

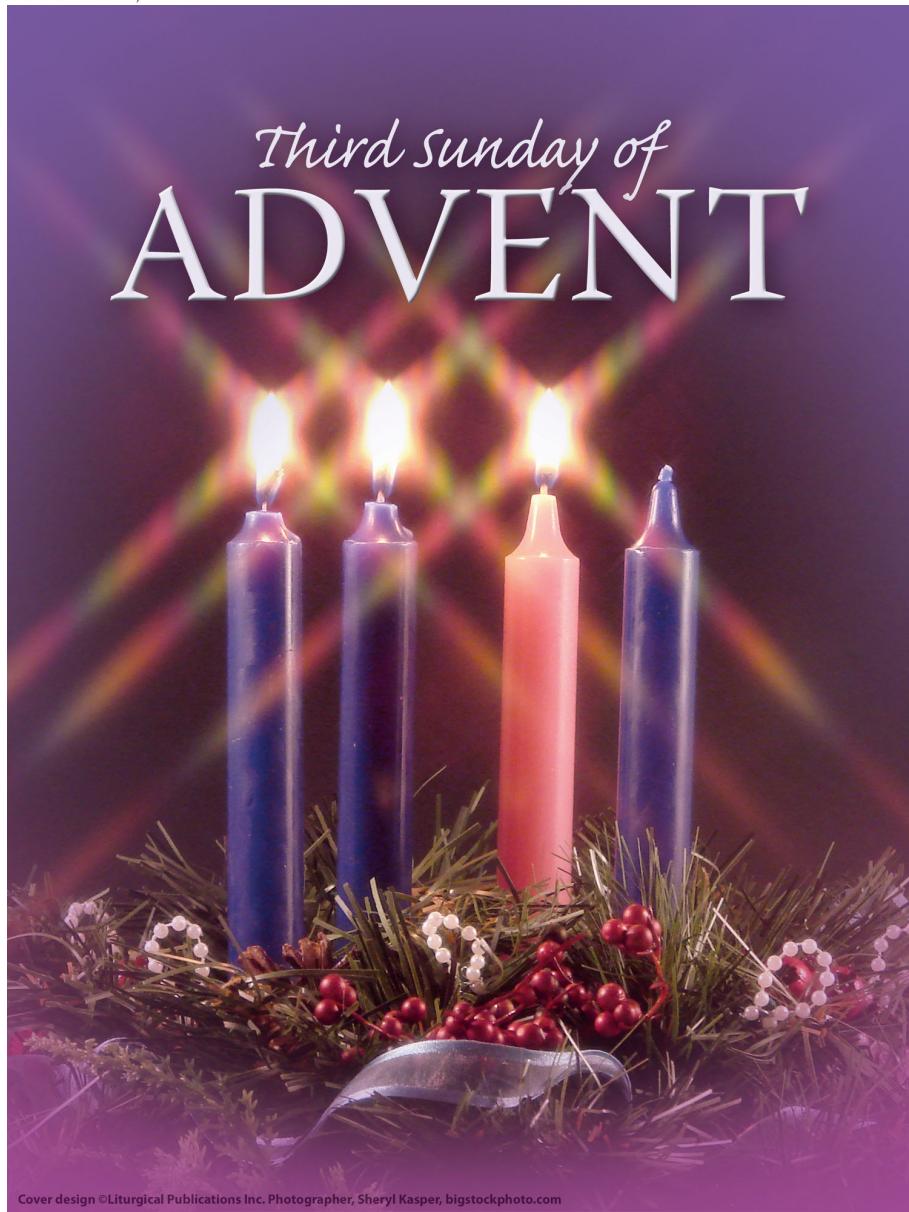


PARISH COMMUNITY

Santa Clara, California

December 11, 2022

Third 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

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains (Letter of Saint James 5:7).

Patience is a virtue that most of us encounter in its absence; we are sometimes aware of how often we are impatient with others and even with ourselves. Saint James hints at an impatience even with the Lord, Whose return seemed to be delayed. Nearly 2000 years have passed since the apostle wrote those words, and we are still urged to be patient.

From its origins in Latin (*patiōr*), patience is a kind of suffering. It is not easy; it does not come to us in an easy way. So we are called to the hard work of patience, as we walk through Advent.

During Advent, is not as if we are playing a game of “make believe” that the first Christmas never happened. Rather, we look forward to the Lord’s return, even as we prepare to celebrate the anniversary of His Birth in Bethlehem.

Advent is a time of “PPP:” Prayer, Preparation and Patience.

Parish Advent Reconciliation Liturgy – December 17

Next Saturday afternoon, we will have a Reconciliation/Penance Liturgy, including individual confessions, beginning at 3:00 pm, in the church.

Confessors will be on hand for confessions in English, Spanish, Portuguese.

Advent confession is a great way to prepare ourselves, even as we are preparing our homes, for our Christmas celebrations.

Poinsettias for Christmas

We will gladly accept donations for poinsettias to decorate the church for the Christmas Season. Please bring them to the church or the parish office, no later than the morning of December 24. Many thanks.



A Message from our Seminarian Ryan Mau

Greetings from the Holy Land!

My classmates and I arrived to Jerusalem on November 20. We have spent the first two weeks of our pilgrimage touring around Bethlehem and the surrounding areas in Palestine. We started our time here by visiting the Church of the Nativity and visiting the exact site where Jesus was born, which is marked by a star, and then laid in the manger, which is about 5 feet away from the birth site. One of the priests of the seminary celebrated Mass for us at the manger site. I was incredibly moved to be at the place where Jesus was born.

We've been able to visit other places like the Shepherd's Field, where the shepherds were met by the angels to let them know the birth of Christ, as well as site of the Visitation, where Mary met Elizabeth after both found out that they were pregnant. We also visited the birthplace of John the Baptist and have visited several sites with ruins that date back to the time of Jesus and even further back to the prophet Abraham.

Over the next few weeks, we'll visit different places in Nazareth before spending the last part of our pilgrimage in Jerusalem. If you wish to give me any prayer intentions while on my trip, click on the link below and I will add them to my list!

<https://forms.office.com/r/iz80qzyRR>

May God continue to bless you and your families during this Advent season. I will be praying for you and ask that you continue to pray for me!

Ryan Mau



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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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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.

If you are NOT a parent of a teen, help us by passing along the information to families who might. Please continue to pray for us and our ministry as we prepare for our program in January.

Last chance to bring in your presents for the Giving Tree! The deadline is December 13th. You can bring them into the office during the week.

Creation Care Tips

"The wilderness and the parched land will exult; the Arabah will rejoice and bloom; like the crocus, it shall bloom abundantly, and rejoice with joyful song." — Isaiah 35:1-2



While parts of the world are parched by more frequent and prolonged droughts and others are flooded by hurricanes and superstorms, we are called to be ever-more conscious of our water usage. Fresh water shortages are predicted to become even more extreme in the coming years. While we are fortunate to have access to clean running tap water, let's not take it for granted. This week, be mindful of times when you run the water longer than necessary in the shower, bathroom, or kitchen sink. Strive to shorten those intervals and make using less water your norm.

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Weekly Justice Challenge



Sunday's Gospel has Jesus answering the question of who he is by stating: "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: the blind recover their sight, cripples walk, lepers are cured, the deaf hear, dead men are raised to life, and the poor have the good news preached to them" (Mt. 11:2-11). Jesus equates his very identity with care for the poor and marginalized. Your challenge this week is to identify the blind, the lepers, and the poor in your life. Discuss one particular person in need whom God is calling you and your family to serve. Select an action you can do for this person, just as Jesus did. And remember that Pope Francis said that having a friend who is poor is a pathway to heaven. So . . . just do it!

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Saint Clare School News

Saint Clare Celebrates in Anticipation of Christmas

This week, our Student Council planned theme-dress days to get the student body in the Christmas spirit. Advent retreats are happening in classrooms and among the faculty and staff. Classes have been practicing their Advent Concert performances. We can't wait to gather in person, after a two year hiatus. We thank our families, our music directors, Ms. Anna Brown, Mrs. Lynne Dickerson, and Mrs. Maria Dempsey, and our teachers for making this return to in-person performances so meaningful.

A Season of Giving

We thank our community for their response to the diocesan Layette program, The Christmas Giving Tree, and the donations to Saint Vincent de Paul. With gratitude, we give to those who need it most!



Buddies Prepare The Way of The Lord

Fifth grade and kindergarten buddies create Advent wreaths to prepare for the season. So much joy and anticipation for the coming of our Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace!



APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSIONS FOR 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR NOW OPEN

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St. Clare would like to thank the following companies for supporting this year's Jogathon:



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Daily Readings

Monday

Zechariah 2:14-17
Judith 13:18bcde, 19
Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday

Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13
Psalms 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23
Matthew 21:28-32

Wednesday

Isaiah 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25
Psalms 85:9ab, 10-14
Luke 7:18b-23

Thursday

Isaiah 54:1-10
Psalms 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b
Luke 7:24-30

Friday

Isaiah 56:1-3a, 6-8
Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 7-8
John 5:33-36

Saturday

Genesis 49:2, 8-10
Psalms 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17
Matthew 1:1-17

Sunday

Isaiah 7:10-14
Psalms 24:1-6
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-24

Saturday

5:00 pm

Sunday

7:30 am

9:00 am

Mass Intentions December 10-17, 2022

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The Brady Family

Tuesday 8:00am

SCU Jesuit Community

Wednesday 8:00am

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Thursday 8:00am

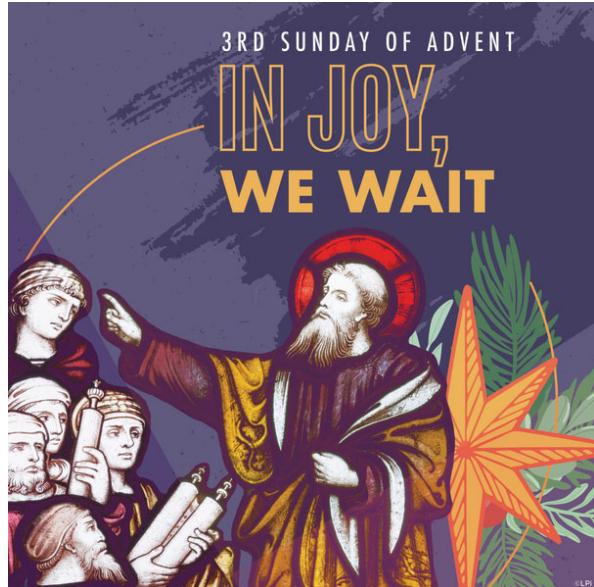
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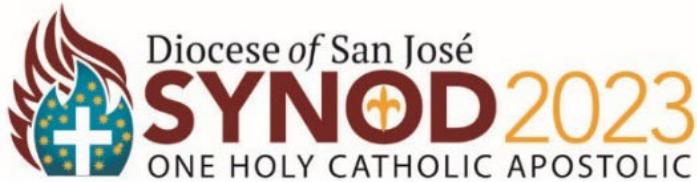
Friday 8:00 am

Bill Kelly+

Saturday 8:00 am

Anita de Masmela+





Our **SYNOD 2023** is centered in the Eucharist, the summit of our Christian prayer. In the Real of Presence of Christ, we are nourished and strengthened as a Church, the Body of Christ, to be **ONE, HOLY, CATHOLIC, and APOSTOLIC**. With this in mind, we invoke the power of the Holy Spirit to guide our diocesan Synod by praying a Novena as one diocese.

A **novena** is an ancient devotion consisting of 9 days of prayer in preparation for a feast day or specific intention. The original novena of prayer happened between the Ascension of the Lord and Pentecost as the disciples and the Blessed Virgin Mary prayed in the upper room awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Following their example, all the faithful of the Diocese of San José are invited to unite in our diocesan novena of prayer for the Synod as we invoke the presence of the Holy Spirit and the Lord's guidance in preparation for the Synod General Assembly that will happen at the end of January 2023.

Our Diocesan Novena for our Synod will happen on nine consecutive Sundays, the Day of the Lord. **It will commence on this Second Sunday of Advent, December 4, 2022, and conclude on January 29, 2023.**

Together we pray our novena within the celebration of the Lord's Day, Sunday, as appropriate as it is in centering ourselves within the Real Presence of the Lord in the Eucharist in this year of Eucharistic Revival.

Second Sunday

God our Father,
with trust in your love and mercy
we commend our Synod into your hands.
Be with us and guide our synod process
with the grace of Your Holy Spirit.
Give us all the wisdom and the courage to respond in new ways
to the challenges we face and to the needs of our sisters and brothers,
so that we may become ever closer to Jesus your Son,
in whose Body the Church, he has called us to be.

**We pray specifically for healing
for all victims/survivors of sexual misconduct by clergy,
for reconciliation of the mistrust of the Church,
and for unity despite the increasingly secularized and polarized world
that the Holy Spirit may renew the hearts
of those whose belief has become uncertain,
whose trust has been lost, and whose faith has been abandoned,
so that the Church may ENCOUNTER AND WELCOME EVERYONE.**

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Lady of Guadalupe, we make our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

P./ Beloved **Saint Joseph**, patron of our Diocese....R./**Pray for us.**
P./ Beloved **Saint Clare**, intercessor of our valley....R./**Pray for us.**



De Monseñor Fran Cilia

Tengan paciencia, hermanos y hermanas, hasta la venida del Señor. Miren cómo el sembrador cosecha los preciosos frutos de la tierra, que ha aguardado desde las primeras lluvias hasta las tardías. (Carta de Santiago 5:7).

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La paciencia es una virtud que la mayoría de nosotros encontramos en su ausencia; a veces somos conscientes de cuán a menudo nos impacientamos con los demás e incluso con nosotros mismos. Santiago deja entrever una impaciencia incluso con el Señor, cuyo regreso parecía retrasado. Han pasado casi 2000 años desde que el apóstol escribió esas palabras, y todavía se nos insta a ser paciente.

De sus orígenes en latín (*patior*), la paciencia es una especie de sufrimiento. No es fácil; no nos llega de una manera fácil. Así que estamos llamados al arduo trabajo de la paciencia, mientras caminamos por el Adviento.

Durante el Adviento, no es como si estuviéramos jugando a “hacer creer” que la primera Navidad nunca sucedió. Más bien, esperamos el regreso del Señor, incluso mientras nos preparamos para celebrar el aniversario de Su nacimiento en Belén.

El Adviento es un tiempo de “**OPP:**” Oración, Preparación y Paciencia.

Liturgia Parroquial de Reconciliación de Adviento – 17 de diciembre

El próximo sábado por la tarde tendremos una Reconciliación/Penitencia Liturgia, incluyendo confesiones individuales, a partir de las 3:00 pm, en la iglesia.

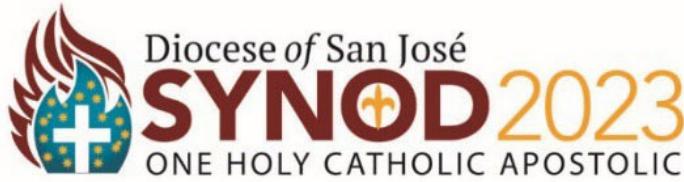
Los confesores estarán disponibles para confesiones en inglés, español, y portugués.

La confesión de Adviento es una excelente manera de prepararnos, incluso mientras preparamos nuestros hogares, para nuestras celebraciones navideñas.

Nochebuenas para Navidad

Con mucho gusto aceptaremos donaciones para flores de nochebuenas para decorar la iglesia para la temporada navideña. Por favor tráigalos a la iglesia o a la oficina parroquial a más tardar el 24 de diciembre por la mañana. Muchas gracias.





Nuestro **SÍNODO 2023** está centrado en la Eucaristía, cumbre de nuestra oración Cristiana. En la Presencia Real de Cristo, nos nutrimos y fortalecemos como Iglesia, Cuerpo de Cristo, para ser **UNA, SANTA, CATÓLICA y APOSTÓLICA**. Con esto en mente, invocamos el poder del Espíritu Santo para guiar nuestro Sínodo diocesano al rezar una Novena como una sola diócesis.

Una **novena** es una devoción antigua que consiste en 9 días de oración en preparación para un día de fiesta o intención específica. La primera novena ocurrió en los días entre la Ascensión del Señor y el Pentecostés cuando los discípulos y la Santísima Virgen María oraron en el aposento esperando la venida del Espíritu Santo. Siguiendo su ejemplo, todos los fieles de la Diócesis de San José están invitados a unirse en una novena diocesana para orar por el Sínodo e invocar la presencia del Espíritu Santo y el Señor en preparación para la Asamblea General del Sínodo que se llevará a cabo los finales de enero de 2023.

La Novena Diocesana para nuestro Sínodo ocurrirá en nueve domingos consecutivos. **Comenzará este segundo domingo de Adviento, 4 de diciembre de 2022, y concluirá el 29 de enero de 2023.**

Juntos rezamos la novena dentro de la celebración dominical para centrarnos en la Presencia Real del Señor en este año de Avivamiento Eucarístico.

Segundo Domingo

Dios Padre Nuestro,
con confianza en tu amor y tu misericordia
encomendamos nuestro Sínodo en tus manos.
Acompáñanos y guía nuestro proceso sinodal
con la gracia de tu Espíritu Santo.
Concédenos la sabiduría y el valor para responder de nuevas maneras
a los desafíos que enfrentamos y a las necesidades
de nuestros hermanos y hermanas,
para que podamos acercarnos cada vez más a Jesús tu Hijo,
en cuyo Cuerpo la Iglesia, nos ha llamado a estar.

**Oramos específicamente por la sanación de todas las víctimas de conducta sexual inapropiada por parte del clero,
por la reconciliación de la desconfianza hacia la Iglesia,
y por la unidad a pesar de un mundo cada vez más secularizado
y polarizado para que el Espíritu Santo renueve los corazones
de aquellos cuya creencia se ha vuelto incierta,
cuya confianza se ha perdido, y cuya fe ha sido abandonada,
para que la Iglesia ENCUENTRE Y ACOJA A TODOS.**

Por la intercesión de la Santísima Virgen María, Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, hacemos nuestra oración en el nombre de Jesucristo nuestro Señor. Amén.

Gloria al Padre, y al Hijo, y al Espíritu Santo.
Como era en el principio, ahora y siempre, por los siglos de los siglos.
Amen.

P./ Amado San José, patrono de nuestra Diócesis....R./ Ruega por nosotros.
P./ Amada Santa Clara, intercesora de nuestro valle ...R./ Ruega por nosotros.



Boletim Paroquial Português

Terceiro Domingo do Advento -A
Reflexão pelo: Padre Francisco Rodrigues S.J.

Pelos frutos se conhece a árvore

João Baptista é o grande protagonista deste tempo do advento. Sabe muito bem qual é o lugar dele na preparação da vinda de Jesus. “É preciso que Ele cresça e eu diminua”. Está preso por amor daquele cujos caminhos prepara. Faz um percurso de descoberta da pessoa do próprio Jesus. Também para João nem tudo é claro a não ser a certeza de que tem uma missão a cumprir. Mandou perguntar a Jesus se é mesmo Ele Aquele que esperam. A resposta de Jesus é de uma densidade total. ‘Olhai e vedes’. Isto é, pelos frutos se conhece a árvore. Os leprosos são curados. Os cegos veem. Os coxos andam. Os surdos ouvem. As bem-aventuranças estão a ser cumpridas. Tudo o que Jesus anuncia está a ser vivido onde Ele passa.

Nesta fase do Advento, cada um de nós deveria levar à sua oração: quais são as lepras que Jesus me convida a limpar e sarar? Quais as cegueiras que me impedem de O ver na vida? De que modo é que continuo a ser coxo e a não me movimentar na direção da pessoa de Jesus? De que modo é que posso curar a minha surdez e melhor escutar a sua palavra, a sua voz, o seu espírito?

João faz dois movimentos, o movimento da conversão pessoal que é um trabalho para a vida. Mas simultaneamente faz um segundo movimento, o de preparar para os outros os caminhos de Jesus. Hoje, poderíamos concluir: todos nós somos chamados a sermos João Baptista. Preparar os nossos caminhos de conversão, mas alargá-los a todos aqueles que neles quiserem entrar, sendo que, por muito que alarguemos os caminhos, estes são sempre estreitos: exigem esforço, abnegação, sacrifício, dedicação, oração e muito trabalho. Mas este trabalho com os outros, para Jesus e com Jesus é um trabalho que vale a pena. Pensem na alegria que nos virá do presépio, se os caminhos que optarmos a ele nos levarem? Pensem no presépio da eternidade se ouvirmos da parte de Jesus palavras como estas “bem-vindo à morada para ti preparada porque foste sempre o que dizias e dizias o que fazias com verdade e fidelidade (como hoje a leitura nos recorda): nunca foste ocasião de escândalo para ninguém”. Que João Baptista, mesmo na prisão por amor a Jesus, seja para cada um de nós motivo de grande inspiração e possamos tirar as ervas daninhas, as sujidades, as impurezas, o desarrumo que vai pelos caminhos da nossa vida. Ao fazê-lo, não só estamos pessoalmente a entrar na dinâmica do encontro com Jesus, mas estamos a ajudar tantas outras pessoas a fazerem o mesmo. Na verdade é impossível conhecer a Jesus e não querer entrar nos caminhos que conduzem ao seu encontro cada vez mais comprometido e profundo. Pelos frutos se conhece a árvore. A árvore é Jesus. Sejamos todos ramos do seu amor, um amor traduzido em frutos.

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 às 9 horas da noite celebrando a Vigília do Natal do Senhor e no Domingo teremos missa às 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 na secção em inglês.

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. Monday through Friday from April 1 to September 30 and
8 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week from October 1 to March 31.

CCA Medicare Excel (HMO) Santa Clara County and CCA Medicare Excel (HMO) San Joaquin County are health plans with a Medicare contract. Enrollment depends on contract renewal. This information is not a complete description of benefits.



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Stewardship Report

ALL 8TH-12TH GRADERS

DEADLINE 12/31

READY FOR CONFIRMATION?

REGISTRATIONS OPEN!



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8TH-12TH GRADOS

LA FECHA LÍMITE 12/31

¿LISTA PARA LA CONFIRMACIÓN?

¡INSCRIPCIONES ABIERTAS!



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REVS VS SEMS BASKETBALL CHALLENGE

Sunday,
January 8, 2023

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Thank You!

*Sunday Collection:
December 3rd and December 4th*

Weekly Goal:\$8,400.00
Actual: \$9,684.50

Thank You!



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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: _____

Ciudad: _____ Código postal: _____

Número teléfono: _____

Correo electrónico: _____

¿Desea recibir sobres de contribución?

Si No