



PARISH COMMUNITY

Santa Clara, California

December 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday of
Advent



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**Parish
Mission Statement**

*Founded in 1777,
Saint Clare Parish is
an ethnically diverse
Catholic community of
faith, united in wor-
ship, discipleship and
service. In welcoming
immigrants, newcom-
ers and strangers, we
strive to live the vir-
tues 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

The Gospel reading for this Fourth Sunday of Advent begins: “This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about.” It tells the story of God’s direct intervention, not only in the life of Mary, but in the history of humankind and of all creation. What God did was not an evolutionary development, a “natural” progression in our history; it was an act of God, an act of compassion and love, for our salvation.

As we make our way through this last week of Advent, our focus on how Jesus’ birth came about can help us to realize that for each of us God has been and was always present as we came into being. The same God knows and loves us and calls us by name from the first moment of our existence.

Next weekend, we will celebrate Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. I invite you and your extended family to join with us in one of our celebrations of the Eucharist. Even if you have found it difficult to be here on a regular basis, please consider coming home to Saint Clare for Christmas. We are never truly whole unless we are all together.

May this week be a wonderful time of preparation for you and your loved ones.

Poinsettias for Christmas

We will gladly accept donations for poinsettias to decorate the church for the Christmas Season. Please bring them to the church or the parish office, no later than the morning of December 24. Many thanks.



Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday afternoon until Tuesday, January 3, so that our parish staff can spend time with their families. Father Victor and Monsignor Fran will be in the office at various times during the coming week, to respond to calls and office visits.



Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24

8:00 am Morning Mass - English
4:00 pm Vigil Mass – English
6:00 pm Vigil Mass – Spanish
7:30 Vigil Mass – Mandarin
9:00 Vigil Mass (in church) – Portuguese
9:00 Vigil Mass (in the hall) – English

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25

7:30 am Mass – English
9:00 am Mass – Portuguese
10:30 am Mass – English
12:00 pm Mass – Spanish
1:30 pm Mass – Cantonese
3:00 pm Mass – Mandarin
4:30 pm Mass – Mandarin Youth (in English)

New Year's Eve and Day

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Saturday, December 31

8:00 am Morning Mass – English
5:00 pm Vigil Mass – English

Sunday, January 1, 2023

7:30 Mass – English
9:00 Mass – Portuguese
10:30 Mass – English
12:00 pm Mass – Spanish
1:30 pm Mass – Cantonese
3:00 pm Mass – Mandarin
4:30 pm Mass – Mandarin Youth (in English)

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Youth Ministry News



Hope to see you on Christmas Day (December 25th) where we will provide some free holiday cookies after Mass!

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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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Follow the prompt,

then press 9

Register for Confirmation today! 2 weeks until registrations close on the 31st. Our Confirmation program runs from January to September 2023 and is open to all youth currently in 8th-12th grade. Find more information at stclareparish.org/ymc or speak to Ryan after Mass.

If you are NOT a parent of a teen, help us by passing along the information to families who might. Please continue to pray for us and our ministry as we prepare for our program in January.

Announcing a Christmas Movie Night (post-Christmas)! Don't let the holiday cheer end in the new year. Continue the fun by joining us for a movie night on January 13th, 2023 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.

Save the date! January 8th at 7:00 PM for the annual Revs vs. Sems Basketball. Watch our parish priests take on the seminarians in a heated basketball game. Get your tickets online at www.dsj.org/catholic-life/vocations/revs-sems/

MOVIE NIGHT

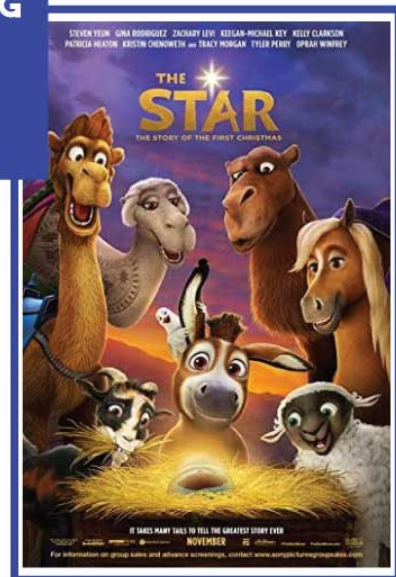
JANUARY 13TH, 2023

SHOWTIME 6:00 PM

RECTORY GARDEN

WHAT TO BRING

- BLANKET
- FRIEND
- CHAIR





Creation Care Tips

As you wrap Christmas presents this week, see if you can wrap everything (or at least more than last year) with alternatives to wrapping paper. You can use newspaper (the comic page for kids' presents), old posters, cloth napkins, handkerchiefs, bandanas, or even re-use gift bags or grocery store bags. In this way, you won't contribute to a market that requires cutting down tens of thousands of trees to make wrapping paper, some of which can't be recycled and gets thrown out soon afterward. Another benefit is that you'll raise other people's awareness of this environmental issue.

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Weekly Justice Challenge

We celebrate the Incarnation on Wednesday—God taking on human flesh and becoming one of us. This is the ultimate act of solidarity. Jesus embraced humanity in all of its joy and in all of its suffering. He truly became “one of us.” We are called to be one with each other as Jesus is one with us. Your challenge during this final (short) week of Advent is to ask yourself which part of God's community you are disconnected from. With whom does God want you to stand in solidarity—locally or globally? Say a prayer every night this week for this person or group of persons.



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Saturday

5:00 pm

Sunday

7:30 am

9:00 am

Daily Readings

Monday

Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a
Psalms 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17
Luke 1:5-25

Tuesday

Isaiah 7:10-14
Psalms 24:1-4ab, 5-6
Luke 1:26-38

Wednesday

Song 2:8-14
Psalms 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21
Luke 1:39-45

Thursday

1 Samuel 1:24-28
1 Samuel 2:1, 4-8abcd
Luke 1:46-56

Friday

Malachi 3:1-4, 23-34
Psalms 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14
Luke 1:57-66

Saturday

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Psalms 89:2-5, 27, 29
Luke 1:67-79

Sunday

Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalms 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25
Matthew 1:1-25

**Mass Intentions
December 17-24, 2022**

Saint Clare Parishioners

Rocky & Alice Barrera+
Manuel & Cristina Jeronimo+
Jose S. Sanches+
Maria Dias+
Ilidio C. Soares+
Ernesto Gonsalves+
Maria L. Monteiro+
Dora de Oliveira+
Vidalia Gaspar Rocha+
Fernando R. Moreira+
Jose Gonsalves+
Victoria Lopes+
Jorge Moitoso+
Lobato Family

10:30 am

Teresa Lumbreras+

12:00pm

Ida Lopez- Salud
Esperanza Torres de Esquivel+
Alfredo Garcia Rodriguez+
Jose Luis Gonzalez+
Monica Yadira Garcia Gonzalez+
Felipe Hernandez Solorio+

Monday 8:00am

Rosa Adelina Rodrigues+

Tuesday 8:00am

SC Carmelite Nuns

Wednesday 8:00am

Antonio Ramirez Ibarrola+

Thursday 8:00am

Agnes & Amado
Toribio- 53rd Wedding
Anniversary

Friday 8:00 am

Jose R. Barcelos & Jose
C. Barcelos+

All Masses on
Christmas Eve and
Christmas Day are
celebrated for the
intentions of all.

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

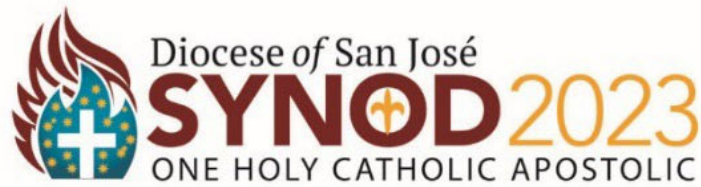
**REVS VS SEMS
BASKETBALL
CHALLENGE**

**Sunday,
January 8, 2023**

TIPOFF 7:00 PM

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Hosted by DSJ Vocations Office

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@dsjvocations



Prayer for the Synod for this Coming Week

Third Sunday

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 the clergy of our diocese,
for men and women religious and for an increase in vocations in our local Church
that the Holy Spirit may guide every parent to motivate their children to the service of the Church
and INSPIRING AND FORMING DISCIPLES to follow the footsteps 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.



December 18, 2022 | Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14 | Rom 1:1-7 | Mt 1:18-24

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

In our family's department-store Nativity set, Joseph blends into the background: Mary and the infant Jesus steal the scene, she in her blue robes and looking over the sweet, tiny and vulnerable Son of God. Even the Magi stand out more than humble Joseph. Yet today's Gospel focuses on Jesus' earthly father, whom many of us Catholics grew to know a little better during the Year of St. Joseph in 2021. Imagine Joseph's shock at learning Mary was pregnant! Rather than quietly divorcing her, he accepts the angel's words at face value: "For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Joseph takes Mary into his home and embraces her and the child Jesus she bears. As we celebrate this fourth Sunday of Advent, we can all do well to follow Joseph and Mary's example by saying "yes" to God, even though it may turn our lives upside down. We can dust off our Nativity scenes and ask the Lord to help us prepare our hearts and homes for Jesus.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I remember our first trip to the pediatrician with our newborn. Our job as parents, he said in so many words, was to raise him so that he'd be ready to leave us at 18. As our youngest approaches that milestone, I'm having a hard time letting go. In his apostolic letter *Patris Corde*, Pope Francis holds up St. Joseph as an example of what it means to be a father (and I think this applies to mothers, too): "Every child is the bearer of a unique mystery that can only be brought to light with the help of a father who respects that child's freedom. A father who realizes that he is most a father and educator at the point when he becomes 'useless,' when he sees that his child has become independent and can walk the paths of life unaccompanied. When he becomes like Joseph, who always knew that his child was not his own but had merely been entrusted to his care." Joseph and Mary loved Jesus in this way, accepting that Jesus did not "belong" to them but to all of us. Whether or not we are parents, we can learn from their example, entrusting our lives and those of our loved ones to God. As St. Paul reminds us, we "belong to Jesus Christ."

ACTION "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us.'" As you light the Advent candles or say evening prayers this week, reflect on the ways Jesus has made his presence known to you today and give thanks.



De Monseñor Fran Cilia

La lectura del Evangelio de este cuarto domingo de Adviento comienza: “Así fue el nacimiento de Jesucristo”. Cuenta la historia de la intervención directa de Dios, no sólo en la vida de María, sino en la historia de la humanidad y de toda la creación. Lo que Dios hizo no fue un desarrollo evolucionario, una progresión “natural” en nuestra historia; fue un acto de Dios, un acto de compasión y amor, para nuestra salvación.

A medida que avanzamos en esta última semana de Adviento, nuestro enfoque en cómo se produjo el nacimiento de Jesús puede ayudarnos a darnos cuenta de que para cada uno de nosotros Dios ha estado y siempre estuvo presente cuando nacimos. El mismo Dios nos conoce y nos ama y nos llama por nuestro nombre desde el primer momento de nuestra existencia.

El próximo fin de semana celebraremos la Nochebuena y el día de Navidad. Los invito a ustedes y a su familia a unirse a nosotros en uno de nuestras celebraciones de la Eucaristía. Incluso si le ha resultado difícil estar aquí regularmente, considere volver a Santa Clara para Navidad. Nunca estamos realmente completos a menos que estemos todos juntos.

Que esta semana sea un maravilloso tiempo de preparación para ti y tus seres queridos.

Oficina Parroquial Cerrada

La Oficina Parroquial estará cerrada el martes por la tarde hasta el martes 3 de enero, para que nuestro personal parroquial pueda pasar tiempo con sus familias. El Padre Víctor y Monseñor Fran estarán en la oficina en varios momentos durante la próxima semana para responder llamadas y visitas a la oficina.

Nochebuenas para Navidad


Con mucho gusto aceptaremos donaciones para flores de nochebuenas para decorar la iglesia para la temporada navideña. Por favor tráigalos a la iglesia o a la oficina parroquial a más tardar el 24 de diciembre por la mañana. Muchas gracias.




8TH-12TH GRADOS LA FECHA LÍMITE 12/31

¿LISTA PARA LA CONFIRMACIÓN?

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Intenciones de la Semana por el Sínodo

Tercer Domingo

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 el clero de nuestra diócesis,
por los consagrados
y por un aumento de vocaciones en nuestra Iglesia local
para que el Espíritu Santo guíe a todos los padres
a motivar a sus hijos al servicio de la Iglesia
e INSPIRAR Y FORMAR DISCÍPULOS para
seguir los pasos 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

IV Domingo do Advento -A

Reflexão pelo: Padre Francisco Rodrigues S.J.

José é um homem justo e bom!

O evangelho deste 4º domingo do advento recorda-nos a figura de José como homem justo e bom. Esta é a chave de leitura de tudo o que a seguir se possa dizer: a bondade e a justiça de José!

Temos muito presente que Maria estava prometida a José. De repente, sem perceber como, Maria espera um bebé. A confusão invade o coração de José. Convido a que entremos no seu coração... a confusão que lhe terá passado pela cabeça. Naquele tempo, ele não sabia dos planos de Deus na vida de Maria. Só sabia o que via! A incerteza e a frustração entram na sua mente. Neste impasse, o que mais terá ajudado José? Um pressuposto pequeno mas decisivo: José é um homem bom e justo. Porque era bom e justo não queria que nada de mal acontecesse a ninguém nem mesmo a Maria a quem pensava repudiar em segredo!

Se Deus tinha aparecido a Maria, através do anjo, para lhe falar e anunciar sobre a vinda de Jesus, também a José apareceu para lhe dizer que não deveria ter medo de a receber como sua esposa. José, porque era justo e bom, é visitado por Deus. Deus visita as pessoas boas. Quando menos pensamos, enquanto dormimos ou estamos acordados, enquanto trabalhamos ou estamos em oração, se não estamos distraídos, Deus pode-nos visitar. Se somos bons e justos, no modo de falar, de julgar, de querer bem aos outros, de nos preocuparmos com os outros, por muitas sombras, tempestades, incompreensões que a vida tenha, Deus vai-nos visitar, nem que seja em sonhos, para que a nossa vida se torne uma vida de sonho! Uma vida de sonho, pode não ser necessariamente fácil, mas sim, será a vida que Deus sonha para cada um de nós: vida boa e justa, vida atenta e sensível, vida de compromisso comunitária e familiar, vida de ocupação e preocupação com e pelos outros, nem que seja necessário fugir para os Egíptos da vida para proteger Jesus nas pessoas que mais precisam da nossa proteção.

José é uma figura verdadeiramente inspiradora. O Papa Francisco tem recordado muitas vezes a importância de José na história da vinda de Jesus ao mundo. Ele tinha muitos projetos pessoais. No entanto, permitiu que Deus alterasse por completo a sua vida para que hoje possamos receber Jesus. E eu? Estou disponível a alterar alguma coisa na minha vida para que Jesus continue a ser recebido na vida de tantos que ainda não o conhecem?

Avisos

Recordamos que o Padre Francisco Rodrigues está disponível para visitar os doentes e velhinhos da nossa comunidade. Quem pretender encontrar-se com ele para direção espiritual ou receber o sacramento da Confissão, deve fazer apontamento. Os interessados deverão contactá-lo através do número 408 401 5308, ou contactar alguém do Conselho Português.

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DEADLINE 12/31

READY FOR CONFIRMATION?

REGISTRATIONS OPEN!



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Stewardship Report

*Sunday Collection:
December 10th and December 11th*

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CELEBRAR LAS POSADAS

Diciembre 16-23
La Iglesia Santa Clara
6:30 pm
Rosario y Posada

Únase a nosotros alguna o todas las noches del 16 al 23 de Diciembre a las 6:30 en la Iglesia para rezar el Rosario y la Posada. Organizado por varios grupos de la Parroquia de Santa Clara. ¡Gracias!

December 16-23
St. Clare Parish Church
6:30 pm
Rosary and Posada

Join us each night from December 16 to 23 at 6:30 pm in the Church to pray the rosary and posada. Organized by various Parish groups of St. Clare Parish. Thanks!

