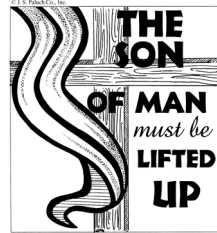


ST. JUSTIN PARISH COMMUNITY



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God's Sacrifice



While visiting my father-in-law this summer, I happened to pick up and quickly peruse a book I discovered in his living room, called Rediscover Catholicism, by Matthew Kelly. In the preface, Mr. Kelly paints this scenario: Imagine that there was a virulent flu pandemic, one that has hit all countries, all neighborhoods, all communities very hard. Your family and neighbors have been affected and people are dying daily. The virus is spreading rapidly and the health officials have been frantically looking for a cure. They find one. Eureka! However, the cure requires a particular element or trait in blood and they ask for everyone to come and be tested to see if they have the necessary component. Like good citizens, you and your family visit the nearby clinic to be tested. As luck would have it, they find a match ... in your young son. He is whisked away, with you in chase, drained of some more blood that is tested further. The officials confirm the efficacy of the cure and are ecstatic.

More blood is needed to develop the cure for the masses. Your son is the only match. He has enough in him to cure the infected people in the world, but every last drop is needed and he would not survive. They ask you for your written permission to extract the blood.

The whole world is waiting for your decision. Millions who could be saved, could die tomorrow. What are

you to do? Could you sacrifice your son to save the people of the world?

As parents, having to make such a choice would be pure and absolute agony for us, one that we hope never to make. Yet God made this choice and made it in our favor. How easy it is for us to thank God for HIS sacrifice without having to think about how deep a sacrifice it truly is.

Today, we celebrate the Exaltation of the Cross, a day that observes finding the True Cross of Jesus by St. Helena, the dedication of the churches built on the site of the Holy Sepulchre and Mount Calvary, as well as the restoration of the True Cross to Jerusalem. It is a day to remember, in a special way, God's sacrifice to save us. It is a day to remember and honor Jesus, who gave up his life for us. On this Sunday, the music will remind us of Good Friday, when Jesus died on the cross.

Today's psalm asks us to "Forget not the works of the Lord." As we look upon the cross today and everyday, let us go beyond just remembering Jesus' death on the cross. In his book, Mr. Kelly contends that if it is our child to die, we would want everyone to know, remember and appreciate the life that was given in order that we of the world could live. Let us honor God's sacrifice and strive constantly to remind the world what a hero Jesus truly is for saving our lives.

Lillian Kwitakowski

Masses

Saturday 8:00 a.m., 5 p.m. (Vigil)
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m.,
12:15 & 7:00 p.m.

Daily Mass 8:30 a.m., Monday-Friday
8:00 a.m., Saturday

Holy Days of Obligation
8:30 a.m., 12:15, 7:00 p.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
or by appointment

Initiation

If interested in exploring the Catholic Faith or completing the Sacraments of Initiation as an adult or youth, contact Catechetical Ministry at 296-1193 x 104.

Marriage

Couples registered within the parish are required to make arrangements at least six months prior to the date of marriage by calling 296-1193 and must complete a Marriage Preparation Program.

Sacrament of the Sick

If you know of any parishioner who is ill, at home, or in the hospital, please notify the Parish Office so our Eucharistic Ministers of the Sick may bring communion or anointing can be arranged.

Baptism

Infant baptism is celebrated following completion of our parish Baptism Preparation Program. New and expectant parents are invited to call the Parish Office at 296-1193.

Youth Confirmation

High School Youth Confirmation is celebrated during the Easter Season. Registration occurs in the summer.

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FAX: 408-244-9437
Website: www.st-justin.org

Catechetical Ministry Ext. 110
Ministry to the Sick Ext. 0
Youth Ministry Ext. 110
Liturgical Ministry Ext. 107
Community Ministry 408-243-1462
School Office 408-248-1094
Thrift Store 408-243-7117

Summer Hours:
Monday-Friday 9-1:00 p.m.
Saturday 9-3:00 p.m.
Sunday 10-3:00 p.m.

Upcoming Second Offerings
Your generosity is appreciated.
*Denotes Parish Second
Collection.

9/14	Middle East
9/21	Building Fund*
9/28	Mission Co-Op

Mass Dedications for the Week of September 15 – September 21, 2014 + notes deceased

Mon., 8:30 a.m.	Leonard "Lenny" DeYoung +	Sat., 5:00 p.m.	Leonard Stimpson +
Tues., 8:30 a.m.	Theresa Nguyen +	Sun., 7:30 a.m.	Jose & Belen Diaz
Wed., 8:30 a.m.	Maria Camacho & Family	Sun., 9:00 a.m.	Lucy Vargas Calvillo +
Thurs., 8:30 a.m.	Floyd Gandeza +	Sun., 10:30a.m.	For All Parishioners
Fri., 8:30 a.m.	Eueulogio & Susana Balce +	Sun., 12:15 p.m.	Florencia Sagaysay +
Sat., 8:00 a.m.	Ron Mata +	Sun., 7:00 p.m.	Efemio Quintero



We pray for those who are ill or suffering from loneliness, sadness, or depression. We pray for those who care for them. We pray for our deceased family and friends. We pray for our men and women who are serving in the military.

This week we pray especially for those who are ill or preparing for surgery:
Jas Arandia, Lucia Ayson, Josephine Cali, Patricia Campbell, Linda Hamilton, Sally Humbert, Nebu Issabey, George Mignosi, Gertrude O'Malley, Hiep Phan, Larry Phelan, Gladys Surina, Bernice Sylvia, Warren Voith

And for those who have died: Lawrence Frontella, Juan Garcia

To have a person added to the Prayer Request, please call the Parish Office at 296-1193.

Our second collection for
Catholic Education was

\$1,448.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT SEPTEMBER 7, 2014

Goal	\$12,500.00
1st Collection	\$11,625.00
Direct Deposit	\$2,033.00
Online Giving	\$1,479.00
Variance	\$2,637.00

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 15 — 21, 2014

Monday	1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17 or Ps 31:2-6, 15-16, 20; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Tuesday	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday	1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday	1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50
Friday	1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday	1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday	Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a



save the date!



Parish 63rd Anniversary Pot Luck Dinner & Auction Saturday, October 4, 6:00– 9:00 p.m.

For a flyer with more information, please contact our office, and we will send you a copy. This Potluck Dinner and Silent Auction benefits Community Ministry. We are inviting any parishioner who has an item that they would like to donate to our Silent Auction to bring that item to the Parish Ministry Center by **October 1**.

Seats are \$15.00 with the Main Entrée (Ham) and Refreshments supplied by the Parish.

Parishioners are asked to bring with them food for **8-12 people** as follows. If your last name begins with:

- P - V** **Appetizer – Finger foods for our Cocktail Hour**
- W - Z** **Bread – Rolls (Butter is supplied)**
- A - F** **Salad (Green, Fruit, Potato or Macaroni)**
- G - L** **Side Dish – Casserole**
- M - O** **Cookies – Cup Cakes**

INFANT BAPTISM TEAM FORMING!

As we transition our infant baptisms to our weekend masses, Fr. Chris has asked us to create a comprehensive infant baptism team. The infant baptism team will:

- ◆ Lead the parent catechetical preparation sessions.
- ◆ Arrive early to prepare for the baptism and greet the families as they arrive at mass.
- ◆ Assist the presider during the baptism, as necessary.

◆ Continue the active connection with the young families afterwards with baptismal anniversary greetings and other support, as the team discerns.

We are very excited to re-energize this ministry to the young families of our parish. If you are interested in being a part of this process, please contact the front office to arrange an appointment with Tracy to begin the conversation.

FAITH FORMATION CONFERENCE

WHAT: Over 50 different workshops that connect with prayer and calls forth an action for justice. Workshops will be offered in English, Spanish and Vietnamese. The conference will address questions such as: *Where do I find hope? What does the Catholic Church teach? What are the best practices for ministry in a parish or parish school? How can I open wide the door of my heart to Christ?*

WHO: All of those interested in enriching their faith are welcome! In the past years over 2,000 attendees from all over Northern California attended. If you're a parish minister, catechetical leader, catechist, teacher,



youth minister or youth leader or perhaps you want to learn more about the Catholic faith - this conference is for you!

WHEN: Friday and Saturday, November 21 - 22, 2014

WHERE: Santa Clara Convention Center (Santa Clara, CA)

FOOD: Concessions will be available throughout the Convention Center.

WEBSITE:
www.faithformationconference.com
Sponsored by the Dioceses of San Jose, Oakland, Monterey, Stockton, and the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

ORGANIZATIONS

- PARISH COUNCIL**
Thomas Viano 408-296-1193
Thai Tran
- FINANCE COUNCIL**
Mary Sparacino 408-296-1193
- STABLEMATES (Men's Club)**
Jim Newton 408-296-1193
- LADIES GUILD**
Diane Serrienne 408-296-1193
- GUADALUPE SOCIETY**
Maria Marquez 408-985-1088
- ALTAR SERVERS**
Stephen Russell 408-472-1931
- ST. JUSTIN CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:**
Frank Zuniga 408-688-1157
Theresa Huether 408-368-6317
- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, COUNCIL #3523**
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- FIL-AM ORGANIZATION**
Chito De Quinto 408-249-9443
- VOCATIONS COMMITTEE**
408-296-1193

Though all of us are called to sing and participate in every Mass, some may be looking for a more meaningful way to share their musical enthusiasm and talents at our liturgies. If this describes you, then please join Music Ministry here at St. Justin! We are seeking cantors and/or choir members who would like to help lead the assembly in song. Weekly practice is beneficial. No prior experience necessary, just the ability to follow a tune, a love for music and most importantly, a desire to serve the Lord in our community.



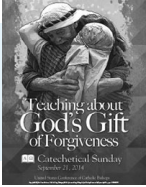
We are also looking for experienced instrumentalists who play piano, guitar, flute, violin, clarinet or percussion for some masses.

If you are interested in joining the fun or would like to get more information, please stop by the piano to talk to any current music minister at Sunday Mass or contact Lillian Kwiatkowski at lillian@st-justin.org or 408-296-1193 x112.

CATECHETICAL MINISTRY NEWS

Call or email **Laura Ortiz**, (408)296-1193 , ext. 0 , lortiz@st-justin.org for registration information.
If you have any questions about our programs, contact Tracy Sevigny at tracy@st-justin.org.

Youth Faith Formation



Next Sunday, September 21, is Catechetical Sunday. Please join our catechists at the 9:00 a.m. Mass, as they are commissioned for the new year.

In Search of Catechists & Aides

Our catechetical programs could not function without the dedication of many catechist volunteers. We are looking for both adults and youth who feel called to this very important ministry. We will arrange your training and provide all materials.



Our needs at this time are the following:

- * Junior High team members (Sundays, 10:15-11:30am)
- * 5th grade co-catechist (Sundays, 10:15-11:30am)

Call the Front Office, (408) 296-1193, if God is calling you today.

Ongoing Faith Formation New Registration

We provide ongoing faith formation for children age 3 (by **December 1**) through Junior High. The 3's –1st grade meet 9-10 a.m., and the 2nd– Jr. High meet 10:15-11:30 a.m. from September—April. If you are new to our program, you may contact the Front Office (408) 296-1193, ext. 0 and we will send you a registration packet or you may download one from our website. **Sessions begin September 28!**



Ongoing Faith Formation Returning Registration

If your child attended faith formation last year, you should have recently received a packet this week, which included a database printout for you to sign and return, a calendar, and an invoice for fees. **Sessions begin September 28!**



LAST CHANCE for High School Confirmation Registration

If you are a high school student interested in participating in our High School Confirmation Process, *please have a parent attend this Sunday's meeting, 5-6:30p.m., in the Parish Ministry Center.*

RCIA



(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Next Session

**Tuesday, September 16,
7-8:30p.m.
Parish Ministry Center**

Are you an adult seeking baptism? Or a baptized Christian seeking the full communion of the Catholic church? Or perhaps a baptized Catholic who wishes to complete initiation in the sacrament of confirmation? Come to our Tuesday session for more information!



Baptism of School-Age Children

If your child is seven years or older and unbaptized, we provide the Rite of Christian Initiation adapted for children. *Please call the parish office (408) 296-1193 ext. 0 to make a registration appointment.*

Sessions begin September 28!

Community Ministry



**Parish Anniversary
Dinner-Auction**

Our Annual Parish Dinner-Auction is taking place on Saturday evening, October 4. We are celebrating the 63rd anniversary of our Parish Community and all proceeds from this event benefit our own Community Ministry. We are providing the main entree, Ham, as well as all refreshments. The rest of the meal is a potluck. We are also collecting items for the Silent Auction that will be taking place. Please contact our office if you have any questions.

Outreach Dinner

Thank you to Louise Sumpter, her nephew, Scott, and Christy & Dennis Jacobs who sponsored last week's Outreach Dinner. Our next Outreach Dinner will be taking place next Sunday, **September 21**, beginning at 1:30 p.m. in our Parish Small Hall. All Senior Citizen members of our Parish are invited, along with a guest, to this meal followed by BINGO. We are presently looking for a sponsor for the dinners on **January 4 and February 1**. Contact Joe Bauer at 408-296-1193 or joe@st-justin.org if you and your group/family would be interested.

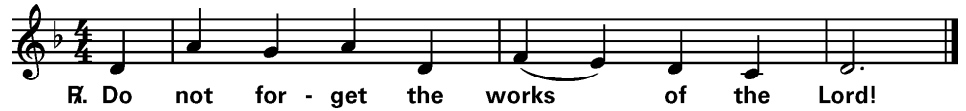


Baby Food Needed

Community Ministry is in need of **Baby Food**, especially Cereals and Fruits. Donations can be dropped off in the barrels located in the Church or Foyer of the School or brought to the Parish Office.



PSALM 78: EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

On this date in 335 two churches and a shrine erected by Constantine over the empty grave of Jesus and over the place of the crucifixion were dedicated. After these were destroyed by the Persians in 614, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, which still stands, was erected by the Crusaders in 1149. Today also commemorates the event that led to the building of the churches dedicated in 335: the discovery of the “true cross” by St. Helena, Constantine’s mother, in 326.

According to one legend, St. Helena traveled to Jerusalem on pilgrimage, in search of the true cross. Workers she hired dug through a pagan temple that had been erected on the site of the Crucifixion by Hadrian and found three crosses. A dying woman was brought in, and touched by each cross in succession, the last of which healed her. Helena ordered that this cross be divided in three parts, one to be kept in Jerusalem and the other two to be sent to Constantinople and Rome. The pieces in Jerusalem and Constantinople were ultimately lost. Slivers were taken from the portion that went to Rome until eventually it was scattered around the world.

Of course, the significance of the true cross lies not in the wood itself but in the burden that it bore. As a faithful Christian, what crosses do you accept in your life today?

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Food Collection

Most of you are aware of the Community Ministry Collection Barrels that are located in our Church. During the month of September, we will continue to request **Canned Soup, Pork & Beans, Chile, Macaroni & Cheese, Tomato Sauce and Canned Tuna**. These are items that we do not receive often from the Second Harvest Food Bank. Please feel free to drop donations in the barrels in the Church, in the Foyer of the School or bring items to the Parish Office.



Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Needed

For those of you who have back yard fruit trees with an over abundance of fruit and/or gardens with vegetables please consider donating what you can to Community Ministry. The fruit and vegetables are a welcome addition to the food that we distribute to those seeking assistance.



2014 Diocesan Young Adult Retreat: Pure Fire Reconnect: Come As You Are!

October 3-5, 2014

Friday evening - Sunday afternoon
Vallombrosa Center in Menlo Park

Surrounded by the street and distractions of the world, our faith can get lost. We may question our value and even God's love. How do we find our way back? Where does our faith fit in our life? We are each in a different place on our faith journey, but we all need to connect with Him. Listen to God calling you back. Reconnect and discover a community of faithful and faith-curious young adults from all over the Bay Area at the Pure Fire Retreat.

Questions? Email Kate at purefire@dsj.org.

Hosted by the Diocese of San Jose Young Adult Ministry

Second Collection

The bishops of the United States will express their solidarity with Christians and other minorities in the Middle East in the face of ongoing violence and persecution by taking up a special collection. Proceeds from the collection will support immediate humanitarian and pastoral needs, as well as the cost of long-term church reconstruction.

The collection will be taken in parishes across the Diocese of San Jose on the weekend of **September 13-14.**

Thank you for your support of this special collection and for your continued prayers for the victims of this crisis.

Stand and be Counted

Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and a commitment in all its dimensions brings you advantages, recognition, and responsibilities of many kinds. Being a registered parishioner makes things much easier when it is time for infant Baptism, weddings, when asked to be a Baptismal or Confirmation Sponsor and even funerals.

We are often asked to provide affidavits for Baptismal and Confirmation Sponsors. We can only do this if a person is a registered, active and contributing member.

So, are you a registered parishioner?

If not, please consider registering. Registration forms are available in the Parish Ministry Center or online at www.st-justin.org

SAVE THE DATE

**St. Justin's School
Annual Golf
Tournament!**



Friday, September 26th
12 noon—5:00 p.m.
Los Lagos Course

Awards Dinner & Raffle
Immediately Following.

www.stjustinschool.org/golf or call
Mike Baker at (408)460-4234

ST. JUSTIN SCHOOL IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

St. Justin School is accepting applications for the 2014-2015 school year. Please call (408) 248-1094, stop by the school office, or visit the school website www.stjustinschool.org for an application. ***We offer an In-Parish discount for active St. Justin parishioners!***

THRIFT STORE

The St. Justin Thrift Store is now back to normal store hours. Hours are
Monday – Friday from 9 – 2:30 p.m.

Saturday from 9 – 3:00 p.m. and Sunday from 10 – 3:00 p.m.

New items are coming in daily. You don't know what treasure you may find.
We hope to see you soon.

We accept donations daily while we are open. Please remember that school is back in session. We will have the barriers up from 10:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Thank you for your patronage.

If you suspect abuse in your parish, school or in the Diocese of San Jose, please contact: Child Protective Services 408-299-2071; Call 911; or **The Diocesan Office for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults**, 408-983-0113 or email protection@dsj.org. If you suspect financial mismanagement in your parish, school or in the Diocese of San Jose, please contact: **EthicsPoint**: dsj.ethicspoint.com.



Just a reminder to check all parish activities, go to our website at

www.st-justin.org. Click on the **CALENDAR** link, and you will find where it is being held and the times.

