March 31st, 2019 ~ Fourth Sunday Of Lent

~ Mass Schedule ~

WEEKDAYS - Rectory Chapel: Mon, Wed, Fri, & Sat 8:00 am ~ Tue & Thu 5:30 pm
SATURDAY: Reconciliation 4:15-4:45 pm ~ Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
SUNDAY: 7:45 am (English) ~ 9:00 am (English - Family) ~ 10:30 am (Portuguese) ~ 12:00 pm (Spanish) ~ 1:30 pm (Cantonese) ~ 3:00 pm (Mandarin) ~ 5:30 pm (English)
Dear Parishioners,

Today’s readings remind us that we have a loving God who supplies all our needs but also gives us free will. He knows our weaknesses and is always ready to receive us with forgiveness and mercy – when we turn to him with trust, repentance and humility.

The first reading in particular is a reminder that God provides for us. For years while the Israelites were in the desert, God had provided manna, which miraculously showed up in the desert so the people could keep up their strength during their journey in the desert. But once they arrived in the land that had been promised to them and had access to the fruits of the land, God ceased the necessity of providing the extraordinary gift of manna and allowed the people of Israel to be nurtured through their free cooperation with nature and the natural order of crops.

Similarly, Jesus shows us how God – through the character of the father in the parable of the prodigal son – takes care of us without forcing himself on us or preventing our turning away from him. The father honors the unreasonable request of his younger son (who by Jewish law has no claim on any inheritance) and divides his estate between the two sons. He doesn’t prevent the younger son from leaving home to live a life of sin in a foreign country but gives him the freedom to make mistakes. He doesn’t chase after his son or send out detectives to find him and bring him back – but lets the son use his free will to embark on the path he has chosen. Once the son realizes his mistake and comes back home, however, the father meets him more than halfway and welcomes him whole-heartedly, without judgment or reproach.

God works the same way with us. He provides for us, but he does not force us into a relationship with him. By his grace we are invited; by our will and his grace do we respond. During Lent, we are invited in a special way to turn back to God in whatever way may be necessary – to take the first step of reconciliation with God or with others. God waits for us patiently in the sacrament of reconciliation and is ready to absolve us and make us “new creations” as we confess our sins and ask for God’s forgiveness and strength. Let us pray and encourage one another to live out God’s call to us in Lent: to provide manna for one another and to turn back to God with all our hearts, minds and souls.

Fr. Tad
Queridos feligreses,

Las lecturas de hoy nos recuerdan que tenemos un Dios amoroso que satisface todas nuestras necesidades, pero también nos da libre albedrío. Él conoce nuestras debilidades y siempre está listo para recibirnos con perdón y misericordia, cuando nos dirigimos a él con confianza, arrepentimiento y humildad.

La primera lectura, en particular, es un recordatorio de que Dios nos provee. Durante años, mientras los israelitas estaban en el desierto, Dios proveyó el maná, que apareció milagrosamente en el desierto para que la gente pudiera mantenerse fuerte durante su viaje en el desierto. Pero una vez que llegaron a la tierra que les había sido prometida y tuvieron acceso a los frutos de la tierra, Dios dejó de proporcionar el extraordinario don del maná y permitió que el pueblo de Israel fuera alimentado a través de su libre participación con la naturaleza y el orden natural de los cultivos.

De manera similar, Jesús nos muestra cómo Dios, a través del carácter del padre en la parábola del hijo pródigo, nos cuida sin forzarnos a aceptarlo o impidiendo que nos alejemos de él. El padre honra la solicitud irrazonable de su hijo menor (que según la ley judía no puede reclamar ninguna herencia) y divide su patrimonio entre los dos hijos. No impide que el hijo menor se vaya de casa para vivir una vida de pecado en un país extranjero, sino que le da la libertad de cometer errores. No persigue a su hijo ni envía detectives para buscarlo y traerlo de vuelta, y permite que él utilice su libre albedrío para emprender el camino que ha elegido. Sin embargo, una vez que el hijo se da cuenta de su error y vuelve a casa, el padre se encuentra con él más de la mitad del camino y lo recibe de todo corazón, sin juicios ni reproches.

Dios trabaja de la misma manera con nosotros. Él provee para nosotros, pero no nos obliga a tener una relación con él. Por su gracia somos invitados; por nuestra voluntad y su gracia respondemos. Durante la Cuaresma, estamos invitados de una manera especial a regresar a Dios de la manera que sea necesaria para dar el primer paso para la reconciliación con Dios o con los demás. Dios nos espera pacientemente en el sacramento de la reconciliación y está listo para absolvernos y hacernos "una nueva creación" a medida que confesamos nuestros pecados y pedimos el perdón y la fuerza de Dios. Oremos y alentémonos unos a otros para vivir el llamado de Dios en la Cuaresma: proporcionándonos maná los unos a los otros y volviendo a Dios con todo nuestro corazón, mente y alma.

Padre Tadeo
Sunday Children’s Program
“Finding God”
Continuous Faith Formation Program

“Faith Formation is more than a subject to be taught, it is an invitation to a way of life” Joe Paprocki.

Do You Know That...
In order to find out when Lent begins, we have to find out what date Easter falls on each year. Easter is a moveable feast and its date is determined by finding out when the first full moon of spring takes place. Once you know the date of Easter, you can determine when Lent begins by counting backwards 40 days beginning with Holy Saturday (and skipping the Sundays of Lent since Sundays are not days of penance). You will land on a Wednesday. (Adapted from Loyola Press Joe Paprocki’s PP “Lenten”)

Important Dates for First Communion
Interview with the Priest: April 1-4. According to the date and time you have selected. In the Rectory (Parish Office)

CRS Rice Bowl
Encounter Lent From the desert to the Resurrection

PRAY to encounter Christ in your life and in every member of our human family.

FAST to encounter the obstacles that keep you from serving God and your neighbor.

GIVE to encounter God’s love, and share it with our brothers and sisters in need.

This week we pray for Kumba in Sierra Leone.
Support them by giving today 4 dollars to your Rice Bowl.

Please keep in your prayers our children and youth as they prepare to receive the Sacraments First Communion and Confirmation.

Saint Clare of Assisi pray for us!

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The season of Lent glorifies the journey of Lord Jesus Christ... beyond life, death and infinity!

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

St. Clare School News
31 March 2019

VIP Day is April 4, 2019
St. Clare School is celebrating April 4 to honor our wise and faithful VIPs (grandparents, aunts, uncles and special friends) beginning with a mass at 9 A.M. and a reception in the hall with entertainment from students in TK & K. The Most Rev. Patrick J. McGrath, Bishop of San Jose will be in attendance.

After the reception, they will enjoy some fun and engaging activities with the students. We have a world of experience to learn from our living guardian angels. We are looking forward to hosting them. We do have students whose VIPs are not able to attend because of physical limitations (travel, health, distance). If you’d like to learn more about how you can be someone’s VIP, please call the school office at 408-246-6797.

eWASTE FUNDRAISER | April 13
Bring your eWaste to the Middle School/Parish Parking Lot on Saturday, April 13 for our eWaste fundraiser. Flyers will be posted in the vestibule or inquire at 408-246-6797.

SOCK HOP ENJOYED BY TK-6TH GRADERS
On Friday, March 29, our parents organized a “Grease” themed sock hop for our TK-6th grade students. The joyful celebration and community builder has become a treasured tradition at St. Clare School. Fun was had by all! We thank our PTG and Sock Hop Team for this wholesome family event.

EXPERIENCE THE ST. CLARE ADVANTAGE
St. Clare School is currently accepting applications for admission in TK-8 grades for the 2019-20 school year. We offer an engaging academic program as well as a robust selection of co-curricular and enrichment activities for our students and before and after-school care.

Follow us on Facebook @stclareschoolsantaclara to learn more about how we joyfully embrace our mission!

Come and tour our school and have your student shadow for the day. (Inquire about Tuition Assistance.) Experience our welcoming community and see why our families chose St. Clare School!

ATTENTION ST. CLARE SCHOOL AL_MNI: The only thing missing is U!
At many encounters, I run across people who introduce themselves with, “I graduated from St. Clare!” We would love to connect you back to your alma mater. Please call us at 408-246-6797 or email us at office@stclareschool.org if you’d like to receive updates on what’s going on at St. Clare School and keep you on our list for future alumni celebrations. We’d love to hear from you!

Mrs. Cecile Mantecón, Principal
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Educating hearts and minds since 1856
If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. - Romans 10:9

RCIA NEWS
The first stage of the RCIA journey, the Pre catechumenate or Inquiry Period, is now complete with The Rite of Welcome which was celebrated on November 18th at the 9:00 am Mass. The Inquirers have obtained sponsors from within the St. Clare Parish Community to help mentor them along the way. Please pray for Brandon Gonzaga, Tom McKeon, Kim Medina, and Gail Thomas, as they continue on their journey towards receiving their Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.
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K N I G H T S  C O R N E R
A priest, a rabbi and a minister were talking about when life actually begins. The priest said, "The second the egg is fertilized." The minister said, "When the baby is formed and begins to move." The rabbi said, "Life begins when the kids leave the house and the dog dies." As a Knight, I say, "life actually begins when you sign the application to join the Knights."
Contact: Tony Colombo
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Catholic social teaching inspires and guides how we are to live and work in the world. In this principle, Rights and Responsibilities, we remember that every person has basic rights that make life truly human. Corresponding to our rights, we all have duties and responsibilities to one another, our families and the larger society.

In this Fourth Week of Lent, we encounter Kumba in Sierra Leone. When her grandmother was growing up no one thought girls should receive an education. Now, things have changed, and Kumba, through her education, is providing hope for her family and community.

How has education given you opportunities in life?
How do you use your education for the common good?
Visit crsricebowl.org or download the App for more.
Thank you for using the CRS Rice Bowl as part of your Lenten preparation!

"Peace and Justice Corner"
March 30-31
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Join Us! St. Clare’s Peace and Justice Committee meets the first Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is Tuesday, April 2nd at 7pm in the Rectory. Questions or want more information? E-mail Anne at mcmahonam@sbcglobal.net

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~ Mons. Oscar Romero

Calendar of Events
4/1 Hispanic Rosary Prayer Group, 6:00pm, Rectory Chapel
Spanish Baptism Class, 7:00pm, Rectory Dining Room
4/2 RCIA, 7:00pm, Rectory Conference Room
4/3 Bible Study, 9:00am, Rectory Conference Room
Hispanic Charismatic Prayer Group, 7:00pm, Lower Church
Portuguese Bible Study, 7:00pm, Rectory Dining Room
4/4 Hispanic Sharing the Faith Group, 6:30pm, Rectory Conference Room
Bible Study, 7:00pm, Rectory Dining Room
4/5 Parents in Prayer Group, 9:30am, North Hall
Stations of the Cross, 6:30pm, Upper Church

Scripture Wise
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Lent
A Yearly Reminder of the Daily Call to Come Home

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Boletín Parroquial Español

Llamado Anual Diocesano
Vamos avanzando rápidamente hacia nuestra meta parroquial y agradecemos a las familias que ya respondieron a este llamado por gracias a ellas ya alcanzamos la meta diocesana. Si su familia aún no lo ha hecho los invitamos a que lo hagan hoy. Toda cantidad es de gran ayuda. Recuerden que ahora lo que se aporte es para nuestra parroquia y puede utilizarse para remplazar el techo de la iglesia Gracias por su apoyo.

Actividades Durante la Cuaresma
Servicio de Reconciliación Parroquial: miércoles 10 de abril, 6:00pm, en la iglesia. Varios sacerdotes estarán presentes para que todos tengamos la oportunidad de celebrar el sacramento de sanación.

Domingo de Ramos: Misa en horario normal. Ese día solo se saldrá del templo por las puertas que dan directamente a la calle y se entrará en la procesión por la otra puerta.

Vía Crucis: Es trilingüe, es decir en español, portugués e inglés. Los esperamos todos los viernes, a las 6:30pm, en la iglesia.

Suplementos Cuaresmales: son un gran recurso para vivir la Cuaresma con reflexiones y otras actividades.

En esta cuarta semana de Cuaresma, nos encontramos con Kumba en Sierra Leona. Cuando su abuela era joven, nadie pensaba que las niñas debían recibir educación. Ahora, las cosas han cambiado, y Kumba está asistiendo a la escuela, y con ello trae esperanza a su familia y comunidad.

¿Cómo le ha dado la educación oportunidades en su vida?
¿Cómo usa su educación para el bien común?

Visite www.crsricebowl.org/es/ para más información.

Fechas importantes de la Primera Comunión.
- Entrevista con el sacerdote quienes reciben la 1ª. Comunión este año: 1-4 de abril, en la Rectoría, en el día y hora que seleccionaron.

El Grupo de Oración Carismática
Sigue invitándonos a que todos compartamos todos los miércoles, en la iglesia de abajo, a las 7:00pm. ¡Vengamos y alabemos al Señor!

Perdido
Es difícil admitir lo fácil que es perdernos. Perdemos nuestro camino por las prisas de hacer el trabajo, las reuniones y las actividades y nos salimos del hábito de la oración diaria, la Misa dominical y el servicio. Quedamos atrapados en seguir la riqueza material, el poder, la posición social y el éxito mundano. Podemos ser despectivos con personas cuyas perspectivas son diferentes a las nuestras. Nos volvemos egoístas y egocéntricos. Estamos ciegos a las necesidades de los demás, preocupados solamente por nosotros, nuestras familias y nuestros pequeños círculos sociales. Nos desviamos del tema y a veces ni nos damos cuenta que estamos perdidos. Como el hijo joven de la parábola, algo ha pasado que nos vuelve a nuestros sentidos. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co

Boletín Paroquial Portugués

31 de Março de 2019, Domingo IV da Quaresma -C
Reflexão por: João Pereira Arruda

A meio da nossa caminhada para celebrar a Páscoa usemos esse resto de caminhar para não ficar-nos no passado. Concentremo-nos a chegar ao objectivo de celebrar a liberdade que Deus nos dá de escolhermos o bem sobre o mal. Por vezes nos confundimos nas ofertas que o mundo nos dá, ou perdemos-nos com as falsas promessas dos políticos e governantes que nos fazem perder e desviar da verdadeira Palavra de Deus que escutamos cada vez que vamos a missa. Na Missa concentremo-nos a escutar a Palavra de Deus mas Esta depois da Missa é para ser actualizada no modo que a vivemos. É pela vida que vivemos que na verdade somos a luz do mundo, testemunhas de Jesus Cristo, a alternativa de Deus vivida na terra adentro do Seu plano de amor para a humanidade. Neste Domingo em particular aparece a sugestão da conversão. “Convertei-vos e acreditei no Evangelho;” assim começamos esta jornada quaresmal, é com esta sugestão que devemos meditar e analizar o nosso interior, o nosso coração, todo o nosso ser se de facto nos queremos converter. Conversão=mudança; não é uma ideia abstracta mas uma certeza de que pela fã e vontade queremos estar e ser de Deus. Só podemos ser de Deus e ter Deus connosco quando O revelamos ao mundo pelas nossas atitudes e ações no meio dos irmãos que nos rodeiam e são parte das nossas vidas. Jesus com a parábola do filho pródigo nos diz que na vida não há becos sem saída, mas qualquer vida desastrada pode terminar na Casa do Pai, com beijos e abraços. Reparemos que nesta parábola Jesus nos lembra de que a figura do Pai (Deus) não se importa com a sua honra ofendida, mas ocupa-se a reabilitara dignidade do filho que chegou a casa como um pobre miserável esfarrapado. Mais ainda: o Pai da parábola não demonstra em qualquer parte dessa história ira ou desejos de vingança tal como o demonstra o filho mais velho., apenas se empenha em fazer festa aquele que se converte. Assim também nós necessitamos converter-nos para celebrar a Festa da Páscoa da Ressurreição.

Notícias

Programa Quaresmal de Saint Clare’s! Está em curso um programa para a Quaresma de 2019 na nossa paróquia: Todas as Sextas-Feiras haverá a devoção da Via-Sacra, às 6:30 da tarde, No vestíbulo encontram-se os cartões para o programa tígela de arroz. Como é sabido destina-se a recolha dessas ofertas em favor dos mais pobres. No fim da Quaresma a recolha dessas ofertas podem ser entregues no escritório da reitoria. Teremos um Serviço Penitencial na quarta-feira dia 10 de Abril próximo que depois será revelada na secção inglesa do boletim. Do programa da Comunidade Portuguesa além do retiro Quaresmal que terá lugar na Capela da reitoria a partir da 9 horas de manhã do próximo Sábado dia 9; haverá uma Romaria Quaresmal no Sábado de Ramos dia 13 de Abril próximo. Esta como nos anos anteriores será coordenada pela Irmandade Familiar do Espírito Santo de Santa Clara. Esta tem por objectivo visitar eorar nas igrejas de Santa Clara. Para mais informações contactem com a Lurdes Ferreira ou João Arruda. Como parte do Tríduo Pascal O coordenador da liturgia em português informará aos leigos portugueses para servirem nos serviços ministeriais que forem alocados á nossa comunidade para esse tríduo. A mesma regra se aplica em relação á Sexta-Feira Santa com a Via-Sacra nocturna e a preparação para a narração do Evangelho da Paixão de Jesus Cristo no Domingo de Ramos,

Pequeno Almoço: O CPP Está a promover hoje um pequeno almoço após as três primeiras missas deste Domingo. Serve esta promoção como meio de angariamento de fundos para que servirão para custear as actividades da nossa comunidade nesta paróquia e para a ajuda da administração da nossa paróquia. Vamos pois todos após a nossa missa apoiar o nosso Conselho que tudo faz para representar bem a nossa comunidade.

Um Santo e Alegre Domingo para todos!!
Baptism
Contact the Parish office to arrange for Baptismal preparation, and to sign up for Baptismal Class.

Spanish Prep Class: 1st Monday at 7:00 pm; Baptism: 3rd Saturday at 10:00 am
English Prep Class: 2nd Monday at 7:00 pm; Baptism: 4th Saturday at 10:00 am

Baptism & Registration

“Hand In Hand In Ministry” is the theme for our 2019 Annual Diocesan Appeal. This reminds us that, as Catholics, each of us has received the invitation to join as members of one community of faith for the works of justice, mercy, outreach and formation in our Parishes, our Diocese and the global Church.

Your ADA gift enables us in our Evangelization work and outreach, particularly in the areas of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Catechesis and Faith Formation, the Hispanic Apostolate, Social Justice Ministry, the Institute for Leadership in Ministry, the Formation and Training of Seminarians and Deacon Candidates, who are our future priests and deacons, and the Ongoing Formation of those already ordained. Only your gift, combined with the gifts of others throughout our Diocese, can make all of this possible.

Please consider a gift to the ADA to help support the day-to-day services that our parishes rely on for support. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

CONTACT INFORMATION:
https://www.dsj.org/ways-to-give/annual-diocesan-appeal/
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March 16-17
Sat 5:00PM: $707.53
Sun 7:45AM: $1,034.00
Sun 9:00AM: $1,321.87
Sun 10:30AM: $911.00
Sun 12:00PM: $899.14
Sun 5:30PM: $949.25
Total: $5,822.79

March 23-24
Sat 5:00PM: $1,004.00
Sun 7:45AM: $730.00
Sun 9:00AM: $1,199.58
Sun 10:30AM: $951.00
Sun 12:00PM: $913.40
Sun 5:30PM: $508.10
Total: $5,306.08

Upcoming Second Offerings:
4/19 Holy Land
4/21 Easter Offering

Please become a good steward of St. Clare Parish.

We encourage you to sign up to give online.

If you’ve never donated online before, signing up is easy!
- Visit https://stclareparish.chuchgiving.com and click Make a Donation on the collection you wish to donate to.
- Click Recurring Donation, then enter your donation amount and frequency.

Once you’ve added your account information, donations will automatically deduct from your account. It’s that easy!

Questions? Please contact the Parish Office.

Stand And Be Counted

Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and a commitment in all its dimensions brings you advantages, recognition, and responsibilities of many kinds. Being a registered parishioner makes things much easier when it is time for infant Baptism, weddings, when asked to be a Baptismal or Confirmation Sponsor and even funerals.

We are often asked to provide affidavits for Baptismal and Confirmation Sponsors. We can only do this if a person is a registered, active and contributing member.

So, are you a registered parishioner?
If not please consider registering. Registration forms are available in the Church entrances and in the Parish Office.