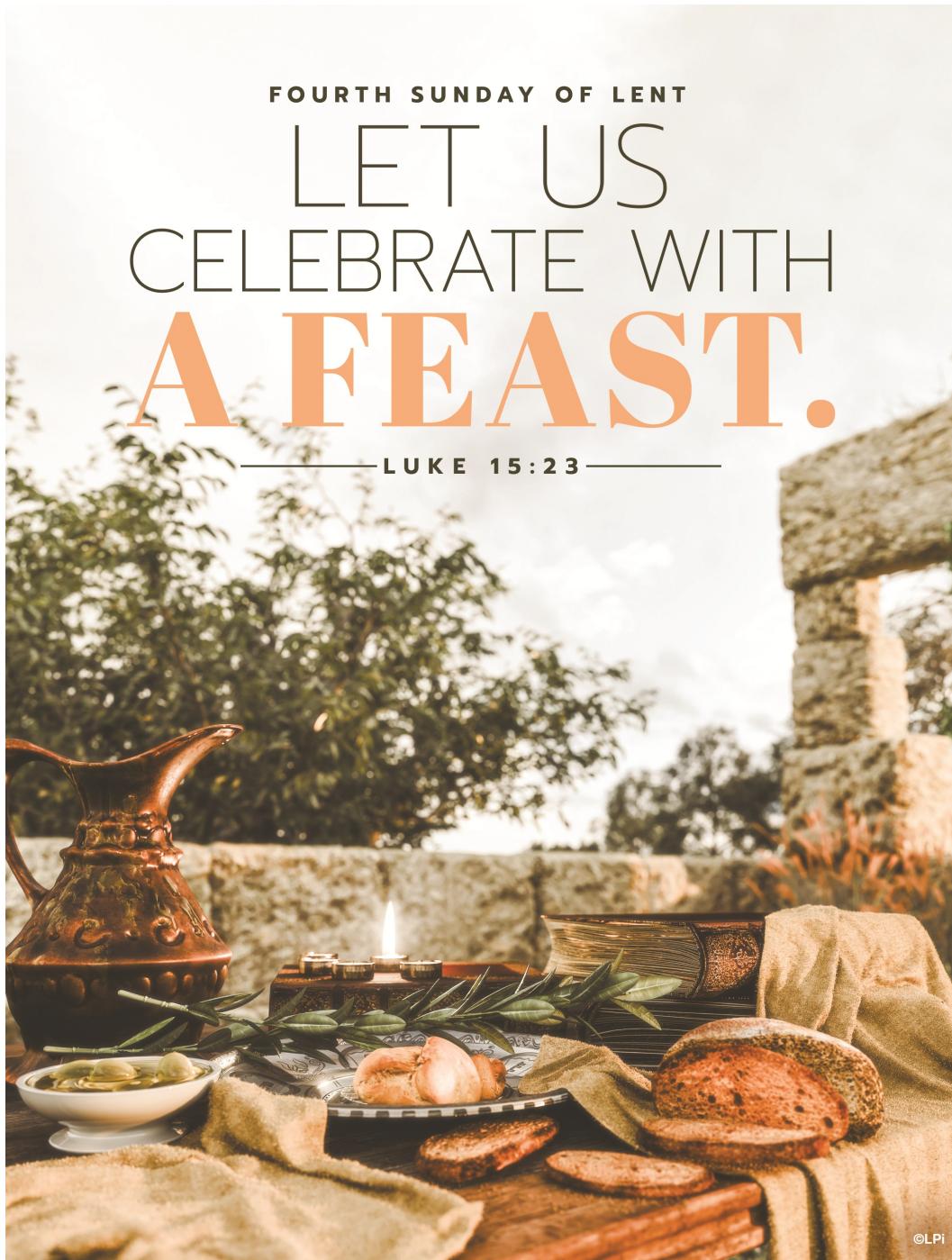




*Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 30, 2025  
Cuarto Domingo de  
Cuaresma*



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## From Monsignor Fran Cilia

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“My son, we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.”

These poignant words, on the lips of the father of the returning son, sum up God’s love for the world and for each and every one of us. The “Prodigal Son” has been called one of the most beautiful short stories ever written in any language.

Rudyard Kipling, began his poem, *The Prodigal Son*, in this way:

Here come I to my own again/ Fed, forgiven and known again/ Claimed by bone of my bone again/ And cheered by flesh of my flesh./ The fatted calf is dressed for me.

“Fed, forgiven and known again.” These words capture the fate of any who renounce their wayward adventures and return home. It is our story of repentance: always welcomed home by God.

From Saint Paul’s Second Letter to the Corinthians, we hear: “God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.”

As we continue through Lent toward Easter, may we find renewed hope and joy that God does not count our trespasses against us.

## Cesar Chavez Holiday

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On Monday, March 31, in observance of the holiday in honor of Cesar Chavez, morning Mass will be at 9:00 and the parish office will be closed.

**Thank you** for your gifts toward this year’s Catholic Relief Services collection.

**Looking ahead to the Triduum, the Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper** will be at 7:30 pm on Holy Thursday, April 17. On Good Friday, we will celebrate the **Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion** in English at 12:00 Noon and 5:00 pm, and in Spanish at 7:00 pm. On Holy Saturday, the **Easter Vigil** will begin with the Blessing of Fire at 8:30 pm.

## Annual Diocesan Appeal: Week 8 Update

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Thank you to all who have already participated in this year’s ADA, with 220 pledges and gifts of \$149,522. Thanks,

also, to those who continue to consider your level of support for the Appeal. The closer we get to our \$200,000 goal, with the parish to receive whatever is raised above our \$112,063 diocesan goal, those funds will help us as we develop our budget for the next fiscal year.





**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](http://www.dsj.org/evangelization/yya/youth/dyr)

## Italian Catholic Federation, ICF, 100th Anniversary, Branch 5



Calling all former Italian Catholic Federation members, families and friends: ICF will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Branch 5 with a Mass at Saint Clare Parish on April 26 at noon. See the invitation for luncheon details. This will be the final branch event, as it will be closing. More details next week!

## 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.*



## 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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## Knights of Columbus: Crab Report – March 30, 2025



On February 15, 2025, our in-person seafood event returned to St Clare's parish. So how was that crab? The 2025 Knight's of Columbus: Crab Feed and Raffle event was a great success! As promised, we joined together as a family to eat a delicious meal and give back to the parish at the same time. As a result of everyone's participation the Knights will donate 100% of the profit back to the parish totaling: \$4,047.24.

**CRAB REPORT**

\$14,285.00 – Gross Ticket Sales, Raffles, plus all Donations  
\$10,237.76 – Total Expenses  
\$ 4,047.24 – Net Profit

This event was everyone's success! Overall we sold 168 tickets total and that's a very good turnout for our first time back in the parish hall. Next year in 2026, we hope to return to at least 200 in ticket sales! Ready?

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets.

Thank you to all our cooks, crew, and volunteers.

Thank you to all who made cash and supply donations.

Thank you to the Santa Clara High School Boys Soccer team who volunteered to service tables and collected \$1,125.00 in tips to support their athletic program.

Until we eat again!

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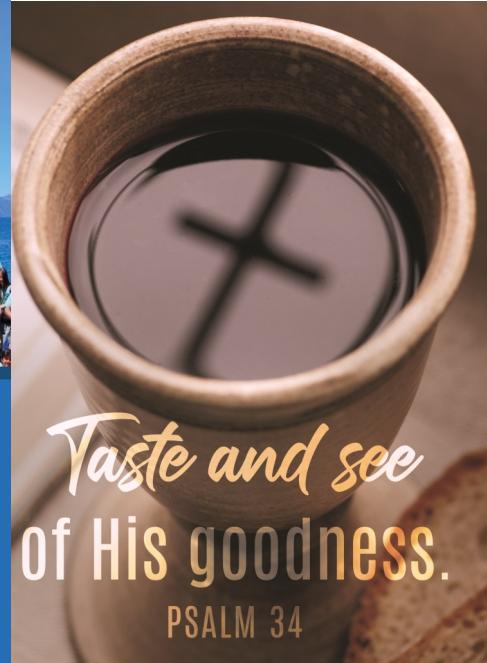
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**Boletim Paroquial Português**  
**30 de Março de 2025; Domingo IV da Quaresma**  
**Reflexão Por: João Pereira Arruda**

Já entrando na seunda metade da nossa caminhada Quaresmal a Liturgia deste Domingo traz-nos no Evangelgo de São Lucas um retrato claro da misericórdia de Deus. Como protagonistas dessa história; está o filho mais novo que pediu parte da sua herança para sair de casa e ir para outras terras, O pai que ansiosamente esperava o regresso do filho que se havia afastado do lar. O filho mais velho que nunca havia transgredido as ordens do pai e sempre estava com ele., ficou ressentido com o gesto misericordioso do pai para com o filho mais novo, Por mais verdade que seja ele ter esbanjado a sua parte da herança em lugares de má reputação e de até se lhe terem recusado a comida dos porcos resultou que ele se arrependeu de ter grandemente pecado e confiadamente decidiu pedir perdão ao Pai, Nesta história o Pai é Deus, porque Jesus nesta História (parábola) quer de um modo simples e clara fazer-nos compreender a imensidão do amor de Deus por cada um de nós e de como por esse mesmo amor nos perdoa no seu abraço amoroso de Pai. Ele bem ia para fora de casa ver quando o filho regressava, O filho mais velho nesta história sentiu ressentimento por ver favoritismo ao Pai no filho mais novo, O Pai dessa história não há favoritismos porque enquanto tinha dado a parte da sua fortuna ao filho mais novo todo mais que lhe pertencia era também tudo pertença do filho mais velho/ O rancor criado pelo modo em como o Pai recebera o irmão apoderou-se dele porque nunca sentiu a alegria da proximidade da misericórdia do Pai e por assim ser distanciou-se do banquete. Nesta História está também um claro convite a cada um de nós a sentir arrependimento e ir ter com o Pai que no banquete a que nos tem preparado está de braços abertos para nos receber e nos perdoar.

**A contribuição da Comunidade Portuguesa nesta paróquia não se limitou só na devoção á Via-Sacra mas também iniciou a meio dos anos 80 a Romaria Quaresmal. Esta tem sido coordenada e planeada pela Irmandade Familiar do Espírito Santo de Santa Clara. Feita ao estilo Micaelense esta tem o se inicio na miss matinal do Sábado de Ramos e após a missa o rancho de irmãos , faz a Oracão, na igreja de Santa Clara para depois fazer oração nos seguintes lugares: Santa Clara Mission no Campus da Universidade de Santa Clara, seguindo depois para a ermida de Nossa Senhora do Perpétuo Socorro, para depois irem fazer ao Convento das Carmelitas, movimentando-se depois para a igreja de S, Justino, Faz-se depois uma paragem no Central Park para uma breve merenda e nos últimos anos no tempo da pandemia faz-se de carro para a igreja de S, Lourenço terminando no Santuário de Nossa Senhora da Paz, Desde o seu inicio esta actividade foi aberta a toda a nossa comunidade. Infelizmente tem pouca participação das outras comunidades por esta ser só feita em português, Este ano já esta Romaria está programada para ser feita no Sábado dia 12 de Abril próximo. Óbviamente nota-se claramente a acumulações anos nas pessoas que regularmente vão, como também se nota uns quantos que noutras participa nessa Romaria e agora estão a fazer romarias lá pelos lugares celestes. Além desta devoção que é feita inteiramente pelos portugueses, os membros da equipa de leigos portugueses participa em todas as liturgias do Tríduo Pascal seja esta participação no ministério da música, da proclamação da Palavra, na preparação catecúmenos, na distribuição da Eucaristía, preparação do ambiente em tudo participamos porque temos uma riqueza de Leigos formados em todos os ministerios e estão sempre prontos servir seja em que lugar for. Como comunidade estamos conscientes que a acumulação de anos e a morte tem feito um desbaste no número de membros da nossa comunidade mas graças a Deus que ainda temos a vontade de ser pertença desta paróquia que nos faz sentir uma família .**

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



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## Stewardship Report

**Collection:**  
**March 22nd and 23rd**

**Goal: \$10,100.00**  
**Actual: \$8,498.91**

**Second Collection: Saint Vincent de Paul**

**\$3,065.00**

**Thank You**

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### Daily Mass Readings



#### Sunday:

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

#### Monday:

Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54

#### Tuesday:

Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16

#### Wednesday:

Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30

#### Thursday:

Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47

#### Friday:

Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

#### Saturday:

Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53

#### Next Sunday:

Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11



## 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 29– April 6, 2025**

<b>Sat</b>	5:00 pm	Francisco Alolong and Ernesto Balay †
<b>Sun</b>	7:30 am	Saint Clare Parishioners
	9:00 am	Manuel and Critina Jeronimo † Jose and Vidalia Gaspar Rocha † Manuel Sardinha † João Silva † Maria Silva † Antonio and Deolinda Sousa † Jose Mendonça † Mildred Golis † Maria De Jesus Sousa † João Viera Bettencourt † Maria de Lurdes Machado Moitoso † João Da Silva † Albert A. Cardoso-Saúde Souls in Purgatory Saint Anthony- Ação de Graças
	10:30 am	Israel Sanchez †
	12:00 pm	Ida López- Salud Rica Yumul- Intención Especial
<b>Mon</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	Adelina Nunes †
<b>Tues</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Jameson Rumohr †
<b>Wed</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	The Walker Family
<b>Thu</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Miriam Lacambra- Birthday
<b>Fri</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Special Intention
<b>Sat</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Santa Clara University Jesuit Community



## SAINT CLARE PARISH

# Catechists Needed!

Calling all potential Catechist  
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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)



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

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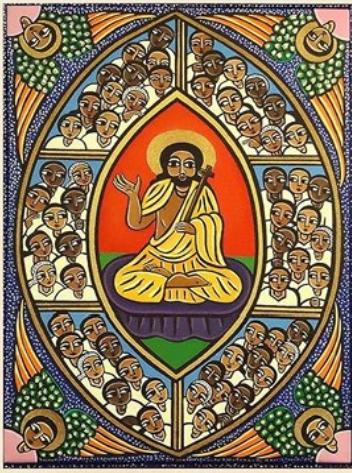
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# Living Jesus' Call To A Nonviolent Life

## JOHN DEAR THE GOSPEL OF PEACE

A COMMENTARY ON MATTHEW, MARK, AND LUKE  
FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF NONVIOLENCE



Sundays: 4/6, 4/13, 4/27, 5/4  
9-10 AM

St. Clare Parish Rectory

Drop-ins

Welcome

No Cost - No  
Registration

Session 1 Material:  
Pages (pages xiii - xxix,  
14-47, 286-300)  
And/or Podcast Episode

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Did you attend John Dear's talk in October and wish for more discussion about HOW to live out a commitment to non-violence? Are you curious how Jesus' ministry invites us to a life of nonviolence today?

**The St. Clare Peace and Justice Group invites you to a learning experience of 4 sessions bridging Lent and Easter as we explore Jesus' ministry and Passion through the lens of nonviolence.**

- Each week our group will read a section of **Fr. John Dear's *The Gospel of Peace*** and/or listen to an episode of **“The Nonviolent Jesus” Podcast**. Fr. Dear's conversations feature Sr. Helen Prejean, Bryan Stevenson and more.
- Participants are welcome to come to any one or all of our sessions.

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



## We Return

God our Father, your compassion knows no bounds. You hear us cry out to you and you save us from distress. We have sinned against you and no longer deserve your mercy; we find ourselves lost, yet we return to you. Grant us strength to repent, to return to you, and to share with others the everlasting joy of your mercy and forgiveness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Lord Hears

*Today's readings: Joshua 5:9a, 10–12; Psalm 34:2–3, 4–5, 6–7; 2 Corinthians 5:17–21; Luke 15:1–3, 11–32 (33).* When reflecting on today's Gospel, we are often encouraged to consider the loving father's unconditional love for both of his sons. The younger son asks his father for

his inheritance and foolishly wastes it, inevitably finding himself in dire need. He decides to return home and apologize to his father, expecting to be treated like one of his father's hired workers. Despite the younger son's selfish recklessness, his father is "filled with compassion" upon his return. His father rejoices, dresses him in fine clothes, and prepares a feast. Certainly, Jesus is encouraging us to return to God, who has unending love and mercy for us despite our sinfulness. Having experienced God's goodness and boundless mercy, we rejoice. Joining the psalmist, we sing: "When the poor one called out, the Lord heard, / and from all his distress he saved him." It is important, though, to reflect on both the times we find ourselves living as the younger son and the older son. When have you found yourself acting selfishly, unsettled in worldly desires and neglecting those in your community? When have you found yourself acting out of jealousy, comparing your blessings and actions to another's? Spend time praying with today's parable, trying to approach it free of judgment. What can you do when you find yourself acting like either of the sons? How can you call out to the Lord and return to God? How can you resolve to do better?

## Monday, March 31

### Believe

God responds to our petitions, though sometimes in ways and at times we do not expect. Today, we hear about the royal official asking Jesus to heal his ill son. Jesus tells him that his son will live and, though the official believes, it is not until later that he realizes that Jesus' word healed his son. Patient listening and a dedication to prayer are necessary to be attuned to God's movement in our lives. Reflect on how God has responded to your prayers. *Today's readings: Isaiah 65:17–21; Psalm 30:2 and 4, 5–6, 11–12a and 13b; John 4:43–54.*

## Tuesday, April 1

### Notice

Today we repeat with the psalmist: "The Lord of hosts is with us; our stronghold is the God of Jacob." God is with us just as Jesus is with the sick man in Jerusalem. This evening, reflect on God's presence in your day. Take care to notice the moments, big and small, in which God was with you. Say a prayer in gratitude, and ask for the strength to behold the deeds of the Lord tomorrow. *Today's readings: Ezekiel 47:1–9, 12; Psalm 46:2–3, 5–6, 8–9; John 5:1–16.*

## Wednesday, April 2

### Lifted Up

In today's reading from the Book of Isaiah, we are reminded that "the Lord comforts his people and shows mercy to his afflicted." We echo this with the psalmist, singing of God's grace and mercy. We are lifted up amid our struggles and strife. In your prayer today, write about something that weighs you down. Offer it up to God, knowing he "lifts up all who are falling / and raises up all who are bowed down." Make it a practice to humbly turn to God when you are feeling weighed down. *Today's readings: Isaiah 49:8–15; Psalm 145: 8–9, 13cd–14, 17–18; John 5:17–30.*

## THIS WEEK AT HOME

## Thursday, April 3

### Accept Jesus

Jesus rebukes the Jews in today's Gospel, saying, "I came in the name of my Father, but you do not accept me." Jesus says they "accept praise from one another" instead of seeking the praise that comes from God. How can you accept Jesus more fully? Consider how you have prioritized the praise or earthly desires of those around you. How can you shift your priorities and seek God in your day-to-day? Challenge yourself to commit to a tangible action that will lead to accepting Jesus. *Today's readings: Exodus 32:7–14; Psalm 106:19–20, 21–22, 23; John 5:31–47.*

## Friday, April 4

### Blinded by Wickedness

The reading from the Book of Wisdom states that the thoughts of the wicked erred, "their wickedness blinded them, and they knew not the hidden counsels of God." Our sinfulness makes it hard to see God and to be guided in holiness. If able this weekend, schedule a time to go to confession. Can you participate in the sacrament of reconciliation more regularly? *Today's readings: Wisdom 2:1a, 12–22; Psalm 34:17–18, 19–20, 21 and 23; John 7:1–2, 10, 25–30.*

## Saturday, April 5

### St. Vincent Ferrer

St. Vincent Ferrer, a Spanish Dominican, is the patron saint of builders; he is known for strengthening and building up the Church through his preaching and ministry. In today's Gospel, we hear of the division that emerged as people debated who Jesus was. This division continues today. To celebrate St. Vincent's memorial, pray for unity in the Church. How can you help unite your faith community? *Today's readings: Jeremiah 11:18–20; Psalm 7:2–3, 9bc–10, 11–12; John 7:40–53.*

## De Monseñor Fran Cilia

“Hijo mío, debemos celebrar y regocijarnos, porque tu hermano estaba muerto y ha vuelto a la vida; estaba perdido y ha sido encontrado.”

Estas conmovedoras palabras, en labios del padre del hijo que regresa, resumen el amor de Dios por el mundo y por cada uno de nosotros. El “Hijo Pródigo” ha sido considerado uno de los cuentos más bellos jamás escritos.

Rudyard Kipling comenzó su poema, *El Hijo Pródigo*, con estas palabras:

Aquí vuelvo a mi hogar, Alimentado, perdonado y reconocido de nuevo, reclamado por mis huesos de nuevo y animado por mi carne. El ternero cebado está preparado para mí.

“Alimentado, perdonado y reconocido de nuevo.” Estas palabras capturan el destino de cualquiera que renuncia a sus aventuras descarriadas y regresa a casa. Es nuestra historia de arrepentimiento: siempre bienvenidos por Dios.

En la Segunda Carta de San Pablo a los Corintios, leemos: «Dios estaba reconciliando al mundo consigo en Cristo, no tomándoles en cuenta sus pecados y encargándonos a nosotros el mensaje de la reconciliación».

Al continuar la Cuaresma hacia la Pascua, renovemos nuestra esperanza y alegría al saber que Dios no nos toma en cuenta nuestros pecados.

## Festividad de César Chávez

El lunes 31 de marzo, en conmemoración de la festividad en honor a César Chávez, la misa matutina será a las 9:00 a. m. y la oficina parroquial estará cerrada.

**Gracias** por sus donaciones para la colecta de *Catholic Relief Services* de este año.

**Mirando hacia al Triduo**, la Misa Vespertina de la Cena del Señor será a las 7:30 p.m. el **Jueves Santo**, 17 de abril. **El Viernes Santo**, celebraremos la Liturgia de la Pasión del Señor en inglés a las 12:00 p. m. y a las 5:00 p.m., en español a las 7:00 p.m. **El Sábado Santo**, la Vigilia Pascual comenzará con la Bendición del Fuego a las 8:30 p. m.

## Campaña Anual Diocesana : Actualización de la Semana #8



Gracias a todos los que ya participaron en la Campaña Diocesana Anual de este año, con 220 promesas y donaciones de \$149,522. Gracias también a quienes siguen considerando su apoyo a la Campaña. Cuanto más nos acerquemos a nuestra meta de \$200,000, la parroquia recibirá lo que supere nuestra meta diocesana de \$112,063. Estos fondos nos ayudarán a elaborar nuestro presupuesto para el próximo año fiscal.

## 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! Regístrate en [www.dsj.org/evangelization/yya/youth/dyr](http://www.dsj.org/evangelization/yya/youth/dyr)



# 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.*

## 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](mailto:irmaaguayo184@gmail.com)



# CUARTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA



## Volvernos

Dios, Padre nuestro, tu compasión no conoce fronteras. Escucha nuestro clamor y líbranos de la opresión. Hemos pecado contra ti y no merecemos tu piedad; nos hallamos extraviados, pero queremos retornar a ti. Concédenos fuerza para arrepentirnos, para volvernos a ti, y compartir el gozo duradero de tu misericordia y perdón. Por Cristo nuestro Señor. Amén.

## El Señor escucha



*Lecturas del día: Josué 5:9a, 10–12; Salmo 34:2–3, 4–5, 6–7; 2 Corintios 5:17–21; Lucas 15:1–3, 11–32 (33). En el evangelio de hoy se nos anima a considerar el amor*

incondicional del padre amoroso por sus dos hijos. El hijo menor le pide al padre su herencia y luego la desperdicia tontamente, hasta verse en extrema necesidad. Entonces regresa a casa y pide perdón, esperando que su padre lo acepte de jornalero. A pesar de la imprudencia y del egoísmo del hijo menor, el padre está “lleno de compasión”; el padre se regocija, lo viste con ropas finas y le prepara un banquete al hijo que ha retornado. Jesús nos está animando a regresar a Dios, quien tiene un amor y una misericordia infinitos para con nosotros a pesar de nuestra pecaminosidad. Cuando experimentamos la bondad y la misericordia ilimitada de Dios, nos regocijamos. Con el salmista canta mos: “Cuando el pobre gritó, el Señor escuchó, y de toda su angustia lo salvó”. Sin embargo, es importante reflexionar sobre los momentos que vivimos, sean del hijo menor o del hijo mayor. ¿Cuándo ha obrado de manera egoísta, tan inquieto por los deseos mundanos que ha descuidado la comunidad? ¿Ha actuado usted por celos, o comparado sus bendiciones y buenas obras con las de otros? Dedique tiempo a orar con la parábola de hoy, tratando de abordarla sin juzgar. ¿Qué puede hacer usted cuando se mira actuando como alguno de los dos hijos? ¿Cómo puede invocar al Señor y volver a Dios? ¿Puede hacerlo mejor?

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