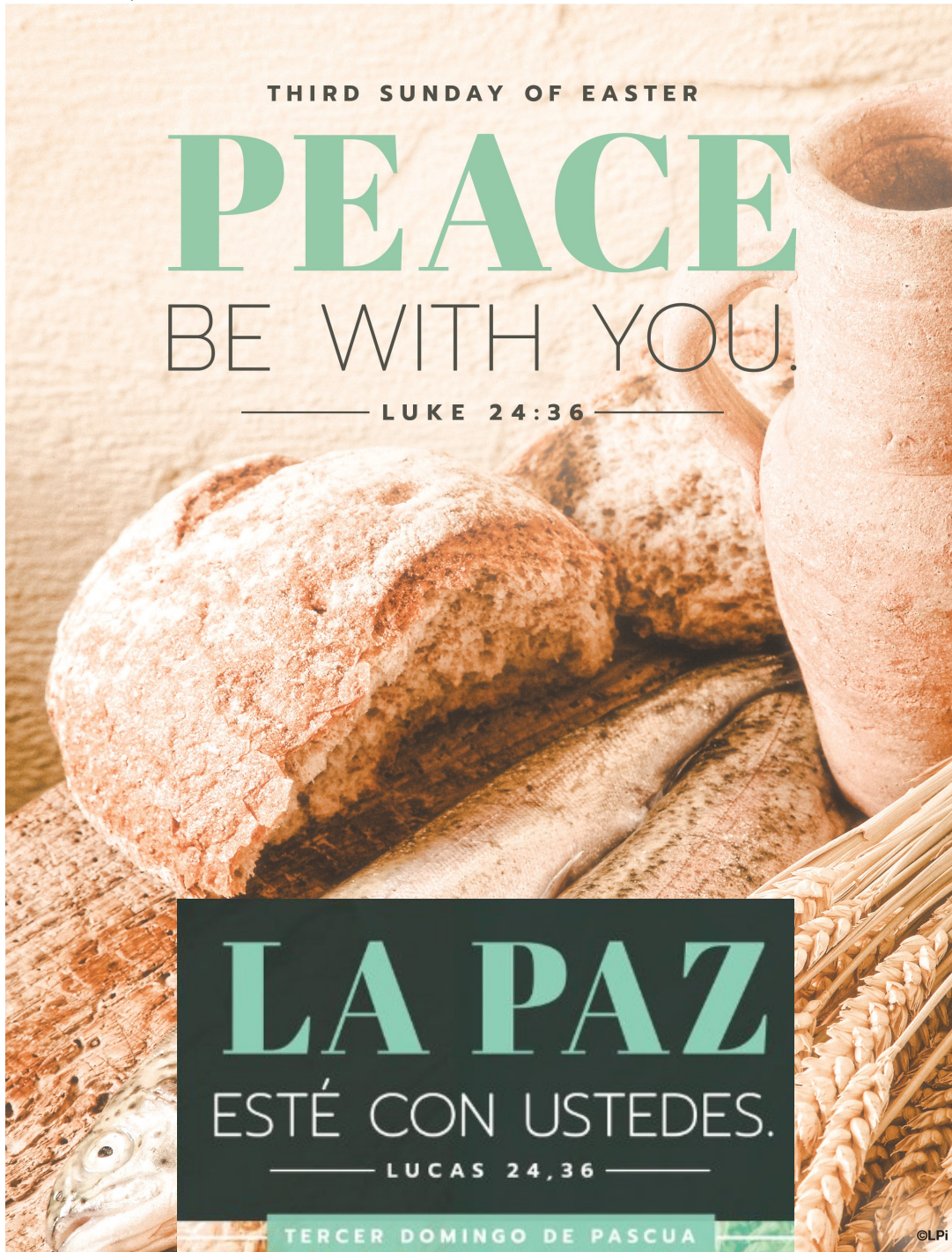




PARISH COMMUNITY
Santa Clara, California

*Third Sunday
of Easter*
April 14, 2024
*Tercer Domingo
de Pascua*



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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

It is easy to forget the Apostles' first reaction to the post-resurrection appearance of Jesus, as narrated in this weekend's passage from the Gospel of John; they thought He was a ghost. Jesus' response is an indication of His disappointment in them, but also a sign of His patience:

“Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have.”

The Lord is also patient with us, with our questions and our doubts. When we have them, we should never be discouraged. If the Lord forgives all our sins, how much more will He ‘forgive’ our questions and doubts, that are not sinful, but merely human?

Retirement Fund for Diocesan Priests

Next week marks the Good Shepherd weekend, an important time when we reach out to you for your generous support for our Diocesan Priest Retirement Appeal. The well-being of our retired priests, who have dedicated their lives to serving our community, rests in your hands. We humbly request every parishioner at Saint Clare to participate. Kindly remember to bring your donation envelope to Mass, as we will have a special collection dedicated to this cause. Your contribution is a testament to your gratitude and support for their lifelong commitment.



Your gift to the Diocesan Priest Retirement Appeal provides vital funding for medications, nursing care, and more to these priests who have been good shepherds and have kept their promises to the faithful of the Diocese.

Throughout the Diocese of San José, priests serve as loving shepherds to their flocks in our parishes and ministries. There are 45 retired priests in the Diocese and 92 others currently serving in our parishes and in other diocesan assignments. In addition, the Diocese has 38 priests reaching retirement age (70 years old) in the next 12 years and 8 in just the next three years.” Here’s is a link to a video from Bishop Cantú: <https://vimeo.com/925609028?share=copy>



Annual Diocesan Appeal Update



Earlier this week, we went over \$169,000 in gifts and pledges toward our \$175,000 parish goal. Thank you! Some have asked it would be too late to participate. The answer is very clear: It is never too late!

Thanks to those who continue to reflect on how you can be part of this year's ADA.

Saint Vincent de Paul Collection

We only realized now that the envelope for the Saint Vincent de Paul collection was dated for this weekend, even though we had put out the collection basket last weekend. Any donations this weekend in offertory envelopes for Saint Vincent de Paul will be forwarded to our local conference for their work.



Holy Land Olivewood Art - Next Weekend

Next weekend, we will welcome Bethlehem Artworks with offerings of religious works carved from olivewood. You can read about the works that these sales support here: <https://bethlehemartworks.com>. Please take advantage of this yearly visit.

Creation Care Tips

This week, learn something new about climate change and our call to action as Catholics. Resources such as Laudato Si', Catholics Going Green, and Caring for Creation: Inspiring Words from Pope Francis speak to how caring for creation is integrally connected to our spirituality. Documentaries such as David Attenborough: A Life on our Planet can highlight and explain humanity's impact on climate change while also bringing hope for future generations.



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Youth Ministry

If you have any interest in going to Diocesan Youth Retreat ("DYR") as a young person (entering freshman year to exiting senior year), please complete our interest form. Or if you require scholarships and would like to fundraise, also complete it!

Would you like to help a youth have an experience of a lifetime? Sponsor someone to go to DYR by financially supporting us using the QR code! All donations are greatly appreciated!

Diocesan Youth Retreat takes place from June 10-14, 2024, in Lake Tahoe. Some activities include adoration, Mass, confession, messy games, swimming in the lake, and breakouts! This is always the event of the summer so don't forget to register before it is too late (deadline May 5th). For more information please contact ryan.bao@dsj.org.

READY TO REGISTER?

Interested in DYR?!



If you are even slightly interested or already going, please complete this form! Filling out the form will help us plan our fundraising efforts!

Want to donate?



Consider sponsoring our young people! \$550 covers 1 retreatant but any amount is most appreciated!

Our new dates for Bible Study can be found in the picture! Break open a snack, bring a friend, and dive into the Bible as we reflect on the upcoming Gospel of the week. This is a great way to deepen your faith and get your questions answered! Next one is this Tuesday at 7:30pm in the youth center.

Our youth center is open this week on **Tuesday and Thursday from 6-8:30pm.**

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then press 9

Saint Clare School



COME JOIN THE FUN!!!

**When: Sunday, April 21
Time: 10 A.M. to 3 P.M**

Saint Clare School will be participating in Viva CalleSJ on April 21. This is a fun family event, so get on your bikes, scooters, skateboards or whatever your favorite form of car-free transportation, and cruise the streets of San Jose! BUT! Don't forget to stop by our booth at Curtner and Monterey Rd. to say "HI"!



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 Manager 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>

Weekly Justice Challenges



April 18 is Vocations Day. In Sons and Daughters of the Light, our U.S. Catholic Bishops encourage young adults to answer the universal call, or vocation, to holiness, community, and service. While each person lives out his/her vocation through a particular lifestyle—marriage, priesthood, religious life, or single life—we are all called to holiness and community and service. This means that service is not just for Confirmation candidates. It is part of lifelong discipleship. Your challenge this week is to focus on the call to service. Is service a regular part of your life—as an individual, but also as a family or household? How often do you serve? Where do you serve? Is there one particular cause to which you can give more of your time and talent for the good of those in need? If there is, then just do it because the JUST do it—they serve others!



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.

Stewardship Report

**Easter Collection:
April 6th and 7th**

**Goal: \$9,000.00
Actual: \$8,866.50**

Saint Vincent de Paul: \$925.00

Thank you

Daily Readings



Sunday:

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 John 2:1-5a; Luke 24:35-48

Monday:

Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29

Tuesday:

Acts 7:51-8:1a; John 6:30-35.

Wednesday:

Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40

Thursday:

Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51

Friday:

Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59

Saturday:

Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69

Next Sunday:

Acts 4:8-12; John 3:1-2; John 10:11-1

Mass Intentions

April 6th - 13th, 2024

Sat	5:00 pm	Cecilia Buitrago †
Sun	7:30 am	Saint Clare Parishioners
	9:00 am	Constantina Silva † Zulmira Goulart Lourenco † Andre Sardinha † Maria Lucia Cardoso † Dora de Oliveira † Ernesto Gonsalves † Vidalia Gaspar Silva † Manuel and Aldine Simas † Joao Luis Gaspar † Alberto Sanches † Jose Mendonça † Joao Borges † Joao Gonsalves Ferreira † Jose Fagundes † Jacinta dos Santos Monteiro † Saint Anthony - Thanksgiving
	10:30 am	Lee Wriglesworth †
	12:00 pm	Graciela de Diez † Margaret Medrano † Consuelo Martinez † Sylvia Obiedo † Ida López - Health
Mon	8:00 am	Elinore Peters †
Tues	8:00 am	Secundino Barandica †
Wed	8:00 am	The Palermo Family
Thu	8:00 am	Frank D. Hogan †
Fri	8:00 am	The Peters Family
Sat	8:00 am	Bernard Cabading †

SUPPORT OUR PARISH

A direct and safe way to our online giving page.



PARISH COMMUNITY



Thank you for your generosity!



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

A Reconciling Love

Loving Father, you sent your Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ,
to reconcile the world to you.
Grant that our hearts may be open
to your revelation
in the Eucharist and in the Word.
May your Spirit enliven us
that we may spread our faith
to all we encounter.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, April 14, 2024
Without Fear



Today's readings: Acts 3:13–15, 17–19; Psalm 4:2, 4, 7–8, 9 (7a); 1 John 2:1–5a; Luke 24:35–48. “Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,” we hear in today’s Gospel. Our lives are sometimes filled with so much noise that our Lord’s voice gets lost amid the cacophony. If time in silence with God is carved into our day, we can discern what God is saying to us in Scripture. But being still in a quiet place can be daunting. Begin the practice by sitting in the quiet one minute a day until that minute passes quickly. On subsequent days, increase the time to two, three, and four minutes until you are able to sit for twenty minutes with God.

In that silence, open yourself to be vulnerable to God. Doing so might seem daunting so begin by reading a verse from Scripture, saying a short prayer, or speaking to God just as you would speak to a friend. Tell God what makes you doubt in his promise. There is no need to fear such a conversation with God, for he wants a deeper relationship with you. Just as he met the startled and terrified disciples where they were in their faith, so he will meet you.

“Peace be with you,” Jesus says to the disciples in today’s Gospel. He wants peace for you also. In the silence, Christ awaits your invitation to open your mind to the Scriptures. He, too, awaits your response as a witness to the mercy and forgiveness he offers all who believe. In accepting the peace that Christ offers, consider who in your life needs you to offer them mercy.

Prayer for Our Retired Priests

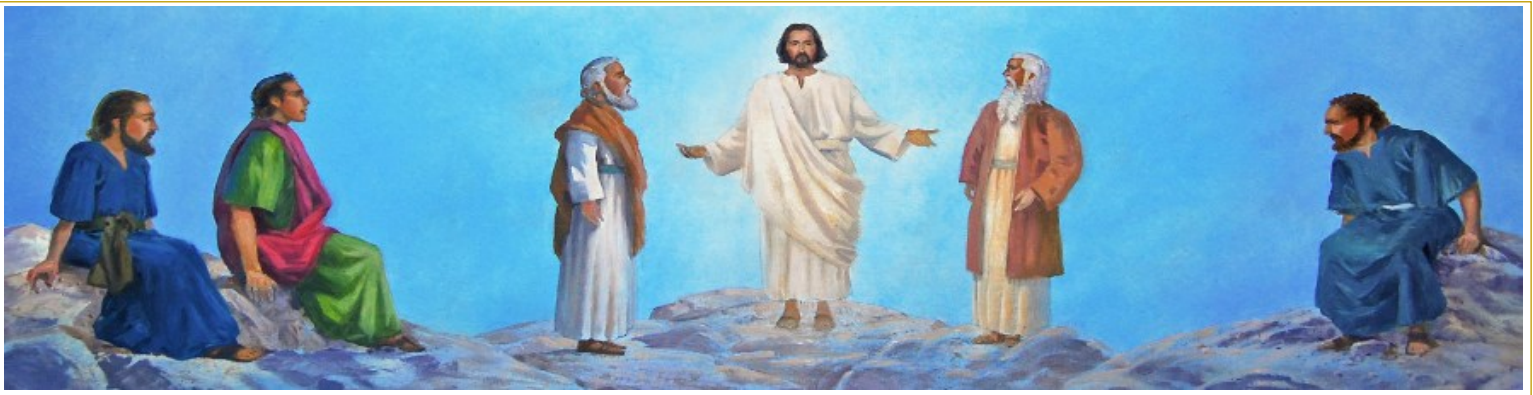
*As one diocesan family, let us pray
for God's protection for all our
elderly priests.*

Lord Jesus, High Priest,
we pray for the retired priests of our
Diocese of San José who still have
a very important mission in the
Church, the mission of prayer
and intercession.

We pray with gratitude for their
love and concern for us and for one
another, ever mindful of their unity
in You. We ask You to bless them
for the countless years of service
they have provided and continue to
provide to Your people throughout
the Diocese of San José, that they may
experience peace and joy in their
retirement, continuing to hold close
the love of Your Sacred Heart.

Amen.

*St. John Vianney, patron saint
of priests, pray for us!*



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, April 15

Bread of Life

Jesus says to his disciples, “You are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled.” Jesus is the Bread of Life; he gave himself to us in the Last Supper and continues to do so at each Eucharist. Some people continue to go spiritually hungry because they do not avail themselves of the nourishment Christ offers. As you begin your week, ask God to work through you to continue building the kingdom. *Today’s readings: Acts 6:8–15; Psalm 119:23–24, 26–27, 29–30; John 6:22–29*

Tuesday, April 16

Never Hunger

People are always looking for signs. Despite all the times Jesus performed miracles, healed people, and cast out demons, some in today’s Gospel continue to doubt the power of God. People either believe because they have seen or because they have been healed. When asked to be given the bread of life, Jesus responded, “I am the bread of life; who ever comes to me will never hunger.” As you receive the Eucharist every week, meditate on what It means for Christ to be the Bread of Life. How is he sustenance for you? *Today’s readings: Acts 7:51–8:1a; Psalm 31:3cd–4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; John 6:30–35.*

Wednesday, April 17

Visible Signs

“I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me.” With those words in today’s Gospel, Jesus reveals that he has submitted his life to God. The first reading, from Acts, shows how such submission cost St. Stephen his life. But as Philip proclaimed the Messiah to Samaria, “there was great joy in that city.” Do you understand that you have a responsibility to bring the joy of the Gospel to those you meet? *Today’s readings: Acts 8:1b–8; Psalm 66:1–3a, 4–5, 6–7a; John 6:35–40.*

Thursday, April 18

We Believe

Today’s Gospel encourages us to ponder the mystery of the Trinity. The reading tells us that no one has seen the Father “but the one who is from God.” Each Sunday at Mass, the faithful profess in the creed that Jesus is consubstantial with the Father. Pray with either the Apostles’ Creed or the Nicene Creed, taking time to realize what the words and our beliefs about the Trinity mean. *Today’s readings: Acts 8:26–40; Psalm 66:8–9, 16–17, 20; John 6:44–51.*

Friday, April 19

New Lives

Saul’s plans—to bring back in chains anyone who followed the Way—were upended when Jesus asked, “Why are you persecuting me?” Soon, Saul was seeking baptism and pro claiming the Good News. Sudden changes often bring people to reconsider their priorities. A dramatic example of that occurred during the lockdowns of the COVID-19 pandemic. Do you need to reexamine your values and determine whether they are aligned with how God is calling you? *Today’s readings: Acts 9:1–20; Psalm 117:1bc, 2; John 6:52–59.*

Saturday, April 20

Be Salt!

In today’s Gospel from John, we hear that many disciples “returned to their former way of life.” That image of people going back to their old ways is contrasted with Peter’s declaration of allegiance and the growth of the Church recorded in Acts. When we give in to temptation and return to former ways, we may experience momentary happiness but miss out on the peace that Christ offers. The reading from Acts tells of the peace in the Church as it was being built up. Where do you notice peace today? *Today’s readings: Acts 9:31–42; Psalm 116:12–13, 14–15, 16–17; John 6:60–69.*





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Boletim Paroquial Português
14 de Abril de 2024; Terceiro Domingo da Páscoa – B
Celebração do Quinquagésimo Aniversário
da Sociedade Filarmónica U. P de Santa Clara Reflexão
Por: João Pereira Arruda

Como os primeiros discípulos, é na “*Fracção do Pão*”, que nós reconhecemos hoje o Senhor Jesus. A Eucaristia é toda a pessoa viva de Jesus, é toda a Sua obra que, na Eucaristia, se converte em acontecimento real para todos os homens de hoje. Ao reunirmo-nos, portanto, no Domingo, para celebrar-mos a Eucaristia, é em torno de uma Pessoa viva que nos congregamos – Jesus Cristo ressuscitado.. é Ele a força unificante da comunidade. Diferentes todos uns dos outros, cada qual com os seus problemas e preocupações, e em volta do altar, nós não somos uma multidão, em que cada um se perde no anonimato e na solidão. Por Cristo, somos uma “assembleia”. Formamos o único Povo de Deus, a participar na acção por excelência, que é a Eucaristia. S. Pedro quando diz que Jesus está vivo, queria dizer que estava ressuscitado mas também se referia que com a fracção do pão e a benção do vinho dizia que sempre que o fizéssemos em sua memória Ele estaria em nós e nós n’Ele. Os discípulos imediatamente reconheceram Jesus no partir o pão que era com Jesus que estavam a partilhar-Lo no seu todo. Assim é, e continuará a ser cumprindo-se a Nova Aliança de Jesus no nosso meio e em nós pela nossa participação e comunhão do Seu Corpo.

Neste Domingo, a Sociedade Filarmónica União Portuguesa de Santa Clara, está em Igreja, nesta paróquia que em 1974 foi o seu berço e lugar para fazer os primeiros ensaios. É um gesto bonito de dar graças a Deus pela sua existência de oferecer música, eneste gesto generoso. de oferecer música, dá oportunidade a muitos jovens de aprenderam música. Dá a oportunidade a estes jovens de crescerem numa estrutura que exige unidade e cooperação com os outros músicos da Filarmónia para que a “mensagem” da música seja harmoniosa e de boa qualidade. Durante esses cinquenta anos de vida, esta Sociedade Filarmónica Tem levado o nome de Santa Clara por todo o lado aonde vive grandes números de portugueses imigrantes e ainda aos Açores. Poucos são os fundadores vivos, mas o espírito heróico deles continua a estar vivo em todos aqueles que de boa vontade dão continuidade a que esta Filarmónica continue a servir a nossa comunidade com o espírito generoso de oferecer música. É de louvar que em todos os anos esta Filarmónica venha á nossa paróquia e na missa em Português celebrem os seus aniversários em Abril e a Festa em honra de Santa Cecília em Setembro; e, é nesse espírito agadecido e devo9to que indo celebrar a sua existência na igreja, esta dá legitimidade e razão da sua existência. Celebremos pois com todos aqueles que amam a música e com o coração agradecido passamos pelas almas de todos que em vida foram pioneiros e generosamente deram parte de suas vida. Peçamos que por interceção de Santa Cecília Deus conceda saúde e graça a todos que de qualquer modo dão continuidade a esta Sociedade Filarmónica.

Jantar de Cabrito; ou Bacalhau: O Conselho Paroquial Português está planeando um jantar de cabrito e para os que não gotem de cabrito tem a opção de bacalhau no Sábado dia 27 de Abril próximo. Os bilhetes estão a serem vendidos ao preço de \$40.00 por adulto e de \$20.00 por crianças dos 6-12 anos. Sendo esta actividade planeada para angariar fundos para a igreja e para as actividades da nossa comunidade paroquial portuguesa, encoraja-se a participação de todos com o que puderam oferecer mas mais ainda é apreciada a vossa presença.

Agradecimento: O CPP congratula a Sociedade Filarmónica União Portuguesa de Santa Clara pela efeméride de cinquenta anos de existência. Nos agradecemos e nos orgulhamos de tudo que esta Filarmónica tem vindo a servir a nossa comunidade. Peçamos ao Senhor para que os seus directores liderados pelo presidente John Dias e aos músicos, associados e simpatizantes pela continuidade da sua existência, Bem hajam.

Um Santo Domingo para todos! Feliz Aniversário á SFUPDSC!

De Monseñor Fran Cilia

Es fácil olvidar la primera reacción de los Apóstoles ante la aparición de Jesús después de la resurrección, como se narra en el pasaje del Evangelio de Juan de este fin de semana; Pensaron que era un fantasma. La respuesta de Jesús es una indicación de su decepción hacia ellos, pero también una señal de su paciencia:

“¿Por qué estás preocupado? ¿Y por qué surgen preguntas en vuestros corazones? Mira mis manos y mis pies, que soy yo mismo. Tócame y verás, porque un fantasma no tiene carne ni huesos como puedes ver que yo tengo”.

El Señor también es paciente con nosotros, con nuestras preguntas y nuestras dudas. Cuando los tenemos, nunca debemos desanimarnos. Si el Señor perdona todos nuestros pecados, ¿cuánto más “perdonará” nuestras preguntas y dudas, que no son pecaminosas, sino meramente humanas?

Fondo de Jubilación para Sacerdotes Diocesanos

Nos acercamos al fin de semana del Buen Pastor, y con él, la oportunidad de mostrar nuestro apoyo a aquellos que han dedicado sus vidas al servicio de nuestra comunidad. La próxima semana, les invitamos a contribuir al Fondo de Jubilación de los Sacerdotes Diocesanos. Esta colecta especial es fundamental para asegurar que nuestros sacerdotes, quienes han sido fieles pastores y han honrado sus promesas a la Diócesis, reciban el cuidado y apoyo necesario en su jubilación.

Su generosidad proporcionará asistencia esencial para gastos médicos, atención de enfermería y otras necesidades vitales. Les pedimos que traigan su sobre de donación a las Misas y se unan a nosotros en este acto de gratitud y reconocimiento.

Gracias por su continua bondad y generosidad hacia la comunidad de Saint Clare. En toda la Diócesis de San José, los sacerdotes sirven como pastores amorosos para sus rebaños en nuestras parroquias y ministerios. Hay 45 sacerdotes jubilados en la Diócesis y otros 92 sirviendo actualmente en nuestras parroquias y en otras asignaciones diocesanas. Además, la Diócesis tiene 38 sacerdotes que alcanzarán la edad de jubilación (70 años) en los próximos 12 años y 8 en los próximos tres años.” Use el enlace para ver un video del obispo Cantú: <https://vimeo.com/925615929?share=copy>



Actualización de la Campaña Diocesana Anual



A principios de esta semana, superamos los \$169,000 en donaciones y promesas para alcanzar nuestra meta parroquial de \$175,000. ¡Gracias! Algunos han dicho que sería demasiado tarde para participar. La respuesta es muy clara: ¡nunca es demasiado tarde!

Gracias a quienes continúan reflexionando sobre cómo pueden ser parte de la ADA de este año.

Colección de San Vicente de Paúl

Recientemente nos dimos cuenta de que el sobre para la colecta de San Vicente de Paúl tenía fecha para este fin de semana, a pesar de que habíamos sacado la canasta de la colecta el fin de semana pasado. Cualquier donación de este fin de semana en sobres de ofertorio para San Vicente de Paúl se enviará a nuestra conferencia local por su trabajo.

Arte de Tierra Santa Olivewood - Próximo fin de semana

El próximo fin de semana daremos la bienvenida a Bethlehem Artworks con ofrendas de obras religiosas talladas en madera de olivo. Puedes leer sobre las obras que respaldan estas ventas aquí: <https://bethlehemartworks.com>. Aproveche esta visita anual.

Consejos para el Cuidado de la Creación

Esta semana, aprende algo nuevo sobre el cambio climático y nuestro llamado a la acción como católicos. Recursos como Laudato Si', y Laudate Deum del Papa Francisco hablan de cómo el cuidado de la creación está integralmente conectado con nuestra espiritualidad y, al mismo tiempo, brinda esperanza a las generaciones futuras





Oración por Nuestros Sacerdotes Jubilados

Como familia diocesana, oremos por
nuestros sacerdotes ancianos.

Señor Jesús, Sumo Sacerdote,
oramos por los sacerdotes jubilados
de nuestra Diócesis de San José que
todavía tienen una misión muy
importante en la Iglesia, la misión
de oración e intercesión.

Oramos con gratitud por su amor
y preocupación por nosotros y por
los demás, siempre conscientes de
su unidad en Ti.

Te pedimos que los bendigas por
los incontables años de servicio
que han brindado y continúan
brindando a Tu pueblo en toda
la Diócesis de San José, para
que puedan experimentar paz y
alegría en su jubilación, mientras
continúan manteniendo cerca el
amor de Tu Sagrado Corazón.

Amén.

*San Juan María Vianney, patrón de
los sacerdotes, ¡ruega por nosotros!*

TERCER DOMINGO DE PASCUA

Mi Roca

Padre amado,
enviaste a tu Hijo,
nuestro Señor Jesucristo,
para reconciliar al mundo contigo.
Abre nuestro corazón
a tu revelación
en la Eucaristía y en la Palabra.
Que tu Espíritu nos dé vida
para que compartamos la fe nuestra
a todo el que conozcamos.
Por Cristo nuestro Señor. Amén.

Domingo, 14 de abril de 2024
Sin miedo

Lecturas del día: Hechos 3:13–15, 17–19; Salmo 4:2, 4, 7–8, 9 (7a); 1 Juan 2:1–5a; Lucas 24:35–48. “Entonces les abrió la inteligencia para que comprendieran la Escritura”, escuchamos en el evangelio de hoy. En ocasiones, estamos tan distraídos con el ruido de nuestro alrededor que la voz de Dios se pierde entre la cacofonía. Si dedicáramos un momento en silencio a Dios, podríamos discernir lo que Dios nos dice en las Sagradas Escrituras. Pero estarse quieto en un lugar sin ruido podría resultar en todo un reto. Empiece por sentarse en silencio durante un minuto por día hasta que ese minuto transcurra. En los días posteriores, alárguese a dos, tres y cuatro minutos hasta que logre sentarse con Dios durante veinte minutos.

En tal silencio, ábrase y muéstrese vulnerable ante Dios. ¿Le parece abrumador? Empiece por leer un versículo de las Escrituras, o por decir una oración breve, o por hablarle a Dios tal como lo haría con un amigo. Cuénteles sus dudas a Dios pues él desea profundizar la relación con usted. Así como él se presentó a los discípulos cuando ellos estaban asustados, él también se le presentará. “La paz esté con ustedes”, dice Jesús a los discípulos en el evangelio de hoy. Para usted también él quiere la paz. En silencio, Jesús aguarda la invitación de usted para abrirle la inteligencia a las Escrituras. También aguarda la respuesta de usted en cuanto testigo de la misericordia y el perdón que él ofrece a quienes creen.



ESTA SEMANA EN CASA

Lunes, 15 de abril

Pan de vida

Jesús dijo a los discípulos, “Les aseguro que no me buscan por las señales que han visto, sino porque se han hartado de pan”. Jesús es el Pan de Vida; se nos entregó en la Última Cena y sigue haciéndolo en la Eucaristía. Hay gente que sigue pasando hambre espiritual debido a que se han privado del alimento que Cristo nos ofrece. Esta semana, ore a Dios para que él obre a través de usted a fin de seguir edificando el reino. *Lecturas del día: Hechos 6:8–15; Salmo 119:23–24, 26–27, 29–30; Juan 6:22–29.*

Martes, 16 de abril

Jamás con hambre

Hay gente que siempre está atenta a las señales. No obstante que Jesús obraba milagros, sanaba gente y expulsaba demonios, había gente que continuaba dudando del poder de Dios, según el evangelio de hoy. Algunos creían por lo que habían visto; otros, porque habían sido sanados. Cuando le piden que les dé el pan de vida, Jesús les responde, “Yo soy el pan de la vida: el que viene a mí no pasará hambre”. Esta semana al recibir la Eucaristía, medite lo que significa que Cristo sea el Pan de Vida. ¿De qué forma él es el sustento de usted? *Lecturas del día: Hechos 7:51–8:1a; Salmo 31:3cd–4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Juan 6:30–35.*

Miércoles, 17 de abril

Señales visibles

“Porque no bajé del cielo para hacer mi voluntad, sino la voluntad del que me envió”. Con tales palabras Jesús revela en el evangelio de hoy que ha entregado la vida a Dios. La primera lectura, de Hechos, muestra el grado de sumisión que le costó la vida a san Sebastián. Pero a medida que Felipe proclamaba el Mesías en Samaría, “la ciudad rebosaba de alegría”. ¿Tiene conciencia de la responsabilidad de llevar la alegría del Evangelio a cuantos usted conozca? *Lecturas del día: Hechos 8:1b–8; Salmo 66:1–3a, 4–5, 6–7a; Juan 6:35–40.*

Jueves, 18 de abril

Sí creemos

El evangelio de hoy nos anima a reflexionar sobre el misterio de la Trinidad. La lectura nos dice que nadie ha visto al Padre “sino el que está junto al Padre”. En cada misa de domingo, el fiel profesa en el Credo que Jesús comparte la misma sustancia con el Padre. Ore con el Credo apostólico o el Credo Niceno y dedique tiempo para internalizar lo que significan esas palabras y las creencias de uno sobre la Trinidad. *Lecturas del día: Hechos 8:26–40; Salmo 66:8–9, 16–17, 20; Juan 6:44–51.*

Viernes, 19 de abril

Vidas nuevas

Saulo tiene planeado encadenar a todo aquel que siga el Camino del Señor, pero sus planes se frustran cuando Jesús le pregunta, “¿Por qué me persigues?”. Al punto, Saulo desea bautizarse y luego proclamará la Buena Nueva. Hay cambios repentinos que hacen que uno reconsidere sus prioridades. Un ejemplo extremo de lo anterior ocurrió durante el confinamiento a causa de la pandemia del covid-19. ¿Usted reevalúa sus valores para determinar si se alinean o no con el llamado de Dios? *Lecturas del día: Hechos 9:1–20; Salmo 117:1bc, 2; Juan 6:52–59.*

Sábado, 20 de abril

¡Sean sal!

El Evangelio de san Juan nos dice hoy que “muchos de sus discípulos lo abandonaron [a Jesús] y ya no andaban con él”. Esta imagen de la gente que vuelve a las andanzas de antes se contrasta con la declaración de fe de Pedro y con el crecimiento de la Iglesia registrada en Hechos. Cuando cedemos a la tentación y volvemos a las andanzas, es posible que nos sintamos felices por un momento, pero al cabo nos perdemos de la paz que Cristo nos ofrece. La lectura de Hechos nos habla de la paz de la que se gozaba a medida que se edificaba la Iglesia. ¿Dónde siente que hay paz ahora? *Lecturas del día: Hechos 9:31–42; Salmo 116:12–13, 14–15, 16–17; Juan 6:60–69.*



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