

ST. JUSTIN PARISH

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SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024

EASTER SUNDAY

THE STONE
REMOVED FROM
THE TOMB.

— JOHN 20:1 —

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Upcoming Second Offerings
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Catholic Home Missions

Easter Time Stories

Not only do we celebrate the resurrection of Christ, we celebrate the coming of the new leaves. The fasting, almsgiving, and prayer that served as manure in our lives will help us to flourish during this Easter time. The universal Church will sing Alleluia once again and sing the Gloria on Sundays and solemnities. The joy of the risen Christ would shine on our faces, and we shall share the resurrection story.

I should have told the story of the 1991 Easter Vigil during my homily last night, but I was very careful because you do not know what you ask for when you share your stories. I was 17 when I had my first apostolic experience. The apostolic experience is when a seminarian spends a year assigned in a parish, where he can develop an understanding of, and passion for, how he will conduct his life as a priest. It was only me and the priest managing almost three cities in the semi-urban area (outskirts of the city). The priest would celebrate the three morning Masses and come home by 11 a.m. for breakfast every single day. I was full of energy too. I think the priest was in his late thirties. He was a very clean person and always stuck to time. Sometimes he would come home a minute before the next scheduled activity, but he would crash-land into the activity, and we would power through. And he would always ask me one question, "Have you eaten?" Which I would always answer in the affirmative.

During Holy Week, he would visit all three cities for the Triduum, except for the Easter Vigil Mass which would take place in the main parish. There would be confessions in the three cities on Holy Saturday. Our first city was 6 a.m. to 9 a.m., the second city 12 p.m. to 3 p.m., and the last city 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and he would drive back to the parish in preparation for the Easter Vigil Mass that would start by 11 p.m. On this Holy Saturday vigil day we were waiting and waiting for him to come back for the preparation, but it was 1991, so there was no mobile phone to connect with him. Mobile phones came to Nigeria in 2001.

He came back home around 10:50 p.m. and the catechist asked him if the Mass would still be at 11 p.m. He said yes, that we should set up everything immediately. I was up and my energy was top-notch. I put on the fire and set up the altar with the help of the altar servers, and by the time he showed up we were ready. We started the Mass procession and the Exultet and the five readings began. After the fourth reading, he fell asleep. We tried to wake him up but were unsuccessful. The Mass did not finish but Christ was risen from the dead and we celebrated the morning Mass peacefully and happily the following day. **HAPPY EASTER to you, THE ALLELUIA PEOPLE!**

-Fr. Gerald Nwafor

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

	Sunday 3/24/2024	Fiscal Year To Date 7/01/23-3/24/2024
Goal	\$10,600	\$392,200.00
Collected	NOT IN TIME FOR	\$418,004.02
Over/(Short)	PUBLICATION	\$25,804.02

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Weekly Prayer

Mass Intentions

April 1- 7, 2024

Monday 8:30am

Dan Gisi +

Tuesday 8:30am

All Souls

Wednesday 8:30am

Jim and Anne Behan +

Thursday 8:30am

Peter Lee +

Friday 8:30am

No Intention

Saturday 8:00am

No Intention

Saturday 5:00pm

Davison Vivit, Sr +
Elizabeth Vivit +

Sunday 7:30am

No Intention

Sunday 9:00am

Mazel Hammond +
Rich Rojas +
Val T. Wilson +

Sunday 10:30am

Kieran Coyle +

Sunday 12:15pm

For Confirmation Candidates

Sunday 7:00pm

For All Parishioners

Prayer REQUESTS

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:

Penelope Bangs,
Mary Lee Bottelli,
Kane David Carlin, Susy Carter,
Diane Cribari, Ursula Duncan,
Rodolfo Feliciano,
Patrick Foster,
Henry Goldenberg,
Ray Grotzinger,
Curtis Hambrick, Sr. ,
Clorinda Hite, Hasan Hanusic,
Gabiella Ip, Balwant Khaira,
Rick Kimble, Efrain Linares,
Shirley McDonell,
Angelina Medina,
Caridad Mendoza,
Deacon Greg Ortiz, Jr.,
Janet Osbourne,
Dorothy Rosa, Tony Rosa,
Otto Rosales, Maria Vergano,
Thelma Vergel de Dios

and for those who have died this week: Guillermo Martinez Gonzalez, Elizabeth Vivit



Saint of the week

Venerable Francis-Xavier Nguyễn Văn Thuận, was a cardinal from Huế, Vietnam. Imprisoned for his faith for 13 years, nine of which were in solitary confinement, he never stopped preaching, even from scraps of prison paper. Once released, he continued to serve the Church until his death.

Prayer of Blessing

Dear Lord,
Pour your blessings upon us today, we who trust in your name and call upon you. Send us your Spirit, enlighten our hearts, fill our lives with your abundance. Amen.

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

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

Called to His Supper,

Books are due at the First Eucharist Retreat

Sunday, April 21st

God's Gift: Reconciliation & Eucharist,

Continue Reviewing: I Pray These Prayers pgs. 102-113

Friendly reminder: Please email anai.g.torres@dsj.org your 1st and 2nd choice First Eucharist Mass.



High School Confirmation Program



Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation

Sunday, April 7, 2024

12:15 p.m.

Please keep our Confirmation candidates in your prayers.

RCIA

Congratulations to the Newly Baptized:

Camilla, Eliah, Sarah, Krista, Yannick!

Welcome to Our Church: Dolfeen!



Infant Baptism

Our next infant baptism preparation class is
Wednesday, April 17th at 7 p.m.

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

MINISTRY NEWS

COMMUNITY MINISTRY UPDATE



THANK YOU for contributing your time, talent, and treasure to provide food, clothing and services to our parishioners and the broader Santa Clara community. When I check the Donation Bins in the church, these are some of the useful items you've donated:

- boxed mac n' cheese
- canned goods
- cereals
- cookies and chips
- crackers
- granola bar snacks
- instant noodle soups
- clean socks
- grocery bags
- hygiene items
- small rubber bands
- used blankets
- used sleeping bags
- utensil packets
- ... and more!

THANK YOU for being patient as a handful of volunteers work through the Outgrown Shop inventory. Thank you for not bringing clothing or household donations for the next few weeks as volunteers whittle down the inventory. You'll be the first to know when we start accepting clothing and shoe donations!

Blessed Easter,
Nancy

Senior Citizen Outreach Dinner

Our next dinner is scheduled for **Sunday, April 14th.**

It will take place in the Parish Small Hall beginning at 1:30 p.m. These free meals followed by BINGO are intended for Senior Citizen Members of our Parish Community.



EASTER SUNDAY HAPPY

EASTER! As our CRS Rice Bowl journey comes to an end, may the Eucharist continue to transform our lives and help us respond to God's call to serve our global family. Let us commit to sharing the joy of the Resurrection with people in our local community and around the world. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at **St. Justin Parish Ministry Center** or donate online at crsricebowl.org/donate



Readings for the week of March 31, 2024

Sunday:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

Monday:

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday:

Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday:

Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday:

Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday:

Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday:

Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday:

Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31



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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Even as the disciples saw the empty tomb and the discarded burial cloths, they did not understand what had happened. But they kept faith, trusting that the Lord was at work. Let us keep that same faith when we do not find God where we expect Him to be.

Observances for the week of March 31, 2024

Sunday: Easter Sunday

Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter; April Fools' Day

Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter

Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter

Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

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ATTENTION!

April is the time to apply for the Msgr. Mentasti Scholarship Award. This year a \$4,000 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating 8th grade student who has been accepted to a Catholic High School for the 2024 fall semester. The student's parents must be registered, supporting parishioners of St. Justin Parish Community.

The initial funding for this scholarship came from a fundraiser to honor our founding pastor, Fr. Mentasti, upon his investiture as a Monsignor and also from his retirement.

Since 1982 the scholarship has been funded by yearly contributions from the Stablemates, Ladies Guild and Guadalupe Society, interest on the original sum, and more recently, an annual parish special collection. Special gifts in memory of loved ones have also contributed to this fund.

The names of past recipients are honored on a permanent plaque in the school lobby. Check it out!

Application forms will be available on the parish website, www.st-justin.org Forms **MUST** be completed and emailed to laura.ortiz@dsj.org by **April 29, 2024**



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PARISH PROGRESS

Parish Goal \$178,500 # of Contributors

\$147,260	TOTAL	285
\$10,050	 <p>We have reached our Diocesan goal of \$124,958!</p>	17
\$14,810		21
\$6,630		21
\$15,262		33
\$17,925		35
\$18,464	Week 4	36
\$35,189	Week 3	65
\$17,190	Week 2	37
\$11,740	Week 1	20



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.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays

3:30-4:15 p.m.

Or by appointment



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We thank you for your gifts and your prayers!



40 HOURS FOR THE LORD

April 19-21 2024

Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS

Will you spend an hour with Jesus?

OPENING MASS

with Fr. Eric Piczon
Friday, April 19
7:00 pm

CLOSING MASS

with Bishop Oscar Cantú
Sunday, April 21
8:30 am



WWW.DSJ.ORG/40HOURS


Save the Date

June 1, 2024

Diocese of San José
Eucharistic Congress

I am the bread of life
- John 6:35

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