



PARISH COMMUNITY
Santa Clara, California

***Eighth Sunday in
Ordinary Time***

March 2, 2025

***Octavo Domingo en
Tiempo Ordinario***



8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." - Lk 6:43, 45

8^o DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

"No hay árbol bueno que produzca frutos malos, ni árbol malo que produzca frutos buenos. El hombre bueno dice cosas buenas, porque el bien está en su corazón, y el hombre malo dice cosas malas, porque el mal está en su corazón, pues la boca habla de lo que está lleno el corazón". - Lc 6, 43. 45

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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)

From Monsignor Fran Cilia

The question Jesus asks, He asks of us:

“How can you see the splinter in another’s eye
and not see the wooden beam in your own eye?”

It is true that we can find it much easier to be critical of someone else, while giving ourselves a pass for the same kind of behavior. On the other hand, some people, while kind to others, are very hard on themselves. Either of these behaviors needs to be moderated.

We should judge others and ourselves in the same way, in a fair and even-handed manner. This is in keeping with Jesus’ words in last Sunday’s gospel: “The measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.”

In very few days, we will enter the season of Lent, our annual 40-day retreat, a time to look into the mirror, into our souls, and ask ourselves ‘What is it you like in what you see?’ and ‘What would you like to see that you do not?’

As we embark on the road that leads toward Easter, we rediscover the grace of our Baptism, the life of Christ in each of us. Through the traditional works of prayer, penance and good works, we try to become the ideal version of ourselves.

We invite you to join in our celebration of Mass, not only on Sundays, but for those who are able, also on some of the weekdays during Lent. Masses are at 8:00 am on Mondays through Saturdays.

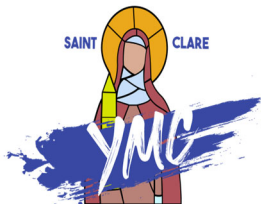
Let us together make this the most meaningful preparation for our Easter Renewal of Baptismal Promises, as together we observe these holy days.

Annual Diocesan Appeal: Week 4

Pledges and gifts continue to come in as we approach our diocesan goal of \$112,063 and our combined parish goal of \$200,000. Everything raised over the diocesan goal will return to Saint Clare for our use. We are grateful to all who have already made a commitment to this year’s ADA. At the time of the publication of this Bulletin, we have received 147 gifts and pledges in the amount of \$102,00. Thank you! And thank you to all who continue to consider in prayer how you will be able to share in this work.



Youth Ministry News



Bible study is every week on Tuesday at 8:00pm in the youth center basement.

Save the Date, June 9-13, for DYR 2025!

LENT AT SAINT CLARE PARISH

The traditional works of Lent are Prayer, Penance and Care for the Poor. We begin this season of 40 days in prayer together on Ash Wednesday, March 5, when we are invited to renew our faithfulness to Christian living, called to do penance and to begin a time of special care for those who do not share the goodness of creation as we do (almsgiving).

Here in our parish, we hope that our Lenten offerings will help all of us – individually and as a community – to deepen our baptismal sharing in the life of the Lord and the Church. There is no obligation attached to Ash Wednesday, but celebrating Mass and receiving ashes are the best possible way to mark the beginning of this season that calls us to renew our baptismal life. Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. Good Friday is also a day of fast and abstinence.

Parish Masses on Ash Wednesday will be at the following times:



8:00 am (English)
10:45 (school Mass – English – all are welcome)
12:05 pm (Bilingual - English/Spanish)
6:00 pm (English)
7:30 pm (Spanish)

Ashes will be blessed and distributed during each Mass.

The *Collection for the Church in Eastern Europe* will be taken up at the Masses on Ash Wednesday. This includes aid for the Church in war-torn Ukraine.

Beginning this Friday, March 7, invite you to Soup Supper on the Fridays of Lent, at 6:30 pm. Bring soup for your group and more, if you like, along with your bowls and silverware. The parish will supply bread and beverages.



After supper, join us for the *Via Crucis* – Way of the Cross – in the church at 7:30 pm.

The Little Black Book for Lent is available in English and Spanish. It offers a page per day and in about six minutes each day helps guide us through the season.

We also have copies of **The Little Purple Book**, to guide children during Lent. Both Little Books are available in the vestibule.

We will celebrate the **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** at all weekend Masses of March 15/16. All who are chronically or acutely ill, preparing for surgery or weakened by the burdens of age are welcome to come forward for the Sacrament.

We have scheduled two parish Communal Celebrations of the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**, at the following times:
Saturday, April 12, at 3:00 pm
Tuesday, April 15, at 7:00 pm

Confessions will be available in English, Spanish, Portuguese and a number of other languages.

Once again, we will make **Rice Bowls** available from **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**, as a tangible way to help us in Lenten care for the poor. Catholic Relief Services reaches out to more than 250 Million people with lifesaving support. 75% of our CRS Rice Bowl donations support Catholic Relief Services work around the world. 25% helps fight hunger and poverty in our own community, throughout the Diocese of San Jose (Santa Clara County).

As we prepare to enter Lent, we are invited to recall our Baptism and to work, throughout these weeks, to be as faithful to our sharing in the life of Christ as we can.

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then press 9

Attention: All Current and Future Liturgical Ministers Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers and Hospitality Ministers

Training and Updating ~ March 22 ~ 9:30 am to 12 Noon

This session is for you if you have been serving at Saint Clare in any liturgical ministry or if you have recently signed up to begin a new ministry or to come back to an old one.

Father Jeff Fernandez, diocesan Director of Liturgy, will be with us for a morning of formation, renewal and preparation to serve our parish liturgical assemblies. As we continue our efforts to be a welcoming parish community, it is a good time to come together so that we are all "on the same page." We will conclude with some practical training for each ministry.

We will gather in the church at 9:15 am on Saturday, March 22, for a little hospitality in the vestibule, and begin the session promptly at 9:30. Please let Lucy Silva (dlsilva@sbcglobal.net) know that you will be with us.



SAINT CLARE PARISH

Catechists Needed!

Calling all potential Catechist and Catechetical Assistants.

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Saint Clare School

Building Community with the San Jose Giants



Join us at the San Jose Giants' Excite Ballpark on **Saturday, May 31 at 1:00PM** for a game vs. Inland Empire! While a fun activity for families, this event will also serve as a mini fundraiser for our school. Tickets are \$18 with a \$3 service charge. Seats are in a shaded area of the ballpark. In addition to a video board announcement for our group, there will be other fun St. Clare School surprises throughout the game and, of course, many wonderful concessions options available throughout the ballpark.

All are welcome for this great day of community, baseball and, of course, all the great food that is probably bad for us but ever so tasty!

To purchase tickets, you must use [THIS LINK](#) and the promo code "SCP25"

https://mlb.tickets.com/schedule/?agency=MILB_MPV&orgid=56749#/sales_group_code;salesGroupId=7040

Please share this fun opportunity with family, friends, and baseball fans!

Thank You, City of Santa Clara Traffic Engineers!

Sidewalk safety and traffic calming efforts are complete in front of the school! In addition to the signs previously installed, the city completed the curb and street painting in an effort to further protect SCS students and families, as well as those involved in Sunday morning catechetical classes, and anyone crossing what is often a busy street. The city workers squeezed our project into their already packed schedules. We are grateful!



Our doors are always open to student admissions throughout the year. If you would like more information please contact Cherell Rizzo, Director of Enrollment and Marketing at: 408-246-6797 or email cherell.rizzo@dsj.org . She would be happy to schedule a tour with you.

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.

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Collection:
February 22nd and 23rd

Goal: \$10,100.00
Actual: \$22,866.39

Thank you Very Much!

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Daily Mass Readings



Sunday:

Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45

Monday:

Sirach 17:20-24; Mark 10:17-27

Tuesday:

Sirach 35:1-12; Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday:

Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25

Friday:

Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday:

Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32

Next Sunday:

Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13



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

March 1-8, 2025

Sat	5:00 pm	Vicente Kaaminp, MD †
Sun	7:30 am	Saint Clare Parishioners
	9:00 am	Manuel and Cristina Jeronimo † Jose and Vidalia Gaspar Rocha † Manuel Sardinha † Ernesto Gonsalves † Joao Silva † Maria Silva † Maria Clotilde Neves † Jose Mendonça † Mildred Golis † Joao Viera Bettencourt † Rose and Antonio Azevedo † Souls in Purgatory
	10:30 am	Alice Monis †
	12:00 pm	Ida López– Salud María Sofia Piña– Cumpleaños Miguel Ochoa † Urbano Amaya †
Mon	8:00 am	The Peters Family
Tues	8:00 am	Mario Enrique Andrade †
Wed	8:00 am	English
	10:45 am	School Liturgy
	12:10 pm	Bilingual
	6:00 pm	English
	7:30 pm	Spanish
Thu	8:00 am	The Brady Family
Fri	8:00 am	Santa Clara Carmelite Nuns
Sat	8:00 am	Benito Galam †





Message of the Holy Father Francis for Lent 2025

The following is the text of the Holy Father Francis' Message for Lent 2025, on the theme "Let us journey together in hope":

Message of the Holy Father

Let us journey together in hope

Dear brothers and sisters,

We begin our annual pilgrimage of Lent in faith and hope with the penitential rite of the imposition of ashes. The Church, our mother and teacher, invites us to open our hearts to God's grace, so that we can celebrate with great joy the paschal victory of Christ the Lord over sin and death, which led Saint Paul to exclaim: "Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" (1 Cor 15:54-55). Indeed, Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is the heart of our faith and the pledge of our hope in the Father's great promise, already fulfilled in his beloved Son: life eternal (cf. Jn 10:28; 17:3).[1]

This Lent, as we share in the grace of the Jubilee Year, I would like to propose a few reflections on what it means to *journey together in hope*, and on the summons to conversion that God in his mercy addresses to all of us, as individuals and as a community.

First of all, to journey. The Jubilee motto, "Pilgrims of Hope", evokes the lengthy journey of the people of Israel to the Promised Land, as recounted in the Book of Exodus. This arduous path from slavery to freedom was willed and guided by the Lord, who loves his people and remains ever faithful to them. It is hard to think of the biblical exodus without also thinking of those of our brothers and sisters who in our own day are fleeing situations of misery and violence in search of a better life for themselves and their loved ones. A first call to conversion thus comes from the realization that all of us are pilgrims in this life; each of us is invited to stop and ask how our lives reflect this fact. Am I really on a journey, or am I standing still, not moving, either immobilized by fear and hopelessness or reluctant to move out of my comfort zone? Am I seeking ways to leave behind the occasions of sin and situations that degrade my dignity? It would be a good Lenten exercise for us to compare our daily life with that of some migrant or foreigner, to learn how to sympathize with their experiences and in this way discover what God is asking of us so that we can better advance on our journey to the house of the Father. This would be a good "examination of conscience" for all of us wayfarers.

Second, to journey *together*. The Church is called to walk together, to be synodal[2] Christians are called to walk at the side of others, and never as lone travellers. The Holy Spirit impels us not to remain self-absorbed, but to leave ourselves behind and keep walking towards God and our brothers and sisters.[3] Journeying together means consolidating the unity grounded in our common dignity as children of God (cf. Gal 3:26-28). It means walking side-by-side, without shoving or stepping on others, without envy or hypocrisy, without letting anyone be left behind or excluded. Let us all walk in the same direction, tending towards the same goal, attentive to one another in love and patience.

This Lent, God is asking us to examine whether in our lives, in our families, in the places where we work and spend our time, we are capable of walking together with others, listening to them, resisting the temptation to become self-absorbed and to think only of our own needs. Let us ask ourselves in the presence of the Lord whether, as bishops, priests, consecrated persons and laity in the service of the Kingdom of God, we cooperate with others. Whether we show ourselves welcoming, with concrete gestures, to those both near and far. Whether we make others feel a part of the community or keep them at a distance.[4] This, then, is a second call to conversion: a summons to synodality.

Third, let us journey together *in hope*, for we have been given a promise. May *the hope that does not disappoint* (cf. Rom 5:5), the central message of the Jubilee,[5] be the focus of our Lenten journey towards the victory of Easter. As Pope Benedict XVI taught us in the Encyclical *Spe Salvi*, "the human being needs unconditional love. He needs the certainty which makes him say: 'neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord' (Rom 8:38-39)".[6] Christ, my hope, has risen![7] He lives and reigns in glory. Death has been transformed into triumph, and the faith and great hope of Christians rests in this: the resurrection of Christ!

This, then, is the third call to conversion: a call to hope, to trust in God and his great promise of eternal life. Let us ask ourselves: Am I convinced that the Lord forgives my sins? Or do I act as if I can save myself? Do I long for salvation and call upon God's help to attain it? Do I concretely experience the hope that enables me to interpret the events of history and inspires in me a commitment to justice and fraternity, to care for our common home and in such a way that no one feels excluded?

Sisters and brothers, thanks to God's love in Jesus Christ, we are sustained in the hope that does not disappoint (cf. Rom 5:5). Hope is the "sure and steadfast anchor of the soul".[8] It moves the Church to pray for "everyone to be saved" (1 Tim 2:4) and to look forward to her being united with Christ, her bridegroom, in the glory of heaven. This was the prayer of Saint Teresa of Avila: "Hope, O my soul, hope. You know neither the day nor the hour. Watch carefully, for everything passes quickly, even though your impatience makes doubtful what is certain, and turns a very short time into a long one" (*The Exclamations of the Soul to God*, 15:3).[9]

May the Virgin Mary, Mother of Hope, intercede for us and accompany us on our Lenten journey.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 6 February 2025 Memorial of St Paul Miki and Companions, martyrs.

FRANCIS

Boletim Paroquial Português

2 de Março de 2025 – Domingo VIII do Tempo Comum – C Reflexão

Por: João Pereira Arruda

Jesus usou da palavra hipócrita a todos aqueles que são falsos, que fingem uma aparência, fora da realidade do que realmente são, Não foi a primeira vez que Jesus demascarava publicamente há outras passagens na Bíblia em que Jesus chama diante dos discípulos com este disvirtuo9so nome. Mas gente hipócrita vai ao ponto de danificar a honradez dos outros de quem têm inveja por serem virtuosos e vistos como honrados, levando uma vida trabalhada pelos valores crsitãos. A tal trave que impede o hipócrita de ver a verdade cria m sentimento de inveja a todos que vivem da honradez e da virtude. A inveja e a cobiça enraizadas na hipócria dos poderosos pode destrir nações, pode até pela violencia iliminar povos e subjugar-los pela força. Já Jesus no tempo que por cá andou neste mundo, não se calou, mas desmascarou os hipócritas daquela era e do dano que eles causavam. Avisou seus discípulos que não pactuassem em suas obras e seus dizeres, que tivessem muito cuidado em não caírem nas suas artimanhas. Que serve ver as faltas nos outros se praticas as mesmas ou 7 outras falhas na tua vida? Jesus podia denunciar a hipocrisia porque vivia a vida virtuosa da verdade. Jesus no Seu viver neste mundo deu-nos o exemplo a seguir obedecendo em tudo o Pai. Este legado de obediência é também para nós nos nossos dias viver tal qual Ele viveu e nos disse para que também assim vivéssemos.

Mês de Março e da chegada do Tempo Quaresmal: Na próxima quarta feira dia 5 , teremos vários serviços litúrgicos a comemorar o primeiro dia de quaresma celebrando Quarta-Feira de Cinzas. Os horários dos serviços de imposição das cinzas estão neste bulletin na seccão em inglês. Com a entrada do Tempo Quaresmal a nossa paróquia também nos oferecerá sugestões para nos ajudar a viver mais intensamente esses quarenta dias praticando os jejuns e abstinências que nos são sugeridas pela igreja a que pertencemos. A devoção da Via-Sacra serão feitas todas as sextas feiras às 6:30 da tarde. O Conselho Pastoral estará a coordenar uma refeição leve sem ser feita em bases de carne e seus derivados para depois ser partilhada numa refeição no salão pequeno após o final da Via-Sacra. Já estão no vestibulo da nossa igreja os pequenos livros pretos que nos podem ajudar em meditar e orar durante o tempo quaresmal.

No historial da celebração da presença Portuguesa nesta paróquia por muitos anos e desde o Tempo Quaresmal de 1982, o então Padre António Meira deu início a promover a Via Sacra nocturna na Sexta Feira Santa.. Por instruções do padre Meira, um membro da nossa Comunidade fez uma cruz e esta era levada em procissão (em princípio) no parque de estacionamento da nossa paróquia. Teve esta devoção impacto tão forte que inspirou a Comunidade Hispana a também querer participar o que depois no ano seguinte essa devoção foi feita bilingue em português e espanhol. Dado ao crescimento das pessoas que vinham em suconsequente anos e das procissões no parque não ter espaço para o número de pessoas que aderiam áquela devoção e por a intervenção de Alma Pirone; (por muitos anos recepcionista da nossa reitoria) esta preencheu uma requisição á cidade de Santa Clara para aprovar um giro que envolvia a Lexinton Street e envolta da Mission Library. Esta devoção cresceu ao ponto de multidões com mais de seiscentas pessoas participarem. Vinham pessoas participar nesta devoção quem frequentavam outras paróquias e por esta altura, esta era feita além do portugues, também o espanhol, o inglês e em mandarim.. Esta devoção, com a saída do padre Meira sofria alterações conforme os sacerdotes que servia a nossa comunidade e os pastores responsáveis pela administração da paróquia, mais ainda teve que se fazer alterações por causa de queixas de residentes que viviam no tragecto por onde passava em procissão. (mais sobre a Via Sacra em próximos boletins.)

Um Santo e Alegre Domingo para todos!!!



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De Monseñor Fran Cilia

La pregunta que Jesús hace, nos la hace a nosotros:

“¿Cómo puedes ver la astilla en el ojo de otro?
¿Y no ves la viga de madera en tus propios ojos?”

Es cierto que nos resulta mucho más fácil criticar a otra persona y al mismo tiempo darnos el visto bueno a nosotros mismos por el mismo tipo de comportamiento. Por otro lado, algunas personas, aunque amables con otras, son muy duras consigo mismas. Cualquiera de estos comportamientos debe moderarse.

Debemos juzgar a los demás y a nosotros mismos de la misma manera, de manera justa e imparcial. Esto está en consonancia con las palabras de Jesús en el evangelio del domingo pasado: “La medida con que midáis, os será medida”.

En muy pocos días entraremos en la temporada de Cuaresma, nuestro retiro anual de 40 días, un tiempo para mirarnos al espejo, a nuestras almas, y preguntarnos: “¿Cómo es lo que ves?” y “¿Qué te gustaría ver que no ves?”

Al emprender el camino que conduce a la Pascua, redescubrimos la gracia de nuestro Bautismo, la vida de Cristo en cada uno de nosotros. A través de las tradicionales obras de oración, penitencia y buenas obras, intentamos convertirnos en la versión ideal de nosotros mismos.

Te invitamos a unirse a nuestra celebración de la Misa, no solo los domingos, sino también, para aquellos que puedan, algunos días de la semana durante la Cuaresma. Las misas son a las 8:00 am de lunes a sábado.

Hagamos juntos de esta la preparación más significativa para nuestra Renovación Pascual de las Promesas Bautismales, mientras juntos observamos estos días santos.

Campaña Anual Diocesana : Semana #4

Las promesas y donaciones continúan llegando a medida que nos acercamos a nuestra meta diocesana de \$112,063 y nuestra meta parroquial combinada de \$200,000. Todo lo recaudado con vistas a la meta diocesana regresará a Santa Clara para nuestro uso. Agradecemos a todos los que ya se han comprometido con el ADA de este año. Al momento de la publicación de este Boletín, hemos recibido 147 obsequios y promesas por un monto de \$102,000. ¡Gracias! Y gracias a todos los que continúan considerando en oración cómo podrán participar en este trabajo.



Noticias de Ministerio de Adolescentes



El estudio bíblico se lleva a cabo todos los martes a las 8:00 p. m. en el sótano del centro de jóvenes.
¡Reserve la fecha, del 9 al 13 de junio, para DYR 2025!

Atención: todos los ministros litúrgicos actuales y futuros Lectores, Ministros Extraordinarios de la Sagrada Comunión, Ujieres y Ministros de Hospitalidad Capacitación y actualización ~ 22 de marzo ~ 9:30 am a 12 del mediodía

Esta sesión es para usted si ha estado sirviendo en Saint Clare en algún ministerio litúrgico o si recientemente se inscribió para comenzar un nuevo ministerio o regresar a uno antiguo.

El Padre Jeff Fernández, director diocesano de liturgia, estará con nosotros para una mañana de formación, renovación y preparación para servir en nuestras litúrgicas parroquiales. A medida que continuamos nuestros esfuerzos por ser una comunidad parroquial acogedora, es un buen momento para unirnos para que todos estemos "en la misma página". Concluiremos con una capacitación práctica para cada ministerio.

Nos reuniremos en la iglesia a las 9:15 am el sábado 22 de marzo para un poco de hospitalidad en el vestíbulo y comenzaremos la sesión puntualmente a las 9:30. Por favor, avísale a Lucy Silva (dlsilva@sbcglobal.net) que estarás con nosotros.

CUARESMA EN LA PARROQUIA DE SAINT CLARE

Las obras tradicionales de la Cuaresma son la Oración, la Penitencia y la Atención a los Pobres. Comenzamos esta temporada de 40 días en oración juntos el Miércoles de Ceniza, 5 de marzo, cuando seamos invitados a renovar nuestra fidelidad a la vida cristiana, llamados a hacer penitencia y a iniciar un tiempo de especial cuidado por aquellos que no comparten como nosotros las bondades de la creación (limosna).

Aquí en nuestra parroquia, esperamos que nuestras ofrendas de Cuaresma nos ayuden a todos, individualmente y como comunidad, a profundizar nuestro compartir bautismal en la vida del Señor y la Iglesia. El Miércoles de Ceniza no tiene ninguna obligación, pero celebrar la Misa y recibir las cenizas es la mejor manera posible de marcar el inicio de esta temporada que nos llama a renovar nuestra vida bautismal. Miércoles de Ceniza es un día de abstinencia y ayuno. Todos los viernes de Cuaresma son días de abstinencia de carne. El Viernes Santo también es un día de ayuno y abstinencia.

Las Misas Parroquiales del Miércoles de Ceniza serán en los siguientes horarios:



8:00 am (inglés)

10:45 (Misa escolar – inglés – todos son bienvenidos)

12:05 pm (Bilingüe - Inglés/Español)

6:00 pm (inglés)

19:30 (español)

Las cenizas serán bendecidas y distribuidas durante cada Misa.

La *Colecta para la Iglesia en Europa del Este* se retomará durante las misas del Miércoles de Ceniza. Esto incluye ayuda para la Iglesia en Ucrania devastada por la guerra.

A partir de este viernes 7 de marzo, te invitamos a la Cena de Sopa los viernes de Cuaresma, a las 6:30 p.m. Traiga sopa para compartir con su grupo y más, si lo desea, junto con sus platos y cubiertos. La parroquia proporcionará pan y bebidas.



Después de la cena, únete a nosotros para el Vía Crucis – en la iglesia a las 7:30 pm.

El **Pequeño Libro Negro** para la Cuaresma está disponible en inglés y español. Ofrece una página por día y en aproximadamente seis minutos cada día nos ayuda a guiarnos durante la temporada.

También tenemos copias de **El Pequeño Libro Púrpura**, para guiar a los niños durante la Cuaresma. Ambos Pequeños Libros están disponibles en el vestíbulo.

Celebraremos el **Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos** en todas las misas del fin de semana del 15 y 16 de marzo. Todos aquellos que estén enfermos crónicamente o gravemente, preparándose para una cirugía o debilitados por las cargas de la edad son bienvenidos a acercarse para recibir el sacramento.

Hemos programado dos **Celebraciones Comunitarias del Sacramento de la Reconciliación** en la parroquia, en los siguientes horarios:

Sábado 12 de abril, a las 3:00 pm

Martes 15 de abril, a las 7:00 pm

Las confesiones estarán disponibles en inglés, español, portugués y en varios otros idiomas.

Una vez más, pondremos a disposición **Platos de Arroz de Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**, como una forma tangible de ayudarnos en la atención cuaresmal a los pobres. *Catholic Relief Services* llega a más de 250 millones de personas con apoyo vital. El 75% de nuestras donaciones de Platos de Arroz de CRS apoyan el trabajo de *Catholic Relief Services* en todo el mundo. El 25% ayuda a combatir el hambre y la pobreza en nuestra propia comunidad, en toda la Diócesis de San José (Condado de Santa Clara).

Al prepararnos para entrar en la Cuaresma, se nos invita a recordar nuestro Bautismo y a trabajar, durante estas semanas, para ser lo más fieles posible a nuestra participación en la vida de Cristo.



Mensaje del Santo Padre Francisco para la Cuaresma 2025: Caminemos juntos en la esperanza

Publicamos a continuación el Mensaje del Santo Padre Francisco para la Cuaresma de 2025 sobre el tema «Caminemos juntos en la esperanza» **Mensaje del Santo Padre**

Queridos hermanos y hermanas:

Con el signo penitencial de las cenizas en la cabeza, iniciamos la peregrinación anual de la santa cuaresma, en la fe y en la esperanza. La Iglesia, madre y maestra, nos invita a preparar nuestros corazones y a abrirnos a la gracia de Dios para poder celebrar con gran alegría el triunfo pascual de Cristo, el Señor, sobre el pecado y la muerte, como exclamaba san Pablo: «La muerte ha sido vencida. ¿Dónde está, muerte, tu victoria? ¿Dónde está tu aguijón?» (1 Co 15,54-55). Jesucristo, muerto y resucitado es, en efecto, el centro de nuestra fe y el garante de nuestra esperanza en la gran promesa del Padre: la vida eterna, que ya realizó en Él, su Hijo amado (cf. Jn 10,28; 17,3) [1].

En esta cuaresma, enriquecida por la gracia del Año jubilar, deseo ofrecerles algunas reflexiones sobre lo que significa *caminar juntos en la esperanza* y descubrir las llamadas a la conversión que la misericordia de Dios nos dirige a todos, de manera personal y comunitaria.

Antes que nada, *caminar*. El lema del Jubileo, “Peregrinos de esperanza”, evoca el largo viaje del pueblo de Israel hacia la tierra prometida, narrado en el libro del Éxodo; el difícil camino desde la esclavitud a la libertad, querido y guiado por el Señor, que ama a su pueblo y siempre le permanece fiel. No podemos recordar el éxodo bíblico sin pensar en tantos hermanos y hermanas que hoy huyen de situaciones de miseria y de violencia, buscando una vida mejor para ellos y sus seres queridos. Surge aquí una primera llamada a la conversión, porque todos somos peregrinos en la vida. Cada uno puede preguntarse: ¿cómo me dejó interpelar por esta condición? ¿Estoy realmente en camino o un poco paralizado, estático, con miedo y falta de esperanza; o satisfecho en mi zona de confort? ¿Busco caminos de liberación de las situaciones de pecado y falta de dignidad? Sería un buen ejercicio cuaresmal confrontarse con la realidad concreta de algún inmigrante o peregrino, dejando que nos interpele, para descubrir lo que Dios nos pide, para ser mejores caminantes hacia la casa del Padre. Este es un buen “examen” para el viandante.

En segundo lugar, hagamos este viaje *juntos*. La vocación de la Iglesia es caminar juntos, ser sinodales [2]. Los cristianos están llamados a hacer camino juntos, nunca como viajeros solitarios. El Espíritu Santo nos impulsa a salir de nosotros mismos para ir hacia Dios y hacia los hermanos, y nunca a encerrarnos en nosotros mismos [3]. Caminar juntos significa ser artesanos de unidad, partiendo de la dignidad común de hijos de Dios (cf. Ga 3,26-28); significa caminar codo a codo, sin pisotear o dominar al otro, sin albergar envidia o hipocresía, sin dejar que nadie se quede atrás o se sienta excluido. Vamos en la misma dirección, hacia la misma meta, escuchándonos los unos a los otros con amor y paciencia.

En esta cuaresma, Dios nos pide que comprobemos si en nuestra vida, en nuestras familias, en los lugares donde trabajamos, en las comunidades parroquiales o religiosas, somos capaces de caminar con los demás, de escuchar, de vencer la tentación de encerrarnos en nuestra autorreferencialidad, ocupándonos solamente de nuestras necesidades. Preguntémonos ante el Señor si somos capaces de trabajar juntos como obispos, presbíteros, consagrados y laicos, al servicio del Reino de Dios; si tenemos una actitud de acogida, con gestos concretos, hacia las personas que se acercan a nosotros y a cuantos están lejos; si hacemos que la gente se sienta parte de la comunidad o si la marginamos [4]. Esta es una segunda llamada: la conversión a la sinodalidad.

En tercer lugar, recorramos este camino juntos *en la esperanza* de una promesa. La *esperanza que no defrauda* (cf. Rm 5,5), mensaje central del Jubileo [5], sea para nosotros el horizonte del camino cuaresmal hacia la victoria pascual. Como nos enseñó el Papa Benedicto XVI en la Encíclica *Spe salvi*, «el ser humano necesita un amor incondicionado. Necesita esa certeza que le hace decir: “Ni muerte, ni vida, ni ángeles, ni principados, ni presente, ni futuro, ni potencias, ni altura, ni profundidad, ni criatura alguna podrá apartarnos del amor de Dios, manifestado en Cristo Jesús, Señor nuestro” (Rm 8,38-39)» [6]. Jesús, nuestro amor y nuestra esperanza, ha resucitado [7], y vive y reina glorioso. La muerte ha sido transformada en victoria y en esto radica la fe y la esperanza de los cristianos, en la resurrección de Cristo.

Esta es, por tanto, la tercera llamada a la conversión: la de la esperanza, la de la confianza en Dios y en su gran promesa, la vida eterna. Debemos preguntarnos: ¿poseo la convicción de que Dios perdona mis pecados, o me comporto como si pudiera salvarme solo? ¿Anhele la salvación e invoco la ayuda de Dios para recibirla? ¿Vivo concretamente la esperanza que me ayuda a leer los acontecimientos de la historia y me impulsa al compromiso por la justicia, la fraternidad y el cuidado de la casa común, actuando de manera que nadie quede atrás?

Hermanas y hermanos, gracias al amor de Dios en Jesucristo estamos protegidos por la esperanza que no defrauda (cf. Rm 5,5). La esperanza es “el ancla del alma”, segura y firme [8]. En ella la Iglesia suplica para que «todos se salven» (1 Tm 2,4) y espera estar un día en la gloria del cielo unida a Cristo, su esposo. Así se expresaba santa Teresa de Jesús: «Espera, espera, que no sabes cuándo vendrá el día ni la hora. Vela con cuidado, que todo se pasa con brevedad, aunque tu deseo hace lo cierto dudoso, y el tiempo breve largo» (*Exclamaciones del alma a Dios*, 15, 3) [9].

Que la Virgen María, Madre de la Esperanza, interceda por nosotros y nos acompañe en el camino cuaresmal.

Roma, San Juan de Letrán, 6 de febrero de 2025, memoria de los santos Pablo Miki y compañeros, mártires.

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