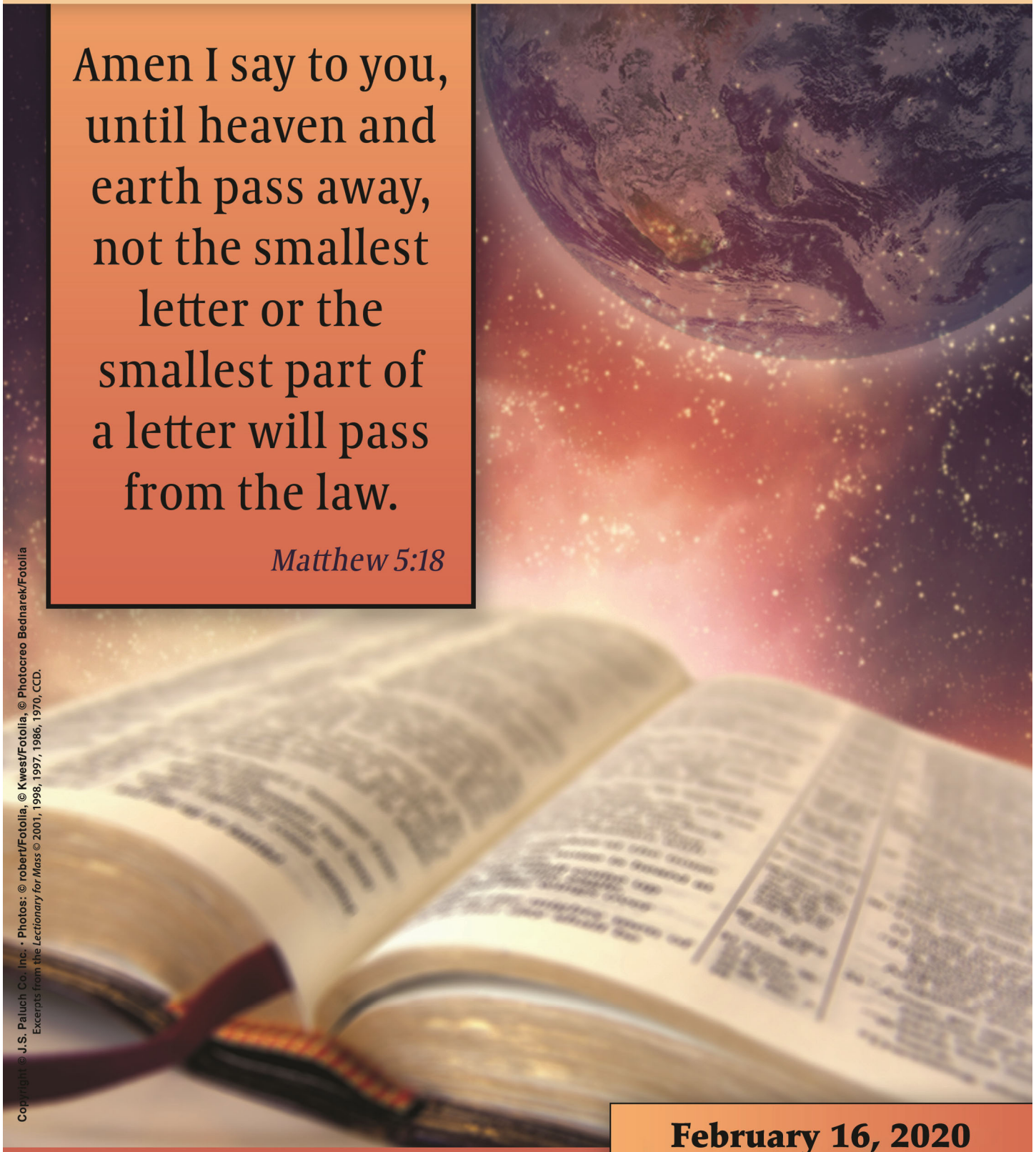
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amen I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law.

Matthew 5:18



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WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT FEBRUARY 9, 2020	
Goal	**$12,500.00**
1st Collection	$10,288.00
Direct Deposit	$1,493.00
Online Giving	$823.00
Variance	**$104.00**

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings draw us into ageless, vibrant depths. Followers of God's law, we belong to ancient traditions. Children of God, we marvel at the freshness of creation. The Old Testament readings, from Sirach and the Psalms, celebrate the rich blessings we receive when we observe God's commands—not because we are slaves to the law, but because the law gives life in abundance. Saint Paul's Letter to the Corinthians confirms the glory of divine law, but warns that God's ways tend to be unpopular and misunderstood in this world. Paul speaks of the ancient wisdom of God, which is mysteriously both "hidden" and "revealed." God does not have secret codes that we earthly mortals cannot understand; in love, God reveals the glory of the divine way in Jesus. Saint Matthew's Gospel emphasizes the importance of living in God's law, enlivened by a deep and personal relationship with Jesus.

THE RULERS OF THIS AGE

Saint Paul speaks of both the "wisdom of this age" and the "rulers of this age." He refers specifically to the so-called wise people and institutions responsible for unjustly condemning Jesus to death. As we mourn the human sin that killed Jesus two thousand years ago, we also consider contemporary errors and evils that wound the Body of Christ in our own age. We easily recognize the crimes of our leaders. Religious, corporate, and government institutions have inflicted suffering on countless innocent souls. The depth of our modern-day failures threatens us with despair. But Jesus calls us to renewed faithfulness and hope. Jesus tells us to "surpass" our leaders in righteousness. He instructs us to simplify our own lives: "Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one." We are right to work against the sins of our leaders, but we must also scrutinize our own lives and make peace with our families, neighbors, and coworkers.

PASSING AWAY

There is some urgency in Christ's call to holiness. Everything in this age is passing away. Jesus' call is timely and radical, pleading with us to drop other business and make reconciliation a priority. The Lord actually says to "leave your gift at the altar" and return to worship after making peace with the adversaries in our lives. Jesus is deadly serious about the need for reconciliation and righteousness, insisting that nothing—not even our eyes and arms—are worth more than love. All of today's readings reflect on the deep connection between God's law and healthy, peaceful love. As Saint Paul says in Romans 13:10, "love is the fulfillment of the law." Here in the twenty-first century, we modern disciples of Christ can cultivate that mystery deep in our hearts, nurturing the tremendous twin gifts of God's love and God's law, offered to us freely to help us sustain a healthy and holy Body of Christ.

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Parish Office Closed: Monday, **February 17th** in observance of the Presidents' Day Holiday.

Upcoming Second Offerings Your generosity is appreciated. **Denotes Parish Second Collection.*	
2/23	Building Fund*
3/8	Churches in Eastern & Central Europe

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

ADA 2020

Encountering Christ, Faith in Action

Parish Goal: $179,500
ADA Goal: $139,858

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.

Mass Dedications for the Week of February 17 – February 23, 2020 + notes deceased

Monday 8:30 a.m.	Mary Dumont	Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Caroline Mathews +
Tuesday 8:30 a.m.	Dolores Figaredo de Chavez + Rafael Ungson +	Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Clara Amarillas Andy & Lucille Incontro Protection of Royal Priesthood
Wednesday 8:30 a.m.	James R. Shoaf, III +	Sunday 9:00 a.m.	John G. Figueira +
Thursday 8:30 a.m.	Dr. Everett Viano +	Sunday 10:30 a.m.	**FOR ALL PARISHIONERS**
Friday 8:30 a.m.	Guadalupe Villagrana + Uini (Winnie) Finau	Sunday 12:15 p.m.	No Intention
Saturday 8:00 a.m.	Caroline Mathews +	Sunday 7:00 p.m.	Caroline Mathews +

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: Aemal Aminy, Joe Armenta, Robert Benno, Carol Catambay, Diane Cribari, Steve DeGroot, Kathleen Farinas, Maura Flosi, Kenny Gibson, Gino Hernandez, Mary Kane, Hiro Manaka, Pam Manquen, Gus Martinez, Hanley Murry, Henry Ponce, Ken Ravizza, Gloria Rohrig, Don Seghieri, Jack Varty, Vincent Vergano, Olga Voith, Mark Walsh, Connie Zornes

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 never 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.

Sacramental Preparation for 2021

- Your child must be 2nd grade or older and baptized.
- You child must have been enrolled in Ongoing Faith Formation or Catholic School this academic year.

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

The RCIA process is for adults seeking baptism and adults baptized in another Christian tradition seeking to celebrate their faith in the Catholic Community.

You are welcome to drop in Tuesdays, 7-8:30 p.m. in the Parish Ministry Center with your questions.

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.

High School Confirmation

NO Session: February 16, 2020
President's Day
Attend Mass with Family

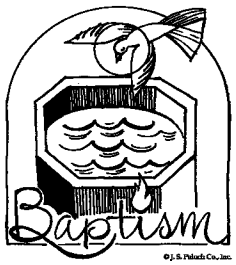
Please keep our Confirmation candidates in your prayers.

Sacramental Preparation for 2020

Complete this pages by today:
Called To His Supper: Pages 1-13
God's Gift: Chapters 9 & 10

REMINDER
FIRST EUCHARIST RETREAT

Sunday, March 22
1:30-4:30 p.m.
Large Hall



The next Infant Baptism Preparation class is Wednesday, February 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Ministry Center.

Please call the Parish Office to register. 408-296-1193 ext. 100

MINISTRY NEWS

COMMUNITY MINISTRY

Community Ministry Thrift Shop
Our St. Justin Community Ministry Thrift Shop is now **OPEN** on weekends from 10 – 5 p.m. on Saturdays and 10 – 3 p.m. on Sundays. We are planning a Grand Opening Celebration for next **Sunday, February 23** after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Donations will only be accepted on weekends when the shop is open and presently we are only accepting Clothes, Shoes, Books, DVD/CDs and household linens (including sleeping bags) We may expand the list of what we will accept in the future.

Outreach Dinner

There is an Outreach Dinner taking place today, **Sunday, February 16** 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 the Meal followed by BINGO.

Community Ministry – Volunteers needed
Community Ministry is searching for Volunteers to work in our **St. Justin Food Panty** during the Monday through Friday, 10–12 p.m. shifts. Your commitment could be to help out one day per month or more often if you feel inclined. Please contact Nancy Uyeda at 408-296-1193 Ex 105 or nancy.uyeda@dsj.org.

Community Ministry Coat, Blanket & Sleeping Bag Drive
We have begun collecting Coats, Blankets and Sleeping Bags to distribute to people in need as the cold weather is upon us. Please bring you new and used items to the parish office during the week or leave in or near the barrels in the Church on weekends.

Food & Diaper Collection

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

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.

THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE
February 22

In brushing up for "Catholic Jeopardy," it might help to know that there is only one feast on the calendar for a thing, rather than a person or mystery. It's for a chair: Saint Peter's chair in fact.

After the Resurrection, there can be no doubt that the disciples reserved a special place for Simon Peter in the upper room. Later, Peter became the bishop of Antioch in today's Syria, the place where we were first called Christians. From there, he went to Rome, the center of the Empire, where it is said that Peter sat in a chair in the house of Priscilla and Aquila to instruct his flock. Jesus, in entrusting the keys of the Kingdom to Peter and his successors, entrusted his compassion and mercy to them, and charged them with pointing to the Kingdom of God. Compassion and mercy are to resonate through their teaching.

Since the ancient sign of a teacher is the chair ("disciple" literally means one who sits at the feet of a teacher), Peter's chair has long been treasured. Today there is a symbolic shrine of Peter's chair above the main altar of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. This monument is the last work of Bernini, a huge bronze throne supported by four doctors of the Church: Augustine and Ambrose from the Western Church, and Chrysostom and Athanasius from the East. High above it is the alabaster window of the descent of the Holy Spirit.

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Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Bishop Oscar Cantú would like to invite all couples who are celebrating their **1st-5th, 25th, 40th and 50th +** Wedding Anniversaries in 2020 to participate in our Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass on **March 14** at 9:30 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph.

The couples will renew their wedding vows and receive a blessing from the Bishop. There will be a simple reception following Mass in Loyola Hall adjacent to the Basilica. Photographs with the Bishop will be available at the reception as well as an anniversary certificate and gift from the Office of the Bishop.

You can register for this event at bit.ly/dsjwedding2020 or contact Christina at christina.vo@dsj.org or 408-983-0128

Please pre-register by March 7, 2020

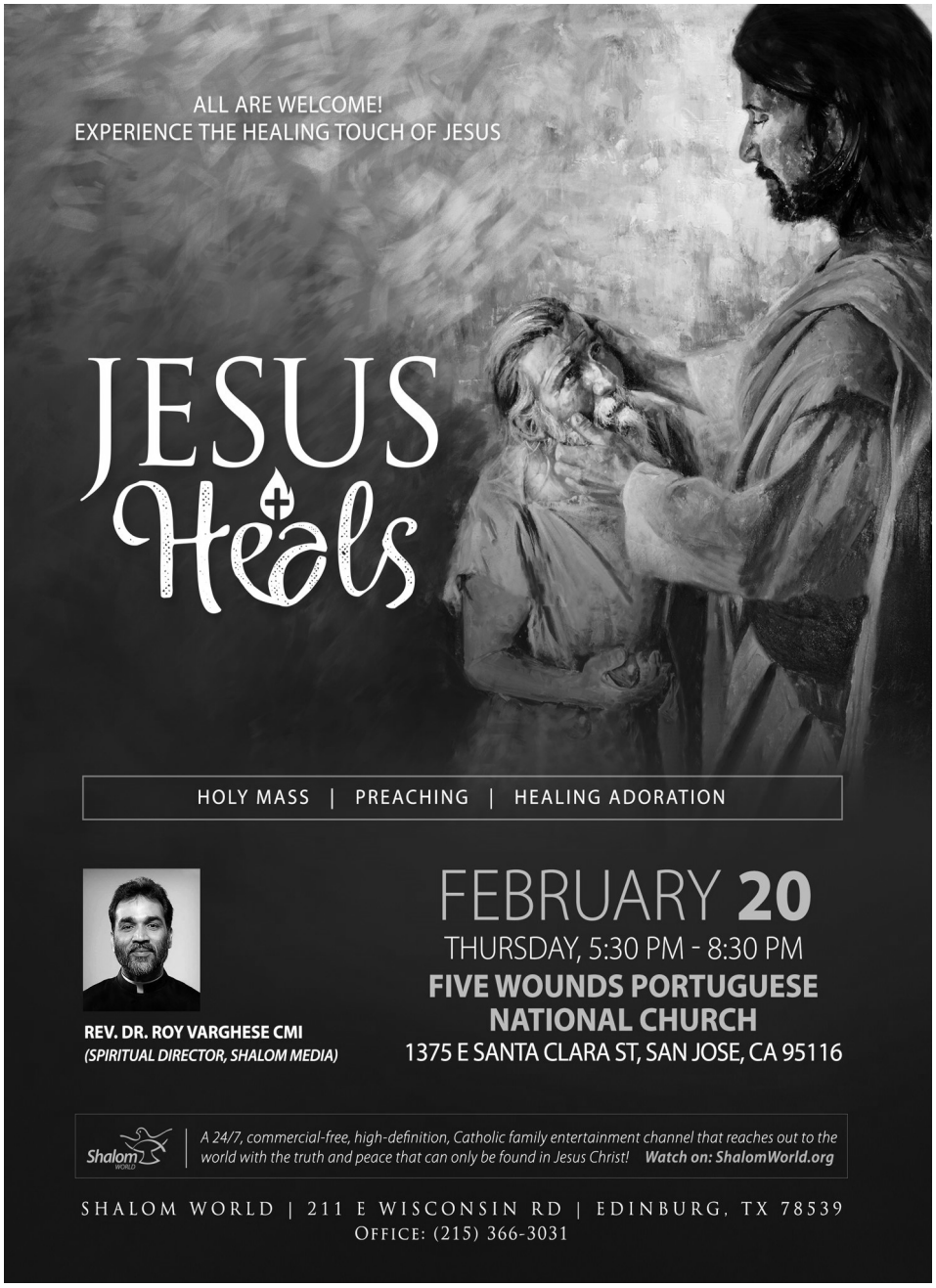
STAND AND BE COUNTED

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**



Ladies Guild

Date: Saturday, April 25, 2020
Time: 8 – 1:00 p.m.
Place: St. Justin Gym
Cost: $25.00 per table

You may pick up a reservation form at: **St. Justin Parish Ministry Center**
Call: Dora Lipps 408-393-4939
For more information or to have a form mailed to you.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3RD AT 6:00 PM

DINNER/DRINKS/ LIVE IRISH MUSIC/$20
ST. JUSTIN PARISH LARGE HALL
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT PARISH MINISTRY CENTER

St. Justin's is now accepting applications for our Preschool (ages 3-4) and Pre-K (ages 4-5) program for the Fall 2020 school year. Please email Shannon Barela for more information at Shannon.barela@dsj.org.

Duane & Audrey Zampedri
February 11, 1956

Gerald and Irene Taylor
February 14, 1971

Harold & Catherine Jones
February 14, 1953

Attention all High School Students!

Youth Ministry will be having an Open House at the Teen Center on **Friday, February 21st 6:30-9pm**. Stop by for a meet and greet, light refreshments and upcoming plans!

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