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PARISH COMMUNITY
Santa Clara, California

Third Sunday of Lent
March 23, 2025
Tercer Domingo de
Cuaresma



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

IT MAY BEAR
FRUIT IN THE
FUTURE.

LUKE 13:9

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From Monsignor Fran Cilia

And Jesus told them this parable: “There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener, ‘For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?’ He said to him in reply, ‘Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not, you can cut it down’” (Luke 13:6-9).

This parable from our Gospel reading for the Third Sunday of Lent is actually a reflection of God’s tolerant nature, even though we are sometimes like the barren fig tree. During Lent, when we pay special attention to “pruning” the branches of our lives, God is repetitively patient with us, time after time.

As does the Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation, Lent offers us encouragement to respond to God’s grace in a way that allows us to walk closer to the life of our Baptism, day by day and year by year.

In these Lenten weeks ahead, may we bear the fruit of Christian living in our service of one another, especially those most in need.

Thank you for your gifts toward the work of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society in today’s second collection.

Next Weekend: Catholic Relief Services Annual Collection

Each year the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) comforts and assists people worldwide who suffer from war, natural disasters, violent persecution or extreme poverty. That work is possible because of contributions to The Catholic Relief Services Collection.

The collection benefits six Church-related entities that all offer aid to the vulnerable in carrying out the Christ’s mandate in Matthew’s Gospel to care for the “least of these.”

- Catholic Relief Services (CRS) provides disaster relief and economic development initiatives among the developing world’s poorest people.
- Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church at the USCCB helps the Church address the pastoral needs of U.S. Catholics across many cultural boundaries.
- Secretariat of Justice and Peace at the USCCB engages in advocacy and outreach on behalf of the poor and works for peace.
- Migration & Refugee Services at the USCCB welcomes and assists newcomers to the U.S., especially victims of war and persecution.
- Catholic Legal Immigration Network (CLINIC) provides legal aid to refugees and migrants, including immigrant Catholic clergy and religious sisters and brothers who need help navigating United States immigration law.
- The Holy Father’s Relief Fund enables the Pope to quickly assist victims of disaster.

“This year, The Catholic Relief Services Collection has a very urgent significance,” said Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg, chairman of the USCCB’s Committee on National Collections. “Recently, the U.S. government abruptly suspended funding for its refugee resettlement program and then terminated cooperative agreements for such work, impacting thousands of refugees that the government has placed in the charge of the USCCB for resettlement assistance. And with similarly abrupt stop-work orders on foreign humanitarian relief work, aid organizations such as Catholic Relief Services are unable to sustain their work overseas, bringing food, life-saving medicine, and daily necessities to people in need.”

While federal funding has been essential for organizations such as the USCCB and CRS to succeed in the work to aid those in need, each year the Conference spends more to support refugees than it receives from federal grants. Because of the funding suspension, the USCCB and its local partner organizations have begun laying off dozens of employees and this has irreparably damaged the USCCB’s partnerships with local groups and its ability to provide refugee assistance in the future. Donations to this year’s collection will be vital to the Catholic initiatives to reveal Christ’s love to those in need. *(continued on next page)*

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In the past, The Catholic Relief Services Collection has brought religious sisters and priests to the United States, provided pastoral training for Catholic leaders who minister to Asian and Pacific Island communities in the United States, enabled families to rise above poverty, and funded steps toward ending a war. In 2023, the bishops distributed more than \$13 million among the six organizations affiliated with the collection. For information on the projects that were funded in 2023, please visit: <https://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief> #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds for this collection.

Annual Diocesan Appeal: Week 7



We continue to make progress toward our \$200,000 goal in this year's ADA. Since we have gone beyond our diocesan goal of \$112,063, whatever we raise above that will be returned to Saint Clare for our use.

Currently, we have received 210 pledges and gifts for \$144,845.00. Well on our way!

Thanks to all who have already been able to offer your pledges and gifts. Thank you, also, to those who continue to reflect upon how you might be able to participate in this year's Appeal.

LENT AT SAINT CLARE PARISH

Friday Evenings at Saint Clare

Throughout Lent, we are joining together for Soup Supper and Stations of the Cross. Join us for both or just one of these offerings.



Soup Supper is in the Parish Hall, at 6:30 pm. Bring your own meatless soup, along with the bowls and silverware. If you want, you can bring extra for others to enjoy your culinary talents. The parish will provide bread, butter and simple beverages.

Stations of the Cross (*Via Crucis*) will follow in the church at 7:30 pm, in English and Spanish.

While Lenten prayer and activities are graced in themselves, we are doubly-graced when shared with one another. We look forward to your being with us.

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.



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)

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



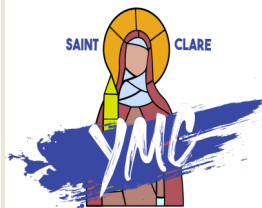
Saint Clare School

Saint Clare School congratulates each and every one of our 8th grade students! Every student who applied to our Catholic high schools was accepted by at least one school. Those who are opting for the area's excellent public schools are equally accomplished. As the principal and as a parent of two children who attended our Catholic elementary and high schools, I am proud of these students and the TK - 8th grade teachers who helped build the strong academic, personal, and spiritual foundations that will lead them to great things. Catholic schools are, indeed, transformational. Each of these young people will take her/his own strengths, gifts, and deep faith with them as they move on to the next stage of their lives. We thank you for your support of our school and our students through your generous gifts.



Please join us for our Transitional Kindergarten through 2nd Grade Information Night. It never hurts to take a look at what Saint Clare School has to offer. *flyer on page 7*

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.

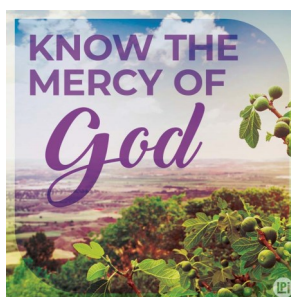


Youth Ministry News

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

Join us for our next youth ministry session that is **open to all youth 8th-12th grade** on March 30th at 1:30pm in the parish hall!

DYR Registrations are now open. You can register for the weeklong (June 9-13) retreat in Lake Tahoe at www.dsj.org/evangelization/yya/youth/dyr



Boletim Paroquial Português
23 de Março de 2025; Domingo III Da Quaresma
Reflexão Por: João Pereira Arruda

Quase a chegar ao meio do tempo quaresmal o Senhor apresenta-nos opções para que nos arrendamos e mudemos de vida. É este Tempo Quaresmal um tempo favorável para meditarmos nas nossas vidas; para pedir-mos ajuda ao Senhor de corrigir-nos as nossas vidas de decisões irreflectidas e ponderarmos em decisões que favorecem o nosso viver, Decisões estas que sentimos estar mais perto do Senhor e sentir-Lo bem dentro de nós. Quando falamos em arrependimento, vem logo à mente o arrependimento e mudança de vida. Para esse efeito a Igreja nos oferece o sacramento da reconciliação, pelo qual os horários serão revelados em subseqüente boletins, Neste tempo tenhamos em consideração em ajudar aqueles que carecem de tudo incluindo do essencial para viver, Nem sempre é assim tão fácil determinar como um irmão chega ao ponto de não ter um lugar para abrigar-se ou um naco de pão para matar a fome; podemos não entender a situação, mas podemos doar mesmo do pouco que se tem; e quando saímos do nosso egoísmo sentimos-nos muito melhor quando contribuimos e somos parte da solução.. O Evangelho de hoje é um convite ao arrependimento e por assim ser é também um convite a uma mudança na vida. O vineteiro do Evangelho mostrando paciência e compaixão para dar mais uma esperança vinha, assim é Deus conosco e assim é porque Deus nos ama e nos quer muito. O arrependimento sincero da nossa esterilidade dos nossos pecados, leva a que Deus não smente nos perdoe, mas também nos cure. Para que possamos ser geradores de bons frutos, O arrependimento atrai misericórdia, compaixão, perdão e salvação, porque Deus é paciente e misericordioso.

O formato de se fazer a Via-Sacra nocturna continuou a ser feita até ao tempo do padre George Aranha dentro dos mesmos princípios sob a coordenação de João Arruda e com a execução do Conselho Paroquial. Com algumas pequenas alterações tal como: As estações em cada uma era feita em inglês e numa outra língua de português, espanhol ou mandarim rotativamente; tudo isso previamente acordadamente com o pastor da paróquia e um representante de cada comunidade. Assim foi até à chegada do padre Tad que modificou ou alterou a responsabilidade da Comunidade Portuguesa e com a saída do padre Tad e a vinda de monseñor Frances Cilia com a única alteração excluir a participação da Filarmónica Portuguesa/ Porém a continuada participação de Deodato Constantino tem sido constante até aos nossos dias de hoje em providenciar som electrónico o que ajuda muito. Esta devoção continua a ser muito querida e muito participada pelos portugueses, Nunca houve problemas em encontrar voluntários seja para a marcação das estações, o fazer o andar ou decorar-lo. Baichar a imagem do Cristo crucificado do lugar que ocupa na nossa igreja,, tudo tem sido feito com muito amor por e para esta devoção que muito bem à maneira Portuguesa trouxe à nossa paróquia um outro sentimento à nossa paróquia de Saint Clare's de viver mais intensamente o Tempo Quaresmal com o sentimento de proximidade de acompanhar Jesus Cristo na Sua paixão, morte e ressurreição. A contribuição portuguesa durante o Tempo Quaresmal não se fica sómente pela Via-Sacra mas também em todas as cerimónias do Tríduo Pascal: seja na quinta Feira Santa com a Liturgia do Lava pés, ou das cerimónias da paixão e Via-Sacra e no sábado da Aleluia, em tudo participamos com a nossa quota parte em português, porque sendo a nossa paróquia multi-cultural com liturgias a serem feitas nas línguas: inglês, português, espanhol, mandarim e cantonês, todas essas línguas contribuem para o Tríduo Pascal e assim se cria uma celebração única não há outra igual que reúna um sentimento de unidade e amor fraterno. Um sentimento que traga uma proximidade e apreciação pelas outras comunidades que tanto como nós contribuem para o bem comum da nossa paróquia.

Um Santo e Alegre Domingo para todos!!



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Stewardship Report

Collection:
March 15th and 16th

Goal: \$10,100.00
Actual: \$11,135.37

Thank You!

SUPPORT OUR PARISH

Scan one of the QR codes for direct and safe way to donate.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Daily Mass Readings



Sunday:

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9

Monday:

2 Kings 5:1-15b; Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday:

Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38

Wednesday:

Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday:

Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23

Friday:

Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34

Saturday:

Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14

Next Sunday:

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



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 22-29, 2025

Sat	5:00 pm	Jones Prospero B. Alabanza †
Sun	7:30 am	Saint Clare Parishioners
	9:00 am	Jose Fagundes † Jose and Vidalia Gaspar Rocha † Manuel Sardinha † João Silva † Manuel and Cristina Jeronimo † Jose and Lourdes Delgado † Maria Carvalho † Jose Mendonça † Mildred Golis † João Viera Bettencourt † João Gaspar † Renato Silveira † Connie Soares † Albert A. Cardoso-Saúde
	10:30 am	Inarah and Isidora Bernardino– Birthday
	12:00 pm	Ida López– Salud Melanie Cajero– Cumpleaños María Baldomera Esquivel Zendejas † José Mireles †
Mon	8:00 am	Jose Euclides and Raquel Rodrigues †
Tues	8:00 am	The Bautista Family
Wed	8:00 am	Susan Rumohr Foreman– Birthday
Thu	8:00 am	Rev. Robert Moran– Birthday
Fri	8:00 am	The Porwol Family
Sat	8:00 am	Rica Yumul– Special Intention





SAINT CLARE PARISH Catechists Needed!

Calling all potential Catechist
and Catechetical Assistants.

For more information contact:
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REFUGEE FOSTER CARE INFORMATION SESSION

Refugee Foster Care supports unaccompanied
refugee minors fleeing persecution and violence. We
are seeking nurturing families to welcome a refugee
youth into their home. Join us virtually to learn more!



March 27, 2025
6:30 PM



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RSVP HERE



SCAN ME

Catholic Charities
of Santa Clara County

Young Adult mini Retreat with the Carmelites

Spring 2025 Silent Retreat

Living Carmelite Intimacy
with Our Mother Mary

Led by Carmelite Friars and Sisters:

Fr. Matthias - Fr. Thomas

Sr. Maria Josefa - Sr. M. Magdalene Therese

Fr. Patrick - Fr. Jan - Fr. Julius



April 5th, Saturday
10:00am - 5:30pm

Carmel of the Infant Jesus
Carmelite Monastery
1000 Lincoln St, Santa Clara, CA 95050

Registration & Retreat Info at
<https://tinyurl.com/OCD-Spring-2025>

OR

ST. CLARE SCHOOL

FORMING STUDENTS WITH
HABITS OF THE MIND, HEART
AND SPIRIT

TUESDAY, APRIL 8 | 5:30-6:30 P.M.

- Classroom
- Curriculum
- Community

RSVP TODAY



408-246-6797

Stclare.school

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/OCD-Spring-2025>

What's Next in Your Life? A Spiritual Guide to Retirement and Purposeful Aging A Retreat Day for our Senior Lay Friends



As you consider your retirement years and grasp the reality of growing older, this workshop will explore the benefits and joys as well as the challenges and concerns ahead. How do we live this stage of our life well and see aging as a blessing? The combination of reduced work responsibilities and growing older provides an opportunity to live life differently and more contemplatively, moving from “doing” to “being.” Discover how we can share our Spirit-given gifts, talents, and experience in new ways that bring joy to ourselves and others and give continued meaning and purpose to our lives.

“It is not how old you are, but how you are old.” Jules Renard

Date: March 29, 2025
Time: 9:30 am-4 pm
Where: Dominican Center
Cost: \$60
includes box lunch
RSVP by March 26
Register: [HERE](#)



Jim Briggs is retired Executive Director of the School of Applied Theology and former Executive Assistant to the President and Vice President of Student Services at Santa Clara University. Prior to his five years at SAT and his 22 years at SCU, Jim served as Director of Career Planning and Placement at the University of California Berkeley and Georgetown University. He has a background in theology, career development, and higher education. Jim is married and has four daughters, four sons-in-law, and 12 grandchildren



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Tuesdays at 8:00pm

~~March 11~~
~~March 18~~
March 25
April 1
April 15
April 22
April 29

Journeying with Jesus through the Gospel

→ For all youth 8th-12th grade
→ In Youth Center (Church Basement)



These are Red Cards that list your Constitutional Rights

You have constitutional rights:

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- **DO NOT ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS** from an immigration agent if they try to talk to you. You have the right to remain silent.
- **DO NOT SIGN ANYTHING** without first speaking to a lawyer. You have the right to speak with a lawyer.
- If you are outside of your home, ask the agent if you are free to leave and if they say yes, leave calmly.
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I do not wish to speak with you, answer your questions, or sign or hand you any documents based on my 5th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution.

I do not give you permission to enter my home based on my 4th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution unless you have a warrant to enter, signed by a judge or magistrate with my name on it that you slide under the door.

I do not give you permission to search any of my belongings based on my 4th Amendment rights.

I choose to exercise my constitutional rights.

These cards are available to citizens and noncitizens alike.



www.ilrc.org/red-cards

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Patently Cultivating

God our Redeemer, you are merciful and gracious. We often find ourselves grumbling, struggling in our desire of evil things. We are slow to repent, yet your kindness abounds. You tend to us as a patient gardener continues to cultivate and fertilize his tree as he waits for his orchard to bear fruit. Grant that we might remember that you make us holy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Repent!

Today's readings: Exodus 3:1–8a, 13–15; Psalm 103: 1–2, 3–4, 6–7, 8, 11; 1 Corinthians 10:1–6, 10–12; Luke 13:1–9. Jesus continues to teach on repentance in today's Gospel. He instructs that the Galileans who died at the hands of Pilate and those who died at Siloam are not greater sinners because of their death. Jesus clarifies that their death was not a punishment. If the victims are not greater sinners than those gathered (or any of us), then all must repent and return to the Lord. Jesus then tells a parable about a gardener. Though many of us are not surrounded by agriculture as were people in Jesus' time, we can still relate to the gardener. Have you ever tended to a plant, a pet, or even cared for a child with a specific hope in mind? Perhaps you hoped your plant would blossom, unlike another plant that did not do so well. You may have hoped that your pet would eat the food set out instead of getting into yet another article of clothing. Or you may have hoped your child would play with the toys you purchased instead of rummaging through the trash again. It is easy for us to become frustrated or impatient when our hopes are unmet. God, unlike us, meets our continued sinfulness with kindness and compassion. Like the gardener who tirelessly cares for the fig tree, God continues to tend to us. Though grateful for God's abundant grace, we are still called to repent and work to be better. This week, consider how you can actively choose to allow God to cultivate your heart. As we continue our Lenten journey, say yes to God so your heart can blossom.

Monday, March 24 Being Prophetic

Today we are reminded that responding to the call to Christianity is not easy. Jesus tells the people in the synagogue at Nazareth that "no prophet is accepted in his own native place." We know he will be rejected and crucified for his ministry. We are called to repent, to see God in all things, and to share our faith with others. This week, reach out to someone you love, and ask to share a prayer with him or her. If your invitation is accepted, lead with a simple prayer. If the invitation is declined, lift up the individual in your personal prayer. *Today's readings: 2 Kings 5:1–15b; Psalm 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Luke 4:24–30.*

Tuesday, March 25 Annunciation of the Lord

Understandably, Mary is "greatly troubled" when the angel Gabriel appears. Still, Mary courageously and faithfully responds yes to God's request. Her response is much like the words in today's psalm: "Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will." Set aside time to pray the Rosary. As you pray, ask for the humility to hear God and the courage to respond to God. *Today's readings: Isaiah 7:10–14, 8:10; Psalm 40:7–8a, 8b–9, 10, 11; Hebrews 10:4–10; Luke 1:26–38.*

Wednesday, March 26 Teach Them

Moses reminds the Israelites to observe and teach the Lord's commandments, to share the goodness of the Lord that they have witnessed with their children and their children's children. Jesus tells his disciples that "whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven." Say a prayer in gratitude for someone who taught you about your faith. Consider how you can teach others the way of the Lord with your actions and your words. *Today's readings: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5–9; Psalm 147:12–13, 15–16, 19–20; Matthew 5:17–19.*

THIS WEEK AT HOME

Thursday, March 27 Harden Not Your Hearts

We are reminded not to harden our hearts when we hear God. Jesus powerfully claims that "whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters." Reflect today on your Lenten journey. Have you taken time to listen to God? How have you responded? Commit to an action that will help open your heart to hear God's voice: consider attending daily Mass a few times during the week, praying at a consistent time daily, or journaling with regularity. *Today's readings: Jeremiah 7:23–28; Psalm 95:1–2, 6–7, 8–9; Luke 11:14–23.*

Friday, March 28 Sinners Stumble

Though we stumble, we are challenged to walk the path of the Lord. Jesus' answers to the query about the greatest commandment guides us in walking the path of the Lord. We are to love God with all our being and, from that, love our neighbor. Before going to sleep tonight, pray the examen. For information on doing so, visit [The Daily Examen at IgnatianSpirituality.com](http://TheDailyExamen.com). Focus on how you have loved God and your neighbor today and how to resolve to love God and your neighbor tomorrow. *Today's readings: Hosea 14:2–10; Psalm 81:6c–8a, 8bc–9, 10–11ab, 14 and 17; Mark 12:28–34.*

Saturday, March 29 A Heart Contrite and Humbled

Jesus' parable encourages us to give God "a heart contrite and humbled." The Pharisee, haughty and overly confident in being justified, compares his goodness to the tax collector and shares that he fasts, pays tithes, and keeps the commandments. The tax collector, on the other hand, repents and asks for God's mercy. Acknowledging our sins frees us and gives space for God's mercy. This weekend, offer God "a heart contrite and humbled" by going to confession. *Today's readings: Hosea 6:1–6; Psalm 51:3–4, 18–19, 20–21ab; Luke 18:9–14.*

De Monseñor Fran Cilia

Y Jesús les contó esta parábola: «Había una vez un hombre que tenía una higuera plantada en su huerto, y al ir a buscar fruto, pero no lo halló, le dijo al viñador: “Llevo tres años buscando fruto en esta higuera, pero nunca encuentro nada. Córdala. ¿Para qué está consumiendo la tierra inútilmente?”. Él le respondió: “Señor, déjala también para este año, y yo labraré la tierra a su alrededor y la abonaré; quizá dé fruto en el futuro. Si no, puedes cortarla”» (Lucas 13:6-9).

Esta parábola de nuestro Evangelio del Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma refleja la tolerancia de Dios, aunque a veces seamos como la higuera estéril. Durante la Cuaresma, cuando prestamos especial atención a podar las ramas de nuestra vida, Dios nos muestra una paciencia constante, una y otra vez.

Al igual que el Sacramento de la Penitencia/Reconciliación, la Cuaresma nos anima a responder a la gracia de Dios de una manera que nos permita acercarnos a la vida de nuestro Bautismo, día a día y año tras año.

En estas semanas de Cuaresma que se avecinan, que podamos dar fruto de vida cristiana en nuestro servicio mutuo, especialmente a los más necesitados.

Gracias por sus donaciones a la obra de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl en la segunda colecta de hoy.

Próximo Fin de Semana: Colecta Anual de *Catholic Relief Services*

Cada año, la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos (USCCB) brinda consuelo y asistencia a personas de todo el mundo que sufren a causa de la guerra, desastres naturales, persecución violenta o pobreza extrema. Este trabajo es posible gracias a las contribuciones a la Colecta de *Catholic Relief Services*.

Esta colecta beneficia a seis entidades relacionadas con la Iglesia que brindan ayuda a los más vulnerables, cumpliendo el mandato de Cristo en el Evangelio de Mateo de cuidar a los “más pequeños”:

- Catholic Relief Services (CRS) proporciona ayuda en desastres y programas de desarrollo económico para las personas más pobres en los países en desarrollo.
- El Secretariado de Diversidad Cultural en la Iglesia de la USCCB ayuda a la Iglesia a atender las necesidades pastorales de los católicos en los Estados Unidos en diversos contextos culturales.
- El Secretariado de Justicia y Paz de la USCCB trabaja en la promoción y defensa de los derechos de los pobres y en la búsqueda de la paz.
- Servicios de Migración y Refugiados de la USCCB da la bienvenida y asiste a los recién llegados a los EE.UU., especialmente a víctimas de guerra y persecución.
- Catholic Legal Immigration Network (CLINIC) brinda asistencia legal a refugiados e inmigrantes, incluyendo clérigos y religiosos católicos que necesitan ayuda con las leyes migratorias de los EE.UU.
- El Fondo de Ayuda del Santo Padre permite que el Papa brinde asistencia inmediata a las víctimas de desastres.

“Este año, la Colecta de *Catholic Relief Services* tiene una importancia sumamente urgente”, dijo el obispo Daniel Mueggenborg, presidente del Comité de Colectas Nacionales de la USCCB. “Recientemente, el gobierno de EE.UU. suspendió abruptamente el financiamiento de su programa de reasentamiento de refugiados y luego canceló los acuerdos de cooperación para este trabajo, afectando a miles de refugiados que el gobierno había puesto bajo la responsabilidad de la USCCB para recibir asistencia de reasentamiento. Además, con la interrupción de los fondos para el trabajo humanitario en el extranjero, organizaciones como *Catholic Relief Services* no pueden continuar con su labor de llevar alimentos, medicinas esenciales y bienes de primera necesidad a personas en situación de necesidad.”

Si bien el financiamiento federal ha sido clave para que organizaciones como la USCCB y CRS puedan ayudar a quienes lo necesitan, cada año la Conferencia gasta más en apoyo a los refugiados de lo que recibe en subvenciones gubernamentales. Debido a la suspensión de estos fondos, la USCCB y sus organizaciones asociadas han comenzado a despedir a docenas de empleados, lo que ha afectado irreparablemente sus alianzas con grupos locales y su capacidad para seguir brindando asistencia a refugiados en el futuro. Las donaciones a la colecta de este año serán esenciales para que las iniciativas católicas continúen revelando el amor de Cristo a quienes más lo necesitan. *(continúa en la siguiente página)*

(continuación de la pagina anterior) En el pasado, la Colecta de *Catholic Relief Services* ha permitido traer religiosas y sacerdotes a los Estados Unidos, ofrecer formación pastoral a líderes católicos que atienden a comunidades asiáticas y del Pacífico en el país, ayudar a familias a salir de la pobreza y financiar iniciativas para poner fin a conflictos armados. En 2023, los obispos distribuyeron más de \$13 millones entre las seis organizaciones afiliadas a esta colecta. Para obtener más información sobre los proyectos financiados en 2023, visite: <https://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief> El programa [#GiveCatholicTogether](#) también acepta donaciones para esta colecta.

Campaña Anual Diocesana : Semana #7



Seguimos avanzando hacia nuestra meta de \$200,000 en la Campaña Anual Diocesana (ADA) de este año. Dado que hemos superado nuestra meta diocesana de \$112,063, lo que recaudemos por encima se devolverá a Santa Clara para nuestro uso.

Hasta ahora, hemos recibido 210 promesas y donaciones por \$144,845.00. ¡Vamos por buen camino!

Gracias a todos los que ya han podido ofrecer sus promesas y donaciones. Gracias también a quienes siguen pensando en cómo podrían participar en la Campaña de este año.



Noticias de Ministerio de Adolescentes

El estudio bíblico se realiza todos los martes a las 8:00 p. m. en el sótano del centro juvenil.

¡Reserven la fecha del 9 al 13 de junio para el Retiro Juvenil Diocesano (DYR) 2025! ¡Las inscripciones ya están disponibles! Mas información en la pagina 9

Legión de María



La Legión de María se reúne todos los martes a la 7pm en el salón pequeño. Para mas información sobre quienes somos y lo que hacemos comuníquese con Irma Aguayo al 408-623-2175 o irmaaguayo184@gmail.com

CUARESMA EN LA PARROQUIA DE SAINT CLARE

Viernes por la noche en Santa Clara

Durante la Cuaresma, nos reuniremos para la Cena de Sopa y el Vía Crucis. Únase a nosotros para ambas o solo una de estas ofrendas.

La Cena de Sopa se llevará a cabo en el Salón Parroquial, a las 6:30 p. m. Traiga su propia sopa sin carne, junto con sus tazones y los cubiertos. Si lo desea, puede traer mas sopa para que otros disfruten de sus talentos culinarios. La parroquia proporcionará pan, mantequilla y bebidas sencillas.



El Vía Crucis se llevará a cabo en la iglesia a las 7:30 p. m., en inglés y español.

Si bien la oración y las actividades de Cuaresma son una gracia en sí mismas, somos doblemente agradecidos cuando las compartimos unos con otros. Esperamos contar con su presencia.

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.

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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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