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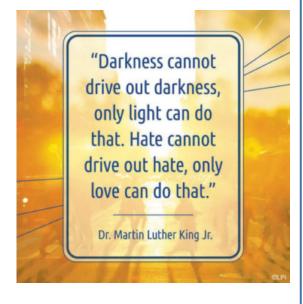




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WE WILL RETURN ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 16.



This year's theme is "Supporting Our Mission Together." You will soon be receiving a letter and brochure concerning this year's Annual Diocesan Appeal. By supporting the ministries and services of our diocese, the local church of San Jose, you will be working with other Catholics to support that mission that Christ has give to all who follow him. Please give this appeal your most sincere and prayerful consideration, and help us reach our parish goal.





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Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm - In Person Sunday Masses: 9:00am

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11:00am & 5:00pm - In Person

Mon - Sat: 8:30am Rosary - 8:00am Live-Stream & In Person

RECONCILIATION

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

In the Lord's call to Samuel, Eli teaches Samuel the importance of "listening" to God's voice. *Can you name something you have heard from the Lord?*

Second Reading:

Paul saw our physical bodies as a temple of the Holy Spirit, destined to be raised after death just as Jesus was raised from the dead. What are some ways to treat your body with reverence and respect?

TODAY'S READINGS
1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19;
Psalm 40;
1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a,
17-20; John 1:35-42

Gospel:

In John's account of the call of the first disciples, we hear the first words Jesus speaks in the Gospel of John: "What are you looking for?" *How can you convince family or friends that Jesus is what we all should be looking for?*

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REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

"Behold the Lamb of God." It is with these words that St. John the Baptist introduces Jesus to two of his followers, who then in turn do indeed follow Jesus to learn more about Him. One of those followers is identified as Andrew, brother to St. Peter, and the other is presumed by historians to be St. John. Throughout his Gospel St. John, although he appears often, is never specifically named.

But why did John the Baptist use that name in particular, "Lamb of God?" Lambs were sacrificed regularly, and it was believed that their blood in sacrifice was given for the sins of that day. Of course, the blood of Jesus was given for our sins, not just for a particular day but for all time.

In our First Reading from the Book of Samuel, we hear of how Samuel answered the call of God. His response has become the subject of numerous hymns and other writings. Twice Samuel says, "Here I am," and then declares (once he is aware that it is God Who is speaking to him), "Speak, for your servant is listening." One of the more popular hymns has as its refrain, "Here I am Lord; is it I Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart"

Do we respond as definitely as Samuel does? That is what we are called to do.

In the Second Reading from St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians, Paul confirms that we (as Samuel realized) are completely God's. Paul indicates that just as the Church as a whole is a temple of the Holy Spirit, that is also true, especially in a spiritual sense, of each of us as Christians. We belong to God; our bodies belong to God, and not to ourselves. We are not our own for Christ has purchased us with the price of His sacrifice. It is human nature perhaps to take better care of something that does not belong to us.

Although Paul is referring to sexual conduct, he is making a more important point. If our bodies belong to Jesus, we should not be idle with or wasteful with what belongs to Him. Our purpose is to respond to the Lord (as Samuel did) and to glorify God ("Therefore, glorify God in your body.").

Our Gospel Reading comes to us from the Gospel of St. John. You may recall that Matthew, Mark, and Luke are considered the synoptic Gospels — that is, "synoptic" is a Greek word that means "to see together." The synoptic Gospels present the life, Passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus in a similar way.

The Gospel according to John is quite different. It is (at least according to scholars) more literary and more symbolic. It does not follow the same order as the synoptic Gospels, nor does it include the same stories. It was quite likely the last of the Gospels written. Today's Gospel Reading affirms and confirms what we have heard in the first two readings.

Jesus asks these first two disciples an important and logical question: "What are you looking for?" It is the same question He asks of all of us. For the answer, the Lord directed them, as He does us as well, to Himself – to live with Him, to "Come and... see." Those disciples followed Him. They do this at the urging of John the Baptist. Their willingness to follow Jesus fulfills John the Baptist's ministry.

We are called to be Christ's disciples. People come to faith in the Lord through invitation. Andrew invites and introduces his brother Simon Peter to Jesus. If we truly believe in the Lord, and wish to share that belief, we do invite others to join with us. That is part of our calling.

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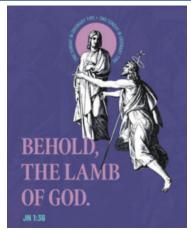
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun	1/14	2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42		
Mon	1/15	1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22		
Tues	1/16	1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28		
Wed	1/17	St. Anthony, Abbot 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1-2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6		
Thu	1/18	January 18-25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-14; Mk 3:7-12		
Fri	1/19	1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19		
Fri Sat	1/19 1/20	1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19 St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21		

Mass Intentions				
Mon	1/15	8:30 am	Maria Tran Thi Lieu †	
Tues	1/16	8:30 am	Patrick Ward †	
Wed	1/17	8:30 am	Shirley Sheridan †	
Thu	1/18	8:30 am	Al van Dalen †	
Fri	1/19	8:30 am	Olivia Gray †	
Sat	1/20	8:30 am	Mary Ann Ward (birthday)	
Sat		5:00 pm	Louis Denis Ledee †	
		9:00 am	Mike Fox, Sr. †	
Sun	1/21	11:00 am	Arnold V. Bruni †	
		5:00 pm	Ingrid Barnes †	

MASS INTENTIONS: A BEAUTIFUL WAY TO REMEMBER SOMEONE

You can offer a Mass for a special intention or for the repose of the soul of a deceased person. Remember that there is no better gift than the gift of God's love and compassion as celebrated in the Sacrifice of the Mass.

www.stmarvslg.org/mass-intention-request



January 13/14:

5PM Saturday: Parish Choir 9AM Sunday: Cantor & Piano/Organ 11AM Sunday: Cantor & Piano/Organ 5PM Sunday: 5PM Sunday Ensemble

January 20/21:

5PM Saturday: Cantor & Piano/Organ 9AM Sunday: Parish Choir

11AM Sunday: Cantor & Piano/Organ 5PM Sunday: 5PM Sunday Ensemble

January 27/28:

5PM Saturday: Cantor & Piano/Organ 9AM Sunday: Parish Choir

11AM Sunday: Cantor & Piano/Organ 5PM Sunday: 5PM Sunday Ensemble





ACT OF SPIRITUAL Communion

My Jesus, I believe you are really here in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you more than anything in the world, and I hunger to receive you. But since I cannot receive Communion at this time, Feed my soul spiritually. I unite myself to you now, as I do when I actually receive You in Holy Communion. Amen.

LIVE THE LITURGY -INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"Come and see," Jesus said to the disciples who were curious to know about him. Today, he whispers this invitation into the deepest place of our heart. Have courage — go, and see what Christ has to show you. **©LPi**

Pope Francis' Universal PRAYER INTENTION: JANUARY

For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church: Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

PRAYER OF DISCERNMENT

Dear Lord. Here I am! Help me to know the path You would have me walk, to speak the words You would have me speak, to love and serve those You put in my path. Amen.

FAITH IN ACTION



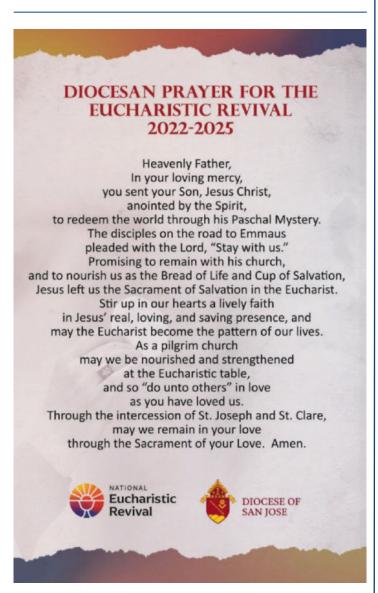
Please pray with us for our parishioners, family and friends.

For those who are sick and who have asked for our prayers: Bill Flora; Bruce Welch; George Bommarito; Janie Meacham; Vic LoBue, Jr.; Valerie Bruno; Julio Emberto; Carol Rakich

For those who have recently died:

Victoria Miramontez; Richard Hernandez; Peter Kraljer; Linda Graham; Janice Gallagher; Thomas Louis Murphy; Tom Bommarito; Mary Cay; James D'Oliveiro

Members of our parish family who are in the military, hospitals, nursing homes, shut-ins and all who have no one to pray for them.



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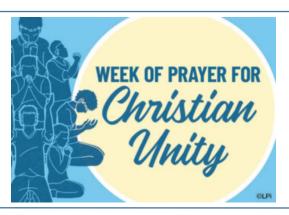
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Difference	\$ 20,549.00			
CHRISTMAS				
Budget	\$45,000.00			
Actual	\$35,388.00			
Difference	\$9,612.00			

2ND OFFERING - JANUARY 27 & 28 CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

The collection for the Church in Latin America supports pastoral programs as awarded by the subcommittee on the Church in Latin America throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Projects include the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarian as well as youth ministry and catechesis.

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OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

MEETING CHRIST: EXPLORING THE LITURGY SERIES WHY DO WE GO TO MASS ON SUNDAYS?

The Sunday celebration of the Eucharist is at the heart of the Church's life (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 2177). We Christians go to Sunday Mass to encounter the Risen Lord, or better still to allow ourselves to be encountered by him, to hear his Word, to nourish ourselves at his table, and thus to become the Church, that is, his mystical living Body in the world.

From the first hour, Jesus' disciples understood this; they celebrated the Eucharistic encounter with the Lord on the day of the week that the Hebrews called "the first of the week" and the Romans called "day of the sun", because on that day Jesus rose from the dead and appeared to the disciples, speaking with them, eating with them, giving them the Holy Spirit (cf. Mt 28:1; Mk 16:9, 14; Lk 24:1, 13; Jn 20:1, 19), as we have heard in the Gospel reading.

The great outpouring of the Spirit at Pentecost also happened on a Sunday, the 50th day after Jesus' Resurrection. For these reasons, Sunday is a holy day for us, sanctified by the Eucharistic celebration, the living presence of the Lord among us and for us. Thus, it is the Mass that makes Sunday Christian. The Christian Sunday revolves around the Mass. For a Christian, what is a Sunday in which the encounter with the Lord is lacking?

There are Christian communities which, unfortunately, cannot enjoy Mass every Sunday; they too, however, on this holy day, are called to reflect in prayer in the name of the Lord, listening to the Word of God and keeping alive the desire for the Eucharist.

Some secularized societies have lost the Christian sense of Sunday illuminated by the Eucharist. This is a shame! In these contexts it is necessary to revive this awareness, to recover the meaning of the celebration, the meaning of the joy, of the parish community, of solidarity, of the rest which restores body and soul (cf. ccc, nn. 2177-2178). Of all these values, the Eucharist is our guide, Sunday after Sunday. For this reason the Second Vatican Council wished to emphasize that Sunday "is the original feast day, and it should be proposed to the piety of the faithful and taught to them so that it may become in fact a day of joy and of freedom from work" (Constitution Sacrosanctum Concilium, 106).

The Sunday abstention from work did not exist in the early centuries: it is a specific contribution of Christianity. According to biblical tradition Jews rest on the Sabbath, while in Roman society a day of the week was not provided for abstention from servile labour. It was the Christian awareness of living as children and not as slaves, inspired by the Eucharist, which has made Sunday — almost universally — the day of rest.

Without Christ we are condemned to be dominated by everyday weariness, with its worries, and by fear of the future. The Sunday encounter with the Lord gives us the strength to experience the present with confidence and courage, and to go forth with hope. For this reason, we Christians go to encounter the Lord on Sunday, in the Eucharistic celebration.

SAINT OF THE WEEK – EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH ST. CLARE OF ASSISI

St. Clare of Assisi, (1194-1253), was born into a wealthy, politically influential, Catholic family in Assisi, Italy. When she was 12, her family decided she should marry. She begged them to allow her to wait until she was 18 and they eventually agreed.

As a teen, Clare learned of a priest named Francis (St. Francis of Assisi). After hearing him preach, she decided that her calling was to "live for the Gospel." She admired how Francis lived — in poverty, community, and service to the poor. After receiving permission from the bishop of Assisi, she left her family join Francis and his followers. Once with them, Clare left her fancy life behind, donning a plain robe, simple veil, and cutting her hair short, a symbol of her desire to reject marriage and live a religious life.

Studying early on with the Benedictines, she was joined by her sister. Fearing for their safety from Clare's family who were determined that the daughters return, Francis and his followers built a home for them next to a church they restored, San Damiano, for their protection. While there, Clare and Francis established the Order of the Poor Ladies of San Damiano.



Daily Mass, adoration, and the Eucharist were integral to the lives of Clare's Poor Ladies. The growing community's radical devotion to strict poverty set them apart from other congregations. Following her order's eventual approval by the Pope, she wrote the order's Rule of Life based on the teachings of St. Francis — the first monastic rule known to be written by a woman.

After St. Clare died, the Poor Ladies were renamed the Order of St. Clare or, the Poor Clares, in her honor. She passed away at the age of 59, one day after her Rule was approved. St. Clare, pray for us!



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Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 8:00AM St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish

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On **Sunday, January 21, 2024** let's cheer on our favorite priests and seminarians with Vocations first fun event of the year. Doors open 5pm | 6pm Tip-off at St. Francis High School. Tickets are \$10 admission. There will be a grand raffle at the game. 1st place winner will get \$1000 gift card, 2nd place winner will get an airpod and the 3rd place winner will get a \$100 gift card. All proceeds from the game benefit DSJ's Seminarian Formation. **Tickets for event & raffle are available in the parish office.**

Volunteer opportunities are also available at the game. Visit dsj.org/basketball to sign up.

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