ST. JUSTIN PARISH COMMUNITY

2655 Homestead Road, Santa Clara, CA 95051
(408) 296-1193 ~ www.st-justin.org

Masses

Saturday 8:00 a.m., 5 p.m. (Vigil)
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m., 12:15 & 7:00 p.m.

Daily Mass 8:30 a.m., Monday-Friday
8:00 a.m., Saturday

Holy Days of Obligation
8:30 a.m., 12:15, 7:00 p.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. or by appointment

Initiation

If interested in exploring the Catholic Faith or completing the Sacraments of Initiation as an adult or youth, contact Catechetical Ministry at 296-1193 x 104.

Marriage

Couples registered within the parish are required to make arrangements at least six months prior to the date of marriage by calling 296-1193 and must complete a Marriage Preparation Program.

Sacrament of the Sick

If you know of any parishioner who is ill, at home, or in the hospital, please notify the Parish Office so our Eucharistic Ministers of the Sick may bring communion or anointing can be arranged.

Baptism

Infant baptism is celebrated following completion of our parish Baptism Preparation Program. New and expectant parents are invited to call the Parish Office at 296-1193.

Youth Confirmation

High School Youth Confirmation is celebrated during the Easter Season. Registration occurs in the summer.

STAYING ON POINT

When my kids were younger, I volunteered to teach Math Olympiad sessions at their elementary school. I tried to show students multiple methods to solve math problems. Here's a simple example. Let's say one must add up these numbers: 497, 49, 1998 and 5997. Instead of the usual method of adding up the ones, then the tens, hundreds and thousands, I suggested noting that the numbers are instead 500 minus 3, 50 minus 1, 2000 minus 2 and 6000 minus 3. It is easy to add up the first numbers 500+50+2000+6000=8550 and subtract the sum of the second numbers 3+1+2+3=10. The answer would be 8550-10=8540. No matter how many times I went over the concept and the kids practiced it, some of these excellent math students still added the numbers up the usual way. When I asked them why, they explained that they prided themselves on how fast they could do it and they bet each other who could do it faster.

Well, anyone can just envision the eye-roll of my musings back then as they missed the point of the exercise. Perhaps we can imagine a similar reaction from Jesus, in our Gospel reading today, as he asks the disciples, *"What were you arguing about on the way?"* and finds out, *"They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest."* The disciples totally missed the point of Jesus' teachings, that love, humility, generosity and self-sacrifice are the keys to God's kingdom, rather than personal power, glory and honor.

I remember a fairly large family coming to mass to baptize their baby. They were dressed all fancy, some in very lovely, matching dresses, as if attending a wedding. I had never seen them before and noted they were non-responsive during the prayers and songs. They seemed unsure of the posture and basically stared straight ahead, looked somewhat angry, stern and defiant, as if daring anyone to question why they should be there. I remember thinking, that they missed the point of initiation into our Church, that they were here because they *wanted* their child to become part of our loving community.

But who truly missed the point? I did, right here in the church! When I realized it, I was mortified and hoped that the family didn't notice me eyeing them critically or that my face didn't show the disapproval that I was thinking at that moment. I should, instead, have been welcoming.

It's easy to offer love and hospitality, to humble oneself to open, friendly people, or ones just like us, who come to Church regularly and participate in the life of the community, or to those who want the same things out of life as we do. However, to me, Jesus' message today, the one that he wanted his disciples to understand, was that he would die for ALL, and his resurrection would be glory for ALL, not just his friends. If we love and accept anyone in Jesus' name, whether a child, or someone angry, defiant, scary, suspicious, unkempt or inappropriately dressed, whether a regular or visitor, we are letting the love of God into our hearts. As his 21st century disciples, let us always strive NOT to miss Jesus' point, to love one another, no judgments, no excuses.

Lillian Kwiatkowski

PASTORAL STAFF

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closed 12:00-1:15 p.m.
Fax: 408-244-9437

Website:
www.st-justin.org

Catechetical Ministry	Ext. 102
Ministry to the Sick	Ext. 113
Youth Ministry	Ext. 102
Liturgical Ministry	Ext. 107
Community Ministry	408-243-1462
School Office	408- 248-1094
Thrift Store	408-243-7117

Current Hours:
Monday-Friday 9-2:30 p.m.
Saturday 9-3:00 p.m.
Sunday 10-3:00 p.m.

Upcoming Second Offerings

Your generosity is appreciated.
**Denotes Parish Second Collection.*

9/20	Building Fund*
9/27	CRS: Syrian Refugees
10/4	Campaign for Human Development

Mass Dedications for the Week of September 21 – September 27, 2015 + notes deceased

Monday 8:30 a.m.	Vincent Goggin + Emily Dornburger +	Saturday 5:00 p.m.	B. John Talia +
Tuesday 8:30 a.m.	Bernie Dowd +	Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Lou Tamone + Ted Tamone +
Wednesday 8:30 a.m.	Paul Sinh Pham +	Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Nino Cavallo +
Thursday 8:30 a.m.	Anne Locke +	Sunday 10:30a.m.	**For All Parishioners**
Friday 8:30 a.m.	Mary Hue Vu +	Sunday 12:15 p.m.	Mariano & Isabel Briosos + Briosos Family
Saturday 8:00 a.m.	Paddy Bartholet +	Sunday 7:00 p.m.	Phyllis Flores + Adolfo Villarin +

We pray for those who are ill or suffering from loneliness, sadness, or depression. We pray for those who care for them. We pray for our deceased family and friends. We pray for our men and women who are serving in the military.

This week we pray especially for those who are ill or preparing for surgery: Ann Cambra, David Distefano, Michael Fernandez, Linda Hamilton, Lucy Hull, Carl Hull, Valentino Marquez, Emily Mendoza, Ron Willcox

And for those who have died: Virginia Campbell, Theresa Naras

To have a person added to the Prayer Request, please call the Parish Office at 296-1193 ext. 100

Our second collection for Catholic Education was
$2,276.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT
SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

Goal	$12,500.00
1st Collection	$9,565.42
Online	$1,115.00
Direct Deposit	$218.00
Variance	**<$1,601.58>**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 21 – 27, 2015

Monday	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday	Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday	Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday	Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9
Friday	Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday	Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

save the date!

Parish 64th Anniversary Pot Luck Dinner & Auction
Saturday, October 3

On Saturday evening, October 3, we will be gathering to celebrate the 64th Anniversary of St. Justin with our Annual Potluck Dinner Auction benefiting Community Ministry. You should have received information about this event in the mail. This year our Potluck will celebrate the Ethnic Diversity of our Community. We are also collecting items for the Silent Auction that will be taking place that evening. Plan on joining us for a fun evening of food and entertainment.

Second Collection

The bishops of the United States will express their solidarity with the refugees of Syria, Afghanistan, and Iraq by taking up a special collection.

Proceeds from the collection will support immediate humanitarian relief efforts.

The collection will be taken in parishes across the Diocese of San Jose on the weekend of **September 26-27.**

Thank you for your support of this special collection and for your continued prayers for the victims of this crisis.

FAITH FORMATION CONFERENCE

WHAT: Over 50 different workshops that connect with prayer and calls forth an action for justice. Workshops will be offered in English, Spanish and Vietnamese. The conference will address questions such as:

Where do I find hope? What does the Catholic Church teach? What are the best practices for ministry in a parish or parish school? How can I open wide the door of my heart to Christ?

WHO: All of those interested in enriching their faith are welcome! In the past years over 2,000 attendees from all over Northern California attended. If you're a parish minister, catechetical leader, catechist, teacher, youth minister or youth leader or perhaps you want to learn more about the Catholic faith - this conference is for you!

WHEN: Friday and Saturday, November 6 - 7, 2015

WHERE: Santa Clara Convention Center (Santa Clara, CA)

FOOD: Concessions will be available throughout the Convention Center.

WEBSITE:
www.faithformationconference.com

ORGANIZATIONS

PARISH COUNCIL
Thomas Viano 408-296-1193
Thai Tran

FINANCE COUNCIL
Mary Sparacino 408-296-1193

STABLEMATES (Men's Club)
Jim Newton 408-296-1193

LADIES GUILD
Julia Cardoza 408-296-1193

GUADALUPE SOCIETY
Maria Marquez 408-985-1088

ALTAR SERVERS
Stephen Russell 408-472-1931

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, COUNCIL #3523
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gk@kofc3523.org

FIL-AM ORGANIZATION
Manny Balce 408-296-1193

VOCATIONS COMMITTEE
408-296-1193

Stand and be Counted

Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and a commitment in all its dimensions brings you advantages, recognition, and responsibilities of many kinds. Being a registered parishioner makes things much easier when it is time for infant Baptism, weddings, when asked to be a Baptismal or Confirmation Sponsor and even funerals.

We are often asked to provide affidavits for Baptismal and Confirmation Sponsors. We can only do this if a person is a registered, active and contributing member.

So, are you a registered parishioner?
If not, please consider registering. Registration forms are available in the Parish Ministry Center or online at **www.st-justin.org**

CATECHETICAL MINISTRY NEWS

Call or email Laura Ortiz, (408)296-1193, ext. 100, lortiz@st-justin.org for registration information.

Youth Faith Formation

General Information

Our Early Childhood Education Program (ages three through First Grade) meets Sunday, 9-10 a.m., while our Elementary Program (2nd grade through Junior High) meets Sunday, 10:15-11:30 a.m.

Catechetical Sessions and Beginning of the Year Parent Meeting NEXT Week!

While the children/youth are in session, we hold our **annual BOY Parent Meeting** in the Large Hall. ***All families with children enrolled in Sunday sessions are asked to send at least one parent to this meeting.*** It will be held NEXT Sunday, September 27, 9-10 a.m., and repeated from 10:15 -11:15 a.m. Thank you in advance for your active participation in our program.

Registration for Sunday Ongoing Faith Formation

If you are new to Catechetical Ministry, **please register with Laura Ortiz, lortiz@st-justin.org or in the Parish Ministry Center.**
For those already registered in Catechetical Ministry this past year, your information packet has been mailed. Please ensure your information is correct, sign and return it along with the fee **as soon as possible**, so that we may compile current emergency information prior to our first class session.

Sacramental Preparation Program

Our program prerequisite is enrollment in either Catholic School or our ongoing Faith Formation Sessions on Sunday mornings, for an entire year prior to preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Preparations are parent-led at home and family-oriented parish events. **Enroll your child in our Ongoing Faith Formation this Fall for Communion, May 2017.**

High School Confirmation Program

If you are a high school student interested in participating in our High School Confirmation Process, *please have a parent attend **NEXT** Sunday's meeting, 5-6:30p.m., in the Small Hall..*

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RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

NEXT SESSION
Tuesday, September 22,
7-9 p.m.
Parish Ministry Center

Are you an adult seeking baptism? Or a baptized Christian seeking the full communion of the Catholic church? Or perhaps a baptized Catholic who wishes to complete initiation in the sacrament of confirmation? Call the front office (408) 296-1193 ext. 100 to begin answering your questions. Or, simply come to our next session!

Baptism of School-Age Children

If your child is seven years or older and unbaptized, we provide the Rite of Christian Initiation adapted for children. *Please call the parish office (408) 296-1193 ext. 100* to begin answering your questions. ***Sessions begin NEXT Sunday in the Parish Ministry Center.***

Community Ministry

Outreach Dinner

Thank you to Kaz Joseph, Mary Hyginus, Paul & Maggie Petrus and their families and friends who sponsored last week's Outreach Dinner. Our next Outreach Dinner will be taking place next **Sunday, September 27,** beginning at 1:30 p.m. in our Parish Small Hall. All Senior Citizen members of our Parish are invited, along with a guest, to this meal followed by BINGO.

Financial Assistance for Parishioners

St. Justin Community Ministry has set aside some funds to provide Parishioners with limited Financial Assistance when facing unexpected issues. If you find yourself in need, contact Joe Bauer at 408-296-1193 extension 109 or joeb@st-justin.org

Food Collection

Most of you are aware of the Community Ministry Collection Barrels that are located in our Church. During the month of September, we will continue to request canned Soup, Pork & Beans, Chile, Macaroni & Cheese and Tomato Sauce. These are items that we do not receive often from the Second Harvest Food Bank. Please feel free to drop donations in the barrels in the Church, the barrel in the Foyer of the School or bring items to the Parish Office.

Fresh Fruit and Vegetables needed

For those of you who have back yard fruit trees with an over abundance of fruit and/or gardens with vegetables please consider donating what you can to Community Ministry. The fruit and vegetables are a welcome addition to the food that we distribute to those seeking assistance.

Congratulations to the Newly Baptized…

Lucas Apollo
Declan Azevedo
Dominic Eeells
Mai Luong
Oasis Mejia

If you suspect abuse in your parish, school or in the Diocese of San Jose, please contact: Child Protective Services 408-299-2071; Call 911; or **The Diocesan Office for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults,** 408-983-0113 or email protection@dsj.org. If you suspect financial mismanagement in your parish, school or in the Diocese of San Jose, please contact: **EthicsPoint**: dsj.ethicspoint.com.

Diocese of San Jose

The Diocesan Council of Filipino Catholics of the Diocese of San Jose Invites You To The Celebration of the Feast of San Pedro Calungsod & San Lorenzo Ruiz

Saturday, September 26, 2015
Eucharistic Celebration at 11:00 a.m.
Saint Justin Parish
2655 Homestead Road
Santa Clara, CA 95051

Please join us for fellowship at the Parish Hall, immediately after the Liturgy.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Toward the end of the 2nd century, a churchman in North Africa, Tertullian, described an early form of penance. Imagine if it had survived! There were three steps to this very public ritual. The unfortunate sinner was brought before the community in an itchy garment of goat's hair. The communities of the day were small and intimate, and everyone knew everyone else. The shame of exposure for a big sin—murder, idolatry, or adultery—would have been profound. The penitent would beg the community for prayers of intercession, and then go sit in a place assigned to penitents. After this public confession, the penitent would be assigned some discipline, usually a relatively severe fast, or the wearing of distinctive garb. This remedy for sin was for a certain period of time, or at least until the bishop (every small community has its own bishop) judged that enough was enough. Then the person would be readmitted to the eucharistic community, although Tertullian doesn't tell us how. Probably the bishop tenderly placed his hands on their heads, precisely where they were anointed at baptism. We do know that the readmission of penitents to the eucharistic table became in some churches a great celebration, and there are records from Spain of bishops leading penitents in a dance-like processional into the eucharistic hall on Holy Thursday.—***Rev. James Field,***
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2015 Diocesan Young Adult Retreat: Pure Fire
SEE, LOVE, WALK

October 16-18, 2015
Friday evening - Sunday afternoon
Mt. Hermon Ponderosa Lodge

We invite you to join faith-filled and faith-curious young adults from all over the Bay Area on the Pure Fire Retreat as we encounter God in everything, everybody, everyday; discover God's mercy and selflessness; and answer the call to service.

For Cost and Registration, visit:
https://purefire2015.eventbrite.com

Hosted by the Diocese of San Jose Young Adult Ministry

save the date!

Crab Cioppino Dinner
Saturday,
December 5, 2015

Presented by:
St. Justin Stablemates and Ladies Guild

St. Justin's
Charismatic Prayer
Meeting

Wednesdays
7:30 p.m.
Parish Adoration Chapel
Contact: Frank Zuniga
(408) 688-1157
Theresa Huether (408) 368-6317

Get ready to be ON FIRE at the NorCal Jam at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom in Vallejo Saturday, September 19, 2015

Celebrate Mass with 4,000 youth, the diocesan Bishops, Fr. Agustino Torres, Steve Angrisano, Papa Joe Lucero & SDYG Choir and SkaAmén. Get inspired by speakers Amanda Vernon, El Padrecito & the FoundNation Family. Enjoy an all-you-can-eat lunch and ride till you drop with two hours exclusive park access. Enjoy an evening concert featuring Anthem Lights, Amanda Vernon, and SkaAmén!

Sign up today at
www.norcalcatholicyouth.com

Tentative Schedule

7:00am– Tram Service Starts
8:00am - Gates of Park Open
8:15am - Chabot Stadium Opens
9:00am - Morning Program & Mass w/ Steve Angrisano, Amanda Vernon, & Papa Joe & SDYG Choir @ Chabot Stadium
11:30am - El Padrecito & the FoundNation Family (en Español)
11:30am - Amanda Veronon (in English)
11:30am - 4:30pm - ON FiRE Local Stage @ Dolphin Plaza
12:00pm - 3:00pm - Lunch
3:30pm - Holy Hour w/ Steve Angrisano
5:00pm - Evening Concert with Anthem Lights, Amanda Vernon and SkaAmén! @ Chabot Stadium
7:00pm - Park Closes to General Public
7:00pm - 9:00pm - Exclusive Ride Time for ON FIRE ticket holders

THRIFT STORE

The Thrift Store is now back to its normal hours!!!

Monday - Friday 9-2:30 p.m.
Saturday from 9-3:00 p.m.
Sunday from 10-3:00p.m.

The Thrift Store will be closed September 19-September 20th for the Art and Wine Festival.

We have been very busy at the Thrift Store. New items are coming in daily…you never know what treasures you may find.

Please consider the St. Justin Thrift Store as an alternative to donating your household items and clothes.

We hope to see you soon.

Thank you for your patronage.

ST. JUSTIN SCHOOL IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

St. Justin School is accepting applications for grades K-4th for the 2015-2016 school year. Please call (408-248-1094),stop by the school office, or visit the school website www.stjustinschool.org for an application. ***We offer an In-Parish discount for active St. Justin parishioners!***

****St. Justin School does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, age, sex, or disability in the admission of students, the administration of educational policies, scholarship, and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.*