March 26, 2017 – April 2, 2017	
Sunday	**Continental Breakfast after 9am Mass** **Special Collection this Weekend is For Catholic Relief Services**
Monday	
Tuesday	The next Ladies Guild meeting is 4/11 at 1 pm in the Fr. Jim Community Center meeting rooms. **NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME.**
Wednesday	**"THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU" 6-8PM**
Thursday	**ADORATION after 9:30 am Mass**
Friday	**RECTORY CLOSED TO CELEBRATE Caesar Chavez Day** **6:30am Communion Service** **9:30am Communion Service** **5:30 pm Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper**
Saturday	
Sunday	**Continental Breakfast after 9 am Mass**

Social Justice Corner

As he went along he saw a man who had been blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he should have been blind.'"

John 9:1-2

Jesus said that no one was to blame for the man's blindness. But why do we want to blame someone? How is that part of our thinking? Henry Nouwen, in *Jesus: A Gospel*, asks us to see the blind man differently. He asks us to solve our problems some other way than to blame. He asks us to see through the darkness of doubt to the light of God. We have that opportunity when we see any tragedy. We can choose to see the hope of God through the darkness. Jesus is there, waiting for us on the other side of the darkness. He will walk by our side in our pain and sorrow because he knows and has experienced suffering. And he knows the glory of the Resurrection.

Social Justice Committee

The Diocese of San Jose has partnered with **EthicsPoint** to provide a confidential method to hear suggestions, concerns or reports of financial misconduct. **EthicsPoint** accepts reports of financial misconduct through its website or its Hotline: 1-888-325-7863. Please direct any questions that you may have about **EthicsPoint** or reporting concerns to Teresa Conville, Diocesan Compliance and Parish Financial Services Director at 408-983-0241 or tconville@dsj.org.

MASS INTENTIONS

March 26, 2017 - April 2, 2017

Sunday	7:30am	Eleanor Sugden †
	9:00am	No Intention
	11:00am	No Intention
	5:00pm	For Our Parishioners
Monday	6:30 am	Communion Service
	9:30 am	Communion Service
Tuesday	6:30 am	No Intention
	9:30 am	Eugene Kassel †
Wednesday	6:30 am	Eleanor Sugden †
	9:30 am	No Intention
Thursday	6:30am	No Intention
	9:30am	Jerome Lewis †
Friday	6:30am	Communion Service
	9:30am	Communion Service
Saturday	8:00am	No Intention
	5:00 pm	Pauline Goddard †
Sunday	7:30 am	For Our Parishioners
	9:00 am	Mac Eric Perez †
	11:00 am	Tom Kelly †
	5:00 pm	No Intention

Weekly Stewardship Report

Collections for 3/19/2017	$ 10,029
Collections 7/1/2016 – 3/19/2017	$ 414,512
Budgeted 7/1/2016-3/19/2017	$ 433,750
Variance	($ 19,238)

Please note the budgetary shortfall:To help keep the parish within its budget please prayerfully consider making a one time tax deductible gift. Contact the parish office for details. Thank you for your continued support!

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Weekly ADA Update Report

The Annual ADA Campaign has begun. We have finished week three. We have already received pledges amounting to $94,885 from 186 families. We are doing great, however, we need everyone's participation in order to be successful. Fr. Thuc thanks everyone for their generosity and for participating and those considering. All gifts are appreciated along with your prayers for a successful campaign. Keep up the good work. THANK YOU ! THANK YOU!

Everything You Always Wanted to Ask about Your Faith but were Afraid to Ask

Contributed by Fr. Rey Sarmiento

Question:

"What good does fasting do? Why would denying myself food or meat help me get closer to God?"

Answer:

There is this person who asks his friend "Do you observe fasting during lent?" The friend answered: "Yes, I do! I eat fast so people won't catch me always eating during Lent! J.

The practice of fasting comes all the way from the earliest period of the Church's history. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) defines fasting as "Refraining from food and drink as an expression of interior penance…in imitation of the fast of Jesus for forty days in the desert. Fasting is recommended in Scripture and the writings of the Church Fathers" (CCC glossary).

Fr. William Saunders, author of the book *Straight Answers: Answers to 100 Questions About the Faith* (Cathedral Press, 1998), points out that St. Paul reminds us how "continually we carry out in our bodies the dying of Jesus, so that in our bodies the life of Jesus may also be revealed.' (2 Corinthians 4:10). We too are charged to convert our whole lives – body and soul – to the Lord. This conversion process involves doing penance, including bodily mortification (the disciplining and self-denial of the body and its appetites) like fasting, for our sins and weaknesses, which in turn strengthens and heals us."

The practice of fasting is one of the many ways that express interior penance. When one fasts, one goes through the process of denying oneself so that one becomes more available to the Spirit. Fasting becomes even more efficacious if done with prayer and almsgiving. Where as fasting helps us deny the pleasures of the flesh; prayer takes the place of our tendency to be egocentric and almsgiving allows us to be indifferent to material things. Combined together, these practices express our heartfelt desire to grow in our relationship with Christ so personally sacrificed so much for us that He made the ultimate self-denial in order to give us life. Throughout Lent, the invitation is before us to intensify our fasting, prayer and almsgiving so come Easter we feel more empowered and renewed. Thus we will get into the experience of the resurrection of Christ.

Source: Pinto and Evert, "Did Jesus have a Last Name?"; Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC); Google images for the pictures used in this article.

You are invited to our Queen of Apostles School Mini Open House for prospective families this Sunday, March 26, 2017 from 10 am to 12:30 pm. You will be able to gather school information, meet our preschool director, and meet one of our teachers during this time

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

Youth Ministry:
March 26 & April 2 - Confirmation Session, 6:30pm
April 4 - Sharks Game, $35, rsvp tix at youth@qofa.org

Retreat:
June 12-16 Diocesan Youth Retreat in Lake Tahoe
(Registration is now open at www.dsj.org/youth/events/diocesan-youth-retreat-dyr*Like us on Facebook: Queen of Apostles Youth
*Follow us on Instagram: QofAYM

CRS RICE BOWL: Encounter Community

We encounter Mari in Mexico, where a community of hardworking women share joys, sorrows and fellowship while growing economic opportunity at a greenhouse. How have your communities helped you encounter Christ anew this Lent Visit **crsricebowl.org** for more.

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

Family Faith Formation
408-255-9950
Office is staffed on Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 am -3:00 pm and on weekends by appointment. Please call before stopping by.

Registration forms for 2016-2017 are available online at http:www.qofa.org/2016-2017-registration-2 or in the parish office. On the Calendar:

March 25th: 2nd Scrutiny for RCIA Elect at the 5pm Mass
March 26th: All classes except for Eucharist class meet at their usual time First Holy Communion Mini-Retreat 8:30am to 12:30pm
April 2nd: All classes meet at their usual times

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

We are still accepting registrations for our Middle School Ministry program for the 2016-2017 school year. More info can be found online http://www.qofa.org/middle-school-ministry. MSM meets Sunday nights at 6:15 in the gym.

On the Calendar:

Mar. 26th: Formation Night - breakout sessions
Apr. 2nd: General Session - Jeopardy! Kids vs Parents
Rehearsal for Stations of the Cross 2:30pm in the church
April 6th: Rehearsal for Stations of the Cross 5:30pm in the church
April 7th: Presentation of Stations of the Cross 5:30pm in the church

FORMED

Looking for a new way to grow in faith? Check out FORMED. org. Formed is an online resource for families where you can find amazing Catholic resources available to you for FREE as a gift to you from Queen of Apostles. Register now using our parish code: RKQKKG and enjoy movies, podcasts, e-books and more!

ASCENT EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Hours of operation, **9:00 am -2:00 pm , Tuesday thru Thursday**
Contact 408-257-8302 FAX Number 408-257-4600
Web Site: www.ascent-jobs.org PO Box 9604, San Jose CA 95157.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Candlelight Procession for Life – April 7 – 7pm – St. Leo Church
Daily Prayer Vigils – March 1st – April 9th -1691 The Alameda, San Jose

ANNUAL LENTEN

SURVIVAL SACK DRIVE

Be a Good Samaritan in caring for our homeless neighbors at Sacred Heart Community Services. Take home a flyer listing items such as soap, socks, women's and especially men's underwear (M. L. XL), ponchos, rolled fleece blankets, full-sized hygiene items. Cash and checks (made out to Sacred Heart Community Services) welcomed. Donations through Sunday, March 26 at our table. Involve your children and grandchildren!

Sponsored by the Social Justice Committee

THE LENTEN SEASON

1. Stations of the Cross on Fridays of Lent at 5:30pm, followed by Soup Suppers. 2. "The Light Is On For You" every Wednesday from 6:00pm - 8:00pm, Adoration and Confessions. More information can be found on the Bulletin Boards at the Church entrances.

NEED YOUR HELP!!!

The St. Vincent de Paul Council of Queen of Apostles is in urgent need of your help. The group of volunteers is asking for anyone who might be interested in joining the group as a volunteer. You can contact Terean Crews at tereancrews@yahoo.com for more information.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Queen of Apostles & Disciples Sports (Young Adult program of Diocese of San Jose) presents:
SPRING BASKETBALL LEAGUE for Young Adults

AGE: 18-39
Tuesday Nights
March 28-May 2
7:30 PM-10;30 PM

PEACEMAKERS

The Disappeared – Lest We Forget

In Argentina many years ago, the government rounded up innocent young people who protested injustice and they disappeared, never to be seen again. Later it was found that they had been killed. Last year, in Mexico, a similar thing happened when innocent young people were in a peaceful demonstration against injustice, then arrested, never to be seen again. The 43 students were honored at Santa Clara University in a play called *XLIII: A Requiem*. The play is part of an ongoing *Salon 2016* which examines how the arts can combat a world besieged by violence and misunderstanding. See scu.edu/Salon 2016 Jesus spoke often about peace and non-violence. Matthew 5: *Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good.* Or *I Peter 2 He (Jesus) returned no insults . . . he did not threaten, instead he handed himself over to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness.*

How can we, though saddened by violence around us, "live for righteousness?" How can we, in our lives, remember those who have suffered for justice's sake? What remembrance can be made?

The Social Justice Committee

Registration is now open for Vacation Bible Camp !

Camp will take place from June 19-23; 9 am to 12 pm. Register by April 30th to take advantage of early bird pricing! Forms available in the vestibule, online or in the parish office. For more info call 408.255.9950

Book: Rediscover Jesus

Chapter 13, Who is the greatest?

The Gospels inform us of our serious and inescapable obligation to the poor. It is impossible to separate the spiritual teachings of Jesus Christ from his social teachings, just as it is impossible to separate our love of God from our love of neighbor. The dual command to love God and love neighbor are inseparable. It is easy to say, "I love God." It is easy to say, "I am a Christian." But Jesus challenges us to prove it. Our love of neighbor is the proof that we love God. To find out more, read Rediscover Jesus. Kelly, Mathew. *Rediscover Jesus: an Invitation.* United States: Beacon, 2015.Print

We lovingly pray for those in our Parish and families who cannot join us at Mass especially: Tomas Arguello, Venice Romiti, George Hakius, Jeanne Futrell, Barbara Carrillo, Earle Bowman, Trish McManaman, Patrick Dougherty, Evelyn Franzen,. 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: Edward Seiler

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Never Give Up!

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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