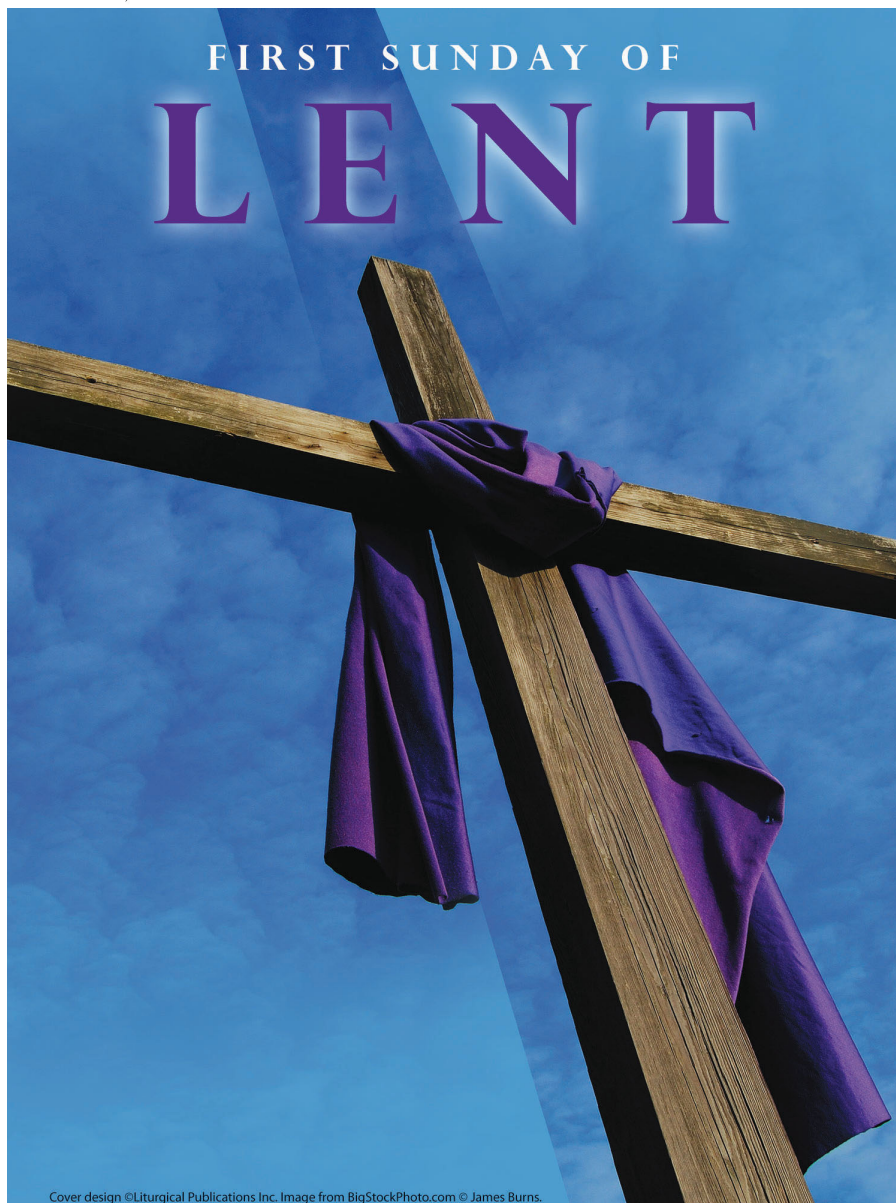




February 26, 2023
First Sunday
of Lent

PARISH COMMUNITY

Santa Clara, California



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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

We should be very clear about this: temptation can be insidious in that it makes us believe that we must do something which we might otherwise avoid. But we should also be clear of this: being tempted is not a sin.

The Book of Genesis relates that Adam and Eve gave in to the temptations of the serpent. We call this “The Fall.” However, Jesus, as recounted this Sunday from the Gospel of Matthew, was successful in overcoming the temptations that He encountered during 40 days in the desert.

To be human is to be subject to temptations of all kinds. The discipline of Lent (prayer, penance and care for the poor) aims to help us to be faithful to our Baptism.

Lent is also – and primarily – the time of “purification” for those who are preparing for Baptism at Easter.

May we – the baptized – by our prayer and our example – help those who will be elected for Baptism by our Bishop. And may the Elect grow closer to the Lord these six weeks that precede their joining with Christ and the Church.

Stations of the Cross

Join us for the Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm on the Fridays of Lent, in English, Spanish and Portuguese.

Annual Diocesan Appeal – Report #3

After three weeks, this year’s ADA is off to a good start, but not as quickly as we were last year. To date, we have received 132 pledges in the amount of \$76,338.50. Thank you to all who have already made a commitment to this year’s Appeal.



There is still a lot for the rest of us to accomplish, if we are to reach out \$150,000 combined goal. Remember that everything that comes to us beyond our diocesan goal of \$87,359 returns to Saint Clare for our needs. Last year, the parish netted \$77,000 above our diocesan goal. For the ability of our parish to meet unexpected financial responsibilities, we hope to equal or surpass last year’s great success.

A reminder that we are not looking for equal gifts, but just a level of sacrifice that is proper for each family and household. Thank you!

Communal Anointing of the Sick – at all Masses – Next Weekend

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at all weekend Masses next Saturday and Sunday.

About the Sacrament. . .

The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is one of the seven sacraments of the Catholic Church. Like the sacrament of reconciliation (confession), it is a sacrament of healing. Our understanding of this sacrament has changed with time. In the early Church it was seen as a sacrament of healing, but later it came to be known as “Extreme Unction” – literally, “last anointing” – and was not administered until death was imminent. With the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, the Church has returned to the more ancient practice with regard to this sacrament.

Catholics, both adults and children (7 and older), who are seriously ill, facing surgery, or experiencing the weakness that comes with old age should seek this sacrament. Those with serious, chronic mental or physical illness may also receive the anointing of the sick.

This is what happens. . .

After the homily, the Liturgy of Anointing begins. The priest leads a litany in which all pray for the healing and forgiveness of the sick person, as well as for doctors, nurses, and caregivers. Then, in silence, the priest lays his hands on the head of the sick person, an ancient gesture of prayer that is used in connection with many of the sacraments, especially the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Orders.

After the laying on of hands, each sick person is anointed with the Oil of the Sick (blessed by the Bishop at the Chrism Mass, just before Holy Week). The sick person is anointed on the forehead and then on the hands, and simple words accompany the anointing: “Through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up.” A concluding prayer follows, and the Liturgy of the Eucharist continues as usual.

The Pillars of Lent

As we begin our Lenten journey, reflect on how your prayers, fasting and almsgiving can guide you. As Pope Francis explains, these are “elements which, when lived sincerely, can transform life and provide a sure foundation for dignity and fraternity.” How can practicing the Lenten pillars transform your life and the lives of our sisters and brothers around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

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YLI Raffle

Saint Clare's YLI is selling raffle tickets for a 10th generation iPad after all the Masses this weekend. All proceeds will go towards our Grand President's Program benefiting people with ALS. The suggested donation is \$2.00 per ticket or \$20.00 for 12 tickets. The drawing will be in March. Should you be unable to get your tickets this weekend, please contact the rectory for more information.

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)

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

Second Collection for Saint Clare School



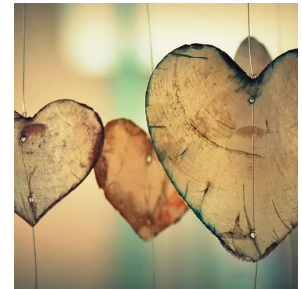
Next weekend, we will take up our quarterly collection to benefit our parish school. As the most extensive ministry of the parish, we invite you to support its work in handing on our Catholic Faith to the young and to integrate their families into the life of our parish.

All Things Women



“True beauty emanates from a woman who boldly and unabashedly knows who she is in Christ.” – Anonymous

Restore our hearts is a retreat for women who long for deeper intimacy and connection with God and others. In God's original plan relationships were not meant to cause us so much pain. Through original sin, our image of God as a loving father was distorted and replaced by doubts in Him. We question: Am I really cherished and distinctly chosen by God for who I am? Why does it feel like others can never love me enough? Do I really believe that God's love for me is truly enough to fill all the areas of my heart?



Women ages 18+, March 17-19, 2023, Our Lady of Santa Clara
For more information visit www.olscaretreat.org/womens-retreats





Mission Doctors Association
“A Mission of Healing, A Partnership of Hope ”

Mission Doctors Association will offer the **2023 West Coast Retreat/ Seminar**, for Catholic Doctors, Dentist, Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants considering short-term mission service. This will be held at **Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles**. This weekend is offered free of charge to those considering serving at a Mission Hospital or Clinic in Africa or Latin America. Visit the website www.MissionDoctors.org or call the office for more information (213)368-1872

Weekly Justice Challenge



The Gospel recounts Jesus’ experience of being tempted by the devil after 40 days of retreat in the desert. Jesus was tempted to indulge in physical satisfaction (eating bread), ego satisfaction (throwing himself off the temple to be saved by angels), and the satisfaction of power (having the world at his feet if he worshipped the devil). Your challenge this week is to take a serious look at the power you hold over other people—your children or parents, your colleagues at work or school, your friends. Do you use your power in a holy way? Do you ever abuse your power? Pray this week that you always remember that only God really has the power. Remind yourself that you are called to use the power entrusted to you to serve others in the same way Jesus did.

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Creation Care Tips



“The LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and placed there the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made grow every tree that was delightful to look at and good for food.”
 —Genesis 2:8-9

Pope Francis wrote that there is “mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop, in a poor person’s face” (*Laudato Si’* 232). This week, take time to consciously look for nature around you, whether you live near a forest, you farm the land you live on, you can watch the sunrise over the ocean, or you simply have a pot of African violets growing on your windowsill in an apartment. Maybe you will notice tenacious weeds growing through the cracks in the sidewalk. As often as you can, thank God for the marvels of creation.

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Daily Readings

Monday

Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18
Psalms 19:8-10, 15
Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday:

Isaiah 55:10-11
Psalms 34:4-7, 16-19
Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday:

Jonah 3:1-10
Psalms 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19
Luke 11:29-32

Thursday:

Esther 12, 14-16, 23-25
Psalms 138:1-3, 7c-8
Matthew 7:7-12

Friday:

Ezekiel 18:21-28
Psalms 130:1-8
Matthew 5:20-26

Saturday:

Deuteronomy 26:16-19
Psalms 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8
Matthew 5:43-48

Sunday:

Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalms 33:4-5, 18-20, 22
2 Timothy 1:8b-10
Matthew 17:1-9

Mass Intentions
February 25-March 4, 2023

Saturday

5:00 pm Romeo Valbuena+

Sunday

7:30 am Saint Clare Parishioners

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 Joyce Wollwert+

12:00 pm Bryant Rosas+
Maria Andrade+
Magdalena Gonzalez
Manrique+
Jose Luis Suarez+
Anatolio Suarez+
Alicia Suarez- Salud
Greg Ortiz, Jr.-Salud
Ida Lopez-Salud
Jose Gutierrez- Cumpleaños

Monday 8:00am

Hawkes Family

Tuesday 8:00am

Paul Prejean+ &
Katherine Trevor

Wednesday 8:00am

Richard Mesa+

Thursday 8:00am

Roger Royce- Health

Friday 8:00 am

Lois Shabe+

Saturday 8:00 am

Joseph Alabanza+



February 26, 2023

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

First Sunday of Lent

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7 | Rom 5:12-19 | Mt 4:1-11

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

Superbowl Sunday was two weeks ago, and many of us were more likely interested in the commercials than the actual game. After all, companies pay a ton of money to have their products paraded in front of us, and - in theory at least - take the time to make these particular ads memorable and funny. If we can be convinced that we will be better people, or our social outings greater and filled with more laughter, we will buy what they are selling. It's the modern version of the words of the serpent in today's first reading: if you eat this, "you will be like gods"! Today's readings are a reminder that we are all sinners and burdened by being vulnerable to false promises - but also that we are relieved of this burden through one man: Jesus Christ. If we tend to forget that the most important part of our salvation story is that it is full of more grace and forgiveness than we can comprehend, this first Sunday of Lent is a good time to prayerfully ponder this. If God seems far away or distant, let us recall that he loved us so much that he breathed our very life into us, and then gave his only begotten Son to us that we might have life eternally. All he asks in return is for us to accept this gift and follow in his footsteps. Lent is the time to be mindful of grace-filled opportunities that draw us closer to God.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Let's think about these 40 days. In addition to allowing us to grow in understanding of God, this time is also an opportunity to grow in our understanding of how we can be the hands and feet of Jesus in the world and help to build the kingdom right here and now. How can we keep God at the center of our lives and resist worldly temptations to push him aside? Perhaps today's psalm can help us here: Ask for God's mercy, acknowledge our offenses, seek a "clean heart," renew a "steadfast spirit" within us, and ask God to grant us a "willing spirit" to give him praise. And remember Christ's words from the Gospel: Depend on "every word that comes forth from the mouth of God," which is love and mercy.

PRAY Pray today's psalm: "Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise."





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De Monseñor Fran Cilia

Debemos ser muy claros al respecto: la tentación puede ser insidiosa en el sentido de que nos hace creer que debemos hacer algo que de otro modo evitaríamos. Pero también debemos tener claro esto: ser tentado no es pecado.

El Libro del Génesis relata que Adán y Eva cedieron a las tentaciones de la serpiente. A esto lo llamamos “La Caída”. Sin embargo, Jesús, como relata este domingo el Evangelio de Mateo, logró vencer las tentaciones que encontró durante 40 días en el desierto.

Ser humano es estar sujeto a tentaciones de todo tipo. La disciplina de la Cuaresma (oración, penitencia y cuidado de los pobres) pretende ayudarnos a ser fieles a nuestro Bautismo.

La Cuaresma es también, y principalmente, el tiempo de “purificación” para quienes se preparan para el Bautismo en Pascua.

Que nosotros, los bautizados, con nuestra oración y nuestro ejemplo, ayudemos a los que serán elegidos para el Bautismo por nuestro Obispo. Y que los Elegidos se acerquen más al Señor estas seis semanas que preceden a su unión con Cristo y la Iglesia.

Estaciones de la Cruz– Vía Crucis

Únase a nosotros para las Estaciones de la Cruz a las 6:30 pm los viernes de Cuaresma, en inglés, español y portugués.

Campaña Anual Diocesana– Informe #3

Después de tres semanas, el ADA de este año ha tenido un buen comienzo, pero no tan rápido como el año pasado. A la fecha, hemos recibido 132 donativos por un monto de \$76,338.50. Gracias a todos los que ya se han comprometido con la Campaña de este año.



Todavía queda mucho por lograr para el resto de nosotros, si queremos alcanzar la meta combinada de \$150,000. Recuerde que todo lo que nos llega más allá de nuestra meta diocesana de \$87,359 regresa a Santa Clara para nuestras necesidades. El año pasado, la parroquia obtuvo \$77,000 por encima de nuestra meta diocesana. Por la capacidad de nuestra parroquia para hacer frente a responsabilidades financieras inesperadas, esperamos igualar o superar el gran éxito.

Un recordatorio de que no buscamos regalos iguales, sino solo un nivel de sacrificio que sea adecuado para cada familia y hogar. ¡Gracias!

Unción Comunal de los Enfermos – en todas las Misas –Próximo fin de semana

Celebraremos el Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos en todas las Misas del fin de semana el próximo sábado y domingo.

Sobre el Sacramento. . .

El sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos es uno de los siete sacramentos de la Iglesia Católica. Como el sacramento de reconciliación (confesión), es un sacramento de curación. Nuestra comprensión de este sacramento ha cambiado con el tiempo. En la Iglesia primitiva se consideraba un sacramento de sanación, pero más tarde se conoció como “extremaunción”, literalmente, “última unción”, y no se administraba hasta que la muerte era inminente. Con las reformas del Concilio Vaticano II, la Iglesia ha vuelto a la práctica mas antigua con respecto a este sacramento.

Los católicos, tanto adultos como niños (de 7 años en adelante), que están gravemente enfermos, se enfrentan a una cirugía o experimentan la debilidad que acompaña a la vejez deben buscar este sacramento. Las personas con enfermedades mentales o físicas graves y crónicas también pueden recibir la unción de los enfermos.

Esto es lo que pasa. . .

Después de la homilía, comienza la Liturgia de la Unción. El sacerdote dirige una letanía en la que todos rezan por la curación y el perdón del enfermo, así como por los médicos, enfermeras y cuidadores. Después, en silencio, el sacerdote pone las manos sobre la cabeza del enfermo, un antiguo gesto de oración que se utiliza en conexión con muchos de los sacramentos, especialmente el Sacramento de la Reconciliación y el Orden Sagrado.

Después de la imposición de manos, cada enfermo es ungido con el Óleo de los Enfermos (bendecido por el Obispo en la Misa Crismal, justo antes de Semana Santa). Se unge al enfermo en la frente y luego en las manos, y palabras sencillas acompañan la unción: “Por medio de esta santa unción, que el Señor en su amor y misericordia los ayude con la gracia del Espíritu Santo. Que el Señor que libra del pecado los salve y los levante”. Sigue una oración final y la Liturgia de la Eucaristía continúa como de costumbre.

Rifa YLI

YLI de Santa Clara está vendiendo boletos para la rifa de un iPad de décima generación después de todas las misas de este fin de semana. Todos los ingresos se destinarán al Programa de nuestro Gran Presidente que beneficia a las personas con esclerosis lateral amiotrófica, *ALS*, por sus siglas en ingles. La donación sugerida es de \$2.00 por boleto o \$20.00 por 12 boletos. El sorteo será en marzo. Si no puede obtener sus boletos este fin de semana, comuníquese con la rectoría para más información.

Segunda Colecta para la Escuela de Santa Clara

El próximo fin de semana, realizaremos nuestra colecta trimestral a beneficio de nuestra escuela parroquial. Como el más extenso ministerio de la parroquia, los invitamos a apoyar su labor de transmitir nuestra Fe Católica a los jóvenes e integrar a sus familias a la vida de nuestra parroquia.





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Boletim Paroquial Português

Domingo I da Quaresma

Reflexão pelo Padre Francisco Rodrigues S.J.

Nem só de pão vive o homem mas também de pão vive a missão!

O evangelho deste VIII domingo, recorda-nos o episódio das tentações de Jesus. Até Jesus foi tentado! Mas não cedeu às tentações. O nosso problema não está em sermos tentados, mas cairmos nas tentações, pior ainda, vivermos caídos na lama provocada pelas tentações. Jesus, conduzido pelo Espírito ao deserto, foi tentado nos momentos em que se encontrava mais frágil, com fome, mais debilitado. Cuidado! As tentações atacam mais quando estamos mais frágeis. O diabo tenta Jesus, citando a escritura. Jesus percebe que a palavra de Deus está a ser mal usada e não cede às armadilhas do diabo. Tudo o que o tentador oferece a Jesus é muito sedutor. Jesus percebe que está perante um usurpador e não faz com ele nenhum paco de entendimento. O tentador aproveita-se da fragilidade de Jesus para lhe oferecer muito “Poder, Ter e Sucesso”. Jesus não cai nas ciladas do tentador. Tudo o que o tentador procura dar a Jesus é bom ou é aparentemente bom e talvez necessário, mas Jesus percebe a maldade do tentador, não se deixa comprar nem vender e responde ao tentador com uma liberdade de espírito que nos deve a todos fazer pensar e aprender de Jesus. O que o tentador queria, na verdade, é que Jesus não adorasse o Pai, mas o adorasse a ele. No entanto, recorda Jesus, só Deus deve ser adorado. Não devemos adorar nada nem ninguém, mais do que a Deus. Não devemos substituir Deus por nada nem por ninguém. Para isso, temos que ter muito cuidado com os enganos do tentador. O tentador aparece especialmente nos momentos fracos para nos seduzir com tudo o que poderá não ser mau, mas quer usar para nos afastar de Deus. O problema não está nas coisas nem nas pessoas. O problema pode estar no modo como nos relacionamos com as coisas e com as pessoas. O problema poderá estar no perigo de substituir Deus, substituir a Missa, substituir os sacramentos por qualquer coisa que nos distrai e quando damos por ela, já andamos desorientados. Nem só de pão vive o homem mas também de pão vive a missão. Quer isto dizer que somos convidados a apreciar os bens da vida de um modo atento, generoso, comprometido de modo que nada nem ninguém, nunca, por nenhum motivo, nos afaste do amor de Deus.

Apelo Anual Diocesano

A Campanha deste ano está á quem dos objectivos pretendidos. Faz-se um apelo para que todos participem nesta campanha que neste momento tem apenas ???????? recolhidos.

Devoção da Via-Sacra

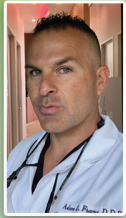
Durante o Tempo de Quaresma; todas as sextas-feiras ás 6:30 da tarde nesta igreja se fará a devoção da Via-Sacra adentro do possível nas linguas: Inglês, Português e Espanhol

Tempo Quaresmal in Saint Clare's

Numa tentativa de ajudar os paroquianos da nossa paróquia, no vestíbulo tem os livros em Inglês e Epanhol que ajudam na meditação e oração. Também terá as tigelas de arroz para aqueles que queirem ajudar os mais necessitados atraés dos serviços de apoio católicos.

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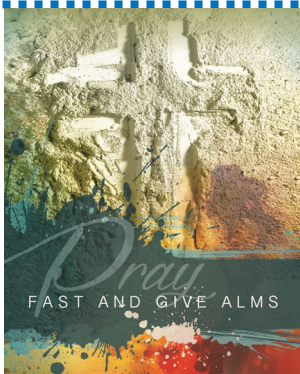


Welcome!

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



¡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: _____
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Stewardship Report

**Sunday Collection:
February 18 & 19**

**Goal: \$8,400.00
Actual: \$7,608.50**

**Second Collection: Black and Indian
Missions:
\$1,488.00**

Thank you

Postcard for Men's Discernment Weekend Retreat. It features the Diocese of San Jose logo and the Vocations logo. The text reads: "March 3 - 5, 2023 Men's Discernment Weekend Retreat Ages 18-35 English & Spanish Tracks www.dsj.org/vocations /dsjvocations". It includes social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, and a QR code. The background shows a silhouette of a man sitting on a beach at sunset.

Postcard for Women's Discernment Weekend Retreat. It features the Diocese of San Jose logo and the Vocations logo. The text reads: "March 10-12, 2023 Women's Discernment Weekend Retreat Ages 18-35 English & Spanish Tracks SAVE THE DATE www.dsj.org/vocations /dsjvocations". It includes social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. The background shows a silhouette of a woman sitting on a beach at sunset.