
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A VOICE OF ONE CRYING OUT IN THE DESERT:

*"PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD,
MAKE STRAIGHT HIS PATHS.*

EVERY VALLEY SHALL BE FILLED

AND EVERY MOUNTAIN AND HILL SHALL BE MADE LOW."

—LUKE 3:4-5

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Second Sunday of Advent: Comfort My People Says The Lord

Christmas season is one of the most beautiful seasons in the Christian tradition, but it should be prepared for with the season of Advent. Advent is not the same as Lent, because in Advent, one is preparing to bear a child, and in Lent, one is preparing to lose a son. One is buying a crib for the baby, and the other is buying a coffin for an only son. One is an expectation of life, and one is an agony of loss. Now, we are on the expectation of life, and the joy of life brings with it happiness and sharing of love.

It was the beginning of fall, and the weather was so cold, I decided to try my luck by making a cup of hot coffee and taking it to Central Park to see if I could give it to any friend in need. I went to the library and swim center, and I saw a guy lying down on the bench. I approached him and asked him if he needed a cup of coffee. He got up from the bench and said, "I would appreciate that, brother." I handed him the cup of coffee and said, "Thanks." As I was walking away, he ran up to me and asked if I could get one more for his friend. I replied in the affirmative. I went back to the house and made another cup. When I delivered it to his friend, another guy was sitting

with them. I asked him if he cared for a cup of coffee, and he answered in the affirmative. While going back to get the next cup of coffee, I decided to make two more cups so I could drink one and give the other to their friend. When I arrived, there were two more people, making it five in total. I sacrificed my cup and told the one remaining guy to come along. I made him two more cups and told him to give one to anyone who needed it and drink one. He left, thanking me profusely. So, I kept asking myself what they might have done if I had not shown up. Till today they said hello to me, but I have not made them another cup of coffee.

In preparation for the newborn baby, we can give money, coffee, time, warm clothes, stockings (socks), and sneakers to humanity, in preparation for the delivery on the 25th of December. It is time to comfort my people, says the Lord, fill the valley and level the hills and mountains. It is that time of the year to help humanity feel your joy.

Fr. Gerald

Our Second Collection for the
Building Fund was

\$2,640

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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

12/10 Religious Retirement Fund

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

	Sunday 11/26/2023	Fiscal Year To Date 7/1/23-11/26/2023
Goal	\$10,600	\$232,200.00
Collected	\$9,911	\$224,626.23
Over/(Short)	(\$689)	(\$7,573.77)

Thank you for your contributions. For a one-time or recurring electronic gift, go to www.st-justin.org and click the ONLINE GIVING link. Choose ACH to link your giving directly from your bank with the least amount of transaction fees charged to St. Justin.

Weekly Prayer

Mass Intentions

December 11- 17, 2023

Monday 8:30am

No Intention

Tuesday 8:30am

No Intention

Wednesday 8:30am

Thuan Che & Mui Mach

Thursday 8:30am

All Souls

Friday 8:30am

Martha Dang +

Saturday 8:00am

Audrey Zampedri +

Saturday 5:00pm

Thin & Sherilyn Nguyen

James Sudlow +

Sunday 7:30am

No Intention

Sunday 9:00am

Val T. Wilson +

Sunday 10:30am

For All Parishioners

Sunday 12:15pm

No Intention

Sunday 7:00pm

No Intention

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:

Mary Lee Bottelli,
Monica Kieu Do Duy,
Susy Carter, Diane Cribari,
Ursula Duncan, Kathleen
Farinas, Rodolfo Feliciano,
Pilar Ferrer, Henry
Goldenberg, Jacqueline
Green, Ray Grotzinger,
Curtis Hambrick, Sr. ,
Clorinda Hite, Balwant
Khaira, Efrain Linares,
Armando Lujan, Joe
Lombardi, Shirley McDonell,
Angelina Medina,
Caridad Mendoza, Barbara
Murtzulst, Deacon Greg
Ortiz, Jr., Janet Osbourne,
Mark Walsh, Maria
Vergano, Richard Valdez.

*and for those who have died
this week.*



Saint of the week

Venerable Bishop Fulton John Sheen was a prominent American Catholic bishop, theologian, and media personality. Considered one of the first televangelists, his charisma and defense of the faith made him a household name for American Catholic families.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, source of all holiness, You raise up within the Church in every age men and women who serve with heroic love and dedication. You have blessed Your Church through the life and ministry of Your faithful servant, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. He has written and spoken well of Your Divine Son, Jesus Christ, and was a true instrument of the Holy Spirit in touching the hearts of countless people.

If it be according to Your will, for the honor and glory of the Most Holy Trinity and for the salvation of souls, we ask You to move the Church to proclaim him a saint. We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://celebratesheen.com/prayers-2/>)

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 Has Begun and It's Not too Late to Register!

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.

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

Sunday, December 17th

Session: *The Bible*

4:15-6:45 p.m.

Parish Ministry Center

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

RCIA

This program is for adults who are seeking baptism, or were baptized Catholic but have not celebrated the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. This is a process marked by liturgical rites that are celebrated with the community. This process is centered on the Sunday readings and includes attending Mass. For more information email laura.ortiz@dsj.org



Infant Baptism

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

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

MINISTRY NEWS

COMMUNITY MINISTRY



HANDS TO SERVE - WE NEED HELP!

*"Let us not be satisfied with just giving money. . . I would like more people to give their hands to serve and their hearts to love."
(Mother Teresa)*

St. Justin Community Ministry is very appreciative of the generosity of its parishioners, who have supported its mission over so many years. We are now experiencing some needs that require "hands to serve" to keep our operation running and to relieve the pressures on those volunteers who work so hard on its behalf.

The St. Justin Pantry served over 2,800 individuals and 460 families in the month of July. It requires a lot of volunteer work, coordination, and outreach to make this happen every month!

Please consider volunteering a few hours of your time each month to help with the following tasks in the St. Justin Pantry:

1) HELP with picking up grocery donations at our local Lucky supermarket

Days: Sun thru Sat
Time: 7:30 – 10 am



2) HELP with registering clients and distributing lunches

Days: Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat
Time: 9:15 am - 12:15 pm



3) HELP with unloading Second Harvest Food Bank deliveries

Day: Friday
Time: 8:30 - 9:30 am

IMPORTANT: You may volunteer once a week, every other week, or once a month. Any of those options will be appreciated!

If you can fill any of these needs or would like more information, please contact our Food Pantry Manager, Nancy Uyeda at (408) 296-1193 ext. 105



Readings for the week of December 10, 2023

Sunday:

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14
(8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Monday:

Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/
Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday:

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday:

Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday:

Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/
Mt 11:11-15

Friday:

Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday:

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16,
18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday:

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54
(Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Christ is making a journey into each of our hearts this Advent. Clear away whatever blocks his way. Make straight the path. Invite him in.

Observances for the week of December 10, 2023

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. Damasus I, Pope

Tuesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Wednesday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Thursday: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



Though the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is Tuesday, December 12th, our parish will celebrate it on **Saturday, December 9th.**

A rosary procession from the Parish Ministry Patio will begin at 7:30 a.m. and Mass will be at 8:00 a.m. in the church, followed by a small reception in the Parish Ministry Center.

St. Justin Filipino - American Organization invites you to:

SIMBANG GABI 2023

A 9-DAY ADVENT NOVENA MASSES

December 16-24, 2023

6:00 AM

St. Justin Parish Church

2655 Homestead Rd. Santa Clara, CA 95051



SCHOOL NEWS

Christmas Novena Updated 11/27

We extend a warm invitation to everyone to participate in the Christmas Novena offerings, a wonderful opportunity to make a difference for the less fortunate this winter.

Join us for the morning assembly and 8:30 Mass, where each grade will present a special prayer service and song daily. All are welcome to contribute by bringing in items that the Parish Pantry requires for their Christmas giveaway to support those in need. Your generosity will surely make this holiday season brighter for others.

Thank you for being a part of this meaningful opportunity.

December 11th: Prayer Service led by 4th grade –

All are welcome to bring in gently used mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves.

December 12th: Prayer Service led by 3rd grade –

All are welcome to bring in toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrushes, soaps, deodorant).

December 13th: 2nd grade will sing during our school Mass at 8:30 AM

All are welcome to bring in new games, toys, and gift cards for 9-12 year olds.

December 14th: Prayer Service led by 1st grade –

All are welcome to bring in new games, toys, and books for 5-8 year olds.

December 15th: Prayer Service led by Kindergarten –

All are welcome to bring in gently used baby clothes, diapers, baby wipes, and new toys (0-4 year olds).

Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

St. Justin Community Ministry Christmas Project December 2023

Now preparing for 400 Families

Due to the support that we received from many of you, we were able to assist 350 families with their Thanksgiving Dinner. In just a few weeks, we hope to feed those same families and more. We also want to provide them with Christmas presents or Gift Cards for their children and grandchildren.

The entire community is invited to help by providing the needed food items for these Christmas meals. The families requesting food are given a choice of a Ham, Turkey or \$20 Grocery Store Gift Card.

The menu is as follows:

Ham (5 pound canned) or
\$20 Grocery Store Cards or
Turkey
Pork or Turkey Gravy
Cranberry Sauce, Yams
Corn, Green Beans, and Fruit

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

Here is how you can help.....

Food: Please help us to collect the needed food items by bringing them to Church or the Parish Ministry Center before **Thursday, December 14**. We would appreciate you waiting until **December 16 to drop off Turkeys**, but Hams can be brought in anytime.

Gifts: We are once again allowing the parents and grandparents of the children receiving our gifts to pick out presents, so we need the gifts to be donated

unwrapped. We are also collecting **Department Store Gift Cards**. There is a **Gift tag tree** located in the front entrance of the Church or you can pick up gift tags in the Parish Ministry Center during the week. **We would appreciate presents begin dropped off by 5:00 pm on Friday, December 15th.**

This year we have decided that we will not be Wrapping Gifts.

Packing the food and organizing the gift tables will take place beginning at **5:00 PM** on **Friday, December 15**. You are more than welcome to join the fun.

Distribution to families will take place: **Saturday, December 16th from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm**
Sunday, December 17th from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Monday, December 18th from 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
you are once again invited to take part.

Most importantly, if you know any family who would benefit from our Christmas Meal and Gifts or if you need more information about our Christmas project, please contact:
Joe Bauer at 296-1193 ext. 109 or joseph.bauer@dsj.org. or
Nancy Uyeda at 296-1193 ext. 105 or nancy.uyeda@dsj.org

Financial contributions to St. Justin Community Ministry are most welcome. God Bless you and your family during this season of giving.



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.

(CONFESSION)

By appointment only.

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

The Ladies Guild Meeting

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

6:30 p.m.

Small Hall

This is our annual Christmas Party. Please bring a wrapped gift valued around \$25 for the gift exchange. Please join us for this fun-filled meeting!

All women of the parish are invited.

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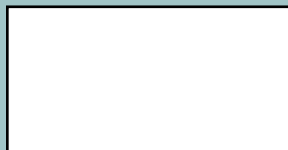
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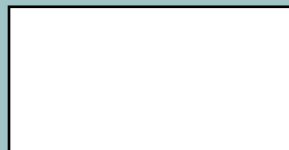
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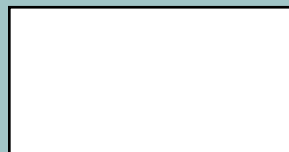


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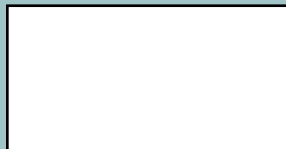


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