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**Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

July 23, 2023

**Decimosexto Domingo
del Tiempo Ordinario**



16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.” - Mt 13:43a

16° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

“Entonces los justos brillarán como el sol en el Reino de su Padre”. - Mt 13, 43

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PARISH COMMUNITY

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.

From Monsignor Fran Cilia

In the parables of this Sunday's gospel reading from the thirteenth chapter of Saint Matthew (*Weeds among the Wheat, Mustard Seed, and Yeast and Dough*), Jesus teaches about the coming Reign of God and about God's patience with what it takes to bring about that Reign.

The Kingdom of Heaven will not be imposed on humanity from above. Rather, its coming is a slow and gradual process, the work in which we are engaged, according to the gifts given to each of us. And God remains patient with our efforts.

Some people have declared that God's Reign is here on earth. I do not think so! While the seeds of the Reign of God have been planted here, there is still much to be done to foster the values of justice, love, peace and life, but it must begin in our lives, in the ways we treat one another, the ways we vote, the ways we allow our beliefs to influence the direction of the common life we share as members of society.

Party for Father Eddie Ngo, S.J. – Next Saturday!!

All are invited to the reception following next Saturday's 5:00 pm Mass to celebrate the Ordination to Priesthood of our friend, Father Eddie Ngo, S.J. Even if you prefer to go to another Mass, this invitation is extended to the entire parish. If you are able to attend, please go to our parish website (www.stclareparish.org) or email Msgr. Fran (cilia@dsj.org) the number who will be with us for the reception, which should begin around 6:00 pm.

Fifth Sunday Collection for Saint Vincent de Paul

Our second collection next weekend will benefit the work of our local Saint Vincent de Paul conference. You are always so generous toward this collection and we thank you, in advance, for supporting this ministry that is vital to our parish. As a reminder, barrels are in the vestibule of the church and at the Parish Office to receive any non-perishable groceries that you would like to donate to those who are dependent upon them.



World Youth Day Pilgrims



During this week, our pilgrim parishioners (and Ryan Bao and Msgr. Fran) will be making their final preparations to attend next week's World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal. The young pilgrims thank you for your generosity that has made it possible for some of them to be part of our parish delegation. Whether through direct donations, support of our weekly doughnuts or "Movies under the Stars," your support of this major undertaking is most appreciated. If all goes as planned, they will celebrate Mass with Pope Francis on Sunday, August 6. Please keep our pilgrims in your prayers that their time in Lisbon and Fatima will bring them closer to the Lord and one another.

Parish Email List

Monsignor Fran sends out an email update to the parish every Friday. If you are not currently on the list of recipients and would like to be, please let him know at cilia@dsj.org. This is a great way to keep updated on parish events and to get to know your pastor a little more.

Youth Ministry

Thank you for your generosity in our fundraiser to WYD. We are at \$10,000 halfway to our goal of \$20,000. There is still time to help us reach our goal by using the following QR code or seeing us on Sundays for doughnuts. Please continue to pray for us as we prepare to leave on July 31st to Lisbon, Portugal.



Saint Clare School

Summer Camp from June 12-July 28

We have welcomed Summer Campers who are housed in the Middle School Building, lot, tent, and Rectory Garden from June 12-July 28 while we ready the Elementary School Building for our HVAC upgrade! It's an exciting time for us and we appreciate your patience. Thank you for sharing the parish spaces with our school and summer campers. We are grateful for your care when driving in the parking lot as there will be delineators to keep our campers safe. Camp operates from 7:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. Monday to Friday.

Now Enrolling TK-8th Grade for 2023-2024

Saint Clare School prepares students to become ethical and moral servant leaders. Visit <https://www.stclare.school/admissions-2> to learn more. Support our robust tuition assistance program by making a donation: <https://www.stclare.school/supportus> Call Cherell Rizzo, Recruitment, Retention, and Marketing Manager: 408-246-6797 or email cherell.rizzo@dsj.org | ENROLLING TK-8TH GRADE: Schedule a tour: <https://www.stclare.school/schedule-a-tour>

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Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday Evening Vigil

(Livestreamed)

5:00 p.m. (English)

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
12:00pm (Español)

Weekday Masses

Monday-Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Holidays - 9:00 am

Confessions

Saturdays 3:00 p.m.– 3:30 p.m.

(In the church)

Office Hours

9am - 5pm

Monday - Friday

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Follow the prompt,
then press 9

Creation Care Tips

Continue participating in the Plastic Free July movement by introducing the movement at your workplace, school, or in your wider network of family and friends. See <https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/get-involved/what-you-can-do/category/at-work/> for ideas on how to widen the participation.

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Weekly Justice Challenge

On July 26 we celebrate the feast day of Joachim and Anne, the parents of Mary. Anne is the patron saint of grandmothers, since she herself was Jesus' grandma. While many cultures around the world honor the elderly and give them the highest respect, in our own country we have witnessed the neglect and sometimes even the abuse of our elders. Your challenge this week is to be an advocate for the "wisdom people" in your life. How can you show respect for the older people in your own family, or on your block, or in a nursing home in your community? How can you support the needs of the elderly through legislation? Can you offer a smile, a greeting, and perhaps even a visit with an elder who is lonely and gets few visitors?

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Observances for the week of July 23, 2023

Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest

Tuesday: St. James, Apostle

Wednesday: Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Next Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions
July 22– July 29, 2023

Saturday	5:00 pm	Romeo Valbuena †
Sunday	7:30 am	Saint Clare Parishioners
	9:00 am	Ernesto Gonsalves † Manuel & Cristina Jeronimo † Dora de Oliveira † Maria Mello † Antonio Gaspar † Jose Manuel Correia † Vidalia Gaspar Rocha †
	10:30 am	Mary Mello †
	12:00 pm	Alicia Suárez - Health Ida Lopez - Health Maria Eugenia Romero Valera †
Monday	8:00 am	Marie Dunn
Tuesday	8:00 am	Father Warren †
Wednesday	8:00 am	San Jose Diocesan Priest
Thursday	8:00 am	The Peters Family
Friday	8:00 am	The Brady Family
Saturday	8:00 am	Francisco Alolong & Ernesto Balay †



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Daily Readings

Monday:

Exodus 14:5-18
 Exodus 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6
 Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday:

2 Corinthians 4:7-15
 Psalms 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6
 Matthew 20:20-28

Wednesday:

Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15
 Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28
 Matthew 13:1-9

Thursday:

Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b
 Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56
 Matthew 13:10-17

Friday:

Exodus 20:1-17
 Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 11
 Matthew 13:18-23

Saturday:

Exodus 24:3-8
 Psalms 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15
 John 11:19-27
 or Luke 10:38-42

Sunday:

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
 Psalms 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128,
 129-130 (97a)
 Romans 8:28-30
 Matthew 13:44-52



“He replied, ‘No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, “First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.” ’” — Mt 13:29-30

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Boletim Paroquial Português
23 de Julho de 2023; Domingo XVI do Tempo Comum
Reflexão por João Pereira Arruda

As leituras deste Domingo deixam-nos uma imagem clara da misericórdia de Deus. Jesus Cristo vem até nós com mensagens claras sobre o Reino de Deus. Jesus mostra-nos o cuidado que Deus tem por nós, clarificando-nos numa linguagem parabólica neste Tempo Comum da Liturgia o Reino de Deus, No passado Domingo tivemos para perceber a parábola do semeador, a semente e as qualidades de terreno que a semente cai. Esta levou-nos a perceber que temos que preparar os nossos corações de modo que possamos produzir fruto em abundância e de boa qualidade. Hoje temos o semeador lançando a boa semente e esta que caindo em bom terreno o malino veio quando o semeador estava a dormir e semeou o joio. O resultado foi quando nasceu o trigo depois, também o joio veio. Quando questionado sobre a qualidade da semente e da solução de arrancar de imediato o joio entre o trigo, o dono disse para que os dois cresçam lado a lado e no tempo da Ceifa estes serão separados: o trigo para os ceifeiros e o joio para o fogo para ser queimado. , Fácilmte esta descrição leva-nos a pensar no fim do mundo, mas perante os destinos distintos do trigo e do joio; leva-nos hoje a considerar-mos a conversão e mudança de vida. Nos nossos dias os bons e os maus crescem juntos; não será que no fim das vidas terão destinos diferentes? A escolha está ao nosso alcance e temos a opção da escolha. Enquanto Jesus usava no tempo os termos comuns do : terreno, o semeador, a semente, o dono, o maligno, a ceifa; nos nossos dias usava os políticos, os meios de comunicação, os telemóveis. E outros meios dos nossos dias para clarificar-nos sobre o Reino de Deus e o meio possível da nossa salvação.

Também leva-nos a crer que o bem e o mal coexistem desde o princípio da humanidade. Civilizações procuraram usar meios de coexistência e o mesmo fazemos hoje, nos nossos dias. Continuamos a estar expostos a: guerras, violência, terrorismo, crime, corrupção, pobreza extrema. Para nós cristãos temos a Igreja que nos traz o Jesus Cristo vivo na Sagrada comunhão que ao alimentarmos-nos n'Ele temos as forças necessárias para que vivendo com os maus não pactuemos nos seus interesses, não caiamos nos seus vícios. Sejamos forças vivas da mensagem de Deus pelo modo de vida que levamos neste mundo

Até breve!

Queridos amigos,

Terminado este longo período de quase nove meses, regresso a Lisboa com um coração cheio de gratidão. Este tempo foi um período de grande gestação: descansei, dediquei mais tempo à oração, à leitura, à escrita, à reflexão e ao serviço a cada um de vós. Nunca é demais dizer a muitos de vós: obrigado pela vossa amizade no Senhor. Obrigado pelo vosso carinho, apoio, proximidade e sentir que cuidais de mim. Obrigado por abraçarem a missão ou missões que a Igreja me confia. Obrigado também ao vosso Pastor, Monsenhor Cília, pelo seu caloroso acolhimento. Grande mestre! Obrigado ao Padre Victor e a todos vós pela vossa amizade. Cuidem uns dos outros como sempre fazem e fazem muito bem. Façam sempre comunidade em comunhão com a Igreja, especialmente na missa dominical, amando a Igreja como ela é.

No próximo mês de Outubro, inicio as minhas novas missões. Peço-vos que rezeis por mim para que seja o Senhor a liderar todos os projetos e eu seja dócil à sua vontade. Que tudo seja com Ele e por Ele para bem do seu Povo. Em tudo o que eu puder, sabem que estou ao vosso dispor. Abraço agradecido e até breve.

Padre Francisco Rodrigues, S.J.

De Monseñor Fran Cilia

En las parábolas de la lectura del evangelio de este domingo del capítulo trece de San Mateo (La mala hierba entre el trigo, la semilla de mostaza, la levadura y la masa), Jesús enseña sobre la venida del Reino de Dios y sobre la paciencia de Dios con lo que se necesita para lograrlo. Reinado.

El Reino de los Cielos no será impuesto a la humanidad desde arriba. Más bien, su venida es un proceso lento y gradual, el trabajo en el que estamos comprometidos, de acuerdo con los dones que se nos han dado a cada uno de nosotros. Y Dios permanece paciente con nuestros esfuerzos.

Algunas personas han declarado que el Reino de Dios está aquí en la tierra. ¡No lo creo! Si bien aquí se han plantado las semillas del Reino de Dios, aún queda mucho por hacer para fomentar los valores de justicia, amor, paz y vida, pero debe comenzar en nuestras vidas, en la forma en que nos tratamos unos a otros, en las formas en que votamos, las formas en que permitimos que nuestras creencias para influir en la dirección de la vida común que compartimos como miembros de la sociedad.

Fiesta para el Padre Eddie Ngo, S.J. - ¡¡El próximo sábado!!

Todos están invitados a la recepción después de la misa de las 5:00 p. m. del próximo sábado para celebrar la ordenación sacerdotal de nuestro amigo, el padre Eddie Ngo, S.J. Aunque prefieras ir a otra misa, esta invitación se hace extensiva a toda la parroquia. Si puede asistir, visite el sitio web de nuestra parroquia (www.stclareparish.org) o envíe un correo electrónico a Msgr. Fran (cilia@dsj.org) el número que estará con nosotros para la recepción, que debe comenzar alrededor de las 6:00 pm.

Colecta del Quinto Domingo será por San Vicente de Paúl

Nuestra segunda colecta el próximo fin de semana beneficiará el trabajo de nuestra conferencia local de San Vicente de Paúl. Siempre es tan generoso con esta colecta y le agradecemos de antemano por apoyar este ministerio que es vital para nuestra parroquia. Como recordatorio, los barriles están en el vestíbulo de la iglesia y en la Oficina Parroquial para recibir alimentos no perecederos que le gustaría donar a quienes dependen de ellos.



Peregrinos de la Jornada Mundial de la Juventud



Durante esta semana, nuestros feligreses peregrinos (y Ryan Bao y Monseñor Fran) estarán haciendo sus preparativos finales para asistir a la Jornada Mundial de la Juventud de la próxima semana en Lisboa, Portugal. Los jóvenes peregrinos os agradecemos vuestra generosidad que ha hecho posible que algunos de ellos formen parte de nuestra delegación parroquial. Ya sea a través de donaciones directas, el apoyo de nuestras donas semanales o "Películas bajo las estrellas", apreciamos mucho su apoyo a esta importante empresa. Si todo sale según lo planeado, celebrarán Misa con el Papa Francisco el domingo 6 de agosto. Mantenga a nuestros peregrinos en sus oraciones para que su tiempo en Lisboa y Fátima los acerque más al Señor y entre ellos.

Lista de Correo Electrónico Parroquial

Monseñor Fran envía una actualización por correo electrónico a la parroquia todos los viernes. Si actualmente no está en la lista de destinatarios y le gustaría estarlo, infórmele a cilia@dsj.org. Esta es una excelente manera de mantenerse actualizado sobre los eventos de la parroquia y de conocer un poco más a su párroco.



2023 Annual Conference

Orlando, Florida
October 1-4

INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP

July 2023 • e-Bulletin

A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER for July

Dear Lord,

Thank You for teaching me
to be generous
as You have been generous with me.

Thank You for showing me that all
I am and have are gifts from You and
that these gifts from you, Lord,
are meant to be shared.

Show me the joys of generosity.

Help me to understand that others,
perhaps unknown to me,
depend on me for help.

Remind me that my world,
my parish, needs "Good Samaritans"
to heal the wounds of our times.

Make me a gift to others in Your name.

Amen.

Contributed by Jerry and Lois Locey



Called to be Good Stewards of the Eucharist: *The 61st Annual ICSC Conference*

"Eucharistic Stewardship" is a prominent theme in the fifth chapter of the United States Catholic bishops' pastoral letter *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*. The bishops teach us that Catholics are called to make the Eucharist a priority in their communal life of prayer, worship and action. The bishops maintain that to be a follower of Jesus Christ

The spiritual energy generated at the annual ICSC conference is always inspiring!

one must be a good steward of the Eucharist each and every day. Today, more than a quarter-century after the stewardship pastoral was written, the International Catholic Stewardship Council honors the bishops' teaching on Eucharistic stewardship at its 61st annual conference to be held from October 1-4, 2023 in Orlando, Florida.

This year, ICSC adopts as its conference image the classical painting, *Feeding of the Five Thousand* by Hendrick de Clerck, 1590, depicting the Gospel story of Jesus feeding his multitude of followers

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with five barley loaves and two fish. This is a prominent Eucharistic theme in the New Testament. We are assured that, in bringing our own gifts to the table of the Lord, no matter the size, Jesus transforms them and creates new and wondrous gifts in ways that we cannot imagine. ICSC's 61st annual conference will emphasize Eucharistic stewardship as way of life for Christian disciples as we look forward to the Bishops' Eucharistic Congress in 2024.

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Internationally recognized as the most valuable conference for those involved in Christian stewardship, the annual ICSC conference is a gathering of scores of Catholic stewards living and teaching Christian stewardship in the Catholic tradition. It offers over 80 program sessions to inform and inspire attendees through the sharing of innovative ideas, networking with peers, and providing best practices and proven strategies for inviting others in parishes and dioceses alike to become good stewards of their life in Christ.

Please note: Most of the session titles are new presentations, unless brought back by popular demand, as we strive to continually address the needs of ICSC members and the Catholic Church!

We invite you to join us in Orlando to celebrate with others and renew the call to Be Good Stewards of the Eucharist!

STEWARDSHIP SAINT *for July*



Saint Mary Magdalene, steward of Christ's ministry

Saint Mary Magdalene is one of the most revered saints in the history of the Church and her discipleship emphasizes the complementary roles of women, Saint Peter and the other disciples as witnesses to the Risen Christ.

From the New Testament, one can conclude that Mary came from Magdala, a village on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. She was a friend of Jesus of Nazareth and a leading figure among those who were his disciples.

She was one of the women who accompanied and financially supported Jesus and the twelve apostles which suggests that the women were respectable, well-to-do members of the community.

At the time Jesus was executed on Golgotha, when the men in his company had already run away and abandoned him, Mary Magdalene is specifically identified in the Gospels as one of the women who refused to leave him. She was present at the Crucifixion and burial.

All four Gospels explicitly name her as being present at the tomb and she was the first person to preach the "Good News" of that miracle.

What is by far the most important affirmation about Mary Magdalene, however, is that she is mentioned in all five of the Resurrection narratives of the Gospel tradition (Mark 16:1-8, Matthew 28:1-10, Luke 23:55 – 24:12, John 20:1-18, and Mark 16:9-20). In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and John, she is the primary witness to Christ's Resurrection. All four Gospels explicitly name her as being present at the tomb and she was the first person to preach the "Good News" of that miracle. From other texts of the early Christian era, Mary Magdalene's status as a disciple in the years after Jesus' death is as prominent as the twelve apostles.

For many centuries Mary Magdalene was the symbol of Christian devotion, especially that of repentance. However, Christian traditions that came after the New Testament era erroneously equated Mary Magdalene with both the sinful woman in Luke 7 who anointed Jesus and with Mary of Bethany in John 11 and Luke 10 who also anointed Jesus. The tradition that Mary Magdalene was a repentant prostitute has been dismissed by modern biblical scholarship as almost certainly untrue.

Saint Mary Magdalene has been celebrated throughout Christian history in art and literature. There are many famous depictions of her in art such as Rembrandt's *Christ and St. Mary Magdalene at the Tomb* and Titian's *Nolo Me Tangere* (Latin: "Do not touch me"). Her feast day is July 22.

July 23, 2023

Written by
THE
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DISCIPLE

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 12:13, 16-19 | Rom 8:26-27 | Mt 13:24-43

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

The parables were always my favorite Gospel readings when I was growing up. One we just heard, regarding the wheat and the weeds, was particularly comforting to me as a child. It was simple to understand, I thought: Those of us in God's Church were obviously the wheat and, of course, destined for salvation. We just needed to endure living among "the weeds" while we are in this world. As an adult, however, I realize that Jesus' message is much more challenging - much more convicting regarding my own failures and sins: I could be a weed! And while I certainly don't like that thought, I also don't like considering that anyone would be thrown into the "fiery furnace." After all, we are supposed to love one another and desire that they become part of the body of Christ and have eternal life. The reality of this world, however, is that temptation and sin surround us. Fortunately, Jesus gives us himself as the Bread of Life in the Eucharist, and we have the gift of mercy in the sacrament of reconciliation. These sacraments, as well as prayer, give us the "nutrients" we need to ensure that we remain the wheat God has sown in his field, and that we can help others be that too.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

While the sacraments can fortify our faith, what about our neighbors, friends or family who are not Catholic or who have fallen away from the Church? This is where evangelization comes in - inviting someone to join you at Mass or suggesting a religious book they might enjoy reading. If you don't think such a simple act could make much difference in the life of another, take heart in the parables contained in the long form of today's Gospel. In those, Jesus reminds us that it doesn't take much to spread the Good News of the kingdom of heaven. The smallest of seeds can turn into the largest of plants and a small amount of yeast can leaven much flour. And if we have moments where we lack courage or feel in need of assistance, St. Paul reminds us that "the Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness." Never underestimate the power of the Advocate: he can help us pray, can intercede for us, and provide what we need to be good seed in the world.

PRAY Let us pray this week for the strength to live out our baptismal promise to reject evil, and to gain courage so as to be a witness to God, and to work toward building his kingdom on earth wherever and whenever we can.





Confessions
Every Saturday 3:00 p.m.– 3:30 p.m.
in the church

Confesiones
Todos los sábados de 3:00 p.m. a 3:30
p.m. en la iglesia



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Patience is rooted in Hope. Life, like the church, is often burdened with evil, smallness, and impurities. The Lord's parables give us a hope-filled perspective on all three.

Evil: in Jesus' parable about the good farmer whose enemy plants weeds at night, Jesus tells us that God is not the cause of evil but permits evil to exist with good out of his patient love. He will finally deal with it, but his love lets things stay messy for a time.

Smallness: It's funny that Jesus says his kingdom looks like ... wait for it ... a bush. What a letdown! Yet this little shrub still somehow has room for all the birds of the sky. The smallness of the Church, and even our own little lives, still provides plenty of room for all whom God sends.

Impurities: divisions and hypocrisies in the Church and our own hearts exasperate us. Recall that Jesus compares his kingdom to a lump of dough with impure leaven eating away at it and therefore making it expand. It's the secret of the Cross. Not how we'd prefer it. But finally, great news.

The field, the bush, the loaf: all three parables invite us to embrace a patience rooted in hope: one day the field will be weeded, the bush filled with birds, and the risen loaf leaven-free.

- Father John Muir

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Stewardship Report

**Sunday Collection:
July 15th & 16th**

**Goal: \$9,000.00
Actual: \$20,654.60**

**Saint Clare School :
2,679.00**

Thank You!!

Saint Clare Parish Catechists Needed!

Calling all potential Catechist and
Catechist Assistants.

Anyone interested in participating in our upcoming Catechetical year 2023-2024 for school grades 1-7. Saint Clare Religious Education Program is made possible by the volunteer catechists who share their faith with the children they teach.

For more information contact:
Sandra Quintanilla at 669-270-2702
or sandra.quintanilla@dsj.org

Parish Office Hours

9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Monday through Friday.

*The office closes
between 12:00 and 1:00 for
lunch.*





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Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God for you. If you are not registered, please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office.

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¡Bienvenido!

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.

Nombre(s): _____

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