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**JANUARY 11, 2026 | THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

## Welcome!

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday | 8:30am, 5:00pm Vigil  
Sunday | 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:30pm

#### Weekday Masses

Monday | 8:30am  
Tuesday | 8:30am  
Wednesday | 8:30am  
Thursday | 8:30am  
Friday | 8:30am

#### Confession

Wednesday | 4:00pm - 5:00pm  
Saturday | 9:00am - 10:00am  
3:30pm - 4:30pm  
or by appointment

### GET IN TOUCH

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## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:17

Una voz que decía, desde el cielo: "Este es mi Hijo muy amado, en quien tengo mis complacencias". - Mt 3, 17

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Eucharist Adoration and Holy Hour with Exposition & Benediction

Every Thursday

9:15 AM - 6:00 PM

after 8:30 AM Mass

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

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## From the Desk of Fr. Mark

We wish you a happy and joyous day when we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord Jesus by St. John the Baptist. This officially marks the end of Christmastime and we begin the next few months in Ordinary Time before we enter Lent on Ash Wednesday (February 18, 2026)

We know through Sacred Scripture, Jesus did not need to be baptized. We also know Jesus chose to be baptized in obedience to His Father and to open the way of faith to all people in the sanctification of life. The Church reminds us, "Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: "Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word."" (CCC 1213)

Holy Baptism is a grace given by God and a blessing we are called to share and pass on to our children, in particular, but also to invite all people into the Church. Which brings us to the Open House for our parish school this January 25th, 2026. Our Parish School, as well as all Catholic Schools, are called to assist the parents and families to know and understand our Catholic faith. As the only Catholic Dual Language Immersion School in the Diocese of San Jose, we seek to help our students understand the global nature of the Church and expand their (students and parents) in seeing the world as a community of blessing.

Our Catholic schools in the Diocese of San Jose as part of the larger spiritual renewal of the diocese in the pastoral plan; this means we begin to look at what Catholic schools do and how we support the education of the young. Our parish school, through embracing spiritual renewal and the dual language immersion model is helping us to lead the diocesan school system in expanding who we are called to serve and how we help them know Jesus better and be active and virtuous members of our Church and the society surrounding us.

Lastly, I hope you are enjoying our Christmas gift *Slowing Down to the Speed of Joy*. If you have finished reading the book, I would invite you to find a highlighter or a marking pen and begin again by noting the passages that you found interesting or might have questions about. We will talk about them later.

God Bless  
Fr. Mark.

## Desde el Escritorio del Padre Mark

Les deseamos un día feliz y lleno de alegría al celebrar el Bautismo de nuestro Señor Jesucristo llevado a cabo por San Juan Bautista. Esto marca oficialmente el final del tiempo de Navidad y comenzamos los próximos meses en Tiempo Ordinario antes de entrar en Cuaresma el Miércoles de Ceniza (18 de febrero de 2026).

Sabemos, a través de la Sagrada Escritura, que Jesús no necesitaba ser bautizado, pero también sabemos que Jesús eligió ser bautizado en obediencia a su Padre y para abrir el camino de la fe a todas las personas en la santificación de la vida. La Iglesia nos recuerda: "El Santo Bautismo es el fundamento de toda la vida cristiana, el pórtico de la vida en el Espíritu y la puerta que abre el acceso a los otros sacramentos. Por el Bautismo somos liberados del pecado y regenerados como hijos de Dios, llegamos a ser miembros de Cristo, somos incorporados a la Iglesia y hechos partícipes de su misión: «El Bautismo es el sacramento del nuevo nacimiento por el agua y la palabra»" (CIC 1213).

El Santo Bautismo es una gracia dada por Dios y una bendición que estamos llamados a compartir y transmitir a nuestros hijos en particular, pero también a invitar a todas las personas a la Iglesia. Esto nos lleva a la jornada de puertas abiertas de nuestra escuela parroquial este 25 de enero de 2026. Nuestra escuela parroquial, al igual que todas las escuelas católicas, está llamada a ayudar a los padres y las familias a conocer y comprender nuestra fe católica. Como la única escuela católica de inmersión bilingüe en la Diócesis de San José, buscamos ayudar a nuestros estudiantes a comprender la naturaleza global de la Iglesia y ampliar su visión (tanto de los estudiantes como de los padres) para ver el mundo como una comunidad de bendición.

Nuestras escuelas católicas en la Diócesis de San José, como parte de la renovación espiritual de la diócesis en el plan pastoral, comienzan a considerar lo que hacen las escuelas católicas y cómo apoyamos la educación de los jóvenes. Nuestra escuela parroquial, al adoptar la renovación espiritual y el modelo de inmersión bilingüe, nos está ayudando a liderar el sistema escolar diocesano en la expansión de a quiénes estamos llamados a servir y cómo les ayudamos a conocer mejor a Jesús y a ser miembros activos y virtuosos de nuestra Iglesia y de la sociedad que nos rodea.

Finalmente, espero que estén disfrutando de nuestro regalo de Navidad: "Disminuyendo la velocidad para encontrar la alegría". Si ya terminaste de leer el libro, te invito a que busques un marcador o un bolígrafo y lo vuelvas a leer, subrayando los pasajes que te parecieron interesantes o sobre los que tengas preguntas. Hablaremos de ellos más adelante.

¡Dios te bendiga!  
Padre Mark.

# MASS INTENTIONS

# PRAYER & READINGS • 03

**January 10, 2026**      Saturday    Christmas Weekday  
 1 John 5:14-21 / John 3:22-30  
 8:30 AM                  Olivia Trias - Happy 15th Birthday  
**January 11, 2026**      Sunday      THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD  
 Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 / Acts 10:34-38 / Matthew 3:13-17  
 5:00 PM Vigil            †Antonio Calixto - Death Anniversary  
 8:00 AM                  †David Sanville - Happy Birthday  
                                  †Clem Folz  
 10:00 AM                †Zuildo Vieira  
                                  People of Saint Lawrence  
 12:30 PM                Gianna Razón-Barragán - Happy 3rd Birthday  
                                  Silvia Hernández - Happy Birthday  
                                  †Maria del Carmen González

**January 12, 2026**      Monday    Weekday - First Week in Ordinary Time  
 1 Samuel 1:1-8 / Mark 1:14-20  
                                  †Maria Pascual  
                                  †Francisco Pascual, Sr.  
                                  †Virgilio Pascual, Sr.

**January 13, 2026**      Tuesday    Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
 1 Samuel 1:9-20 / Mark 1:21-28  
 8:30 AM                  Gianna Razón-Barragán - Happy 3rd Birthday

**January 14, 2026**      Wednesday    Weekday  
 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20 / Mark 1:29-39  
 8:30 AM                  Lei Young - Happy Birthday

**January 15, 2026**      Thursday    Weekday  
 1 Samuel 4:1-11 / Mark 1:40-45  
 8:30 AM                  †Gisele Dabdoub - 40 days of passing

**January 16, 2026**      Friday      Weekday  
 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a / Mark 2:1-12  
 8:30 AM                  †Victoria Relucio

**January 17, 2026**      Saturday    Saint Anthony, Abbot  
 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 / Mark 2:13-17

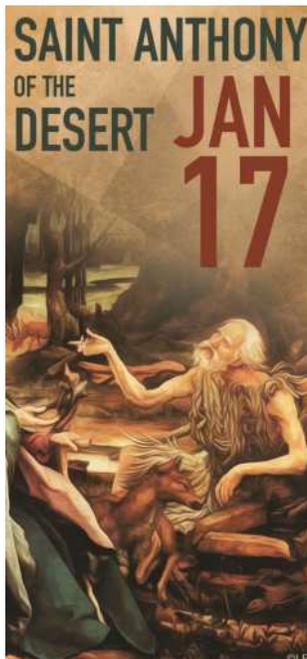
8:30 AM                  Nora Razón - Happy Birthday  
**January 18, 2026**      Sunday      THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD  
 Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 / 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 / John 1:29-34

5:00 PM Vigil            †David Sanville - Peaceful Repose of Soul  
 8:00 AM                  †Clem Folz  
                                  †Isaiah M. Mendoza  
 10:00 AM                Génesis Cienfuegos - Happy Birthday  
 12:30 PM                People of Saint Lawrence



## PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- |                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Troy Alfonso        | John McGuire       |
| Jayden Amys         | Mendoza Family     |
| Kiernan Arata       | Jackie Mussynski   |
| Mike Armstrong      | Pat Naki           |
| Erika S. Barragan   | Ellen Navarra      |
| Bernadette Cabarles | Virginia Olenak    |
| Marisa Carlini      | Dcn. Greg Ortiz    |
| Barbara Gasdick     | Lina Pirotta       |
| Jessie Garibaldi    | Ana Quijada        |
| Margaret Gradwohl   | Laura E. Quijada   |
| Badiah Handal       | Lulu Razón         |
| Joseph Handal       | Pedro Rincón       |
| Margaret Haselden   | Teresa Rincón      |
| Alexa Hechema       | Tiburcia Rodriguez |
| Corazon Kalt        | Arman Santiago     |
| Diana Marie Kalt    | Gina Santiago      |
| Laura Salgado       | Elizabeth Sanville |
| Maes Family         | Rachel Sanville    |
| Karina Magallanes   | Lizzy Sanville     |
| Lucia Pacheco Mara  | Rose Siudzinski    |
| Vivian Mara         | Martha Schmitz     |
| Mary Ann Miller     | Hortensia Valadez  |
| Mary Elaine McEnery | Soledad Valadez    |
| Elizabeth McGuire   | Rosalio Villagomez |



### Attention Parish Groups!

If you want to submit content to feature in the bulletin, please send to: [giuliana.razon@dsj.org](mailto:giuliana.razon@dsj.org) Content must be submitted two weeks prior to the requested date.



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**Saint Lawrence**  
Dual Language Catholic School

## OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 25 | 11:00 AM

- Meet our dedicated teachers and staff
- Learn how students become bilingual, biliterate, and culturally competent
- Tour classrooms and explore our welcoming campus

Give your child the gift of two languages. Explore the benefits of our Spanish Dual Language Immersion Program today!

**Register Now!**

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# Pancake Breakfast

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11  
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026  
\$10 GENERAL ADMISSION  
SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY, LEAVEY CENTER

**BASKETBALL CHALLENGE**

www.dsj.org/basketbal

Saint Lawrence Middle School is looking for adult volunteers to interview students in grades 5-8 about their science and engineering fair projects on Friday, January 23 from 8-11:30 AM. Please contact Mrs. Michelle Varnau (Mrs. V) at michelle.varnauedsj.org if you are available for the whole morning or just a few hours. All the projects will be on display for the community to view Sunday, January 26. Thank you for your support of the next generation of STEM careers.



## 2026 WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST CAMINATA POR LA VIDA



Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 20th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on January 24, 2026.

**Fees:** A \$25.00 fee is required upon registration to cover costs (cash or check only payable to "St. Lawrence"). No refunds for cancellation available. This fee includes transportation to/from the event via bus and bottled water. Buses have restrooms and comfortable seating.

**Schedule:** We will leave St. Lawrence at 7:30am to arrive at St. Mary's Cathedral to attend the Pro-Life Mass with Archbishop Corleone. From there we will leave to the San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza for the Info Faire and 12:00pm Rally (bring a bagged lunch to enjoy on the lawn). The Walk down San Francisco's Market Street begins at 1:00pm from Civic Center Plaza and ends at Justin Herman Plaza at the Embarcadero. We plan to return to St. Lawrence by 5:30pm.

**Minors:** All minors must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

**Info:** For complete information about the Walk, visit [www.walkforlifewc.com](http://www.walkforlifewc.com) or call (415) 658-1793.

Únete a hermanos católicos y gente pródiga proveniente de toda California y más allá, poniéndonos de pie a favor de los más pequeños entre nosotros en la decimocuarta Caminata anual por la Vida de la Costa Oeste en San Francisco, el 24 de enero de 2026.

**Costo:** Se requerirá una cuota de \$25.00 al registrarse para cubrir los costos de transporte (pago en efectivo o cheque a nombre de "St. Lawrence"). No hay devoluciones por cancelación. Esta cuota incluye el transporte desde/hacia el evento vía autobús y agua embotellada. Los autobuses tienen baños y cómodos asientos.

**Agenda:** Un autobús saldrá a las 7:30am para llegar a St. John Vianney para asistir a Misa con el arzobispo Corleone. De ahí salimos a la Plaza del Centro Cívico en San Francisco para la Feria de Información. El Rally comienza a las 12:00pm en la Plaza del Centro Cívico y la caminata por Market Street hasta Justin Herman Plaza a la 1:00pm. Planeamos volver a St. Lawrence a las 5:30pm.

**Menores de edad:** Todos los menores deben ser acompañados por un adulto responsable de ellos.

**Informes:** [www.walkforlifewc.com/enespanol](http://www.walkforlifewc.com/enespanol) o llame al (415) 658-1793.



## ST. LAWRENCE

THE MARTYR CATHOLIC PARISH



**Saint Lawrence**  
Dual Language Catholic School

**PUERTAS ABIERTAS**  
Domingo, 25 de Enero | 11:00 AM

- Conozca a nuestros dedicados maestros y personal.
- Aprenda cómo los estudiantes se vuelven bilingües, biliteratos y culturalmente competentes.
- Recorra los salones y explore nuestro acogedor campus.

Regále a su hijo el don de dos idiomas. ¡Descubra los beneficios de nuestro Programa de Doble Inmersión en Español hoy mismo!

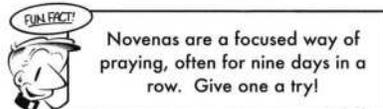
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"What's a snowman's favorite devotion?"



"A Snow-vena!"



**Friendship Luncheon**  
January 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:30

**Menu: Chinese Food**  
**\$12 at the door**

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St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish  
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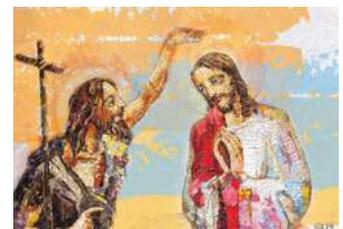
Join us every first Monday of the month at 8PM in the Parish Hall!

@st.lawrence.bridges on IG for events & updates!

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### Week Ending 11/09/2025

Weekly Collection Goal .....	\$8,456.17
All Saints .....	\$6.00
Thanksgiving .....	\$53.00
Daily/Sunday Masses.....	\$4,168.63
In Office/Mail .....	\$395.00
Online Giving .....	<u>\$1,865.00</u>
Total Offerings .....	\$6,487.63
Weekly Goal .....	\$8,456.17
Variance .....	\$(1,968.54)

### Week Ending 11/16/2025

Weekly Collection Goal .....	\$8,456.17
All Saints .....	\$10.00
Christmas .....	\$155.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$3.00
Thanksgiving .....	\$40.00
Daily/Sunday Masses.....	\$3,867.00
In Office/Mail .....	\$705.00
Online Giving .....	<u>\$2,090.00</u>
Total Offerings .....	\$6,870.00
Weekly Goal .....	\$8,456.17
Variance .....	\$(1,586.17)

### Week Ending 11/23/2025

Weekly Collection Goal .....	\$8,456.17
Thanksgiving .....	\$275.00
Daily/Sunday Masses.....	\$3,518.00
In Office/Mail .....	\$1,518.00
Online Giving .....	<u>\$955.00</u>
Total Offerings .....	\$6,266.00
Weekly Goal .....	\$8,456.17
Variance .....	\$(2,190.17)

### Week Ending 11/30/2025

Weekly Collection Goal .....	\$17,092.50
Assumption of Mary .....	\$20.00
Thanksgiving .....	\$1,524.00
Daily/Sunday Masses.....	\$5,125.02
In Office/Mail .....	\$0.00
Online Giving .....	<u>\$6,225.66</u>
Total Offerings .....	\$12,894.68
Weekly Goal .....	\$17,092.50
Variance .....	\$(4,197.82)

### Week Ending 12/07/2025

Weekly Collection Goal .....	\$8,456.17
Christmas .....	\$143.00
Immaculate Conception .....	\$146.00
Simbang Gabi .....	\$100.00
Solemnity of Mary .....	\$5.00
Thanksgiving .....	\$20.00
Daily/Sunday Masses.....	\$5,948.81
In Office/Mail .....	\$684.00
Online Giving .....	<u>\$10,350.00</u>
Total Offerings .....	\$17,396.81
Weekly Goal .....	\$8,456.17
Variance .....	\$8,940.64

### Week Ending 12/14/2025

Weekly Collection Goal .....	\$9,600.24
Christmas .....	\$1,200.00
Immaculate Conception .....	\$976.00
Simbang Gabi .....	\$360.00
Solemnity of Mary .....	\$48.00
Daily/Sunday Masses.....	\$5,378.00
In Office/Mail .....	\$1,345.00
Online Giving .....	<u>\$2,294.97</u>
Total Offerings .....	\$11,701.97
Weekly Goal .....	\$9,600.24
Variance .....	\$2,101.73

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# palabra que da la vida

**¡Tú también eres un hijo muy amado por Dios!**



“Apenas se bautizó Jesús, salió del agua; se abrió el cielo y vio que el Espíritu de Dios bajaba como una paloma y se posaba sobre él. Y vino una voz del cielo que decía: Este es mi Hijo, el amado, mi predilecto”. (Mt 3, 16-17)

Apenas unos días después de celebrar los misterios de la Navidad, la Iglesia propone a los cristianos la vida pública de Jesús. Vida pública que empieza no con el milagro de las bodas de Caná, sino con el bautismo del Señor en el Jordán. En muy poco tiempo, la liturgia nos hace pasar de la cuna a la madurez, como en las películas. Esto tiene el inconveniente de que nos hace olvidar lo que constituyó la mayor parte de la vida de Cristo: la etapa de Nazaret. De este modo se corre el riesgo de olvidar que Cristo, con toda la urgencia que tenía por salvar a la humanidad, estuvo treinta años «sin hacer nada». En realidad, no es que no hiciera nada, pero vivió sin hacer milagros -al menos públicos- y sin predicar. Era Dios y, por lo tanto, era amor también en esa etapa, a pesar de lo cual se mantuvo en la oscuridad, dejando pasar un tiempo que, a nuestros ojos, era precioso y que, seguramente, le habríamos aconsejado que aprovechara de otra manera. Pero, como Dios es más sabio que nosotros, nos conviene aprender de Él e intentar imitarle, también en algo tan paradójico como la vida oculta en Nazaret. Imitar a Jesús en esa larga etapa de su existencia está, curiosamente, muy a nuestro alcance. Le imitamos, por ejemplo, cumpliendo bien nuestras obligaciones profesionales, cuidando de nuestra familia, siendo buenos ciudadanos, siendo buenos enfermos, buenos jóvenes o buenos jubilados. No está a nuestro alcance hacer milagros -aunque sí pedirlos-, pero sí podemos vivir bien la vida normal y corriente que nos ha tocado vivir. También sin llamar la atención se puede ser santo y hacer el bien. Como Jesús.

Propósito: Cumplir bien nuestro trabajo profesional. Atender a nuestras obligaciones con la familia, con la sociedad. Ser conscientes de que incluso lo rutinario puede hacerse por amor y con amor.

Padre Santiago Martin (FM)  
Responsable Marc.



## GRUPO DE ORACIÓN CATOLICO CARISMATICO "ELEGIDOS DE JESUS"

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Misa cada segundo Jueves de Mes.

Comenzamos con el Santo Rosario 6:30 pm.



## de ESCUELA Agradecimiento



CURSO DE FORMACIÓN

### La relación del Hombre con Dios



Te invitamos a explorar la profundidad de nuestra fe, a través del Carisma del Agradecimiento.

Todos los Viernes, 6:00-8:00PM

¡Te esperamos!

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MARITONY REYES | 408 296 1246

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## Sirve con honor- ¡Sé monaguillo!

“Eres mucho más que un simple ayudante del párroco.” – San Juan Pablo II



Si tienes preguntas, por favor comunícate con el Padre Ryan en la Oficina Parroquial: (408) 296-3000

## LITURGY CORNER

by Deborah Ferry

Baptism of the Lord

(taken from The Little Blue Book of Reflections on Advent)

The time came when Jesus was drawn to fulfill his destiny. He left home and went southward to where John was baptizing. He apparently spent some time there (weeks? months?) listening to John, watching people come forward for baptism.

The baptism of Jesus was a dramatic turning point in his life. It is the first appearance of the adult Jesus in Matthew's Gospel (and, by the way, the first time Jesus speaks)

Matthew's primary interest is not the baptism as such, but the voice from the heavens revealing that Jesus is the Son of God.

Note that the voice from heaven is directed, not at Jesus (as in Mark) but to those present ("This is my beloved Son") and to those who read the passage... namely us.

We can learn something about our own baptism from this passage.

Through the sacrament of Baptism, we receive the Holy Spirit and are made sons and daughters of God.

Jesus was about 30 years old, and had spent his whole life in the obscurity of a small hill town up north called Nazareth. He worked as a carpenter; in the eyes of the townspeople he was just like everybody else.

After his baptism, Jesus put aside his quiet life as a carpenter. He would now be center stage, loved by some, disliked by others. He would preach, teach, heal. He would show us a new way to live. He would show us a new way to die. – with trust in God.

His decision was not without struggle. Right after his baptism he faced the temptation to take a different path, but he fought it off and lived the life he was called to live.

Today's feast of the Baptism of the Lord is the last day of the Christmas season.

## 2026 MASS INTENTION BOOK IS NOW OPEN!

It is recommended that Mass Intentions are scheduled at least TWO MONTHS in advance to increase the probability of obtaining the Mass date and time requested. We will try our best to grant your Mass intention on the specific date requested and can not promise that each Mass intention will be celebrated on the specific date requested.

To request a Mass intention, contact the Parish Office at:

parish@saintlawrence.org or giuliana.razon@dsj.org or call and leave a message for Giuliana at (408) 296-3000 ext. 431, with the information needed below.

- \* Their name and contact number
- \* Requested date for Mass Intention
- \* Info for Mass Intention
- \* Requested donation is \$10 per Mass as determined by diocesan policy (#206), is to accompany each Mass request
- \* Make checks payable to: St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish.
- \* Mail your donation to:  
1971 St. Lawrence Drive, Santa Clara, Ca 95051

Or you may request a Mass intention and complete your donation on our parish website: [saintlawrence.org/massintention-requests](http://saintlawrence.org/massintention-requests) or scan the QR code below:



**Serve with Honor—  
Be an Altar Server!**

Pope John Paul II said,  
"You are much more  
than simple helpers of  
the parish priest."



If you have any  
questions, please  
contact Fr. Ryan  
in the Parish Office:  
(408) 296-3000

Bridges Young Adult Ministry of St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish

**RETREAT SEASON**

**SPIRITUAL PREPARATION  
NIGHT FOR LEADERS**

Holy Adoration, Reconciliation, and Praise & Worship

**Tuesday, February 3  
7-9PM in the church**

All are welcome, especially DSJ youth & young adult leaders

