

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME.

— LUKE 4:18 —



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SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025

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PARISH INFORMATION

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Our Second Collection for the
SoCal Wildfires Relief fund was:

\$6,275

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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

1/26	St. Justin School
2/3	Community Ministry*

He Came To Nazareth Where He Had Grown Up

People always go back home to visit their parents or grandparents or some old relatives. Sometimes it is a terrain you know too well, sometimes it is a terrain where they know you too well, and in some cases, a lot has changed because of migration, development, and time. Nonetheless, there is always a sense of hominess associated with it. You expect some warm welcome and simplicity of affection, to say the least. Sometimes the new generation does not know you or does not recognize it is you whom their parents were discussing all along.

Like Jesus, I arrived at Onitsha where I had grown up. I visited some old folks, and I paid a visit to the block rosary group. (The Block Rosary group is made up of a group of families, all living in the same neighborhood or district, who agree to come and pray daily in a local spot.)

After the rosary, we sat down to be introduced to the kids. The leader asked the kids if they knew Mrs. Nwafor, the late (deceased) life matron of the block. Some of the kids shouted "Yes." The leader continued, "Here is one of her sons, Rev. Fr Gerald. He was a member of this block rosary crusade (*Mater amabilis*). Fr. Gerald donated rosaries and medals to us in 2003 after his ordination and today he has come to say the rosary with us and to bless us." The kids were happy and one of them was allowed to thank me for my generosity. I was happy that the block rosary did not go into extinction like some of our "rivals" had in those days.

When the boy stood up, he asked if my name was William. I said no. He continued, "Why was our matron called 'Mama-William,' is William a priest too?" The leader told him to hold on. The leader said that William was my senior brother who was a successful attorney and whose name was attached to Mrs. Nwafor because of his success. The leader said that William had died in 2001, but people continued to call the matron Mama-William. The two people (Mama-William and William) who are very popular in the block rosary center are long gone. I was not happy that the younger generation did not even know my name or recognize me.

I donated some rosaries, medals and cash. I blessed them and told them to continue to pray for my mother (Mama-William), William, and my father. I promised them prayers too. I drove back to my parish, which was two hours away from the city. I have not stopped visiting them since then, and every year there are new kids, so now I always start by saying that I am not William, I am Fr. Gerald, the fourth son of Mama-William. So, when you go back to the place where you grew up, be calm and patient, even when they do not recognize you. You have come to do your part like Jesus said, "I am here to fulfill what you have heard."

Fr. Gerald

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

	Sunday 1/19/2025	Fiscal Year To Date 7/01/24-1/19/2025
Goal	\$11,300	\$327,700.00
Collected	\$11,278	\$336,539.71
Over/(Short)	(\$22)	\$8,839.71

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 27 -
February 2, 2025

Monday 8:30am
No Intention

Tuesday, 8:30am
No Intention

Wednesday, 8:30am
Anthony Nguyen
Be Nguyen Family

Thursday 8:30am
Mary Bich Vu

Friday 8:30am
Trung Nguyen Family

Saturday 8:00am
No Intention

Saturday 5:00pm
No Intention

Sunday 7:30am
No Intention

Sunday 9:00am
For All Parishioners

Sunday 10:30am
Federico Depositari +
Stephen Dunbar +

Sunday 12:15pm
Maria Isidra Castallanos +
Javier Gomez +
Maria Eugenia Gomez +
Agustin R. Villanueva +
Elvia Lepe +
Francisco Javier +

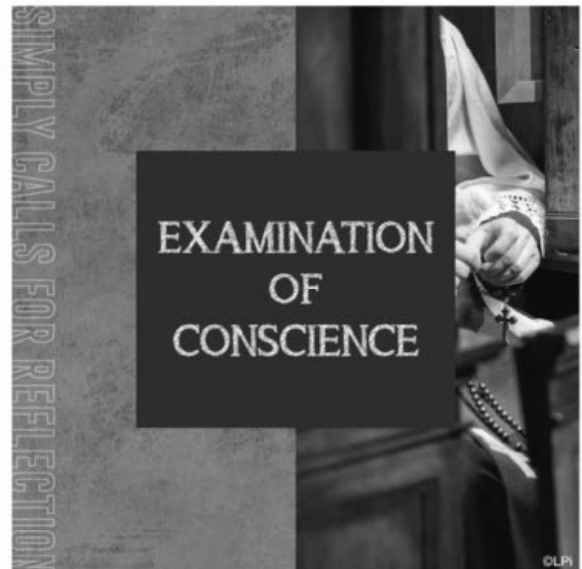
Sunday 7:00pm
No Intention

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.



Devotions, *Explained!*

The practice of examining one's conscience dates to the very beginning of the Christian faith. It simply calls for reflection on one's actions, making note of lapses in judgment that should be confessed in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Prayer of Mission

Spirit of the Living God,
Anoint me to bring your love,
light, and freedom to the places
you call. From the heights to the
depths: you are there, you are
actively moving, and when you
call, you will also provide.

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

Mandatory First Eucharist parent meeting will be held

Today, Sunday, January 26th at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Ministry Center.

High School Confirmation Program



Sunday, February 2nd

Session: The Holy Spirit

4:15-6:45 p.m.

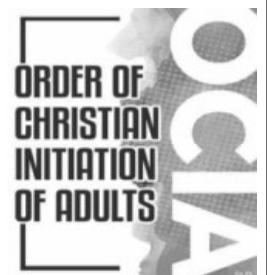
Parish Ministry Center

Contact noel.balce@dsj.org for more information

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Next Session: Tuesday, January 28th at 7 p.m.

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



Infant Baptism



Our next infant baptism preparation class is
Wednesday, February 19th at 7 p.m.

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

MINISTRY NEWS



1989 - Thanksgiving and Christmas Projects and Beyond Community Ministry Second Collection: February 1-2

St. Justin Community Ministry formally came into existence in 1989. The goal of Community Ministry has always been to provide assistance for people who are in need and to provide opportunities for members of our parish to serve others. It is hard to believe that we have operated for 35 years and even harder to try to realize the numbers of people we have served.

While our Food Pantry has always been the mainstay of Community Ministry, many other projects have fallen under the umbrella. Most recently, after the closing of the Out-grown Shop we have developed our distribution of clothing for free – “The Clothes Rack”. That being said, for this article, we are concentrating our “Thank You” on our Holiday Projects.

We are including a few of the real Thank you notes that we have received over past years.

(2008) I know that you get tired of my calls each month, but I want you to know how much we (my disabled son and I) rely on and appreciate your help. The ham was delicious and the stuffed animal for my son was like magic.

(2009) I am once again writing to let you know how much my family appreciated your help at Thanksgiving and Christmas (all year for that matter). This past year did not get much easier for us. My husband finally found a job and two months later, I lost mine. We keep plugging along, trying to keep our faith and your help makes is a little easier

(2011) This past year, I lost my husband and my job. I have two wonderful children but needless to say, life has been a struggle. I wanted to write and thank you after Thanksgiving but got busy but was not going to let your Christmas help go without letting you know that your Church is truly a blessing.

(2012) From a Volunteer... Thank you for the opportunity to help with the Thanksgiving and Christmas food giveaway. I needed a few hours of community service for school but found helping to be more important than just putting in hours for school.

(2018) From a Volunteer... Thank you again for the opportunity to help distribute Thanksgiving and Christmas food. This year, I didn't need any school service hours but felt so good last year that I came back because it just feels good. I'm going away to college next year but want you to know that I will be there to help you next year.

(2024) I have had to request help from 3 different organizations this past year. Two of them were horrible. St. Justin was GREAT! They were compassionate, well organized and caring people. I needed food and clothes and got both and not just beans and rice but items to make healthy meals. Thanks!

These are a few of the notes that we have received over the years. While the number of families we helped during the holidays has changed each year, we guarantee you that every family who requests our help, gets our help. It would be impossible to name all the individuals that helped to make the Thanksgiving and Christmas projects brighten the lives of so many.

The one fact that needs to be stated is that providing the services, especially food services, is costing us much more than it did in the past. We appreciate how generous our parishioners have been and hope that you will continue to support Community Ministry in the future. **The Second Collection next weekend will benefit your Community Ministry.** Thank you all for all you do for others, God Bless and Happy New Year!

Nancy Uyeda and Joe Bauer



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)

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus is the fulfillment of the Scripture passage he reads in the synagogue, a missive of promise and hope from an ancient prophet. But he invites us to be part of his work, here and now, in our own lives, our own communities. Be part of the fulfillment.

Observances for the week of January 26, 2025

Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

Monday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin

Tuesday: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: St. John Bosco, Priest

Saturday:

Next Sunday: The Presentation of the Lord,
World Day for Consecrated Life

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



YOUTH ASSEMBLY

Empowering Young Voices

The Diocese of San José is inviting 6th to 12th graders from our parishes and schools to share their experiences and help shape the path forward. Please pray for a meaningful day of connection and dialogue.



Saturday, March 29, 2025
09.00 AM-3.00 PM



St. Francis High School
1885 Miramonte Avenue
Mountain View, CA



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dsj.org/youthassembly





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

PRESCHOOL - 8TH GRADE

Tour our school, meet our teachers and administration
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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