

## March 13, 2016 - March 20, 2016

Sunday	<b>Continental Breakfast after 9:00am Mass. DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS</b>
Monday	<b>Next Grief Group Meeting is tonight at 7 pm in the Rectory.</b>
Tuesday	The next Ladies Guild meeting is 4/12 at 1 pm in the Fr. Jim Community Center meeting rooms. <b>NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME .</b>
Wednesday	<b>OLEM 7-8:30 AM-CHAPEL, The Light Is On -Confessions, Adoration 6 -8:00pm</b>
Thursday	<b>Adoration after the 9:30 am Mass until 6:45 with Benediction. OLEM 7-8:30PM -CHAPEL</b>
Friday	<b>Stations of the Cross at 5:30 pm, followed by the Soup Supper</b>
Saturday	<b>Mass at 8 am, Confession 4-4:45 pm NA Meeting tonight. Daylight Savings Time begins.</b>
Sunday	<b>Continental Breakfast after 9 am Mass</b>

### Social Justice CORNER

It's raining outside. I hope the homeless have a place to stay. The tents behind the bushes on Hwy. 280 are plastic and may not hold up under this strong wind. There may be leaks. It is probably cold if they do not have a warm blanket. Sometimes children are asleep in the tents. I hope they feel warm tonight.

What can we do? We have just completed the backpack drive which was very successful. But the homeless are at risk when it gets cold and rainy. The homeless also do not have a place to take showers. When homeless shelters are full they have no space to allow use of showers.

St. Vincent de Paul volunteers in this parish have an idea about how we can help. The Project is called Dignity on Wheels. It is a large van with portable showers and is able to go from one parish to another. Some parishes are supporting the work of the project by offering to provide towels and other necessities. We may want to help with that. Let us know what you think. It's raining again. Thank you, Lord, for the roof over my head. We pray that the homeless are warm and safe tonight. Thank you, Lord, for your blessings. Social Justice Committee



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

## MASS INTENTIONS +

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<b>Sunday</b>	7:30am	No Intention
	9:00am	Sanura Marion †
	11:00am	Matthew Porter †
	5:00pm	For Our Parishioners
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 am	Rashid Alamin (living)
	9:30 am	No Intention
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 am	Sherman Bowen †
	9:30 am	No Intention
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 am	No Intention
	9:30 am	No Intention
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30am	Matteo Franceschetto †
	9:30am	No Intention
<b>Friday</b>	6:30am	No Intention
	9:30am	No Intention
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 am	No Intention
	5:00 pm	Parferio & Hilario Burata †, all souls
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 am	Betty Moy †
	9:00 am	Mary Ryan †
	11:00 am	For Our Parishioners
	5:00 pm	Anna Tien Duong †

### Weekly Stewardship Report



Collections for 3/6/2016	\$ 11, 368
Collections 7/1/15 to 3/6/16	\$ 398,136
Budgeted 7/1/15 to 3/6/16	\$ 404,721
Variance	\$ (6,585)

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 8 and have pledges for \$ 112,164 thus far, 241 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 PO Box 9604, San Jose CA 95157.  
Ascent is also looking for men's work shoes.. Please leave at the last garage. Thank you!

My Dear Friends in Christ,

Isn't it ironic that, approaching the most painful time in Jesus' life, His passion and death, we are presented with three very joyous scriptural readings today? Let us start with Ezekiel who wrote nearly 600 years before Christ to the Jews of his day living in exile in Babylon. They had lost everything – their homeland, their king, and their temple. They felt abandoned by their God and many believed the covenantal relationship God offered Abraham for eternity, had been broken by their sinfulness. Their exile had to be very depressing.

Yet along comes Ezekiel with a strange prophecy that the covenant is still very much in force. He says that God will raise their dead and bring them all home to the land of Israel. At this time Jews had no belief in an afterlife. They felt this life was it and they would only live on in their children – if at all. Certainly some of them must have doubted but to those who accepted Ezekiel's as a prophet, this must surely have been cause for celebration. They truly expected that the dead would arise and move back to Israel, a fate welcomed by any practicing Jew, so this is a happy message.

Then we have Paul's similar message to the Romans, except for them the rising will be to eternal life – no mere earthly kingdom here. All they need do is live in the Spirit of Christ's loving message and reject the sensuous pleasures of this world. His words of caution about the flesh must be viewed in the context of his message that they are destined for greater things – just as we all are. Just as Christ rose from the dead, we too will be raised – body and soul so long as we live the gospel message of love that Christ taught and lived.

The gospel message is a clear message of Jesus' love. What makes the story of Lazarus so dramatic is its emphasis on Jesus' humanity. Scholars tell us that John stressed the divinity of Jesus in his Gospel but here he emphasizes His humanity. Why? Well, the first century audience to whom he was speaking believed that Jesus would come back in their lifetimes to bring them to Heaven. John conveys here to his audience that Christ is already among us raising us to His Heavenly kingdom the same way He resurrected Lazarus. Just as His love saves us, our love for one another saves us.

The Lazarus story does not appear in the other gospels. Since it occurs just prior to Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, many scholars attribute the welcoming throngs to the fact that it had become widely known that He had raised a dead man. Would we not today expect such a feat to gain instant worldwide acclaim? And does it not shock us a little that this action is what drove the Jewish authorities to destroy Him? It was the last straw for them.

We really have to dig a little deeper to see the true meaning behind this story. Jesus announces to his disciples that Lazarus is quite sick. Contrary to what we would expect, he does not leave immediately to visit his sick friend, what we would normally expect a loved one to do. What is his point? Even Martha and Mary are disappointed that he waited so long to come that Lazarus had died. In the other gospel stories where Jesus raised people from the dead, he did so right after they had died so why the delay? Especially since we are told that Jesus truly loved these people and cried when told Lazarus had died. So what is the point?

First, there could be no doubt that Lazarus was not in a catatonic stage but was really dead. Otherwise, why would his sister be concerned about the stench from a rotting corpse? No, Jesus did not want to leave any doubt in the people's mind that what He was about to do was a true miracle. The point is quite simple really. Just as Jesus' loving relationship with Martha, Mary and Lazarus brought Lazarus back to life, our loving relationship with Him and with one another is what gives us our eternal life. When He says, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God" just before He raises Lazarus, He tells us the same thing. Believe in Him and eternal happiness is ours. How can we ask for more?

God bless, Deacon Brian



Our students are healthy individuals. Physical education classes for K-8<sup>th</sup> grade are held twice a week and movement classes to define fine motor skills are held twice a week for K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade students. Sports teams are formed in 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade for basketball, volleyball, and track in addition to boys' flag football and girls' softball. Hot Lunch is made for our students on-site.



**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

*Thanks to all of the families who brought in supplies and money for the survival sack drive. Last weekend our middle school students filled up about thirty backpacks with all of your donations. THANK YOU!!!!*

Mar. 13<sup>th</sup> All classes meet at their usual times.

Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday, all classes meet at their usual times

Mar. 27<sup>th</sup>: Easter Sunday, NO CLASSES

Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup> Classes resume

## MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

Mar. 13<sup>th</sup>: Formation Night—Breakout sessions

Mar. 20<sup>th</sup>: Palm Sunday—Stations of the Cross

Mar. 27<sup>th</sup>: Easter Sunday—NO SESSION

Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup>: Formation Night—Breakout sessions

Apr. 8<sup>th</sup>: Middle School Social—more info coming soon!

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

Mercy in the Liturgy - April 7 Diana Macalintal

The Spiritual Works 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:

March 13th: Confirmation class, 6:30pm-8pm in the gym

March 20th: All high school students meeting, 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 jlou@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: Anthony Picariello, Maria Spaccica*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RCIA ELECT AND CATECHUMANS**

Last week's bulletin article talked about our opportunity to evangelize. In that spirit, I will ask for your prayers and welcoming spirit for those in our parish preparing for baptism. In the coming weeks we will be updating our board with their photos, so you can put names to faces. This Easter, we will have one young person who will receive all three sacraments of initiation, as well as one adult who will complete her sacraments. In addition, we have others among us who are continuing the catechumenal process, in the hopes of becoming fully initiated next year. Please keep all of our catechumen and elect in your prayers, and as Jesus does for each of us, welcome them with open arms to His church, and their new home.

## Support World Youth Day Pilgrims

We have reached 57% 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!

**Save the date:** Beer, Brats, and Bingo on March 19, 6pm at the Community Center!



Daylight Savings begins on **Sunday, March 13**. Before you turn in for the night on Saturday, remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour.



### Santa Clara County 2015

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.

**Queen of Apostles Preschool** is looking for an energetic, experienced, enthusiastic, active, and dedicated teacher to lead our 3 and 4-year-old class, and join our professional and fun team. Candidates should have 18 Early Childhood Education or Child Development Units, should have more than one year preschool experience teaching 3 to 4 year old classes.

Ability to pass background check & finger print clearance. Current: First Aid & CPR certified. Ability to communicate positively and effectively with children, parents and staff.

This position is a full time position.

If you are interested in applying for this position, please contact the preschool director, Sophia Paul at paul@qofa-school.org. You may reach her at 408-213-1630 Ext. 222.

## PEACEMAKERS

St. Katherine Drexel was born into a wealthy family in the US. She was a devout Catholic who devoted her life to helping the poor, in particular those ignored by most people – the poor native Americans and black Americans. She endowed scores of schools on Indian reservations and founded the first Black Catholic college, Xavier in New Orleans.

When asked about her mission she stated, "My only business is to ask, 'What will my Father think.'"

Her focus was always on the Father and her mission was to help those in need. How can we, in our lives, define our mission? Is it to honor the wishes of the Father? (Read Matthew 5)

Social Justice Committee

## PILGRIMAGE

Fr. Noel Sanvicente invites you to join our pilgrimage visiting the beloved Shrines of our Faith in Germany, Austria, Slovakia, and Hungary from September 11-22, 2016. Reserve by March 31 to save up to \$150 per person. For more information, please contact Patricia at (408) 571-9087 or Fr. Noel at (916) 220-8353.



**Date:** Saturday, March 19, 2016

**Time:** 6pm-9pm

**Location:** Community Center

**Tickets:** \$18 for Seniors, \$20 for Adults, and \$8 for kids (12 and under) \*All adult tickets include the meal and 1 bingo card

**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

Closed for lunch: 12-1

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**Marty Chargin, School Principal**

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4950 Mitty Way

408-252-3659

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### **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)