianza en tu amor y tu misericordia encomendamos nuestro Sínodo en tus manos.



Acompáñanos y guía nuestro proceso sinodal con la gracia de tu Espíritu Santo. Concédenos la sabiduría y el valor para responder de nuevas maneras

a los desafíos que enfrentamos y a las necesidades de nuestros hermanos y hermanas,

para que podamos acercarnos cada vez más a Jesús tu Hijo, en cuyo Cuerpo la Iglesia, nos ha llamado a estar.

Oramos específicamente por nuestro ministerio de JÓVENES, ADULTOS JÓVENES Y FAMILIAS y por todas las personas de buena voluntad para que el Espíritu Santo nos conceda la valentía para servir a los que están bajo nuestro cuidado con el amor y la compasión del Buen Pastor. Por la intercesión de la Santísima Virgen María, Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, hacemos nuestra oración en el nombre de Jesucristo nuestro Señor. Amén.

Gloria al Padre, y al Hijo, y al Espíritu Santo. Como era en el principio, ahora y siempre, por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.

P./ Amado San José, patrono de nuestra Diócesis...R./ Ruega por nosotros.

P./ Amada Santa Clara, intercesora de nuestro valle ...R./Ruega por nosotros.



Boletim Paroquial Português

8 de Janeiro de 2023; Domingo da Solenidade da Epifania do Senhor *Reflexão pelo Padre Francisco Rodrigues S.J.*

Não adores nada nem ninguém mais do que a Deus!

PARISH COMMUNITY

A Igreja dedica este domingo à Epifania do Senhor. Noutros termos, a Epifania do Senhor é a festa que comemora a manifestação de Jesus

Cristo como Messias, Filho de Deus e Salvador do mundo. É o acolhimento da Boa Nova da Salvação no mistério da Encarnação. Com esta grande festa concluímos o tempo maior dedicado ao Natal. Este período termina bem para começar melhor. Com esta festa aprofundamos ainda mais o essencial da pessoa de Jesus: Jesus é filho de Deus, Messias e Salvador do mundo. Aquele que mais precisamos para iluminar a nossa vida está à distância do nosso querer, do nosso desejo e vontade de o acolher e construirmos a nossa vida sobre a rocha da simplicidade, ternura, bondade, partilha e humanidade.

Os Reis do Oriente desejavam encontrá-lo. Herodes, também queria saber notícias acerca de Jesus. A diferença é que os reis magos queriam adorar Jesus. O rei Herodes tinha medo de deixar de ser adorado pelos homens. Herodes tinha medo que Jesus lhe tirasse o lugar. Mas Jesus não tira o lugar a ninguém. Jesus coloca-nos no nosso próprio lugar. E podemos viver com a certeza; se formos colocados no nosso lugar por Jesus, este não será um lugar pequeno porque é o lugar que melhor nos coloca em comunhão com Ele e uns com os outros.

Os Reis Magos depois de terem adorado Jesus e feitas as suas ofertas, voltaram por outro caminho. Não quiseram adorar mais nada nem ninguém do que o próprio Jesus. Este é um dos maiores ensinamentos que os Magos nos deixam: nunca adores nada nem ninguém mais do que a Deus. Se os Herodes da tua vida, seja quais forem e quem for, ficarem chateados, não te preocupes. Ama todos e tudo em Deus. Não ames a ninguém mais do que a Deus. Que o Messias que hoje celebramos, digno de ser adorado porque Senhor das nossas vidas, encontre ao longo deste novo ano a melhor resposta e nunca seja trocado por nada nem por ninguém, ainda que seja preciso regressar a casa por outro caminho. Que as várias estrelas que conhecemos ao longo da Vida nos levem à principal Estrela que é Jesus. Que o seu brilho ilumina as nossas vidas e nos permitam o melhor exemplo que inspire todos aqueles que se encontrem mais afastados do amor de Deus.

Celebração dos Aniversários de Monsenhor Frances Cília e do Padre Francisco Rodrigues

O CPP está palneando fazer um convívo hoje á tarde a partir das três da tarde no salão pequeno para celebrar os aniversariantes; Monsenhor Cília (31 de Dezembro) e padre Francisco Rodrigues (6 de Janeiro último) Este convívio é do género pot-luck e sento assim pedia-se que trouxessem um prato para ser partilhado e para o efeito façam favor de comunicarem-se com a Eduina ou a Claudia. Venham celebrar as vidas desses sacerdotes que cuidem das nossas vidas na parte espiritual.

Eleições para a formação de um novo Conselho Paroquial

Está a ser laneado uma reunião com os membrs da nossa comunidade para se elegerem voluntários para servirem no Conselho. Paroquial. Como sugestão os membros da nossa comunidade interessados em servirem o Senhor na comunidade poderiam dar os seu nomes á Eduina ou á Claudia. Essa reunião tera lugar no salão pequeno e no Domingo dia 22 de Janeiro próximo, Mais detalhes em próximos boletins.

Um Santo e Alegre Domingo para todos!





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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 stelare.school/breakfast (Children 12 & under: \$10 | Adults \$14).

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	:
City:	Zip
Phone:	
Email: _	
	Would you like to receive envelopes?

Stewardship Report

Sunday Collection: December 31th and January 1st

> Goal: \$8,400.00 Actual:\$8,119.50

Christmas Collection:

\$70,947.00

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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