

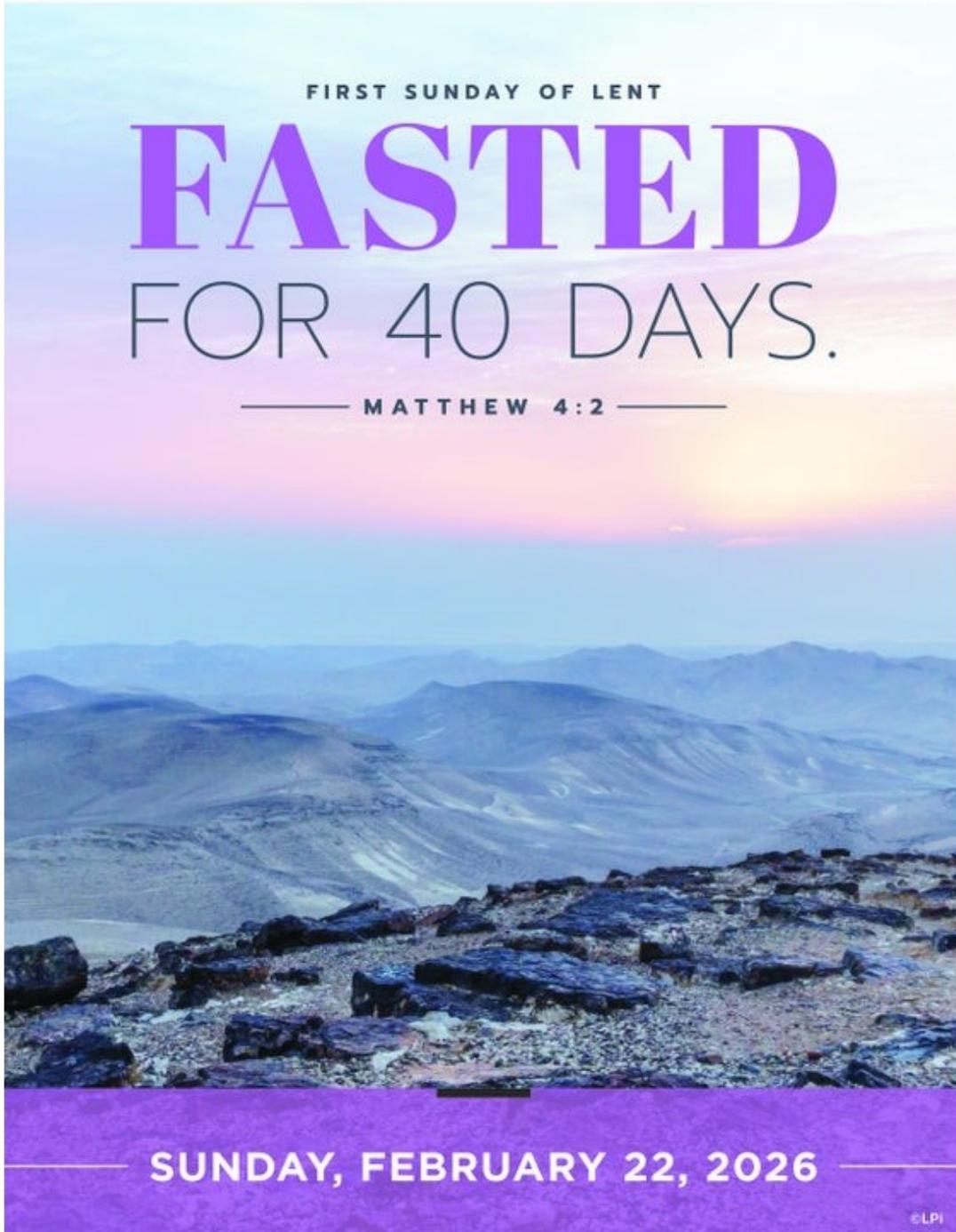


PARISH COMMUNITY
Santa Clara, California

The First Sunday of Lent

February 22, 2026

*Primer Domingo de
Cuaresma*



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Saint Clare Parish Has Been Named a Pilgrimage Site during the Jubilee Year of Saint Francis of Assisi

[The following is adapted from the Diocese of Raleigh, North Carolina]

Pope Leo XIV has announced a special Jubilee Year of Saint Francis, running from January 10, 2026, to January 10, 2027. This proclamation comes as the world prepares to honor the 800th anniversary of the passing of Saint Francis of Assisi (October 3, 1226) and brings renewed attention to this “Little Poor Man – *Il Poverello*” whose message of peace and simplicity still speaks powerfully today.

This special year invites us all to discern the grace of the indulgence associated with the Jubilee. It is an opportunity to learn more about Saint Francis and understand why, even after 800 years, he remains one of the Church’s most beloved saints.

The Eucharistic Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions talk about the hope of our earthly pilgrimage leading to an eternal dwelling, . . . Franciscans celebrate the death of Saint Francis (of which this is the 800th anniversary) as his **Transitus**, that is, passing from earthly life into eternal life. Perhaps a specific pilgrimage can be a chance to reflect on how we might live our entire lives as a journey to the ultimate encounter with God.

How to Share in the Graces of the Jubilee Year

Along with this celebration, the Vatican is offering a plenary indulgence—not as a “spiritual shortcut,” but as a heartfelt invitation to come home to God’s mercy.

The path to the indulgence follows the traditional steps of confession, Holy Communion, and prayer for the Pope’s intentions.

However, the heart of this Jubilee lies in Franciscan action. The Vatican encourages the faithful to:

- Visit Franciscan churches on pilgrimage. Parishes in the Diocese of San José that have a Franciscan heritage or presence include Saint Francis of Assisi Parish in San José, Our Lady of the Assumption Croatian Mission in San José (served by Croatian Franciscans) and Saint Clare Parish in Santa Clara (owing to the close spiritual relationship between Saint Clare and Saint Francis).
- Spend time in quiet meditation on Franciscan Spirituality.
- Practice “concrete acts” of charity, humility, and simplicity.

In a recent conversation with Vatican Media, Bishop Krzysztof Nykiel, Regent of the Apostolic Penitentiary, was careful to clear up common misconceptions. He explained that an indulgence is not a “vending machine for grace” or a religious transaction. Instead, it is meant to be a genuine, personal encounter with God. “The Year of Saint Francis should not just be about ‘special effects’ or big events,” Bishop Nykiel shared. Instead, he hopes the year marks a “quiet journey from excitement to maturity—moving from big celebrations to the simple, daily imitation of Francis's life.”

Why Saint Francis Still Matters

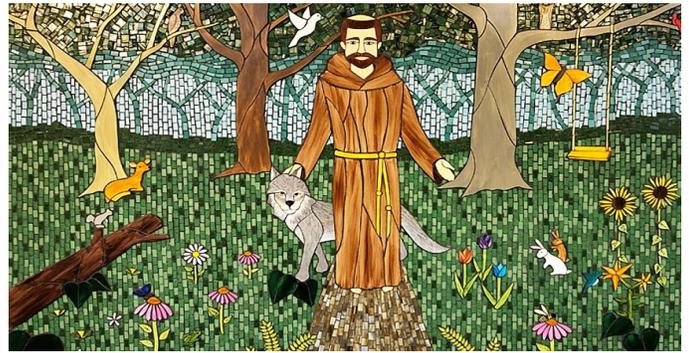
“In a world still scarred by war, poverty, and the marginalization of the vulnerable, this Jubilee Year invites us to honor Saint Francis by embracing his spirit of compassion and service,” said Ellen Ferrone, OFS, Regional Minister, Brothers and Sisters of Saint Francis. “We are called to look beyond ourselves and become instruments of peace and hope for others.”

We are grateful to Bishop Cantú for extending this honor and privilege to our parish.

La Parroquia Santa Clara ha sido designada como sitio de peregrinación durante el Año Jubilar de San Francisco de Asís

El mosaico de San Francis y el lobo de Gubbio, realizado por el artista de Raleigh Luke Vandergriff, en la Diócesis de Raleigh, Carolina del Norte.

[Lo siguiente es una adaptación de la Diócesis de Raleigh, Carolina del Norte]



El Papa León XIV ha anunciado un Año Jubilar especial de San Francisco, que se celebrará del 10 de enero de 2026 al 10 de enero de 2027. Esta proclamación llega mientras el mundo se prepara para conmemorar el 800.º aniversario del fallecimiento de San Francisco de Asís (3 de octubre de 1226) y renueva la atención sobre este “Pobrecillo — Il Poverello”, cuyo mensaje de paz y sencillez sigue resonando con fuerza hoy en día.

Este año especial nos invita a todos a discernir la gracia de la indulgencia asociada con el Jubileo. Es una oportunidad para conocer más profundamente a San Francisco y comprender por qué, incluso después de 800 años, sigue siendo uno de los santos más amados de la Iglesia.

“*Las Plegarias Eucarísticas para Diversas Necesidades* hablan de la esperanza de que nuestra peregrinación terrena nos conduzca a una morada eterna... Los franciscanos celebran la muerte de San Francisco (cuyo 800.º aniversario conmemoramos) como su *Transitus*, es decir, su paso de la vida terrena a la vida eterna. Tal vez una peregrinación concreta pueda ser una ocasión para reflexionar sobre cómo podemos vivir toda nuestra vida como un camino hacia el encuentro definitivo con Dios.”

Cómo compartir las gracias del Año Jubilar

Junto con esta celebración, el Vaticano ofrece una indulgencia plenaria, no como un “atajo espiritual”, sino como una invitación sincera a volver al hogar de la misericordia de Dios.

El camino para obtener la indulgencia sigue los pasos tradicionales: confesión sacramental, Sagrada Comunión y oración por las intenciones del Papa.

Sin embargo, el corazón de este Jubileo se encuentra en la acción franciscana. El Vaticano anima a los fieles a:

- Visitar iglesias franciscanas en peregrinación. Las parroquias en la Diócesis de San José con herencia o presencia franciscana incluyen la Parroquia San Francisco de Asís en San José, la Misión Croata Nuestra Señora de la Asunción en San José (atendida por franciscanos croatas) y la Parroquia Santa Clara en Santa Clara (debido a la estrecha relación espiritual entre Santa Clara de Asís y San Francisco).
- Dedicar tiempo a la meditación en silencio sobre la espiritualidad franciscana.
- Practicar “actos concretos” de caridad, humildad y sencillez.

En una reciente conversación con Vatican Media, el obispo Krzysztof Nykiel, Regente de la Penitenciaría Apostólica, aclaró algunos conceptos erróneos comunes. Explicó que una indulgencia no es una “máquina expendedora de gracia” ni una transacción religiosa. Más bien, está destinada a ser un encuentro genuino y personal con Dios.

“El Año de San Francisco no debería centrarse solo en ‘efectos especiales’ o grandes eventos”, compartió el obispo Nykiel. Más bien, espera que este año marque “un camino silencioso del entusiasmo a la madurez—pasando de grandes celebraciones a la sencilla imitación diaria de la vida de Francisco”.

Por qué San Francisco sigue siendo relevante

“En un mundo aún marcado por la guerra, la pobreza y la marginación de los más vulnerables, este Año Jubilar nos invita a honrar a San Francisco abrazando su espíritu de compasión y servicio”, dijo Ellen Ferrone, OFS, Ministra Regional de los Hermanos y Hermanas de San Francisco. “Estamos llamados a mirar más allá de nosotros mismos y convertirnos en instrumentos de paz y esperanza para los demás.”

Agradecemos al obispo Cantú por extender este honor y privilegio a nuestra parroquia.

From Monsignor Fran

The First Sunday of Lent confronts us with the reality of temptation and evil.

Adam and Eve succumbed to the devil, who made ignoring the one restriction that God had imposed upon them (eating the fruit of the tree) so tantalizing that they did it. And so, through them, we are all born into lives of imperfection, lives when we do not resist temptation.

But that is not the end of our story.

In His temptations in the desert, Jesus (“the new Adam”) did not give in to the numerous attractive temptations (likely the same kind that we and all humanity have faced). Jesus was victorious then and again in the Garden the night before He died.

As much as we are children of Adam and Eve, so we are renewed in the faithfulness of Jesus.

Lent calls us back to the same “original holiness” shown by the Lord. These weeks that lead us to Easter are an invitation to renew our baptismal life, even as we surround in prayer and the example of Christian living our three Catechumens, Avery, Eileen and Rebecca, who will approach the waters of Baptism at the Easter Vigil, the night of April 4.

May this Lent be a time of grace for them and for all of us.

Little Black Book for Lent

Copies of *The Little Black Book for Lent* are still available in the vestibule. Since we have extra copies, you might want to take an additional one for home, work or in the car.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

At the Masses next weekend, we will again offer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick to those who suffer from acute or chronic illness and the elderly whose health is impaired due to age. The Anointing is not for those with minor ailments, such as a cold, unless a person has underlying health issues that make the cold a more serious condition.

Please remember that this Sacrament is no longer understood as *Extreme Unction*, which, in the past, was offered almost solely to the dying. The Anointing of the Sick is a sacrament for the living, to support, encourage and, if it is God’s will, to heal the sick person. This healing may be in mind or in body, as one grapples with the isolation of serious illness.

When the priest anoints each person, on the forehead and hands, he will use these words:

***Through this Holy Anointing may the Lord in His love and mercy
help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen.***

***May the Lord Who frees you from sin.
save you and raise you up. Amen.***

Stations of the Cross

The Way of the Cross will be celebrated this Friday evening at 7:00 pm, in the church. This will be a bilingual (English/Spanish) prayer.



Friday Soup Supper

Unfortunately, due to a mix-up in scheduling, *there will be no Soup Supper this Friday*, but it will return on the following Fridays of Lent, at 6:00, in the North Hall. Each family is asked to bring a meatless soup to be shared with others. The parish will supply bread, butter, water and lemonade. Soup and Stations is a great way to help in our Lenten observance.



Black and Indians Missions

Although there is no envelope in our packets, there is a collection for Black and Indian Missions this weekend. Thanks for your generosity.

Weekly Creative Care Tips

“The LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and placed there the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made grow every tree that was delightful to look at and good for food.” —Genesis 2:8-9



Pope Francis wrote that there is “mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop, in a poor person’s face” (Laudato Si’ 232). This week, take time to consciously look for nature around you, whether you live near a forest, you farm the land you live on, you can watch the sunrise over the ocean, or you simply have a pot of African violets growing on your windowsill in an apartment. Maybe you will notice tenacious weeds growing through the cracks in the sidewalk. As often as you can, thank God for the marvels of creation.



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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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then press 9

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

(Continued from last week)

The gift of encounter flows from our union with Jesus Christ. We recognize him as the Good Samaritan who has brought us eternal salvation, and we make him present whenever we reach out to a wounded brother or sister. Saint Ambrose said: “Since no one is more truly our neighbor than he who has healed our wounds, let us love him as Lord and also as neighbor; for nothing is so close as the head to its members. Let us also love those who imitate Christ; let us love those who suffer due to the poverty of others, for the sake of the unity of the Body.” “To be one in the One” – through closeness, presence, and love received and shared – is to rejoice, like Saint Francis, in the sweetness of having encountered the Lord.

2. The shared mission of caring for the sick

Saint Luke continues, noting that the Samaritan “was moved with pity.” Compassion, in this sense, implies a profound emotion that compels us to act. It is a feeling that springs from within and leads to a committed response to another’s suffering. In this parable, compassion is the defining characteristic of active love; it is neither theoretical nor merely sentimental, but manifests itself through concrete gestures. The Samaritan *drew near, tended the wounds, took charge and provided care*. Notably, he does not act in isolation: “The Samaritan discovered an innkeeper who would care for the man; we too are called to unite as a family that is stronger than the sum of small individual members.” In my experience as a missionary and bishop in Peru, I have personally witnessed many who show mercy and compassion in the spirit of the Samaritan and the innkeeper. Family members, neighbors, healthcare workers, those engaged in pastoral care for the sick, and many others stop along the way to draw near, heal, support and accompany those in need. By offering what they have, they give compassion a social dimension. This experience, occurring within a network of relationships, transcends mere individual commitment. For this reason, in the Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi Te*, I referred to the care of the sick not only as an “important part” of the Church’s mission, but as an authentic “ecclesial action” (n. 49). I quoted Saint Cyprian to illustrate how this dimension serves as a measure of a society’s health: “This pestilence and plague, which seems so horrible and deadly, searches out the righteousness of each one, and examines the minds of the human race, to see whether the healthy serve the sick; whether relatives love each other with sincerity; whether masters have pity on their sick servants; whether doctors do not abandon the sick who beg for help.”

“To be one in the One” means truly recognizing that we are members of a single Body that brings the Lord’s compassion to the suffering of all people, each according to our own vocation. Moreover, the pain that moves us to compassion is not the pain of a stranger; it is the pain of a member of our own Body, to whom Christ our Head commands us attend, for the good of all. In this sense, our service is identified with Christ’s own suffering and, when offered in a Christian spirit, hastens the fulfillment of the Savior’s prayer for the unity of all.



(To be continued)

Boletim Paroquial Português
22 de Fevereiro de 2026 – I Domingo da Quaresma
Reflexão por: João Pereira Arruda

Tal como no domingo passado, a Liturgia da Palavra de Deus traz-nos as palavras Liberdade e Fidelidade. Nos nossos dias, o termo liberdade é constantemente mal usado e, por assim ser, muitas vezes não passa de uma desenfreada libertinagem. Sem respeito pela verdadeira liberdade, os seres humanos fazem desse dom uma interpretação errada do seu valor na sociedade onde vivem e, desse modo, criam um mundo de falsidades que gera desunião e desavenças entre as pessoas.

A fidelidade é outra palavra que, nestes tempos, é praticamente desusada. Não me refiro à fidelidade clubista no futebol; refiro-me à fidelidade que é essencial no casamento, pois este dom assinala, além do respeito entre os cônjuges, o amor e o respeito mútuo. Serve também como tónica que alimenta e fortalece o amor que advém do Sacramento do Matrimónio.

Neste domingo surge ainda uma outra palavra: tentação. Nela, Jesus Cristo dá-nos o exemplo de como vencer as tentações. Jesus foi levado pelo Espírito de Deus ao deserto para ser tentado. No deserto, Jesus confrontou-Se face a face com o demónio, respondendo com sábia precisão às tentações que Lhe foram apresentadas.

Neste tempo da Quaresma, devemos procurar um “deserto”, onde possamos encontrar-nos com Deus e, em diálogo com Ele, pedir ajuda para tomar decisões corretas segundo a Sua vontade. Esse diálogo com Deus pode ser encontrado no Sacramento da Reconciliação, confessando-nos a um sacerdote. Pode também acontecer numa meditação profunda, apresentando a Deus as nossas falhas, as nossas dificuldades e o desperdício das oportunidades dadas pelo Seu Espírito Santo para vivermos em paz com Deus e com os irmãos.

Podemos isolar-nos com Deus, mas Ele envia-nos em missão, tal como Cristo cumpriu a Sua missão neste mundo segundo a vontade do Pai.

Novo Conselho Paroquial Português

No passado domingo, dia 1 de fevereiro, teve lugar no salão paroquial uma sessão eleitoral para eleger um novo Conselho. Dessa eleição foram escolhidos:

Presidente – Eduina Faria
Secretária – Mariazinha Jerónimo
Tesoureira – Mary Correia

A este executivo juntaram-se os seguintes membros: João Arruda, José Silva, Maria Marques, Danny Silva, Gabriel Azevedo, Fernanda Coelho, John da Silveira e Leandro Vieira.

Durante os próximos dois anos, este será o Conselho responsável por gerir, planear e representar a nossa comunidade, velando pelos seus interesses nesta paróquia de Saint Clare. Na vida multicultural desta paróquia, nem sempre as coisas acontecem como gostaríamos; contudo, este é um grupo de pessoas maduras que procurará fazer tudo ao seu alcance para que a nossa comunidade continue animada e ativa nas liturgias que alimentam o espírito comunitário.

É necessária unidade dentro do Conselho e unidade em toda a comunidade.

Irmandade de Nossa Senhora de Fátima de Santa Clara

Na próxima sexta-feira, dia 27, esta Irmandade realizará uma refeição de peixe. O jantar terá lugar na parte de baixo do salão da SES. Poderá ser consumido no local ou levado para casa, a partir das 4 horas da tarde.

Os bilhetes estão à venda ao preço de \$30.00 por pessoa e podem ser adquiridos através dos seguintes contactos:

Erica Toste – 408-838-7836
Roxane Silveira – 408-315-6915
Tempo Quaresmal

Por favor, acompanhem as atividades para este tempo que estão a ser oferecidas pela nossa paróquia e que se encontram registadas no boletim paroquial.

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 Feb 21 - 28, 2026

- Sat** 5:00 pm Romeo Valbuena - Birthday
- Sun** 7:30 am Sofia Elena Hendricks Rodriguez - 5th Birthday
- 9:00 am João Silva †
Deolinda A. Rodrigues †
Maria Antonieta Cabral †
Antonio Machado †
Zita F. Silveira †
Carlos e Rosa Machado †
Bernadete Oliveira †
Saint Anthony - Thanksgiving
Jose Flores Silveira †
Trinidad de Jesus †
Norberto e Isabel Costa †
Francisco Pereira †
Honorio V. Borba †
Manuel Santos †
Cristina e Manuel Jeronimo †
- 10:30 am Saint Clare Parishioners
- 12:00 pm Eduardo Baez Vega †
Ida López - Salud
- Mon** 9:00 am Jan Asensi - Health
- Tues** 8:00 am Jim Pacelli †
- Wed** 8:00 am Tony and Mimi Avelar - Special Intention
- Thu** 8:00 am Birdie Pacelli - Special Intention
- Fri** 8:00 am Maria Simas Mello †
- Sat** 8:00 am Mary Anne Dunn †



Stewardship Report

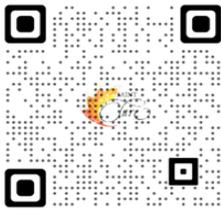
Collection:
Feb 14th and 15th

Goal: \$10,400.00
Actual: \$8,471.67

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Daily Mass Readings



Sunday:

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 / Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 / Romans 5:12-19 (or Romans 5:12, 17-19) / Matthew 4:1-11

Monday:

Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18 / Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15 / Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday:

Isaiah 55:10-11 / Psalm 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 / Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday:

Jonah 3:1-10 / Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 / Luke 11:29-32

Thursday:

Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25 / Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 / Matthew 7:7-12

Friday:

Ezekiel 18:21-28 / Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 / Matthew 5:20-26

Saturday:

Deuteronomy 26:16-19 / Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 / Matthew 5:43-48

Next Sunday:

Genesis 12:1-4a / Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 / 2 Timothy 1:8b-10 / Matthew 17:1-9



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March 14, 2026 | Doors Open 5:00 PM | Dinner Served 6:30 PM

Located in St. Clare Parish Hall (810 Lafayette Street, Santa Clara, CA)

Cost: \$100 per person

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Fri. Mar. 6 • 7pm
(doors open at 5:30pm)

Sat. Mar. 7 • 7pm
(doors open at 5:30pm)

Sun. Mar. 8 • 2pm
(doors open at 12:30pm)

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\$10 Adult • \$5 Child

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De Monseñor Fran

El Primer Domingo de Cuaresma nos confronta con la realidad de la tentación y del mal.

Adám y Eva sucumbieron al diablo, quien hizo que ignorar la única restricción que Dios les había impuesto (comer la fruta del árbol) pareciera tan tentador que lo hicieron. Y así, por medio de ellos, todos nacemos en vidas de imperfección, vidas en las que no resistimos la tentación.

Pero ese no es el final de nuestra historia.

En sus tentaciones en el desierto, Jesús (“el nuevo Adám”) no cedió ante las numerosas y atractivas tentaciones (probablemente del mismo tipo que nosotros y toda la humanidad hemos enfrentado). Jesús fue victorioso entonces y nuevamente en el Jardín la noche antes de morir.

Así como somos hijos de Adám y Eva, también somos renovados en la fidelidad de Jesús.

La Cuaresma nos llama de regreso a la misma “santidad original” mostrada por el Señor. Estas semanas que nos conducen a la Pascua son una invitación a renovar nuestra vida bautismal, al mismo tiempo que rodeamos con oración y con el ejemplo de vida cristiana a nuestros tres catecúmenos, Avery, Eileen y Rebecca, quienes se acercarán a las aguas del Bautismo en la Vigilia Pascual, la noche del 4 de abril.

Que esta Cuaresma sea un tiempo de gracia para ellos y para todos nosotros.

Librito Negro Para Cuaresma

Todavía hay copias de *El Librito Negro para la Cuaresma* disponibles en el vestíbulo. Como tenemos copias adicionales, quizás desee llevar otra para su casa, el trabajo o el automóvil.

Celebración del Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos

En las Misas del próximo fin de semana, nuevamente ofreceremos el Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos a quienes sufren de enfermedades agudas o crónicas y a las personas mayores cuya salud está debilitada debido a la edad. La Unción no es para quienes tienen dolencias menores, como un resfriado, a menos que la persona tenga condiciones de salud subyacentes que hagan que el resfriado sea más serio.

Por favor recuerden que este Sacramento ya no se entiende como la Extrema Unción, que en el pasado se ofrecía casi exclusivamente a los moribundos. La Unción de los Enfermos es un sacramento para los vivos, para apoyar, animar y, si es la voluntad de Dios, sanar a la persona enferma. Esta sanación puede ser del alma o del cuerpo, mientras la persona enfrenta el aislamiento de una enfermedad grave.

Cuando el sacerdote unja a cada persona, en la frente y en las manos, usará estas palabras:

***Por esta santa Unción y por su bondadosa misericordia,
te ayude el Señor con la gracia del Espíritu Santo. Amén.***

***Para que, libre de tus pecados, te conceda la salvación
y te conforte en tu enfermedad. Amén.***

Via Crucis

El Vía Crucis se celebrará este viernes por la noche a las 7:00 pm, en la iglesia. Será una oración bilingüe (inglés/español).



La Cena de Sopa

Desafortunadamente, debido a un error en la programación de fecha, no habrá Cena de Sopa este viernes, pero regresará los siguientes viernes de Cuaresma, a las 6:00 pm, en el Salón Norte. Se pide a cada familia que traiga una sopa sin carne para compartir con los demás. La parroquia proporcionará pan, mantequilla, agua y limonada. La Cena de Sopa y el Vía Crucis son una excelente manera de ayudar en nuestra observancia cuaresmal.



Segunda Colecta - Misiones de Negros y Indígena's

Aunque no hay un sobre en nuestros paquetes, habrá una colecta este fin de semana para las Misiones para los Negros e Indígenas.

Gracias por su generosidad.

Cuidado de la Creación

“Después Dios el Señor plantó un jardín en la región de Edén, en el oriente, y puso allí al hombre que había formado. Hizo crecer también toda clase de árboles hermosos que daban fruto bueno para comer”.

—Génesis 2, 8-9

El Papa Francisco escribió que “hay mística en una hoja, en un camino, en el rocío, en el rostro del pobre” (*Laudato Si'* 233). Esta semana, dedica tiempo a observar conscientemente la naturaleza que te rodea, sea que vivas cerca de un bosque, que cultives la tierra en la que vives, que puedas contemplar el amanecer sobre el océano, o que simplemente tengas una maceta de violetas africanas en el balcón de tu departamento. Quizás notes malas hierbas creciendo entre las grietas de la acera. Siempre que puedas, agrádecele a Dios por las maravillas de la creación.



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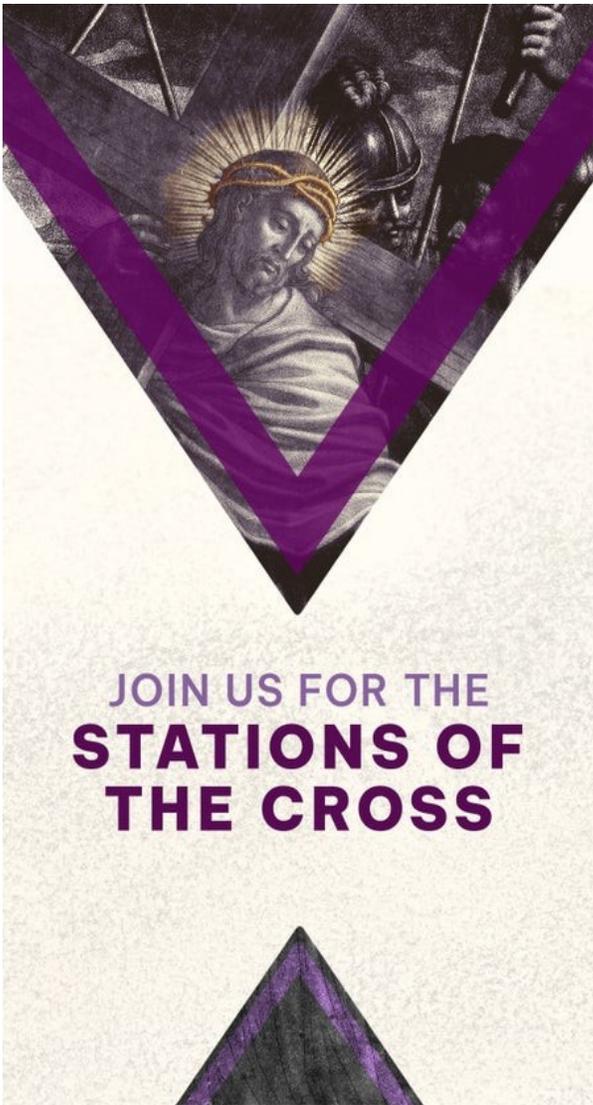
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Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God for you. If you are not registered, please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the parish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