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SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



[Jesus said to his disciples:] "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." - Jn 14:26-27a

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PARISH INFORMATION

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Our Second Collection for
Catholic Charities was
\$2,944

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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

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Catholic
Communications

Salvation and Circumcision

I was preaching to a small community in my village, and someone asked me a question about circumcision. My people, the Igbo people of Eastern Nigeria, had circumcision engraved in their culture and tradition even before the arrival of the white men. There was a common belief that the Igbo people of Nigeria were one of the lost tribes of Israel. They believed so much in circumcision that it used to be done in public on the eighth day (two weeks) after birth. Do not worry about the two weeks called 8 days here. The reason is simple: in our tradition four days is one week and seven weeks make one month. I will elaborate next time. Back to the question from a catechumen. Why do we still have to circumcise our kids since Christ has come and today's reading said it is no longer important for salvation?

It took me a while to figure out how to wade between the two. I started by reminding him that Christ did not abolish the law of Moses but came that the law might be fulfilled. I told him that many Christian nations of the world do not connect circumcision and salvation. I went further to let him know that circumcision of the spirit is more important when compared with the circumcision of the flesh. We need to circumcise our spirit by removing the old spirit of malice, hate, anger, and revenge so that the spirit of

love, mercy, and forgiveness can flourish. I can see in his eyes dissatisfaction and confusion because he valued circumcision the way I valued salvation. I told him that our forefathers believed in circumcision not for salvation but for purification, according to the law of the Igbo people.

As we departed that evening, I continued to ask myself the simple question, "Have I encountered anything in the scripture that challenged my basic understanding or belief?" I do not think so to date, but in case you have, please do as Paul and Barnabas did by going to consult the elders of the Church. Do not be ashamed or afraid to ask questions whenever you are not sure or not very clear about a particular teaching of the Church. Do not wallow in ignorance, insolence and pride. The person who asks will always get answers (*Onye Ajuju ada efu uzo*). The person who seeks will always find. I still ask questions about Church teachings, even as a priest.

Fr. Gerald

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

	Sunday 5/18/2025	Fiscal Year To Date 7/01/24-5/18/2025
Goal	\$11,300	\$508,500.00
Collected	\$10,142	\$539,750.68
Over/(Short)	(\$1,158)	\$31,250.68

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

May 26 – June 1, 2025

Monday 8:30am

Balwant Khaira
Anthony Nguyen
Nemesio Rivera +
Rosie Wakefield +

Tuesday 8:30am

Frank & Tranquilina Asuncion +
Lena Duque +
Balwant Khaira
Camille Serrienne +

Wednesday 8:30am

Manuel + and Maria Escobar
Balwant Khaira
Rosie Wakefield +

Thursday 8:30am

Francis Xavier Huynh +
Balwant Khaira
Rosie Wakefield +

Friday 8:30am

Balwant Khaira
Rosie Wakefield +

Saturday 8:00am

Balwant Khaira
Rosie Wakefield +

Saturday 5:00pm

Frances Abbott +
Maria Phien Dang +

Sunday 7:30am

Elijah Presley

Sunday 9:00am

Manuel Escobar +
Diane Serrienne
David Sumpter +
Val T. Wilson +

Sunday 10:30am

For All Parishioners

Sunday 12:15pm

Rosie Wakefield +
Jose and Carmen Ochoa +

Sunday 7:00pm

No Intention

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:
Kevin Bartholet, Joanne Cabral, Kane David Carlin, Carmen Cordina, Diane Cribari, David Dietz, Ursula Duncan, Rodolfo Feliciano, Rose Gackstetter, Crystal Galvez, K. Gerbrandt, Curtis Hambrick, Sr. , Hasan Hanusic, Michael Hastings, Clorinda Hite, Patricia Hogensen, Gabriella Ip, Balwant Khaira, Efrain Linares, Shirley McDonell, John McLachlan, Angelina Medina, Fred Nyulassy, Noelle Ortiz, Janet Osbourne, George Perez, Elijah Presley, Dorothy Rosa, Tony Rosa, Otto Rosales, Norma Saporito, Maria Vergano, Vincent Vergano

and for those who have died this week.



Devotions, *Explained!*

Our Lady of Perpetual Help is both a title of the Blessed Mother as well as a corresponding icon that dates to the late Middle Ages, both of which present Mary as a source of strength and comfort for Christ and his followers.

Prayer for Peace

Fill us with Your peace, Lord, as you promised in Your word. Peace in our comings and goings, Peace that You are working and moving, Peace for what has happened, the places we find ourselves today, and in the future to come. Amen.

MINISTRY NEWS



Food Pantry Update

Thank you for your support during the most recent second Collection for Community Ministry.



Every single donation helps!

The state of the Food Pantry is that our shelves are nearly bare and our once-full dry goods bags are skimpy.

We continue to provide lunches to 50-55 individuals and grocery bags to ~ 25 families per day.

The Food Pantry's strength is in the 50 – 60 volunteers who regularly serve at the Food Pantry. It is in our clients' patience, trust, and generosity of spirit. It is in you, as God's workers, who fund the Food Pantry, donate clean grocery bags, backyard fruit and vegetables, and shelf-stable cans and dry goods.

Each week / month, year-round, we purchase the following items to assemble Lunch bags, so we are always in need of :

- Assorted variety of chips
- Vienna Sausage
- Granola bars
- Sliced deli meat
- 4 oz Fruit Cups
- Sliced Cheese
- 16 oz bottles of water
- Plastic Forks & Spoons (new)

- Ziploc Sandwich Bags
- Box of 200 Mayo Pkts
- Box of 500 Mustard Pkts

Second Harvest Food Bank provides a generous amount of needed produce (fruit & vegetables) each week, but it is rare that we receive more than one canned good, dry beans, and maybe dry pasta to put in each Grocery bag. We regularly buy the following when needed, but are thankful for your donations of:

- Kirkland toilet paper
- Grocery Bags (Clean, lightly used, and either Brown paper bags or Plastic bags with handles)

We occasionally see donations of the following, but these days, they go fast and then our shelves are again empty.

- Peanut Butter
- Anything canned
- Dry Pasta
- Dry Rice

Please know that most Food Pantry clients appreciate the food given them, and though we give away less when we have less, they are understanding and thankful for what they receive. Thank you for continuing to provide this tangible symbol of God's hope to our neighbors in need.

God Bless You –
Joe Bauer & Nancy Uyeda



St. Justin Community Ministry



CLOTHES RACK NEWS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Over 21 days in the months of March and April, the Clothes Rack distributed over 1700 items of clothing to our Pantry clients.

THANK YOU, St. Justin parishioners and friends for providing us with these items that are much appreciated by our neighbors in need!

NEEDS for MAY and JUNE

- For Men and Women**
- Shoes
 - Clean/New Underwear
 - Socks
 - Blankets
 - Sweatshirts

- For Men Only**
- Short Sleeve Tee Shirts
 - Jeans
 - Casual Pants

**we also need sturdy plastic grocery bags*

CLOTHING DROP-OFF

HOURS:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
10:00 - 12:00
Room 2, next to Pantry

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 Resumes in September

4yr olds and Kindergarten: Sunday, 9-10:00 a.m.

1st grade – Jr. High: Sunday, 10:15-11:30 a.m.

Registration forms will be available at st-justin.org or in the Parish Office in June. We will mail out registration forms for returning families in August

Sacramental Preparation Program

First Reconciliation & First Eucharist

You may register for this program if your child has already completed one year of Ongoing Faith Formation or is enrolled in a Catholic school. This program is for baptized children in 2nd grade and higher. Registration begins in August and is supplemental to Ongoing Faith Formation.



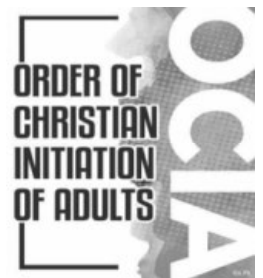
High School Confirmation Program

This program begins in September and culminates with the Sacrament of Confirmation in May. The candidate sessions take place on Sundays. Registration begins in August.

Contact noel.balce@dsj.org for more information

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

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, June 18th at 7 p.m.

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

Readings for the week of May 25, 2025

Sunday:

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/
Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

Monday:

Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and
9b/Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday:

Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/
Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday:

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/
Jn 16:12-15

Thursday:

Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Jn 16:16-20

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
(6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/
Lk 24:46-53

Friday:

Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Jn 16:20-23

Saturday:

Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3,
4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56

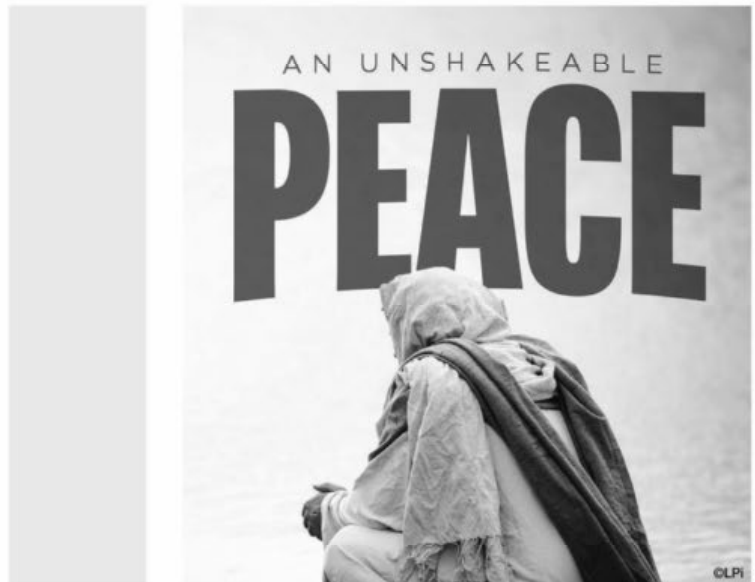
Next Sunday:

Acts 7:55-60/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/
Jn 17:20-26

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
(6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/
Lk 24:46-53



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Jonathan Haidt's 2024 book entitled "The Anxious Generation" argues that today's kids are marked by significant increases in anxiety, as the title suggests. Smartphones, social media, economic uncertainty, the chaos of a global pandemic, fear regarding climate change, and the so-called "meaning crisis" all contribute to strikingly high levels of anxiety in young people today. I'm a bit older than this generation, but I feel it, too. The world can be too much to handle.

The Gospel this week offers a stunning solution for troubled souls. To his overwhelmed and anxious disciples, the risen Jesus says, **"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you" (John 14:27)**. His peace is that of the one who was overwhelmed on the cross and then conquered death by the power of his divinity, his bond of love with the Father. He offers us this unshakeable peace.

Of course, mental illness does not magically disappear because of the risen Jesus. But he does walk with us and offer us his peace in the midst of our suffering. The peace the world gives is not like his because it is weak, uncertain, and self-generated. Jesus' peace is strong, sure, and given as a gift from God. He gives it to us amid our anxiety. Will you receive it as a gift? I hope so. He wants to fill the hearts of this generation with his peace.

— *Father John Muir*



You're Invited

ST. JUSTIN PARISH
FEAST DAY

MAY 31, 2025

6 - 9:00 P.M.

BBQ DINNER and FAMILY FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES!
Following the 5:00 p.m. Mass

RSVP BY MAY 29TH
<https://forms.gle/JVBcojAsVv3KH9mC7>



EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION TRAVELING THROUGH THE DIOCESE OF SAN JOSÉ

PENTECOST SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025
From Mission Santa Clara to Our Lady of Peace
LED BY BISHOP OSCAR CANTÚ

- 10:30am - Gather at Mission Santa Clara **(Pls. Bring Parish Banners)**
- 11:00am - Depart Mission Santa Clara
Walk 4.6 miles "with our Lord" to Our Lady of Peace, Santa Clara
- 1:00pm - Lunch provided at Our Lady of Peace
by Knights of Columbus Ch 5796

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit: <https://www.caminodecalifornia.org/>

Email: lidia.fiandeiro@dsj.org



DIOCESE OF
SAN JOSE



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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observance of the
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