

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office 408-296-1193 ext. 100

Our Collection for
Thanksgiving was

\$3,159

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Upcoming Second Offerings

Your generosity is appreciated.

**Denotes Parish Second Collection.*

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Msgr. Mentasti Scholarship

WHAT SHALL WE DO?

This is the question all kinds of people were putting to John the Baptist today in the Gospel. It was not surprising that John had answers for each and every one of them. He (John) knew their occupations and the challenges thereof. Those challenges mentioned by John 2000 years ago are still here with us. The police and army still use exaggerated force and falsify documents sometimes to achieve their selfish goals. The tax collectors overcharge the poor citizens and give tax breaks to billionaires. On the other hand, John gave us a clue on how to get ready: share your food, clothes, footwear, and money. Sometimes, it is very difficult to part ways with what you love so much especially when you place a high value on it (expensive shoes, watches, dresses, and cars).

In 1984, we had just arrived at the seminary, I as a ten-year-old. The seminary has a very regimented timetable, so that after two years you did not need to look at the timetable again to know what the next activity would be. The dictum in the seminary states, "Always be where others are, do not stay alone at any time." On Sunday morning when the rising bell went off, it was 6 AM. The regular rising bell Monday to Saturday was 5 AM. So, when it sounded by 6 AM we thought that the regulator (bellringer) had overslept. In a hurry, we grabbed our buckets and rushed out of our dormitory running towards the bathroom. The rector called out from his room, "ALL OF YOU STOP THERE." We recognized the voice

and froze. When he came down from his room to ask why we were outside he discovered that we were all in tears and fear.

He told us that on Sundays when the rising bell sounds, we should do our morning prayers in the dormitory before going to the bathroom to take a shower. Of course, he spoke in English which 90% of us did not understand at that moment. So, Azubuike put up his hand, and the rector beckoned on him and asked him why he was raising his hand. Azubuike said, "I have a question." And the rector said, "What is the question?" Azubuike, said, "WHAT SHALL WE DO?" The rector was kind of surprised that he asked the question. The rector pointed to another student to explain to Azubuike what he just said about morning prayer. The student said, "I don't know because it was all said in English." The rector was forced to use the Igbo language to explain to us what he was trying to convey. And we were all happy and went back to the dormitory to do our morning prayer. But till today we call Azubuike "*What shall we do?*" John has told us what to do with our material wealth (which is to **share with one another**).



-Fr. Gerald Nwafor

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

	Sunday 12/1/2024	Fiscal Year To Date 7/01/24-12/1/2024
Goal	\$11,300	\$248,600.00
Collected	\$18,540.62	\$249,988.22
Over/(Short)	\$7,240.62	\$1,388.22

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Weekly Prayer

MASS+ INTENTIONS

Prayer REQUESTS

December 16 – 22, 2024

Monday 8:30am

No Intention

Tuesday 8:30am

Mark Zafico

Wednesday 8:30am

No Intention

Thursday 8:30am

James R. Shoaf, III +

Friday 8:30am

No Intention

Saturday 8:00am

No Intention

Saturday 5:00pm

No Intention

Sunday 7:30am

For All Parishioners

Sunday 9:00am

Val T. Wilson +

Sunday 10:30am

Silver & Sabrina Ancheta +

Antonio Galang +

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:

Kevin Bartholet, Joanne Cabral, Kane David Carlin, Susy Carter, Diane Cribari, Christa Domen, Ursula Duncan, Rodolfo Feliciano, Rose Gackstetter, Curtis Hambrick, Sr. , Hasan Hanusic, Rebecca Hernando-Cope, Clorinda Hite, Gabriella Ip, Balwant Khaira, Efrain Linares, Shirley McDonell, John McLachlan, Angelina Medina, Caridad Mendoza, Fred Nyulassy, Noelle Ortiz, Janet Osbourne, Dorothy Rosa, Tony Rosa, Otto Rosales, Carl Wright

and for those who have died this week.



Saint of the week

Blessed Alexandrina Maria de Costa (1904-1955) became paralyzed after jumping from a window to escape an attack. She suffered the passion of Jesus each Friday for several years and would survive on the Holy Eucharist alone for 13 years until her death.

Prayer with St. John the Baptist

Through the intercession of St. John the Baptist, help us to remember the least fortunate, and how caring for them shares in the caring of the beloved Christ-child. Bring Your generosity into our community.

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

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 15th

Session: *The Bible*

4:15-6:45 p.m.

Parish Ministry Center

Contact noel.balce@dsj.org for more information

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Next Session: Tuesday, December 17th at 7 p.m.

If you are interested in joining OCIA, as a team member or as an inquirer, please contact the Parish ministry Office.



Infant Baptism

Our next infant baptism preparation class is
Wednesday, December 18th at 7 p.m.

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

MINISTRY NEWS

2024 Christmas

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Interested in volunteering during the holidays? Christmas groceries / toy distribution will require many volunteers each day. Volunteers coming for 2-4 hours at a time make the distribution more relaxed and fun.

***** 7th graders and younger must be accompanied by an adult. *****
No reservations required. Just show up

*** UPDATED HOURS ***

Fri, Dec 20	2 pm – 8 pm	Large Hall
Sat, Dec 21	10 am – 5 pm	Large Hall
Sun, Dec 22	10 am – 1 pm	Large Hall

*** UPDATED HOURS ***

During Christmas distribution, volunteers take a grocery cart, walk clients to age-appropriate gift tables, monitor gift selections, collect groceries, walk distribution goodies to clients' cars then come back with grocery carts to begin the cycle again.

We explain the process to volunteers as they start and are available for questions throughout.

Come share in the spirit of Christmas !

Readings for the week of December 15, 2024

Sunday:

Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/
Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Monday:

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and
7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday:

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/
Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday:

Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/
Mt 1:18-25

Thursday:

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab,
16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Friday:

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/
Lk 1:26-38

Saturday:

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12,
20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Next Sunday:

Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/
Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45



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St. Justin Community Ministry CLOTHES RACK NEWS

Important Dates:

The Clothes Rack will be open for the first two weeks in the month of December (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 10-12) to distribute free warm clothes to those in need.

We will then be closed for three weeks, reopening again on January 7, 2025

PLEASE NOTE: The Clothes Rack will not be accepting clothing donations in the month of December as there will be no staff available to receive them.

Volunteers:

The Clothes Rack has distributed over 2800 bags of clothes since we opened in January 2024. We average over 25 customers per day! This very successful program needs more volunteers, so please consider helping us in the new year. Details will follow in January 2025.

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Give. Love. Act with justice. This, says John, is how to live out your repentance. As Christmas approaches, be "baptized" by these words of God's greatest prophet. Let them fill you with new life as you await the coming of Christ.

Observances for the week of December 15, 2024

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Saturday: St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent

RaiseRight™ Fundraising Program



Turn shopping into savings with St. Justin's RaiseRight program!

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**Tuesday, December 17th
8:15am-3:45pm**

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DIOCESE OF SAN JOSÉ
JUBILEE 2025
OPENING

Sunday, January 12, 2025

➤ Where: Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph,
 80 South Market St., San Jose
 ➤ Time: 5pm
 ➤ The motto of the Jubilee:
 Pilgrims of Hope

The Solemn Vespers
 Presided by: Most Rev. Oscar Cantú
 Bishop of the Diocese of San José

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JOIN US

dsj.org/jubilee2025
 www.jubileeum2025.va/en



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

St. Justin Filipino - American Organization invites you to:

SIMBANG GABI 2024

A 9-DAY ADVENT NOVENA MASSES

December 16-24, 2024

6:00 AM



St. Justin Parish Church; 2655 Homestead Rd. Santa Clara, CA 95051

St. Justin Parish Christmas Schedule

The Nativity of the Lord

Tuesday, December 24th – Christmas Eve
 4:00 p.m. *Family Mass*, 6:00 p.m. *Vigil Mass*,
 9:30 p.m. Carols/Concert and 10:00 p.m. *Mass*

Wednesday, December 25th – Christmas Day
 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 12:15 p.m.



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