

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The woman came and did Jesus homage, saying,
“Lord, help me.” - Mt 15:25

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Our Second Collection for
St. Joseph Apache Mission was
\$5,719

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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

8/27	Community Ministry*
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Twenty Years A Priest

On the 16th of August 2023, I hit the score in my priestly vocation. When I looked back to count my blessings from God over the past twenty years, I discovered that I have spent ten years in Nigeria and the other ten here in the USA! In Nigeria, they love long homilies and some dancing and singing during the Eucharistic celebration. In America, you love short, concise, clear, and intelligent homilies. You love good choir in America, but I don't think you would love dancing during the Mass. I have waded in both cultures but, like the woman of Canaan in the bible today, even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the master's table. The long homily and the short homily have God as the subject matter. The dancing church and the non-dancing church worship the same God. The long worship and the short worship receive equal and enough graces from God. Therefore, in 20 years I have learned that God is with us in every condition and situation like He is with the Canaanite woman.

I am grateful to the parishioners of St. Justin for the love they have shown me in this twentieth-anniversary year of my priestly vocation. I have many personal stories to share in answering this call but the one that keeps coming to my mind was my first year as a priest. I was assigned to a semi-urban town but there was a village attached to it. We priests would take turns going to the village (Amako) to celebrate the Sunday Eucharist for the villagers. The altar servers would pack

the Mass box and put it in the trunk of the car on Saturday night so that we priests didn't have to waste time packing the Mass box in the early, early, morning of the following day. On that presumption, I didn't bother to check my trunk the following morning. So, at 4 am I drove off to Amako and arrived at 4:30 am. I don't need to say that the road was untarred, nor should I worry you about the gully and erosion on the road.

When the villagers went to the trunk there was no Mass box. The altar servers had mistakenly dropped the Mass box into the pastor's trunk. I did not know what to do. The villagers were trooping to the small shack house where we would celebrate the Mass. The population was about 600 parishioners. So, I asked them to suggest what should be done. They all started crying. I was taken aback. The catechist told me how can they be denied Christ whom they see only once a week? They cannot fathom missing Mass on a Sunday. They were all willing to wait for me to go back and get the Mass box and come back. I went back to get the box, came back and they were all waiting, singing and dancing. And the 5 am Mass started at 8 am. Like Jesus I said, "O Amako, great is your faith." These 20 years have been a journey of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Fr. Gerald Nwafor

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

	Sunday 8/13/2023	Fiscal Year To Date 7/1/23-8/13/2023
Goal	\$10,600	\$74,200.00
Collected	\$8,370	\$70,820.24
Over/(Short)	(\$2,230)	(\$3,379.76)

Weekly Prayer

Mass Intentions

August 21 - 27, 2023

Monday 8:30am

No Intention

Tuesday 8:30am

All Souls

Wednesday 8:30am

Susana Ha +

Thursday 8:30am

No Intention

Friday 8:30am

All Souls

Saturday 8:00am

Theresa Keers +

Saturday 5:00pm

Emerita Borja Celis

Val T. Wilson +

Sunday 7:30am

Jose Diaz +

Tony & Mary Cavallo +

Sunday 9:00am

Joseph Ngu Trinh

Sunday 10:30am

Kieran Coyle +

Joaquin & Silvina Costa +

Sunday 12:15pm

Oscar Louis Dumont +

Edwin Gantuangco +

Gloria Ramonte

Sunday 7:00pm

For All Parishioners

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:

Manuel Avila, Mary Lee Bottelli, Viola Bradshaw, Monica Kieu Do Duy, Susy Carter, Lorraine Chavez, Diane Cribari, Ursula Duncan, Kathleen Farinas, Rodolfo Feliciano, Pilar Ferrer, Jacqueline Green, Clorinda Hite, John Humbert, Balwant Khaira, Efrain Linares, Joe Lombardi, Annie McCuen, Shirley McDonell, Angelina Medina, Caridad Mendoza, Greg Ortiz, Jr., Robert Ray, Diane Rayburn, Margaret Saxton, Ly Thai, Lu Trinh, Mark Walsh, Maria Vergano, Audrey Zampedri.

*and for those who have died:
Nancy Hara*



Saint of the week

Venerable Mother Celestina Bottego was born in Ohio. She went on to be the foundress of the Xavier Missionaries Sisters of Mary in Italy. The Sisters rejected the traditional habit commonly worn by religious women in favor of wearing the same clothing styles as those they served.

Prayer

Almighty and merciful Father, You placed in the heart of Mother Celestina Bottego the ardent desire that Your Kingdom spread throughout the world and made her capable of giving all of herself for the creation of a missionary Family. We humbly ask You to allow us to imitate her holiness of life and, through her intercession, to grant us the grace that we confidently ask of You.

(Prayer Source: <https://www.fondazionesantiac.org/venerabile/celestina-bottego/bottego-celestina/>)

CATECHETICAL MINISTRY NEWS

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



Ongoing Faith Formation will Resume in October 1st!

4yr olds and Kindergarten: Sunday, 9-10:00 a.m.
1st grade – Jr. High: Sunday, 10:15-11:30 a.m.

Registration forms are available at st-justin.org or in the Parish Office.

Registration forms for returning families have been mailed out.

Sacramental Preparation Program (2nd grade and up)

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist

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. Registration forms will be mailed for returning students, and are available on the Parish website beginning in August.



High School Confirmation Program



This program begins in September and culminates with the Sacrament of Confirmation in May. The candidate sessions take place on Sundays.

Registration begins in August.

Contact noel.balce@dsj.org for more information.

RCIA (adapted for children)

If your child is seven years or older and unbaptized, we provide the Rite of Christian Initiation adapted for children. Please contact laura.ortiz@dsj.org for more information.



Infant Baptism

Our next infant baptism preparation class is
Wednesday, September 20th at 7 p.m.

Please email laura.ortiz@dsj.org to register.

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.

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!

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



Readings for the week of August 20, 2023

Sunday:

Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Monday:

Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday:

Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday:

Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday:

Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

Friday:

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday:

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday:

Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20



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St Justin Ladies Guild

RUMMAGE SALE

Time: 8am-1pm
Place: St Justin Gym
Cost: \$25 per table

You may pick up a reservation form at:
St. Justin Parish Ministry Center
2655 Homestead Road Santa Clara, CA 95051

*Forms and checks must be returned by Sept 25, 2023



Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"O woman, great is your faith!" The Canaanite woman stood firm in her belief that God would answer her — even when those closest to him tried to send her away, and even when Christ himself challenged her. She never wavered.

Observances for the week of August 20, 2023

Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Pius X, Pope
Tuesday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
Thursday: St. Bartholomew, Apostle
Friday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
Next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



New Principal



Nicole Sabbatini is a devoted educator with over 21 years of Catholic school experience. During her 19-year tenure at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic School, she taught various grades and held numerous leadership roles within the Diocese of San Jose. Nicole's commitment to professional growth is evident in her pursuit of a master's in educational leadership through the University of Notre Dame. With a multiple subject CLAD Credential and a master's degree in education with a focus in Science and Technology, along with a Business Degree in Marketing and Finance, she brings a wealth of knowledge to her role.

Recently served as vice principal at St. Justin School, she is eagerly looking forward to taking on the role of principal for the 2023-2024 school year, driven by her passion for education and extensive expertise to lead with excellence.

ST. JUSTIN SCHOOL

GOLF TOURNAMENT & SOCIAL

Friday September 29, 2023 at Shoreline Golf Links

Four Person Scramble

Schedule	Included	Prizes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◊ 12:00 Registration Begins ◊ 1:00 Shotgun Start ◊ 6:00 Dinner Social 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◊ Small Bucket Range Balls ◊ Cart ◊ Green Fee ◊ Dinner Social (optional) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◊ Closest to the Pin ◊ Longest Drive ◊ Winning Foursome ◊ Hole in One

ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME

Join us for a day and evening of fun while supporting the students of St. Justin! It doesn't matter if you've never held a club or you're a scratch golfer. Individual golfers welcome, we can pair you with friends or others, and the team plays the best ball after each swing. Non-golfers welcome to attend the banquet!

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE STUDENTS OF ST. JUSTIN SCHOOL

Use Registration Form or Register Online

Participation Options:

- Single Golf & Banquet (\$225)
- Single Golf Only (\$165)
- Foursome & Banquet (\$900) To request being teamed with specific people write their names on the lines below.
- Foursome Golf Only (\$660)
- Banquet Only (\$75) - number of tickets _____
- Event Sponsor (\$350)
- School Donation — \$ _____

Please mail completed registration form with payment or drop off at school office.

If you'd like to volunteer for the day of the event, please provide your name and contact info below.

St. Justin School Golf Tournament
2655 Homestead Road Santa Clara, CA 95051

_____ Name

_____ Address

_____ Email

_____ Phone

_____ Name (Player 1) _____ Name (Player 2)

_____ Name (Player 3) _____ Name (Player 4)

For More Information Contact Joe Hensley (408) 455-7181
golf.tournament@stjustinstudents.org

Register Online

Brautober Fest 2023

St Justin's Large Hall
Saturday October 21st
6pm



The Stablemates will be selling tickets to the event at the founders day event. Join us for the Wurst experience of your life. A fun family celebration.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Infant Baptism Team Catechists Needed!

The infant baptism team:

- ◆ Leads the parent catechetical preparation sessions.
- ◆ Arrives early to prepare for the baptism and greet the families as they arrive at mass.
- ◆ Assists the presider during the baptism, as necessary.
- ◆ Continue the active connection with the young families afterwards with baptismal anniversary greetings and other support, as the team discerns.

For more information contact laura.ortiz@dsj.org

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Friday

8:30 a.m.

Saturday

8:00 a.m.

Livestream via YouTube

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday

5:00 p.m.

Sunday

7:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

Livestream via YouTube

10:30 a.m.

12:15 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Children's Liturgy of the Word is coming back to the 9am and 10:30am Sunday masses in September. Young Mass attendees ages 4-10 will be dismissed after the opening prayer and gather in the PMC for an age-appropriate experience of sacred Scripture. Children will return to Mass during the offertory procession.



We need volunteer catechists to make this ministry successful. If you enjoy growing your faith and love working with children, God may be calling you to pass on Catholic teachings to children. This volunteer experience is minimal in commitment but high in reward. All materials will be provided, and a short training will take place in September.

ONGOING FAITH

If the Spirit is speaking to you to share the gift of your faith with the youth of our parish. Please consider volunteering as a Catechist! We are in particular need for 5th & 6th grade classes. However, it is ideal to have substitute availability for all ages.

For more information contact laura.ortiz@dsj.org.



(CONFESSION)
By appointment only.

Please email Fr. Chris and or Fr. Gerald directly
chris.bransfield@dsj.org
gerald.nwafor@dsj.org

LITURGICAL MINISTERS



As we continue to come out of the pandemic, we are in need of dedicated individuals to serve as Eucharistic Ministers and other Liturgical Ministers during our Masses. If you feel called to serve as a Liturgical Minister, please scan the QR code and fill out the form or contact laura.ortiz@dsj.org for more information.

Training will be provided for those who are new to the ministry or need a refresher on the process. We are grateful for your willingness to serve and contribute to the spiritual life of our parish.

FRONT OFFICE HELP

We need volunteers to staff the front desk!

Summer Office hours are
9 am to 1:00pm

Monday through Friday
Beginning September hours are
9-5pm. Volunteers are asked to
commit to at least two hours,
one day per week.

For more information, please contact
laura.ortiz@dsj.org.

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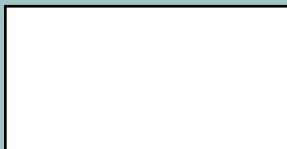





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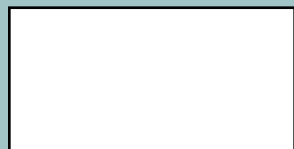
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