

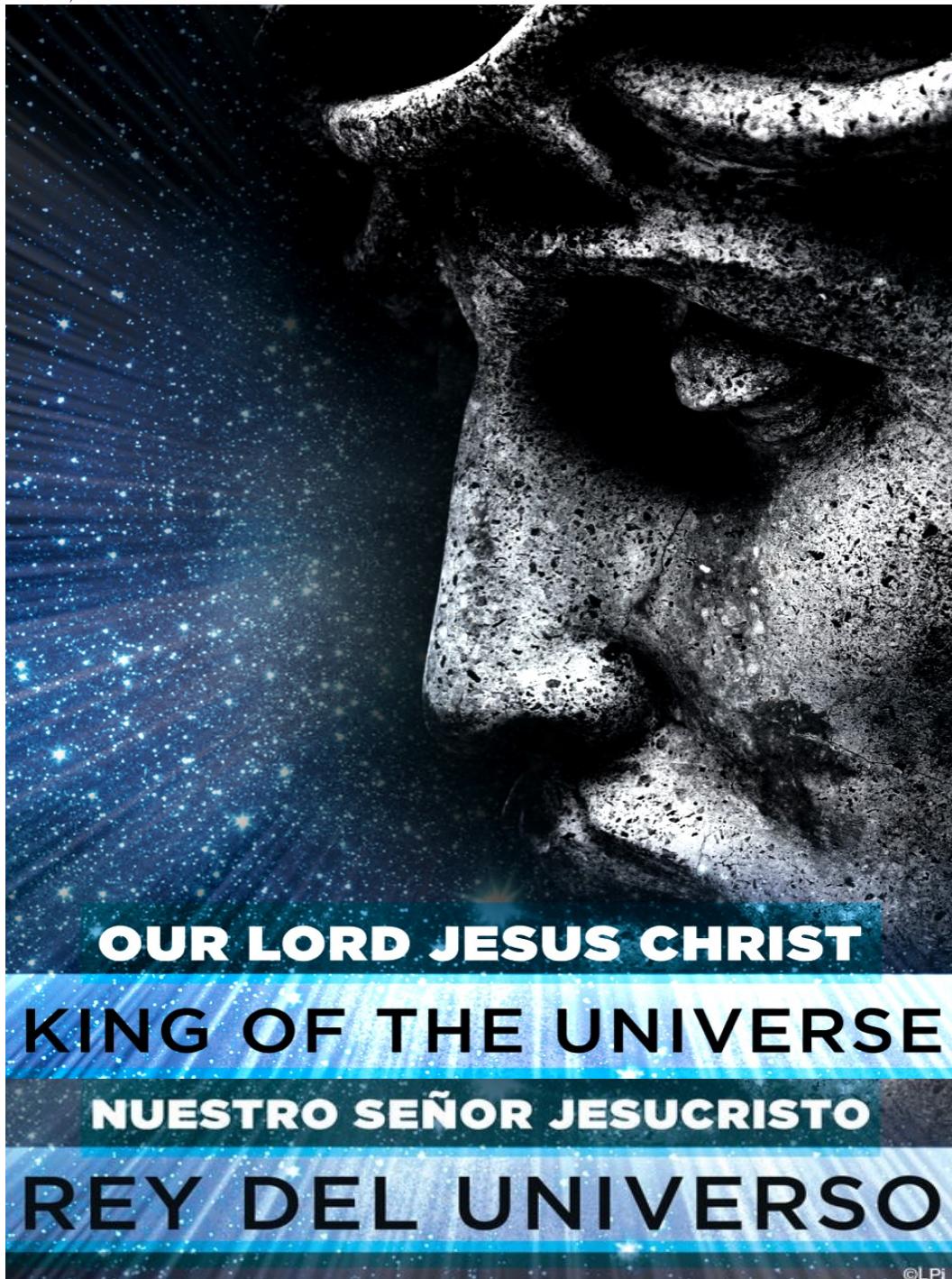


Santa Clara, California

# **Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

**November 26, 2023**

**Solemnidad de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo**



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## 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 Schedule

### *Weekend Masses*

**Saturday Evening Vigil**  
(Livestreamed)  
5:00 p.m. (English)

### *Sunday*

7:30 a.m. (English)  
9:00 a.m. (Portuguese)  
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*

(In the church)

Saturdays 3:00 p.m.– 3:30 p.m.

## From Monsignor Fran Cilia

In the Christian tradition, any reference to “Matthew 25” evokes the images of the gospel passage for this Solemnity of Christ the King of the Universe: “When I was hungry. . .thirsty. . .a stranger. . .ill. . .in prison.” The good that we do is humanitarian, but much more; it is the Lord Himself whom we meet in those most in need. It is Jesus who is crucified in the great suffering of all people. It is Jesus, the King, Who will bestow a place in the heavenly realm on those who met Him in others and cared for their needs.

As wars continue to rage in the Middle East and in Ukraine, just to name two of the most volatile of ongoing conflicts, we see the Lord Jesus in the wounded and in those who have lost their lives or the lives of those they love.

As these wars continue, our prayer for peace, the peace of the Reign of God, becomes more urgent. There are no winners in war; everyone loses.

On this Feast, we look to the words of the Preface of the Eucharistic Prayer today, to describe what it is that we long for.

It is “an eternal and universal kingdom,  
a kingdom of truth and life,  
a kingdom of holiness and grace,  
a kingdom of justice, love and peace.”

As we pray so often, may this Kingdom come into our world and into our lives.

## Congratulations to our Chinese Community

This Sunday, at a special 2:00 pm Mass here at Saint Clare, the San José Chinese Catholic Mission will celebrate the 40th Anniversary since the Chinese Catholic community was established in the Diocese of San José. This celebration will also mark the coming together of the Mandarin and Cantonese communities under the one Mission. Congratulations to our sisters and brothers of the Mission!

## Giving Tree

Our Youth Group, in conjunction with the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, ask for your generosity in fulfilling the hopes of parents for gifts for their children through the help of this year’s Giving Tree. Please take an ornament or two, purchase the suggested gift, wrap it, remembering to put the ornament on the outside of the package and return it to church, under the tree between now and December 10. Thank you for your thoughtfulness!

***Looking ahead. . .*** We will celebrate our second annual Tree Lighting and Christmas Caroling on Friday evening, December 15, at 6:30 pm. We will gather in the grotto, weather permitting, and then move to the Small Hall for hot chocolate and hot apple cider. All are welcome!!

## Altar Servers Needed

Going into this busy time of the year, we are in need of additional altar servers, especially for the 10:30 am Mass. Boys and girls, fifth grade and into high school, this is for you! See one of the priests or Ryan Bao to be trained.

## Youth Ministry

**Register for Confirmation TODAY!** Our Confirmation program is for 8th-12th graders who have received Baptism and Confirmation and lasts from January to September. It includes an overnight retreat, monthly sessions, and other activities. To learn more about the program and to register go to [stclareparish.org/ymc](http://stclareparish.org/ymc) or use the QR code. For more information, contact [Ryan.Bao@dsj.org](mailto:Ryan.Bao@dsj.org).

You can still participate in our Christmas Giving Tree to help those in need. Pick up an ornament, purchase the present, and bring it back to our office or the Christmas tree in the church. Donations accepted until December 10th. Thank you for your generosity!

This week, the youth center will be open on Thursday (11/30) from 6pm-8:30pm.

Interested in receiving some service hours (all ages) this Christmas? Help us set up Christmas decorations on December 23rd at 10am and on December 24th at 1:15 pm. We will be putting lights on trees and putting out the poinsettias for our Christmas celebrations!

**REGISTER  
NOW!**

GO TO  
[stclareparish.org/ymc](http://stclareparish.org/ymc)

### HOW TO GET STARTED!

- READ THE CONFIRMATION PACKET
- CHOOSE A PREFERENCE FOR A SMALL GROUP DAY
- CHOOSE A POTENTIAL SPONSOR
- REGISTER USING THE QR CODE
- PAY THE REGISTRATION FEE OF \$350.00
- SUBMIT BAPTISM AND 1ST COMMUNION CERTIFICATE
- HEAD TO THE ORIENTATION JAN 8

### WHAT IS FORMATION?

- RETREATS - OVERNIGHT MARCH 1-3 AND DAY SEPT 8
- SESSIONS - SUNDAYS AT 1:30PM
- SMALL GROUPS - CHOSEN WEEKDAY AT 7PM ONCE A MONTH
- CONFIRMATION - SEPT 28



**CONFIRMATION!**

JAN-SEPT 2024



### HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

**\$350**

- RETREAT LODGING, MEALS, SITE, T-SHIRT, TRANSPORTATION
- SESSION MATERIALS AND FOOD

[stclareparish.org/ymc](http://stclareparish.org/ymc) [ryan.bao@dsj.org](mailto:ryan.bao@dsj.org)

# GIVING TREE

Help those who cannot give this holiday season. Participate in this year's Giving Tree by taking an ornament from the giving tree in the church and bringing back a gift.



## 5 EASY STEPS

- 1 Grab an ornament**
- 2 Buy present**
- 3 Wrap it**
- 4 Attach the original ornament**
- 5 Bring it back to the Giving Tree**

**DECEMBER 10TH**  
LAST DAY TO DROP OFF GIFTS



## **Office Hours**

9am - 5pm  
Monday - Friday

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(408) 248-7786

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

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## **Saint Clare School**

### **Saint Clare School Remembers...**

We want to share a heartwarming note we received from Brother Tom Redmond, Marianist - Brother Vincent House, Nairobi, Kenya (Class of '66) regarding his 8th grade teacher, Sr. Mary Daniel, SNDdeN (more recently known as Sr. Eileen McCarthy, SNDdeN).



*As our 8th grade teacher, Sr. Mary Daniel welcomed us into that year of transition from grade school to high school. She believed in each one of us, I guess that's one reason why I stayed in touch with her. And the gift received is the gift we share, for when I began teaching high school, Sister Eileen came to mind as an example of a wonderful and caring teacher. I received word yesterday that my 8th grade teacher, Sister Eileen McCarthy, SNDdeN (Sister Mary Daniel) died on the evening of October 4. For some graced reason she and I have kept in touch over the years and over the miles. Sr. Mary Daniel was at St. Clare School from, 1962 to 1967.*

These are the stories that the Saint Clare School community keeps close to its heart and what shapes and forms us from where we started to where we are now. If you attended Saint Clare School and would like to share a fond memory of your time, we hope you will reach out to us, <https://www.stclare.school/contact-us>.

## **Advent with Saint Clare**

We have purchased small booklets for Advent, so fitting for our parish. A page-a-day to keep Advent with Saint Clare. Copies are available in the vestibule until they run out.

## **Advent Wreath Candles**

We have a few sets of candles for home Advent Wreaths available from those we purchased last year. They can be yours for \$5 per set.

## **Saint Joseph Sunday Missal**

Copies of the Sunday Missal for the year that begins next Sunday are still available for \$5 per copy. If we need more, we will order them

## Mass Intentions

*November 25 - December 2, 2023*

Sat	5:00 pm	Saint Clare Parishioners
Sun	7:30 am	Emily Hansen †
	9:00 am	Ernesto Gonsalves †
		Jose Gonsalves †
		Manuel & Cristina Jeronimo †
		Rosalinda Da Silva †
		Jose Mendonça †
		Constantina Silva †
		Arlete Vieira Neto †
		Jose C. Barcelos †
		Jose Rogero Barcelos †
		Zulmira Goulart Lourenco †
		Andre Sardinha †
		Abel Brasil †
		Vidalia Gaspar Rocha †
		Maria Lucia Cardoso †
		Clemencia & Manuel Pacheco †
		Ezilda Sousa †
		Arminda Azevedo †
		Dora de Oliveira †
		Saint Anthony - Thanksgiving
	10:30 am	For All Souls
	12:00 pm	Alicia Suárez - Health
		Ida López - Health
Mon	8:00 am	John Burgoon †
Tues	8:00 am	Dorothy Lim †
Wed	8:00 am	The Peters Family
Thu	8:00 am	The Brady Family
Fri	9:00 am	Jose Monteiro †
Sat	8:00 am	George Andrada Alabanza †

### SUPPORT OUR PARISH

A direct and safe way to our online giving page.



Thank you for your generosity!

## Stewardship Report

*Sunday Collection:  
November 18th & 19th*

**Goal: \$9,000.00  
Actual: \$ 17,051.60**

*Catholic Campaign for Human Development:  
\$ 2,434.00*

**Thank you!!!**

## Daily Readings

### 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17  
Psalms 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)  
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28  
Matthew 25:31-4

Monday

Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20  
Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56  
Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday

Daniel 2:31-45  
Daniel 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61  
Luke 21:5-11

Wednesday

Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28  
Daniel 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67  
Luke 21:12-19

Thursday

Romans 10:9-18  
Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 11  
Matthew 4:18-22

Friday

Daniel 7:2-14  
Daniel 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81  
Luke 21:29-33

Saturday

Daniel 7:15-27  
Daniel 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87  
Luke 21:34-36

Next Sunday

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7  
Psalms 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19(4)  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:33-3



PARISH COMMUNITY

## Parish Organizations *Organizaciones Parroquiales*

### Parish Pastoral Council

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## Boletim Paroquial Português

26 de Novembro de 2023; Domingo da Solenidade de Cristo Rei do Universo

Reflexão por: João Pereira Arruda

Celebrando a Solenidade de Jesus Cristo Rei do Universo, chegamos ao fim do Ano Litúrgico do Ciclo-A. No próximo Domingo celebraremos o Novo Ano Litúrgico do Ciclo-B. Com a celebração desta Solenidade a Igreja está empenhada a que o mundo reconheça que Jesus Cristo é de facto Rei do Universo mas numa perspectiva diferente de como o mundo interpreta as funções de poderio de governar os povos. A Igreja com esta celebração quer testemunhar que Jesus Cristo é efectivamente Rei, mas numa ordem diferente da temporal, como Ele mesmo afirmou. A realeza de Jesus Cristo reflecte-se na Igreja, não no seu esplendor e poderio social, mas na vivência da justiça e da caridade. O Reinado de Jesus Cristo não se senta no poderio de mandar nas pessoas mas mais no conduzir os povos pela Palavra e com amor, tal qual o Pastor cuida no seu pastorear as ovelhas. As ovelhas de condição pacata seguem o pastor e obedecem aos seus planos. Através da História de Deus com o Homem, Deus comunica-Se com os fracos, os pecadores, os publicanos, os mendigos os pescadores; do que com os poderosos, os escribas e sacerdotes a que várias vezes chamou-os de víboras e hipócritas. O mundo e no lugar que Jesus viveu e os comportamentos modelados de governação não são muito diferentes do que vivemos agora. Tal como os Anjos mensageiros de Deus e os profetas revelavam o interesse de Deus pelo seu povo nos nossos Dias a Virgem Maria fala-nos do seu Jesus e de Deus Pai na forma de Fátima, Lourdes ou Guadalupe a crianças: pastores, campesinos, que estes sejam mensageiros da vontade de Deus para um mundo de paz e de solidariedade. Com os governantes dos nossos tempos, os poderosos donod do mundo pelo dinheiro, ou os sacerdotes que falham no seu ministério de liderar os paroquianos para se envolverem em programas que os dividem: tal como então, estes tomam as posições de um Judas ou de um Pilatos. Celebremos Jesus Cristo Rei do Universo, tal como iremos cantar: **“É o Nosso Rei; é o Nosso Pai; é a nossa Redenção”**. Celebrarmos um Rei que mais do que governar assume imagens humanas de Pastor e de Pai que nos ama, protege, defende e nos acompanha na vida seja nos momentos bons ou adversos que esta nos traz. É um Rei que Se nos dá nas espécies do pão e do vinho na Santa Eucaristia porque o seu Reinado é um Reino de estar com o Seu Povo amando-o e o acompanhando-o até ao fim dos tempos.

**Convívio Natalício da Comunidade Portuguesa:** Este ano o Convívio de Natal está marcado para o Sábado dia 16 de Dezembro próximo. Os ensaios com as crianças continuam a serem feitos às quintas-feiras, às 7 horas da noite no salão paroquial. Resta-nos pois 3 ensaios incluindo o último que será feito na sexta-feira dia 15 de Dezembro. O jantar do convívio será do tipo pot-luck e para isso as senhoras da nossa comunidade devia comunicar-se com a Claudia Madruga ou qualquer membro do Conselho para que seja combinado uma variedade de pratos. Este convívio que se aproxima a passos rápidos de meio século de convivências de Natal em família comunitária, teve toda essa continuidade: 1. Desde 1975 foi recebido com muito agrado pela comunidade desta paróquia. 2. As crianças que através destes anos tem participado neste espectáculo são testemunhas porque o deste ano será feito pelos filhos e netos destes que em anos passados fizeram essa experiência e esta foi positiva nas suas vidas. 3. A função deste serão é estreitar a amizade desta comunidade uns com os outros e não de dividir. É este espectáculo um meio de celebrar a unidade comunitária na época de Natal adentro do que é permitido e o Conselho realizar adentro do possível

**Um Santo e Alegre Domingo da Solenidade de Cristo Rei. para Todos!**

## **De Monseñor Fran Cilia**

En la tradición cristiana, cualquier referencia a “Mateo 25” evoca las imágenes del pasaje evangélico de esta Solemnidad de Cristo Rey del Universo: “Cuando tuve hambre. . .sediento. . un extraño. . .enfermo. . .en prisión.” El bien que hacemos es humanitario, pero mucho más; es el Señor mismo a quien encontramos en los más necesitados. Es Jesús quien está crucificado en el gran sufrimiento de todos los hombres. Es Jesús, el Rey, Quien otorgará un lugar en el reino celestial a aquellos que lo encontraron en otros y se preocuparon por sus necesidades.

Mientras las guerras continúan haciendo estragos en el Medio Oriente y en Ucrania, solo por nombrar dos de los conflictos más volátiles en curso, vemos al Señor Jesús en los heridos y en aquellos que han perdido la vida o la de sus seres queridos.

A medida que estas guerras continúan, nuestra oración por la paz, la paz del Reino de Dios, se vuelve más urgente. En la guerra no hay ganadores; todos pierden.

En esta Fiesta, recurrimos a las palabras del Prefacio de la Oración Eucarística de hoy para describir qué es lo que anhelamos. Es “ un reino eterno y universal,

un reino de verdad y de vida,

un reino de santidad y gracia,

un reino de justicia, amor y paz”.

Como oramos con tanta frecuencia, que este Reino venga a nuestro mundo y a nuestras vidas.

## **Árbol de Regalos**

Nuestro Grupo de Jóvenes, en conjunto con la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl, solicita su generosidad para cumplir las esperanzas de los padres de obtener regalos para sus hijos a través de la ayuda del árbol de regalos de este año. Por favor tome uno o dos adornos, compre el regalo sugerido, envuévalo, recordando poner el adorno en el exterior del paquete y devuélvalo a la iglesia, debajo del árbol, desde ahora hasta el 10 de diciembre. ¡Gracias por su consideración!

## **Adviento con Santa Clara**

Hemos comprado pequeños folletos para el Adviento, muy apropiados para nuestra parroquia. Una página al día para celebrar el Adviento con Santa Clara. Las copias están disponibles en el vestíbulo hasta que se agoten.

## **Velas para la Corona de Adviento**

Tenemos disponibles algunos juegos de velas para coronas de Adviento caseras de las que compramos el año pasado. Pueden ser suyos por \$5 por juego.

## **Misal 2024**

Las copias del Misal dominical para el año que comienza el próximo domingo todavía están disponibles a \$8 por copia. Si necesitamos más, los pediremos.

## **Se Necesitan Acólitos**

Al comenzar esta época tan ocupada del año, necesitamos monaguillos adicionales, especialmente para la misa de las 10:30 am. Niños y niñas, quinto grado y hasta la escuela secundaria, ¡esto es para ustedes! Vea a uno de los sacerdotes o a Ryan Bao para que lo entrenen.

***Mirando hacia adelante. . .***Celebraremos nuestra segunda iluminación anual de árboles y villancicos el viernes 15 de diciembre por la noche a las 6:30 pm. Nos reuniremos en la gruta, si el clima lo permite, y luego nos trasladaremos al Salón Pequeño para tomar chocolate caliente y sidra de manzana caliente. ¡¡Todos son bienvenidos!!

JOIN US FOR SOME COFFEE AND CONVERSATION  
WITH THE PRINCIPAL. FOLLOWED BY  
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## SAINT CLARE SCHOOL



### PARENT OBSERVATION DAYS

TK - 8TH GRADE  
NOVEMBER 13 & 15  
9AM-11:30AM

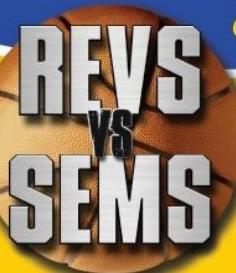
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### Pray for Peace

Our Lady of Peace Parish

December 22, 2023

5:15 pm



*Lets join together  
and Pray for Peace*



Tuesdays at 7:30pm

~~October 17~~

~~October 24~~

~~November 7~~

~~November 21~~

*December 5*

*December 19*



## Journeying with Jesus through the Gospel

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

