



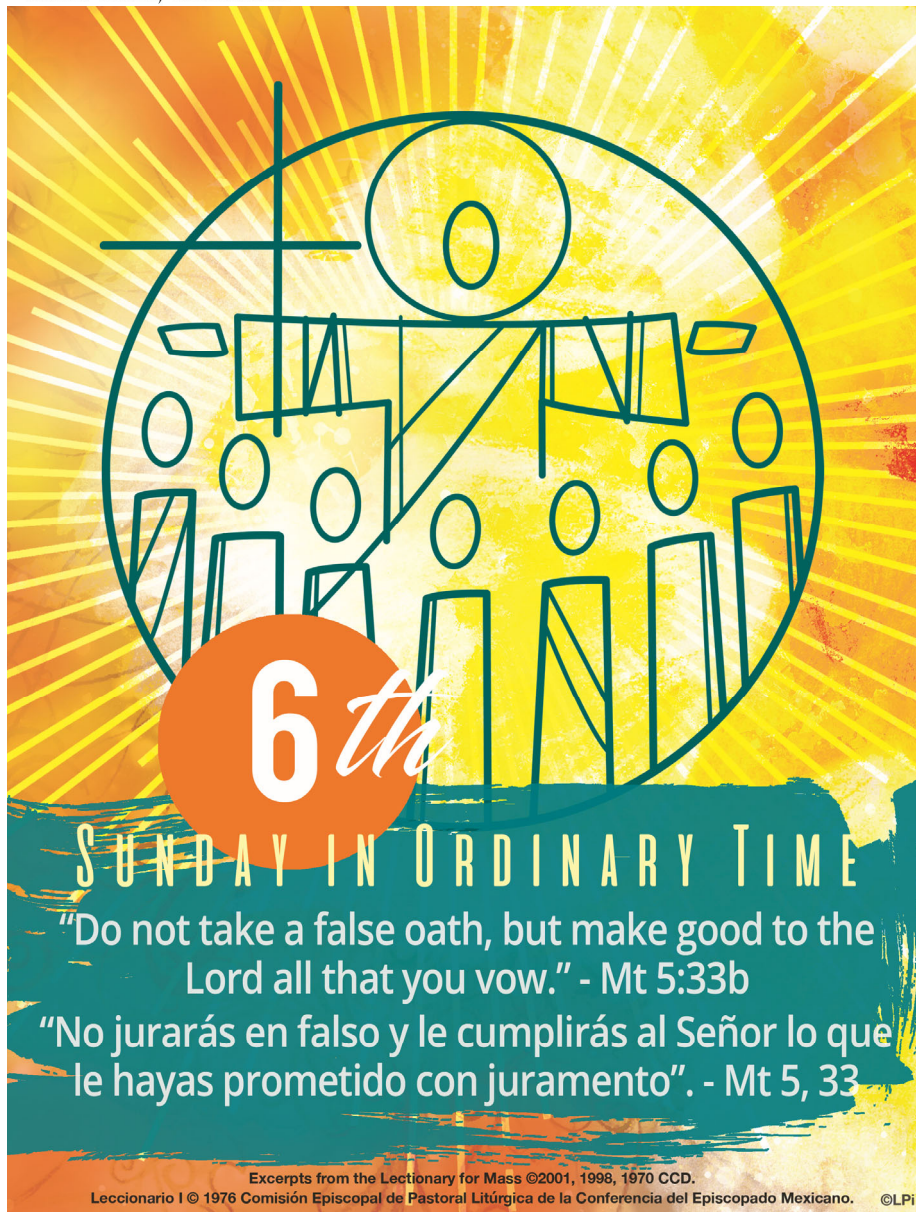
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PARISH COMMUNITY

Santa Clara, California

February 12, 2023  
Sixth  
Sunday in  
Ordinary Time



6<sup>th</sup>

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow." - Mt 5:33b

"No jurarás en falso y le cumplirás al Señor lo que le hayas prometido con juramento". - Mt 5, 33

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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**

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Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother [or sister] has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way to court (Matthew 5:23-24).

Based upon this passage from the Sermon on the Mount, there was a consultation throughout the Church some years ago to consider moving the Sign of Peace from its current place, just before Communion, to a position prior to the Procession of Gifts at Mass. The proposal was not accepted, but it did serve to make us think: How many times do we bring “our gifts” to the altar without first being reconciled with others?

It is true that just before we receive Communion, we pray, “Lord, I am not worthy. . .” But this statement of unworthiness and the request, “Only say the word, and my soul shall be healed,” cannot be a substitute for making peace with others. The two go hand-in-hand. First, we make peace, attempt to right the wrongs of our lives, then, after that effort has been made, we look to the Lord to heal us, to nourish us. We “bring our gift” to the altar, not to gloss over some wrong that we have done, but as a sign of the peace which we have already sought.

## **Annual Diocesan Appeal Report #1**

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After the first weekend of the Appeal, we have received 62 pledges and gifts in the amount of \$34,000. While we still have a considerable way to go to reach our \$87,359 diocesan goal and our \$150,000 combined goal, we are off to a great start. Additional pledge envelopes and

ADA information are available in the vestibule and at the parish office.

We are grateful to all who have already pledged. A special thanks to those who are participating this year, even though they were not able to last year.

## ***Little Black Books***

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*Little Black Books* are now available to accompany you through Lent, which begins on February 22, Ash Wednesday. Please pick up yours in the vestibule

## Second Collection Next Weekend *Black and Indian Missions*

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Catholics in the U.S. are familiar with all kinds of “second collections” taken up in their parish churches. But only one can claim status as the first ever!

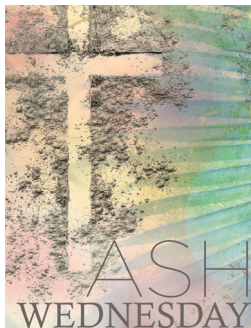
Recognizing a need to call the faithful to support missionary work among African American and Native American Catholics, the U.S. Catholic bishops established this Catholic Church charity for the Catholic Missions in 1884 to administer a national collection—the first of its kind in the United States—to support missionary work.

Ever since the first Collection in 1884, the Commission has administered the yearly, national **Black and Indian Mission Collection**. The generosity of the good People of God allows the Commission to give helpful grants to dioceses across the country to operate schools, parishes, and other missionary services that build the Body of Christ in Native American, Alaska Native, and Black Catholic communities.

Thank you for your support.

### Ash Wednesday Schedule

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All are invited to begin the season of Lent by participating at Mass on Ash Wednesday.

On that day, ashes will be blessed and distributed during Mass at the following times:

8:00 am *English*  
12:05 pm *Bilingual (Spanish/English)*  
6:00 *English*  
7:30 *Spanish*

Ashes will not be available at other times, except for the home-bound.



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## Planning Ahead . . .

On the weekend of **March 4-5, the Second Sunday of Lent**, we will celebrate the *Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick* at all Saturday evening and Sunday Masses. This Sacrament is for those with acute or chronic illness, as well as for the elderly whose health is impaired by virtue of their age. The Sacrament is not celebrated with children under the age of reason (generally accepted as 7 years old). Even those who are not able to attend Mass regularly are encouraged to be with us on March 4 or 5. There will be seats reserved for those who are less ambulatory.

## Youth Ministry News



Save the date for DYR 2023! June 12-16!!! Head to Lake Tahoe for the week and gain new friends but an even deeper friendship with God. For all high school students. More details will come.

Interested in going on a pilgrimage with us to **Lisbon, Portugal for World Youth Day 2023 (August 1-6)?** World Youth Day is where thousands of young people come to worship, pray, and celebrate our Catholic faith. Not only will you visit sites like Fatima but you will also get a chance to see the Pope. Find out more information at: <https://www.lisboa2023.org/en/>. We are looking for interested 18+ teens to come with us. If interested, please contact Ryan Bao at [ryan.bao@dsj.org](mailto:ryan.bao@dsj.org)

## Parish Organizations *Organizaciones Parroquiales*

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*Under Construction*

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**Black History Month**

**MASS ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH, 2023**

**LOCATION: ST. FRANCES CABRINI PARISH**

**TIME: 2:00 PM**

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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 Gospel for Sunday is part of the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus is focusing on keeping the commandments. He emphasizes that the Fifth Commandment, “Thou shalt not kill,” means more than not taking someone’s life. It also means not being angry or destroying someone’s self-esteem by calling them names. Your challenge this week is to look at your life and examine where you might have hurt someone—physically, emotionally through negative gossip, cyber criticism, or derogatory words, or even spiritually by giving bad example. Make a commitment to changing that hurtful behavior, say a prayer for the person you have hurt, and try to have the courage to ask forgiveness in person.

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## Creation Care Tips



“Before each person are life and death, and whichever one chooses will be given.” —Sirach 15:17

We are now beginning to reap what we have sown regarding environmental degradation. In our insatiable appetite for paper, plastic, gasoline, red meat, fish, food flown in from around the world, precious minerals, and irrigated green lawns, our society has been choosing diminishment and death for the natural world. God isn’t cursing us with droughts, floods, melting glaciers, and global warming; they are the outcome of choices we have collectively made for decades now. Individual choices for conservation won’t be enough now to reverse the consequences we have set into motion as a collective. This week, find a way to add your voice and efforts to a communal movement that chooses life over death in our environment.

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DIOCESE OF SAN JOSE  
VOCATIONS  
March 3 - 5, 2023  
**Men's Discernment Weekend Retreat**  
Ages 18-35  
English & Spanish Tracks  
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PARISH COMMUNITY

**Daily Readings**

**Monday**

Genesis 4:1-15, 25  
Psalms 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21  
Mark 8:11-13

**Tuesday:**

Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10  
Psalms 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10  
Mark 8:14-21

**Wednesday:**

Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22  
Psalms 116:12-15, 18-19  
Mark 8:22-26

**Thursday:**

Genesis 9:1-13  
Psalms 102:16-21, 29, 22-23  
Mark 8:27-33

**Friday:**

Genesis 11:1-9  
Psalms 33:10-15  
Mark 8:34 — 9:1

**Saturday:**

Hebrews 11:1-7  
Psalms 145:2-5, 10-11  
Mark 9:2-13

**Sunday:**

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18  
Psalms 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13  
1 Corinthians 3:16-23  
Matthew 5:38-48

**Mass Intentions  
February 11-18, 2023**

**Saturday**

5:00 pm McShane Family+  
McShane Family– Well Being

**Sunday**

7:30 am Francisco Luis Buitrago+  
9:00 am Maria L Monteiro+  
Jose & Conceicao Gonalves+  
Dora de Oliveira+  
Ernesto Gonsalves+  
Manuel Santos+  
Antonio Pereira+  
Vidalia Gaspar Rocha+  
Familia Sousa+  
Manuel de Jesus Sardinha+  
Maria A. Madruga+  
Evelina Pauao+  
Fernanda Vidal+  
Alberto Amarante+  
Jose Manuel Correia+  
Eileen Florist+  
Manuel & Cristina Jeronimo+

10:30 am Saint Clare Parishioners

12:00 pm Bryant Rosas+  
Maria Andrade+  
Alicia Suarez-Salud  
Greg Ortiz, Jr.-Salud  
Ida Lopez-Salud

**Monday 8:00am**

Mr. & Mrs. Winton Tang+

**Tuesday 8:00am**

Abril Arisbeth– Birthday

**Wednesday 8:00am**

Hawkes Family

**Thursday 8:00am**

Hereolino Lourenco+

**Friday 8:00 am**

John Yao+

**Saturday 8:00 am**

George Cheng+

DIOCESE OF SAN JOSE  
VOCATIONS  
March 10-12, 2023  
**Women's Discernment Weekend Retreat**  
Ages 18-35  
▶ English & Spanish Tracks  
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## Saint Clare School News

### WE ARE ENROLLING IN ALL GRADES

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# RECAP: Pancake Breakfast | *Breakfast at Clare's* Sunday, January 29, 2023 | 8:00 - 12:00

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244 meals sold

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## De Monseñor Fran Cilia

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Por tanto, si traes tu ofrenda al altar, y allí te acuerdas de que tu hermano [o hermana] tiene algo contra ti, deja allí tu ofrenda en el altar, ve primero y reconcílate con tu hermano, y luego ven y presenta tu ofrenda. Llega a un acuerdo con tu oponente rápidamente mientras te diriges a la corte (Mateo 5:23-24).

Con base en este pasaje del Sermón de la Montaña, hubo una consulta en toda la Iglesia hace algunos años para considerar mover el Signo de la Paz de su lugar actual, justo antes de la Comunión, a un puesto previo a la Procesión de las Ofrendas en la Misa. La propuesta no fue aceptada, pero sirvió para hacernos pensar: ¿Cuántas veces llevamos “nuestras ofrendas” al altar sin antes reconciliarnos con los demás?

Es cierto que justo antes de recibir la Comunión, rezamos: “Señor, no soy digno. . .” Pero esta declaración de indignidad y la petición: “Di solamente la palabra, y mi alma será sanada”, no puede ser un sustituto de hacer las paces con los demás. Los dos van de la mano. Primero, hacemos las paces, tratamos de corregir los errores de nuestras vidas, luego, después de que se ha hecho ese esfuerzo, buscamos al Señor para que nos sane, nos nutra. Nosotros “traemos nuestro regalo” al altar, no para encubrir algún mal que hayamos hecho, sino como señal de la paz que ya hemos buscado.

## Informe de la Campaña Anual Diocesana #1

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Después del primer fin de semana de la Campaña, hemos recibido 62 promesas y obsequios por un monto de \$34,000. Si bien todavía tenemos un camino considerable por recorrer para alcanzar nuestra meta diocesana de \$87,359 y nuestra meta combinada de \$150,000, hemos tenido un gran comienzo. Sobres de compromiso adicionales e información sobre ADA están disponibles en el vestíbulo y en la oficina parroquia.

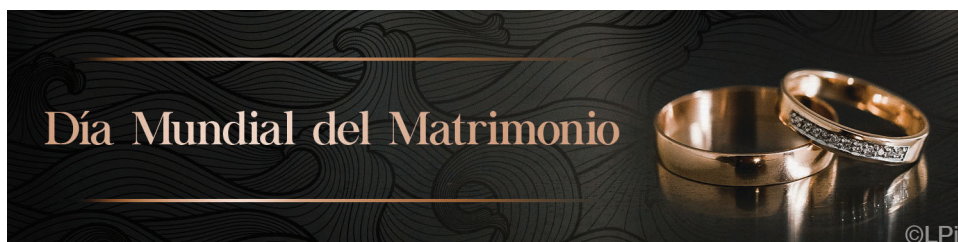


Agradecemos a todos los que ya se han comprometido. Un agradecimiento especial a quienes están participando este año, aunque no pudieron hacerlo el año pasado.

## Pequeños Libritos Negros

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*Little Black Books* ya está disponible para acompañarte durante la Cuaresma, que comienza el 22 de febrero, Miércoles de Ceniza. Por favor, recoja el suyo en el vestíbulo.





## Segunda Colecta Próximo Fin de Semana *Misiones negras e indias*

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Los católicos en los EE. UU. están familiarizados con todo tipo de “segundas colectas” recogidas en sus iglesias parroquiales. ¡Pero solo uno puede reclamar el estatus como el primero en la historia!

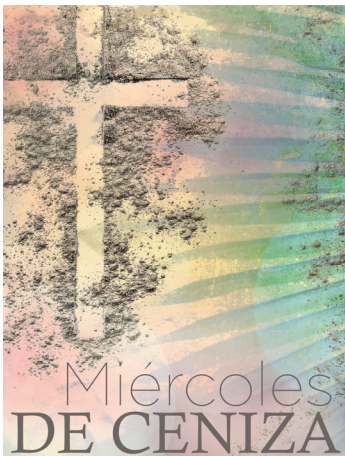
Reconociendo la necesidad de llamar a los fieles a apoyar el trabajo misionero entre los afroamericanos y los nativos americanos Católicos, los obispos católicos de EE. UU. establecieron esta organización benéfica de la Iglesia Católica para las Misiones Católicas en 1884 para administrar una colecta nacional, la primera de su tipo en los Estados Unidos, para apoyar el trabajo misionero.

Desde la primera Colecta en 1884, la Comisión administró la Colecta Nacional Anual de Misiones Negras e Indias. La generosidad del buen Pueblo de Dios permite que la Comisión otorgue subvenciones útiles a las diócesis de todo el país para operar escuelas, parroquias y otros servicios misioneros. servicios que construyen el Cuerpo de Cristo en las comunidades nativas americanas, nativas de Alaska y católicas negras.

Gracias por tu apoyo.

### Horario del Miércoles de Ceniza

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Todos están invitados a comenzar la temporada de Cuaresma participando en la Misa del Miércoles de Ceniza.

En ese día, las cenizas serán bendecidas y distribuidas durante la Misa en los siguientes horarios:

8:00 am *Inglés*  
12:05pm *bilingüe (español/inglés)*  
6:00 pm *Inglés*  
7:30 pm *Español*

Las cenizas no estarán disponibles en otros momentos, excepto para los confinados en casa.

### Viendo hacia al Futuro . . .

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El fin de semana del **4 al 5 de marzo**, el segundo domingo de Cuaresma, celebraremos el *Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos* en todas las misas del sábado por la noche y del domingo. Este Sacramento es para las personas con enfermedades agudas o crónicas, así como para los ancianos cuya salud está deteriorada en virtud de su edad. El Sacramento no se celebra en niños menores de edad (generalmente aceptado como 7 años). Incluso aquellos que no pueden asistir a Misa con regularidad pueden estar con nosotros el 4 o 5 de marzo. Habrá asientos reservados para aquellos que son menos ambulatorios.



## **Boletim Paroquial Português**

Domingo VI do Tempo Comum –Dia Mundial do Matrimóni  
*Reflexão pelo Padre Francisco Rodrigues S.J.*

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### **Que o teu sim seja sim. Que o teu não seja não!**

PARISH COMMUNITY O evangelho deste domingo, VI do tempo comum, parece bastante radical, com uma série de exemplos aparentemente fundamentalistas. No entanto, nem o evangelho é radical nem Jesus é fundamentalista. O que o evangelho deste domingo nos recorda são os fundamentos da nossa vida cristã se a queremos viver com unidade, coerência e verdade. Na primeira parte do evangelho, Jesus recorda a importância de correspondermos à lei e não a lermos de acordo com as nossas conveniências. Jesus dá-nos exemplos muito fortes sobre a importância de levar a lei a sério. Chega a dar o exemplo de cortamos os membros do corpo humano caso estes não estejam ao serviço do maior bem. Jesus dá tanta importância à paz interior e ao perdão que chega a dizer que as nossas ofertas têm valor salvífico se forem acompanhados pelo amor, perdão e paz. Portanto, não podemos subestimar a lei e pensar que depende do modo como cada um a lê. A Igreja tem a autoridade de interpretar a lei e no-la dar a conhecer. Cada um de nós tem o dever de observar a lei com amor à Igreja, a Deus e a todos os homens e mulheres. Mas Jesus não se fica pela vivência da letra da lei. A lei não é para viver à letra mas segundo o Espírito. A lei não tem valor em si mesma mas é um caminho para viver o amor a Deus segundo o espírito da lei. Só a oração nos pode mergulhar no espírito da lei. Só o Espírito Santo nos pode guiar no que a lei tem de belo como forma de nos conduzir a Deus. Só a comunhão e a obediência em Igreja e na Igreja nos pode ajudar a saborear a lei segundo o espírito com que foi escrita a fim de que a saibamos viver guiados pelo mesmo espírito. Jesus não permite que tiremos letra à lei. No entanto, se lhe tiramos o espírito, ficamos sem lei, porque a lei sem o Espírito Santo é letra morta e Jesus prometeu o Espírito Santo à sua Igreja até aos fins dos tempos. Que os mandamentos que Jesus nos recorda, vividos em Igreja, nos alimentem, nos inspirem e nos orientem. O Espírito que atua na Igreja também atua em cada um de nós se o acolhermos em comunhão com a Igreja. Que Ele nos ajude a viver os mandamentos

### **Dia mundial do Matrimónio**

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Celebramos hoje o Dia Mundial do Matrimónio; Por assim ser após a nossa missa teremos o convívio especial do café pondo em relevo os casais da nossa comunidade.



### **Novo Conselho Paroquial Português**

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Depois da últimas eleições realizadas no Domingo dia 22 de Janeiro ficou assim constituído o Conselho Paroquial Português de Saint Clare's: Claudia Madruga (Presidente), Leandro Vieira (Secretário), Nilda Ramos (Tesoureira. Como Directores: Connie Gonsalves, Maria Marques, José Silva, Carlos Ramos, Eduína Faria, Gabriel Azevedo, Conceição Monteiro, Danny Silva, João Mendonça e Larry da Rosa. Rezemos por este Conselho para que represente bem a nossa comunidade na nossa paróquia.

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## Knights of Columbus Chicken BBQ



On Saturday, February 18, the Knights of Columbus will prepare a Chicken BBQ. The meal includes one half chicken, beans, salad & bread roll.

**Take out :** Between 2:30-4:30pm  
Parish Parking Lot

**Dine in:** Beginning at 6:00pm  
Saint Clare Parish North Hall



One Chicken Dinner  
\$35.00

Saint Clare Catholic Church  
Parish Hall  
810 Lafayette Street  
Santa Clara, CA 95050

**February 18, 2023**  
**Tickets: Parish Office 408-248-7786**

## Stewardship Report

**Sunday Collection:**  
**February 4 & 5**

**Goal: \$8,400.00**  
**Actual: \$12,320.75**

**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.

Nombre (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Dirección: \_\_\_\_\_

Ciudad: \_\_\_\_\_ Código postal: \_\_\_\_\_

Numero teléfono: \_\_\_\_\_

Correo electrónico: \_\_\_\_\_

¿Desea recibir sobres de contribución?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Si \_\_\_\_\_ No

### 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?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No