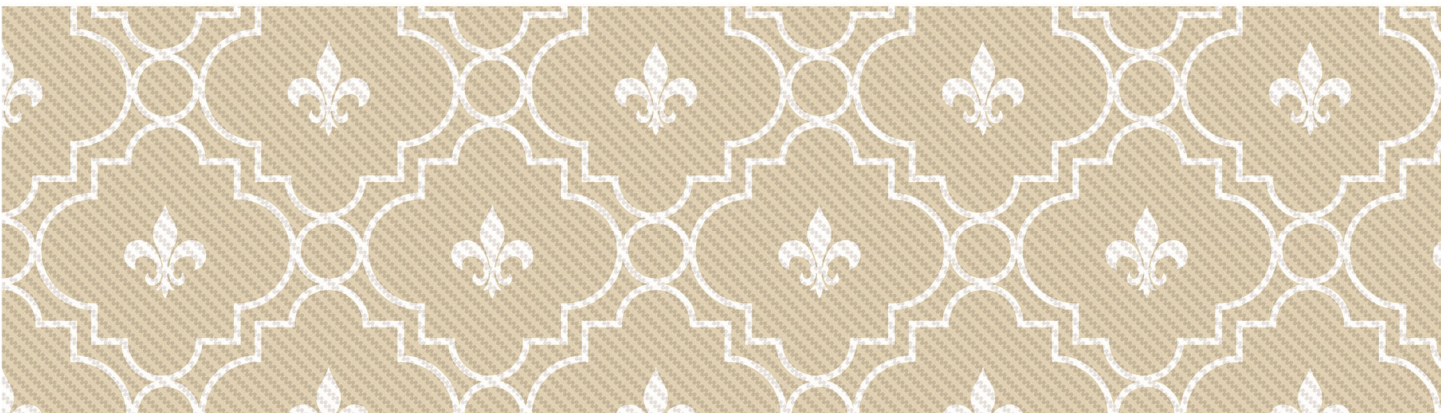


Humbly

regard others as more important than yourselves,
each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others.

~ Philippians 2:3-4



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WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

Goal	\$12,500.00
1st Collection	\$5,047.00
Direct Deposit	\$305.00
Online Giving	\$2,961.00
Variance	-\$4,187.00

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

For the past several weeks, the word of God has drawn us into the mystery of mercy. Today's readings deepen our reflection, reminding us how blessed we are to know God's kindness and sharing practical ways to show compassion to others. The prophet Ezekiel cautions God's chosen people, emphasizing that bad behavior naturally leads to painful consequences. The psalm responds prayerfully: "Remember your mercies, O Lord." In this prayer, we ask for the mercy of recognizing our sins and receiving the strength to act differently. In his letter to the Philippians, Saint Paul invites us into a daunting challenge of mercy: "humbly regard others as more important than yourselves." If we scoff at Paul's challenge as impossibly naïve, the Gospel gives us a chance to reconsider. Our natural instincts of self-preservation might reject merciful behavior initially, but like the son in today's Gospel of mercy, we can change our minds.

NATURE

The prophet Ezekiel scolds God's chosen people for demanding more than they deserve. Acting like spoiled children, the Israelites complain when their wicked actions lead logically to negative consequences. Nature has built-in punishments for bad behavior: laziness leads to unpreparedness; overwork leads to exhaustion; overindulgence leads to poor health; violence leads to injury. The natural world brims with corrective countermeasures to our poor choices. Why is it, Ezekiel wonders, that we become upset when sin leads to predictable and natural punishments?

SUPERNATURE

Animals never object to punishment, only humans. A wounded gerbil wouldn't shake her fist at the skies and ask, "Why me?" But as Ezekiel knows, human beings complain constantly. Humans are supposed to be more logical than animals, yet we irrationally protest natural consequences that we do not like, such as pain or death. Mysteriously, our bitterness against nature is rooted in our unique capacity for greatness. Unlike every other creature in the universe, we humans are made in the image and likeness of God. We may live in the natural world, but God calls us every minute to supernatural glory. Though we are mortal, God's mercy has destined us for immortality. Our hearts long for perfect bliss unlike anything we will ever know on earth. No wonder we demand so much from God! Preserved for glory as we are, we experience pain when earthly life falls short of our divine expectations. Jesus shows us the antidote for that pain—service. Though we share in the kingship of Christ, we must demonstrate our royalty as Jesus does, by serving others. As Saint Paul tells us, Jesus is God, yet takes the form of a slave—our slave. The Gospel encourages us to imitate Jesus in this way. We may object to being a servant at first, and even grumble about it. But God's strength can help us overcome natural objections and enter gracefully into our supernatural role, heirs to the kingdom of God.

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We have over 200 regular users!

COVID-19 TESTING NOW EXPANDED

Santa Clara County

See a complete list of available locations:



sccFreeTest.org



For more COVID-19 information, visit
sccgov.org/coronavirus



Community Testing Site in Santa Clara

Sept. 30

9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Central Park Library



We are partnering with the County of Santa Clara again to provide free COVID-19 testing in Santa Clara. This time, it's appointment-only with Central Park Library hosting the testing site.

Appointments will open for scheduling three days before the testing date.

This testing site is not designed to test individuals with symptoms of COVID-19. Individuals with symptoms should contact their healthcare provider for evaluation and testing. Visit sccfreetest.org for additional testing locations.

**Starting Sunday, Sept. 27, please visit <https://scl.fulgentgenetics.com/appointment> to make a COVID-19 testing appointment at Central Park Library for Wednesday, Sept. 30. You can schedule from your phone or from a computer using a web browser other than Internet Explorer. According to County public health officials, once all appointments are filled, the location will no longer appear for scheduling on the website.*

Per the County Department of Public Health, people who test at one of these sites should receive their results within 3-7 days. Anyone can be tested: there are no requirements for testing criteria, insurance, or immigration status.

For more information, visit County Public Health's [Community Testing Sites](#) webpage.

Mass Dedications for the Week of September 28 – October 4, 2020 + notes deceased

Monday 8:30 a.m.	Eva Cosmin, Gheorghe Cosmin +	Saturday 5:00 p.m.	No Intention
Tuesday 8:30 a.m.	Tony Trias Mike Mojica + Lourdes Cruz + Shun & Tao Yang +	Sunday 7:30 a.m.	No Intention
Wednesday 8:30 a.m.	Linda Respicio, Lara Respicio Nita Respicio +	Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Ana Dung Tran +
Thursday 8:30 a.m.	Luis Antero, Elvira Maclelan Glenn Feliciano, Val Feliciano Steve R. Taylor, Lourdes Williams	Sunday 10:30 a.m.	FOR ALL PARISHIONERS
Friday 8:30 a.m.	Zander Mendez Rodrigo Mendez +, RJ Mendez +	Sunday 12:15 p.m.	Tim and Kate Trias +
Saturday 8:00 a.m.	Jose Marquez +	Sunday 7:00 p.m.	Gloria D. Gaeta +

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:

Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7;
Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;
Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday:

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15;
Lk 9:57-62

Thursday:

Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14;
Lk 10:1-12

Friday:

Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5;
Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab;
Mt 18:1-5

Saturday:

Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17;
Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130;
Lk 10:17-24

Sunday:

Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20;
Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

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:

Letty Acierto, Vivian Armenta,
Rene Bayard, Carmencita De La Cruz,
Maurizio "Tito" Ghezzi,
Virginia Ghezzi, Hiro Manaka,
Conrad Marzan, Pilar Marzan,
Jana McCune, Gloria Rohrig, Don
Seghieri, Lynda Sattler, Ernest Souza,
Oliver Totah, Jack Varty, Vincent
Vergano, Mark Walsh, Marlene
Ybarra, Connie Zornes

and for those who have died:
Valeria Evans

CATECHETICAL MINISTRY NEWS

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

Children's Faith Formation:

Ongoing Faith Formation Classes begin today, September 27th and it's not too late to register! Registration forms and calendar can be found at st-justin.org. **Please drop off completed registration forms to the Parish Ministry Center.**

Remote Sunday Sessions: Ensure we have your correct email address, as invitations will come directly from catechist for these sessions. These times may be subject to change.

3's	videos	K	videos	2 nd	10am	4 th	2pm	6 th	1pm
4's	9am	1 st	9am	3 rd	10am	5 th	3pm	JrHi	noon

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist Registration:

Email laura.ortiz@dsj.org to arrange Registration Interview.

Interviews will be conducted remotely, as will components of the preparation.

- ♦ Your child must be baptized.
- ♦ You may register for this program if your child has already completed one full year of Ongoing Faith Formation with consistent attendance or was enrolled at a Catholic School last year.
- ♦ Concurrent enrollment in our Ongoing Faith Formation Program or a Catholic School.

High School Confirmation Registration:



Email noel.balce@dsj.org to arrange Registration Interview.

Interviews will be conducted remotely, as will components of the preparation.

Ever Thought of Being a Catechist?

As we prepare to return to the classrooms with social distancing protocols in the Fall, we are in need of substitute catechists. Part of our adherence to the County Health Order is to ensure that anyone (catechist included) who is not feeling well should remain at home and not enter our facilities.

Therefore, more than ever, we need to have back-ups. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to dip your toe into this ministry, obtain the training required, and join our catechetical team! We are in particular need for Grades 1, 4, & 5, as the catechists for those grades are from a single household. However, it is ideal to have substitute availability for all ages.

If the Spirit is speaking to you to share the gift of your faith with the youth of our parish, email laura.ortiz@dsj.org for more information.



MINISTRY NEWS

COMMUNITY MINISTRY



Community Ministry Food Pantry

Open: Tues. thru Sat. 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Closed: Sunday & Monday

Frequently asked questions:

1. What kind of food donations are you in most need of?

Shelf stable meals in pop-top cans (chili, ravioli, soup), boxes of mac n' cheese.

2. When can we drop them off?

Tues thru Sat, 9:30 – 11:30 am; the door should be open (to avoid crowds, come before 9:50 or after 10:30)

3. Will you accept fruit picked off our backyard tree?

YES, We love to give away your donated fruit and vegetables!

4. My children need to do community service / volunteer

hours. Can they volunteer at the food pantry on Saturday?

YES, but ... call Nancy Uyeda (see contact info, pg 2) to schedule times. Due to social distancing requirements, we limit the number of volunteers each day.

Thank you for the many grocery bags you've donated!

Have unused, plastic-enclosed utensil packets from restaurant take-out or delivery orders? The food pantry can use them in our brown-bag lunches. Bring them by!

Due to Covid-19 precautions

- ◆ no **Outreach Dinners** are currently scheduled, and
- ◆ the **Thrift Shop** is closed

until further notice. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Questions? Leave a short phone message / email for Joe Bauer or Nancy Uyeda (see contact info on pg. 2).

SAINT THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS (1873-1897) October 1

"The cornerstone's dated 1872, but the stained glass is much later," explained the pastor, astonished when his visitor accurately dated it to just before the Great Depression, explaining, "The window for the Little Flower"—Thérèse's nickname—"gives it away." From her canonization in 1925, her statues and windows adorn most churches where European immigrants worshiped. Entering Carmel at fifteen, victim of tuberculosis at twenty-four, Thérèse proposed her "Little Way" to sanctity: doing ordinary tasks with extraordinary love. Thus ordinary Catholics, many of whom had lost loved ones to tuberculosis, embraced her. Though she never left her cloister, this Carmelite's spiritual communion and devoted correspondence with missionaries earned her the title Patroness of Missions. Her autobiography, *Story of a Soul*, continuously in print since her death, chronicles her prayerful perseverance through doubt and caused her to be the youngest person ever named a Doctor of the Church. Countless physical healings and spiritual conversions testify to her fulfillment of her deathbed promise: "After my death, I will let fall a shower of roses. I will spend my heaven doing good upon earth!"

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**The next infant Baptism
Preparation class is
Wednesday, October 21st
at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom**

**Please email Laura Ortiz,
laura.ortiz@dsj.org
to register. Space is limited.**

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PRAYER TO OVERCOME RACISM

Mary, friend and mother to all,
through your Son, God has found a
way to unite himself to every human
being, called to be one people, sisters
and brothers to each other.

We ask for your help in calling on
your Son, seeking forgiveness for the
times when we have failed to love
and respect one another.

We ask for your help in obtaining
from your Son the grace we need to
overcome the evil of racism and to
build a just society.

We ask for your help in following
your Son, so that prejudice and
animosity will no longer infect our
minds or hearts but will be replaced
with a love that respects the dignity
of each person.

Mother of the Church, the Spirit of
your Son Jesus warms our hearts:
pray for us. Amen.

www.usccb.org/racism



2020 Online Retreat

For Adult Children of Divorced or Separated Parents



7 live sessions + small groups

Thursday Evenings October 1 - November 12

Register: www.lifegivingwounds.org/onlineretreat

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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.





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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 online at www.st-justin.org



Marriage Anniversaries

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

Laura Ortiz at (408) 296-1193 ext. 102 or lortiz@dsj.org



Catholic Charities
of Santa Clara County



COVID-19 UPDATE

NEED FOOD? Call 1-800-984-3663

Weekly and Bi- Weekly Drive Thru sites at Churches for food
No registration needed beforehand - Registration will be done on site.

Church location	Date and Time
Our Lady of Refuge 2165 Lucretia Ave, San Jose, CA 95122	Every Tuesday Time 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
St. John Vianney 4600 Hyland Ave, San Jose, CA 95127	Every Thursday 9:00 am – 11:00 am
St. Lucy 2350 S Winchester Blvd, Campbell, CA 95008	Every Friday 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Santa Teresa Parish 794 Calero Ave, San Jose, CA 95123	Every Saturday 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Bi-Weekly Drive Thru sites at Churches for food	
St. Maria Goretti Parish 2980 Senter Rd, San Jose, CA 95111	***NEW*** Every 2 nd & 4 th Fridays*** 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
St. Athanasius 160 North Rengstorff Ave, Mountain View, CA 94043	***NEW*** Every 2 nd & 4 th Saturday*** 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Volunteers needed!!! If you would like to volunteer please text your name and number to (408) 420-6905	
¡¡Voluntarios necesitados!! Si desea ser voluntario, envíe un mensaje de texto con su nombre y número al (408) 420-6905	

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