St. Justin Parish

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My steps have been steadfast in your paths,
my feet have not faltered.
I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God.
— Psalm 17:5–6a

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Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil
5:00 p.m.
Sunday
7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m.,
12:15 and 7:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday
8:30 a.m.
Saturday
8:00 a.m.

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

Reconciliation
Saturdays 3:30 p.m.– 4:15 p.m.
Or by appointment

Adoration Chapel
Monday-Friday
2:00 p.m.– 5:00 p.m.

When bad things happen, how do you deal with them?

Parish Office Phone
408-296-1193 ext. 100

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

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Ministry to the Sick	Ext. 113
Youth Ministry	Ext. 104
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Our Collection for
All Saints Day was **$2,908.50**

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT NOVEMBER 3, 2019	
Goal	**$12,500.00**
1st Collection	$10,599.50
Direct Deposit	$0.00
Online Giving	$1,483.00
Variance	**-$417.50**

32nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

What happens after we die? Most religions and philosophies provide some notion of this, but we are confounded by the mystery of it all. Today's readings give us a glimpse through the faith of martyrs and in the words of Jesus. In the Old Testament reading, the Maccabee brothers assert with total confidence that the God who gave them life would also raise them to eternal life. This was not universally accepted in ancient Israel. The Sadducees, who denied any resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus with a hypothetical riddle. Jesus, known for turning such things around, dismisses their unbelief, noting that even Moses knew that all are alive in God. Saint Paul tells the Thessalonians that we live in everlasting encouragement and hope, and Psalm 17 echoes this with words of faith that we will see God's face, waking in God's loving presence.

WHO WANTS TO LIVE FOREVER?

In November, with All Hallows at the beginning of the month, our thoughts and prayers turn to those saints and souls who have gone before us. Gone where, though? Truth is, we don't know. Scripture makes many statements about life after death, but all notions of the afterlife require faith and hope. Today's Gospel from Luke has Jesus speaking comforting words about life after death—the righteous becoming children of God, like angels.

The hero-martyrs of our Old Testament reading about the Maccabees provide early examples of faith in the resurrection of the dead. They hold steadfast in their faith, being willing to die rather than violate their God's law. Their frighteningly brutal story of hope might seem foolish to some, but we are all well aware of modern-day examples of men and women who have suffered rather than betray their beliefs.

WE CAN ONLY IMAGINE

In the days of Jesus, belief in the resurrection of the dead had not achieved universal acceptance. In fact, the Sadducees in today's Gospel were staunch resurrection deniers and tried to trick Jesus. Turning the tables, Jesus states that Moses in the distant past believed that the God of our ancestors in faith is truly God of the living, and that all are alive to God, whether still living or dead. Death is just a phase, a doorway, maybe a tesseract. We really don't know. Jesus reassures us that those are unnecessary concerns for the faithful, just as the specifics of worldly life will no longer be relevant. Not only will our earthly bodies be changed, but all that we knew from mortal existence—all marriage, all family, all relationships—will be transformed in ways we can't possibly imagine. All that we have will be ours again. So we should stop worrying and live so as to be worthy of whatever comes next, for when we are embraced in the eternal love-feast of glorified existence with God, our joy will indeed be full.

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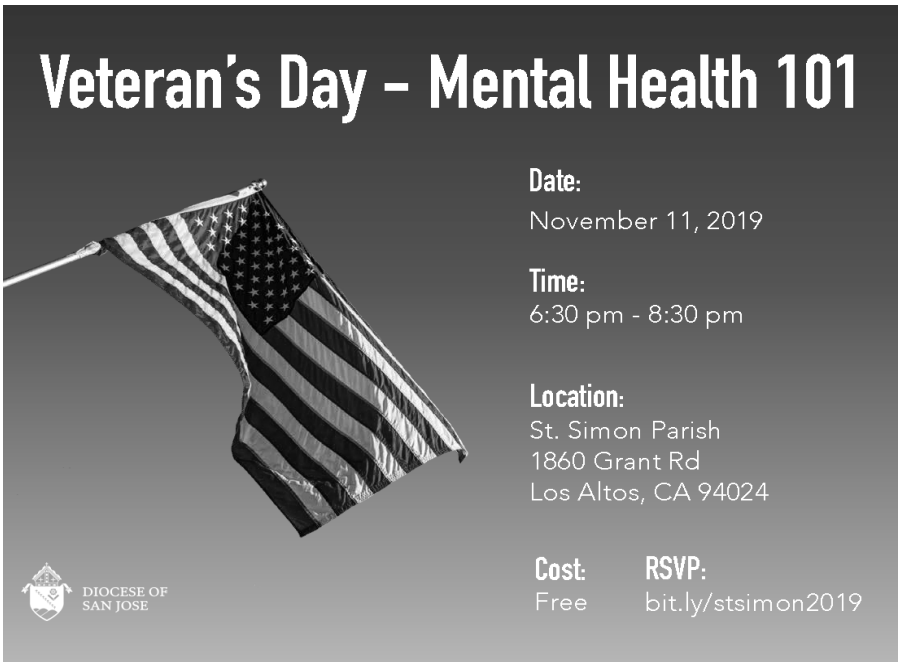
The Parish Office and School will be closed Monday, November 11th in Observance of Veterans Day.

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

11/10	Archdiocese of Military Services
11/24	Building Fund*

Our Second Collection for Community Ministry was
$10,813.50
Thank you for your continued generosity!



Mental Health 101: To Honor our Vets and everyone interested in Mental Health!

Come learn the basics of mental health including:

– Coping with stress
– Healthy mental practices
– Key signs of mental illness
– Combating stigma

All are welcome!

Mass Dedications for the Week of November 11 – November 17, 2019 + notes deceased

Monday 8:30 a.m.	B. John Talia +	Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Davison Vivit, Sr. + John Vivit + Decease Members of the Knights of Columbus Fr. Geary Council
Tuesday 8:30 a.m.	Aurelia Delgado +	Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Romeo Nasara + Lesander Roble Gigi Roble
Wednesday 8:30 a.m.	George Dias + Fred Madrid +	Sunday 9:00 a.m.	John G. Figueira, Jr. + Dick Benenato + Sally Culbertson +
Thursday 8:30 a.m.	Cocoy Maglanque + Florencio Tamata + Marcela Suminggit + Michele Martinez	Sunday 10:30a.m.	**FOR ALL PARISHIONERS**
Friday 8:30 a.m.	Marie Ferrara + Numa & Family	Sunday 12:15 p.m.	Manuel Balce + Martha Nassery +
Saturday 8:00 a.m.	Monica Limon + Herminia Solanzo +	Sunday 7:00 p.m.	Caroline Mathews + Lyle April Roberts +

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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: Michael Alvarado, Carol Catambay, Calvin Nicholas Choe, David DeGroot, Mariana Dharma, Kathleen F. Farinas, Maura Flosi, Gino Hernandez, Paul Hesselgrave, Kurt Hunter, Khinh Huynh, Mary Kane, Gus Martinez, Zenaida Mendoza, Rosemary Nemeth, Henry Ponce, Gloria Rohrig, Arthur Santoso, Pam Seghieri, Theresa Thuy Tran, Vincent Vergano, Traye Bi Youan

And for those who have died: *Roland Cortes*

CATECHETICAL MINISTRY NEWS

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

Please keep Mary Kane in your prayers. Tracy Sevigny will be our Interim Part-Time Director

Office Hours: Sundays & Tuesday/Thursday afternoons and evenings.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Catechesis is a life long journey towards a deeper relationship with Christ.

It's not too late to sign up for Ongoing Faith Formation Classes!

***3's, 4's, K,* and 1st Grade: Sunday, 9-10: a.m.**

Our Early Childhood curriculum is child friendly and offers a faith-centered developmentally appropriate alternative for our little ones.

2nd– Jr. High: Sunday, 10:15-11:30 a.m.

Our Elementary and Middle School Program keeps your child growing in faith and understanding.

Please drop off completed registration forms to the Parish Ministry Center.

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist Preparation

- Your child must be 2nd grade or older and baptized.
- You child must have already completed one full year of Ongoing Faith Formation or Catholic School prior to registering. ***It is not too late to register your first grader to be eligible for next year.***

Children's Liturgy of the Word –Seeking Volunteers!

During the 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses, dedicated catechists lead the children to the Parish Ministry Center Chapel, share the readings, discuss, sing songs, pray, and return in time for the Preparation of the Gifts. Training will be provided. Please contact the Parish Office.

RCIA (adapted for children)

If your child is seven years or older and un-baptized, we provide the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults adapted for children. Please contact the front office for more information.

High School Confirmation

November 10, 2019

Session: ***Youth Ministry Session***

Please keep our Confirmation candidates in your prayers.

Sacramental Preparation Program

Those preparing for First Reconciliation should complete **Making Things Right** pp. 26-30 or **God's Gift** Chapter 5-6.

Please keep our First Eucharist candidates in your prayers.

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RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Our next session is

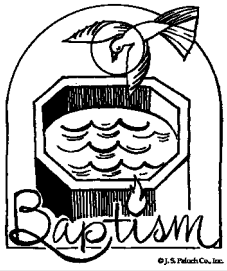
Tuesday, November 12th,

7-8:30pm in the PMC.

Topic: Communion of Saints.

The RCIA process is for adults seeking baptism, adults baptized in another Christian tradition seeking to celebrate their faith in the Catholic Community, and baptized Catholic adults who have not yet celebrated the sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist.

You are welcome to drop in with your questions.



Infant Baptism

The next preparation class will be

November 20th

at 7:00 p.m.

Parish Ministry Center.

Please call the Parish Office to register.

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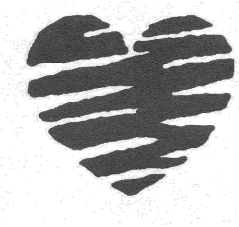
MINISTRY NEWS

COMMUNITY MINISTRY



Outreach Dinner

Our next Outreach Dinner will be taking place today **Sunday, November 17.** It will begin 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 via email at joseph.bauer@dsj.org or at 408-296-1193 extension 109.

Food & Diaper Collection

Most of you are aware of the Community Ministry Collection Barrels that are located in our Church. During the month of November, we will continue to request canned Soup, Ravioli, Chili, Macaroni & Cheese and Tomato Sauce. We are also in need of **size 5 and size 6 diapers**. 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

In the seventeenth century, English Catholics, many of them wealthy and well educated, looked to the American colonies as a place to regain a measure of religious freedom. In Ireland, the so-called penal laws were even harsher than in England, as a minority Parliament tried to force the conversion of the population by denying the majority political and economic power. Beginning in 1691, laws were passed that punished dissenters, principally Catholics, but also causing hardship for Jews, Quakers, and others. There were acts forbidding "mixed marriage" or sending children "beyond the seas" for schooling. Catholics were taxed at double the common rate, barred from the legal professions and from university, and not allowed to build churches or own a decent horse.

In 1793 the situation began to change, as it became clear that the economic persecution would not drive the majority away from Catholicism. Gradually, laws were repealed until by 1829 freedom was won, although Catholics at university were ineligible for honors, and until the 1920s when the Republic was formed, the Church of Ireland was the state church, funded by the taxes of all citizens.

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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.

Go to our website at **www.st-justin.org** Online Giving to make safe and secure donations by credit card, checking or savings.
We have 180 regular users!

St. Justin Community Ministry
Thanksgiving Project November 2019
Now preparing for 400 Families

Community Ministry is in the process of organizing our Thanksgiving Food Project. We are planning to provide up to 500 families from Santa Clara with their entire Thanksgiving Meal.

We will be **packing** parcels of food on **Saturday, November 23**, beginning at **10:00 a.m**. Please join us in the Parish Small Hall if you are interested in helping.

Between now and November 23, we will be collecting all the needed food.

Needed items:
(This food can be dropped off any time between now and November 23)

- Canned **Cranberry Sauce**
- Canned **Green Beans**
- Canned **Fruit**
- Packaged **Turkey Gravy**
- Boxed **Stuffing**
- Canned **Corn**
- Canned **Yams**

and: **Turkeys** or **$10 Grocery Store Gift Cards** (storage is a problem so we request that Turkeys be dropped off on **Saturday, November 23** (between 10:00 and 3:30 p.m.) or **Sunday, November 24** (after the morning Masses).

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

We will **distribute the Thanksgiving food** on **Saturday, November 23** and **Sunday, November 4** from **1:00 – 3:30 p.m.** Please join us if you are interested in helping with the distribution.

Financial contributions to this project are always appreciated. **Most importantly**, if you know any **family** who would benefit from our gift of a Thanksgiving Meal or if you need more information about our Thanksgiving project, please phone Joe Bauer at 296-1193 ext 109 or email at joseph.bauer@dsj.org

LOVE WORKING WITH KIDS?

St. Justin School extended care is looking for energetic people who love children to supervise students in grades K-5 or 6-8 (in the new teen center) to join our staff. Must be willing to help with the homework, snack time, supervise play/sports, and art and craft areas. Both programs are open Monday - Friday from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. on alternate Wednesdays. If you are a student, the position can be adjusted (eg. MWF or TTH) to meet your school schedule. If you are interested, please email Dionne Stuhr at dionne.stuhr@dsj.org.

PLANNING A CHRISTIAN FUNERAL

NOVEMBER 16, 2019

Presented by:
Fr. Christopher Bennett

The Vigil, the Funeral Mass and the Committal each have distinct purposes in the journey toward healing and wholeness. When we experience the death of a loved one, we have rituals and prayers of our church to guide us.

This workshop will assist you in making choices about your funeral or that of someone close to you. Come with your questions about the liturgies for the Vigil, the Funeral Mass and Committal as well as the services and options offered at a funeral home and the cemeteries.

WORKSHOP TIMES: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

St. Nicholas Parish Hall
473 Lincoln Avenue, Los Altos, CA 94022

RSVP's are appreciated but not necessary:
(408) 342-1517 | ccoutreach@dsj.org

ADS

St. Justin Thrift Store

Christmas and Holiday SALE

NOVEMBER 16-17, 2019

Christmas and Holiday shopping at its finest! Join us in the Large Hall for a two-day shopping extravaganza! Christmas Trees, decorations (ornaments, dishes, and wrapping paper), Thanksgiving decorations, and much, much, more.

Saturday 11/16
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Sunday 11/17
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Please note – this is a Thrift Store inventory sale, not a craft boutique
Thrift Store Sales benefit St. Justin School

The Mary and Martha Altar Guild is looking for new members!

Would you like to join a group of us who volunteer our time to launder and iron linens used during Masses?

You would pick up the linens on a Monday morning after Mass (or they can be picked up anytime from the PMC after morning Mass) and return them by that Wednesday. A member's turn comes up about once every two months. We are in need of two more members who can help! You would be given simple directions on how to properly launder and iron. It is a nice way to be of service to our parish community—please consider joining us! If you are interested or have questions, please call Cassie Escobar at (408) 464-5494.

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**

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