

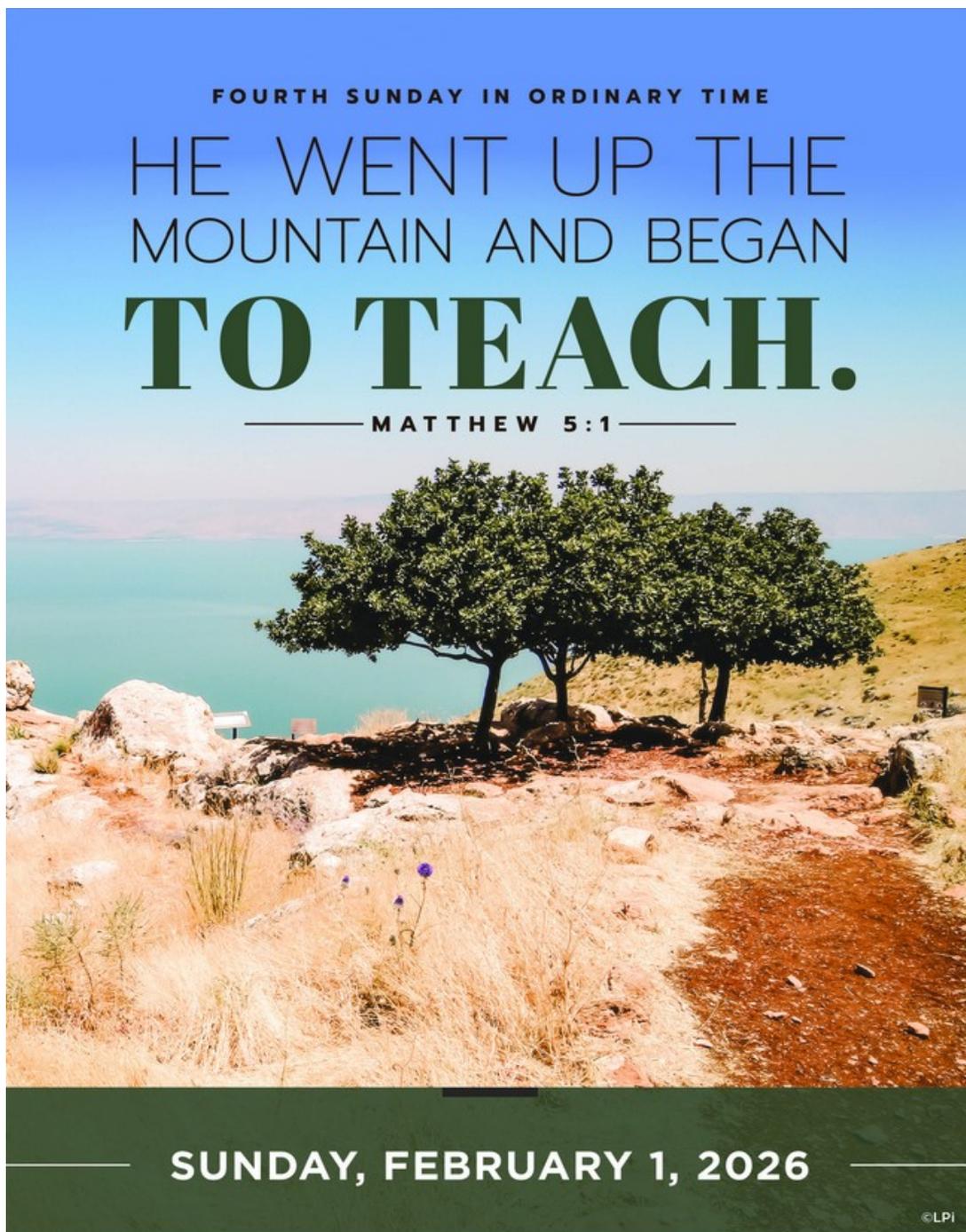


PARISH COMMUNITY  
Santa Clara, California

# *The Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

## *February 1, 2026*

## *El Cuarto Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario*



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## From Monsignor Fran

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In reflecting upon the Beatitudes from the fifth chapter of the Gospel of Matthew, my mind goes to a scene when Jesse of Bethlehem was asked to show the prophet all his sons, because the Lord had chosen one of them (David) to be king. After seeing all the elder brothers, Elijah, the prophet, asks to see the youngest, declaring that “not as humans see does God see, for people look at the appearance and God sees into the heart” (1 Samuel 16:7).

In calling “blessed” – or “happy” – those who suffer in any way, Jesus defies common convention, for, indeed, God sees the heart.

In the first reading, the prophet Zephaniah speaks to “the humble of the earth,” those who are promised safe refuge in the Lord. This “faithful remnant” of Israel foreshadows the poor, the mourning, the meek, those who hunger for justice, the merciful and peacemakers, who are the object of the Beatitudes.

Because God looks into our hearts and truly knows who we are, we have reason to be filled with hope, even – or especially – in our humility.

## First Reconciliation/Confession

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Young members of our parish and school community will approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation next Saturday morning. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they prepare for this celebration of God’s mercy and love for them.

## Quarterly Stewardship Collection

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We ask your generosity in next weekend’s Quarterly Stewardship Collection. Funds received allow us to address unbudgeted maintenance and repair items, such as the frame for one of the tents that blew apart in the last major windstorm in December and the smaller maintenance projects necessary to keep all our facilities in decent condition. Thanks for doing what you can.

## Rite of Acceptance for the Sacrament of Confirmation

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Next Saturday, at the 5:00 pm Mass, our new candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation will publicly state their intention to enter the process that will lead to their Confirmation this coming September. Our candidates, from eighth grade through all the years of high school, ask for your prayers and support to help them open their lives to the movement of the Holy Spirit in the months ahead. All are welcome to join in this special celebration – next Saturday at 5:00 pm.



## Looking Forward To Lent

### Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18.

Ashes will be blessed and distributed at each of our Masses that day: 8:00 am (English), 12:10 (bilingual English/Spanish), 5:30 pm (English), and 7:00 pm (Spanish).

We will offer Soup Supper again this year, from 6:00-7:00 pm, followed by bilingual Stations of the Cross. More details will follow in next week's Bulletin.

*We are also hoping to have a "Seder" meal near the end of Lent. If you are interested in participating or even in helping to plan our observance of this traditional meal – likely the one Jesus was sharing with the Apostles on Holy Thursday – please speak with Sandra Quintanilla or one of the priests.*

Finally, we have ordered **Little Black Books for Lent** and will distribute them after they arrive here.

### Creation Care Tips

*"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled." —Matthew 5:6*

Sometimes, perhaps often, it feels difficult to keep making sacrifices and doing the right thing for the environment when it seems other people aren't putting in as much effort. Still, our faith calls us to keep hungering and thirsting for righteousness, to keep seeking what is best for our earth, even if we sometimes despair that our efforts aren't making a difference. This week, as you go about making choices to care for creation, pray to be reminded that your hunger and thirst for righteousness will one day be filled.



### Weekly Justice Challenge

Sunday's Gospel is Jesus' beatitude teaching from the Sermon on the Mount. The beatitudes provide us with a blueprint for being people of faith and justice. Your challenge this week is to take one beatitude each day. Read the beatitude in the morning, and ask God for the strength to practice that attitude throughout the day. Then in the evening, reflect on whether or not you lived that particular "attitude of being" in your life during the day. Thank God for your successes, ask for forgiveness where you failed, and pray for the courage and strength to live that beatitude in the future.



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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

## Cardinals Issue Joint Statement on U.S. Foreign Policy

In 2026, the United States has entered into the most profound and searing debate about the moral foundation for America's actions in the world since the end of the Cold War. The events in Venezuela, Ukraine and Greenland have raised basic questions about the use of military force and the meaning of peace. The sovereign rights of nations to self-determination appear all too fragile in a world of ever greater conflagrations. The balancing of national interest with the common good is being framed within starkly polarized terms. Our country's moral role in confronting evil around the world, sustaining the right to life and human dignity, and supporting religious liberty are all under examination. And the building of just and sustainable peace, so crucial to humanity's well-being now and in the future, is being reduced to partisan categories that encourage polarization and destructive policies.

For all of these reasons, the contribution of Pope Leo in outlining a truly moral foundation for international relations to the Vatican diplomatic corps this month has provided us an enduring ethical compass for establishing the pathway for American foreign policy in the coming years. He stated:

In our time, the weakness of multilateralism is a particular cause for concern at the international level. A diplomacy that promotes dialogue and seeks consensus among all parties is being replaced by a diplomacy based on force, by either individuals or groups of allies. War is back in vogue and a zeal for war is spreading. The principle established after the Second World War, which prohibited nations from using force to violate the borders of others, has been completely undermined. Peace is no longer sought as a gift and desirable good in itself, or in pursuit of "the establishment of the ordered universe willed by God with a more perfect form of justice among men and women." Instead, peace is sought through weapons as a condition for asserting one's own dominion.

(To be continued)

Signed,

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago

Cardinal Robert W. McElroy, Archbishop of Washington

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of Newark

## Message of Pope Leo XIV For The 34th World Day Of The Sick 2026

*Dear brothers and sisters,*

The thirty-fourth World Day of the Sick will be solemnly celebrated in Chiclayo, Peru, on 11 February 2026. For this occasion, I would recommend reflecting once again on the figure of the Good Samaritan, for he is always relevant and essential for rediscovering the beauty of charity and the social dimension of compassion. This reflection further directs our attention towards the needy and all those who suffer, especially the sick. We are all familiar with the moving account found in the Gospel of Saint Luke (cf. *Lk* 10:25-37). Jesus responds to a scholar of the law, who asks him to identify the neighbor he must love, with this story: a man traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho was attacked by robbers and left for dead. While a priest and a Levite passed him by, a Samaritan took pity on him, bandaged his wounds, took him to an inn and provided for his care. I have chosen to reflect on this biblical passage through the lens of the Encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, written by my beloved predecessor Pope Francis. There, compassion and mercy towards those in need are not reduced to a merely individual effort, but are realized through relationships: with our brothers and sisters in need, with those who care for them and, ultimately, with God who gives us his love.

(To Be Continued)

**Boletim Paroquial Português**  
**1 de fevereiro de 2026 – IV Domingo do Tempo Comum – Ano A**  
**Reflexão por: João Pereira Arruda**

Ser bem-aventurado é ser feliz!

A liturgia deste Domingo centra-se no Sermão da Montanha, no qual Jesus falou à multidão que O seguia e lhes apresentou a “receita” para se ser feliz. Como em quase tudo, os “ingredientes” que Deus nos propõe são diferentes daqueles que o mundo nos oferece: ser rico, ser poderoso, ser popular, ser estrela de cinema ou de televisão, ser famoso no desporto, ser patrão, ser político, etc.

Não é pecado ser nada disso; porém, mesmo sendo-o, só se alcança a verdadeira felicidade seguindo as recomendações de Jesus, que disse: felizes os pobres em espírito, os mansos, os humildes; os que choram, os puros de coração, os misericordiosos, os que têm fome e sede de justiça. Ao pregar ao povo que O seguia, Jesus estava a revelar quem Ele era e como vivia neste mundo. O Sermão da Montanha apresenta-se também no início da vida pública de Jesus. Talvez porque Ele quisesse preparar aquele povo para viver neste mundo já com um pouco do sabor do Reino de Deus.

Podemos pensar que a proposta de vida do mundo de então não era tão tentadora como a de hoje, mas, do mesmo modo que no tempo de Jesus havia corrupção, crime, abuso de crianças e viúvas, mendigos, abuso de poder e perseguição, tudo isso existe hoje — e espalhado por todo o mundo. Hoje falta-nos, talvez mais do que então, a “montanha” onde possamos escutar Jesus, pois somos constantemente bombardeados por meios como os telemóveis, os TikToks, a CNN, a Fox, entre outros, que vinte e quatro horas por dia nos oferecem mentiras e receitas contrárias à verdadeira receita da felicidade que Jesus nos deu na Montanha.

Quando Jesus diz: “Felizes os puros de coração, porque verão a Deus”, quer dizer que qualquer um de nós que guarda o coração limpo das impurezas tem plena capacidade de acolher Deus em si. Ao dizer: “Felizes os pobres em espírito, porque deles é o Reino dos Céus”, Jesus não se refere à falta de inteligência ou a qualquer defeito. Os pobres em espírito são aqueles que vivem na confiança divina, com a atitude de que tudo vem de Deus e tudo a Deus retorna.

“Felizes os que choram, porque serão consolados.”

Como é possível ser feliz chorando? Não se chora apenas nas desgraças e desventuras; chora-se também de felicidade, de reconhecimento e de profunda gratidão ao Senhor, num reconhecimento sincero do Seu amor por nós.

Mais do que normas morais, as Bem-aventuranças são ideias-força com as quais Jesus quer transformar a mentalidade, os critérios e a escala de valores, a fim de preparar aqueles que desejam entrar no Seu Reino. O espírito de pobreza, mansidão, paz, amor à justiça, perdão e pureza deve impregnar as ações do cristão.

### **Eleições do Conselho Paroquial Português**

Hoje, às 13h00, terão lugar no salão pequeno as eleições para a escolha de um novo Conselho Paroquial Português. A presença da Comunidade Portuguesa nesta paróquia é essencial, pois sem um órgão representativo torna-se difícil gerir as atividades e responder às necessidades espirituais e pastorais da comunidade, integrada numa paróquia de carácter multicultural. Por isso, todos somos chamados a participar e a dar o nosso contributo na escolha de membros idóneos da nossa comunidade, dispostos a colocar os seus dons ao serviço do Senhor, para o bem comum.

Após as eleições, haverá uma refeição partilhada (pot-luck), pelo que se pede a todos que tragam um prato para partilhar. Não nos esqueçamos de rezar ao Senhor para que o resultado destas eleições seja bom e frutuoso para a vida da nossa comunidade.

**Um santo e alegre Domingo para todos!**



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## Parish Mission Statement

*Founded in 1777, Saint Clare Parish is an ethnically diverse Catholic community of faith, united in worship, discipleship and service. In welcoming immigrants, newcomers and strangers, we strive to live the virtues of justice and love, so as to be the face of Christ in the world, becoming in Him a sign of unity and an instrument of God's peace.*

### Mass Intentions

January 31-Feb 7, 2026

- Sat** 5:00 pm Jim Pacelli †
- Sun** 7:30 am Maria de Lourdes Ferreira - Birthday
- 9:00 am João Silva †  
Deolinda A. Rodrigues †  
Maria Antonieta Cabral †  
Ernesto Gonsalves †  
Antonio Machado †  
Zita F. Silveira †  
Carlos e Rosa Machado †  
Bernadete Oliveira †  
Domingos e Gilda Correia †  
Claudio Viera Fernandes †  
St. Jude - Thanksgiving  
Albert Amarante †  
Adlina Nunes †  
Carlos Garcia †  
Antonio e Iria Costa †  
Francisco Pereira †  
Honorio V. Borba †
- 10:30 am Saint Clare Parishioners
- 12:00 pm Urbano Amaya †  
Miguel Ochoa †  
Ida López - Salud
- Mon** 8:00 am The Bautista Family †
- Tues** 8:00 am Carol Aviles †
- Wed** 8:00 am Josefina Veria Perez - 7yr Anniversary †
- Thu** 8:00 am Juan Antonio Mendez Frias †
- Fri** 8:00 am Guillermo and Elena Trevino †
- Sat** 8:00 am Ernesto Gonsalves †



## Stewardship Report

**Collection:**  
*January 24th and 25th*

**Goal: \$10,400.00**  
**Actual: \$9,900.02**

**Church in Latin America: 1,585.00**

**Thank You!**

### SUPPORT OUR PARISH

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



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

## Daily Mass Readings



### Sunday:

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13/Psalm 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10/  
1 Corinthians 1:26-31/Matthew 5:1-12a

### Monday:

Malachi 3:1-4/Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Hebrew 2:14-18/  
Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

### Tuesday:

2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/  
Psalm 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mark 5:21-4

### Wednesday:

2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17/Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mark 6:1-6

### Thursday:

1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chronicles 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a,  
12bcd/Mark 6:7-1

### Friday:

Sirach 47:2-11/Psalm 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mark 6:14-29

### Saturday:

1 Kings 3:4-13/Psalm 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mark 6:30-3

### Next Sunday:

Isaiah 58:7-10/Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Corinthians 2:1-5/  
Matthew 5:13-16

# Putting Our Faith Into Practice

## Support for Families Impacted by Immigration Enforcement

On the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (Sunday, January 11, 2026), we celebrated Jesus' entry into the Jordan and the beginning of His public ministry. He shows us what faith looks like: steady, public, and close to those carrying heavy burdens. This weekend, the Diocese of San José shares simple ways to support neighbors who may be impacted by immigration enforcement actions.

### IF YOU WANT TO HELP (EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT DIRECTLY IMPACTED)

#### 1) Participate in or host workshops on legal rights/responsibilities and family preparedness

Access Catholic Charities' Know-Your-Rights sessions and preparedness workshops:

<https://www.cccsc.org/immigrants-refugees?locale=en#immigrationworkshops>

#### 2) Begin or participate in a parish accompaniment ministry

- Offer practical, quiet support: rides, childcare, meals, translation help; checking in on families who are scared or isolated; being present (when appropriate) as a calm companion.
- **Enroll in Accompaniment Training: Hope and Healing workshop** by contacting Ruby Ramirez – [rubynamirez@pactsj.org](mailto:rubynamirez@pactsj.org)
- **Build a referral list** of 5–8 trusted nonprofits/legal providers (include multilingual options) and keep it at the parish office and on the parish website.

#### 3) Give to an emergency assistance and legal support fund

Families can face a sudden loss of income when a loved one is detained. Donations help provide emergency assistance and connect people to trusted legal support.

**Donate (Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County):**

[https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=VH9SFDSDFQNEW](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=VH9SFDSDFQNEW)

### IF YOU ARE WORRIED OR SOMETHING IS HAPPENING

#### 4) Get verified help right away

- **Report ICE activity/request accompaniment support:** Call the Santa Clara County Rapid Response Network (RRN) 24/7: (408) 290-1144. They can help verify what's happening and connect you to local support.
  - *RRN is a coalition of local nonprofits; partners include Amigos de Guadalupe, Asian Law Alliance, CARAS, Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County, Pangea Legal Services, SIREN, and others.*

#### 5) Quick “know your rights” reminders

- You can ask: **“Am I free to go?”**
- You can choose to **remain silent**.
- **Do not sign papers** you don't understand.
- If someone comes to the door, you can ask to see a **warrant**.

#### 6) Make a simple family plan

If your family could be affected, make a basic plan now: childcare pickup, emergency contacts, key documents, and a trusted person who can help. See Santa Clara County's Family Preparedness Plans:

<https://desj.santaclaracounty.gov/oir/family-preparedness>

Scan for Bishop Cantú's Christmas message on why the Church accompanies immigrants and refugees and updated local resources, “Know Your Rights” materials, and parish support options.



- <https://www.dsj.org/bishop-cantus-christmas-message-welcoming-the-christ-child-welcoming-the-stranger/>
- <https://www.dsj.org/evangelization/social-ministries/social-services/migrants-and-refugees/>

**NOTE:** This handout is **general guidance and not legal advice**. For legal advice, contact a qualified attorney or an accredited legal representative.

**Iglesia Santa Clara Y Grupo de Oración  
"El Buen Pastor"**  
Te invita a la  
**MISA DE SANACION**  
**Miércoles 4 de Febrero de  
2026 7 PM**



Venga a Mí, todos los que están cansados y cargados, y Yo los haré descansar. Mt. 11:28-30

**Oficiada por  
Monseñor Francisco Ríos**

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**WORLD DAY OF THE SICK  
2026**

Please Join Bishop Oscar Cantu  
and the Diocese of San Jose  
for the  
**Anointing of the Sick**

**Saturday, February 7, 2026**

Special Rosary at 10:30am

Mass for the Anointing of the Sick at 11:00am

**The Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph**

80 S Market St. San Jose Free Parking Nearby

- ◆ Receive Lourdes water, a Holy Medal and a Holy Card.
- ◆ Let Us Carry Your Prayers to Lourdes. Submit your petitions during this event.



This celebration is sponsored by the Order of Malta

*World Day of the Sick is an observation introduced by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes and is an important opportunity for those who serve in Catholic health ministry to reflect on caring for those who are sick as well as those who provide care to them.*

Santa Clara Women's League presents

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an old fashioned melodrama entitled

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**Fri. Mar. 6 • 7pm**  
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**Sat. Mar. 7 • 7pm**  
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**Sun. Mar. 8 • 2pm**  
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## De Monseñor Fran

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Al reflexionar sobre las Bienaventuranzas del quinto capítulo del Evangelio de Mateo, mi mente se dirige a la escena en la que a Jesé de Belén se le pidió que presentara al profeta a todos sus hijos, pues el Señor había elegido a uno de ellos (David) para ser rey. Después de ver a todos los hermanos mayores, el profeta Elías pide ver al más joven, declarando: “Porque el Señor no ve como ve el hombre; el hombre mira las apariencias, pero el Señor mira el corazón” (1 Samuel 16,7).

Al llamar “bienaventurados” —o “felices”— a quienes sufren de cualquier manera, Jesús desafía la convención común, pues, en verdad, Dios ve el corazón.

En la primera lectura, el profeta Sofonías se dirige a “los humildes de la tierra”, aquellos a quienes se les promete un refugio seguro en el Señor. Este “resto fiel” de Israel anticipa a los pobres, los que lloran, los mansos, los que tienen hambre y sed de justicia, los misericordiosos y los constructores de la paz, que son el objeto de las Bienaventuranzas.

Porque Dios mira nuestro corazón y nos conoce verdaderamente como somos, tenemos razones para estar llenos de esperanza, incluso —o especialmente— en nuestra humildad.

### Primera Reconciliación / Confesión

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Los jóvenes miembros de nuestra comunidad parroquial y escolar se acercarán al Sacramento de la Reconciliación el próximo sábado por la mañana. Por favor, manténganlos a ellos y a sus familias en sus oraciones mientras se preparan para esta celebración de la misericordia y el amor de Dios.

### Colecta Trimestral de Corresponsabilidad

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Pedimos su generosidad en la Colecta Trimestral de Corresponsabilidad del próximo fin de semana. Los fondos recibidos nos permiten atender trabajos de mantenimiento y reparaciones no presupuestadas, como el armazón de una de las carpas que se destruyó durante la fuerte tormenta de viento en diciembre, así como otros proyectos menores necesarios para mantener todas nuestras instalaciones en condiciones adecuadas. Gracias por hacer lo que esté a su alcance.

### Rito de Aceptación para el Sacramento de la Confirmación

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El próximo sábado, en la Misa de las 5:00 p. m., nuestros nuevos candidatos al Sacramento de la Confirmación manifestarán públicamente su intención de iniciar el proceso que los llevará a recibir la Confirmación este próximo mes de septiembre. Nuestros candidatos, desde octavo grado hasta los distintos años de secundaria, piden sus oraciones y apoyo para ayudarles a abrir sus vidas a la acción del Espíritu Santo en los meses venideros. Todos están invitados a participar en esta celebración especial — el próximo sábado a las 5:00 p. m.



## Mensaje del Papa León XIV Para la XXXIV Jornada Mundial del Enfermo 2026

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### *Queridos hermanos y hermanas:*

La trigésima cuarta Jornada Mundial del Enfermo se celebrará solemnemente en Chiclayo, Perú, el 11 de febrero de 2026. Para esta ocasión, deseo proponer una vez más la reflexión sobre la figura del Buen Samaritano, siempre actual y esencial para redescubrir la belleza de la caridad y la dimensión social de la compasión. Esta reflexión dirige además nuestra atención hacia los necesitados y hacia todos los que sufren, especialmente los enfermos.

Todos conocemos el conmovedor relato que se encuentra en el Evangelio de san Lucas (cf. Lc 10,25-37). Jesús responde a un doctor de la Ley, que le pregunta quién es el prójimo que debe amar, con esta historia: un hombre que bajaba de Jerusalén a Jericó fue asaltado por unos bandidos y dejado medio muerto. Mientras un sacerdote y un levita pasaron de largo, un samaritano se compadeció de él, vendó sus heridas, lo llevó a una posada y se hizo cargo de su cuidado. He elegido reflexionar sobre este pasaje bíblico a la luz de la encíclica Fratelli Tutti, escrita por mi amado predecesor, el Papa Francisco. Allí, la compasión y la misericordia hacia los necesitados no se reducen a un esfuerzo meramente individual, sino que se realizan a través de relaciones: con nuestros hermanos y hermanas necesitados, con quienes los cuidan y, en última instancia, con Dios, que nos dona su amor.

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### Preparándonos para la cuaresma

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La Cuaresma comienza el **Miércoles de Ceniza, 18 de febrero**.

Las cenizas serán bendecidas y distribuidas en cada una de las Misas de ese día: 8:00 a. m. (inglés), 10:45 a. m. Misa escolar (inglés, todos son bienvenidos), 12:10 p. m. (bilingüe: inglés/español), 5:30 p. m. (inglés), 7:00 p. m. (español)

Este año ofreceremos nuevamente la **Cena de Sopa, de 6:00 a 7:00 p. m.**, seguida por el **Vía Crucis bilingüe**. Más detalles se compartirán en el boletín de la próxima semana.

*También esperamos realizar una Cena de “Seder” hacia el final de la Cuaresma.*

*Si está interesado en participar o en ayudar a planear esta celebración de esta comida tradicional —probablemente la que Jesús compartió con los Apóstoles el Jueves Santo— por favor hable con Sandra Quintanilla o con alguno de los sacerdotes.*

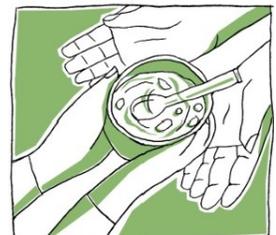
Hemos ordenado los **Libritos Negros para la Cuaresma** y los distribuiremos cuando lleguen.

### Cuidado de la Creación

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**“Dichosos los que tienen hambre y sed de la justicia, porque serán satisfechos”. — Mateo 5,6**

A veces — quizás a menudo — nos resulta difícil seguir haciendo sacrificios y seguir haciendo lo correcto por el medio ambiente, cuando nos parece que otras personas no se esfuerzan tanto. Aun así, nuestra fe nos llama a seguir teniendo hambre y sed de justicia, a seguir buscando lo que sea mejor para nuestro planeta, incluso cuando a veces nos sintamos decepcionados al pensar que nuestros esfuerzos no estén marcando la diferencia. Esta semana, al tomar decisiones para cuidar la creación, ora para recordar que tu hambre



## Declaración Conjunta de Cardenales sobre La Política Exterior de EE. UU.

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En 2026, Estados Unidos ha entrado en el debate más profundo e intenso sobre el fundamento moral de las acciones estadounidenses en el mundo desde el fin de la Guerra Fría. Los acontecimientos en Venezuela, Ucrania y Groenlandia han planteado preguntas básicas sobre el uso de la fuerza militar y el significado de la paz. Los derechos soberanos de las naciones a la autodeterminación parecen demasiado frágiles en un mundo de conflictos cada vez mayores. El equilibrio entre el interés nacional y el bien común se está planteando en términos profundamente polarizados. El papel moral de nuestro país de enfrentar al mal alrededor del mundo, preservar el derecho a la vida y la dignidad humana, y apoyar la libertad religiosa se ha vuelto objeto de examen. Y la construcción de una paz justa y sostenible, tan crucial para el bienestar de la humanidad ahora y en el futuro, está siendo reducida a categorías partidistas que alientan la polarización y políticas destructivas.

Por todas estas razones, la contribución del papa León al describir una base verdaderamente moral para las relaciones internacionales al cuerpo diplomático en el Vaticano este mes, nos ha proporcionado un compás ético duradero para establecer el camino de la política exterior estadounidense en los próximos años. Él afirmó: En nuestro tiempo, la debilidad del multilateralismo es motivo de especial preocupación a nivel internacional. La diplomacia que promueve el diálogo y busca el consenso entre todas las partes está siendo sustituida por una diplomacia basada en la fuerza, ya sea por parte de individuos o de grupos de aliados. La guerra vuelve a estar de moda y el entusiasmo bélico se extiende. Se ha roto el principio establecido tras la Segunda Guerra Mundial, que prohibía a los países utilizar la fuerza para violar las fronteras ajenas. La paz ya no se busca como un regalo y como un bien deseable en sí mismo, o como una búsqueda de “la instauración de un orden querido por Dios, que comporta una justicia más perfecta entre los hombres”. En cambio, se busca mediante las armas como condición para afirmar el propio dominio.

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Firman,  
Cardenal Blase J. Cupich, arzobispo de Chicago  
Cardenal Robert W. McElroy, arzobispo de Washington  
Cardenal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., arzobispo de Newark

## Desafíos Semanales De Justicia

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El Evangelio del domingo es acerca de la enseñanza de las bienaventuranzas que Jesús predicó en el Sermón de la Montaña. Las bienaventuranzas nos ofrecen un modelo perfecto sobre cómo ser personas de fe y de justicia. Tu desafío esta semana es reflexionar sobre una bienaventuranza cada día. Lee la bienaventuranza por la mañana y pídele a Dios la fuerza para practicar esa actitud a lo largo del día. Luego, por la noche, reflexiona sobre si viviste o no esa "actitud de ser" en tu vida durante el día. Agradécele a Dios por tus éxitos, pídele perdón por tus errores y pídele que te dé la valentía y la fuerza para vivir esa bienaventuranza en el futuro.



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