

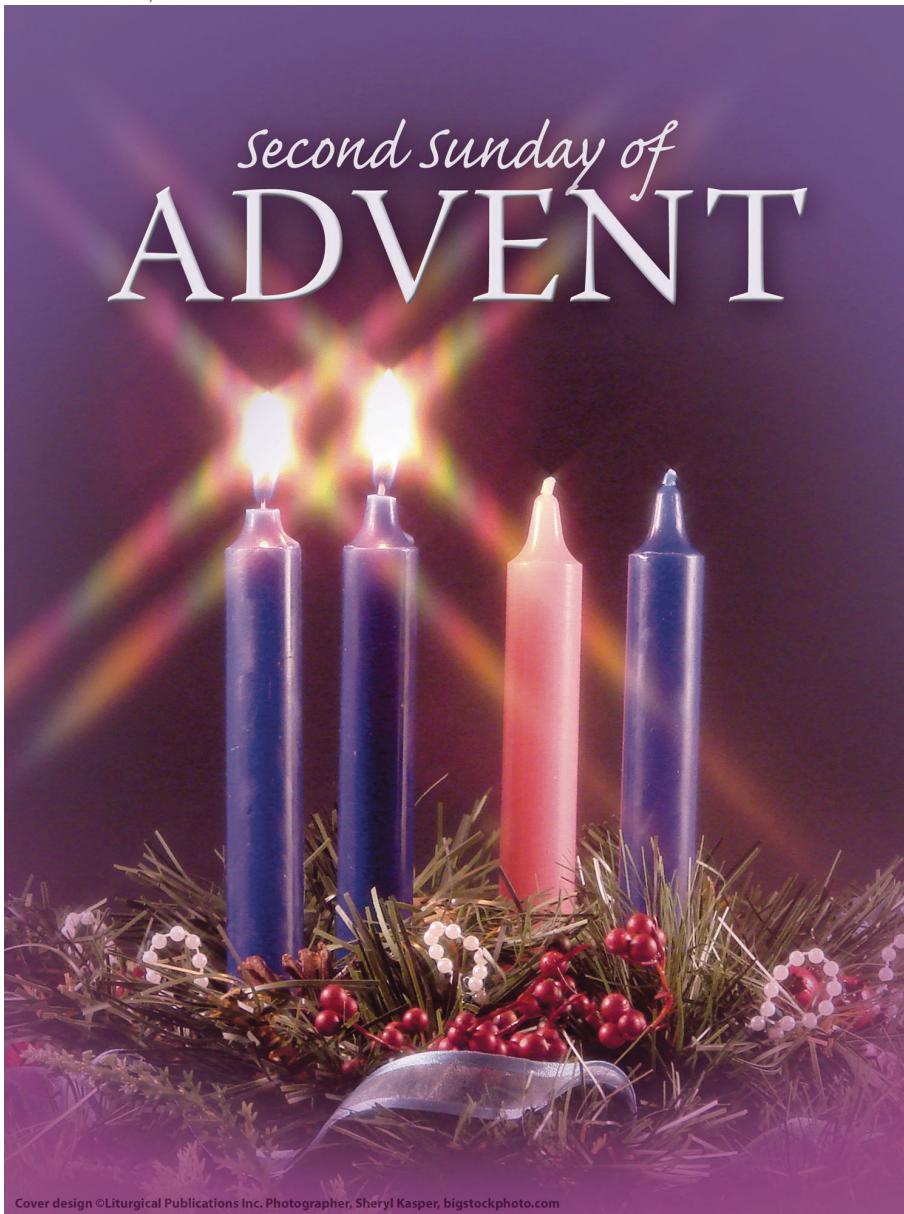


PARISH COMMUNITY

Santa Clara, California

December 4, 2022

Second 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 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

The Old Testament prophet Isaiah and John the Baptist, “the greatest and last of the prophets,” each in his own way, announced the coming of Jesus.

Isaiah prophesied the peaceable kingdom that Jesus, in the power of the spirit of the Lord, would usher in. It would be a time of justice: cow and bear, wolf and lamb, calf and lion would live together in peace.

The Baptist, on the other hand, announced Jesus’ imminent presence, encouraging his hearers to “prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”

This Lord came to us 2000 years ago and God’s reign is among us; yet we live in times that are far from the perfect peace that has been promised. Ours is the task of building up peace and justice in every moment, every act of our lives. Only then will our world have a chance.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On Thursday, December 8, we celebrate the patronal feast of the United States, the Immaculate Conception. In these post-pandemic times, this feast is a holy day of obligation on which all are encouraged to participate in Mass.

Masses for the Holy Day will be on Wednesday evening at 6:00 (English), Thursday morning at 8:00 (English), 10:45 (school Mass, all are welcome); Thursday evening at 6:00 (English) and 7:30 (Spanish).

Youth Ministry News

Register for Confirmation today! Now accepting registrations until December 31st for the Confirmation 2023 program. Our 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.



Free cookies and hot cocoa at our Christmas tree lighting this Saturday, December 3rd, at 6:30pm!

Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious – Next Weekend

Next weekend, the annual collection to benefit the retirement fund of religious women and men will be taken up. Your generosity is most appreciated.

Across the United States, hundreds of religious communities lack financial resources sufficient to meet the retirement and health-care needs of aging members.

- Lack of Funds

Of 517 communities providing data to the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO), only 36 are adequately funded for retirement. Historically, Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests—known collectively as women and men religious—received very little pay. Any surplus funds were reinvested in ministry and the education of younger members. As a result, hundreds of US religious communities lack adequate retirement savings.

- Rising Cost

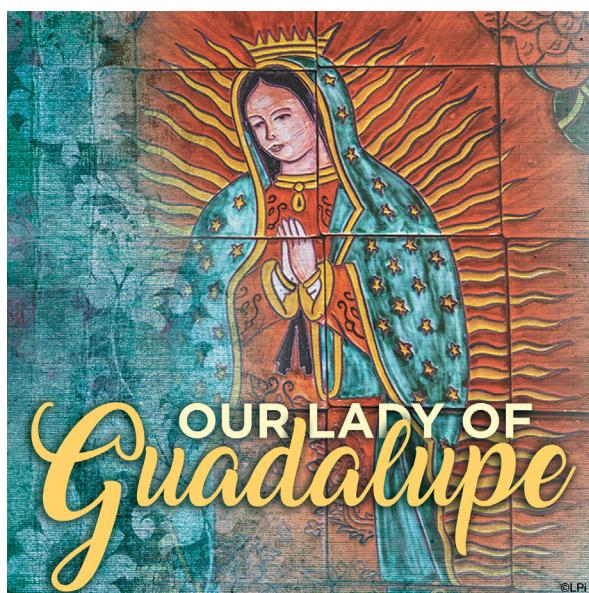
Like many Americans, religious communities face the monumental challenge of funding eldercare.

- Changing Demographics

Today, retired religious outnumber wage-earning religious by nearly three to one.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

Everyone is invited to the celebration of Our Lady Of Guadalupe on Sunday, December 11th at noon Mass (in Spanish) with mariachi and Aztec dancers. Followed by a lunch in the hall with entertainment and more fun! All are welcome.



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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. (Portuguese)

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

Creation Care Tips

“But a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom.” —Isaiah 11:1



As Pope Francis urged in Laudato Si’, one thing we can do as we work to care for creation is to see the beauty already present around us. How often do we see stumps instead of sprouts or seemingly lifeless roots instead of buds? Yes, there are many sobering signs of how our earth is hurting, many “stumps” we can focus our attention on, but this week pray to keep your eyes open for where sprouts and buds are present in the world. As we go into the winter season in the northern hemisphere, chances are we won’t see actual plant sprouts or buds coming up, but pay attention to the news for signs of life and regeneration in the fight against climate change.

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Weekly Justice Challenge



The first reading for the Second Sunday of Advent is from the prophet Isaiah. It includes these words: “Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together... There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy land; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord...” (Isaiah 11:1-10). Isaiah portrays a powerful image of cooperation and peace in this reading. Your challenge this week is to go to the Catholic Relief Services website, read a real-life story of people helping people, research the work which CRS is doing to bring peace and justice to our world, and choose one action you can take as a family or household to support the work of this great organization (www.crs.org/peacebuilding).

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2022 Layette Donation Program December 4 from 12pm - 3pm



DIOCESE OF SAN JOSE

The Diocesan Layette Team will hold the annual Layette Donation Drive. Donations will be accepted at Isolation Products 157 San Lazaro Avenue, Sunnyvale. We are grateful for your continued support of this program that serves and supports mothers in our diocese. Here is a list of very fast moving items the team is in need of. Baby Towels & washcloths, swaddlers, sacks/gowns, boys shoes, cotton hats, receiving blankets. Visit www.dsj.org/layette for a full list.

Saint Clare School News

Saint Clare School Acquires Temporary Heating Solution

In mid-November, the school's aged boiler finally drew its last steam breath. The school acted quickly to ensure students and teachers do not have to go through the winter without heat. With the help of Diocesan facilities and Thermal Mechanical, we now have a temporary, but robust heating solution that consists of a rental external heating unit powered by a generator. Temporary ducting was put in place to carry heat into the classrooms. It is an expensive solution, but one that is necessary for the health and safety of our students and teachers.

Unfortunately, the cost of the construction and monthly rental fees of this solution will eat into the funds we have set aside to retrofit the aging electrical system of our beautiful building, which has a rich history. Since 2020, we have been preparing to upgrade our heating and ventilation system, funded by private donations, fundraising, and facilities reserves. We need your help!

Any amount donated will make a difference in ensuring we can go forward with our plans to get modern heating and air conditioning to the elementary school before next winter. If you are an alumni of Saint Clare School, or if you are a family member of one, perhaps you can donate the amount of their graduation year, in any configuration. For example, if you graduated in 1987, you can donate as little as \$19.87 or as much as \$198,700, or more! Your help and your guidance in perhaps acquiring a grant to help with the emergency cost would also be beneficial towards this end.



Whatever you can do to help our four- to fourteen-year-olds and the dedicated teachers who serve them is gratefully appreciated. Please contact Cecile Mantecon (cecile.mantecon@dsj.org | 408-246-6797) or make a donation to one or both of the following:

- CleanAir4StClare: <https://www.stclare.school/store/cleanair4stclare>
- Annual Fund: <https://www.stclare.school/store/annual-fund>

Julie Palomino-Freitas: A Saint Clare Love Story

Saint Clare has educated thousands of students including the Palomino-Freitas family whose parents met in the 1980s as Saint Clare students. Julie's parents (Lara-Palomino) also met at Saint Clare in the 1940s, married, and sent all their eight children to Saint Clare School. Julie and her husband toured the school and enjoyed reminiscing about their days in these hallowed halls!



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Daily Readings

Monday

Isaiah 35:1-10
Psalms 85:9ab, 10-14
Luke 5:17-26

Tuesday

Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalms 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13
Matthew 18:12-14

Wednesday

Isaiah 40:25-31
Psalms 103:1-4, 8, 10
Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday

Genesis 3:9-15, 20
Psalms 98:1-4
Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12
Luke 1:26-38

Friday

Isaiah 48:17-19
Psalms Ps 1:1-4, 6
Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11
Psalms 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19
Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
Psalms 146:6-10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

Saturday

5:00 pm

Sunday

7:30 am

9:00 am

Mass Intentions December 3-10, 2022

George Alabanza+

Julia Silveira+

Manuel & Cristina Jeronimo+

Jose S. Sanches+

Maria Dias+

Ernesto Gonsalves+

Mateus R. Vargas+

Dora de Oliveira+

Vidalia Gaspar Rocha+

Fernando R. Moreira+

Jose Gonsalves+

Victoria Lopes+

Lobato Family

Saint Clare Parishioners

Ida Lopez– Salud

Miguel Ochoa+

Urbano Amaya+

Esperanza Torres de Esquivel+

Monday 8:00am

The Blanford Family

Tuesday 8:00am

Verne Quiazon+

Wednesday 8:00am

Carmen Ignacio+

Thursday 8:00am

The Bautista Family+

Friday 8:00 am

Special Intention

Saturday 8:00 am

Roosevelt Family

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**Sunday,
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 19 • SAINT JOHN VIANNEY - SAN JOSE

Join us at the Farmworker Caravan Tamalada where you'll enjoy a fun day of learning and making tamales with family, friends or colleagues. At the Tamalada Party you'll learn to assemble tamales, enjoy a heart-warming tamale lunch, listen to live music by Cuatro con Tres and play Christmas Trivia with prizes. All tamales made at the event will be donated to the Farmworker Caravan to gift to agricultural workers for Las Posadas en El Campo. Everyone will leave fulfilled with the Christmas spirit of doing good for others!

Visit FarmworkerCaravan.com for more information and events.

INFORMATION

Monday, December 19, 2022

9:00am - 6:00pm

Saint John Vianney Community Center

4600 Hyland Ave, San Jose, CA 95127

TICKETS

Free Admission

Volunteer for 4 Community Service Hours

\$35 p/person*

Tamalada Party + Tamale Meal

\$65 p/person*

2 Chef Demos + Tamalada Party + Tamale Meal

\$750 for Table of 8

La Tamalada VIP Table includes:

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Chef Demos + Recipe Book + Tamale Meal

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CHEF DEMO SCHEDULE

9:00am

Tamalada Party Begins

10:00am

Tamale Making 101

Erica & Lupita of Mexi-Tamalli

11:30am

Kapampangan Filipino Tamales

Chef Steve Cortez of S&C Catering

1:00pm

Michelin Star Gourmet Tamales

Chef John Alvarez of Five Course Provisions

2:30pm

Puerto Rican Pasteles & Cuban Tamales

Rochelle Segura of Mama Roc's Rockin Catering

4:00pm

Traditional & Creative Sweet Tamales

Chef Sonia Barron

6:00pm

Tamalada Party Ends

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De Monseñor Fran Cilia

El profeta del Antiguo Testamento Isaías y Juan el Bautista, “el mayor y el último de los profetas”, cada uno a su manera, anunciaron la venida de Jesús.

PARISH COMMUNITY Isaías profetizó el reino de paz que Jesús, en el poder del espíritu del Señor, introduciría. Sería un tiempo de justicia: la vaca y el oso, el lobo y el cordero, el becerro y el león vivirían juntos en paz.

El Bautista, por su parte, anunciaba la presencia inminente de Jesús, animando a sus oyentes a “preparar el camino del Señor, enderezad sus veredas”.

Este Señor vino a nosotros hace 2000 años y el reino de Dios está entre nosotros; sin embargo, vivimos en tiempos que están lejos de la paz perfecta que ha sido prometida. Nuestra es la tarea de construir la paz y la justicia en cada momento, en cada acto de nuestra vida. Solo entonces nuestro mundo tendrá una oportunidad.

Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María

El jueves 8 de diciembre celebramos la fiesta patronal de los Estados Unidos, la Inmaculada Concepción. En estos tiempos posteriores a la pandemia, esta fiesta es un día santo de precepto en el que se anima a todos a participar en la Misa.

Las misas para el Día Santo serán el miércoles por la noche a las 6:00 (inglés), el jueves por la mañana a las 8:00 (inglés), 10:45 (misa escolar, todos son bienvenidos); Jueves por la tarde a las 6:00 (inglés) y 7:30 (español).

Noticias del Ministerio de Adolescentes



¡Regístrese para la Confirmación hoy! Ahora aceptando inscripciones hasta el 31 de diciembre para el programa de Confirmación 2023. Nuestro programa se lleva acabo de enero a septiembre del 2023 y está abierto a todos los jóvenes que actualmente cursan los grados 8 a 12. Encuentre más información en stclareparish.org/ymc o hable con Ryan después de misa.

¡Galletas y chocolate caliente gratis en nuestra iluminación del árbol de Navidad este sábado 3 de diciembre a las 6:30 p.m.!

Accesorio de inmigración disponible

¿Necesita una consulta de inmigración? Estas parroquias pueden ayudar. No necesita cita— Consultas gratis de 30 minutos visite www.dsj.org/migrants

Colecta para Fondo de Jubilación de Religiosos – Próximo Fin de Semana

El próximo fin de semana se retomará la colecta anual a beneficio del fondo de retiro de religiosos y religiosas. Su generosidad es muy apreciada.

A lo largo de los Estados Unidos, cientos de comunidades religiosas carecen recursos financieros suficientes para satisfacer las necesidades de jubilación y atención médica de los miembros mayores.

- Falta de fondos

De 517 comunidades que aportan datos a la Oficina Religiosa Nacional de Jubilación (NRRO), solo 36 cuentan con fondos adecuados para la jubilación. Históricamente, las hermanas, los hermanos católicos y los sacerdotes de órdenes religiosas—conocidos colectivamente como mujeres y hombres religiosos—recibieron muy poca paga. Los fondos excedentes se reinvertían en el ministerio y la educación de los miembros más jóvenes. Como resultado, cientos de comunidades religiosas estadounidenses carecen de ahorros adecuados para la jubilación.

- Incremento de precios

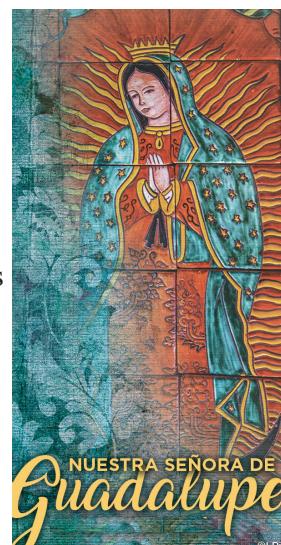
Como muchos estadounidenses, las comunidades religiosas se enfrentan al desafío monumental de financiar el cuidado de los ancianos.

- Cambiando la demografía

Hoy en día, los religiosos jubilados superan en número a los religiosos asalariados en casi tres a uno.

Celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Todos están invitados a la celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe el domingo 11 de diciembre a la misa del mediodía con mariachi y danzantes aztecas. ¡Seguido de un almuerzo en el salón con entretenimiento y más diversión! Todos son bienvenidos.



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Boletim Paroquial Português
Segundo Domingo do Advento -A
Reflexão pelo: Padre Francisco Rodrigues S.J.

Preparai os caminhos do Senhor

O evangelho deste segundo domingo do advento, apresenta João Baptista sem papas na língua! Habitamo-nos a viver a fé como uma coisa privada, quando na verdade, ainda que a fé seja uma vivência pessoal, deve ser vivida na praça pública, no emprego, na rua, onde estejamos. Onde estamos, somos quem somos, fazemos, vivemos e acreditamos. João Baptista não alinhava nas modas, nem no ‘agora todos pensam desta maneira’. João era firme nas convicções e segundo a leitura deste domingo, não era meigo nas ameaças. João era primo de Jesus, ia à sua frente a preparar o povo para o encontro com Cristo. João tem um tom de voz ameaçador, não se poupa nas palavras. Foi capaz de arrancar do seu coração e do coração dos seus interlocutores, os ramos secos que estorvam e não deixam que haja vida. Ele tem um propósito: preparar os caminhos por onde Jesus vai entrar, convidando ao arrependimento e à confissão dos pecados. Estamos na 2ª semana do advento. O caminho por onde Jesus poderá entrar é o nosso coração. Se não arrumarmos a casa interior, se temos o nosso coração cheio de coisinhas e confusão, Jesus poderá não ter espaço para entrar e ficar. Como é que eu preparam o seu caminho na minha vida? Algumas pistas: fazer um bom exame de consciência e reconciliar-me com Deus recorrendo ao sacramento da confissão. Recordar as promessas do batismo e corresponder às mesmas promessas pondo-as em prática. Encontrar-me com Jesus em cada dia, através da oração, da eucaristia, principalmente ao domingo e dias de Festa, missas a que nunca devo faltar. Ser boa pessoa, na caridade, na generosidade, no compromisso, em comunidade. Dar testemunho do amor de Jesus com perseverança e coragem. Que todos saibam que Jesus, o Nosso Salvador, está para chegar, que todos se preparem e fiquem com o coração pleno de alegria e contentamento. Com muita caridade e respeito por todos, não deixar de proclamar a vinda do Senhor Jesus. Há muitas pessoas que ainda não o conhecem. Se não é cada um de nós a anunciar-ló com as nossas palavras e vida, quem poderá fazê-lo? O Cristo que anunciamos e temos que transmitir não é um Cristo feito à medida de cada um, mas o Cristo que a Igreja transmite desde há dois mil anos. O Cristo que nasceu em Belém, viveu entre nós, escolheu 12 apóstolos, fundou a Igreja, confiou a igreja a Pedro, morreu, ressuscitou a prometeu que estaria com os apóstolos até ao fim dos dias. É este Cristo que esperamos. É este cristo que a Igreja há 2 mil anos dá a conhecer. É este Cristo que hoje é o meu turno de dizer; como João Baptista vou anunciar e preparar o caminho do coração para que Ele renasça e em cada um de nós permaneça.

Horário para as Missas do Natal

Este ano a Festa do Natal do Senhor cai num Domingo e por assim ser teremos missa em português no Sábado dia 24 ás 9 horas da noite celebrando a Vigília do Natal do Senhor e no Domingo teremos missa ás 9 horas de manhã para celebrar a Festa do Natal do Senhor. Os horários para todos as missas na nossa paróquia para o fim de semana da Festa do Natal encontrar-se-ão no boletim.

Convívio de Natal

Marquem presença no Sábado dia 17 de Dezembro para a nossa comunidade em família celebrar a festa do Natal. Haverá canções de Natal, para adultos e crianças e presépio ao vivo e um jantar partilhado género pot-luck coordenado pelo CPP. As pessoas que queirem trazer um prato para partilhar contactem com a Eduina Faria ou outro qualquer membro do CPP.

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8 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week from October 1 to March 31.

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GIVING TREE

HELP THOSE WHO CANNOT GIVE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON. PARTICIPATE IN THIS YEAR'S GIVING TREE BY TAKING AN ORNAMENT FROM THE GIVING TREE IN THE CHURCH.

3 EASY STEPS

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ACCEPTING GIFTS UNTIL DEC. 13TH

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TAKE ONLINE SURVEY: URL OR QR CODE AVAILABLE IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGES

<http://dsj.org/synod-survey>

Stewardship Report

Sunday Collection:
November 19th and November 20th

Weekly Goal: \$8,400.00
Actual: \$25,678.50

November 26th and November 27th
Actual: \$5,223.50

Second Collection: Catholic Campaign for Human Development:

\$1,538.00

Thanksgiving: Saint Vincent de Paul:

\$1,921.00

Thank You!

Bishop Oscar Cantú invites every person in our community to complete an anonymous online survey as part of our Diocesan Synod to gain a greater understanding of the pastoral needs of the Catholic community in Santa Clara County, including those no longer practicing their faith. The responses will help inform how our diocese serves God's people in the coming years. The survey is available in English, Spanish or Vietnamese. You can go to dsj.org/synod-survey or scan the QR code image to complete the survey.