

**Feb.21, 2016 - Feb.28, 2016**

Sunday	<b>Continental Breakfast after 9:00am Mass .</b>
Monday	<b>Next Grief Group Meeting is 3/7 at 7 pm in the Rectory.</b>
Tuesday	The next Ladies Guild meeting is 3/8 at 1 pm in the Fr. Jim Community Center meeting rooms. <b>NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME .</b>
Wednesday	<b>The Light Is On -Confessions 6-8:00pm</b>
Thursday	<b>Adoration after the 9:30 am Mass until 6:45 with Benediction</b>
Friday	<b>Stations of the Cross at 5:30 pm, Soup Supper following.</b>
Saturday	<b>Mass at 8 am, Confession 4-4:45 pm NA Meeting tonight.</b>
Sunday	<b>Continental Breakfast after 9 am Mass</b>

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
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<b>Sunday</b>	7:30am	Betty Moy †
	9:00am	Ruth Powers †
	11:00am	For Our Parishioners
	5:00pm	Elizabeth Bashford †
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 am	Pierre Dam Hoang †
	9:30 am	Tom Bettancourt †
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 am	Pierre Dam Hoang †
	9:30 am	Chris Batoy †, Arsenio Batoy (liv.)
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 am	Pierre Dam Hoang †
	9:30 am	Barbara George Rogers (living)
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30am	Pierre Dam Hoang †
	9:30am	Souls in Purgatory †
<b>Friday</b>	6:30am	Pierre Dam Hoang †
	9:30am	Chan Fun Yong (birthday)
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 am	Luther Brock (living)
	5:00 pm	Pierre Dam Hoang †
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 am	For Our Parishioners
	9:00 am	Rita , Margaret & Ed Murray †
	11:00 am	Teresa Kimcuc Nguyen (birthday)
	5:00 pm	Pierre Dam Hoang †

**Social Justice CORNER**

Pope Francis, in his Lenten message, said, "Lent is a time of conversions and a time to deepen one's faith, demonstrating and sharing it through corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Faith finds expressions in *everyday actions* meant to help our neighbors in body and spirit. Feeding the hungry, welcoming strangers, giving comfort. On such things will we be judged."

How is God calling me to be transformed, to change, this Lent? How may I go beyond myself this week to reach out to those in need – in my family, my workplace, the community? Lord, help me to bring your healing light to others.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a religious formation program for adults and for children 7 years or older, who are interested in joining the Catholic Church. Participants explore their faith while learning about the Catholic tradition. To learn more call 408-255-9950 or email [kmanning@dsj.org](mailto:kmanning@dsj.org)



**Weekly Stewardship Report**



Collections for 2/14/2016	\$ 10,133
Collections 7/1/15 to 2/14/16	\$ 368,664
Budgeted 7/1/15 to 2/14/16	\$ 372,337
Variance	\$ (3,673)

Please be aware of the shortfall!

To help keep the parish within its budget please prayerfully consider increasing your weekly contributions by \$2-\$3. Thank you for your continued support !

**WEEKLY ADA CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

The diocese has begun the Annual Diocesan Appeal. We have completed week two and have pledges for \$ 74,904 thus far, 163 families pledging.. Fr. Thuc thanks everyone who has participated and those who are considering . All gifts are appreciated along with your prayers for a successful campaign.

**ASCENT EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM**

Hours of operation closed Monday and Friday. Open Tuesday through Thursday , from 9 am until 2 pm  
408-257-8302 FAX Number 408-257-4600 Web Site:  
[www.ascent-jobs.org](http://www.ascent-jobs.org) PO Box 9604, San Jose CA 95157.  
Ascent is also looking for men's work shoes.. Please leave at the last garage. Thank you!

## LENTEN SEASON: A TIME TO SHED OLD HABITS

Nature teaches us a lot about transformation. During winter most trees shed their leaves. This is a necessary process if trees are to continue to grow. Old leaves need to die to allow new ones to sprout. When old leaves die it is an irreversible process. We cannot change old leaves to what these were before; new life begins.

It is the same when we talk about our relationship with God. If we were to continue to grow and live spiritually, we need to die to our old habits. Old habits bog us down. They rob us of the potential to be the person God wants us to be. Unless we shed our old habits or sins we cannot really bloom into a better Christian. Once we undergo conversion, however, we ought not to go back to who we were before. Just as nature always move forward to a new beginning, we too ought to move forward to a new life in the Spirit.

For you children what might those old habits be? Perhaps, you need to give up being lazy so you can grow to being more responsible. Maybe you need to give up hurting people with your words so you can grow to being more loving. For us who are older perhaps we need to shed our indifference to the needy so we can grow in our charity. Maybe we can die to our tendency to be self-centered and live in the life of Christ. Unless we give up our old ways, we cannot move forward to a new beginning.

Since time immemorial the Church has recommended three ways to help us undergo spiritual shedding during Lent. One way is by intensifying our **prayer**. If before we only prayed whenever we had time or felt like it, this Lenten season we can make it a point not to let a day pass without having a moment of intimate conversation with God like we do with a friend. We can spend more time with Jesus talking about our struggles, emotional pain or our joys. For us adults we can spend our prayer time recollecting moments during the day that we encounter his love and mercy, thanking him for his loving embrace. We can even start picking up that bible gathering dust in our cabinet and read and reflect about scriptures so we can talk to God our personal struggles with what the Book of Life prescribes us to do. Becoming closer to Christ enables us to bloom as better persons.

Another way is **fasting and abstinence**. Fasting and abstinence for you children may be in the form of committing firmly to give up something that you desire and exchange it with something that allows you to love others. If you love to play computer games, for example, you might want to firmly commit yourself to give that up during Lent. Instead, you might want to use that time to help your parents do house chores or have good and fun times to play with your brother or sister. For us who are older, like 14 years old and above, a common penitence for us, unless our health does not allow us to do so, is to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. We can even abstain from our indifference, self-centeredness, or even things that gives us immediate gratification of needs. For persons between 18 and 59, we can eat only one solid meal on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Whenever we fast, we put aside our desires and wants so we can align these better with those of God.

The other way is **almsgiving**. An example is the annual Survival Sack Drive. You give up buying candy, gums, chips, or clothes and save the money to buy for the essential items needed to the homeless members of our society. Another is by participating in the annual Rice Bowl of the Catholic Relief Services. When we give we participate in the love and mercy of God. We incarnate the compassion of Christ who always love the needy.

Now is the acceptable time; now is the day God saves us (2 Cor 6:2)! Even now, God is drawing us to his loving embrace (Joel 2:12) and we respond by lifting up our hearts to God. We ask for his grace that through prayer, fasting and abstinence and almsgiving that we may enter more deeply into the mysteries of the life of Christ who suffered, died and rose in glory. By dying with Christ we rise with Him in glory!

*Fr. Rey Sarmiento*



Parishioners are once again invited to select a commemorative tile in the Fr. Jim Mifsud Courtyard of the school to be engraved with their personal message. Please take a moment to reflect on the courtyard tiles; the faculty, staff and students see them daily. We meet in the courtyard for prayer and school news when the weather allows. If you are interested, please contact the school office and fill in and return a form for a tile by March 1, 2016.



**Family Faith Formation**  
408-255-9950

Office is staffed on Tues. and Thurs. 8 -3 and on weekends by appointment. Please call before stopping by.

On The Calendar

- Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>: All classes meet at their usual times
- Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>: Children's Liturgy at the 9am Mass. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade participating
- Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>: FHC mini Retreat for students in the Eucharist I & II classes
- Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>: Family Faith Sharing for families of students in grades 1-5, pre-k, and kinder meet at their usual time.
- Mar. 6<sup>th</sup>: All classes meet at their usual times.
- Mar. 13<sup>th</sup> All classes meet at their usual times.



- Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>: Formation Night—Breakout sessions
- Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>: Formation Night—Breakout sessions
- Mar. 6<sup>th</sup>: Formation Night—Breakout sessions
- Mar. 13<sup>th</sup>: Formation Night—Breakout sessions

The Spirituality Formation Team

The book of Ordinary Lives Extraordinary Mission (OLEM).

We hope that you continue reading it to enhance your knowledge and excitement for our great Catholic Church.

Third Workshop : Have a Shield. Reply to e-mail SFT@qofa.org which date you will attend as well as the number of the adults in your party. For the Thursday session, please also include any children you will be bringing and their ages, as we will provide free childcare.

Fr. Thuc and the Spirituality Formation Team  
The next meetings will be Wednesday, March, 16, 7-8:30 am, or Thursday, March ,17, 7-8:30 pm.

*You are invited...*

**LIVING THE YEAR OF MERCY** 7pm – 8:30 pm

Diocese of San Jose Chancery  
1150 North First St. Suite 100  
San Jose, CA 95112

- We are Called to Be Merciful - March 3 Father Sergio Ovando
- Mercy in the Liturgy - April 7 Diana Macalintal
- The Spiritual Words of Mercy April 28 Father Gerardo Menchaca
- The Corporal Works of Mercy May 16 Deacon Ruben Solorio

**Office for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults**

Diocese of San Jose - Anthony Gonzalez Phone: 408-983-0113 Fax:408-983-0147 Emergency line: 408-983-0141

**HIGH SCHOOL Youth Ministry and Confirmation**

ON THE CALENDAR:

Feb. 21st: Confirmation Class, 6:30pm-8pm in the gym

SAVE THE DATE:

June 13-17: Diocesan High School Youth Retreat at Lake Tahoe (8 spots available)  
Youth/Young Adult Band & Choir rehearsals are every Wednesday evening. Contact jluu@dsj.org for more information.  
\*Like us on Facebook: "Queen of Apostles Youth"  
\*Contact us: youth@qofa.org | 213-6509 | www.qofa.org

*We lovingly pray for those in our Parish and families who cannot join us at Mass especially, Linda Ann Hanson, Tina Bowen, Venice Romiti, Ken Koenig, Tomas Arguello, Rocca Guido. Please let us also pray for all our servicemen and women who serve in the Armed Forces throughout the world and remember them in our hearts today and everyday. We remember those dearly departed in our Queen of Apostles family and in our own families and special persons:*

**. ANNUAL LENTEN**

**SURVIVAL SACK DRIVE**

Be a Good Samaritan in caring for our homeless neighbors at Sacred Heart Community Services. See the table outside the church for a flyer listing items, such as soap, socks, underwear, pouches, small blankets, toiletries. Monetary donations welcome. Donations through Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Sponsored by Social Justice Committee.

### Support World Youth Day Pilgrims

The World Youth Day Pilgrims say THANK YOU to the Ladies Guild for their support in the bake sale fundraiser, in addition to all those who donated delicious baked-goods!

#### **Goal progress:**

We have reached 44.4% of our goal!

#### **Spiritual preparation:**

We are reflecting on the Year of Mercy, and St. Faustina's message of Divine Mercy.

#### **Logistics:**

We received our flight information, itinerary, and more!

#### **Physical preparation:**

We are gearing up for a Spring hike with St. Lucy WYD pilgrims!

### PEACEMAKERS

On Ash Wednesday Pope Francis urged us to let go of indifference and selfishness. He asked us to return to God and do what God asks of us.

The young people of this parish have received this message and have acted on it. Our peacemakers this week are Ryan Tran and Summer Faso, both teenagers at Queen of Apostles Parish. Ryan has been active in many social justice projects, most recently the Grateful Garment in which he has raised funds for victims. He spoke in San Francisco at the gathering of "Teen Power: Be a Force in the Fight Against Human Trafficking." Ryan was the youngest speaker (age 13) and presented with passion and clarity. He voiced the opinion that Middle School students were old enough to act in the protection of young girls and boys as well as adults who are abused or exploited in human trafficking. Summer Faso, 19, has also been active in social justice projects beginning with a Girl Scout project. The project, for her Gold Award, similar to Eagle in Boy Scouts, to provide care packages to children in a local hospital suffering from cancer. She began in a small way, appealing to parishioners and others for donations. Long after her Gold Award project was over Summer continues to donate items that bring comfort to these hospitalized children. Summer said that to effect change we need to be involved in a project that can be sustained over time and that is what she has tried to do.

Thank you, young people, for speaking up for what you believe in as disciples of Christ. Thank you for pursuing and embracing justice and charity not just as a task to satisfy a school or scout requirement, but as an act of mercy.

The Social Justice Committee



### Santa Clara County 2015

Alateen is a safe place for young people (12 through 20) who are affected by the drinking or drug abuse of a family member or friend. There are no dues or fees. The "Heart to Heart Freedom" Alateen group meets every Thursday evening here at Queen of Apostles School at 7:45 p.m. in room 7. Please call Jay or Venice at 408-406-7081 for more information.

### Grief Group

The grief support group's next meeting will be 3/7/2016. Please call Shirley 408-241-1209 if you have any questions or need to talk.

### LENTEN OFFERING

#### FASTING

We, Catholics, are asked to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and not to eat meat on Fridays of Lent. Abstaining from meat and / or other things that we can give up during Lent are encouraged. Fasting and abstinence are called sacrifices. They are forms of sacrifices that are not an end in themselves but tell us who we are-followers of Christ.



**Save the Date:** The Stanford Blood Center will be at Queen of Apostles on Tuesday, March 1st, from 2pm-6pm. Confirmation Candidates will be taking appointments after all Masses on February 20, 21, 27, & 28 Contact youth@qofa.org. for more information.

**THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU ON WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT. The times will be 6-8:00 pm in the church. We will offer confessions and exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.**



# *Queen of Apostles Church*

4911 Moorpark Avenue

San Jose, Ca 95129

## **Never Give Up!**

### **PASTORAL STAFF:**

**Rev. Thuc Si Ho, Pastor**  
**Rev. Reynaldo Sarmiento, Parochial Vicar**  
**Brian McKenna, Deacon**  
**Kristie Manning, Faith Formation/RCIA Director**  
**Gregory Elsner, Accountant**  
**Mary Ann Oddo, Receptionist / Secretary**  
**Marie McCarthy, Receptionist / Secretary**  
**Klarissa Chichioco, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry**

**Family Faith Formation:** 408-255-9950

**Parish Office** 408-253-7560  
Open 9-5 Mon. - Friday  
4911 Moorpark Ave. Closed for lunch: 12-1  
San Jose, Ca.. 95129 Fax: 408-253-9530  
**Web Site:** [www.qofa.org](http://www.qofa.org)

**Marty Chargin, School Principal**  
**School Address:** 4950 Mitty Way  
408-252-3659 San Jose, CA 95129

### **MASS SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday**  
**(Vigil Mass):** 5:00 p.m.  
**Sundays:** 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.,  
5:00 p.m.  
**Weekdays:** 6:30 and 9:30 a.m.  
**Saturdays:** 8:00 a.m.  
**Holy Days:** (Vigil Mass) 5:00 p.m.,  
6:30, 9:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.  
**Marian Devotions:** After the 8:00 a.m. Mass on  
Saturday

### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

Seminar required. Please contact Rectory for information.

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

Saturdays - 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. or by appointment.

### **SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:**

Contact Rectory at least SIX MONTHS prior to any proposed wedding date.

### **INQUIRY SESSION ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:**

Contact number: 408-255-9950 or [kmanning@dsj.org](mailto:kmanning@dsj.org)