



February 19, 2023
Seventh
Sunday in
Ordinary Time



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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

"Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God am holy" (Leviticus 19:1).

"Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48).

These two passages taken from this Sunday's readings remind us of the challenges given to all the baptized. Yet, when hearing this, we may decide not even to try, because the task seems to be impossible. Can we really be like God?

Our catechism, echoing the words of the Book of Genesis, teaches that we are made "in the image and likeness of God." If God, therefore is holy and perfect, we also have that capability. As we have heard often, we cannot let the perfect be the enemy of the good. We strive toward holiness little by little, poco a poco, and we must not be discouraged if it takes a long time or even, at times, seems impossible. With God, all things are possible, even, by God's grace, achieving holiness that mirrors God's holiness.

As we approach the season of Lent, the final period of preparation for those to be baptized or received into the Church, we use this coming 40 days to rediscover the life of Baptism that is ours. That is the reason Easter is so full of the symbols of Baptism, including the weekly sprinkling with baptismal water. Please join us on Ash Wednesday as we enter into this time of "retreat" for us and all Christians.

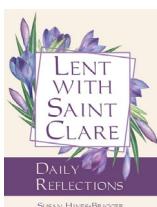
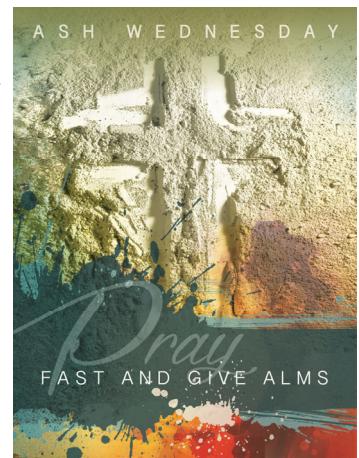
Ash Wednesday Schedule

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

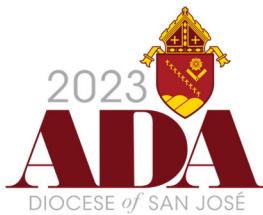
On that day, ashes will be blessed and distributed during Mass at the following times:

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 homebound.



Have you picked up your copies of **The Little Black Book for Lent** and **Lent with Saint Clare**? They are waiting for you in the vestibule.



Annual Diocesan Appeal Report #2

Many thanks for the gifts and pledges we have received. At the beginning of the week, we had 110 gifts in the amount of \$60,470. We are catching up to last year!! Yet we still have a considerable way to go to our combined goal of \$150,000. Please make your pledge or gift today! Thank you.

Stations of the Cross – Via Crucis – Way of the Cross

One of the historic and popular Lenten devotions is the Way of the Cross, tracing the steps of Jesus from His arrest and ending with His Body being taken down from the Cross.

Our weekly celebrations will be on the Friday evenings of Lent (February 25 until March 31), at 6:30 pm, in the church. Our weekly celebration will be in English, Spanish and Portuguese. We look forward to being with you for this special Lenten observance.

Presidents' Day Holiday

This Monday, February 20, morning Mass will be at 9:00am, and the Parish Office will be closed in observance of the Presidents' Day holiday.

Anointing of the Sick

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.

Lent is Coming!

Join our faith community—and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a transformative Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on global hunger and take action to help our sisters and brothers impacted by this injustice. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

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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)

Liturgia de la Palabra para Niños

Durante Misa de
12:00pm (Español)

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

Direct Help to Syria

On a somber note, the count of the dead from the devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria has surpassed 23,000, and is likely to continue climbing. While we mourn this loss of life, we are encouraged to reach out in support of survivors and first responders. Here are links to two Catholic agencies, should you want to donate to this cause:

1. US Catholic Relief Services (CRS) [Turkey and Syria Earthquake Relief Fund](https://support.crs.org/donate/earthquakes?ms=agicsr2023eqk00her00). [<https://support.crs.org/donate/earthquakes?ms=agicsr2023eqk00her00>] The agency supports local church partners in Turkey and Syria, including Caritas Turkey and Caritas Syria.
2. The Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States [Earthquake Aid for Turkey and Syria Fund](https://www.missio.org/project/20909/Send-help-to-Turkey-and-Syria-following-devastating-earthquake?localization=EN). [<https://www.missio.org/project/20909/Send-help-to-Turkey-and-Syria-following-devastating-earthquake?localization=EN>]. They work through local bishops, churches, and missionary congregations to ensure that resources are distributed equitably and justly, based on the needs of individual Churches.

Thank you for your kind consideration in this.

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



Saint Clare School News

LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION HIGHLIGHTS

Our school celebrated Lunar New Year with students and teachers sharing memories of their family traditions in preparation for the New Year. The faculty and staff were presented with gifts and red envelopes, bestowing luck and prosperity on the receiver. Kindergarteners entertained us with an energetic dance, and TK and Kindergarten students paraded in their Ao Dais. Second graders displayed the lanterns they created and of course, drummers ushered in the lively and colorful lion dancers. Our amazing parent volunteers decorated the hall festively and orchestrated this beautiful tradition for the whole community to enjoy!



View our IG page for more highlights, photos and videos.

https://www.instagram.com/p/CobfXe8LpiT/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link

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Our mission calls us to value diversity and to provide a rigorous student-centered program to form moral and ethical servant leaders. Schedule a tour to learn more about our transformative impact.

Visit <https://www.stclare.school/supportus> for more information on how you can support and sustain our 166-year old impact on Santa Clara valley and beyond.

Mrs. Cecile Mantecon, Principal

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Daily Readings

Monday

Sirach 1:1-10
Psalms 93:1-2, 5
Mark 9:14-29

Tuesday:

Sirach 2:1-11
Psalms 37:3-4, 18-19,
27-28,39-40
Mark 9:30-37

Wednesday:

Joel 2:12-18
Psalms 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17
2 Corinthians 5:20 —
6:2
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalms 1:1-4, 6
Luke 9:22-25

Friday:

Isaiah 58:1-9a
Psalms 51:3-6ab, 18-19
Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday:

Isaiah 58:9b-14
Psalms 86:1-6
Luke 5:27-32

Sunday:

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Psalms 51:3-6, 12-13, 17
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

Mass Intentions February 18-25, 2023

Saturday

5:00 pm Saint Clare Parishioners

Sunday

7:30 am Hawkes Family
9:00 am Maria L Monteiro+
Dora de Oliveira+
Ernesto Gonsalves+
Manuel Santos+
Maria Adelina & Jose Furtado
Pereira, Sr.+
Vidalia Gaspar Rocha+
Aguede Filipe+
Elvira de Freitas+
Maria C. Madruga+
Jose Rita & Conceicao
Botelho+
Ana Amarante+
Jose Manuel Correia+
Manuel & Cristina Jeronimo+
10:30 am Eduardo Baez Vega+

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

Mass on Monday
February 20 will be at
9:00 am in observance
of Presidents' Day.

Monday 9:00am

Vital Bettencourt+

Tuesday 8:00am

Vital Bettencourt+

Ash Wednesday

Thursday 8:00am

Special Intention
Wedding Anniversary

Friday 8:00 am

Vital Bettencourt+

Saturday 8:00 am

Vital Bettencourt+



Tough Teachings

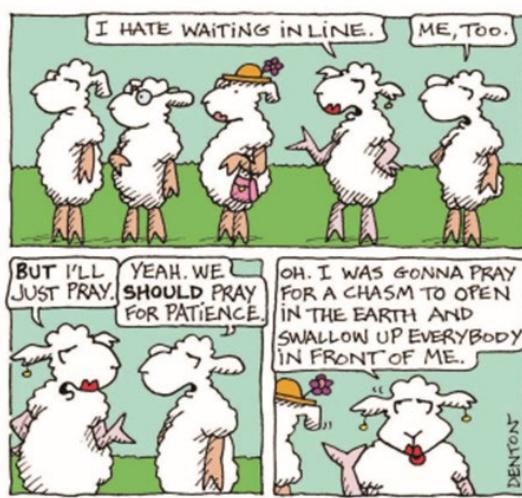
This Week's Readings at Mass

- Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 • Various rules of conduct
- 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 • The work of God's ministers
- Matthew 5:38-48 • New law of retaliation; love of enemies

It might seem like Jesus is telling his followers they should be "push-overs" with his instructions in the first half of this gospel passage. Turn the other cheek, hand over your cloak as well as your tunic, go the extra mile—they all seem passive in the face of injustice. In reality, Jesus' listeners would have heard the radical call to show strength and courage with these particular responses. Each response would have publicly called out the offender.

To turn your cheek after being struck on the right cheek (which would be the slap given by a superior to someone inferior to him) would be to insist to the person hitting that you were their equal in dignity. If someone took your tunic, the only thing hiding your nakedness would be your cloak. To be naked in public was more shameful for the observer than the naked person in Jesus' culture. Jesus knows that if you started to take off your cloak, the one who took your tunic would be quick to let you keep it. Roman soldiers were permitted to press people into service to carry their gear for a mile, but it was illegal for them to ask for more. Someone who cheerfully offered to go farther could then bring punishment on the soldier. In all these examples, Jesus finds a "third way" to respond to injustice. He doesn't ask his disciples to accept it passively. He doesn't permit violence in return. Instead, he calls for a response that upholds the dignity of the victim while giving pause to the offender.

The second half of the passage, with its teaching on loving your enemies, is challenging in itself. Some people may be fortunate enough to be in a place in life where they don't feel that they have enemies. Jesus' teaching to "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" might seem like a non-issue. Perhaps these lucky ones can bring greater love into the world by



"Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy. Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people."

Sheepish Question:

Who are the people hardest for me to love, and what is my prayer for them today?

spending energy on loving and and praying for their family's, churches, or nations "enemies."

Jesus knows that many of us *aren't* in a place of feeling able to love our enemies. But he doesn't let us off the hook here. Just because it's hard doesn't mean we shouldn't aspire to it. If we want to be more God-like, we can work toward that, trusting that Jesus doesn't judge us for having normal human emotions and reactions. It may take a long time, but there are plenty of examples of people who have arrived at a place of being able to love others who have hurt them terribly. In the meantime, perhaps the rest of us can at least pray to have the desire to pray for our enemies.

Questions of the Week

- ① When have you seen ore heard about a victim responding to violence or injustice in keeping with Jesus' teaching as above? How did that affect you?
- ② Have you ever had an experience of genuinely being able to love and pray for an enemy? What was that like? Please share.

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De Monseñor Fran Cilia

“Sean santos, porque yo, el Señor, su Dios, soy santo” (Levítico 19:1).

“Sean ustedes perfectos como es perfecto el Padre que está en el Cielo.” (Mateo 5:48).

Estos dos pasajes tomados de las lecturas de este domingo nos recuerdan el desafío dado a todos los bautizados. Sin embargo, al escuchar esto, podemos decidir ni siquiera intentarlo, porque la tarea parece ser imposible. ¿Podemos realmente ser como Dios?

Nuestro catecismo, haciéndose eco de las palabras del Libro del Génesis, enseña que estamos hechos “a imagen y semejanza de Dios”. Si Dios, por lo tanto es santo y perfecto, también tenemos esa capacidad. Como hemos escuchado muchas veces, no podemos dejar que lo perfecto sea enemigo de lo bueno. Nos esforzamos hacia la santidad poco a poco, poco a poco, y no debemos desanimarnos si lleva mucho tiempo o incluso, a veces, parece imposible. Con Dios todo es posible, incluso, por la gracia de Dios, alcanzando la santidad que refleja la santidad de Dios.

A medida que nos acercamos a la temporada de Cuaresma, el período final de preparación para aquellos que serán bautizados o recibidos en la Iglesia, usamos estos próximos 40 días para redescubrir la vida del Bautismo que es nuestra. Esa es la razón por la cual la Pascua está tan llena de los símbolos del Bautismo, incluida la aspersión semanal con agua bautismal. Únase a nosotros el Miércoles de Ceniza al entrar en este tiempo de "retiro" para nosotros y todos los cristianos.

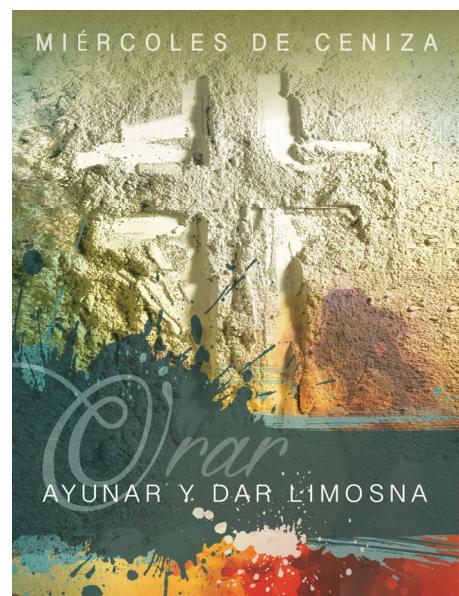
Horario del Miércoles de Ceniza

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.



¿Ha recogido sus copias del *El Librito Negro para la Cuaresma*? ¡Te está esperando en el vestíbulo!



Informe de la Campaña Anual Diocesana #2

Muchas gracias por los regalos y las promesas que hemos recibido. Al comienzo de la semana, teníamos 110 regalos por un monto de \$60,470. Nos estamos poniendo al día con el año pasado!! Sin embargo, todavía tenemos un camino considerable por recorrer para alcanzar nuestra meta combinada de \$150,000. ¡Por favor haga su compromiso o donación hoy! Gracias.

Estaciones de la Cruz – Vía Crucis

Una de las devociones históricas y populares de la Cuaresma es el Vía Crucis, que sigue los pasos de Jesús desde Su arresto y termina con Su Cuerpo siendo bajado de la Cruz.

Nuestras celebraciones semanales serán los viernes por la noche de Cuaresma (del 25 de febrero al 31 de marzo), a las 6:30 pm, en la iglesia. Nuestra celebración semanal será en inglés, español y portugués. Nosotros esperamos estar con ustedes en esta observancia especial de Cuaresma.

Unción de los Enfermos

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.

Retiro de Discernimiento

Para Hombres Solteros
edades 18-35
3-5 de marzo de 2023

Para Mujeres solteras
edades 18-35
10-12 de marzo de 2023

Charlas en inglés y español serán por separado. Para mas información o para registrarse en www.dsj.org/vocations

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Boletim Paroquial Português

Domingo VII do Tempo Comum – A
Reflexão pelo Padre Francisco Rodrigues S.J.

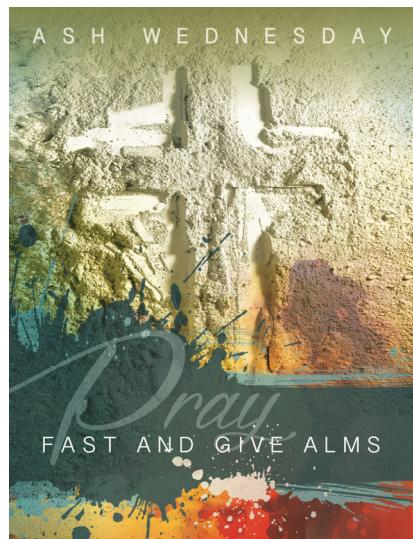
Se amas só quem te ama, que recompensa esperas ter?

PARISH COMMUNITY O evangelho deste VII domingo do tempo comum desafia-nos, desconcerta-nos e provoca-nos! É uma obrigação e um gosto amar quem nos ama. É um gesto que nos pode sair do coração reconhecer e agradecer a quem tanto bem nos faz! É natural que queiramos oferecer ou ter algum gesto para com quem nos dá tanto de si, do que é e do que tem. A gratidão e a humanidade passam por estes gestos. No entanto, num primeiro olhar, parece que o evangelho reprova todos os gestos de gratidão, de amor para com aqueles que nos amam, e expressam esse amor de modos tão diferenciados. No entanto, o evangelho não nos convida a mudar de direção mas a alargar os nossos horizontes na direção para onde caminhamos. Recorda-nos o Senhor: ‘também os pagãos são amigos dos seus amigos. Também eles dão a quem lhes dá. Também os pagãos agradecem e retribuem’. Então, o que é que nos distingue dos pagãos? É não agirmos por conveniência nem interesse mas por amor gratuito, ou seja, sermos discípulos de Cristo agindo como Ele nos convida, isto é, a gostar daqueles que não gostam de nós; a dar a quem precisa e não nos dá nada. A perdoar a quem parece não nos querer perdoar. Jesus convida-nos a romper o ciclo da violência e olhar em frente, experimentar fazer o que a frágil natureza humana não quer mas o espírito apela. Se na nossa família, comunidade cristã, trabalho e vida social, já procuramos ser bons cristãos, Jesus não quer que mudemos de vida, mas que alarguemos as vistas e o coração. Não temos que mudar de vida. Só temos que nos converter. E a conversão é um processo para a vida inteira. Hoje devo fazer o que Deus me pede, neste dia e nesta fase da minha vida. No futuro Ele me dirá o que em cada fase me pede. Por amor, temos que ser distintos dos pagãos. No fim do meu dia, da semana, do mês, do ano, em que é que me tenho distinguido? O que Deus me poderá estar a querer dizer é que não mude de vida mas me converta. Não deixe de gostar de quem gosta de mim, mas gostar de quem de mim não gosta. Perdoar e doar-me a começar por aqueles que não perdoam e nada doam.

Quarta-Feira de Cinzas

Na próxima quarta-feira o horário e serviço de imposição das cinzas é o seguinte: 8am Missa Inglês; 12:05 pm Bilingual Mass; 6:00 pm Inglês e 7:30 pm Espanhol. Sendo este o dia que nos abre o tempo da quaresma, informaremos depois as actividades, próprias deste tempo que a nossa paróquia terá preparado para nos oferecer durante a jornada quaresmal.

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Stewardship Report

Sunday Collection:
February 11 & 12

Goal: \$8,400.00
Actual:\$7,229.50

Thank you



Black History Month



MASS ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH, 2023
LOCATION: ST. FRANCES CABRINI PARISH
TIME: 2:00 PM

LIVESTREAM ON FACEBOOK: facebook.com/DioceseSanJose



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