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SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

THE HOLY GHOST
DESCENDED LIKE

A DOVE.

— LUKE 3:21 —

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PARISH INFORMATION

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Solemnity of Mary Collection:

\$1,720

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Upcoming Second Offerings

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

1/12 Msgr. Mentasti Scholarship

1/26 St. Justin School

My Baptism Experience

I have baptized more than 1000 kids from 2002, the year of my ordination to the diaconate, to date. But I did not only start baptizing as a deacon, I started baptizing people as a seminarian, because the code of canon law says that anyone can baptize. It is a sacrament that any Christian (or non-Christian) can give if it follows the trinitarian form (I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit). In 1990 I started going to apostolic work in the hinterland, teaching catechism and baptizing the dying when necessary.



When I arrived in a village in 1991 to teach catechism, I was informed about an old man who was about to die. According to the stories they said that he was circa 100 years. It was probably my second baptism as a junior seminarian. I prayed briefly over him and baptized him. The family was very grateful that he was able to get baptism. To everyone's surprise, he didn't die soon. He recovered and was able to eat and talk. Some of the villagers ascribed it to the baptism, some said it was my prayer, and some said it was just a miracle. I, however, did not get the information that he recovered until the priest arrived for Mass two weeks later.

After Mass, the priest would go around the village visiting the sick and administering sacraments. It was part of my duty to accompany him and carry his sick call bag, and also learn

on the job. When we got to the old man's house, I was surprised to see him sitting down. The family welcomed us and thanked me for coming over to pray for him. But he requested the priest to re-baptize him since the baptism he got was from a seminarian. The priest objected and said that the baptism I gave him was as valid as the one from the Pope. The family pressured the priest so much that the priest told them that even if Jesus came down from heaven, he would not rebaptize the old man.

The family was also disappointed that the priest refused to take their position. So, they requested the priest to pray and give communion to the old man. The priest prayed over the old man, and we continued our visitation. The priest told me that the community lacked faith but was always in search of miracles and wonders. I told him that it was the same thing during the time of Jesus, but we have to continue teaching the faith, in the hope that the seed of faith will grow in the community. In the early hours of the next day, the family came to my house to inform me that the old man had died. They were saying that the prayer of the priest killed him. I did not know what to tell them, I was only 17.

Please, the baptism each of us has received is as efficacious and efficient as one done by the Pope.

-Fr. Gerald

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday
1/05/2025

Fiscal Year To Date
7/01/24-1/05/2025

Goal	\$11,300	\$305,100.00
Collected	\$12,204.42	\$313,873.71
Over/(Short)	\$904.42	\$8,773.71

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

MASST
INTENTIONS

Prayer
REQUESTS

January 13 - 19, 2025

Monday 8:30am

No Intention

Tuesday, 8:30am

No Intention

Wednesday, 8:30am

Andy Carmona

Anna Marie Gonzales +

Theresa Martin +

Thursday 8:30am

No Intention

Friday 8:30am

Thien Nguyen

Saturday 8:00am

Antonio & Leonor Vergel de Dios +

Saturday 5:00pm

No Intention

Sunday 7:30am

No Intention

Sunday 9:00am

For All Parishioners

Sunday 10:30am

Kieran Coyle +

Adoracion Depositario +

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, Patricia

Hogensen, Gabriella Ip,

Balwant Khaira, Efrain Linares,

Shirley McDonell,

John McLachlan,

Angelina Medina,

Caridad Mendoza,

Fred Nyulassy,

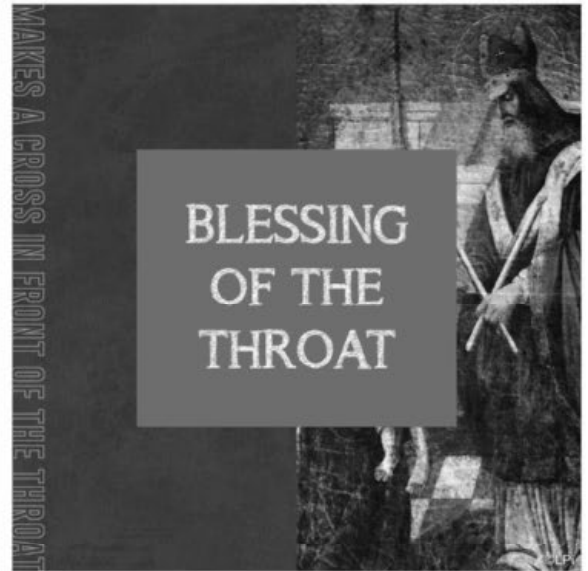
Noelle Ortiz,

Janet Osbourne,

Dorothy Rosa, Tony Rosa,

Otto Rosales, Carl Wright

and for those who have died this week.



BLESSING
OF THE
THROAT

Devotions, Explained!

Catholics traditionally receive a blessing of the throat on the feast day of St. Blaise (Feb. 3), who was a bishop and martyr of fourth-century Armenia. During the blessing, a cross is formed from two blessed candles that are held over the throat.

Prayer for Baptism

Oh God,
You desire each of us to be a part of Your sacred family, called and invited into relationship with You. May the grace of our Baptisms surround us anew, who are beloved and chosen by You.

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, January 12th

Session: *The Prayer Process*

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, January 14th 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, January 15th at 7 p.m.

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

MINISTRY NEWS

Dear all who participated in our Christmas distribution of food and gifts –

On behalf of St. Justin Parish, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of our Christmas distribution of food and gifts. Your generosity and dedication have brought the light of Christ into the lives of so many families in our community.

To our donors, thank you for your selfless support. Your contributions have enabled us to provide much-needed gifts and resources to those in need. Through your kindness, you have shared the true spirit of Christmas, reminding us all of the love and hope that Jesus' birth brings to the world.

To our Volunteers—Children, Young and Old, I am deeply grateful for your time, effort, and hard work. From organizing and packaging to distributing the food bags and gifts, your commitment and joyful service have been a powerful witness to God's love. You have made it possible for us to reach so many individuals and families, ensuring that this

Christmas is one they will remember with gratitude and joy.

This Christmas initiative has also been a wonderful opportunity for the formation of our St. Justin students and the many young people who participated. Through their involvement, they have not only served others but have grown in their understanding of generosity and community.

Together, we have made a difference, and I am humbled by the spirit of collaboration and care that this initiative has inspired. Please know that your generosity and service are deeply appreciated and will forever be remembered as a beautiful expression of our parish community's faith and love.

May the blessings of the Christ Child fill your hearts and homes with peace, joy, and hope this Christmas and always.

As I come to prayer, I thank the Lord for each of you.

With heartfelt gratitude,
Fr. Gener
Pastor, St. Justin Parish

St. Justin Community Ministry CLOTHES RACK NEWS

The Clothes Rack has reopened after our Christmas break!

WE NEED: Men's winter clothing—socks, shoes, and packaged underwear.

NO NEED: Women's or children's clothes.

PLEASE do not drop off any summer clothes as we do not have storage for them.

CLOTHING DROP OFF HOURS:

Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday
10 -12 at Room 2

(Clothes Rack Hours)

Readings for the week of January 12, 2025

Sunday:

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday:

Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9/
Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday:

Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/
Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday:

Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/
Mk 1:29-39

Thursday:

Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/
Mk 1:40-45

Friday:

Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday:

Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday:

Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/
1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11



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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"The people were filled with expectation," writes Luke. And so we find ourselves, two thousand years later, filled with expectation, with longing. Who can give us what we seek? Only the one upon whom the dove descended. Follow him.

Observances for the week of January 12, 2025

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Monday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: St. Anthony, Abbot

Saturday: January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



SUNDAY
JANUARY
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5:00 PM TIP-OFF
6:30 PM

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VESTITURE

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genuine replica from Mexico City

3RD PRIZE - STATUES OF DIOCESAN PATRONS
St. Joseph & St. Clare



WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

**Anointing of the Sick
For the Diocese of San Jose**

Saturday, February 8, 2025

Join us for a special Rosary at 9:30am
Mass for the Sick with Anointing at 10:00am

The Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph
80 S Market St. San Jose, CA 95125

You will be directed to free parking nearby



- All Attendees will receive Lourdes water, a Holy Medal and a Holy Card.
- Prayer Petitions may be submitted for the Malta Members to hand carry to Lourdes on your behalf in May.



This celebration is sponsored by
the Order of Malta

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION 2025

Feb. 15, 2025 | 10:00 AM

Cathedral Basilica
of St. Joseph

Visit for more details:
dsj.org/wedding-anniversary



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SAN JOSE



ST. JUSTIN SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 26th
9:30 AM-12:30 PM

PRESCHOOL - 8TH GRADE

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and learn how St. Justin School is the right place for your family!



Now open for registration

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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.

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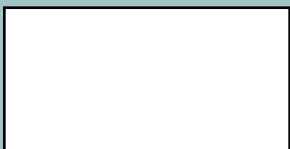
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