



THE HOLY FAMILY

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

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School Office 408-248-1094

Upcoming Second Offerings

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

1/14	Menstasti Scholarship Fund
1/28	St. Justin School

End of the Year

“New Year's resolution” is a very popular concept in my country. It was a big celebration where the traditionalists (people who practice the traditional African religions) would be throwing away all the old stuff and rejecting the bad habits of the past year. They would kill a cow and call on the gods and goddesses of the land to come and clean up the old, impoverished life, all the mishaps, and the evil spirits of hell to move away.

At the same time, the Christians would be in the church praying and singing, asking God to bring a lovely new year. The Christians call it “CROSSOVER,” and the pagans call it “YEAR CLEANSING.” The common thing about the two traditions is eating and drinking because the following day, which is the 1st of January, everyone celebrates that they survived the past year.

This year's crossover celebration corresponds with the celebration of the Holy Family, which was made up of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. So, I looked at the reading of the day and I fell in love with the words of the second and third lines in the first reading from the book of Genesis, chapter 15, “Fear not, Abram! I am your shield; I will make your reward very great.” The year is still fresh, and I have not done anything for the Lord, and he has already proclaimed a great reward for me. I do not want to speculate, but I think the gift of life to see 2024 should be a great gift for any one reading this piece of writing. I do



not want to allude to the extreme danger of death because that would sound pessimistic, but let us think about the simple and presumed abilities of daily life.

You can go to church and pick up the hard copy of the Sunday bulletin, or you can visit the parish website and read it. Or you may choose to ignore the bulletin on the table today because you must hurry home to make delicious food for the family. Many people want to see the sun, but their eyes have died, and they cannot. Many more would like to come to church, but their legs have collapsed because of the weakness of the bones starting from the knee, ankle, and hip. Some others would love to be with friends and families, but Kaiser, O'Connor, El Camino Hospital, and Valley Medical have become home all of a sudden. So, we should thank God for the great reward we received from him in 2023 and wait for the blessings of 2024.

Fr. Gerald

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

	Sunday 12/24/2023	Fiscal Year To Date 7/1/23-12/17/2023
Goal	\$10,600	\$264,000.00
Collected	NOT IN TIME FOR	\$259,722.65
Over/(Short)	PUBLICATION	(\$4,277.35)
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Weekly Prayer

Mass Intentions

January 1- 7, 2023

Monday 8:30am

Johnny Rosario +
Bill & Aurora Rodriguez +

Tuesday 8:30am

No Intention

Wednesday 8:30am

All Souls

Thursday 8:30am

No Intention

Friday 8:30am

Art Naughton +

Saturday 8:00am

No Intention

Saturday 5:00pm

No Intention

Sunday 7:30am

No Intention

Sunday 9:00am

Lewis Borg +
Audrey Zampedri +

Sunday 10:30am

No Intention

Sunday 12:15pm

For All Parishioners

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,
Kane David Carlin,
Susy Carter, Diane Cribari,
Ursula Duncan, Kathleen Farinas, Rodolfo Feliciano,
Pilar Ferrer, Patrick Foster,
Henry Goldenberg,
Ray Grotzinger,
Curtis Hambrick, Sr. ,
Clorinda Hite, Balwant Khaira, Efrain Linares,
Joe Lombardi, Giuseppina Marinaro, 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 Mary Elizabeth Lange was a trailblazing black Catholic who founded the Oblate Sisters of Providence, the first congregation of black religious sisters in the USA. Her faith and perseverance helped break down barriers and create new opportunities for black Catholics.

Prayer

Almighty and Eternal God, You granted Mother Mary Lange extraordinary trust in Your providence. You endow her with humility, courage, holiness, and an extraordinary sense of service to the poor and the sick. You enabled her to fund the Oblate Sisters of Providence and provided educational, social, and spiritual ministry especially to the African American community. Mother Lange's love for all enabled her to see Christ in each person, and the pain of prejudice and racial hatred never blurred that vision.

Deign to raise her to the highest honors of the altar in order that, through her intercession, more souls may come to a deeper understanding and more fervent love of You.

Heavenly Father, glorify Your heart by granting also this favor (state your request) which we ask through the intercession of Your faithful servant, Mother Mary Lange.

Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://nolacatholic.org/news/black-catholic-history-month-mother-mary-lange#:~:text=Prayer,the%20poor%20and%20the%20sick.>)

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, January 7th

Session: *Relationships*

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



Holy Baptism

Infant Baptism

Our next infant baptism preparation class is
Wednesday, January 17th 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 31, 2023

Sunday:

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/ Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Monday:

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/ Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday:

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday:

1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/ Jn 1:29-34

Thursday:

1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Friday:

1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

Saturday:

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/ Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Next Sunday:

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God's timing is not always our timing. Sometimes, we have to wait years for the answer to our prayer. Never despair. Remember that God keeps His word.

Observances for the week of December 31, 2023

Sunday: The Holy Family; New Year's Eve

Monday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace

Tuesday: Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

Wednesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Thursday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Friday: St. John Neumann, Bishop

Saturday: St. André Bessette, Religious

Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

Saint Nicholas and Saint William Mental Health Ministry



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All are
welcome
to join us

Register here to
reserve your spot:



Mental Health Ministry Retreat Day

January 13, 2024

Join us for a day of
prayer, formation
and reflection

Saturday, January 13
8:30 am to 3 pm
Saint William Church
611 S. El Monte Avenue, Los Altos, CA

Continental breakfast, lunch provided
and mass will be celebrated

Keynote Speaker
Deacon Ed Shoener

Founding Member and President of the Association of Catholic Mental
Health Ministers, Author, Founder of The Katie Foundation

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February 3, 2024
11:00 a.m.



SAVE THE DATE

2024 Walk for Life West Coast
Diocesan Morning Mass with Bishop

Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 8:00AM
St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish

Visit link to view participating parishes:

www.dsj.org/walk4life24

Are you discerning the call to the priesthood?

Men's Discernment Weekend Retreat

Ages 18-35

January 26-28, 2024
St. Patrick Seminary and University
320 Middlefield Rd, Menlo Park, CA 94025

DISCERN
AND *Reflect*



For more info and registration
www.dsj.org/mens-retreats

Wedding Anniversary Mass

Saturday February 17, 2024 | 10:00 AM
Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph



For more information or to register
visit: dsj.org/wedding-anniversary





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WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Friday

8:30 a.m.

Saturday

8:00 a.m.

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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

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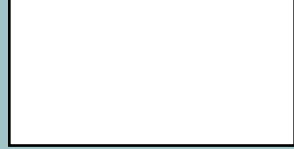
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