



ST. JUSTIN PARISH COMMUNITY

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The Nativity of the Lord



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How does your family keep Jesus at the center of the season?

The Twenty-Fifth Day of December 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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Catechetical Ministry Ext. 102

Ministry to the Sick Ext. 113

Youth Ministry Ext. 104

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.*

1/8	Mentasti Scholarship*
1/22	Ethnic Minorities and Latin America

Merry Christmas

On behalf of the staff of our Parish, I extend to you and your loved ones our heartfelt wishes that your celebrations of the Birth of the Lord will be a source of joy. We are truly blessed that you have chosen to worship with us.

I invite you to read this bulletin and discover the wonderful things that are happening here at Saint Justin. I encourage you to come and be one with us by becoming an active and registered member of our parish.

Several years ago I received a Christmas card with this message: "This Christmas, I wish you Jesus." On the inside it read: "Isn't it nice to have everything!"



We need to remember that God came on earth to reveal an extraordinary message – the message of love, joy and happiness. God asks us to have love for one another, to be reconciled to one another, to accept one another. Each of us has been entrusted with a special gift, a sacred responsibility – to show others the love of God in all that we say and do.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Fr. Chris

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT DECEMBER 18, 2016

Goal	\$12,500.00
1st Collection	\$10,111.00
Direct Deposit	\$318.00
Online Giving	\$1035.00
Variance	<\$1036.00>



**The Parish and School
Offices will re-open
Monday, January 2nd.**

World Day of Peace 2017

NONVIOLENCE: A STYLE OF POLITICS FOR PEACE

Perhaps the best known Catholic contribution to responding to violent conflict is the just war tradition, which was developed in order to reduce recourse to war and to limit its humanitarian consequences. But there is a second tradition as well.

Lesser known is our Catholic commitment to active non-violence and building a just peace. Gospel non-violence is not passive. Rather, it entails active strategies such as peacebuilding, conflict transformation, restorative justice, and unarmed civilian protection. Seeking a just peace means preventing conflict by addressing its causes, building

relationships, and facilitating healing and restoration.

In his Message for the 50th World Day of Peace, celebrated on Jan. 1, 2017, Pope Francis urges families, faith communities, government leaders, and the international community to practice non-violence and work to build a just peace. As we seek to respond to this call, we can be inspired by numerous contemporary examples, including Catholic Relief Services' peace and conflict resolution training in Central African Republic and the work of Catholics in the U.S. to build peace in their local communities.

Working together, we can be vehicles of Gospel non-violence and a just peace.

Mass Dedications for the Week of December 26– January 1, 2017 + notes deceased

Monday 8:30 a.m.	Matilde Vasquez + Andrea Soller +	Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Tony Gellepis +
Tuesday 8:30 a.m.	All Souls	Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Regina Saenz +
Wednesday 8:30 a.m.	Ronald Acaccia + Bartolome Lamug +	Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Johnny and Rosario Rodriguez
Thursday 8:30 a.m.	All Souls	Sunday 10:30a.m.	For All Parishioners
Friday 8:30 a.m.	Roger Call +	Sunday 12:15 p.m.	Robert Oravec +
Saturday 8:00 a.m.	George Rodrigues +	Sunday 7:00 p.m.	No intentions



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: Tony Bell, Lorraine Buretta, Carmen Cordina, Mariano Covarrubias, Jeanette Dominguez, Mary Engel, Agapita Feliciano, Linda Hamilton, Nanea Marie Hoffman, Patricia Hogensen, Ann Hurley, Mary Ellen, Lupe Lopez, Nathaniel Ortiz, Bill Martin, Christina Moraco, Crysal Palacios, Archbishop John Quinn, Dan Rogers, Rich Rojas, Lorraine Sandifer, Jazmine Soloman, Betty Terra

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

ORGANIZATIONS

PARISH COUNCIL

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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@dsj.org for registration information.

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

Faith Formation is more than just religious education. It is a life long journey towards a deeper relationship with Christ.



Merry Christmas! We hope you are enjoying the Christmas season! There will be no Catechetical Sessions today in celebration of Christmas and next week in celebration of New Year's. We will see you on Sunday, January 8!

Ongoing Faith Formation Program

Classes for Pre-K 3-years old through 1st Grade: 9:00 -10:00am.

2nd Grade through 8th Grade: 10:15-11:30am

Did You Know We Have a Program for Your 3 and 4-year olds?

We offer an Early Childhood Program during the **9 a.m. Mass**, from Fall until April. **Our three and four-year old classes still has plenty of room.** Feel free to drop by ANY Sunday to see if it might be a good fit for your child. You may obtain registration forms in room 2 or download them from our parish website.

Sacramental Preparation Program

Please turn in your 1st Reconciliation book to Parish Ministry Center if you have not done so.



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High School Confirmation 5:30-7:00 p.m.

There is no session today We will resume on Sunday, January 8th.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 3rd at 7:00-8:30pm in the PMC. Come with any questions that you may have about faith, religion, and the Catholic Church. This program is for adults who are seeking baptism, or were baptized Catholic but have not celebrated the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. This is a process marked by liturgical rites that are celebrated with the community. This process is centered on the Sunday readings and includes attending Mass. For those who are spiritually prepared, they will receive the Sacraments of Initiation, (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) during the Easter Vigil.

RCIA (Adapted for Children)

Sunday, December 25th

Attend 10:30am Mass with your family. No dismissal.



(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

NEXT SESSION

Tuesday, January 3rd,

7-8:30 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 office at (408) 296-1193 ext. 104 to begin answering your questions. Or, simply come to our next session!



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, mykane@dsj.org.

MINISTRY NEWS

COMMUNITY MINISTRY



Christmas Food & Gift Project

Last weekend we distributed Christmas food and gifts to all the families requesting our assistance. While I do not have the final total of the number of people we served, I can guarantee you that all those who came to us appreciated what we were able to provide for them. Thank you for your continued support, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Outreach Dinner

Our next Outreach dinner will be taking place on Sunday, **January 8**, beginning at 1:30 p.m. in the 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 jbauer@dsj.org

Food & Diaper Collection

Most of you are aware of the Community Ministry Collection Barrels that are located in our Church. During the month of

January, we will continue to request canned Soup, Pork & Beans, Chili, Macaroni & Cheese and Tomato Sauce. We are also in need of **Baby Food** (Fruits and Vegetables) as well as **Baby Diapers** (Size 3 – 5). 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.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

An old joke asks, “What time is Midnight Mass?” The answer is not really obvious, since Christmas is unique in having several distinct celebrations. The readings and prayers vary greatly from hour to hour. The Vigil Mass hinges on the family heritage of Jesus and his origins. The concept of “midnight” pre-dates clock time, and really has to do with a celebration in the hours of darkness. Years ago, it was not possible to receive Communion without fasting for a full day, so the late hour of this Mass made it possible for the people to receive. The first Mass after sunrise, the Mass at Dawn, was once known as “The Shepherds’ Mass,” and later Masses set aside stories of Jesus’ birth to focus on the key to the day’s celebration: John the Evangelist’s majestic theology of Christ’s identity as the Word made flesh, dwelling among us. One feast, four separate Masses. Only monasteries manage the whole round. Parishioners typically take just one entry point into the mystery. Yet there is much to savor and celebrate in the coming of Christ into the world. Christmas is not a day, but a season. You still have two weeks to send those Christmas cards before you’re officially late!

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FAITH Beyond 2000 Part II



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.

January 23: Sacraments of Healing
February 27: Sacraments at the Service of Communion

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-2>

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Bishop Patrick J. McGrath would like to invite all couples who are celebrating their **5th (or less), 25th, 40th and 50th (or more)** Wedding Anniversaries in 2017 to participate in our Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass on **February 4** at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph.

The couples will be invited to renew their wedding vows and will receive a blessing from Bishop Patrick McGrath who will preside over the celebration. Each couple will also receive a certificate signed by the Bishop. A short reception will follow.

3 Ways to Register

- Online registration (www.dsj.org)
- Fill out a registration form found in the *Valley Catholic* Newspaper
- Fill out a copy of the registration form from your parish office

You can submit filled out registration forms via fax at 408.983.0121 OR mail to: Diocese of San Jose
1150 North First Street #100
San Jose, CA 95112
ATTN: Wedding Anniversary Mass

DSJ Vocations Office and St. Patrick's Seminary & University present:

**11th Annual
Revs vs Sems
Basketball
Challenge**

**Friday 2/3/17 at 7pm
Leavey Center
at Santa Clara University**

\$10 Regular \$5 Student
FREE admission for youth under 18 wearing sports jerseys or youth group shirts

BUY TICKETS ONLINE OR AT THE DOOR:
WWW.DSJ.ORG/BASKETBALL

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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.

ADS

PRESCHOOL - 8TH GRADE

OPEN HOUSE

JANUARY 29, 2017

Providing over 50 years of quality Catholic Education

Our school provides a quality Catholic education in a safe and nurturing environment, fostering the development of faith-filled individuals who are responsible and socially just citizens.



**Meet our teachers,
visit our classrooms,
and tour our campus!**

PRE SCHOOL AND PREK

Children from ages 3-5 learn age-appropriate small and large motor skills, kindergarten readiness, and social skills through a developmentally appropriate curriculum. Your child will participate in physical education, computer lab, music, science, and art, in addition to early literacy and quantitative activities.

GRADES K - 8

Your child will be a part of a classroom environment designed to nurture and encourage his or her development cognitively, socially, emotionally, and spiritually. St. Justin School offers a curriculum of challenging academic course work as well as physical education, technology skills, art, and music instruction.

Graduates of St. Justin School are accepted, and well prepared to meet the demands of Catholic High School.

Join us on
January 29, 2017
10:00 a.m. to noon

PreSchool

Students must 3 years of age
and fully potty trained

Kindergarten

Students must be 5 years of
age by September 1, 2017



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THRIFT STORE

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

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!!!

Happy 65th Wedding Anniversary



Bob and Gloria Rohrig
December 26, 1950

Happy 38th Wedding Anniversary



Paul & Adele Button-Bell
December 30, 1978



**Marriage
Anniversaries**

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

Laura Ortiz at 296-1193 ext. 102

Looking for the 2017 Longest Married Couple!

Why? Because Worldwide Encounter, for the seventh year in a row, is conducting the Longest Married Couple Project. What an opportunity to honor couples married 50, 60 or 70+ years! And just maybe a couple you know could be either the state or national winner. Winners will be honored during Valentine's Day Week, 2017. Nominations are open now through January 10, 2017. The nomination process is simple - just email the couple's names, wedding date and city they live in along with your contact information

to wwwmelmc2017@gmail.com. It's that easy. Or, you can go to the wwwmelmc.com website for more

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