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First Sunday of Lent

The Lenten season is a fresh invitation to explore again who God is, who we are, and what it means to be human. We begin by hearing the tragic story of the first humans in the book of Genesis. As Paul describes in Romans, our struggles started when our ancestors broke the bond of unity with God, sought self-sufficiency, and grew apart from their true purpose and identity. In Matthew's Gospel, we see how Jesus resists the lure of living outside of unity with God. Jesus rejects false promises of possessions, power, and status. Instead, he puts his life in his Father's hands. As our model for living as a fully human person, Jesus demonstrates that we are created to live in relationship with and trust in God, and in harmony with and for all of creation.

BEING LIKE GOD

The story of Adam and Eve, in Genesis 2 and 3, considers the origins of the trials and sufferings that we experience in human life. Part of the problem, the story suggests, is the human effort to be like God. Humans are therefore forbidden to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The story is quite a contrast from Genesis 1, which proclaims that we are made in the image and likeness of God, and called to seek to become more like God. This creates a tension that points to a challenge in our life of faith: we are created both to embody God by developing our God-given human capacities, and also to live in radical trust and dependence on God. We are called to embrace and to live into this tension.

GOD'S BELOVED

When the people of Israel were freed from Egypt, they were declared to be God's chosen and beloved people. They wandered in the desert for forty years, often with great resistance, as God prepared them to enter the Promised Land.

Jesus' forty days in the desert echoes their story, and offer a contrast. At his baptism, just before being led into the desert by the Spirit, Jesus was declared by a voice from the heavens to be God's "beloved Son." So, twice in today's passage, he is lured with the words "If you are the Son of God . . ." The devil tempts Jesus to re-define his sonship of God on his own terms, instead of following his Father. Israel had failed to understand its identity as God's people, but Jesus demonstrates how to live as God's Beloved.

These contrasting stories of Israel and of Jesus present us with a challenge. We are regularly tempted to redefine our identity as Christians on our own terms, to make faith comfortable and non-threatening. This Lenten season can re-mind us to allow God to transform our minds and hearts on God's terms.

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WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT FEBRUARY 23, 2020

Goal	**$12,500.00**
1st Collection	$9,647.00
Direct Deposit	$0.00
Online Giving	$2,576.00
Variance	**-$277.00**

Our Second Collection for the Building Fund was
$3,176.00
Thank you for your continued generosity!

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

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.
We have 200 regular users!

ADA 2020

Encountering Christ, Faith in Action

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

	Goal $	# of Contributors	
Total	$47,600	98	Total
Week 9			Week 9
	$32,095	56	
	$10,885	25	
Week 1	$4,620	17	Week 1

It Begins With You Donate today! www.dsj.org/ada

Diocese of San Jose

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 March 2 – March 8, 2020 + notes deceased

Monday 8:30 a.m.	No Intention	Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Gilbert Gonzalez + Gregorio Gomez, Jr. + Aristotel Gomez +
Tuesday 8:30 a.m.	Rob Bucholtz + Kerstin Bucholtz	Sunday 7:30 a.m.	No Intention
Wednesday 8:30 a.m.	Annette Gentilucci +	Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Kieran Coyle + John G. Figueira, Jr. + Abraham & Mary Ajlouny +
Thursday 8:30 a.m.	Nancy Schmidt	Sunday 10:30 a.m.	**FOR ALL PARISHIONERS**
Friday 8:30 a.m.	Lyle April Roberts + Vivit Family	Sunday 12:15 p.m.	John Minh Nguyen + Jose & Felismina Da Rosa +
Saturday 8:00 a.m.	No Intention	Sunday 7:00 p.m.	Caroline Mathews + Lyle April Roberts +

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: Joe Armenta, Robert Benno, Carol Catambay, Steve DeGroot, Kathleen Farinas, Maura Flosi, Kenny Gibson, Gino Hernandez, Hiro Manaka, Gus Martinez, Hanley Murry, Henry Ponce, Gloria Rohrig, Don Seghieri, Jack Varty, Vincent Vergano, Mark Walsh, Connie Zornes

And for those who have died:
Guillermo Aquino, Mary Kane

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.

High School Confirmation

March 1, 2020
Session: *Youth Ministry*

Please keep our Confirmation candidates in your prayers.

Sacramental Preparation

Complete these pages by today:
Called To His Supper: Pages 21-27

God's Gift: Finish Chapter 11

FIRST EUCHARIST RETREAT
RSVP's Due March 9th

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

Youth Ministry First Event

Cast your votes!

You are invited to send movie requests by March 8th to noel.balce@dsj.org for Movie Night

Friday, March 13th at 6:30 p.m.

Teen Center

Refreshments will be provided!

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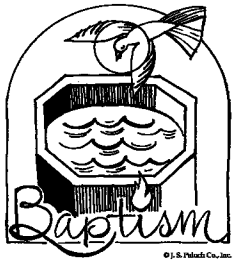
RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Congratulations to our catechumens celebrating the Rite of Enrollment at Sunday's 10:30 a.m. Mass to become the Elect at the Cathedral that afternoon:

Ryder Dela Cruz
Adara Gonzalez
Sandy Myers
Vanessa Teixeira

Please pray for our Elect and Confirmation Candidate at their retreat next Saturday.



The next Infant Baptism Preparation class is Wednesday, March 18th 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. **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

Our next Outreach Dinner taking place on **Sunday, March 8** 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 Pantry** 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 March, 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.

SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL (1858-1955)
March 3

Born into Philadelphia society, Katharine was an infant when she lost her mother. Her father remarried and the couple taught their daughters that their wealth was a "gift on loan" to be shared with the poor, whom they fed and cared for in their home. Invited by priest friends to witness firsthand the destitution on Native American reservations, Katharine resolved to devote her inheritance to this apostolate and enter a contemplative order. When, however, in private audience, she begged Leo XIII to send missionaries to staff the schools she was building, the pope replied, "My child, why not become a missionary yourself?" Katharine renounced a twenty-million-dollar fortune and founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, adoring Christ present in the Eucharist and ministering to Christ suffering in victims of racial discrimination. Her Sisters established over sixty schools nationwide, including Xavier University, New Orleans, the first dedicated to professional education for African Americans. In 2000, John Paul II canonized "Mother Drexel," praising her "excellent example of practical charity and solidarity with the less fortunate, long the distinguishing mark of American Catholics."

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Diocese of San Jose

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.

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

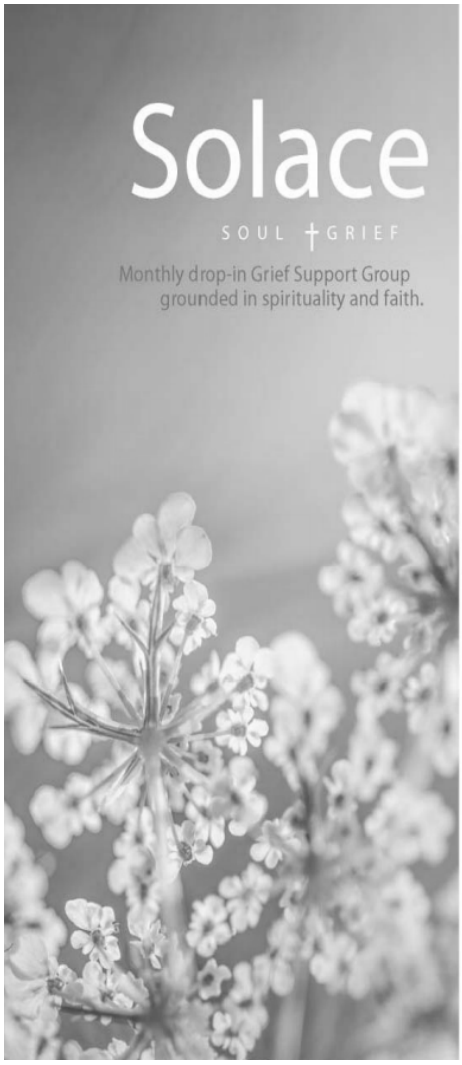
STAND AND BE COUNTED

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**



Solace

SOUL GRIEF

A monthly drop-in Grief Support Group grounded in spirituality and faith

Each month we will use a different scripture as a seed of our sharing, discussion and support. We hope to create a sacred space for you to share your grieving. No RSVP is necessary.

Held the fourth Wednesday of every month from 7 – 9 p.m.

O'Connor Hospital Chapel
(near the main entrance)
2105 Forest Avenue, San Jose, CA

Facilitated by

Candee Lucas, M.A. Pastoral Ministries. Aftercare Coordinator for Catholic Cemeteries – Diocese of San Jose; staff chaplain at O'Connor Hospital, San Jose and St. Louise Regional Hospital, Gilroy. Candee is a Jesuit-trained-and-inspired spiritual companion to the dying and their families, friends and caretakers and those they leave behind.

Made Possible by

This group is made possible by the support of O'Connor Hospital and sponsored by Catholic Cemeteries – Diocese of San Jose.

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

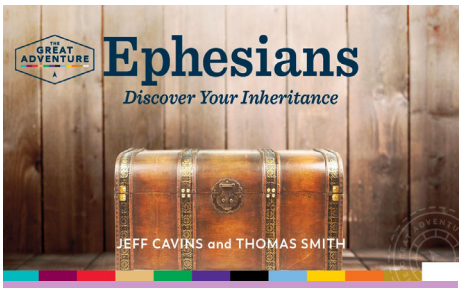
DINNER/DRINKS/ LIVE IRISH MUSIC/$20
ST. JUSTIN PARISH LARGE HALL
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT PARISH MINISTRY CENTER

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.

St. Justin Lenten Soup Supper/Discussion Series

This year, St. Justin will continue our tradition of soup suppers with an abbreviated 4-week series. Each evening will begin at 6pm in the Parish Ministry Center with a modest soup supper. Supper will be followed by a study of Pope Francis' 2015 Encyclical "Laudate Si', On Care for Our Common Home" through lecture and discussion.

Please save the dates! Mar. 12th, Mar. 19th, Mar. 26th and April 2nd.



When you sit in the pews each Sunday, what does it mean to you to be part of his family, the Church?

To help you uncover this meaning, Fr. Chris will begin an eight-week Bible study *Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance* on February 27 at 10a.m. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship.

For more information visit ascensionpress.com, or contact Laura Ortiz at 408-296-1193 ext. 102 or laura.ortiz@dsj.org to register!

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