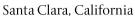
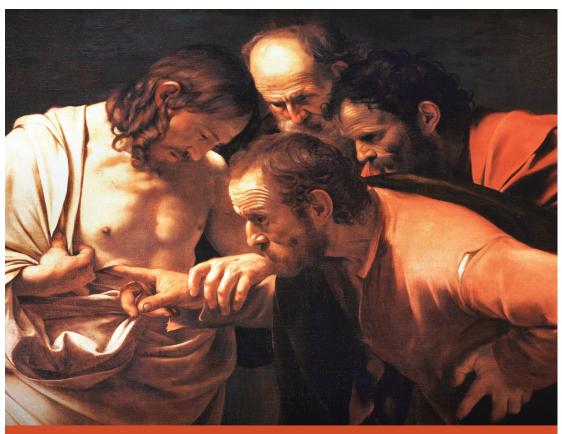


Second Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2023

Segundo Domingo de Pascua





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Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:29

Jesús añadió: "Tú crees porque me has visto, dichosos los que creen sin haber visto". - Jn 20, 29

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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 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

Easter is so great a feast that it cannot be contained in one day alone. For us, the "day" of Easter extends for a whole week, until today. The Easter Season extends until Pentecost, which we celebrate on May 28.

During this past week, we have been hearing gospel accounts of Easter morning and Easter night. In today's gospel reading, we join the apostles – all of them except Thomas – on the night of Easter and again the following week.

They were slow to understand and accept what had happened, even as we might have been. After all, they knew that Jesus had died and was buried; they could not imagine that he was alive again.

For us who have celebrate Easter and the Lord's Resurrection for most or all of our lives, perhaps the opposite is true: we are so used to the idea of Resurrection that we do not appreciate how truly earthshaking it is and what a rupture in the human condition it represents.

Psalm 118 captures this reality: "This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad."

Only God turns death into life.

Let us rejoice and let us be glad!

Celebration of Children's Sacraments of Initiation

We will celebrate the reception of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist for two children of our parish who have been preparing for these sacraments for many months. At the same time, we will baptize the little sister of one of the candidates. This will be at the 5:00 Mass next Saturday evening. We invite you to join with us in prayerful support of these three children and their families.

Annual Diocesan Appeal



We continue to inch toward our goal of \$150,000. As of this week, we have received gifts and pledges of \$139,615.50 from 241 families and households. If you misplaced your pledge card or envelope, we have more available in the vestibule and in the parish office. You can also scan this QR Code to make your gift online. Thank you for all!

Saint Vincent de Paul Collection: Next Weekend

The traditional "Fifth Sunday Collection" to benefit the work of Saint Vincent de Paul in our parish will take place next weekend due to the special second collection for Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund that is taken up on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, "Good Shepherd Sunday."



Thank you, in advance, for your caring support of the work of Saint Vincent de Paul and of the eventual retirement of our parish priests and almost all of the priests who have served here since 2000. There will be more information on the Priest Retirement Appeal in next week's bulletin.

Saint Clare's Portuguese Council

The Portuguese Council invites you to their fundraiser this April 29th for a delicious Goat Stew or Cod Fish dinner in the Parish Hall. If you can't make the dinner you can still help out by purchasing a takeout plate for pick-up.



Saint Clare's Church Portuguese Council

FUNDRAISER

Dinner: Goat Stew or Cod Fish

with side dishes & dessert

Date: Saturday April, 29, 2023 Place: Saint Clare Parish Hall

(next to the church) **Time:** 6:30 pm

Takeout/Pick Up: 4:00-5:30pm **Music DJ:** Deodato Constantino

Donation: \$35.00

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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)

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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Weekly Justice Challenge

Justice Challenge: Sunday's Gospel recounts the appearance of Jesus to the apostles after the Resurrection. Fear ruled the day until Jesus came back with his message, "Peace be with you." Fear can paralyze us, just as it did the apostles until Jesus breathed his Spirit and his peace into them. Your challenge this week is to examine how much fear rules your life. When does it stop you from speaking the prophetic word, challenging injustice, or living an ethical life? Pray for the peace of Christ to enter your own heart, and find the courage to fight injustice wherever you see it

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Creation Care Tips

"All who believed were together and had all things in common."— Acts 2:44

What do you and your friends and neighbors each own individually that you could share instead? Power tools? Books? Paper or magazine subscriptions? Gardening tools? Camping gear? Sports equipment? Specialized kitchen equipment? Imagine how many fewer resources we would need if we didn't feel the need to own everything individually and we shared more things in common instead. Imagine how it would tie us together with greater inter-dependence if we shared more. The next time you are tempted to buy something new, research where you might find it used or whom you might borrow it from.

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Mass Intentions April 15-22, 2023



PARISH COMMUNITY

Daily Readings

Monday:

Acts 4:23-31; Psalms 2:1-9; John 3:1-8

Tuesday:

Acts 4:32-37; Psalms 93:1-2, 5; John 3:7b-15

Wednesday:

Acts 5:17-26; Psalms 34:2-9; John 3:16-21

Thursday:

Acts 5:27-33; Psalms 34:2, 9, 17-20; John 3:31-36

Friday:

Acts 5:34-42; Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14; John 6:1-15

Saturday:

Acts 6:1-7; Psalms 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; John 6:16-21

Sunday:

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Psalms 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35

Saturday

5:00 pm Saint Clare Parishioners

Sunday

7:30 am Jose Mancebo+

9:00 am Ernesto Gonsalves+ Manuel Santos+

Manuel & Cristina

Jeronimo+

John Deus Chaves Jose Manuel Correia+

Dora de Oliveira+ Jose C. Barcelos+ Jose R. Barcelos+

Vidalia Gaspar Rocha+

Souls in Purgatory

10:30 am Cecilia Buitrago

Sanchez+

12:00 pm Graciela de Diez+

Lucy Mancilla+ Esperanza Castellanos+

Maria Andrade+ Arnie Willett+ Victoria Castillo+ Hilario Castillo+ Anuncion Palma+ Alicia Suarez-Health

Ida Lopez-Health

Monday 9:00am

Carlos Mancebo+

Tuesday 8:00am

Hawkes Family

Wednesday 8:00am

Celestino Silva+

Thursday 8:00am

Sue Li Yang & Family

Friday 8:00am

Theodore Jameson Rumohr+

Saturday 8:00am

Jorge Quiroz-Birthday



Saint Clare School



SAINT CLARE SCHOOL GOLF CLASSIC

We are getting ready for our
2nd Annual Saint Clare
Golf Classic.
This is one of our biggest
fundraisers of the year.
The funds raised from this event helps to
benefit our students in many ways.
Registration Now Open!

Please register at www.charitygolftoday.com/SCSGolfClassic



Cool Kids Zone/

Summer Day Camp Program



COOL KIDS ZONE

Once again, Ms. Valerye and her crew will be offering Summer Camp for seven weeks beginning June 12. Sign up for a week or seven! Students entering TK-8th are welcome to fun and engaging activities including morning academic review and afternoon arts and crafts, "cooking", video production, games, and weekly field trips.

<u>REGISTER NOW | https://</u> www.stclare.school/summer-camp

ENROLLING TK-8TH GRADE: Schedule a tour: https://www.stclare.school/schedule-a-tour

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Keeping Life Alive

elieving in the Resurrection gives a person cause for rejoicing. Since Jesus came out of the tomb with new life, all tombs have become wombs for those who enter them as Jesus did. We who were baptized into Christ's death have entered into the tomb to be reborn into his life. Baptism is the tombwomb of our birth to hope, to an imperishable inheritance and to a salvation which will be revealed in all its inexpressible joy only at the end of time.

What sustains our hope in the promise of our Baptism? What helps us believe in the reality of Jesus' Resurrection and of our own? What keeps alive the love we have for him whom we have never seen?

The answer is multiple: the gift and power of grace, prayer, expressing our faith, choosing hope and love. But what sustains us in our daily activities? What keeps us faithful in fulfilling our duties? The oldest answer for Christians is community: the expression of

faith in discipleship, liturgy and sacraments and in a lifestyle flowing from these. The earliest Christians "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers...[They] had all things in common..."

A believing Church is a Church eager to learn.

A parish that studies the teachings of Jesus grows in faith. All those who use the continuing education programs offered in parishes sustain not only their own faith but also the faith of all the others who attend. Although we certainly have to spend time alone with Jesus to let his message penetrate our hearts, we listen to him first in community. Jesus sent his disciples out not one by one but two by two.

Only witnesses are credible—and teachers to the extent they are witnesses. Discipleship only flourishes APRIL 16, 2023

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Acts 2:42-47; I Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

in a Church that lives out what it learns. A Church that bears witness in action is a Church that experiences the reality of the risen life. To bear witness to the Resurrection we must live the risen life, "be intent on things above, not on things of earth" (Colossians 3:2) and show it in our life-style. We were baptized not only to know the truth but to make the truth credible

phetic witness.

A celebrating Church is a Church that experiences the joy of the risen life. Liturgical prayer, prayer offered together, the public expression of faith and commitment-this is one way to "have all things in common." We don't hoard the riches of our faith to

ourselves, to gloat over them in private; we make a party out of the gifts God has given us. The truth of the eucharistic banquet is not manifest unless it is a potluck supper. The Mass is not said by a priest for a congregation; the Mass is celebrated by a community of priests, with one who is ordained to preside. When we give ourselves "to the breaking of the bread and the prayers," we give life to one another. But we have to "devote" ourselves, not just be passively present. We are a community of priests, not of onlookers.

to others by professing our faith in visible acts of pro-

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We need to sustain our

faith by human contact

with the living Jesus

Finally, like Thomas, we need to sustain our faith by human contact with the living Jesus: to see him, hear his words and feel his touch. We do this especially through the sacraments, special ways in which Jesus still ministers to us in human words and gestures. When we sin, for example, we do not silently ask forgiveness in our hearts from an invisible God and then trust that it is granted—any more than we do that with each other. A line in an old movie claimed that love means you never have to say you're sorry, but no one who loves could stand not to say it. So, when we sin, we say it in human words to Jesus present in a human priest; we hear human words of forgiveness spoken in response. All the sacraments are human encounters with the risen Jesus. When we act as sacraments, visible signs of faith, hope and love, to one another, we sustain Jesus' life in the world and give his peace.

REFLECTING ON THIS WEEK'S GOSPELS

Second Week of Easter

Pray daily: Heavenly Father and God of mercy, increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you. Amen.

Monday: John 3:1-8. Nicodemus said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs...apart from the presence of God." What in your life shows others that God is with you? What shows your belief that God is with the Church?

Tuesday: John 3:7-15. Jesus said, "And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life." Nothing bears greater witness to the truth of Jesus Christ than responding to evil with love. When and how can you do this?

Wednesday: John 3:16-21. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." Spend some time absorbing the fact that Jesus loves you this much.

Thursday: John 3:31-36. "He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure." Do you believe Jesus shares his Spirit with you abundantly? How can you open yourself to receive more light and love from the Spirit?

Friday: John 6:1-15. "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Do you believe you have something to offer the community, some contribution which will nourish others' faith? How do you try to share your gifts with others?

Saturday: John 6:16-21. Jesus said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." What are your greatest fears? Your daily ones? How can you turn them over to Jesus in trust?

LIVING THIS WEEK'S GOSPELS

As Christian: Put some visible symbol in your home or worksite as a reminder that you are living the risen, divine life of Christ; for example, holy water, a beeping watch, a white cloth.

As Disciple: Ask yourself if there is some parish Scripture study or faith-sharing group in which you could participate.

As Prophet: Change one thing in your life or life-style precisely as a way of sharing your faith through witness, that is, through some way of acting which makes no sense apart from your faith in Jesus Christ.

As Priest: Reexamine how you participate in the liturgy. Do you consciously take an active part as a priest? Does your body-language, posture, words and actions help others experience joy in these celebrations?

As King: Try to be a sacrament of hope to others through your words and actions. Refuse to look glum. Speak of what gives hope, not of what is depressing. Try to promote peace around you.

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Boletim Paroquial Português 16 de Abril de 2023, Domingo II da Páscoa da Divina Misericórdia

Reflexão pelo Padre Francisco Rodrigues S.J.

Meu Senhor e meu Deus

A Igreja celebra neste II domingo de Páscoa, a Divina Misericórdia. A leitura do evangelho remete-nos para a misericórdia de Deus confiada aos apóstolos através do sacramento da reconciliação. Ao refletir sobre este evangelho, podemos extrair três pontos: ressuscitado encontra-se com os Apóstolos. Jesus apresenta-te como Senhor da paz. Deste modo, o Consolador visita os seus amigos para os animar, confirmar e confiar. Dado o desânimo, anima-os espiritualmente, confirma-os na fé e confia-lhes o sacramento do perdão. "Aqueles a quem perdoares os pecados, serão perdoados. Aqueles a quem não perdoares os pecados, ficarão retidos". Só a experiência do perdoar e do ser perdoado nos dá a paz. Não é por acaso que o evangelho coloca em conjunto o perdão-ser perdoado e a paz. Se não estamos perdoados e não perdoamos, não viveremos em paz. O 2º ponto: Tomé estava ausente do grupo. Foi dito a Tomé que o Senhor ressuscitado tinha aparecido, porém, ele não acreditou; melhor, colocou condições para acreditar. O Senhor, fez-lhe a vontade. Jesus deixou-se tocar para que Tomé acredite. No entanto, por causa de Tomé, Jesus fez uma nova bem-aventurança: felizes aqueles que acreditarem sem ver! Somos felizes porque não precisamos tocar em Jesus para nele acreditar. Basta sermos tocados por Jesus e isso nos basta! 3º ponto: devido à incredulidade de Tomé, ouvimos da sua boca a revelação mais bonita de todos os tempos: "Meu Senhor e Meu Deus". Tomé olha para Jesus, deixa-se olhar por Jesus. Toca em Jesus, deixa-se tocar por Ele e faz a maior revelação de sempre: afirma Jesus como Senhor e Deus. Esta é a maior e mais bonita oração. Em cada eucaristia, na elevação da hóstia consagrada podemos dizer: Meu Senhor e meu Deus. Quando nos reconciliamos e recebemos o perdão de Deus através da Igreja, podemos dizer, Meu Senhor e meu Deus. Na oração, na luta, no trabalho, na família, sempre e em qualquer circunstância, não queiramos dizer outra coisa que não seja: Meu Senhor e meu Deus. Depois do Primeiro Dia, dia da Ressurreição, domingo de Páscoa, em tudo e por tudo, podemos dizer: Meu Senhor e Meu Deus. Pois, onde há alegria ou dor, esperança ou desânimo, dúvida ou fé, saúde ou doença, ai esta o Senhor ressuscitado que vive connosco, caminha connosco e em tudo e face a tudo nos recorda: Não sejas incrédulo mas crente!

Jantar de Cabrito! O Conselho Paroquial Português leva a efeito uma promoção de angariamento de fundos. Esta, consiste de um jantar de cabrito ou bacalhau (para aqueles que o assim preferem) no Sábado dia 29 de Abril próximo e os bilhetes para este jantar podem ser obtidos através de qualquer membro do CPP. Promoções desta natureza só podem ser bem sucedidas quando toda a comunidade se une e participa activamente na mesma, seja na compra de bilhetes, seja na ajuda do trabalho, seja na doação de ofertas para o leilão silencioso, seja na doação de verbas financeiras para ajudar aos custos que acarreta uma promoção destas. Como sempre o producto líquido deste evento reverte em favor das actividades da nossa comunidade nesta paróquia e para ajudar os custos administrativos da nossa paróquia.

Um Santo e Alegre Domingo para todos!!!

De Monseñor Fran Cilia

La Pascua es una fiesta tan grande que no se puede contener en un solo día. Para nosotros, el "día" de Pascua se extiende durante toda una semana, hasta hoy. El tiempo de Pascua se extiende hasta Pentecostés, que celebramos el 28 de mayo.

Durante la semana pasada, hemos estado escuchando relatos evangélicos de la mañana de Pascua y la noche de Pascua. En la lectura del evangelio de hoy, nos unimos a los apóstoles, todos excepto Tomás, en la noche de Pascua y nuevamente la semana siguiente.

Tardaron en entender y aceptar lo que había sucedido, incluso como podríamos haber sido. Después de todo, sabían que Jesús había muerto y había sido sepultado; No podían imaginar que estaba vivo de nuevo.

Para nosotros que hemos celebrado la Pascua y la Resurrección del Señor durante la mayor parte o la totalidad de nuestras vidas, tal vez sea todo lo contrario: estamos tan acostumbrados a la idea de la Resurrección que no apreciamos cuán verdaderamente estremecedora es y qué ruptura en la condición humana representa.

El Salmo 118 capta esta realidad: "Este es el día que el Señor ha hecho. Regocijémonos y alegrémonos".

Sólo Dios convierte la muerte en vida.

¡Regocijémonos y alegrémonos!

Celebración de los Sacramentos de Iniciación

Celebraremos la recepción del Bautismo, la Confirmación y la Eucaristía para dos niños de nuestra parroquia que se han estado preparando para estos sacramentos durante muchos meses. Al mismo tiempo, bautizaremos a la hermana pequeña de uno de los candidatos. Esto será en la misa de las 5:00 el próximo sábado por la noche. Los invitamos a unirse a nosotros en apoyo en oración de estos tres niños y sus familias.

Campaña Anual Diocesana



Continuamos avanzando hacia nuestra meta de \$150,000. A partir de esta semana, hemos recibido regalos y promesas de \$139,615.50 de 241 familias y hogares. Si extravió su tarjeta de compromiso o sobre, tenemos más disponibles en el vestíbulo y en la oficina parroquial. También puede escanear este código QR para hacer su regalo en línea. ¡Gracias por todo!

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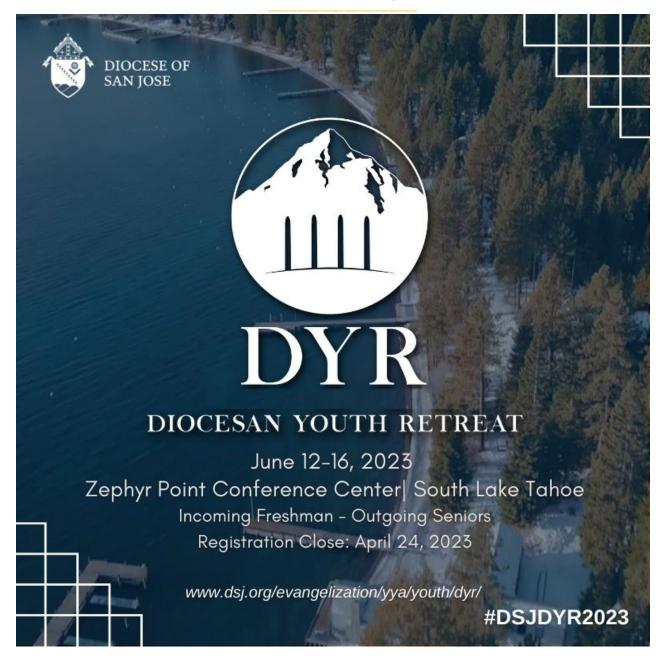
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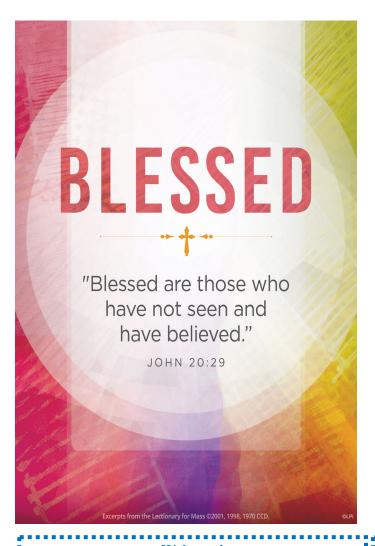
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Youth Ministry



DYR Registrations are now OPEN for all High School Participants, Leaders in Training, and Adult Leaders! DYR (Diocesan Youth Retreat) is an annual summer retreat at Zephyr Point Conference Center in South Lake Tahoe. For five days (June 12-16), in the beautiful setting of South Lake Tahoe, the teen participants (graduated 8th graders to graduated 12th graders) experience and encounter the love of God by means of Catholic catechesis, sacramental formation, social justice awareness, prayer experiences accompaniment and significant opportunities to fellowship and create lasting friendships. Our goal is that young people will take ownership of their faith and grow deeper in relationship with God.

Registration closes April 24, 2023, or when all spots are filled. Contact Ryan for more information or register today at www.dsj.org/evangelization/yya/youth/dyr/



Stewardship Report

Holy Thursday/Saint Vincent de Paul: \$3,306.00

> Good Friday/Holy Land: \$3,524.00

> > Easter Collection: \$28,456.50

Thank you for your generosity!



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, tiempo o estén recién llegados a la parroquia. Damos 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?

¡Bienvenido!

celebrando con nosotros, ya sea que han estado por largo 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?