

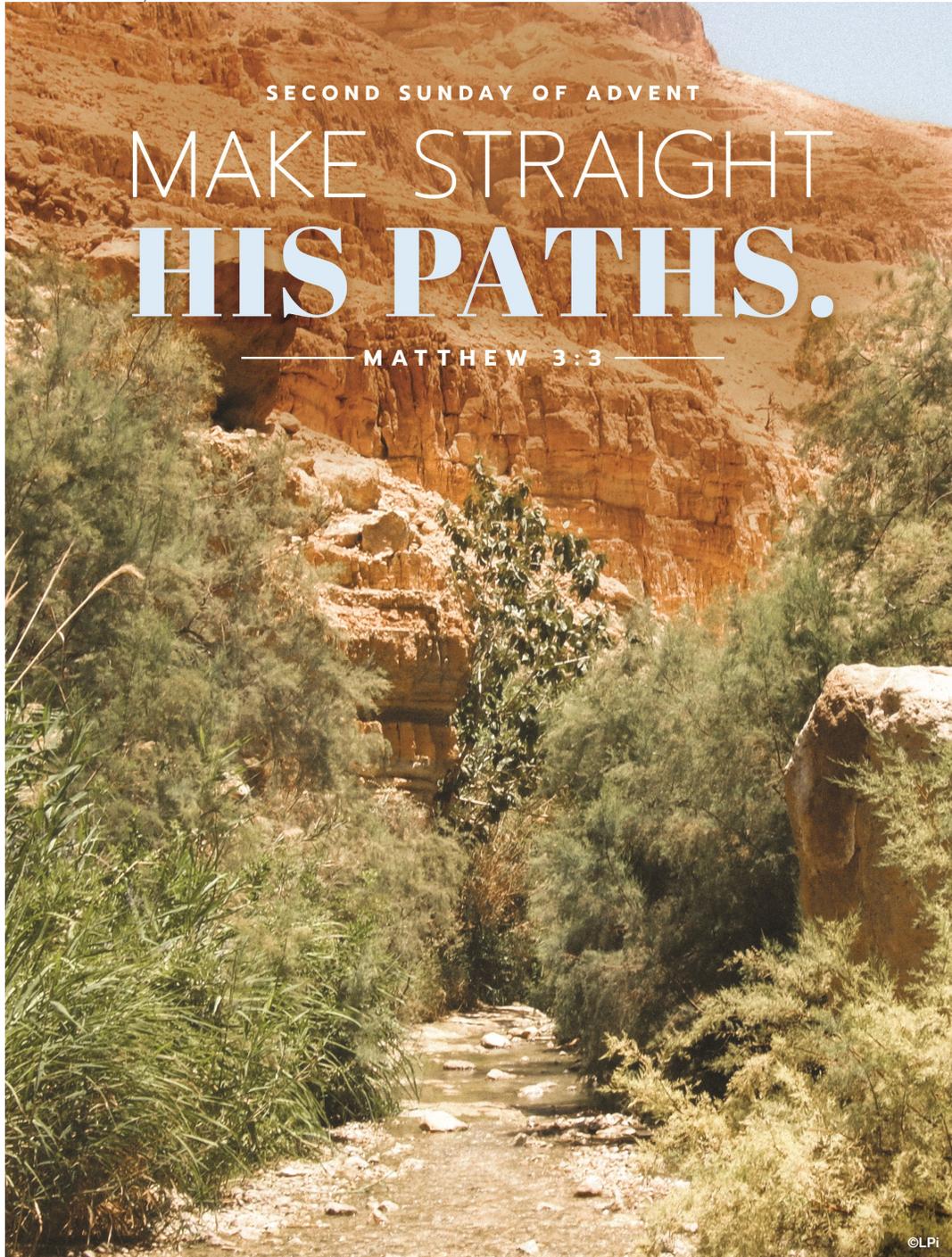


PARISH COMMUNITY  
Santa Clara, California

*Second Sunday of  
Advent*

*December 7, 2025*

*Segundo Domingo de  
Adviento*



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## From Monsignor Fran

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*Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever (Psalm 72).*

The responsorial psalm from this weekend's liturgy states the central theme of the Second Sunday of Advent: the coming of justice and peace. The psalmist points to a future date, one that is still elusive.

Isaiah, the great prophet of Advent, preached about the same future. In the ten sentences of our first reading, he uses the word "shall" no less than 21 times (a shoot shall sprout, a bud shall blossom, the wolf. . .leopard. . .young lion shall be a guest, lie down, browse together. . .). The passage ends: "For his dwelling shall be glorious."

The weeks of Advent enkindle in us the hope that what has been promised will come to pass. Indeed, the movement toward the "peaceable kingdom" was initiated by Jesus. Yet there is still so much to do.

As we look toward that future, Advent offers us the opportunities to recognize the Lord, present here and now – in His Word, in the Eucharist and in one another. If we cannot see Him in the latter, it will be impossible to know Him in the signs and symbols of our faith and our liturgies. The challenge is for us to encounter the Lord in all three. . .and to contribute to the common good by works of justice and peace.

## Sowing Seeds of Faith~ Our Campaign for Spiritual Renewal

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This weekend, we enter the "public phase" of the Campaign, having already received commitments of more than \$924,000 from 59 parish families. Thank you!!

We invite every family and household in the parish to do what you can to increase the good that we will be able to do in the years ahead. In particular, Saint Clare's care for our Youth and Young Adults, Older Adults and Homebound, Newlyweds, Young Families, and so many more who are waiting for us to be there for them. To respond to the key elements of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan and our own Listening Sessions, we are planning to grow our parish staff with the addition of a full-time person to oversee and animate our efforts. Your gifts will help to guarantee a long-term effort and job security for this position. Thank you for searching your hearts to discern how you can be part of this tremendous undertaking.

## The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary ~ Monday, December 8 Our Lady of Guadalupe ~ Friday, December 12

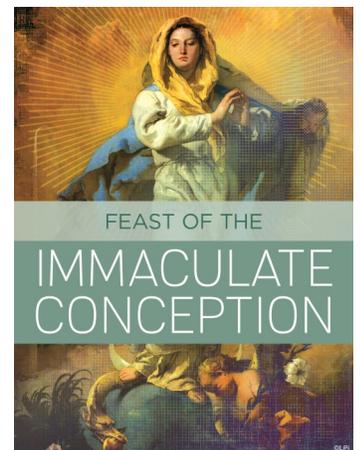
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This week sees two celebrations of Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

On Monday, we celebrate the patronal feast of our nation, the **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**.

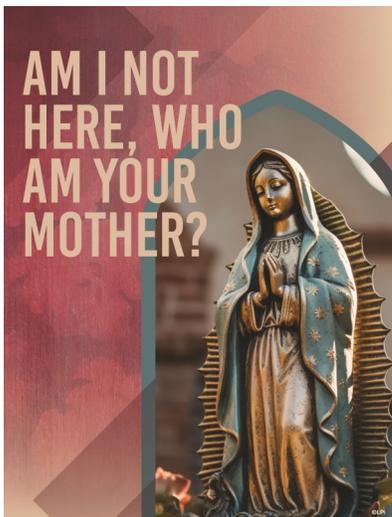
The Immaculate Conception is a teaching of the Church that states the Virgin Mary was conceived without original sin. This was not a virgin birth of Jesus, but a singular grace granted to Mary at the moment of her conception, preserved by God in view of the future merits of her son, the Lord Jesus.

*This day remains a holy day of obligation for all who are able to participate in Mass. Masses will be at 8:00 am, 10:45 am and 5:30 pm in English and at 7:00 pm in Spanish.*



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In 1531, Mexico was defined by a significant religious event: the apparitions of the Virgin Mary to an indigenous peasant named Juan Diego near what is now Mexico City. These apparitions led to the creation of the Our Lady of Guadalupe image on Juan Diego's cloak (tilma), a symbol that has become central to Mexican identity and faith, leading to a large-scale conversion to Catholicism.

**On Friday, the Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe**, Patroness of the Americas, we begin with a celebration of *Las Mañanitas*, at 5:30 am, followed by Mass (in Spanish) at 6:00 am. A reception will follow in the parish hall. All are welcome.

There will also be celebrations of Mass in English at 8:00 am and, with the children of our school, at 10:45 am.

### Next Weekend ~ Annual Collection for Retired Religious

Next weekend, we will take up the annual collection to benefit retired religious women and men, whose decades of service to the Christian community deserve not only our gratitude, but our support of them in their later years.



**Please donate at your local parish, or by mail at:**

**National Religious Retirement Office 3211 Fourth Street NE Washington DC 20017-1194**

**Make check payable to Retirement Fund for Religious.**

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**2026 Calendars** are still available in the vestibule.

Some copies of the **2026 Sunday Missal** are for sale in the sacristy.

There are a few **English Lector Workbooks**, also in the sacristy.



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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

## Youth Ministry News

SAINT CLARE



This is the last week for our Christmas Giving Tree! Please take an ornament and bring back the gift by December 14th. 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. Thank you for your generosity and spreading the joy of Christmas!

### **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](http://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. The cost of \$375 covers the retreat (food, housing, transportation, and other expenses). Deadline to register is January 11th.

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.

## 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 II do Advento – Ano A**  
**Reflexão por: João Pereira Arruda**

*“ Os cuidados deste mundo não sejam obstáculo para caminharmos generosamente ao encontro de Cristo, mas que a sabedoria do alto nos leve a participar no esplendor da Sua glória”.* Temos este aviso na oração de entrada na celebração da liturgia deste Segundo Domingo do Advento. A liturgia deste Segundo Domingo do Advento, recomenda-nos a estar-mos atentos ao que se passa á nissa volta; ao estarmos acordados e agirmos aos sinais que Deus nos mostra nos acontecimentos sejam estes: de violência, guerra, injustiças, pobreza, ou de paz, equidade, amor fraterno em tudo somos chamados a não ficarmos de braços cruzados, em todos os momentos que as nossas ações sejam alimentadas pelos dons do Espírito Santo que são guias de conducta de vida com Deus. Nem todas as pessoas do tempo que Jesus nasceu viram a grande luz, uma grande maioria continuou extagnados na escuridão. Os presépios que fazia-mos nas nossas terras de origem eram lições que revelavam as figuras centrais intervinientes na vinda do Salvador; Maria é a figural central. No seu seio gerou o Emanuel, José tomou á sua responsabilidade, criar, defender e proteger Maria e o Menino. Os Anjos estavam totalmento atentos para divulgar, anunciar aos homens atentos, acordados e de boa vontade que o Príncipe da Paz havia chegado. Quem estava acordado ouviu as vozes harmoniosas dos Anjos, e deixando o gado, as terras, e as tarefas do lar para irem ver um Menino. Não há história que diga que ficaram supresos por verem um enino Deus no meio de animais, nem se sabe que O encontrando assim pudessem acreditar que um Deus que nascia deste modo viesse ser o Salvador. O que sabemos é que estavam atentos e levando consigo presentes foram ver o Menino. Tal como eles é hoje também isso a que somos chamados a estarmos atentos á chamada de Deus e levar uma vida regrada no Seu amor. Neste Tempo de Advento façamo9nos “figuras” de presépio. Que também respondamos ás vozes harmoniosas do nosso Grupo Coral quando na Missa do Galo cantarem: *“Glória a Deus nas alturas e na terra paz aos homens de boa vontade”*

**Ensaio das crianças para o Convívio do Natal.** Este convívio terá lugar no salão paroquial no Sábado dia 20 de Dezembro próximo. Os ensaios serao feitos nas seguintes sextas feiras: : 5, 12, e 19 de Dezembro próximo. É extremamente necessário que os famílias que têm crianças ou jovens as motivem para que estas tenham a oportunidade de viverem a experiência deste convívio [porque o mesmo será uma recordação especial para o resto das suas vidas/ Por favor dêem os nomes das suas crianças o mais breve possível á Claudia Madruga, á Eduina Faria, ou a João Arruda.

**Tempo do Advento:**

1. No canto da nossa igreja entre as imagens da Senhora das Graças e da nossa padroeira Santa Clara está uma árvore com talões pendurados para pessoas que tenham vontade de dar uma oferta a crianças menos privilegiadas neste Natal. Os presentes terão que ser entregues até ao dia 14 de Dezembro.
2. Estão á disposição no vestíbulo da nossa igreja Calendários religiosos para o ano de 2026; são grátis.
3. Os missais de seguimento da liturgia para este ano de 2026 estão disponíveis na reitoria e podem ser obtidos aos preços de \$5/00 em inglês e de \$8.00 em espanhol.

Mais informações de importância para a nossa comunidade virão em subsequente boletins.

Este ano a missa da Vigília do Natal (Missa do Galo será ás 6:00 da noite, mais detalhes e horários podem ver0se na secção em inglês, Não se esqueçam de levar o boletim para casa.

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



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# Season of Hope

## Free Concerts

**DECEMBER**  
14, 15, 16 & 17  
7:30 p.m.

Cathedral Basilica  
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80 S. Market Street  
Downtown San Jose

**Sunday, Dec 14**  
Concert Pianist,  
Sandra Wright Shen

**Monday, Dec 15**  
San Jose Symphonic Choir

**Tuesday, Dec 16**  
Vivace Youth Chorus

**Wednesday, Dec 17**  
Altos Brass Quintet



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JUBILEE 2025

PILGRIMS OF HOPE

DIOCESE OF SAN JOSE

## DIOCESE OF SAN JOSÉ JUBILEE 2025 CLOSING MASS

Thursday, December 18, 2025

- Where: Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph, 80 South Market St., San Jose
- Time: 7pm

Presided by  
**Most Rev. Andres C. Ligot**  
Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of San José

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[dsj.org/jubilee2025](https://dsj.org/jubilee2025)  
[www.iubilaeum2025.va/en](https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en)

You're Invited! Enjoy a guided tour of Saint Joseph's Cathedral Basilica in downtown San Jose. Make it part of your journey during Advent as the Jubilee Year of Hope closes. Learn about the history of our Cathedral in San Jose along with its art and unique architecture.



Tours are **Wednesday through Friday from 1-3pm**. If you are interested in becoming a docent sharing information about Saint Joseph's and why it is both a state and national landmark, contact Pat Graaff. The next class starts in the early spring. Contact Pat at [tennisbumettepat@myyahoo.com](mailto:tennisbumettepat@myyahoo.com)

# REVS vs SEMS

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**\$10 GENERAL ADMISSION**

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RAFFLE TICKETS  
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## Will You Notice the Shoot?

ANN M. GARRIDO

**T**oday's first reading from the prophet Isaiah offers a familiar Advent image: the shoot sprouting from the stump of Jesse. The verses immediately preceding speak of God walking through the forest with an ax: "The tall of stature shall be felled, and the lofty ones shall be brought low" (Isaiah 10:33). But now, amidst all the destruction, a tiny sign of new life emerges, and the Spirit of God descends upon it, bearing many gifts—wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, awe, delight.

So often, when we scroll through the news, our attention is captured by violence and war and the "mighty" who make great noise when they fall. "Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees," echoes John the Baptist in today's gospel. If we are looking



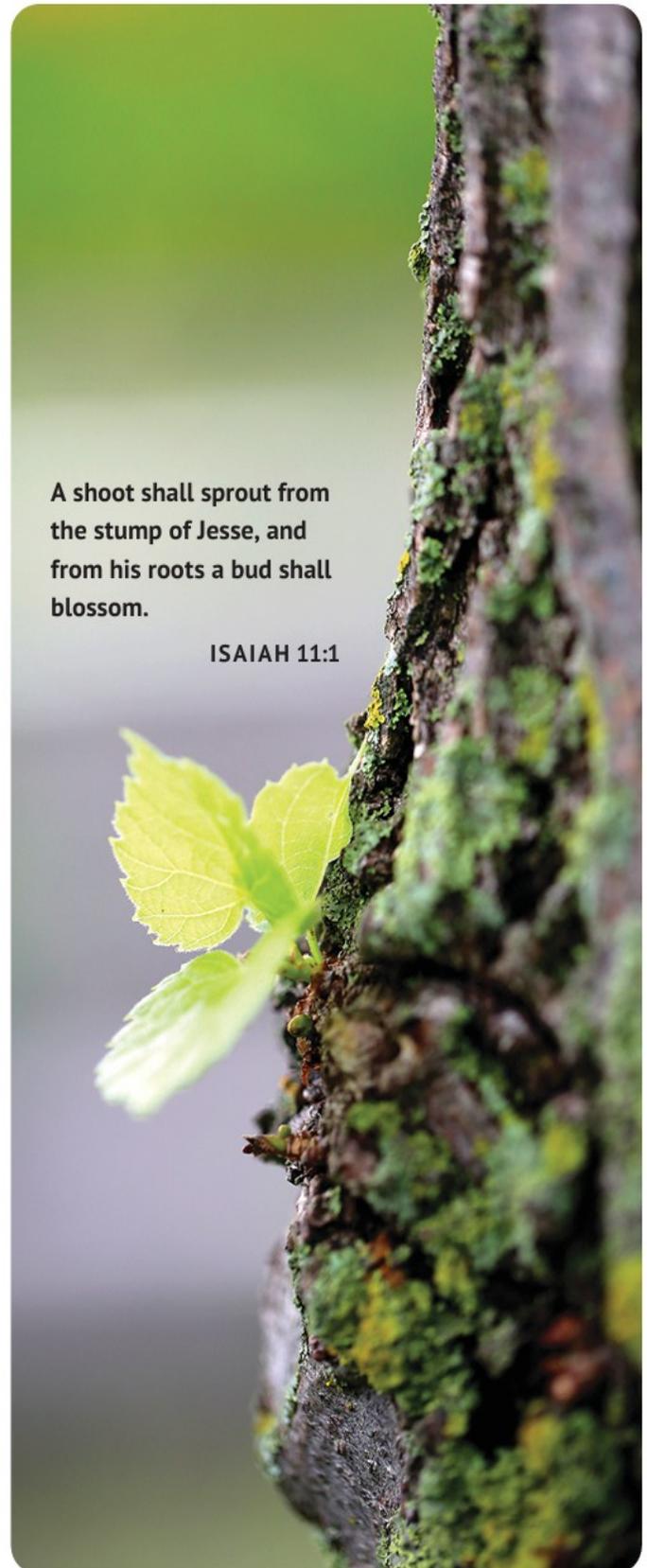
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for where God's Spirit can be found, however, Isaiah reminds us we will need to look elsewhere. We will need to attend to the quiet, fragile resurrections taking place below the surface when it appears as if all has been lost. If we seek wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, awe, and delight, we will need to look where the little ones of the earth are found. We must have our eyes open for the shoots.

The gospels emphasize that Jesus was one such little one. Although the glory days of his people seemed to have come to a crashing close, they have not. In him, we glimpse the truth that life is stronger than death. We see that the future has not been erased, no matter how terrible the past. In him, we find our hope. ●

### Reflect

***Are my eyes open to the small signs of God's work in the world, or am I too distracted to notice?***



**A shoot shall sprout from  
the stump of Jesse, and  
from his roots a bud shall  
blossom.**

ISAIAH 11:1



## 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

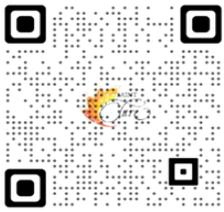
**Collection:**  
**November 29th and 30th**

**Goal: \$10,400.00**  
**Actual: \$10,555.81**

**Thank You!!**

### SUPPORT OUR PARISH

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



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

## Mass Intentions

**December 6-13, 2025**

- Sat** 5:00 pm George Andrada Alabanza †
- Sun** 7:30 am Saint Clare Parishioners
- 9:00 am João Silva †  
Jose e Vidalia Gaspar Rocha †  
Ernesto Gonsalves †  
Maria Leonilde Da Silveira †  
Deolinda Rodrigues †  
Jose e Fatima Mendonça †  
Maria Antonieta Cabral †  
João Simões †  
Frank Pereira †  
Mary da Silva †  
Leonor Fraga †  
Antonio Machado †  
Em Honra a Nossa Senhora de Conceição
- 10:30 am Miguel Ochoa †
- 12:00 pm Ida López– Salud  
Laura Monge †  
Lavita Frances Hogan †
- Mon** 8:00 am Gilbert Toribio †
- Tues** 8:00 am James Teixeira– Well-Being
- Wed** 8:00 am Betty Synegal -Well-Being
- Thu** 8:00 am The Pappalardo Family
- Fri** 8:00 am John Burgoon †
- Sat** 8:00 am Emeraldal Alabanza Rembulat-Birthday

## Daily Mass Readings



### Sunday:

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

### Monday:

Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38

### Tuesday:

Isaiah 40:1-11; Matthew 18:12-14

### Wednesday:

Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30

### Thursday:

Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15

### Friday:

Zechariah 2:14-17 or Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Luke 1:26-38 or Luke 1:39-47

### Saturday:

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

### Next Sunday:

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11



## De Monseñor Fran

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La justicia florecerá en su tiempo, y la paz será eterna (Salmo 72).

El salmo responsorial de la liturgia de este fin de semana enuncia el tema central del Segundo Domingo de Adviento: la llegada de la justicia y la paz. El salmista señala una fecha futura, aún inalcanzable.

Isaías, el gran profeta del Adviento, predicó sobre el mismo futuro. En las diez frases de nuestra primera lectura, usa la palabra "brotará" nada menos que 21 veces (un retoño brotará, un brote florecerá, el lobo... el leopardo... el cachorro de león será nuestro huésped, se echará, pastarán juntos...). El pasaje termina: "Porque su morada será gloriosa".

Las semanas de Adviento nos infunden la esperanza de que lo prometido se cumplirá. De hecho, el camino hacia el "reino de paz" fue iniciado por Jesús. Sin embargo, aún queda mucho por hacer.

Al mirar hacia ese futuro, el Adviento nos ofrece la oportunidad de reconocer al Señor, presente aquí y ahora: en Su Palabra, en la Eucaristía y en los demás. Si no podemos verlo en esto último, será imposible conocerlo en los signos y símbolos de nuestra fe y nuestras liturgias. El reto es que encontremos al Señor en los tres... y contribuyamos al bien común mediante obras de justicia y paz.

## Sembrando Semillas de Fe ~ Nuestra Campaña de Renovación Espiritual

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Este fin de semana, iniciamos la fase pública de la Campaña, tras haber recibido donaciones por más de \$924,000 de 59 familias de la parroquia. ¡Gracias!

Invitamos a todas las familias y hogares de la parroquia a contribuir con su esfuerzo para aumentar el bien que podremos hacer en los próximos años. En particular, la atención que Santa Clara presta a nuestros jóvenes y adultos jóvenes, adultos mayores y personas confinadas en sus hogares, recién casados, familias jóvenes y muchos más que esperan nuestra presencia. Para cumplir con los elementos clave del Plan Pastoral Diocesano y nuestras Sesiones de Escucha, planeamos ampliar nuestro personal parroquial con la incorporación de una persona a tiempo completo para supervisar y animar nuestros esfuerzos. Sus donaciones contribuirán a garantizar un esfuerzo a largo plazo y la estabilidad laboral de este puesto. Gracias por explorar su corazón para discernir cómo pueden formar parte de esta gran iniciativa.

## La Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María ~ Lunes, 8 de diciembre Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe ~ Viernes, 12 de diciembre

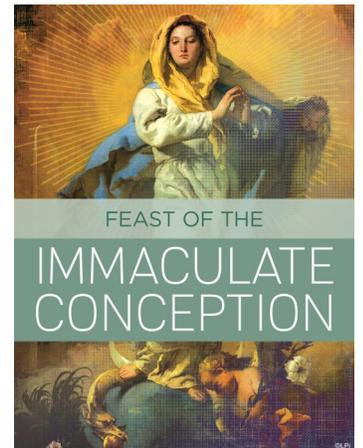
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Esta semana celebramos dos festividades en honor a María, la Madre de Jesús.

El lunes celebramos la fiesta patronal de nuestra nación, **la Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María**.

La Inmaculada Concepción es una enseñanza de la Iglesia que afirma que la Virgen María fue concebida sin pecado original. No se trató de un nacimiento virginal de Jesús, sino de una gracia singular concedida a María en el momento de su concepción, preservada por Dios en vista de los méritos futuros de su hijo, el Señor Jesús.

*Este día sigue siendo de precepto para todos los que puedan participar en la Misa. Las misas se celebrarán a las 8:00am, 10:45am y 5:30 pm en inglés y a las 7:00pm en español.*



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En 1531, México se definió por un importante acontecimiento religioso: las apariciones de la Virgen María a un campesino indígena llamado Juan Diego, cerca de lo que hoy es la Ciudad de México. Estas apariciones dieron lugar a la creación de la imagen de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en la tilma de Juan Diego, un símbolo que se ha vuelto fundamental para la identidad y la fe mexicanas, lo que ha propiciado una conversión masiva al catolicismo.

**El viernes, festividad de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Patrona de las Américas**, comenzamos con la celebración de Las Mañanitas a las 5:30 a. m., seguida de una misa (en español) a las 6:00 a. m. Después, habrá una recepción en el salón parroquial. Todos son bienvenidos.

También se celebrará la misa en inglés a las 8:00 a. m. y, con los niños de nuestra escuela, a las 10:45 a. m.



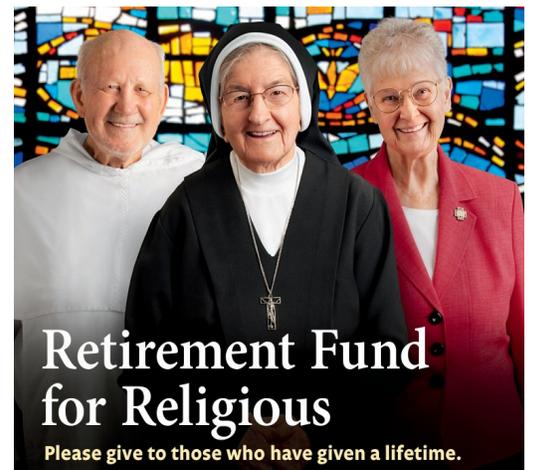
### **Próximo fin de semana ~ Colecta Anual para Religiosos Jubilados**

El próximo fin de semana realizaremos la colecta anual en beneficio de los religiosos y religiosas jubilados, cuyas décadas de servicio a la comunidad cristiana merecen no solo nuestra gratitud, sino también nuestro apoyo en sus últimos años.

**Por favor, done en su parroquia local o por correo a:**

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Los **calendarios de 2026** aún están disponibles en el vestíbulo.

Algunos ejemplares del **Misal Dominical de 2026** están a la venta en la sacristía.

También hay algunos **libros de ejercicios para lectores** de inglés en la sacristía.

## Noticias del Ministerio Juvenil



**Las inscripciones para la Confirmación de 2026 ya están ABIERTAS para los alumnos de 8.º a 12.º grado.** Inscribese y obtenga más información usando el código QR o visitando nuestro sitio web [stclareparish.org/ymc](http://stclareparish.org/ymc) Nuestro programa, que comienza en enero y termina en septiembre, incluye un retiro nocturno en marzo y sesiones dominicales y entre semana. El costo de \$375 cubre el retiro (comida, alojamiento, transporte y otros gastos). La fecha límite para inscribirse es el 11 de enero.

¡Llegó la época del año para llevar nuestra alegría a los necesitados! ¡**Nuestro Árbol de Navidad de Donaciones ya está listo!** ¡Es muy sencillo! **Lleve un adorno**, traiga el regalo antes del 14 de diciembre y colóquelo debajo de nuestro Árbol de Donaciones. Los regalos se distribuirán a las familias que reciben apoyo de San Vicente de Paúl y el Servicio Comunitario del Sagrado Corazón el **20 de diciembre**. Este año, también recolectaremos ropa de invierno (que también se encuentra en adornos) para los estudiantes de la escuela primaria Bower's en Santa Clara, California. ¡Habrá más adornos!

**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.

## Noticia de la Escuela Saint Clare

**¡Gracias a las principales empresas patrocinadoras del Jog-A-Thon de la Escuela Saint Clare!**



¡Nuestro Jog-A-Thon fue todo un éxito! Gracias a la generosidad de nuestra escuela, parroquia y comunidades empresariales locales, alcanzamos nuestra meta de recaudación de fondos. Agradecemos especialmente a nuestras principales empresas patrocinadoras por su compromiso y apoyo a la educación católica.

## 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.

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Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God for you. If you are not registered, please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office.

*Nuestra más cordial bienvenida a todos los que están celebrando con nosotros, ya sea que han estado por largo tiempo o estén recién llegados a la parroquia. Damos gracias a Dios por ustedes. Si aún no está registrado, por favor, llene este formulario y póngalo en la canasta de la coleta o mándelo por correo a la oficina de la parroquia.*

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