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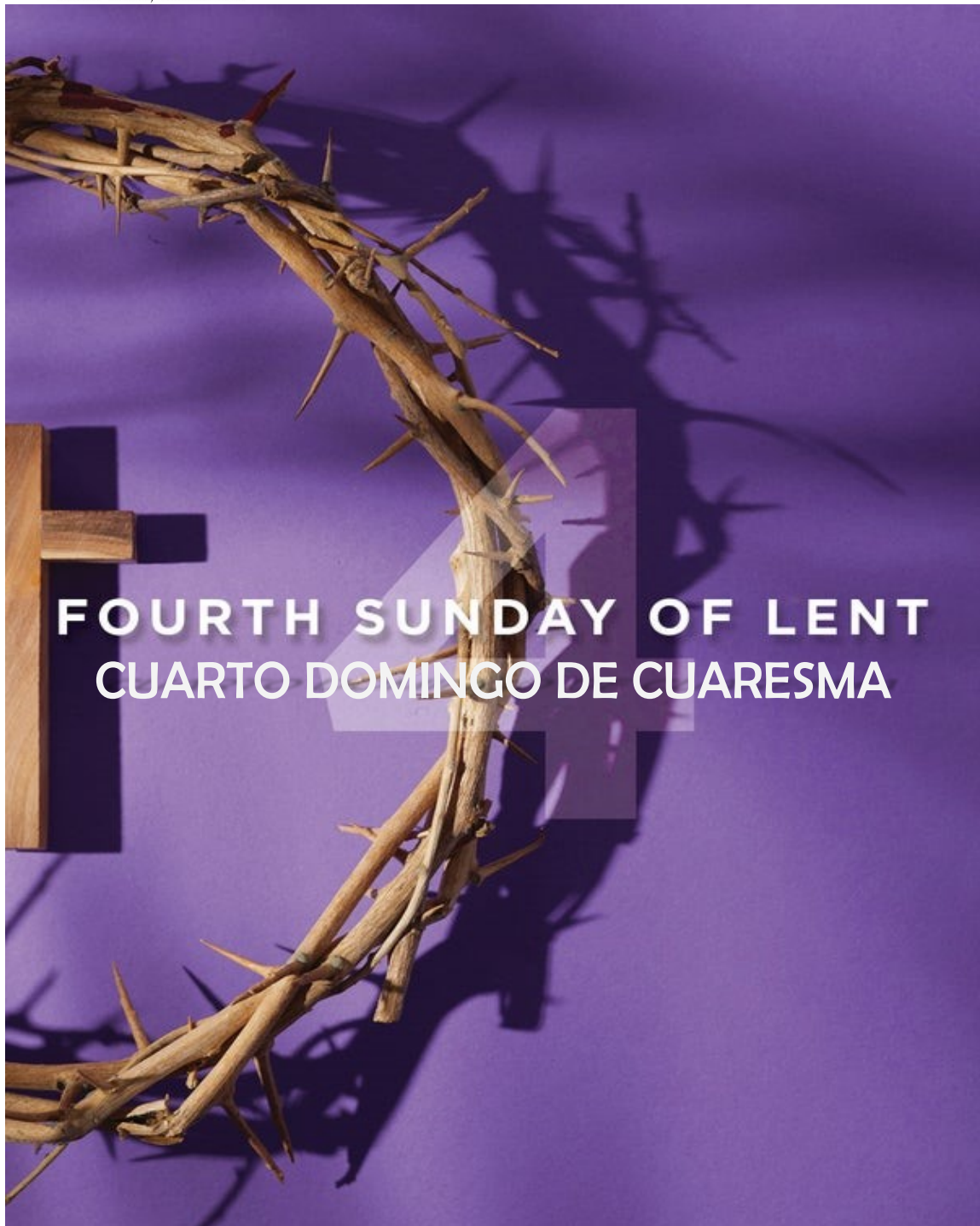
PARISH COMMUNITY

Santa Clara, California

*Fourth Sunday  
of Lent*

**March 10, 2024**

*Cuarto Domingo  
de Cuaresma*



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
CUARTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA**

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## 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

In this weekend’s first reading, from the Second Book of Chronicles, we hear that, in spite of their infidelities, the Lord continued to send messengers to Israel. But they were not welcomed.

The third chapter of the Gospel of Saint John narrates God’s response to this bitter reception: “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.”

Indeed, this is at the core of our faith: God’s love for humanity is so great that the Lord held nothing back, not even His only Son, given to us for our salvation. As we approach Easter, we prepare to celebrate the depth of God’s loving embrace in the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus.

But even now we share in this each time we celebrate the Eucharist, brought into communion with the Lord and each other. We receive the Body and Blood of Christ, given that we might live. This is the good news of Laetare (“Rejoice”) Sunday, which cannot be taken away, even in the midst of Lent.

## Second Scrutiny

We celebrate the Second Scrutiny (penitential examination) with our Elect at the 10:30 Mass this Sunday. The readings for that Mass differ from the others Masses. The Gospel Reading (John 9:1-41) tells the story of the Man Born Blind. This is the second of the great baptismal themes we hear these three Sundays. Last week, Jesus revealed Himself to the Samaritan woman at the well as “Living Water.” Next weekend, the greatest of Jesus’ “signs” – the raising of Lazarus – unfolds as an invitation for those who will be baptized to share the gifts of water, light and life. The invitation is also extended to us, who are already baptized, to deepen our sharing in these same gifts given to us by the Lord, to deepen our sharing in His life.

## Easter Flowers for the Church and the Altar of Repose

Once again, we invite you to help prepare the church for Easter by bringing Easter Lilies and other Spring flowering plants (such as azaleas, etc.) for our celebrations of Easter and the whole Easter Season, which ends on May 19.

We also welcome Cala Lilies to decorate the Altar of Repose in the tent, after the Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday. Perhaps you have some growing in your yard? We would be grateful if you are able to share these with the parish.



## Annual Diocesan Appeal: Report #5

Thanks to so many of our parishioners, we continue to move toward our \$175,000 goal. As of Tuesday, we have received 198 pledges and gifts, for a total of \$136,529. We still have \$39,000 to reach our goal. The good news is that we have far surpassed our diocesan-assigned goal of \$98,700 and that everything we raise now will return to Saint Clare to help balance our budget in the face of unexpected expenses and loss of rental income.



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

## 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 on Ash Wednesday, when we are 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 weekend, will celebrate the Second Scrutiny at the 10:30 Mass on the Fourth Sunday in Lent and the final one, at the 5:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass of the Fifth Sunday of Lent (March 16), next Saturday.

Here in our parish, we hope that our Lenten offerings will continue to 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 celebrate bilingual (English and Spanish) **Stations of the Cross**, on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm.

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).

[crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) | [crsplatodearroz.org](http://crsplatodearroz.org)



## Possible New Parish Ministry - The JW House

Saint Clare's is gauging interest in a new ministry to the JW House. The JW House is a non-profit organization started by a family who lost their son and brother at a young age due to a medical issue. The house is located near the Kaiser Permanente Hospital and provides lodging and food for families that have children being treated for long-term health issues at the hospital. We would like to get a group of people together that would like to be involved in providing a meal to the JW House. This is a volunteer opportunity and has different options for involvement: financial donation, grocery shopping, food preparation, food delivery, and/or serving food. For now, we are collecting a list of those interested and more details will be shared once we have a group together. Please contact Claire Wemp at [ckwemp@gmail.com](mailto:ckwemp@gmail.com) if you would like to be added to the email list.

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**Emergencies (for sick & dying):**  
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then press 9





## Catholic Relief Services Annual Collection

Thank you for your gifts to Catholic Relief Services. If you were not prepared for the collection today, you can always bring it to Mass next weekend or to the Parish Office at any time.

### Saint Clare School



It was cold, it was drippy, it was windy - the St. Clare School team of parents, students, and staff persevered! Despite the weather, Saturday's appearance at the Jackson Street Farmers Market was a positive experience for us all. St. Clare School will be present at our various farmers markets going forward. Watch for us. We're happy to share the goings on!

#### VIP Day is coming to St. Clare School

March 15th is Very Important Person Day. This is a special day in which we see generations of family members gathering to support their child, grandchild, niece, nephew, "adopted" grandchild, or just a very close friend.

Students will join their families for a special 9:00am school wide Mass, celebrated by our very own Msgr. Fran. A short reception will follow with the specially selected VIP joining her/his student in the classroom for more fun and excitement.



#### Teacher Career Fair

A quick reminder that the Department of Catholic Schools, in partnership with Santa Clara University, is hosting a teacher career fair on Saturday, March 23rd, from 10:00 to 12:00 at the St. Martin of Tours gym. Representatives from our diocesan elementary schools, as well as our Catholic high schools will be present. Be a part of transforming the lives of young people. Be a part of Catholic education. Share with someone who may be thinking about the opportunity. (See flyer on page 6)

### 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.

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](mailto:cherell.rizzo@dsj.org)

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

Finally, once again, THANK YOU Saint Clare School donors.



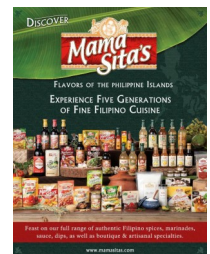
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# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



## Light of the World

Lord God,  
when we were unfaithful,  
you remembered us.  
Your love is so great  
that you sent your Son  
to be the Light of the World.

May I keep my eyes fixed upon your light,  
and never surrender to the dark,  
O Christ.  
Who lives and reigns with you,  
in the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Sunday, March 10, 2024**  
**Light of Hope in the Darkness**



*Today's readings: 2 Chronicles 36:14–16, 19–23; Psalm 137:1–2, 3, 4–5, 6; Ephesians 2:4–10; John 3:14–21.* Hope and joy are recurring themes in the readings and prayers on the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Midway through Lent, just as we begin to weary in our resolve, the readings remind us of God's love and the eternal life that awaits, and the prayers relate the Christian response of joy. The entrance antiphon begins, "Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her," recalling for us that Lent is also a season for joy.

The liturgical color varies from the season's violet to rose today to visually encourage us. This

day points to the reconciliation that is ours because of Christ's death and resurrection. And we have merited none of this. Only by the mercy of God do we live in Christ. As the reading from Ephesians states, "It is the gift of God; it is not from works so no one may boast."

Some accept the gift of faith, but as the Gospel states, "The light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light." At baptism, we received the light of Christ and, with that light, join Christ in dispelling darkness. This week, be aware that you carry the light of Christ within you and can bring others to it.





## Youth Ministry

We are excited to share with you pictures in next week's bulletin of our retreat this weekend. We had over 80 candidates from our parish and two more go to Felton, for a weekend of reflection and fellowship. Please continue to pray for our Confirmation candidates.

The Youth Center will be open this week on **Tuesday (3/12)** and **Thursday (3/14)** from 6pm-8:30pm. Come by, play pool, play ping pong, or just hang out!

Join us this **Tuesday (3/12) from 7:30pm in the Youth Center** as we continue on in the Gospel of Mark in our Bible Study Series in the youth center.

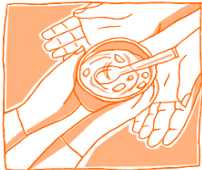
Don't forget to save the date for Diocesan Youth Retreat on June 10-14! Registrations will be out very, very soon!

## Creation Care Tips

March 14th is International Day of Action for Rivers. Rivers, streams, and creeks were of paramount importance to Jesus, his friends and family, and his entire society. Rivers are essential for the survival of billions of people today who need access to clean and flowing water for drinking, washing, fishing, irrigation, and transportation. What is the nearest river or body of freshwater to you? Consider doing a trash pickup along its banks or shoreline this week, then enjoy some quiet time with God there.



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## Weekly Justice Challenges

The Gospel reading for Cycle B teaches us that God loved us so much that he sent his only Son into the world. The Son brought light into the darkness of sin in our lives. Jesus told us that we also are the light of the world. Your challenge this week is to look at where in our world sin has brought darkness — through greed or hate or violence or prejudice. The reflect on how you can be and bring light into this ugly situation. How can you be the light of the world for those who live in darkness?

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**Saint Clare Parish - Portuguese Council**  
**FUNDRAISER**

Dinner: Goat Stew or Cod Fish  
 with side dishes & dessert

Date: Saturday, April 27, 2024  
 Time: 6:30 PM

Take out/Pick up: 4:00 – 5:30 PM  
 Music DJ: Deodato Constantino  
 Donation: \$40.00

Tickets Available at the Parish Office

725 Washington Street | Santa Clara, CA 95050

For more information: 650-420-9908 or 408-406-8676



**DIOCESE OF 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>

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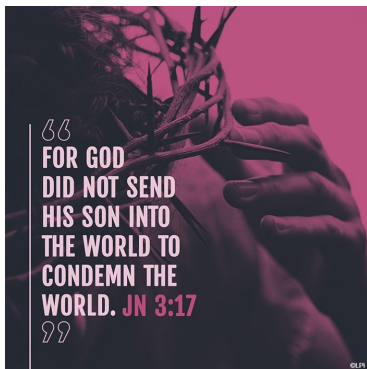
## Parish Mission Statement

*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 Intentions

March 9th - 16th, 2024

<b>Sat</b>	5:00 pm	Hipolito & Ildefonsa Esposo †
<b>Sun</b>	7:30 am	Saint Clare Parishioners
	9:00 am	Constantina Silva † Zulmira Goulart Lourenco † Andre Sardinha † Dora de Oliveira † Ernesto Gonsalves † Maria G. Amaral † Manuel & Cristina Jeronimo † Vidalia Gaspar Silva † Alberto Sanches † Adam & Eve Peacock Special Intention Thanksgiving - Saint Francis of Assisi
	10:30 am	Glenn Molica †
	12:00 pm	Ida López - Health Alicia Suárez - Health
<b>Mon</b>	9:00 am	Aurora Galam †
<b>Tues</b>	8:00 am	Gregorio Ortiz, Sr. †
<b>Wed</b>	8:00 am	Joe & Ada Bommarito - Health
<b>Thu</b>	8:00 am	Antonino Pereira †
<b>Fri</b>	8:00 am	Benito & Aurora Galam †
<b>Sat</b>	8:00 am	The Brady Family



## Stewardship Report

**Sunday Collection:**  
**March 2nd & 3rd**

**Goal: \$9,000.00**  
**Actual: 11,193.58**

**Thank you!!!**

## Daily Readings



### 4th Sunday of Lent

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23  
Ephesians 2:4-10  
John 3:14-21

*Scrutiny:* 10:30 am Mass  
1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a  
Ephesians 5:8-14  
John 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-3

### Monday

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

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

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

### Thursday

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

### Friday

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

### Saturday

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

### Next Sunday

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Hebrews 5:7-9  
John 12:20-33

*Scrutiny:* Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass  
Ezekiel 37:12-14  
Romans 8:8-11  
John 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



PARISH COMMUNITY

### **Parish Organizations** **Organizaciones Parroquiales**

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## **Boletim Paroquial Português**

10 de Março de 2024; Domingo IV da Quaresma – B  
Reflexão Por: João Pereira Arruda

“Se eu me não lembrar de ti, Jerusalém, fique presa a minha língua.” Assim cantará o salmista na liturgia deste Domingo. Quase todos aqueles que saíram de suas terras para migrarem para outros países compreendem muito bem o refrão deste salmo #136. Mesmo que os países para onde partiram os acolham e lhes dê melhores condições de viver, o coração migrante não esquece as suas terras de origem. Mais ainda, a história da salvação humana nos assegura da simpatia e apreço que Deus tem pelos imigrantes, pelos pobres, pelos perseguidos das injustiças perpetradas pelos senhores donos do poder, dos abandonados, dos rejeitados e lançados ao abandono; etc. Não nos conta essa História que Deus criou várias alianças para salvar Seu povo da escravidão? Não nos deu o Pai do Céu Seu Filho Unigênito para justificar a humanidade perante o Pai? Se assim é Deus nosso Pai que dá importância àqueles que são bemaventurados; então porque nos aliamos com partidos governamentais que causam e desrespeitam os imigrantes criando muros e barreiras que impedem destes pobres imigrantes serem parte dos dons dados por Deus? É tempo quaresmal é tempo de sermos mais caridosos não só em bens monetários mas de sermos mais caridosos e hospitaleiros com aqueles que são ilegais; pela simples razão que também eles são filhos de Deus e em muitos casos carentes de tudo incluindo de bens essenciais para viverem. Tal como se salvaram aqueles que no deserto olharam para as serpentes elevadas em paus, assim também se salva todos aqueles que acreditam em Jesus elevado e preso numa cruz servindo o plano de Deus para a nossa salvação. Como exercício Quaresmal prescitemos os nossos corações e nos questionemos de que lado estou eu em relação àqueles que neste mundo não são tão favorecidos. Queiramos ser recebidos pelo Pai que nos recebe em Seu Reino porque: dêmos pão aos que tinham fome, vestimos os que estavam nus, acolhemos os imigrantes, defendemos os injustiçados, fomos mensageiros de paz e opositores das guerras...só deste modo somos herdeiros da felicidade eterna.

### *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 objetivos para esta campanha estão assentados nas quantias de \$98,700.00 para a Diocese e de \$175,000 para a nossa paróquia. Nesta altura da campanha foram colhidas promessas no valor de \$136,529.00. Monsenhor Cília agradece.*
- 2. Os livros de capa preta estão colocados à entrada da nossa igreja. Estes são em inglês (à 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 às 3 horas da tarde e o outro na Terça Feira dia 26 de Março às 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 distribuído pela Organização do “Católico Relif Serviços” 75 por cento para países muito pobres e 25 por cento pelos pobres da nossa paróquia.*
- 5. Devoção da Via-Sacra: Esta devoção será feita todas as sextas feiras às 7 horas da noite na nossa Igreja em Inglês e Espanhol.*
- 6. Romaria Quaresmal, A Irmandade Familiar do Espírito Santo levará a efeito uma romaria ao estilo micaelense, fazendo oração nas igrejas da cidade de Santa Clara no Sábado dia 23 de Março. Todos são convidados a participar.*

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



## De Monseñor Fran Cilia

En la primera lectura de este fin de semana, del Segundo Libro de Crónicas, escuchamos que, a pesar de sus infidelidades, el Señor continuó enviando mensajeros a Israel. Pero no fueron bienvenidos.

El tercer capítulo del Evangelio de San Juan narra la respuesta de Dios a esta amarga recepción: “Tanto amó Dios al mundo que dio a su único Hijo, para que todo el que cree en él no perezca, sino que tenga vida eterna. Porque Dios no envió a su Hijo al mundo para condenar al mundo, sino para que el mundo sea salvo por él”.

De hecho, esto está en el centro de nuestra fe: el amor de Dios por la humanidad es tan grande que el Señor no retuvo nada, ni siquiera a su único Hijo, que nos fue dado para nuestra salvación. A medida que nos acercamos a la Pascua, nos preparamos para celebrar la profundidad del amoroso abrazo de Dios en la Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección de Jesús.

Pero incluso ahora compartimos esto cada vez que celebramos la Eucaristía, entrando en comunión con el Señor y entre nosotros. Recibimos el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo, con tal de que podamos vivir. Éstas son las buenas noticias del domingo de Laetare (“Alégrate”), que no se pueden quitar, ni siquiera en medio de la Cuaresma.

### CUARESMA EN LA PARROQUIA SAINT CLARE

**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 de Ceniza, cuando somos 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 la bondad de la creación como nosotros. hacer (dar 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 fin de semana, se celebrará el Segundo Escrutinio en la Misa de las 10:30 am del Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma y el último, en la Misa de Vigilia del Sábado de las 5:00 pm del Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma (16 de marzo), el próximo sábado.

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.

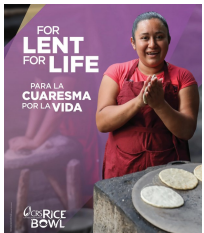
Continuando hasta el 22 de marzo, celebraremos el **Vía Crucis** bilingüe (inglés y español) los viernes por la tarde a las 7:00 pm

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).

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### Segundo Escrutinio

Celebramos el Segundo Escrutinio (examen penitencial) con nuestros Elegidos en la Misa de las 10:30 este domingo. Las lecturas de esa Misa difieren de las demás. La lectura del Evangelio (Juan 9:1-41) cuenta la historia del ciego de nacimiento. Este es el segundo de los grandes temas bautismales que escuchamos estos tres domingos. La semana pasada, Jesús se reveló a la mujer samaritana junto al pozo como "Agua Viva". El próximo fin de semana, el mayor de los “signos” de Jesús —la resurrección de Lázaro— se revela como una invitación para quienes serán bautizados a compartir los dones del agua, la luz y la vida. La invitación se extiende también a nosotros, que ya estamos bautizados, a profundizar nuestra participación en estos mismos dones que nos ha dado el Señor, a profundizar nuestra participación en su vida.

## Flores de Pascua para la Iglesia y el Altar de Reposo

Una vez más, lo invitamos a ayudar a preparar la iglesia para la Pascua trayendo lirios de Pascua y otras plantas con flores de primavera (como azaleas, etc.) para nuestras celebraciones de Pascua y toda la temporada de Pascua, que finaliza el 19 de mayo.

También damos la bienvenida a alcatraces para decorar el Altar del Reposo en la carpa, después de la Misa Vespertina de la Cena del Señor del Jueves Santo. ¿Quizás tengas algo creciendo en su jardín? Le agradeceríamos que pudiera compartirlos con la parroquia.



### Informe n.º 5 - Campaña Anual Diocesana

Gracias a muchos de nuestros feligreses, continuamos avanzando hacia nuestra meta de \$175,000. A partir de martes, hemos recibido 198 promesas y obsequios, por un total de \$136,529. Todavía nos quedan \$39,000 para alcanzar nuestra meta. La buena noticia es que hemos superado con creces nuestra meta diocesana asignada de \$98,700 y que todo lo que recaudemos ahora regresará a Saint Clare para ayudar a equilibrar nuestro presupuesto ante gastos inesperados y pérdida de ingresos por alquiler.



Vaya a <https://vimeo.com/907653751> para ver el video del mensaje sobre la ADA del Obispo Cantú.



### Colección anual de Catholic Relief Services

Gracias por sus donaciones a Catholic Relief Services. Si no estaba preparado para la colecta de hoy, siempre puede traerla a Misa el próximo fin de semana o a la Oficina Parroquial en cualquier momento.

### Posible Nuevo Ministerio Parroquial - The JW House

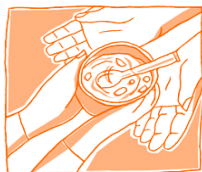
Saint Clare's está evaluando el interés en un nuevo ministerio para *JW House*. *JW House* es una organización sin fines de lucro fundada por una familia que perdió a su hijo y a su hermano a una edad temprana debido a un problema médico. La casa está ubicada cerca del Hospital Kaiser Permanente y brinda alojamiento y comida a familias que tienen niños que reciben tratamiento por problemas de salud a largo plazo en el hospital. Nos gustaría reunir un grupo de personas que quisieran participar en proporcionar una comida a JW House. Esta es una oportunidad de voluntariado y tiene diferentes opciones de participación: donación financiera, compras, preparación de alimentos, entrega de alimentos y/o servicio de alimentos. Por ahora, estamos recopilando una lista de los interesados y compartiremos más detalles una vez que tengamos un grupo. Comuníquese con Claire Wemp en [ckwemp@gmail.com](mailto:ckwemp@gmail.com) si desea que lo agreguen a la lista de correo electrónico.

### Consejos para el Cuidado de la Creación

El 14 de marzo es el Día Internacional de Acción por los Ríos. Los ríos y arroyos eran de suma importancia para Jesús, sus amigos y familiares, y toda su sociedad. Los ríos son esenciales para la supervivencia de miles de millones de personas hoy en día que necesitan acceso a agua limpia y corriente para beber, lavar, pescar, irrigar y transportarse. ¿Cuál es el río o cuerpo de agua dulce más cercano a ti? Considera recoger basura a lo largo de sus orillas esta semana, luego disfruta de un momento de tranquilidad con Dios allí.



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### Desafío Semanal de Justicia

La lectura del Evangelio para el Ciclo B nos enseña que Dios nos amó tanto que envió a su único Hijo al mundo. El Hijo trajo luz a las tinieblas del pecado en nuestras vidas. Jesús nos dijo que nosotros también somos la luz del mundo. Su desafío de esta semana es ver en qué parte de nuestro mundo el pecado ha traído oscuridad: a través de la codicia, el odio, la violencia o los prejuicios. Reflexiona sobre cómo puedes ser y traer luz a esta situación fea. ¿Cómo puedes ser la luz del mundo para los que viven en tinieblas?

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# CUARTO DOMINGO de CUARESMA



## La luz del mundo

Señor Jesús,  
testimonio del amor de Dios por nosotros  
cuando cargaste la cruz.  
Al cernirse las tinieblas antes de tu muerte,  
tu luz brilló más fuerte incluso.

Que mis ojos se fijen en tu luz,  
y que nunca me entregue a la oscuridad,  
oh, Cristo.  
Que vives y reinas en la unidad del  
Espíritu Santo,  
Dios, por siempre y para siempre. Amén.

**Domingo, 10 de marzo de 2024**  
**Luz de esperanza en las tinieblas**



*Lecturas del día:* 2 Crónicas 36:14–16, 19–23; Salmo 137:1–2, 3, 4–5, 6; Efesios 2:4–10; Juan 3:14–21. La esperanza y la dicha son temas recurrentes en las lecturas y en las oraciones del Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma. A la mitad de la Cuaresma, al empezar a flaquear en nuestra resolución, las lecturas nos hacen recordar el amor de Dios y la vida eterna que aguarda, y las oraciones se relacionan con la respuesta cristiana de dicha. La antífona de entrada dice: “Alégrate, Jerusalén, y que se reúnan cuantos la aman” y nos recuerda que la Cuaresma también es un tiempo de dicha.

A fin de alentarnos visualmente, el color litúrgico cambia del violeta de la temporada al rosa de hoy. Este día apunta a la reconciliación que es nuestra, debido a la

muerte y resurrección de Cristo. Y nada de ello hemos merecido. Por la sola misericordia de Dios vivimos en Cristo. Como indica la lectura de Efesios: “Ustedes han sido salvados por la fe, no por mérito propio, sino por la gracia de Dios; y no por las obras, para que nadie se gloríe”.

Algunos aceptan el regalo de la fe, pero como dice el evangelio, “La luz vino al mundo, y los hombres prefirieron las tinieblas a la luz”. En el bautismo, recibimos la luz de Cristo y con esa luz nos unimos al desvanecer las tinieblas. Esta semana, sea consciente de que lleva la luz de Cristo en usted y que puede llevarla la luz de Cristo a los demás.



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