

February 5, 2023 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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PARISH COMMUNITY

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, 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

This Sunday's gospel passage is a continuation of the Sermon on the Mount, found in the fifth chapter of the Gospel of Matthew. We hear Jesus' words, "You are the salt of the earth...You are the light of the world. . .Your light must shine before others."

Isaiah 58 (our first reading) is clear on the path of virtuous living, of walking in the light:

Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own. Then your light shall break forth like the dawn.

Care of the marginalized has been central to the life of God's people for thousands of years. We are chosen to be light for others in the ways we support them.

On this Annual Diocesan Pledge Sunday, we realize that support of our parish and the Appeal is one way of letting our light shine, of sharing with the hungry and homeless, so that our light might break forth like the dawn.

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 Dine in: Beginning at 6:00pm Parish Parking Lot St. Clare Parish North Hall



One Chicken Dinner \$35.00

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

February 18, 2023



Annual Diocesan Appeal 2023

Supporting our Mission Together

This is Pledge Weekend for the Annual Diocesan Appeal. The theme of this year's ADA captures the purpose of the Appeal: *Supporting our Mission Together*. The reason for raising funds is for our work as an individual parish, but always with an eye toward our connection to the ministry of our Bishop that supports all the 50+ parishes and missions throughout Santa Clara County. Our parish goal is modest: \$87,359, and represents our fair share of the overall diocesan goal of \$6,773,145.

There are many ministries that cannot be accomplished by any one parish; key among these is the recruitment and formation of ministers – ordained and lay – for service throughout the Diocese. This includes training of future priests, deacons and other leaders and ministers in our parishes, at the seminary, Santa Clara University and the Institute for Leadership in Ministry. The Appeal also supports our restorative justice/ detention ministries and much more. The just-concluded Diocesan Synod will depend upon our ADA donations to bring to fulfillment the upcoming Pastoral Plan that will follow the recommendations that were made at the Synod.

Our parish goal, which includes our diocesan goal, remains at \$150,000 this year. Should we surpass it again, as we did last year, ALL funds over \$87,359 will be returned to Saint Clare to help us cover extraordinary and unbudgeted expenses.

The ADA brochure and pledge cards have been mailed to all registered parishioners; extra copies are available in the vestibule and at the Parish Office. For your convenience, our ADA letter has been translated into Spanish and Portuguese.

Thank you for your consideration and for your willingness to do your fair share. And please make your gift today!!



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Youth Ministry News



Our Escape Room is this Sunday on February 5th at 1:30pm in the parish hall. Bring a friend and also your brain to see how quickly you can solve our escape room. All are invited from 7th-12th grade.

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



Parish Organizations Organizaciones Parroquiales

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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 First Reading for Sunday is from the prophet Isaiah. We are challenged by God's Word: "Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless;



clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own" (Isaiah 58:7-8). Your challenge this week is to choose one of the following works of mercy to live out God's Word in the world: 1) go through your closets and donate good clothes to a homeless shelter; 2) go grocery shopping and buy several extra foodstuffs, then donate them to the local food bank or Catholic Charities; or 3) volunteer at a Habitat for Humanity build or donate money or resources to a homeless shelter.

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Creation Care Tips

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

Do you ever tire of trying to do the right things for the environment while wondering if it's making any difference? Jesus urged his followers to keep doing the right things so that others might notice what they were doing and be inspired themselves. This week, be conscious that whatever good you do to care for the earth may be setting an example for others to follow, even if you'll never know it. Keep using public transit instead of driving, bring your cloth bag to the grocery store or your re-usable mug to the coffee shop, refuse the plastic straw at the restaurant, or put on a sweater instead of turning up the heat at home. Turn your efforts over to God and ask that they inspire others.

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Daily Readings

Monday Genesis 1:1-19 Psalms 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday:

Genesis 1:20- 2:4a Psalms 8:4-9 Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday:

Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17 Psalms 104:1-2a, 27-30 Mark 7:14-23

Thursday:

Genesis 2:18-25 Psalms 128:1-5 Mark 7:24-30

Friday:

Genesis 3:1-8 Psalms 32:1-2, 5-7 Mark 7:31-37

Saturday:

Genesis 3:9-24 Psalms 90:2-6, 12-13 Mark 8:1-10

Sunday:

Sirach 15:15-20 Psalms119:1-34 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 Matthew 5:17-37

Mass Intentions February 4-11, 2023

Saturday

5:00 pm Hugh McShane+

Sunday 7:30 am Saint Clare Parishioners

9:00 am Maria L Monteiro+ Dora de Oliveira+ Ernesto Gonsalves+ Carlos Mancebo+ Maria Carmo Nunes+ Manuel Batista Azevedo+ Manuel Santos+ Vidalia Gaspar Rocha+ Manuel & Cristina Jeronimo+ Maria Cristina da Silva+ Familia Sardinha+

10:30 am Bill Kelly+

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

Monday 8:00am

SCU Jesuit Community

Tuesday 8:00am

SC Carmelite Nuns

Wednesday 8:00am

Esteban & Roxana Lugardo-Birthday

Thursday 8:00am

Mass of Thanksgiving Soledad & Violet Longcob

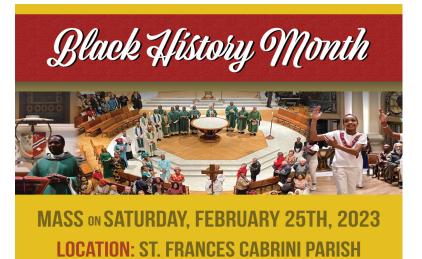
Friday 8:00 am

Antonio Galam+

Saturday 8:00 am

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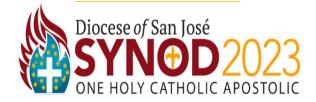
Angela de Buitrago+



LIVESTREAM ON FACEBOOK: facebook.com/DioceseSanJose

TIME: 2:00 PM

Diocesan Synod 2023



Last weekend, a number of our parishioners were part of our Diocesan Synod, the first in our 42-year history. Below are some reflections by many of our parish participants.

Over the weekend, I had the privilege and responsibility to discern 96 proposals (which had already been condensed from the thousands submitted) related to the future of our Diocese. With my small working group, we discussed, debated, and shared stories to narrow down and focus on the highest priorities for the Diocese. I am grateful for the opportunity for our voices to be heard and I look forward to the final plan, and of course the actual implementation and actions as we approach the 50th anniversary for our Diocese. *Jerome Alabado*

The Synod was an excellent chance to get to know the diocese as a whole and experience the Body of Christ working together to plan for the greater good. Notably, there was great enthusiasm expressed for young Catholics, and a desire to support them both in school and in their young adulthood. *Christopher Goetz*

I am excited and invigorated to not only contribute to the diocesan effort for renewal and change but also to bring this renewal to our own parish and smaller communities. Throughout the weekend, persons of many different backgrounds and charisms came together in fellowship. It gave me great joy to see their commitment to ministry with youth and young adults amidst all other focus areas. I have great hope that our diocese as a whole acknowledges the struggles of our people and will do the hard work towards reinforcing our strengths and reimagining where we fall short. *Ryan Bao*

It was a weekend that afforded us time to listen and engage in dialogue, to speak for those who weren't there, and to dream and hope for the people of the Diocese of San Jose. It is both exciting and daunting to think of what we are being asked to do as one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. *Cecile Mantecón*

Encountering others at the synod weekend from various walks of life from around our diocese inspired and deepened my faith in Christ alive in our Church today. It gave me hope as we work together to face the challenges of our time and allow the Spirit to heal and transform. This came through especially in the vote to prioritize youth and young adult ministry, and to make our Church more welcoming and inclusive. *John Sullivan*

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Everyone was nervous as we got started because no one knew what to expect. There was a lot of "trust in the Holy Spirit" happening because we didn't know what exactly we each brought to the table and how we could affect change.

There were many different perspectives to consider. Most of us only see the church and the diocese through the experiences we have in our local community. As we spoke, many came into discussions with formulated opinions but after hearing the thoughts and experiences of others, ideas changed and mindsets broadened. I certainly felt that way and I saw several of my group members change their opinions before my eyes. All I could think was, "Jesus is really here sitting with us." I had such a diverse group of highly intelligent people - one living in the affluent area of Los Altos to one in a more urban area of downtown San Jose to one in a suburb in Gilroy. But the passion for Jesus and for revitalizing the church was strong and present and guiding each of us. We became more than individuals. We really were the body of Christ.

I felt alive in the Spirit in a way I hadn't felt in a very long time. A lot of tears for me personally - just being grateful that God felt so close and that I could really see Him in everyone. Really everyone! Even someone who I initially pegged as "Grumpy" because when we went around on the first night talking about how we felt about our work ahead, I said "I'm excited! No matter what we do, it will be something different and we need the change, so I'm thrilled and excited." And he said, "This isn't exciting. This is WORK. This is SACRIFICE." I was immediately taken aback. I felt like I had been reprimanded for having this childish view on what were doing. And he ended up being in my small group on Saturday! I was apprehensive to say the least. But by then end of the afternoon, I had an understanding and respect for his thoughts and where he was coming from. Although we disagreed on nearly everything, his heart was in the right place and he truly loves God and Mama Mary. You can't be mad at that. In what other place could that happen but with a gathering of Christians? Anyway, I'm so happy to have had that experience and looking forward to finding ways to enkindle that fire in our parishioners at St. Clare and at the school. I wish we could bottle it and pass it around! *Cyndi Banaag*

At the Synod assembly, it was nice to see the differences amongst those I worked with, through all the issues that were addressed kindly and respectfully allowing for honest response, caring thoughts and conversations to emerge. We truly did listen and learn from one another and gave our final votes towards the proposals individually with the best perspectives possible. Our group is keeping in touch, so friendships and networks are continuing. The Holy Spirit was with us! Continuous Prayer, with the opening Mass on Friday and the closing Mass on Sunday were spectacular and heartfelt. So grateful for this beautiful land, with a greater appreciation for our blessed valley here at Saint Clare, the Mission, our County, the Diocese and Santa Clara University. We are so fortunate! *Sandra Quintanilla*





De Monseñor Fran Cilia

El pasaje evangélico de este domingo es una continuación del Sermón de la Montaña, que se encuentra en el quinto capítulo del Evangelio de Mateo. Escuchamos las palabras de Jesús: "Nosotros somos la sal de la tierra. . .Eres la luz del mundo. . .Tu luz debe brillar ante los demás."

Isaías 58 (nuestra primera lectura) es claro en el camino de la vida virtuosa, de caminar en la luz:

Comparte tu pan con el hambriento, cobijar a los oprimidos y a los desamparados; viste a los desnudos cuando los veas, y no le des la espalda a ti mismo. Entonces tu luz brotará como el alba.

El cuidado de los marginados ha sido central en la vida del pueblo de Dios durante miles de años. Somos elegidos para ser luz para los demás en la forma en que los apoyamos.

En este Domingo Anual de Compromiso Diocesano, nos damos cuenta de que el apoyo a nuestra parroquia y la Campaña es una forma de dejar que nuestra luz brille, de compartir con los hambrientos y los desamparados, para que nuestra luz pueda brotar como el amanecer.

Campaña Anual Diocesana



Este es el Fin de Semana de Compromiso para la Campaña Anual Diocesana . El tema de la ADA de este año captura el propósito de la Campaña: Apoyar nuestra misión juntos. La razón para recaudar fondos es para nuestro trabajo como parroquia individual, pero siempre con nuestra conexión con el ministerio de nuestro obispo que apoya a las más de 50 parroquias y misiones en todo el condado de Santa Clara. Nuestra meta parroquial es modesta: \$87,359 y representa nuestra parte justa de la meta diocesana general de \$6,773,145.

Hay muchos ministerios que no pueden ser realizados por una sola parroquia; clave entre estos es el reclutamiento y la formación de ministros, ordenados y laicos, para el servicio en toda la Diócesis. Esto incluye la capacitación de futuros sacerdotes, diáconos y otros líderes y ministros en nuestras parroquias, en el seminario, la Universidad de Santa Clara y el Instituto para el Liderazgo en el Ministerio. La Apelación también apoya nuestros ministerios de justicia restaurativa/detención y mucho más. El Sínodo Diocesano recién concluido dependerá de nuestras donaciones de ADA para llevar a cabo el próximo Plan Pastoral que seguirá las recomendaciones que se hicieron en el Sínodo.

Nuestra meta parroquial, que incluye nuestra meta diocesana, permanece en \$150,000 este año. Si lo superamos nuevamente, como lo hicimos el año pasado, TODOS los fondos superiores a \$87,359 se devolverán a Saint Clare para ayudarnos a cubrir gastos extraordinarios y no presupuestados.

El folleto de ADA y las tarjetas de compromiso se han enviado por correo a todos los feligreses registrados; copias adicionales están disponibles en el vestíbulo y en la Oficina Parroquial. Para su comodidad, nuestra carta de ADA ha sido traducida al español y al portugués.

Gracias por su consideración y por su voluntad de hacer su parte justa. Y por favor haga su regalo hoy!!



PARISH COMMUNITY

Boletim Paroquial Português 5 de Fevereiro de 2023; Domingo V do Tempo Comum -A Reflexão pelo Padre Francisco Rodrigues S.J.

No evangelho deste V domingo do tempo comum, Jesus é perentório ao dizer-nos: vós sois o sal da terra. Vós sois a luz do mundo. Jesus fala como quem espera. Ele espera como quem acredita e tem fé em cada um de nós. Jesus tem expectativas em relação a nós.

Assim como o sal salga os alimentos, dá tempero aos alimentos, assim também a nossa vida tem que ter sabor, isto é, a nossa vida tem que saber a vida cristã. A experiência mostra-nos o quanto é importante que os alimentos tenham condimentos. Assim também na vida espiritual o condimento do amor, da oração, de sentido de pertença à Igreja que é mãe, as boas obras, o serviço, a humildade, tudo isto são condimentos essenciais. Se vividos, estes dão sabor à vida.

Jesus também nos fala da luz. Convida-nos a sermos luzeiros num mundo que está tantas vezes às escuras. Se a nossa vida tiver sabor e este for visto pela luz que transmitimos, mas que vem de Deus, que felizes seremos! A última mensagem do evangelho deste domingo que Jesus nos deixa é que, os homens vendo as nossas boas obras glorifiquem o Pai que estás nos Céus. Não somos nós que somos glorificados, agraciados e honrados. É o Pai que está nos céus que será glorificado devido às boas obras que pela Sua graça fazemos e estas são transmitidas pela luz que passa por nós. No entanto, a luz vem dele se a Ele vivemos ligados.

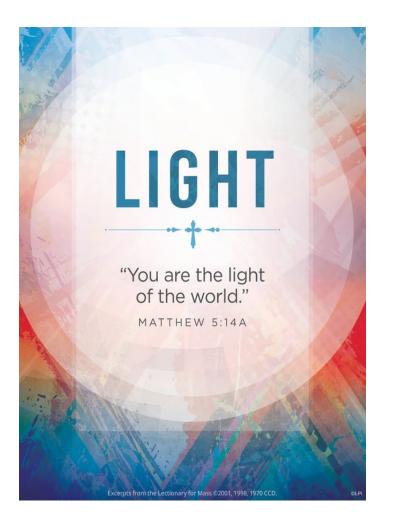
Que a nossa vida tenha o sabor do evangelho. Que possamos projetar luz porque vivemos ligados à fonte da luz que é Jesus. Que nunca púnhamos a luz de Jesus debaixo da mesa mas que possa iluminar a nossa vida. E por tudo isto, que Deus seja glorificado!

Nota de Agradecimento: Como Presidente do Conselho Paroquial Português da Comunidade de Santa Clara, nos últimos 4 anos, gostaria de agradecer a todos os membros do Conselho pelo trabalho inansável e dedicação ao longo destes anos. Que Deus possa recompensar com todas as bençãos do Céu. E a todos vós, membros da nossa comunidade, quero também agradecer todo o vosso apoio moral, orações e suporto através das difrtrntrs actividades. Sem a vossa ajuda não poderia-mos ter feito tudo aquilo que conseguimos fazer De todo o meu coração agradeço profundamente. Ao mesmo tempopeço-vos que continuem a apoiar a nossa comunidadecom o novo Conselho nesta igeja. Através da unidade, podemos alcançar os nossos objectivos. O vosso suporto constante tem sido a força que nos manteêm vivos nesta paróquia., Continuando com as nossas tradições e ao mesmo temo apoiamos e ajudamos a paróquia nas suas necessidades. Foram 4 anos de muito trabalho, mas sempre com muita alegria, ganhei amisades que jamais esqueserei, houve desafios mas com a graça de Deus e todos unidos conseguimos ir em frente. Obrigado ao Pade Francisco pelos seus conselhoos e orações que sempre nos ajudaram, não esquecendo que sempre nos apoia. Mais uma vez muito obrigada e que Deus a todos abençoe.

Eduina Faria; Presidente cessante do Conselho Paroquial Português



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Stewardship Report

Sunday Collection: January 28th & 29th

Goal: \$8,400.00 Actual:\$7,355

St. Vincent de Paul: \$3,458.00

Thank you!



Welcome!

Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, Nuestra más cordial bienvenida a todos los que están 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.

¡Bienvenido!

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.

Name:	Nombre (s):
Address:	Dirección:
City:Zip	Ciudad:Código postal:
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Email:	Correo electrónico:
Would you like to receive envelopes?	¿Desea recibir sobres de contribución? SiNo