



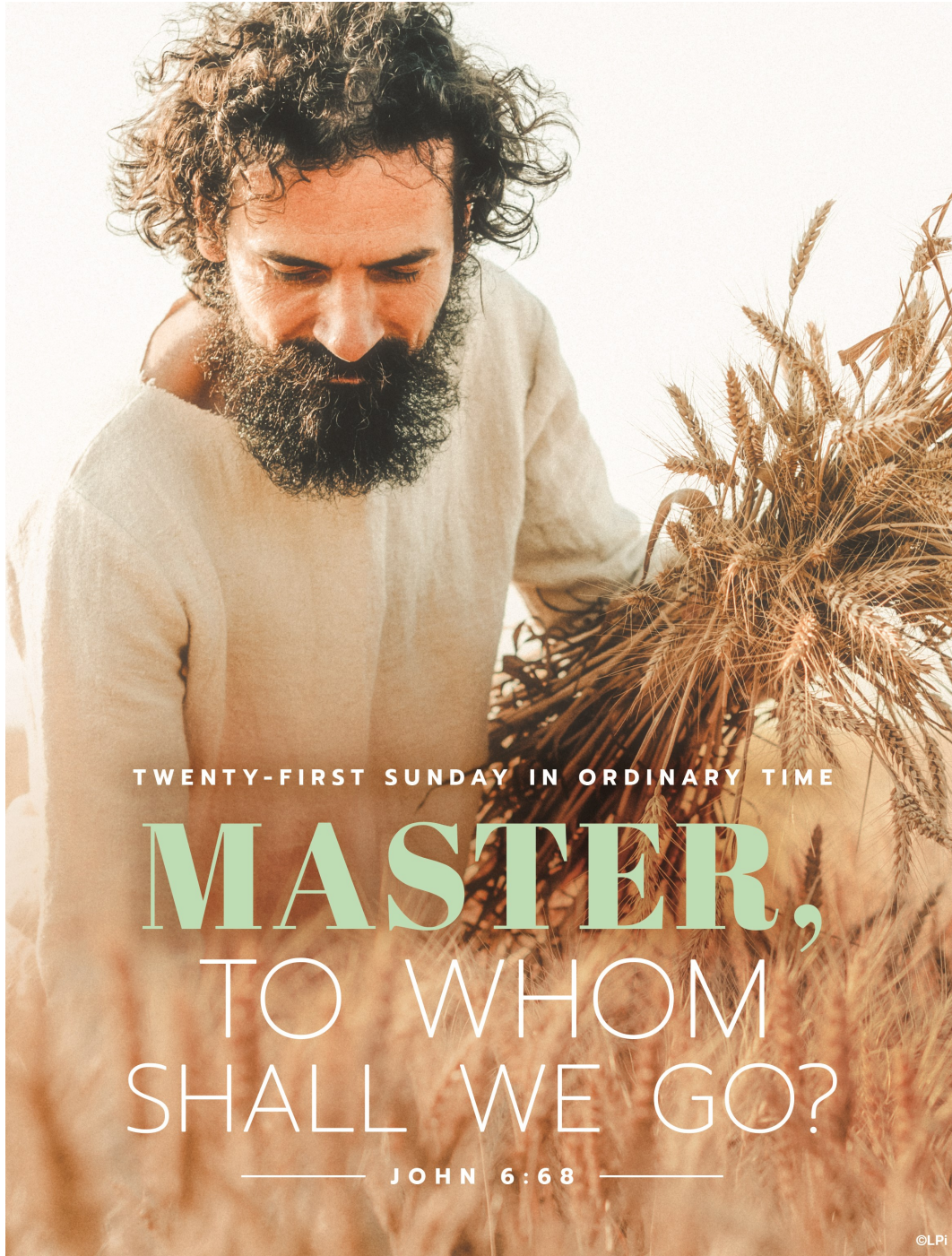
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PARISH COMMUNITY  
Santa Clara, California

*Twenty-first Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
August 25, 2024*

*Vigesimoprimer Domingo  
en Tiempo Ordinario*



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**MASTER,**  
TO WHOM  
SHALL WE GO?

— JOHN 6:68 —

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## From Monsignor Fran Cilia

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This weekend, we conclude listening to the sixth chapter of the Gospel according to Saint John. After Jesus' challenge, "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood. . .", not only did the crowds walk away. Today's passage narrates that "Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this." Many left Jesus on account of this. When He asks the Apostles if they would also leave, Peter replies, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

I recount this passage because it is relevant in the life of every Christian. Along the journey of each of our lives, we must choose our loyalties and do so with the same freedom offered to the Israelites by Joshua (first reading) and to the Lord's followers. There are times when we have difficulties in relationships with others and with the Lord. May we be as resolute as were Peter and the Apostles. In spite of their weaknesses and even their defections, in the end, eleven of The Twelve were ultimately faithful. We pray that it will be the same for us.

## Looking Ahead . . .

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- ◆ The Season of Creation extends from September 1 until October 4, the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. In a joint statement from Pope Francis, the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and Archbishop Justin Welby of Canterbury, these three Christian leaders wrote: "Future generations will never forgive us if we miss the opportunity to protect our common home. We have inherited a garden; we must not leave a desert for our children."



*The firstfruits of hope*  
(Rom 8:19-25)

## TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

- ◆ Monday, September 2, is Labor Day. Mass that morning will be at 9:00 am, and the Parish Office will be closed in observance of the holiday.
- ◆ Throughout the School Year, we celebrate Mass with our Saint Clare School community each Friday (except on school holidays) at 10:45. We extend an invitation to any parishioners who would like to participate in these Masses.

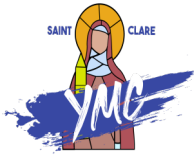
## Adult Baptism \* Confirmation \* Eucharist

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Are you or someone you know interested in the Catholic Faith? Or are you interested in completing the Sacraments of Christian Initiation? If so, we welcome you to participate in the Saint Clare RCIA/OCIA Process. We meet on Tuesday evenings, from 7:00 – 9:00 pm, in the Saint Clare Parish Office on Washington Street. Sessions will begin September 10th. All are welcome. Are you already a fully-initiated Catholic? If you love your faith and would like to help mentor someone on their journey, sign up to become a sponsor or join the RCIA/OCIA Team. For more information, please contact: Diane Madruga at [camponeses6@gmail.com](mailto:camponeses6@gmail.com) or call Saint Clare Parish Office at 408-248-7786.

## Youth Ministry News



**Bible Study** continues on **Tuesdays at 7:30pm on the selected dates.** This is for any and all young people who want to start reading the Bible or take the next step in their faith.

## Portuguese Council Sponsors a Community Picnic

Our Portuguese Council invites you to a BBQ Chicken or Shish Kebab lunch on Sunday, September 22, from 12 noon until 1:30 pm. This includes sides and dessert. Tickets are available for \$35 for adults and \$15 for children under 12. Lunch will be served in the parking lot, near the tent. This is always a great opportunity to get together.



PARISH COMMUNITY

## Mass Schedule

**Weekend Masses**  
**Saturday Evening Vigil**  
5:00 p.m. (English)  
*Livestreamed*

**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  
12:00 p.m. (Español)*

**Weekday Masses**  
Monday-Saturday  
8:00 a.m.  
Holidays - 9:00 am

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays  
3:00 p.m.– 3:30 p.m.  
*(In the church)*

## SURVEY FOR

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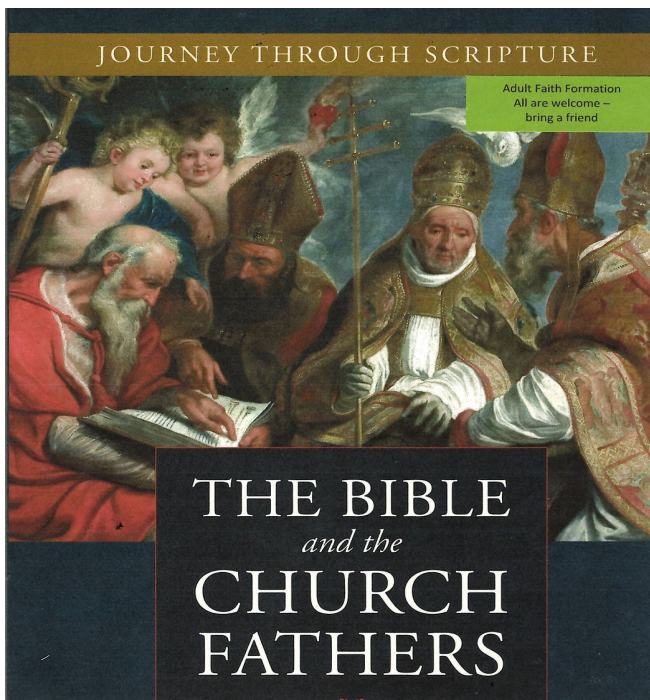


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## SAINT CLARE SCHOOL

Saint Clare School prepares students to become critical thinkers who are moral and ethical servant leaders. Visit <https://www.stclare.school/admissions-2> to learn more.

If you would like to schedule a tour, please reach out to us at: <https://www.stclare.school/schedule-a-tour>. You may also call Cherell Rizzo, Recruitment, Retention, and Marketing Manager, at: 408-246-6797 or email [cherell.rizzo@dsj.org](mailto:cherell.rizzo@dsj.org)



**Dates, Times, Location:** Classes offered on Wednesday from 9:00am to 11:00am beginning on September 11, 2024, or Thursday from 7:00pm to 9:00pm beginning on September 12, 2024. Classes on ZOOM (via the portal on the Parish website). This is a 12-week study.

**Cost/Registration:** \$27 donation for the study materials (if you have the means, if not, free). Register by emailing popesboy@gmail.com or call Trevor Burke at 4089-945-1044



Join the San Jose Catholic Diocese and cheer the Quakes on vs. Dallas on October 2nd at 7:30pm! Enjoy a fun night out and take advantage of these special discounted tickets!

## Faith and Racial Justice: Changing Systems and Structures

*JustFaith Ministries* offers an eight-session program in which we will learn about key obstacles to racial justice that are embedded within our institutions, systems, and structures. Racist systems and structures are inextricably bound with the problem of hunger and malnutrition. This program begins with a Racial Wealth Gap Simulation created by *Bread for the World* and NETWORK, a lobby for Catholic Social Justice, to help communities get to the heart of the problem. As we participate in this simulation, we not only acquaint ourselves with the big ideas, but are introduced to a tool we can bring to our own churches and communities.

### Hosted by St. Clare Parish

725 Washington St, Santa Clara 95050  
Sessions are every other week on a Monday,  
September 9th until December 16th,  
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Requested tax deductible donation of  
\$35, \$55, \$75 per person.

Approximate cost for books is \$38,  
available through JustFaith Ministries,  
and may be found at book stores, libraries or  
on-line. Scholarships available on request.



Michelle  
Alexander

Three books are used  
during this program.



If you have questions, or to reserve a space, contact:  
Kathy Mattingly at [kat@kajon.com](mailto:kat@kajon.com) or (669) 222-9418  
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## Stewardship Report

**Collection:**  
**August 17th and 18th**

**Goal: \$10,100.00**  
**Actual: \$ 6,848.00**

**Thank you**

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## Daily Mass Readings



### Sunday:

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ephesians 5:21-32 or  
5:2a, 25-32; John 6:60-69

### Monday:

2 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 11-12; Matthew 23:13-22

### Tuesday:

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17; Matthew 23:23-26

### Wednesday:

2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18; Matthew 23:27-32

### Thursday:

1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Mark 6:17-29

### Friday:

1 Corinthians 1:17-25; Matthew 25:1-13

### Saturday:

1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 25:14-30

### Next Sunday:

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; James 2:1-5; James 1:17-  
18, 21b-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



## 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.*

## Mass Intentions

**August 24-31, 2024**

<b>Sat</b>	5:00 pm	William and Torella Iacomini-Living
<b>Sun</b>	7:30 am	Saint Clare Parishioners
	9:00 am	Constantina Silva † Andre Sardinha † Maria Lucia Cardoso † Ernesto Gonsalves † Manuel Silveira † Joao and Julia Gonsalves † Margarida Arias † John Bettencourt † Jose and Adelina Lidia Silva † Manuel Santos † Mary Frances White Spencer † Jose Gaspa Rocha † Bernardete Oliveira Saint Bartholomew– Thanksgiving
	10:30 am	Antonio Lopez
	12:00 pm	Ida Lopez– Salud
<b>Mon</b>	8:00 am	Judy Greene †
<b>Tues</b>	8:00 am	Felipe de Jesus Torres
<b>Wed</b>	8:00 am	Cathy Peacock Reiss– Living
<b>Thu</b>	8:00 am	Jose Furtado Pereira, Jr †
<b>Fri</b>	8:00 am	Joan Cabral– Living
<b>Sat</b>	8:00 am	Beatriz Botero Buitrago †



## Parish Staff

## Boletim Paroquial Português 25 de Agosto de 2024 – Domingo XXI do Tempo Comum; B Reflexão Por: João Pereira Arruda

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9am - 5pm

Monday - Thursday

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### **Main Office Number**

(408) 248-7786

### **Emergencies (for sick & dying):**

408-248-7786 Follow the prompt,  
then press 9

A palavra mais significativa da liturgia deste Domingo tem por base a liberdade. Liberdade essa para escolher servir e seguir a Deus ou viver amaranhado com outros deuses que retiram esse dom da liberdade que Deus nos concede e nos acorrenta a uma escravidão que nos atalha os movimentos de agir e pensar, No livro de Josué, este diz ao povo: "Se não vos agrada o Senhor, escolhei hoje a quem quereis servir". Cada um tem liberdade de escolha entre Deus e os deuses de várias ídolos e feitos, e conseqüentemente ficar sujeito a pagar e receber pela escolha de um ou outro. Na Segunda Leitura o Apóstolo S. Paulo dizia aos novos cristãos do éfeso para os esposos serem submissos a Jesus Cristo. Nos nossos dias a mulher de hoje fica horrorizada com a frase de S. Paulo: "As mulheres submetem-se aos maridos como ao Senhor" Não se pode conceber nos nossos dias que alguém seja submisso a outrem. Aqui devemos diferenciar entre a liberdade e a libertinagem. S. Paulo também diz: "O marido é a cabeça da mulher, como Cristo é a cabeça da Igreja...maridos amai as vossas mulheres como Cristo amou a Igreja e Se entregou por ela." Ser submisso pode dar uma ideia de conectividade com escravidão, mas não no mesmo contexto que Josué ou S. Paulo falavam com os povos do tempo deles. Deus quer que a Ele sejamos submissos, mas não, na forma de escravidão, mas livres e abertos a serem amados por Ele. No Evangelho de hoje Jesus o diz aqueles que O não queriam seguir, ou que as suas palavras eram injustas ou por terem caído na desmotivação de seguir Jesus. O Senhor que os conhecia bem lhes disse; ide embora, não quero que me sigueis. E voltando-se para os Apóstolos perguntou-lhes: "Também vós o quereis ir embora?" Tomando a chefia pelos outros Apóstolos Pedro disse a frase mais famosa que disse a Jesus: "Para quem iremos Senhor? Só Vós trndes palavras de vida eterna; Nós acreditamos que Tu és o Santo de Deus." A escolha livre foi feita pelos discípulos que ao livremente deixaram de seguir Jesus e ao fazê-lo se submetem á escravidão dos outros deuses. Ou a decisão livre dos Apóstolos que pela voz de Pedro disse a Jesus que com Ele ficariam porque só Ele tinha palavras de vida eterna. Todod nós também temos essa liberdade de seguir a Jesus pela Sua Palavra dos Evangelhos ou seguimos os meios de comunicação que apresentam mil e uma teorias em em como viver a vida segundo os interesses comerciais, ou servindo os interesses dos senhores poderosos deste mundo. Só há uma escolha e a escolha certa é Jesus que nos quer livres e felizes.

**Serviços Fúnebres em Memória de José Gaspar Rocha:** Na próxima terça-feira, dia 27 haverá visita ao corpo de José Gaspar Rocha a partir das 4 hoas da tarde, ás 6:00 haverá um tributo pelas Oganizações Portugueses da qual ele era membro. Ás 6:30 reza do terço. As 7:00, Missa de corpo presente . Na quarta feira dia 28 o seu funeral mo cemitério de Santa Clara ás 2 horas da tarde.. Todos esses serviços estão a ser liderados pelo Rev. padre Pedro Sención Perez. Também esses serviços serão transmitidos live streaming pelo Deodato Constantino. **Piquenique da Comunidade Paroquial Portuguesa:** O Conselho Paroquial Português leva a efeito o piquenique anual da nossa comunidade nesta paróquia no Domingo dia 22 de Setembro próximo. A emanta é a tradicional carne no espeto ao estilo madeirense, ou galinha de churrasco com os seus acompanhamento de salada, feijão ou arroz e sobremesa. Os bilhetes podem ser obtidos através de qualquer membro do Conselho ao preço de \$35.00 por adulto e de \$15.00 para crianças com menos de 12 anos. Sendo esta promoção tão necessária para ajudar nos custos das actividades da nossa comunidade nesta paróquia queria-mos pedir-lhes que ajudassem e participassem com o que puderem para que esta promoção seja bem sucedida. Por favor contribuem: seja com a compra de refeições, seja com doações de dinheiro para ajudar nos custos, ou doações para o bazar ou arrematações e rifas tudo é bemvindo e agradecido. Fazei promoção deste evento convidanto seus familiares e amigos.

**Um Santo e Alegre Domingo para todos!!**

## De Monseñor Fran Cilia

Este fin de semana concluimos escuchando el capítulo sexto del Evangelio según San Juan. Después del desafío de Jesús: “A menos que comáis la carne del Hijo del Hombre y bebáis su sangre. . .”, no sólo la multitud se alejó. El pasaje de hoy narra que “Jesús sabía que sus discípulos murmuraban sobre esto”. Muchos abandonaron a Jesús a causa de esto. Cuando pregunta a los Apóstoles si ellos también se irían, Pedro responde: “Maestro, ¿a quién iremos? Tienes palabras de vida eterna. Hemos llegado a creer y estamos convencidos de que tú eres el Cristo, el Hijo de Dios”.

Cuento este pasaje porque es relevante en la vida de todo cristiano. A lo largo del camino de cada una de nuestras vidas, debemos elegir nuestras lealtades y hacerlo con la misma libertad que ofreció Josué (primera lectura) a los israelitas y a los seguidores del Señor. Hay momentos en los que tenemos dificultades en las relaciones con los demás y con el Señor. Que seamos tan decididos como lo fueron Pedro y los Apóstoles. A pesar de sus debilidades e incluso de sus deserciones, al final once de los Doce fueron finalmente fieles. Oramos para que sea lo mismo para nosotros.

## Mirando hacia el futuro . . .

- ◆ El Tiempo de la Creación se extiende desde el 1 de septiembre hasta el 4 de octubre, fiesta de San Francisco de Asís. En una declaración conjunta del Papa Francisco, el Patriarca Ecuménico Bartolomé y el Arzobispo Justin Welby de Canterbury, estos tres líderes cristianos escribieron: “Las generaciones futuras nunca nos perdonarán si perdemos la oportunidad de proteger nuestra casa común. Hemos heredado un jardín; No debemos dejar un desierto a nuestros hijos”.



## ESPERANZA Y ACTUAR CON LA CREACIÓN TIEMPO DE LA CREACIÓN 2024

*Las primicias de la esperanza*  
(cf. Rom 8:19-25)

- ◆ El lunes 2 de septiembre es el Día del Trabajo. La misa de esa mañana será a las 9:00 am y la Oficina Parroquial estará cerrada por motivo del feriado.
- ◆ Durante todo el año escolar, celebramos Misa con nuestra comunidad de Saint Clare School todos los viernes (excepto durante los días festivos escolares) a las 10:45am. Extendemos una invitación a cualquier feligrés que desee participar en estas Misas.

## Ministerio de Adolescentes

El estudio bíblico continúa los martes a las 7:30 p. m. en las fechas seleccionadas. Esto es para todos los jóvenes que quieran comenzar a leer la Biblia o dar el siguiente paso en su fe.



PARISH COMMUNITY

### Parish Organizations *Organizaciones Parroquiales*

#### Parish Pastoral Council

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#### San José Chinese Catholic Mission

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## Welcome! ¡Bienvenido!

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.

*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.*

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