



PARISH COMMUNITY
Santa Clara, California

*Pentecost
Sunday
May 19, 2024
Domingo
de Pentecostés*



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From Monsignor Fran Cilia

On the great feast of Pentecost, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles was fulfillment of the promise made by Jesus: “The Father will send you another Paraclete,” [also called “Comforter” and “Advocate”] “to be with you always” (John 14:16).

This same Spirit comes upon us in Baptism, Confirmation and, in fact, in every moment of our lives. The Spirit comes upon our gifts of bread and wine, to change them into the Body and Blood of the Lord; the Spirit also forms us into “one body, one spirit in Christ” (Eucharistic Prayer III).

On Pentecost, the frightened group of Jesus’ followers suddenly became bold in proclamation, speaking in ways that everyone understood, no matter where they came from. The Spirit gave them courage not only on the day of Pentecost, but for the rest of their lives.

You can now give to Saint Clare through Venmo

Some would say that we have finally entered the 21st Century, now that the parish can accept donations and payments via Venmo. This is a simple way to transfer funds from our personal accounts to others and now to the parish. Here is a QR Code and a link to do so:



https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=WQPE8T3F3NKNS

10:30 English Mass Next Sunday in the Tent

Next Sunday, our Portuguese community will celebrate the annual Festa in honor of the Holy Spirit at 10:30 Mass in the Church.

The 10:30 English/Family Mass will be celebrated in the Tent. We hope that our regular 10:30 community will join us there.

Each year, there are five Portuguese celebrations at 10:30. This is the first of those. Thanks for your understanding.

Come to the Celebration of Father Victor’s Fifth Anniversary of Ordination as a Priest



Father Victor’s 5th Anniversary of Ordination will be on Saturday, June 1.

We will celebrate with Father Victor at the 5:00 pm Mass, followed by a dinner reception in the Rectory Garden. All are invited. All are welcome.

Please let us know if you will be with us, so we can prepare appropriately.

Here is a link to RSVP: <https://www.stclareparish.org/events/father-victors-5th-ordination-anniversary-celebration/>

Please note that the deadline to register is May 22.





!! RED ALERT !!

Annual Diocesan Appeal Report: We made our \$175,000 Goal!!

When Msgr. Fran returned from Clergy Study Week on Thursday afternoon, we learned that our ADA pledges and gifts now total \$176,032. Thank you to all.



Of course, you can still join this winning effort at any time. Again, many thanks!!

Catholic Charities May Appeal

Next weekend, we will take up the annual May Appeal for Catholic Charities, which is the largest social services agency in Santa Clara County.

Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County, through its initiatives and compassionate outreach, is the social justice arm of the Diocese of San Jose. Our volunteers and parish ambassadors will share the good news of our work together during Catholic Charities Annual Appeal, May 25-26, in parishes throughout the Diocese.

Parish partnerships and collaboration are key to our success in “changing lives for good” in our Diocese. We look forward to this annual event when parishioners can learn more about supporting our outreach and ways that they may put their faith into action.

Your support – at every dollar level - makes an impact on disrupting poverty. Last year, more than 86,000 children, adults, and seniors accessed critical services through our 90+ sites in Santa Clara County, from Palo Alto to Gilroy.

More than \$160,000 was raised for Catholic Charities programs through the parish collections during the 2023 Annual Appeal. On behalf of those we serve, we are grateful to every family and individual who made donations last year to support our mission.

This year, contributors at the Caritas Society level can make an even greater impact with our LaScola Challenge Match. Caritas Society members provide the foundational support for the work of Catholic Charities throughout Santa Clara County. To join, Caritas members make an annual donation of \$84 a month/\$1,000 a year or more. (<https://www.ccscc.org/caritas-society?locale=en>)

Your generosity helps Catholic Charities continue the work of Christ in caring for those most in need. Thank you, in advance, for your gifts.

Creation Care Tips

On Pentecost we associate fire with the coming of the Holy Spirit. We know fire has always been essential to human civilization, and we are also aware of the destructive nature of fire, especially as the earth is experiencing more wildfires and extreme wildfires each year. Although burning wood in a fireplace, campfire, or outdoor fire pit can be a cozy ritual, the smoke from wood burning is a significant source of air pollution in some areas and climates. What activities or sources of warmth can you use as an alternative to burning wood?



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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)

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

Saint Clare School



Last Thursday Saint Clare School was blessed to welcome back graduates from the Class of 2020. With the normal graduation festivities derailed by COVID, these young people persevered with smiles and laughter. Mrs. Mantecón, principal for those fateful years, returned to celebrate with our alumni. She was joined by teachers Mrs. Elias and Mr. Goetz. Ms. Cherell joined the fun. Ms. Teresea wasn't able to make it, so the Class of 2020 sent her a video message filled with good wishes. Msgr. Fran joined us to meet our alumni and to bless the food and the assembly.

Saint Clare School is proud of each member of this class. They are graduating from high school and are all heading out to do great things, each in her or his own way. We saw swag from USC, UCLA, St. Mary's, Pitzer, Purdue, and University of San Diego, to name a few. One alum will begin serving his country abroad in the United States Marine Corp!

The foundation for their successes was built during their formative years at Saint Clare School. What they learned here was essential to their academic growth and development in high school. When we see each of them confidently forging their own path we know we did our job. The Class of 2020 remains in our prayers. Please keep them in yours.

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

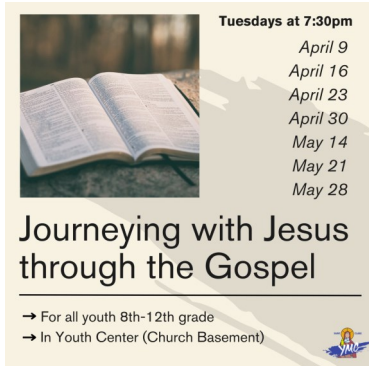
Support our robust tuition assistance program by making a donation: <https://www.stclare.school/supportus>

Youth Ministry

Join us for a **Youth Ministry session this Sunday!** All youth 8th-12th grade are invited to the hall at 1:30pm on Sunday, May 19th.

Our **Bible Study continues this week on Tuesday from 7:30pm-8:30pm** in the Church Basement. Learn and reflect on next week's Gospel reading and go deeper into your faith. All youth welcome!

Thank you for your support in our DYR Scholarship Fundraiser. So far, we raised \$1,000 in our first weekend which is already 25% of the way to our \$4,000 goal! **This week, we will continue with orange juice after Mass along with a waffle bar (\$5) at the 10:30am and 12:00pm Mass.** Consider supporting us by buying a waffle after Mass or giving with the QR code.



Tuesdays at 7:30pm
April 9
April 16
April 23
April 30
May 14
May 21
May 28

Journeying with Jesus through the Gospel

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



SPONSOR A YOUTH TODAY!

Support our Trip To DYR by giving with the QR code or buying refreshments after Mass.

Find us at the
7:30 AM Mass
10:30 AM Mass
12:00 PM Mass

QR code

Mass Intentions May 18th - 25th, 2024

Saturday 5:00 PM
Saint Clare Parishioners

Sunday 7:30 AM
Margaret McLoughlin †

Sunday 9:00 AM
Constantina Silva †
Andre Sardinha †
Maria Lucia Cardoso †
Ernesto Gonsalves †
Manuel and Cristina Jeronimo †
Jose Mendonça †
Jose Fagundes †
Vidalia Gaspar Rocha †
Lavina Freitas Hogan †
Irmandade Familiar Holy Spirit
Saint Jude Thadeus-Thanksgiving

Sunday 10:30 AM
Bess Nicosia †

Sunday 12:00 PM
Thomas Carlos Rosales †
Luis Fierro †
Maria Teresa Diez Castaño †
Souls in Purgatory
Ida López - Health
Alicia Suárez - Health

Monday 8:00 AM
The Pappalardo Family

Tuesday 8:00 AM
Bridget Hall †

Wednesday 8:00 AM
Miguel Angel Nieto †

Thursday 8:00 AM
The Blandford Family †

Friday 8:00 AM
Peter Louis Rowland †

Saturday 8:00 AM
Marianela Ibarra †



*Please join us
for a special celebration
on June 8 at 5 pm.
Mass of Thanksgiving for
newly ordained
Father Ryan Mau.
Reception to follow.*

“I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me.”

— Jn 16:12-14a

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Stewardship Report

Collection:
May 11th and 12th

Goal: \$9,000.00
Actual: \$ 14,162.00

Catholic Communication Campaign:
\$ 1,183.00

Thank you!!!



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.

Daily Readings



Sunday: Pentecost

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13;
John 20:19-23

Monday:

Genesis 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14;
John 19:25-34

Tuesday:

James 4:1-10; Mark 9:30-37

Wednesday:

James 4:13-17; Mark 9:38-40

Thursday:

James 5:1-6; Mark 9:41-50

Friday:

James 5:9-12; Mark 10:1-12

Saturday:

James 5:13-20; Mark 10:13-16

Next Sunday:

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40;
Romans 8:14-17; Matthew 28:16-20

SUPPORT OUR PARISH

Scan one of the QR codes for direct and safe way to donate.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God the Roman Catholic Diocese of San José joyfully announces the Ordination of



Rev. Mr. Robert Lamorena



Rev. Mr. Ryan Mau

and



Rev. Mr. Duy Nguyen

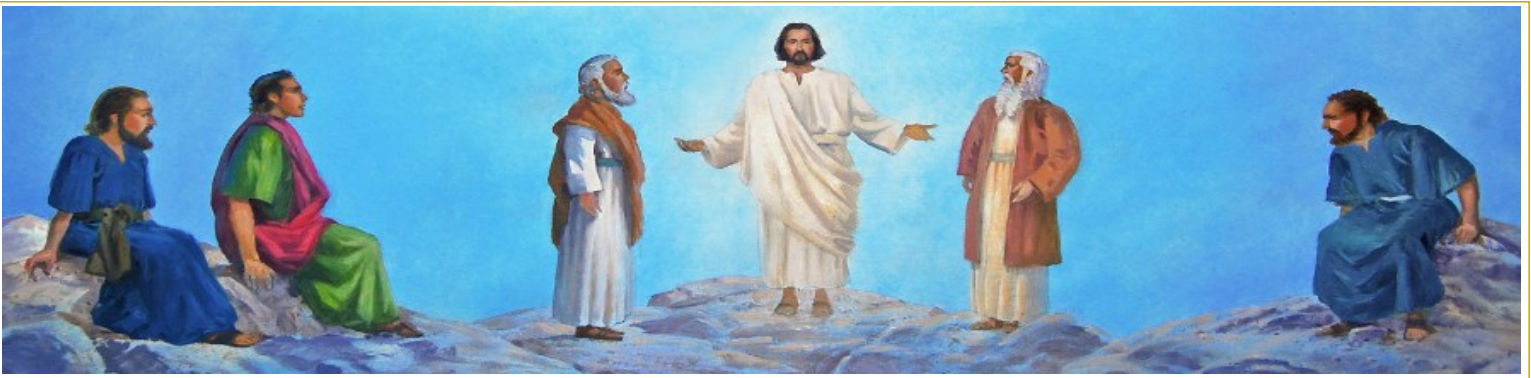
to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ through the laying on of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit by the

MOST REVEREND OSCAR CANTÚ, STD
Bishop of San José

Saturday, May 25, 2024, 9:30am
Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph



Livestream: Facebook/DioceseSanJose



THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Monday, May 20

Mary, Mother of the Church

When Pope Francis decreed that the Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church, would be celebrated on the day after Pentecost, he reflected on the tradition of honoring Mary as both Mother of Christ and Mother of the Church. He also wrote of the opportunity for the memorial to draw the faithful to expand their perspective of the Church. The memorial, the decree states, “might encourage the growth of the maternal sense of the Church in the pastors, religious and faithful, as well as a growth of genuine Marian piety.” How would acquiring a maternal sense of the Church influence the ministry of those who are ordained? How would it influence the laity? *Today’s readings: Acts 1:12–14; Psalm 87:1–2, 3, 5, 6–7; John 19:25–34.*

Friday, May 31

Visitation of the Blessed Virgin

Today, we remember two miracles. The first is Mary, pregnant by the power of the Holy Spirit, and her older cousin Elizabeth, also pregnant in her old age. These women, and the sons carried in their wombs, had a mission to fulfill. Faith led Mary and Elizabeth to accept their mission. We, too, have a mission and purpose. As the month of Mary concludes, ask for Mary’s intercession to help you be true to your mission. *Today’s readings: Zephaniah 3:14–18a; Isaiah 12:2–3, 4bcd, 5–6; Luke 1:39–56.*

Thursday, June 13

Memorial of Saint Anthony of Lisbon/Padua

St. Anthony of Padua brought many hearts to God through his gift of evangelizing and knowledge of Scripture. He took seriously the words from Isaiah, “the spirit of the Lord God is upon me / because the Lord has anointed me. / He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly, / to heal the brokenhearted.” At our baptism, we too were anointed and entrusted

with converting hearts and announcing the Good News. *Today’s readings: Isaiah 61:1–3d; Psalm 89:2–3, 4–5, 21–22, 25 and 27; Luke 10:1–9.*

Monday, June 24

Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

John allowed the Spirit to act through him. From his mother’s womb, he recognized the presence of the Lord. As John prepared the way for the messiah, he minimized himself to allow people to see Jesus. How do you prepare the way of the Lord? Do you seek attention or are you able to minimize yourself to allow the Spirit to work through you? *Today’s readings: Isaiah 49:1–6; Psalm 139:1b–3, 13–14ab, 14c–15; Acts 13:22–26; Luke 1:57–66, 80.*

Saturday, June 29

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

Today we remember the lives of St. Peter and St. Paul. These apostles and martyrs are examples of obedience and resilience; they persevered in evangelization even when their lives were in jeopardy. Pray for Pope Francis and all who continue to spread the Good News, regardless of the challenges they face. *Today’s readings: Acts 3:1–10; Psalm 19:2–3, 4–5; Galatians 1:11–20; John 21:15–19.*

Wednesday, August 28

Memorial of Saint Augustine

On the Memorial of St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, we might consider how open we are to continue our conversion and live as God calls us. After many years of a worldly life, Augustine was baptized when he was nearly thirty-three years old. In *The Confessions* of St. Augustine, he wrote of his conversion, “I have loved you too late. You were with me, but I was not with you.” Pray to St. Augustine to help you notice the presence of God and to grow in faith. *Today’s readings: 1 John 4:7–16; Psalm 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14; Matthew 23:8–12.*



PARISH COMMUNITY

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Boletim Paroquial Português
19 de Maio de 2024; Domingo da Festa do Pentecoste
Reflexão Por: João Pereira Arruda

“*Veni Creator Spiritus!*”. O Sacerdote levanta ao alto a coroa, para depois a depositar-a na cabeça de uma criança, ou no mormomo da Festa; para depois o coro ou a congregação continuar o cântico iniciado pelo sacerdote durante todo o tempo em que esta tradicional cerimónia é cantada com muita emoção por todos os açorianos que vibram com alegria e entusiasmo esta Festa . Neste Domingo e no próximo Domingo celebraremos o Espírito Santo na nossa igreja. A Irmandade Familiar do Espírito Santo de Santa Clara celebra hoje Domingo do Pentecostes! O Senhor Espírito Santo Divino tal e qual é conhecido pelos açoreanos e pelos Portugueses desta cidade de Santa Clara que se prepararam para celebrar essa festa rezando e fazendo a devoção do terço nas chamadas “Domingas” desde o Domingo da Páscoa e da Ressurreição do Senhor até hoje. A nossa comunidade até Maio de 2024 não celebrava esta festa na missa da nossa comunidade até 1982, ano em que esta Irmandade foi criada e se estabeleceu em esta celebrada com a tradicional coroação até ao dia de hoje e só interrompida pelos dois anos da pandemia. Assim estamos a celebrar o Espírito de Deus que nos une fraternalmente e nos motiva a ns partilharmos e doarmos o que somos e temos para o bem comum de todos. Celebramos o Paráclito, o Deus que nos defende perante o Pai!

Em qualquer festa do Espírito Santo, dependente da ilha ou freguesia que é feita faz-se uma enorme refeição, confecionada tradicionalmente com as sopas de carne ou carne guizada com batatas. Esta é a refeição da partilha do qual os ingredientes foram doados, o confecionamento da refeição é producto dos voluntários que se entregam livremente para que a refeição seja de qualidade excelente para depois a mesma ser partilhada por todos que vêm á mesa da partilha de unidade fraterna; o pobre carente de tudo neste dia não terá fome. Seria este o objectivo da Rainha Santa Isabel de Portugal? Mesmo que esta versão não seja um facto mas a ideia para nas cabeças de milhares de açoreanos que é uma ideia válida de acreditar e viver -la neste dia.

No Próximo Domingo celebraremos o Espírito Santo na Solenidade da Santíssima Trindade. É o mesmo Espírito celebrado com métodos diferentes. Tal como o Espírito Santo nos oferece muitos dons, assim também é celebrado de modos diferentes consoante o local donde é celebrada a função, o império, a mordomia, a promessa, em todas essas celebrações a partilha da refeição continua a ser consistente e por mais de cinco séculos celebramos o Espírito Santo e esta tradição, por mais evolução, mudanças que tem acontecido, muitas disputas e ameaças pelo modo que é celebrado, por obra e graça do Espírito Santo Este continua a nos dar vida de Igreja.

Festa do Espírito Santo.: A Irmandade Familiar do Espírito Santo está celebrando hoje a Festa em honra e louvor ao divino Espírito Santo. Deste modo e inserida na nossa Missa Portuguesa será feita a tradicional coroação este ano o casal mordomo Abel e Eduarda Raposo serão coroados. Desde 1982 que esta Irmandade celebra com a nossa comunidade esta Festa e deste modo dão um tom de alegria e um contentamento saudoso das festas que fomos criados e participamos nos nossos lugares de origem. Por mais que se façam alterações, se deturpe os costumes ou os subestituem com costumes que pouco tem a ver com a celebração, mas por compromissos de entendimento continua -se a levar em bem esta festa. Pelo Espírito Santo cada açoreano ganha uma nova dimensão, porque é uma festa que nos renova e nos alegra e o Espírito Santo é o Deus da vida alegre. O Conselho Paroquial Português agradece a esta Irmandade Familiar do Espírito Santo pelos esforços investidos no tudo que leva para que essa festa seja possível. Bem Hajam!

Um Santo e Alegre Festa do Espírito Santo!
VIVA O DIVINO ESPÍRITO SANTO!!!

De Monseñor Fran Cilia

En la gran fiesta de Pentecostés, el derramamiento del Espíritu Santo sobre los Apóstoles fue el cumplimiento de la promesa hecha por Jesús: “El Padre os enviará otro Paráclito” [también llamado “Consolador” y “Abogado”] “para que esté con vosotros”. vosotros siempre” (Juan 14:16).

Este mismo Espíritu viene sobre nosotros en el Bautismo, la Confirmación y, de hecho, en cada momento de nuestra vida. El Espíritu viene sobre nuestros dones de pan y vino, para transformarlos en Cuerpo y Sangre del Señor; el Espíritu también nos forma en “un cuerpo, un solo espíritu en Cristo” (Plegaria Eucarística III).

En Pentecostés, el asustado grupo de seguidores de Jesús de repente se volvió atrevido en la proclamación, hablando de manera que todos entendieran, sin importar de dónde vinieran. El Espíritu les dio valor no sólo el día de Pentecostés, sino por el resto de sus vidas.

Ahora puedes donar a Santa Clara a través de Venmo

Algunos dirían que finalmente hemos entrado en el siglo XXI, ahora que la parroquia puede aceptar donaciones y pagos a través de Venmo. Esta es una forma sencilla de transferir fondos de nuestras cuentas personales a otras y ahora a la parroquia. Aquí tienes un código QR y un enlace para hacerlo:



https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=WQPE8T3F3NKNS

Misa de 10:30 en inglés el próximo domingo en la carpa

El próximo domingo, nuestra comunidad portuguesa celebrará la Fiesta anual en honor del Espíritu Santo en la Misa de las 10:30 en la Iglesia.

La Misa de Inglés/Familia de las 10:30 se celebrará en la Carpa. Esperamos que nuestra comunidad habitual de las 10:30 se una a nosotros allí.

Cada año, hay cinco celebraciones portuguesas a las 10:30. Este es el primero de ellos. Gracias por su comprensión.

Ven a la Celebración del Quinto Aniversario del Padre Víctor de ordenación sacerdotal



El quinto aniversario de ordenación del Padre Víctor será el sábado 1 de junio.

Celebraremos con el Padre Víctor en la Misa de las 5:00 pm, seguida de una cena de recepción en el Jardín de la Rectoría. Todos están invitados. Todos son bienvenidos. Háganos saber si estará con nosotros para que podamos prepararnos adecuadamente.

Aquí hay un enlace para confirmar su asistencia: <https://www.stclareparish.org/events/father-victors-5th-ordination-anniversary-celebration/>

Tenga en cuenta que la fecha límite para registrarse es el 22 de mayo.



Cuando Mons. Fran regresó de la Semana de Estudio del Clero el jueves por la tarde y nos enteramos de que nuestras promesas y donaciones de la ADA ahora suman un total de \$176,032. Gracias a todos.

Por supuesto, aún puedes unirte a este esfuerzo ganador en cualquier momento. Nuevamente muchas gracias!!



Apelación de Caridades Católicas para Mayo

El próximo fin de semana, retomaremos la Campaña anual de mayo para Caridades Católicas, que es la agencia de servicios sociales más grande del condado de Santa Clara.

Caridades Católicas del Condado de Santa Clara, a través de sus iniciativas y alcance compasivo, es el brazo de justicia social de la Diócesis de San José. Nuestros voluntarios y embajadores parroquiales compartirán las buenas noticias de nuestro trabajo juntos durante la Campaña Anual de Caridades Católicas, del 25 al 26 de mayo, en parroquias de toda la Diócesis.

Las asociaciones y colaboraciones parroquiales son clave para nuestro éxito en “cambiar vidas para bien” en nuestra Diócesis. Esperamos con ansias este evento anual en el que los feligreses puedan aprender más sobre cómo apoyar nuestro alcance y las formas en que pueden poner su fe en acción.

Su apoyo, en todos los niveles de dólares, tiene un impacto en la lucha contra la pobreza. El año pasado, más de 86,000 niños, adultos y personas mayores accedieron a servicios críticos a través de nuestros más de 90 sitios en el condado de Santa Clara, desde Palo Alto hasta Gilroy.

Se recaudaron más de \$160,000 para programas de Caridades Católicas a través de las colectas parroquiales durante la Campaña Anual de 2023. En nombre de aquellos a quienes servimos, agradecemos a todas las familias e individuos que hicieron donaciones el año pasado para apoyar nuestra misión.

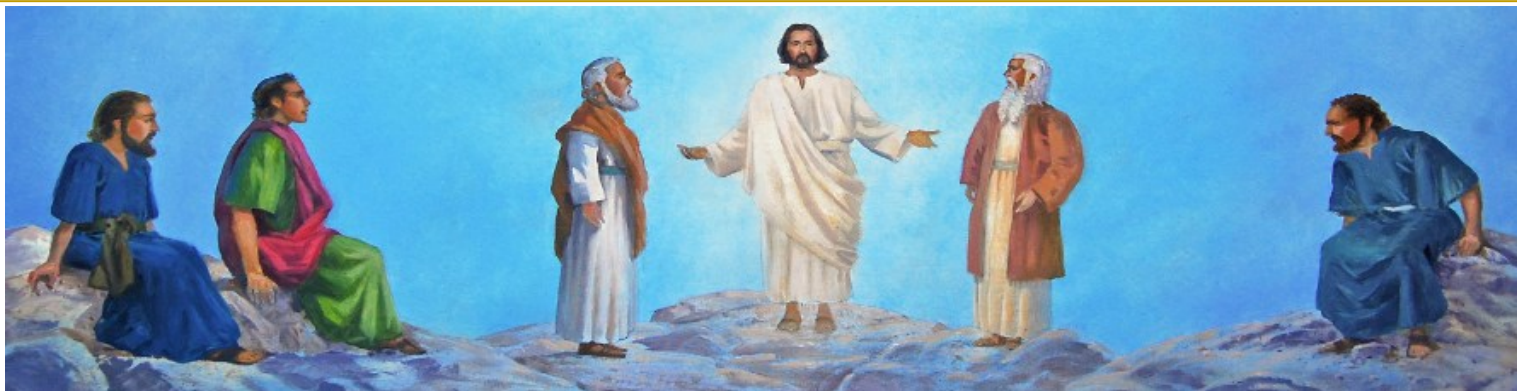
Este año, los contribuyentes a nivel de la Sociedad Caritas pueden lograr un impacto aún mayor con nuestro *LaScola Challenge Match*. Los miembros de la Sociedad Caritas brindan el apoyo fundamental para el trabajo de Caridades Católicas en todo el condado de Santa Clara. Para unirse, los miembros de Caritas hacen una donación anual de \$84 al mes/\$1.000 al año o más. (<https://www.ccscc.org/caritas-society?locale=en>)

Su generosidad ayuda a Caridades Católicas a continuar la obra de Cristo al cuidar a los más necesitados. Gracias de antemano por sus regalos.

Desafío Semanal de Justicia



El 21 de mayo ha sido designado como Día Mundial para la Diversidad Cultural para el Diálogo y el Desarrollo. Es muy interesante observar que este día ocurre en la semana antes de celebrar Pentecostés, que es una historia sobre la unidad en la diversidad. ¡Qué apropiado! La diversidad cultural es hoy un término de moda, pero también es algo que los católicos — por nuestra propia identidad, ya que "católico" significa universal— encarnamos. Como católicos, somos un pueblo diverso en todos los sentidos: edad, género, estatus económico, raza, personalidad, ubicación y mucho más. Estamos llamados a abrazar y celebrar nuestras diferencias, no a tratar de hacer que todos los demás se hagan a nuestra imagen y semejanza. Tu reto esta semana es experimentar y celebrar algo en otra cultura. Puede ser una oración en particular, o un plato étnico, o un tipo de música. Elijas lo que elijas, abraza el don de la cultura. Ofrezca una oración de agradecimiento a Dios de que, si bien todos somos creados a imagen de Dios, también somos creados de maneras únicas y diferentes entre nosotros.



ESTA SEMANA Y DESPUÉS

Lunes, 20 de mayo

María, Madre de la Iglesia

Cuando el papa Francisco decretó que el día de la Bienaventurada Virgen María, Madre de la Iglesia, se celebraría el día después de Pentecostés, reflexionó sobre la tradición de honrar a María en cuanto Madre de Cristo y en cuanto Madre de la Iglesia. También escribió de la oportunidad que representaba celebrar ese día a fin de atraer a los fieles y de ampliar sus perspectivas respecto a la Iglesia. Celebrar esta memoria, señala el decreto, “puede incrementar el sentido materno de la Iglesia en los pastores, en los religiosos y en los fieles, así como en la genuina piedad mariana”. ¿Cómo influiría en el ministerio de los que se ordenan el que logran tener un sentido maternal de la Iglesia? ¿Cómo influiría sobre los laicos? *Lecturas del día: Hechos 1:12-14; Salmo 87:1-2, 3, 5, 6-7; Juan 19:25-34.*

Viernes, 31 de mayo

Visitación de la Bienaventurada Virgen María

Hoy celebramos dos milagros: el embarazo de María por obra del Espíritu Santo y el de su prima Isabel que concibió a una edad avanzada. Estas mujeres y los hijos que llevan en el vientre tienen una misión que cumplir. La fe lleva a María e Isabel a aceptar esta misión. También nosotros tenemos una misión y un propósito. Al concluir el mes de María, pida a María que interceda para ayudarle a ser fiel en la misión. *Lecturas del día: Sofonías 3:14-18a; Isaías 12: 2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lucas 1:39-56.*

Jueves, 13 de junio

Memoria de san Antonio de Padua/Lisboa

Gracias a su don de evangelización y conocimiento de las Sagradas Escrituras, san Antonio de Padua acercó a muchos corazones a Dios. Tomó muy a pecho estas palabras de Isaías: “El Espíritu del Señor está sobre mí, porque el Señor me ha ungido. Me ha enviado para dar una buena noticia a los que sufren, para vendar los corazones desgarrados”. Al ser bautizados también nos

ungen y nos envían a convertir corazones y anunciar la Buena Noticia. *Lecturas del día: Isaías 61:1-3d; Salmo 89:2-3, 4-5, 21-22, 25 y 27; Lucas 10:1-9*

Lunes, 24 de junio

Natividad de san Juan Bautista

Juan dejó que el Espíritu actuara a través de él. Cuando estaba en el vientre de su madre, reconoció la presencia del Señor. Le abrió el camino al Mesías al minimizarse él mismo para que la gente viera a Jesús. ¿Usted cómo le abrirá el camino al Señor? ¿Busca atención o puede minimizarse a fin de que el Espíritu obre a través de usted? *Lecturas del día: Isaías 49:1-6; Salmo 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15; Hechos 13:22-26; Lucas 1:57-66, 80.*

Sábado, 29 de junio

Santos Pedro y Pablo, Apóstoles

Hoy recordamos las vidas de san Pedro y de san Pablo. Estos dos apóstoles y mártires son ejemplo de obediencia y resiliencia; continuaron la evangelización incluso a riesgo de perder la vida. Ore por el papa Francisco y por todos los que siguen compartiendo la Buena Noticia, sin importar los retos. *Lecturas del día: Hechos 3:1-10; Salmo 19:2-3, 4-5; Gálatas 1:11-20; Juan 21:15-19.*

Miércoles, 28 de agosto

San Agustín

En la Memoria de san Agustín, obispo y doctor de la Iglesia, consideremos cuán dispuestos estamos a continuar nuestra conversión y a vivir como Dios manda. Agustín fue bautizado a los treinta y tres años de edad, tras llevar una vida mundana. En sus Confesiones, escribió, “Tarde te he amado. Estabas conmigo, mas yo no contigo”. Rece a san Agustín para que le ayude a advertir la presencia de Dios y para que crezca su fe. *Lecturas del día: 1 Juan 4:7-16; Salmo 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14; Mateo 23:8-12*



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