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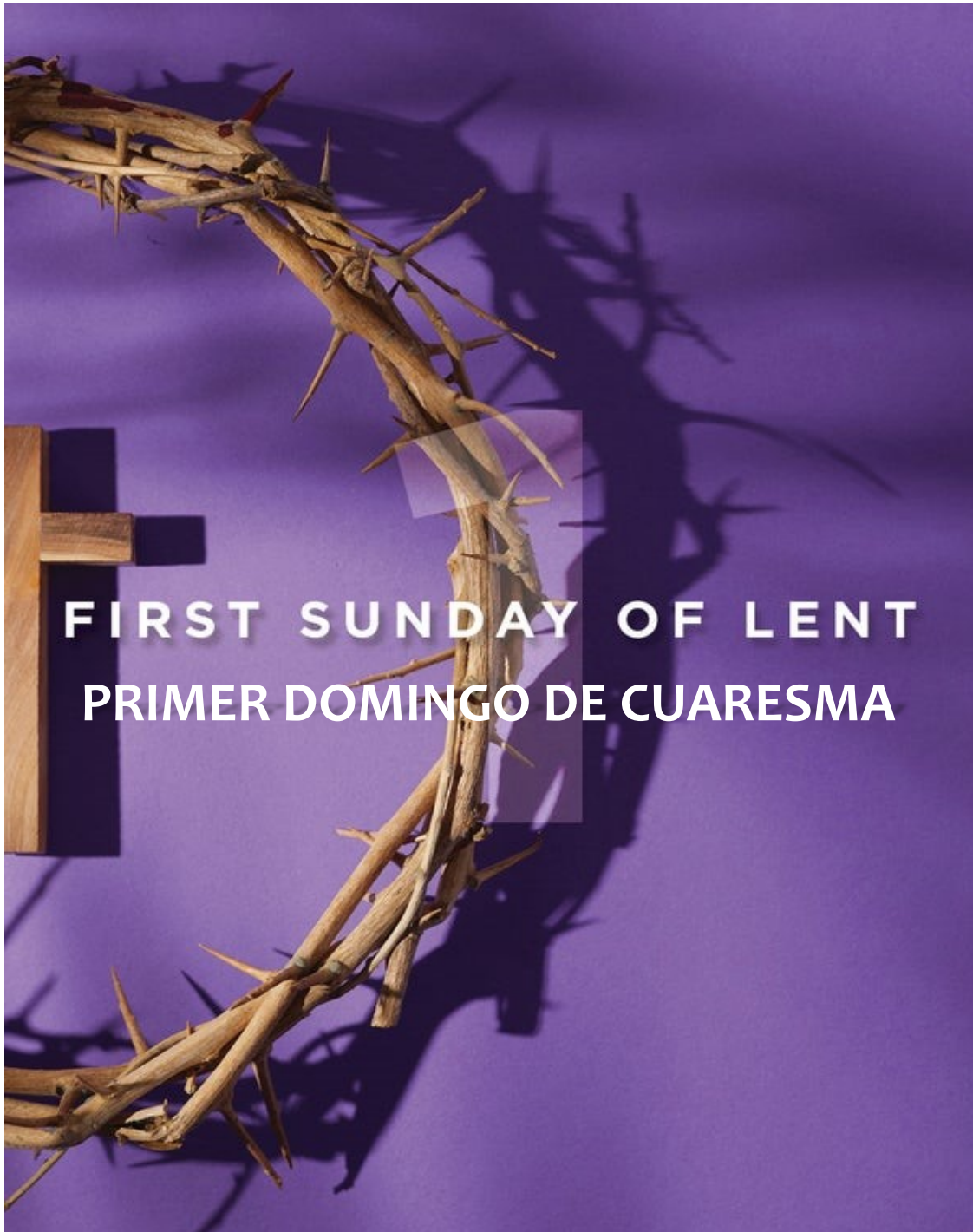
PARISH COMMUNITY

Santa Clara, California

*First Sunday
of Lent*

February 18, 2024

*Primer Domingo de
Cuaresma*



**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
PRIMER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA**

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PARISH COMMUNITY

Mass Schedule

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

Sunday
7:30 a.m. (English)
9:00 a.m. (Portuguesa)
10:30 a.m. (English)
12:00 p.m. (Español)
Livestreamed

*Liturgy of the Word
for Children during*
10:30 a.m. Mass (English)

*Liturgia de la Palabra
para Niños
durante Misa de*
12:00 p.m. (Español)

Weekday Masses
Monday-Saturday
8:00 a.m.
Holidays - 9:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays
3:00 p.m.– 3:30 p.m.
(In the church)

From Monsignor Fran Cilia

This First Sunday of Lent invites us to a renewal of our life in Christ, a rekindling of the flame of our baptism faith.

At the same time, Lent is a very special time in the life of the Catechumens who will approach the Sacraments at Easter. As we help them on this part of their journey of faith through the rites (“scrutinies”) we will celebrate with them on the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent, we also look to the baptismal waters through which we are made one in Christ.

The readings today consider the covenant God made with Noah after the flood (Genesis), how the waters of the flood prefigure the waters of Baptism, and Jesus’ fidelity to God during his 40 days of temptation in the desert.

The covenant God made with Noah, and later with Abraham, is superseded by the New Covenant made in the Blood of Jesus, the Covenant in which we are sharers by Baptism.

As the Lord remained faithful to the Father those 40 days, so may we grow more and more into His faithful disciples in our annual 40-day “retreat” this Lent.



Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA) Update for Week 2



We have received pledges and gifts in the amount of \$102,981 from 133 parishioners’ households. This puts us at over 104% of our diocesan goal of \$98,700, and 59% of our total goal of \$175,000.

Thank you!!

We do still have a long way to go toward our hope that more than 300 families and households will participate in this Appeal that benefits not only our Parish, but also the work of Bishop Cantú throughout the Diocese of San José, here in Santa Clara County.

Go to <https://vimeo.com/907639648> to see Bishop Cantú’s ADA Message Video.

President’s Day Holiday

Mass on Monday will be at 9:00 am and the Parish Office will be closed in observance of President’s Day Holiday. The office will open on Tuesday at 9:00 am.

Youth Ministry

The youth center will be open this week on **Tuesday (2/20)** and **Thursday (2/22)** from **6pm-8:30 pm**. Come by, play pool, play ping pong, or just hang out!

Join us this **Tuesday (2/20) from 7:30 pm in the Youth Center** as we continue on in the Gospel of Mark in our Bible Study Series in the youth center.

Don’t forget to save the date for Diocesan Youth Retreat on **June 10 - 14**. Registrations coming soon.

If you are interested in altar serving or are already an altar server, we are holding a training for all servers new and old on **February 28 at 5:30 pm** in the parish church.

LENT AT SAINT CLARE PARISH

The traditional works of Lent are Prayer, Penance and Care for the Poor. We began this season of 40 days in prayer together last Wednesday, when we were invited to renew our faithfulness to Christian living, called to do penance and to begin a time of special care for those who do not share the goodness of creation as we do (almsgiving). On that day, we were marked with ashes.

Lent is a very special time for our Catechumens, soon to be the Elect, who approach the waters of Baptism at Easter. We hold them in our prayers and try to be examples of Christian living for them. This Sunday, at the 10:30 Mass, we will celebrate the **Rite of Sending to Election**, and on the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent, we will celebrate **Scrutinies** with the Elect.

Here in our parish, we hope that our Lenten offerings will help all of us – individually and as a community – to deepen our baptismal sharing in the life of the Lord and the Church.

Continuing until March 22, we will have **Stations of the Cross**, on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm. This will be bilingual (English and Spanish).

We will celebrate the **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** at all Masses next weekend. All who are chronically or acutely ill, preparing for surgery or weakened by the burdens of age are welcome to come forward for the Sacrament.

We have scheduled two parish Communal Celebrations of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, at the following times:

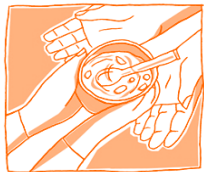
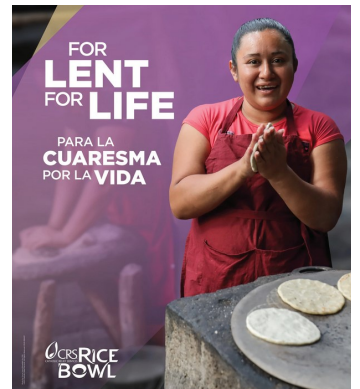
Saturday, March 23 at 3:00 pm

Tuesday, March 26 at 7:00 pm

Confessions will be available in English, Spanish, Portuguese and a number of other languages.

Once again, we will make **Rice Bowls** available from **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**, as a tangible way to help us in Lenten care for the poor. Catholic Relief Services reaches out to more than 250 Million people with lifesaving support. 75% of our CRS Rice Bowl donations support Catholic Relief Services work around the world. 25% helps fight hunger and poverty in our own community, throughout the Diocese of San Jose (Santa Clara County).

csrricebowl.org | crsplatodearroz.org



Weekly Justice Challenges

This week we enter into the first full week of our Lenten journey — a journey to the Cross and then to Resurrection. We know we can't go straight to Resurrection. As with Jesus, the sacrifice of the Cross is a necessary part of our journey. Your challenge this week, but really for all of Lent, is to think of someone in the world who is experiencing their own cross. It might be the cross of hunger, of human trafficking, of living in a war-torn village or city, or of being denied freedom of expression. Even though you don't know this person's name, imagine how this person looks, how old they might be, and even where they live. Then choose something to give up this Lent, something which may cause a bit of suffering and sacrifice on your part, to stand in solidarity with the brother or sister whose pain is — and should be — our pain. Offer up your sacrifice on their behalf. Every day, as members of our one human family, say a prayer for this person. Use the time or the money you would have spent on whatever you give up to support an organization in your parish or in our universal Catholic Church which works to end injustice for those who suffer. Some possible choices include your local St. Vincent de Paul chapter, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Catholic Charities, or Catholic Relief Services.

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then press 9

Saint Clare School

A heartfelt Thank You for your support of Saint Clare School with second collection donations. The funds received will be used to boost our tuition assistance coffers and help offset the cost to keep our children warm before the new HVAC system was completed in January.

Speaking of HVAC, the new heating system is up and running and everyone is toasty warm. We tried out the AC and it is an amazing and wonderful thing. Bring on those 95 degree days - we're ready! Your support of the school helped make this happen. Thank you, yet again.

It's been a busy new year. Student representatives, administrators, and Msgr. Fran kicked off Catholic Schools Week at the Cathedral, along with representatives from all the diocesan schools.. The students were excited to see Msgr. front and center. Bishop Cantú joined us for the end of CSW, visiting all the students and celebrating Mass with Msgr. Fran, Fr. Victor, and Fr. Eric, Diocesan Director of Vocations. Following Mass, Fr. Eric spoke with our middle school students. The children enjoyed meeting the Bishop up close and in person. All in all, Catholic Schools Week was a rousing success.

High school applications are in and school recommendations have been submitted. We thank Mr. Goetz, our 8th grade homeroom teacher, for the support he provides to the SCS 8th grade students, whether looking to private or public schools. He handles the many, many details and calms students' nerves as they await acceptance emails in March. Ms. McKinnon deserves recognition for the hours she spends submitting student transcripts. Teamwork!

Our second grade students joined parish second graders for the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Nerves were evident, but Msgr. Fran and Fr. Victor sent the students away with words of encouragement and God's forgiveness. There were many smiles and a few happy tears as students walked back to their parents. Thank you Mrs. Santos (SCS 2nd grade teacher) and Ms. Quintanilla (parish Faith Formation) for your work preparing these youngsters for this sacrament and their upcoming First Eucharist.



Finally, the Department of Catholic Schools, in conjunction with Santa Clara University, is holding a teacher career fair at St. Martin of Tours on March 23rd. Are you considering a career in education? Do you know someone who is? For many of us, this is our second career. It's never too late to try something new. Be a part of the spiritual and academic formation of our future.



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SAN JOSE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL CAREER FAIR

MARCH 23RD FROM 10AM-12PM
ST. MARTIN OF TOURS, SCHOOL GYM

Thinking about a career change?
Consider teaching in Catholic schools!

Catholic elementary and high schools are hiring new teachers and teacher aides - and actively recruiting parishioners, parents of Catholic school students, and/or second-career folks to fill those positions.

<http://bit.ly/dsj-career-fair>



Rsvp 

Saint Clare School prepares students to become ethical and moral servant leaders. Visit <https://www.stclare.school/admissions-2> to learn more.

ENROLLING TK-8TH GRADE: Schedule a tour: <https://www.stclare.school/schedule-a-tour>. You may also call Cherell Rizzo, Recruitment, Retention, and Marketing Manage at: 408-246-6797 or email cherell.rizzo@dsj.org

Support our robust tuition assistance program by making a donation: <https://www.stclare.school/supportus>

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



In His Mercy

Loving Father,
you sent a rainbow
as a sign of your mercy
and of our relationship with you.
Soften our hardened hearts.
May the mercy that we show others

be a sign that through the waters of baptism
you live in us and that we are your
adopted children.
May our Lenten prayer and sacrifice
fortify us to continue your mission on earth.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, February 18, 2024
Abundant Mercy



Today's readings: Genesis 9:8–15; Psalm 25:4–5, 6–7, 8–9; 1 Peter 3:18–22; Mark 1:12–15. “See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every little creature.” With these words, God shows his love as he promises anew to be in relationship with creation. In the reading from the First Letter of Peter, we hear that God saved the eight who were aboard the ark through the waters of the flood and now saves us through the waters of baptism. God, whose love brought us into being, seeks relationship and communion with us. To reconcile us with him, he sent his Son, who prepared for his mission by fasting for forty days in the desert.

During the forty days of Lent, many of us give in to temptation and find ourselves repenting time and again. Knowing that God is merciful and understands our shortcomings, we can always resolve to begin anew. God yearns for relationship with us and does not give up on us.

As one of your Lenten practices, you may have chosen to read the day's Scriptures attentively. Try to approach the readings with fresh eyes willing to allow the text to relate to your life today. Familiar texts can speak to us in the new circumstances, challenges, joys, and sorrows of our lives. All we need is an openness to the Word. God's Word is always relevant.

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

February 17th - 24th, 2024

Sat	5:00 pm	Tito Los Angeles †
Sun	7:30 am	Saint Clare Parishioners
	9:00 am	Rosalinda Da Silva † Constantina Silva † Zulmira Goulart Lourenco † Andre Sardinha † Maria Lucia Cardoso † Dora de Oliveira † Ernesto Gonsalves † Maria G. Amaral † Manuel & Cristina Jeronimo † Vidalia Gaspar Silva † Carol Eliason † Maria Mello † Felipe & Maria Madruga † Maria Alice Madruga † Souls in Purgatory
	10:30 am	Peter Da Rosa †
	12:00 pm	Aniceto Botero † Maria Luisa de Botero † Ida López - Health Alicia Suarez - Health
Mon	9:00 am	Santa Clara Carmelite Nuns
Tues	8:00 am	John Burgoon †
Wed	8:00 am	Thomas Samuel Bommarito †
Thu	8:00 am	Graciela Huitron - Birthday
Fri	8:00 am	Special Intention - Wedding Anniversary
Sat	8:00 am	SCU Jesuit Community



Stewardship Report

**Sunday Collection:
February 10th & 11th**

**Goal: \$9,000.00
Actual: \$6,351.75**

Saint Clare School: \$1,547.00

Thank you

Daily Readings



1st Sunday of Lent

Genesis 9:8-15
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:12-15

Monday

Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18
Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday

Isaiah 55:10-11
Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday

Jonah 3:1-10
Luke 11:29-32

Thursday

1 Peter 5:1-4
Matthew 16:13-19

Friday

Ezekiel 18:21-28
Matthew 5:20-26

Saturday

Deuteronomy 26:16-19
Matthew 5:43-48

Next Sunday

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
Romans 8:31b-34
Mark 9:2-10

Boletim Paroquial Português

18 de Fevereiro de 2024; Domingo I do Tempo Comum – B

“Arrependei-vos e acreditai na Boa Nova” Com esta frase acaba o Evangelho de S. Marcos neste Primeiro Domingo de Quarema do ciclo B deste Ano Litúrgico. Iniciamos a caminhada Quaresmal na última Quarta-Feira de Cinzas. Estas foram postas nas frentes dos fieis e ao serem postas o sacerdote ou leigo diz a mesma frase: “Arrependei-vos e acreditai no Evangelho”. Acreditar no Evangelho so tem sentido quando o/a crente assume a Boa Nove como modo de vida. Viver o Evangelho reflete uma transformação que a família, a comunidade, os irmãos á volta notam e o aprovamento dessa mudança é secundário, pois que, Jesus fez o bem com milagres, Demonstrando a amor do Pai a todos quanto O escutavam e no fim teve morte de cruz ; tal qual um criminal comum. Ao iniciarmos este ano essa jornada Quaresmal que a nossa comunidade leve no “alforge” actos de penitência, prepósitos de arrependimento, pois que, necessitamos de “despejar” a nossa consciência das impurezas que sujam as nossas consciências. Fazer uma oração continuada; por si e por todos que necessitam da oração. O decidir fazer mudança de atitudes e até de vida parte do modo a que estamos habituados a fazer decisões, que por mais pequenas e insignificantes que pareçam, causam mudança porque na base dessas decisões está o bem e o mal a que depois dizemos ou chamamos de conseqências. Nesses quarenta dias de caminhada; e tal qual Cristo se retirou para o deserto para ser tentado pelo demónio, peçamos nós ao Espírito Santo de Deus, que sejamos fortes pela nossa oração a resistir e expulsar o demónio das nossas vidas. Que em qualquer decisão de vida que façamos questionemos os nossos corações o impacto que essas decisões vão criar impacto no bem e que reflectem o amor de Deus, ou vai danificar a tua vida e do irmão e deste modo beneficiar o demónio? Entremos confiantes neste Tempo Quaresmal, com o prepósito de encher os nossos “alforjes de romaria” de: obras de caridade que reflectem o amor de Deus, actos de penitência que reflectem a humildade de entregarmos ao Pai as nossas fraquezas apelando pela Sua misericórdia. E oremos muito uns pelos outros por tudo que não está bem nas nossas vidas e na vida do mundo. No fim dessa caminhada iremos encontrar o Jesus Cristo que isso tudo no deserto Ressuscitado na Sua Glória.

Programa Quaresmal na Paróquia de Saint Clare's 2024:

- 1. ADA, a campanha deste ano está em progresso e em cada boletim durante a divulgação deste a comunidade será informada do progresso financeiro dessa campanha. Este ano os objectivos para essta campanha estão assentados nas quantias de \$98,700.00 para a Diocese e de \$175,000 para a nossa paróquia.**
- 2. Os livros de capa preta estão colocados á entrada da nossa igreja. Estes são em inglês(á direita) e em espanhol (do lado esquerdo) É grátis e ajuda a reflectir e orar durante o Tempo de Quaresma.**
- 3. Confissões: Este ano estão programados dois serviços penitenciais: o primeiro no Sábado dia 23 de Março ás 3 horas da tarde e o outro na Terça Feira dia 26 de Março ás 7 horas da noite. As confissões serão feitas nas línguas: Inglês, Português e Espanhol.**
- 4. Programa tigela de arroz. Esse programa será feito nas mesmas normas dos anos anteriores a este. O producto recolhido nesta campanha será depois distribuido pela Organização do “Católic Relif Serviços” 75 por cento para paizes muito pobres e 25 por cento pelos pobres da nossa paróquia.**
- 5. Devoção da Via-Sacra: Esta devoção será feita todas as sextas feiras ás 7 horas da noite na nossa Igreja em Ingês e Espanhol.**

Um Santo e Alegre Domingo para todos!!



PARISH COMMUNITY

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De Monseñor Fran Cilia

Este Primer Domingo de Cuaresma nos invita a una renovación de nuestra vida en Cristo, a un reencendido de la llama de nuestra fe bautismal.

Al mismo tiempo, la Cuaresma es un momento muy especial en la vida de los catecúmenos que se acercarán a los Sacramentos en Pascua. Mientras los ayudamos en esta parte de su camino de fe a través de los ritos (“escrutinios”) que celebraremos con ellos el tercer, cuarto y quinto domingo de Cuaresma, también miramos las aguas bautismales a través de las cuales somos hechos uno en Cristo.

Las lecturas de hoy consideran la alianza que Dios hizo con Noé después del diluvio (Génesis), cómo las aguas del diluvio prefiguran las aguas del bautismo y la fidelidad de Jesús a Dios durante sus 40 días de tentación en el desierto.

La alianza que Dios hizo con Noé, y más tarde con Abraham, es reemplazada por la Nueva Alianza hecha en la Sangre de Jesús, Alianza de la que somos partícipes por el Bautismo.

Así como el Señor permaneció fiel al Padre esos 40 días, que nosotros podamos convertirnos cada vez más en Sus fieles discípulos en nuestro “retiro” anual de 40 días en esta Cuaresma.



Actualización de la Campaña Anual Diocesana (ADA) para la Semana 2



Hemos recibido promesas y donaciones por un monto de \$102,981 de 133 hogares de feligreses. Esto nos coloca en más del 104% de nuestra meta diocesana de \$98,700 y el 59% de nuestra meta total de \$175,000.

¡¡Gracias!!

Todavía tenemos un largo camino por recorrer hacia nuestra esperanza de que más de 300 familias y hogares participen en esta Campaña que beneficia no solo a nuestra Parroquia, sino también al trabajo del Obispo Cantú en toda la Diócesis de San José, aquí en el Condado de Santa Clara. Vaya a <https://vimeo.com/907653751> para ver el video del mensaje sobre la ADA del Obispo Cantú

Feriado para el Día de los Presidentes

La misa del lunes será a las 9:00 am y la oficina parroquial estará cerrada en conmemoración del feriado del Día de los Presidentes. La oficina abrirá el martes a las 9:00 am.

Llevando el Evangelio a Casa

Crear en las Buenas Nuevas

El relato de Marcos sobre la tentación de Jesús en el desierto es muy corto, solo tiene dos frases. Sin embargo, es tan claro a partir de esta narración de la historia como en las versiones más largas, que Jesús sale del desierto con un mensaje fuerte.

Las palabras de Jesús, “arrepíentete y cree en el evangelio”, necesitan ser elaboradas si queremos entender lo que Jesús nos está pidiendo. “Arrepíentete” significa más de admitir nuestros pecados y decir que lo sentimos. Arrepentirse significa considerar seriamente no solo lo que hemos hecho, sino la persona en la que nos hemos convertido. Jesús nos está pidiendo que prestemos atención a cómo estamos viviendo nuestras vidas. ¿Cómo nos vemos a nosotros mismos?

¿De qué se trata? ¿Por qué vamos a trabajar, limpiamos la casa o llevamos a los niños a los scouts y al fútbol? ¿Cuál es nuestro propósito? En este mundo, a menudo nos identificamos por lo que hacemos y lo que tenemos. Somos un éxito si tenemos un buen trabajo, ganamos mucho dinero, tenemos una casa llena de cosas.

Jesús nos pide que nos veamos a nosotros mismos de una manera diferente. Nos pide que nos veamos a nosotros mismos como Dios nos creó: un niño muy amado, con dones únicos, creado para amar como Dios ama. Dios nos considera un éxito sí, con la ayuda de Jesús, nos convertimos en la persona para la que fuimos creados, llevando el amor de Dios al mundo.

Dios le dio a Moisés los Diez Mandamientos; eran parte del pacto de Dios con el pueblo elegido. En el nuevo pacto, Jesús nos dice que somos hijos de Dios. Él nos hace saber que se espera que hagamos más que solo seguir la ley de Dios. Jesús nos da las Bienaventuranzas, una nueva actitud a la vida. Como hijos de Dios, no solo estamos adaptados en los mandamientos; se espera que llevemos la luz de Jesús y su actitud amorosa y perdonadora hacia el mundo. Ese es el evangelio que Jesús proclamó. Esta es la Buena Noticia.

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REPUESTA FAMILIAR

Hablen sobre cómo sería el mundo si todos los cristianos vivieran como Dios quiere que vivan.

REPUESTA PERSONAL

¿Qué puedes hacer para crear mayor paz y armonía en tu hogar? ¿Qué quieres recordar de la semana pasada? ¿Qué esperas para la próxima semana? ¿Cuáles son sus preocupaciones?

CUARESMA EN LA PARROQUIA CLARE PARISH

Las obras tradicionales de la Cuaresma son la Oración, la Penitencia y el Cuidado de los Pobres. Comenzamos juntos este tiempo de 40 días de oración el miércoles pasado, cuando fuimos invitados a renovar nuestra fidelidad a la vida cristiana, llamados a hacer penitencia y a iniciar un tiempo de especial cuidado por aquellos que no comparten como nosotros las bondades de la creación (limosna). Ese día fuimos marcados con cenizas.

La Cuaresma es un tiempo muy especial para nuestros Catecúmenos, que pronto serán los Elegidos, quienes se acercan a las aguas del Bautismo en Pascua. Los tenemos en nuestras oraciones y tratamos de ser ejemplos de vida cristiana para ellos. Este domingo, en la Misa de las 10:30, celebraremos el **Rito de Envío a Elección**, y el Tercer, Cuarto y Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma celebraremos los **Escrutinios** con los Elegidos.

Aquí en nuestra parroquia, esperamos que nuestras ofrendas de Cuaresma nos ayuden a todos — individualmente y como comunidad — a profundizar nuestra participación bautismal en la vida del Señor y la Iglesia.

Continuando hasta el 22 de marzo, tendremos el **Vía Crucis** los viernes por la tarde a las 7:00 p. m. Este será bilingüe (inglés y español).

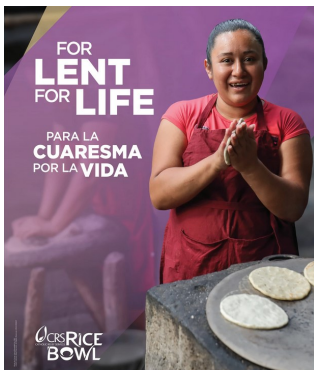
Celebraremos el **Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos** en todas las Misas el próximo fin de semana. Todos los que padecen enfermedades crónicas o agudas, se están preparando para una cirugía o están debilitados por el peso de la edad, son bienvenidos a recibir el Sacramento.

Hemos programado dos Celebraciones Comunitarias parroquiales del **Sacramento de la Reconciliación**, en los siguientes horarios

Sábado 23 de marzo a las 3:00 pm

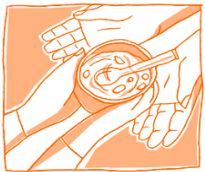
Martes 26 de marzo a las 7:00 pm

Las confesiones estarán disponibles en inglés, español, portugués y varios idiomas más.



Una vez más, pondremos a disposición **Platos de Arroz** de **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**, como una forma tangible de ayudarnos en el cuidado de los pobres durante la Cuaresma. Catholic Relief Services llega a más de 250 millones de personas brindándoles apoyo que les salva vidas. El 75% de nuestras donaciones de Plato de Arroz de CRS apoyan el trabajo de Catholic Relief Services en todo el mundo. El 25% ayuda a combatir el hambre y la pobreza en nuestra propia comunidad, en toda la Diócesis de San José (Condado de Santa Clara).

csricebowl.org | crsplatodearroz.org



Desafío Semanal de Justicia

Esta semana entramos en la primera semana completa de nuestro camino de Cuaresma, y el camino a la Cruz y luego a la Resurrección. Sabemos que no podemos ir directamente a la Resurrección. Al igual que con Jesús, el sacrificio de la cruz es una parte necesaria de nuestro camino. Su desafío esta semana, pero realmente durante toda la Cuaresma, es pensar en alguien en el mundo que esté experimentando su propia cruz. Puede ser la cruz del hambre, o como se le trata a personas, de vivir en un pueblo o ciudad devastada por la guerra, o de que se le niegue la libertad de expresión. Aunque no sepas el nombre de esta persona, imagina cómo se ve, qué edad podría tener e incluso dónde vive. Luego elige algo a lo que renunciar esta Cuaresma, algo que pueda causar un poco de sufrimiento y sacrificio de tu parte, para solidarizarte con el hermano o hermana cuyo dolor es, y debe ser, nuestro dolor. Ofrece tu sacrificio en su nombre. Todos los días, como miembros de nuestra única familia humana, rezamos una oración por esta persona. Usa el tiempo o el dinero que hubieras gastado en lo que sea, que entregues para apoyar a una organización en tu parroquia o en nuestra Iglesia Católica universal que trabaja para poner fin a la injusticia para los que sufren. Algunas opciones posibles incluyen tu capítulo local de San Vicente de Paúl, la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano, Caridades Católicas o Servicios Católicos de Ayuda.

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PRIMER DOMINGO de CUARESMA



La merced de Dios

Amado Padre,
nos diste un arcoíris en señal de
tu misericordia
y de tu alianza con nosotros.
Suavízanos el corazón.
Que la compasión que mostramos
a los demás

sea señal de que por las aguas
del bautismo
tú vives en nosotros
y que somos tus hijos adoptivos.
Que la oración y el sacrificio de Cuaresma
nos fortalezcan para perpetuar tu
señal sobre la tierra.
Por Cristo nuestro Señor. Amén.

Domingo, 18 de febrero de 2024 Compasión en abundancia



Lecturas del día: Génesis 9:8–15; Salmo 25:4–5, 6–7, 8–9; 1 Pedro 3:18–22; Marcos 1:12–15. “Yo hago una alianza con ustedes y con sus descendientes, con todos los animales que los acompañaron”. Así Dios muestra su amor al prometer de nuevo estar en buenos términos con la creación. En la Primera carta de Pedro, Dios salva a los ocho a bordo del arca “atravesando el agua” y ahora nos salva con el agua del bautismo. Dios, cuyo amor nos dio el ser, quiere estar en comunión con nosotros. Para reconciliarnos con él, nos envió a su Hijo, quien se preparó para su misión ayunando en el desierto.

Durante la Cuaresma muchos caemos en la tentación sólo para arrepentirnos una y otra vez. Conscientes de la misericordia de Dios y de que comprende nuestras flaquezas, siempre tenemos la posibilidad de volver a empezar. Dios desea una relación con nosotros y no claudica.

Esta Cuaresma, haga las lecturas bíblicas del día a conciencia. Acérquese a ellas con otros ojos y con la disposición de permitir que el texto se relacione con su vida actual, o sea los retos, las dichas y las penas. Basta abrirnos a la Palabra. La Palabra de Dios siempre es relevante.



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Sunday, April 21
8:30 am

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2024 Retreats:

February 17-19: The Lodge Retreat Center, Mi-Wuk Village (near Twain Harte)

March 1-3: San Damiano Retreat Center, Danville

May 3-5: St. Francis Retreat Center, San Juan Bautista

July 12-14: San Damiano Retreat Center, Danville

September 20-22: St. Francis Retreat Center, San Juan Bautista

November 15-17: San Damiano Retreat Center, Danville



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CATHOLICS OF AFRICAN
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Catholics of African Descent in the Diocese of San Jose (CADD SJ)

BLACK HISTORY MONTH MASS



President: Bishop Oscar Cantú
(Bishop, Diocese of San Jose)

Venue: St. Frances Cabrini
15325 Woodard Rd, San Jose, CA

Date: Sunday, February 25th, 2024
3:00PM Mass

Reception: At the Parish Hall following the mass



Purpose: To bring together the people of African descent and their friends to liturgically celebrate their African heritage.

Theme: The Eucharist: Sharing Christ's Body and Blood in Unity!

For questions contact
caddsj@gmail.com



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open at
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Sunday
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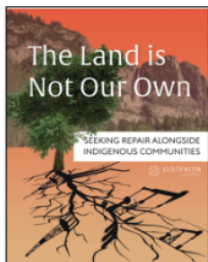
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The Land is Not Our Own: Seeking Repair Alongside Indigenous Communities



This is a small group program that will guide us in learning the truth about our history so that we can join in the heartbreaking and joyous work of protecting our sacred land, air, and water; addressing Native boarding schools; respecting tribal sovereignty, and honoring the interconnectedness of all Creation.

The Program Overview can be downloaded on *The Land Is Not Our Own* webpage: <https://justfaith.org/the-land-is-not-our-own-seeking-repair-alongside-indigenous-communities/>

Via Zoom on consecutive Tuesdays
Jan. 30th - Apr. 16th. 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm pst / 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm est

Join us in honoring and protecting Indigenous rights.

Should you have questions,
Contact Kathy Mattingly: (669) 222-9418 or kat@kajon.com

The following link can be used to register for this program:
<https://justfaith.org/the-land-is-not-our-own-st-thomas-of-canterbury/>

Cost: When you register, you will be asked to pay based on a sliding fee scale of \$35, \$55, or \$75/person. Scholarships are available.



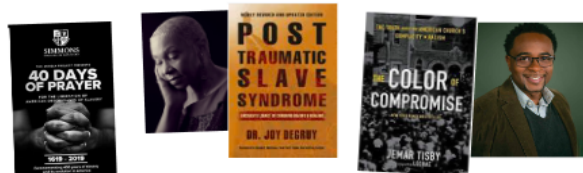
Faith and Racial Healing: Embracing Truth, Justice, and Restoration



Created by JustFaith Ministries, Faith and Racial Healing explores the concept/construct of race through the lens of the Christian tradition. It is an eight-session program that narrates the historical context behind the racial inequalities we face today, whether in education, the criminal justice system, the workforce, or even in church life.

Hosted by St. Clare of Assisi Parish,
sessions are every other week on a Monday,
January 29 until May 6, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
725 Washington St, Santa Clara 95050

Requested tax deductible donation of \$35, \$55, \$75 per person.
Approximate cost for books is \$44, available through JustFaith Ministries
and may be found at book stores, libraries or on-line.
Scholarships available on request.



Discussions within our small groups will draw from each of these books:
40 Days of Prayer, compiled by Cheryl L. Mills, *Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome*, by Dr. Joy Degruy, and *The Color of Compromise*, by Jemar Tisby

If you have questions, or to reserve a space, contact:
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Donna O'Connell at wocdoc@sbcglobal.net or (408) 658-2992