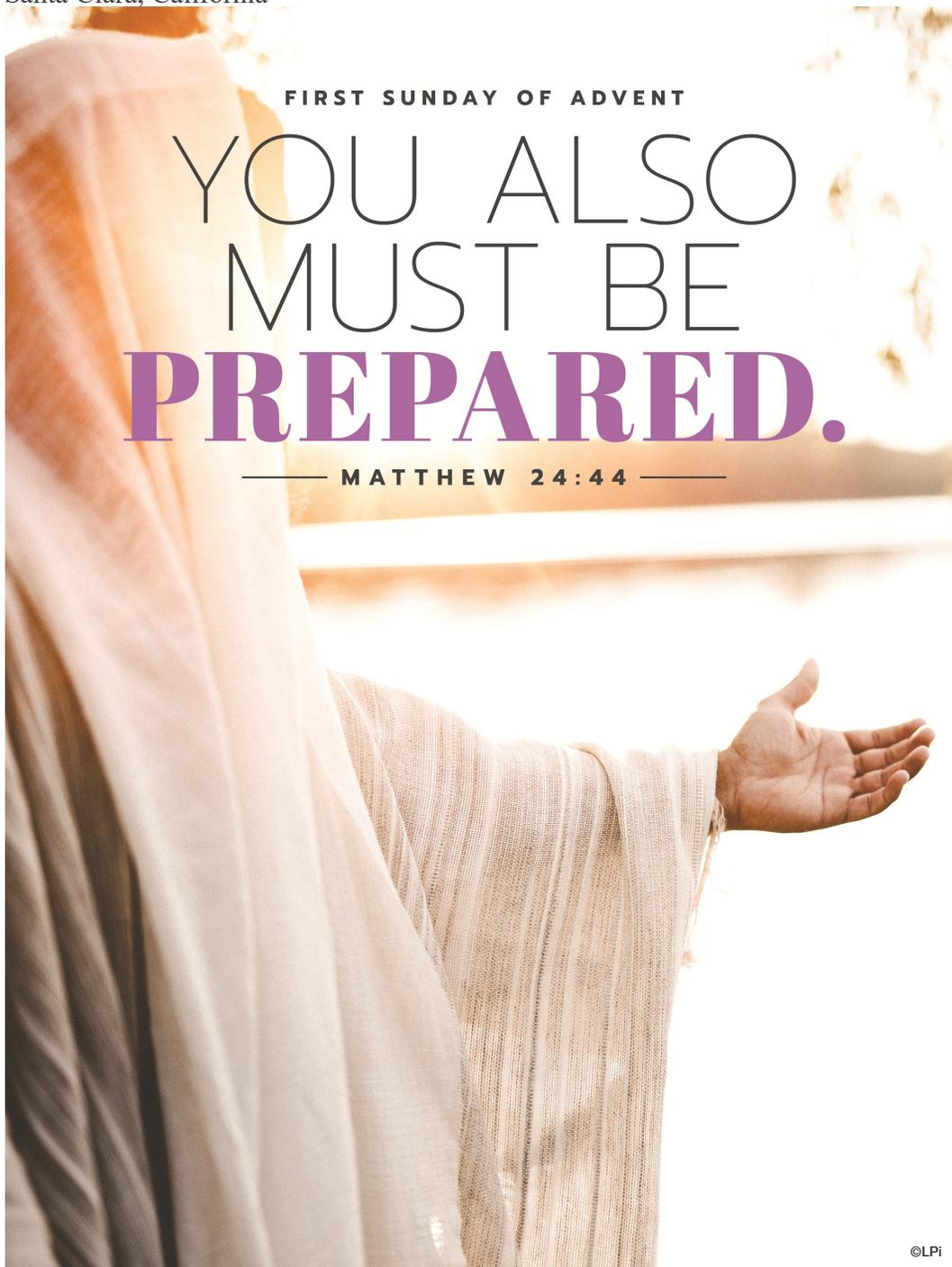




PARISH COMMUNITY
Santa Clara, California

First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2025
Primer Domingo de
Adviento



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From Monsignor Fran

When we think of Advent, our minds naturally go to the past, to the expectation, the centuries of waiting for the coming of the Messiah.

The Advent readings from the prophets, such as Isaiah this First Sunday of Advent, speak to the coming of the Lord that occurred more than 2000 years ago. The New Testament and Gospel passages, however, address a future appearance of the Lord:

On the lips of Jesus: “Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. . . So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come” (Matthew 24).

And the writings of Saint Paul: “For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand” (Romans 13).

In studying theology, we learned of “the already, but not yet” of the appearance of the Lord and the sowing of the seeds of the Reign of God. We live in the in-between time, after Jesus has established the Kingdom, but before it is fulfilled. There is still much for us to do, and Saint Paul warns us that “now is the time to wake from sleep.”

May the weeks of Advent prepare us for the coming of the Lord, who breaks into our lives each day, and in ways we least expect.

Sowing Seeds of Faith



Your generosity continues to amaze! Thanks to all who have made commitments to our Campaign for Spiritual Renewal, Sowing Seeds of Faith. At Mass last weekend, we viewed a brief video on the goals of the Campaign. Perhaps it helped some to clarify the reasons we are asking for your participation in this five-year effort.

Our continued success will help Saint Clare to extend and deepen our living out of the Gospel in ministry to the elderly and homebound, young families and young adults, youth, as well as enhance our parish liturgies and outreach to the most vulnerable.

Early in the week when the bulletin went to the printer, we had received commitments of \$906,365.78 from 55 parish donors. We invite every family and household to join this winning effort.

Looking Ahead. . . **The Immaculate Conception ~ Monday, December 8** is a holy day of obligation. Masses will be at 8 am and 10:45 am in English, 5:30 pm in English and 7:00 pm in Spanish.

Christmas Eve Masses ~ Wednesday, December 24, will be at 4:30 in English, 6:00 in Portuguese and 7:30 in Spanish.

There will be **Christmas Pageant**, featuring parish children, at 4:00 pm.

Masses on Christmas Day will follow the Sunday schedule. . . 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, and 12:00 noon.



Youth Ministry News

Confirmation Registrations for 2026 are now OPEN for current 8th-12th graders! Register and find more information by using the QR code or visiting our

site stclareparish.org/ymc Our program which begins in January and ends in September features an overnight retreat in March and both Sunday and weekday sessions (see calendar). The cost of \$375 covers the retreat (food, housing, transportation, and other expenses). Deadline to register is January 11th.

It's that time of the year again to bring our joyful spirit to those in need! **Our Christmas Giving Tree is up!** It's simple! **Take an ornament**, bring back the gift by December 14th, and place it under our Giving Tree. The gifts will be distributed to families that are supported by St. Vincent de Paul and Sacred Heart Community Service on **December 20th**. This year, we will also be collecting winter clothes (also found on ornaments) for Bower's Elementary students in Santa Clara, CA. More ornaments to be put up!

Bible Study continues every **Tuesday at 8pm** in the youth center. All youth are invited to learn more about scripture and prepare for Sunday's reading.



Saint Clare School News

Thank You Saint Clare School Jog-A-Thon Top Company Sponsors!

Our Jog-A-Thon was a success! Thanks to the generosity of our school, parish, and local business communities, we reached our fundraising goal. We are especially grateful for our top company sponsors for their commitment to and support of Catholic education.



Are you looking for a school that perfectly balances academics, faith, and community for your child? If so, come visit Saint Clare School!

Our Open House is on Sunday, January 25th, 2026 from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM.

Both prospective and current school families are invited to experience our campus and learn more about our curriculum, co-curriculars, after-school activities, and much more!

Register at the QR code in the image on the back page!



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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

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

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then press 9

The Calendars are Here!

2026 Calendars have arrived and are in the vestibule. Again, this year, we have 2 calendars. Please take as they are needed for your home and your family.

Sunday Missals Are also Here!!

2026 Sunday Missals in English and Spanish are also available for those who would like one. English is \$5 and Spanish is \$8. You can find them in the sacristy.

Lector Workbooks for the Liturgical Year Have also Arrived!!!

Spanish and English Lector Workbooks for our lectors are also in the sacristy. All lectors are encouraged to get your copy before the end of November, when the new liturgical year begins. Lectors at the 10:30 Mass will also be receiving a set of introductions to the readings.

Our annual celebration will include English, Spanish and Portuguese elements. A collection will be taken up to benefit the work of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society in the parish. We also invite you to bring non-perishable food items to be distributed by Saint Vincent de Paul to those who suffer from food insecurity. Thanks very much.

Peace & Justice Committee– Fair Trade Sale

We are bringing back our popular Fair Trade Sale. On **December 6-7, after all the Masses**, we will host a Fair Trade Sale, where coffee, chocolate, and handcrafts from artisans around the world will be available for sale through SERRV International (<http://www.serrv.org/>). The Fair Trade Sale is a great way to do some Christmas shopping while also supporting marginalized artisans from more than 30 countries who are trying to make a better living for themselves, their families and their communities.

About Fair Trade...

- Fair Trade puts people and planet first.
- Fair Trade builds right relationships between buyers and sellers that are rooted in the principles of human dignity and solidarity.
- Fair trade contributes to sustainable development by offering better trading conditions to and securing the rights of marginalized producers and workers.

By participating in the Fair Trade Sale, we can bring core values of our faith to bear on the choices we make as consumers.

Where: Breezeway next to the Parking Lot

Payment by cash, check or Venmo.

“There is no worse material poverty...than the poverty which prevents people from earning their bread and deprives them of the dignity of work.” – Pope Francis

Boletim Paroquial Português; Domingo I do Advento – Ano A Reflexão por: João Pereira Arruda

“Feliz Ano Novo!” Assim é: entramos hoje no novo ano litúrgico, este do ciclo A. Na maioria das liturgias, S. Mateus nos oferecerá os Evangelhos para meditarmos e que nos servirão de guia nos caminhos que percorremos neste mundo. No Evangelho de hoje, S. Mateus avisa-nos para sermos vigilantes. Estar em estado de vigilância significa estar atento aos atos que cometemos na vida, muitos deles praticados irrefletidamente e dos quais depois nos arrependemos, porque trazem consequências que causam dor e sofrimento.

Com a chegada do Ano Litúrgico, iniciamos o Tempo do Advento, que precisamente significa “chegada”. Neste tempo somos convidados a refletir no mais significativo acontecimento da história da humanidade: Deus fez-Se homem e, desde Menino, fez-Se um de nós, exposto ao que o mundo oferece. Desde a Sua chegada, não teve uma calorosa recepção:

1. Não houve lugar nas moradas ou hospedarias, e por isso teve de nascer numa gruta, numa manjedoura, entre animais.
2. Os anjos, cantando, anunciavam: “Glória a Deus nas alturas e paz na terra aos homens de boa vontade”. Alguns pastores que cuidavam do gado nas pastagens compreenderam atentamente a mensagem e foram com os seus cordeirinhos oferecê-los ao Menino. (Não sabemos se algum deles achou estranho que um Deus Menino nascesse no meio do gado.) O importante é que os pastores estavam atentos e esperavam a chegada de Deus entre nós, conforme o Profeta Isaías já havia profetizado muitos anos antes, revelando até o que Jesus faria ao chegar ao nosso meio.
3. Os poderosos deste mundo, ao contrário dos pastores, perceberam que Jesus seria um problema grave. Herodes mandou assassinar todos os meninos da idade aproximada do Menino Jesus, o que levou o Pai a instruir S. José para proteger Maria e o Menino, levando-os para as terras do Egito.

A nossa comunidade entende muito bem o que significa ser imigrante, “fazer pela vida” numa terra estrangeira. Se hoje, na nação onde vivemos, os imigrantes (mesmo os legais) são vistos como estrangeiros ou cidadãos de categoria inferior, os que emigravam de Israel para o Egito acabavam por ser escravos do faraó. Não temos razão para nos queixarmos das nossas vidas, pobreza e misérias; Jesus viveu tudo isso no mundo. Mas cumpriu tudo o que o Pai Lhe havia ordenado, e o Povo de Deus beneficiou, pois Ele fez com que fôssemos redimidos do pecado e ressuscitados, tal como Ele ressuscitou dos mortos. Pelo Batismo, tornamo-nos filhos de Deus e irmãos de Jesus Cristo — e aí reside o objetivo da vinda de Jesus: nascer, viver, morrer e ressuscitar nos trinta e três anos em que esteve conosco.

Ensaio das crianças para o Convívio de Natal

Este convívio terá lugar no salão paroquial no sábado, dia 20 de dezembro. Os ensaios foram iniciados na última sexta-feira e continuarão nas seguintes: 5, 12 e 19 de dezembro. É extremamente necessário que as famílias que têm crianças ou jovens as motivem, para que tenham a oportunidade de viver esta experiência, que será certamente uma recordação especial para o resto das suas vidas. Por favor, deem os nomes das crianças o mais breve possível à Cláudia Madruga, à Eduina Faria ou ao João Arruda.

Tempo do Advento

1. No canto da nossa igreja, entre as imagens de Nossa Senhora das Graças e da nossa padroeira Santa Clara, está uma árvore com talões pendurados para quem desejar oferecer um presente a crianças menos privilegiadas neste Natal. Os presentes devem ser entregues até ao dia 14 de dezembro.
2. Estão à disposição, no vestíbulo da igreja, **calendários religiosos para o ano de 2026**; são gratuitos.
3. Os **missais de seguimento da liturgia** estão disponíveis na reitoria e podem ser adquiridos pelos seguintes preços: \$5.00 em inglês e \$8.00 em espanhol. Mais informações importantes para a nossa comunidade constarão em boletins subsequentes.

Um Santo e Alegre Domingo para todos!



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Waiting, but Quick!

MIGUEL DULICK

This is the first Sunday of Advent, and the excitement is palpable. Writing 800 years before Christ, the prophet Isaiah sounds like breaking news: “They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.” The psalmist announces we are already there: “And now we have set foot within your gates, O Jerusalem.” Saint Paul tickles our fancy with another whole round of “revelation” yet to come “on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Only Jesus himself seems a little cautious: “Be watchful! Be alert!” The Lord “is coming,” but he’s not here yet. Leave it to Jesus to force the paradox for which Advent seems to have been created: Jesus is present, but we dare not “sleep,” lest we miss him!

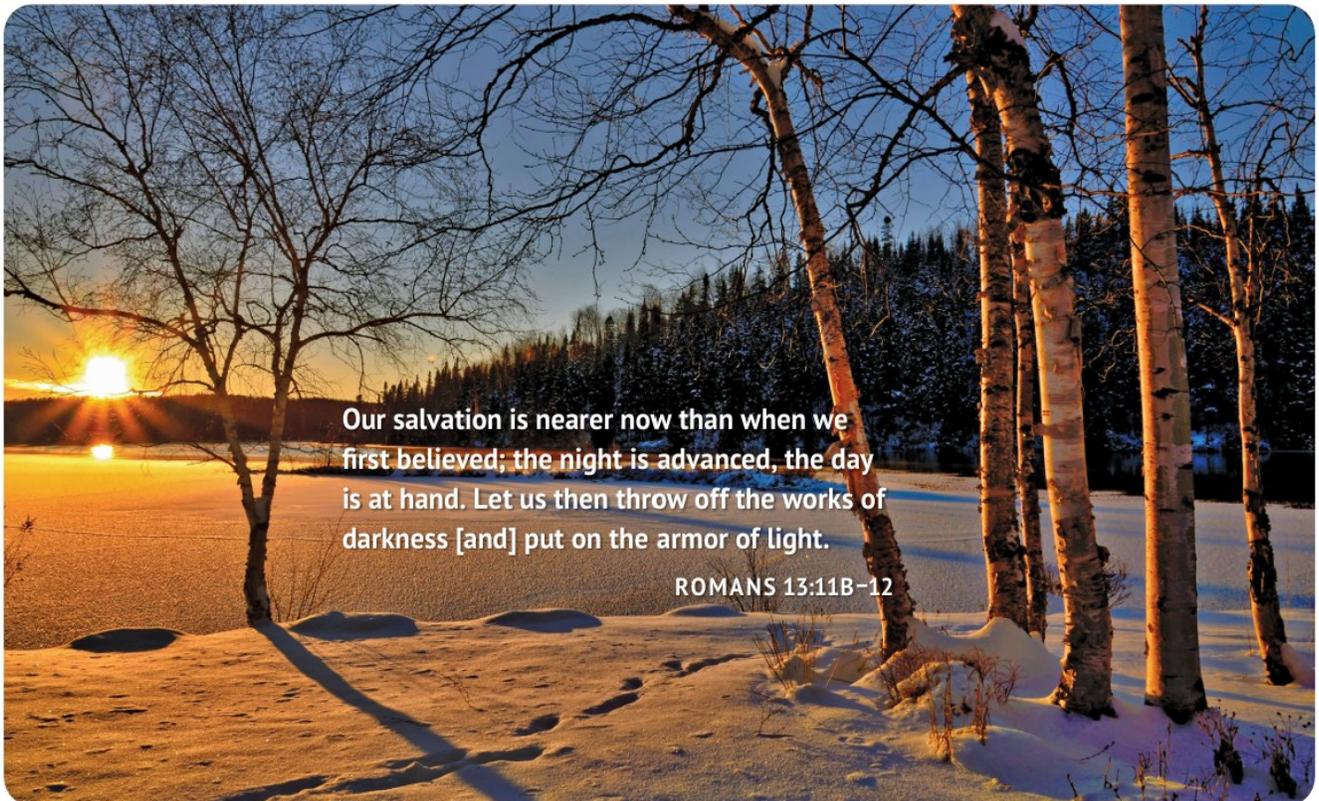
How do we wait for Christmas? After Halloween, the Christmas lights go up, the carols start, the “Merry Christmas!” / “Happy Holidays!” debate begins. Lent is a time for repentance, alms, and fasting. But there’s no fasting in Advent: we fill bags with gifts and stockings with goodies. The Church tries to slow us down and encourage a little reflecting to prepare the way, led by John the Baptist. So let’s keep waiting; let’s hold on to our peace. Christmas Eve will be here soon enough. But let’s not be too austere. A full menu of holiday parties and concerts and family feasts can legitimately “anticipate” Christmas. Let’s cheer each other: Merry Advent! ●



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MIGUEL
DULICK

Reflect

What can I do to prepare for Christmas mindfully, peacefully, and joyfully?



Our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness [and] put on the armor of light.

ROMANS 13:11B-12



Advent Reflections with Mary, Mother of Jesus and St. Brigid of Ireland



With Dr. Bridget Burke Ravizza

This session is part of a Markey Center Workshop Series:

Hear their Voices, Heed their Wisdom: Women of the Christian Tradition

This series will explore the history of women witnesses throughout Christian history—saints and martyrs, sisters and activists, theologians and spiritual writers. Centering both Catholic and ecumenical voices and covering a range of topics and time periods, this series will lift up the voices of women throughout Christian history—all in the spirit of empowering women and men in their lives of faith, spirituality, and ministry today.

 Saturday, December 13

 9am - 11:30am

 St. Martin of Tours Parish
Hall
200 O'Connor Drive
San Jose, CA 95128

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Contact us with any questions: markeycenter@scu.edu



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

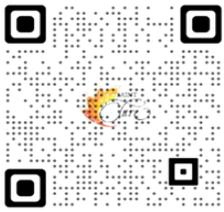
Collection:
November 22nd and 23rd

Goal: \$10,400.00
Actual: \$10,769.82

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Mass Intentions

November 29-December 6, 2025

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|-------------|----------|--|
| Sat | 5:00 pm | George Andrada Alabanza † |
| Sun | 7:30 am | Saint Clare Parishioners |
| | 9:00 am | João Silva †
Jose e Vidalia Gaspar Rocha †
Margarida Arias †
Maria Leonilde Da Silveira †
Rosalinda Rodrigues †
Jose e Fatima Mendonça †
Maria Antonieta Cabral †
Louis Terra †
João Simões †
Rosa e Jorge Castelo †
Victoria Rocha †
Maria da Conceição Sousa †
Antonio Gaspar Rocha †
Em Honra a São Jose |
| | 10:30 am | Mario and Francesco Vitarelli † |
| | 12:00 pm | Ida López– Salud
Tem and Carlo Vitanza †
La Familia Gutierrez
La Familia Bautista |
| Mon | 8:00 am | Jose Monteiro † |
| Tues | 8:00 am | Deolinda F. Sousa † |
| Wed | 8:00 am | The Hedgy Family |
| Thu | 8:00 am | Jamie Matthews-Well-Being |
| Fri | 8:00 am | Christa Peacock– Spiritual Health |
| Sat | 8:00 am | Briana Peacock– Spiritual Health |

Daily Mass Readings



Sunday:

Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44

Monday:

Isaiah 4:2-6; Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday:

Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday:

Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday:

Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Friday:

Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31

Saturday:

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday:

Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9; Matthews 3:1-12



De Monseñor Fran

Cuando pensamos en el Adviento, nuestra mente se remonta naturalmente al pasado, a la expectativa, a los siglos de espera por la venida del Mesías.

Las lecturas de Adviento de los profetas, como Isaías en este Primer Domingo de Adviento, hablan de la venida del Señor que ocurrió hace más de 2000 años. Sin embargo, los pasajes del Nuevo Testamento y del Evangelio se refieren a una futura aparición del Señor:

En labios de Jesús: «Por tanto, estén alerta, porque no saben en qué día vendrá su Señor... Así también ustedes deben estar preparados, porque a la hora que menos esperan, vendrá el Hijo del Hombre» (Mateo 24).

Y los escritos de San Pablo: «Porque nuestra salvación está más cerca ahora que cuando creímos; la noche está avanzada, el día está cerca» (Romanos 13).

Al estudiar teología, aprendimos sobre el "ya, pero todavía no" de la aparición del Señor y la siembra del Reino de Dios. Vivimos en un tiempo intermedio, después de que Jesús estableció el Reino, pero antes de que se cumpla. Aún nos queda mucho por hacer, y San Pablo nos advierte que "ahora es el momento de despertar del sueño".

Que las semanas de Adviento nos preparen para la venida del Señor, que irrumpe en nuestras vidas cada día, y de maneras inesperadas.

Sembrando Semillas de Fe



¡Tu generosidad sigue sorprendiendo! Gracias a todos los que se han comprometido con nuestra Campaña de Renovación Espiritual, Sembrando Semillas de Fe. En la Misa del fin de semana pasado, vimos un breve video sobre los objetivos de la Campaña. Quizás haya ayudado a algunos a aclarar las razones por las que solicitamos su participación en este esfuerzo de cinco años.

Nuestro éxito continuo ayudará a Santa Clara a extender y profundizar nuestra vivencia del Evangelio en el ministerio a los ancianos y confinados en sus hogares, familias jóvenes y adultos jóvenes, jóvenes, así como a mejorar nuestras liturgias parroquiales y nuestro alcance a los más vulnerables.

A principios de semana, cuando el boletín fue a la imprenta, habíamos recibido compromisos por \$906,365.78 de 55 Donantes parroquiales. Invitamos a todas las familias y hogares a unirse a este esfuerzo ganador.

Mirando hacia el futuro... **La Inmaculada Concepción ~ El lunes 8 de diciembre** es día de precepto las misas serán a las 8 am y 10:45 am en inglés, 5:30 pm en inglés y 7:00 pm en español.

Las misas de Nochebuena ~ El miércoles 24 de diciembre serán a las 4:30 p. m. en inglés, a las 6:00 p. m. en portugués y a las 7:30 p. m. en español.

Habrà una **representación navideña con niños** de la parroquia a las 4:00 p. m.

Las **misas del día de Navidad** seguirán el horario del domingo: 7:30 p. m., 9:00 p. m., 10:30 p. m. y 12:00 p. m.

¡Ya llegaron los calendarios!

Los calendarios de 2026 ya están disponibles en el vestíbulo. Este año, nuevamente, tenemos dos calendarios. Por favor, tomen los que necesiten para su hogar y su familia.

¡También llegaron los misales dominicales!

Los misales dominicales de 2026 en inglés y español están disponibles para quienes deseen uno. El de inglés cuesta \$5 y el de español \$8. Los pueden encontrar en la sacristía.

¡También llegaron los cuadernos de trabajo para lectores del año litúrgico!

Los cuadernos de trabajo para lectores, en español e inglés, también están disponibles en la sacristía. Se anima a todos los lectores a obtener su ejemplar antes de finales de noviembre, cuando comienza el nuevo año litúrgico. Los lectores de la misa de las 10:30 también recibirán una introducción a las lecturas. Nuestra celebración anual incluirá elementos en inglés, español y portugués. Se realizará una colecta para apoyar la labor de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl en la parroquia. También les invitamos a traer alimentos no perecederos para que San Vicente de Paúl los distribuya entre quienes padecen inseguridad alimentaria. Muchas gracias.

Comunidad Hispana: Celebración a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

La Comunidad Hispana los invita el día viernes 12 de Diciembre alas Mañanitas a las 5:30 am seguido por la Santa Misa en la parroquia. Tendremos café, chocolate y pan en el salón parroquial después de la misa.

Comité de Paz y Justicia – Venta de Comercio Justo

¡Regresa nuestra popular Venta de Comercio Justo! **Los días 6 y 7 de diciembre, después de las misas,** celebraremos una Venta de Comercio Justo donde se podrán adquirir café, chocolate y artesanías de artesanos de todo el mundo a través de SERRV International (<http://www.serrv.org/>). Esta venta es una excelente manera de hacer compras navideñas y, al mismo tiempo, apoyar a artesanos marginados de más de 30 países que luchan por un futuro mejor para ellos, sus familias y sus comunidades.

Acerca del Comercio Justo...

- El Comercio Justo prioriza a las personas y al planeta.
- El Comercio Justo construye relaciones justas entre compradores y vendedores, basadas en los principios de dignidad humana y solidaridad.
- El Comercio Justo contribuye al desarrollo sostenible al ofrecer mejores condiciones comerciales y garantizar los derechos de los productores y trabajadores marginados.

“No hay peor pobreza material... que la pobreza que impide a las personas ganarse el pan y les priva de la dignidad del trabajo”. – Papa Francisco

Noticias del Ministerio Juvenil

¡Las inscripciones para el programa de confirmación de 2026 ya están abiertas para estudiantes de 8.º a 12.º grado! Insíbete y encuentra más información usando el código QR o visitando nuestro sitio web stclareparish.org/ymc Nuestro programa, que comienza en enero y termina en septiembre, incluye un retiro en marzo y sesiones tanto los domingos como entre semana (consulta el calendario). El costo de \$375 cubre el retiro (comida, alojamiento, transporte y otros gastos). La fecha límite para inscribirse es el 11 de enero código QR



El **estudio bíblico continúa todos los martes a las 8 p. m.** en el Centro Juvenil. Todos los jóvenes están invitados a aprender más sobre las Escrituras y prepararse para la lectura del domingo.



Esperando, ¡pero rápido!

MIGUEL DULICK

Este es el primer domingo de Adviento y la emoción es palpable. Escrito 800 años antes de Cristo, el profeta Isaías suena como una noticia de última hora: «Convertirán sus espadas en arados y sus lanzas en podaderas». El salmista anuncia que ya estamos allí: «Ahora hemos puesto los pies dentro de tus puertas, oh Jerusalén». San Pablo nos despierta la imaginación con otra ronda completa de «revelaciones» que aún están por llegar «en el día de nuestro Señor Jesucristo». Solo Jesús mismo parece un poco cauteloso: «¡Estad atentos! ¡Estad alerta!». El Señor «viene», pero aún no está aquí. Dejemos que sea Jesús quien imponga la paradoja para la que parece haber sido creado el Adviento: Jesús está presente, pero no nos atrevemos a «dormir», no sea que lo perdamos.

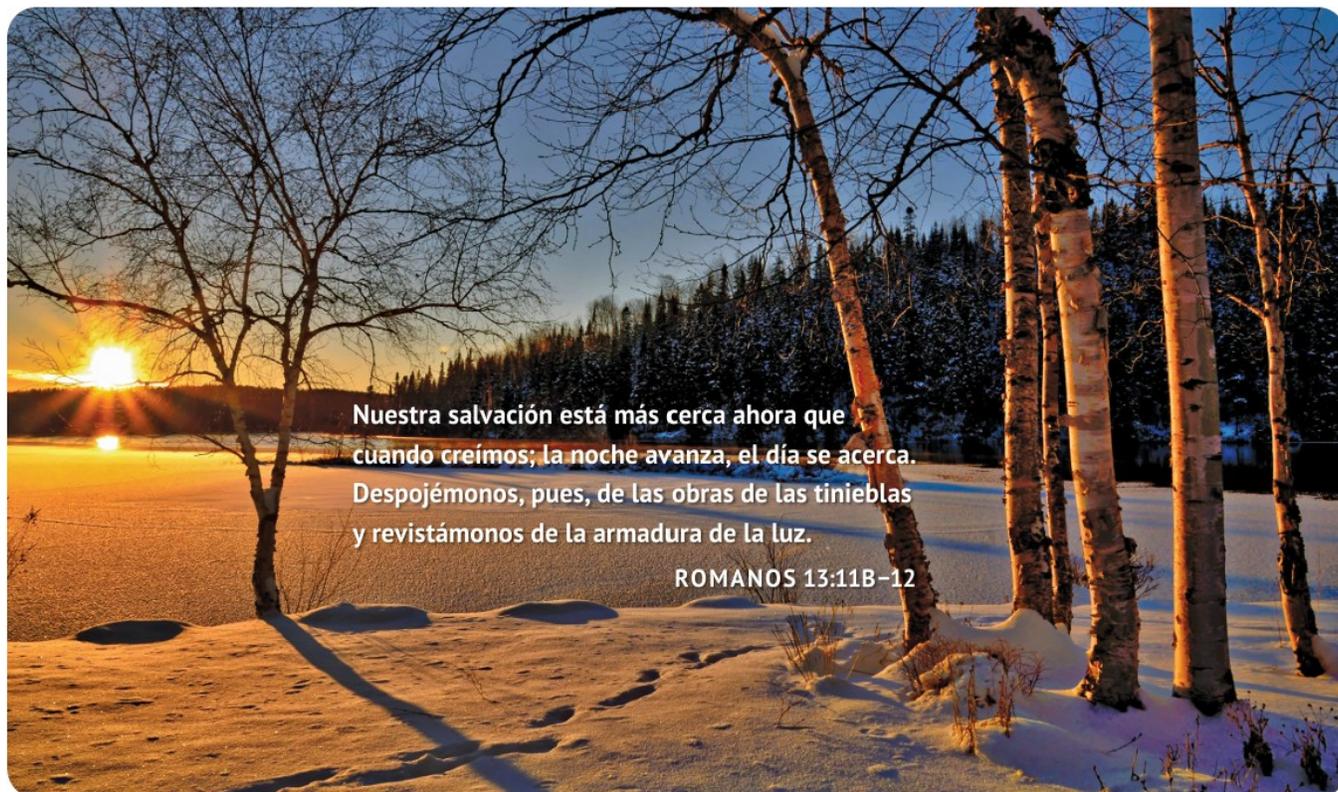
¿Cómo esperamos la Navidad? Después de Halloween, se encienden las luces navideñas, comienzan los villancicos y se inicia el debate entre «¡Feliz Navidad!» y «¡Felices fiestas!». La Cuaresma es un tiempo de arrepentimiento, limosna y ayuno. Pero en Adviento no se ayuna: llenamos bolsas con regalos y calcetines con golosinas. La Iglesia intenta frenarnos y animarnos a reflexionar un poco para preparar el camino, guiados por Juan el Bautista. Así que sigamos esperando; mantengamos la paz. La Nochebuena llegará pronto. Pero no seamos demasiado austeros. Un completo programa de fiestas, conciertos y comidas familiares puede «anticipar» legítimamente la Navidad. Animémonos unos a otros: ¡Feliz Adviento! ●



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