



# ST. JUSTIN PARISH COMMUNITY

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## Fourth Sunday of Lent



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*When have you been the prodigal son?  
What does the father in the parable tell us about God?*

## The Sixth Day of March of 2016

### Weekend Masses

#### Saturday Vigil

5:00 p.m.

#### Sunday

7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m.,  
12:15 and 7:00 p.m.

#### Holy Days of Obligation

8:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

### Parish Office Hours

#### Monday-Friday

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Closed for lunch 12:00 - 1:15 p.m.

### Weekday Masses

#### Monday-Friday

8:30 a.m.

#### Saturday

8:00 a.m.

### Reconciliation

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

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**Fax:** 408-244-9437

**Website:**  
www.st-justin.org

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| <b>Catechetical Ministry</b> | Ext. 102      |
| <b>Ministry to the Sick</b>  | Ext. 113      |
| <b>Youth Ministry</b>        | Ext. 104      |
| <b>Liturgical Ministry</b>   | Ext. 107      |
| <b>Community Ministry</b>    | 408-243-1462  |
| <b>School Office</b>         | 408- 248-1094 |
| <b>Thrift Store</b>          | 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.*

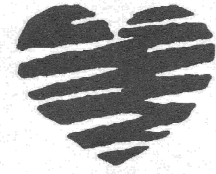
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## Community Ministry Lenten Journey

Once again during Lent, St. Justin Community Ministry is preparing to make Easter special in a number of ways.

**Easter Food Project:** In two weeks, your Community Ministry will be packing and distributing Easter food to 200 Santa Clara families. We are in the process of acquiring the needed food but will most especially need 5 pound canned hams and \$10 grocery store gift cards. We also need baskets and candy for the Easter baskets that we will be giving away to children. They can be dropped off in the parish office during the week or brought to the Church before or after Masses. You will find more information about our Easter project in today's bulletin but please contact me at 408-296-1193 or jbauer@dsj.org if you have questions, or more importantly, if you know a family who would benefit from our gift of food.

**Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl:** Prior to Ash Wednesday we introduced you to **CRS Rice Bowl**. Every Lent our community participates in this faith-in-action program that helps you to experience Lenten spirituality by living in solidarity with people in need around the world. As we, the global Church, continue our prayerful walk through the Holy Year of Mercy, it is especially appropriate to come together in prayer as a family this Lent, reflecting on how we can live this call to mercy more abundantly.



- ♦ Use the cardboard CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar to guide your Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving.
- ♦ Prepare simple, meatless meals on Fridays throughout Lent to eat in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world.
- ♦ Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to watch videos of the people and communities whose lives your Lenten gifts are changing through CRS Rice Bowl.
- ♦ We will be collecting you CRS Rice Bowls starting the week after Easter.

Finally, this year our **Holy Thursday Collection** has once again been designated for Community Ministry. I am inviting you to help support our many projects by giving generously.

Thank you in advance for your participation and God Bless

**Joe Bauer**

### WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT FEBRUARY 28, 2016

|                 |                           |
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| <b>Goal</b>     | <b>\$12,500.00</b>        |
| 1st Collection  | \$8,891.10                |
| Direct Deposit  | \$218.00                  |
| Online Giving   | \$870.00                  |
| <b>Variance</b> | <b>&lt;\$2,520.90&gt;</b> |

Our Second Collection for  
the Building Fund was

**\$4,100.00**

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

Go to our website at  
[www.st-justin.org](http://www.st-justin.org) to make  
safe and secure donations by credit card,  
checking or savings.  
We have 150 regular users!



# ADA2016

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Rejoicing in God's Mercy, Together in Christ

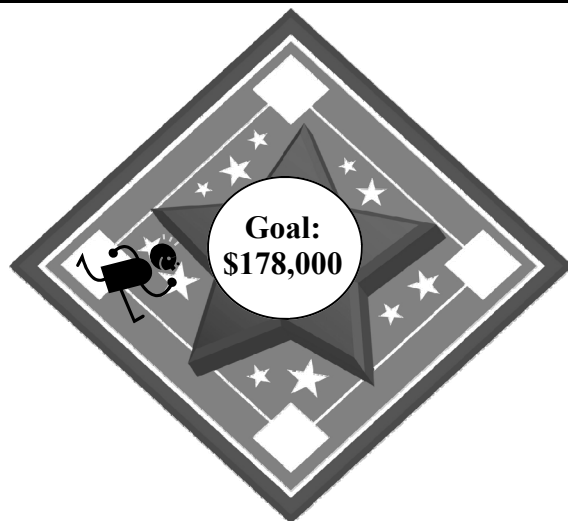
**Parish Goal: \$178,000.00**  
**ADA Goal: \$132,912.00**

**The ADA Team is on  
3rd Base!**

**As of Monday,  
February 29th we  
have received:**

**Pledges: \$133,478**  
**Donors: 361**

*Please be as generous as  
you can!*



## ORGANIZATIONS

### PARISH COUNCIL

Thomas Viano 408-296-1193  
Thai Tran

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### FIL-AM ORGANIZATION

Manny Balce 408-296-1193

## Mass Dedications for the Week of March 7 – March 13, 2016 + notes deceased

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|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Monday<br>8:30 a.m.    | Jean Zuniga +<br>Esterlita M. Dela Cruz +                                          | Saturday<br>5:00 p.m. | Vivit Family<br>Reinaldo J. DaSilva + |
| Tuesday<br>8:30 a.m.   | Dr. Everett Viano +<br>John Vivit +                                                | Sunday<br>7:30 a.m.   | Elmer Tuvida +<br>Paolo Delupio +     |
| Wednesday<br>8:30 a.m. | Auero PeBenito +                                                                   | Sunday<br>9:00 a.m.   | Dick Benanato +                       |
| Thursday<br>8:30 a.m.  | John Boyd +                                                                        | Sunday<br>10:30a.m.   | <b>For All Parishioners</b>           |
| Friday<br>8:30 a.m.    | Howard & Agnes Liebmman +<br>Nicanor Cruz Lopez +<br>Alexis & Alicia Abrera Cruz + | Sunday<br>12:15 p.m.  | Gwen Maciel Urmenita +                |
| Saturday<br>8:00 a.m.  | Francisco Casano +                                                                 | Sunday<br>7:00 p.m.   | Andre Garcia Barata                   |



**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:***  
Harold Boyd, Kathy Taylor Camino, Susy Carter, Mary Therese Dumont, Alex Frick, Eloise Frick, Mary Ellen, Melanie Lara, Karin Linn, Larry Lynch, Robert Mathews, Charles Martin, Steve Snopel III, Wayne Pantley

***And for those who have died:*** Vicente Navarro, Francisco Wandasan

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

## SAVE THE DATE!

**April 9, 2016** will be the Annual St. Justin School Spring Benefit, "The



**Cattle Baron's Ball".** Tickets

are on sale now at the school office. Also, check out the auction website to see what wonderful items are available this year. <https://sites.google.com/site/sjspringspringevent/>

It is constantly being updated with exciting items. If you have questions, please contact Ginny Orlando at 408-985-2713 or [Ginny\\_Orlando@yahoo.com](mailto:Ginny_Orlando@yahoo.com).

***Thank you for all you do for our school!***

# CATECHETICAL MINISTRY NEWS

Call or email **Laura Ortiz**, (408)296-1193 ext. 100, [lortiz@dsj.org](mailto:lortiz@dsj.org) for registration information.

If you have any questions about our programs, contact Mary Kane at (408) 296-1193 ext. 104



Last Sunday during the 10:30 a.m. Mass, we witnessed our catechumens receive the 1<sup>st</sup> Scrutiny Rite.

There are two more scrutinies to come. The scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, or sinful in the hearts of the catechumens, (now called the elect.) They also strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good, within the elect because they deliver the elect from the power of Satan, protect them against temptation, and give them strength in Christ. Furthermore, because the elect will receive the three Sacraments of Initiation which are Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, at the Easter Vigil, the elect spend time in serious examination of their lives and sincere repentance.

The scrutinies take place within Mass because the elect are instructed about the mystery of sin from the gospel readings, scriptures, and their self-reflection on them. Their spirit is filled with Christ from the laying on of hands during the rite. They heard of Christ who is the living water in the gospel of the Samaritan woman last week.

This week they will hear of Christ, who is the light of the world, in the gospel reading of Jesus curing the man born blind.



Finally, they will learn of Christ who is the resurrection and the life, in the gospel story about Jesus



bringing Lazarus back to life. These rites should complete the conversion of the elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to love God above all else.

Please continue to pray for our elect as they receive the scrutinies during this time of purification and enlightenment, as they journey toward initiation during the Easter Vigil.

**Mary Kane**  
**Director of Faith Formation**

## General Information

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

If you are new to Catechetical Ministry, **please print out a registration packet from our website or complete one in Room 2 next Sunday.**

## How is Your 3-Year Old Enjoying Mass?

During the **9 a.m. Mass**, we offer an Early Childhood Program. Though our Kindergarten classes are to capacity, **our Three-year and Four-year old classes still have plenty of room.** Our program provides a developmentally appropriate faith-based experience for the youngest members of our community.



## **CHILDREN'S** Liturgy of the Word

Do you feel God's call to share your faith with others? Have you thought about becoming a catechist for our "Children's Liturgy of the Word" on Sunday mornings? A catechist is a person of faith who responds to that call, and passes on the traditions and teachings of our Church to others.

Our "Children's Liturgy of the Word" allows our children to be in a focused environment that opens their

hearts and minds to hear and to respond to God's Word in an age appropriate manner. To find out more about this essential ministry, contact Mary Kane at [mykane@dsj.org](mailto:mykane@dsj.org).

## High School Confirmation

### **What would Jesus do?**

Beatitudes as Path to True Happiness

*Please keep our candidates in your prayers, as they continue the catechetical portion of their formation.*



## Community Ministry



### Outreach Dinner

Our Outreach Dinner will be taking place today, **Sunday, March 6**, beginning at 1:30 p.m. in the Parish Small Hall. All Senior Citizen members of our Parish are invited to this meal followed by BINGO.



### Food Collection

Most of you are aware of the Community Ministry Collection Barrels that are located in our Church. During the month of March, we will continue to request **Canned Soup, Pork & Beans, Chili, 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.



### 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 [jbauer@dsj.org](mailto:jbauer@dsj.org)



### 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.



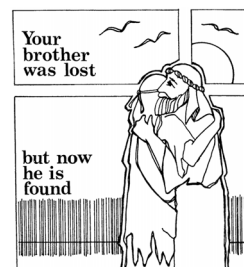
## A SUNDAY FOR REJOICING

Today's Gospel story of the prodigal son is a favorite of many. We can identify with all the major figures and their crisscross of emotions. The father's initial grief over his young son's avarice is turned to relief at his return. The son's grief over his loss of fortune, family, and friends is turned to delirious joy at the sight of his father.

We understand the eldest son's bewilderment over his father's generosity.

For the older son, virtue seems not to be its own reward. For all his honorable toil and loyalty,

there seems to be no celebration. The father, however, is prodigal in his forgiveness and mercy. He expects the same generosity from his older son. He wants all to rejoice when the lost one is found.



This is a Sunday for rejoicing. It's time to pause, consider, and encourage one another. We are the prodigal children heading home. We are the elder siblings waiting with the eager Father, who scans the horizon. In Christ Jesus we are reconciled to the Father and one another. In his death and resurrection we have passed over. We are a new creation. In this we rejoice.

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### Hungering to Learn

We journey with CRS Rice Bowl to the Central American country of Honduras, where we meet students who are learning that it's better to help your neighbor learn and grow than to leave him or her behind. To whom are we called to extend a hand this week? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.



Just a reminder to check all parish activities, go to our website at [www.st-justin.org](http://www.st-justin.org). Click on the **CALENDAR** link, and you will find where it is being held and the times.



# St. Justin 's Charismatic Prayer Meeting

Wednesdays at  
7:30 p.m. in the Church

Contact: Frank Zuniga

( 408 ) 688-1157

Theresa Huether (408 ) 368-6317

## FAITH Beyond 2000 Part I *A dynamic formation program for catechists and others interested in gaining a better understanding of their faith.*

**The Chancery**  
1150 N. First Street  
San Jose, CA 95112

**Mondays, 6:45 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**

**March 14: The Old Testament**  
**April 25: The New Testament:**  
**The Gospels**  
**May 9: Mary and the Saints**

**Plan now to attend  
FAITH beyond 2000 and give  
your ministry and your  
spirituality a boost!**

<http://www.dsj.org/education/catechetical-ministry/basic-catechist-certification/faith-beyond-2000-part-1-registration/>

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](mailto: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](http://dsj.ethicspoint.com).



### *Living the Year of Mercy*

The Father's Mercy  
February 18 | *Father Sergio Ovando*

We are Called to Be Merciful  
March 3 | *Father Sergio Ovando*

Mercy in the Liturgy  
April 7 | *Diana Macalintal*

The Spiritual Works of Mercy  
April 28 | *Father Gerardo Menchaca*

The Corporal Works of Mercy  
May 16 | *Deacon Rubén Solorio*

### *Viviendo el Año de la Misericordia*

La Misericordia del Padre  
25 de Febrero | *P. Sergio Ovando*

Llamados a Ser Misericordiosos  
10 de Marzo | *P. Sergio Ovando*

Misericordia en la Liturgia  
31 de Marzo | *Diana Macalintal*

Obras Espirituales de Misericordia  
21 de Abril | *P. Gerardo Menchaca*

Obras Corporales de Misericordia  
23 de Mayo | *Diacono Rubén Solorio*

*Please join us on these dates at:*  
7:00pm - 8:30pm  
Diocese of San Jose Chancery  
1150 North First St., Suite 100  
San José, CA 95112

*For more information on the Jubilee Year of Mercy:*  
**WWW.DSJ.ORG/MERCY**

## Jubilee Year of Mercy

March 6, 2016  
Fourth Sunday of Lent



On *Laetare* Sunday, we rejoice as Luke's Jesus proclaims that God is boundlessly merciful. The parable's prodigal son returns home, not authentically repentant but desperate, having squandered on prostitutes (or so his older brother claims) the inheritance wrongly demanded while his father still lived. This selfish son is only spared ritual "shaming" when the father "shames" himself, running to embrace him, interrupting his prepared "act of contrition." By doing so he challenges confessors, and all of us, to be signs, says Pope Francis, "of the primacy of

mercy always, everywhere, and in every situation, no matter what." Avoid the harshness of the elder son, Francis warns, "who stands outside, incapable of rejoicing," his judgment "severe, unjust, and meaningless in light of the father's boundless mercy" (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 17). If John's Gospel is proclaimed, the "religiously observant" people there likewise serve to warn against harshly judging others, for the physical blindness of the man they expel from the synagogue is healed, while their own blindness of heart remains.

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS



## NEW RECONCILIATION

### OPPORTUNITIES DURING LENT

The Diocese of San Jose is launching an evangelization campaign this Lent called "The Light is On for You." All the Catholic Churches in the County of Santa Clara will be open on **Wednesdays 6-8 p.m.** for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. "The Light is On for You" is part of our

effort to reach out to Catholics who have been away from the Church. Consider inviting your friends and family to this sacrament of healing. Consider the sacrament for yourself.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16TH  
THROUGH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23RD  
6:00 TO 8:00 P.M.**

**PARISH MINISTRY CENTER  
ADORATION CHAPEL**

Please give some prayerful thought to this opportunity. You are welcome on any of these Wednesday evenings. No appointment needed. Confession also offered in the Church as regularly scheduled: **SATURDAYS 3:30 P.M. - 4:15 P.M.**



## Lenten Stations of the Cross

Every Friday of Lent, in Church,  
7:00 p.m.

## Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, March 9  
6:00 p.m.  
Church



**Novena to Our Lady  
of Perpetual Help**  
Wednesdays,  
7:00 p.m.

## Bible Study: Parish Ministry Center

Fridays, 11:00 a.m.

Community Ministry is in the process of organizing our Easter Food and Basket Project. We are planning to accommodate up to 200 families from Santa Clara with an entire Easter Meal and Easter baskets for their children.

We will be **packing** parcels of food on **Saturday, March 19**, beginning at **10:00 a.m.** Please join us in the Parish Small Hall if you are interested in helping.

**Between now and March 18**, we will be collecting all the needed **FOOD**

Needed items:

Canned **Cranberry Sauce**  
Canned **Corn**, Canned **Yams**,  
Canned **Green Beans**  
Canned **Fruit Cocktail**  
Packaged **Pork Gravy**  
Boxed **Pork** or  
**Cornbread Stuffing**  
and

**Hams** (5 pound canned) or **\$10  
Gift Cards**

Community Ministry will be purchasing fresh **potatoes, carrots, apples, oranges, and onions** to include in the Easter parcels.

We are also collecting items needed to assemble

## Children's Easter

**Baskets.** Candy, Small Stuffed Animals, Toys and Baskets can also be dropped off between now and **March 18.**



**We will distribute the Easter food on Saturday, March 19 and Sunday, March 20** from **1:00 - 3:00 p.m.** Please join us if you are interested in helping with the distribution.

Most importantly, if you know any family who would benefit from our gift of an Easter Meal or if you need more information about our Easter project, contact Joe Bauer at 296-1193 ext. 109 or [joeb@dsj.org](mailto:joeb@dsj.org).



## St. Justin Ladies Guild News

We are organizing a "**flea market style**" parking lot sale; happening on **Saturday, April 23, 2016** from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$25 per table for selling your items. Space is limited so get your reservation in early. Drop off or mail a check to the PMC, 2655 Homestead Rd., Santa Clara, CA 95051, made out to St. Justin Ladies Guild by April 10th. For details contact Melodie Pohorsky at 408-241-2538 or email [melodie\\_pohorsky@me.com](mailto:melodie_pohorsky@me.com) with the subject "parking lot sale".

## 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](http://www.st-justin.org).



## Marriage Anniversaries

**If your anniversary is coming up, please let us know!**

**Laura Ortiz at 296-1193 ext. 102  
or [lortiz@dsj.org](mailto:lortiz@dsj.org)**

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