Parish Calendar Mar. 8, 2015 - Mar. 15, 2015

Sunday	Continental Breakfast after the 9am Mass. Next week, Second Collection is for Catholic Relief		
Monday	Next Grief Group Meeting is 3/16 at 7 pm in the Rectory		
Tuesday	The next Ladies Guild meeting is today at 1 pm in the Fr. Jim Community Center meeting rooms. NEW MEMBERS WELCOME .		
Wednesday	Adoration and Reconciliation 6-8pm in the Church		
Thursday	Adoration after the 9:30 Mass until 6:30pm. Benediction following until 6:45.		
Friday	5:30 pm - Stations of the Cross in the Church followed by a Pasta Dinner in the Fr. Jim Community Center.		
Saturday	NA meeting in Community Center meeting rooms		
Sunday	Continental Breakfast after 9 am Mass Second Collection is for Catholic Relief		

SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

Our Lenten journey calls us to fast, pray and give alms. "Alms" includes our time, talents and treasures, offered selflessly and generously. Our parish is studying The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic by Matthew Kelly. The third sign is GENEROSITY. God is awesomely generous and generosity is at the heart of the Christian life. Generosity begins with gratitude. Dynamic Catholics LIVE in a state of generosity and proactively look for ways to be generous. Pope Francis recently spoke of the Good Samaritan. Not fleeing the scene, like the priest and Levite, he heard the voice of God calling him and he responded with compassion. Pope Francis stressed, "to be attached to God, not the things of God or good acts. Be open to hear God's voice, "- which we come to know through prayer and study. Jesus instructs us to 'Love your neighbor." For the next three weeks, the Social Justice Committee invites you to respond with intentional generosity to the Survival Sack Drive with items of comfort to our 'neighbors' in need. Do you hear God's voice calling you? Pick up a flyer in our lobby and respond with generosity,

Grief Group

The grief support group's next meeting will be 3/16. Please call Shirley 408-241-1209 if you have any questions or need to talk.

EASTER VIGIL CHOIR NEEDS INTERESTED SINGERS

All interested singers are invited to join our Easter Vigil Choir. The Ester Vigil will take place on the evening of Saturday 4 at 8:30 pm. Rehearsals will take place on Thursdays, March 12,19, and 26. Please contact Gina at beem47@sonic.net for further information

MASS INTENTIONS	Mar. 8, 2015 - Mar. 15, 2015		
Sunday	7:30am 9:00am 11:00am 5:00 pm	Dora Gonzalez † For Our Parishioners Raymundo Duran † Germanico Solis, Sr. †(anniv.) John Gabriel Solis (living) bd.	
Monday	6:30 am 9:30 am	Maria Abujin † All Souls in Pugatory †	
Tuesday	6:30 am 9:30 am	Wendy Mader † Art Lorenz †	
Wednesday	6:30 am 9:30 am	Thanksgiving for Rosenda Aguilar Peace for Family	
Thursday	6:30 am 9:30 am	Catherine Grellet (living) John & Jack Maguire †	
Friday	6:30 am 9:30 am	Tracy Borlaug (living) Elizabeth Miller †	
Saturday	8:00 am 5:00 pm	Thanksgiving for Rosenda Aguilar Mike Ausloos †	
Sunday	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Sherman Bowen † Sanura Marion † Blanca Jaimes † For Our Parishioners	



Weekly Stewardship Report

Collections for 3/1/2015 \$ 11,186 Collections Year to Date \$ 373,843 Budgeted Year to Date \$ 358,420 Variance \$ 15,423

Thank you for your continued support!

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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.



The RCIA meeting occurs every Sunday of each month at 10:15 -noon in the Rectory

Conference Room. Our next scheduled meeting is Sunday, March 8, 2015. If interested call Kathy Fanger at 408-242-3543 or e-mail rcia@qofa.org.

A Caregiver's Retreat Day focusing upon Compassion and care for self while walking with someone who suffers. For more info, call 650-428-3730 x214 or cemeteryinfo@dsj.org. The date for the workshop is March 28, 2015

My Brothers and Sisters.

Today's three readings emphasize the complete generosity of our Creator towards His creation, all of which is sacred because it comes from Him. God's generosity does not depend upon our merit, or even us asking for it. In the first reading we see the recently freed Israelites complaining about their lack of water. They are even beginning to doubt that their freedom was worth it. Moses is in fear for his life and he cries out to God to rescue him. And this God does to show that He is present among the Israelites despite their lack of belief. And despite their ingratitude He gives them what they seek – water. We should recall this story when we face difficulty just like Moses who pleaded for rescue and received it.

Paul picks up the message of Divine generosity in the second reading when he tells his audience that the gift of faith they received through Jesus is all the justification they need so they can boast of their redemption. Paul emphasizes their love of God is a gift of faith that they received while still living in sin. And our sinful state did not deter Jesus from sacrificing His life for us. Let this fact remind us that we do not do anything to merit Jesus' love for us. He just gave it because He wanted our love in return. And the best way to show Him our love is to love all His creation.

Then there is the famous Gospel where Jesus identifies Himself as the Messiah to an outcast. Not only is this person a prostitute, she is also a Samaritan, the lowest form of human life to a devout Jew. Add to that fact that no devout Jewish man would speak to a woman in public, Jesus is making it clear that His love and that of His Father's – knows no exceptions. Keep in mind that by the time this last reading was written, the temple in Jerusalem had already been destroyed so the audience to whom John speaks already knows that God has other plans for His chosen people. Yet, like the Israelites in Exodus, His audience was beginning to doubt where Jesus was because they had expected his second coming for some time now.

The audience could relate to the woman's initial lack of understanding because they too were in a bit of confusion. John wishes to reassure them that Jesus is present among them now. Like the Samaritan villagers they have come to believe that Christ is the Savior of the world and John wants his audience to maintain this belief despite their day-to-day worries and the persecutions they were undergoing because of their faith. This is the same message for us to-day. We must not forget that our Heavenly Father is constantly seeking us out to shower us with His blessings. All He asks of us is to return that love by showing it to one another, especially to the marginalized in our society. God bless us all.

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March

SCHOOL Queen of Apostles students will be busy this week:

DAYS \cdot 8th grade will be measured for caps and gowns \triangleright 7th grade will attend 7th grade day at Archbishop Mitty High School ▶▶ Grades 1,3,7,8 will attend plays. One of our 8th graders will perform in Les Miserables, the play 7^{th} and 8^{th} grade will attend. $\triangleright \triangleright 8^{th}$ grade will perform Community Service on Thursday . Second trimester report cards will be sent home electronically on Friday. ▶▶ The school, under the leadership of the 8th grade, will contribute to the Survival Sack project. Last year we filled 70 backpacks! ► Applications for the 2015-2016 school year are available in the school office and on the school website. If you are considering a Catholic education for your children, you would be wise to enroll in the lower grades. Upper grades will have no openings.

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

Join us in Poland for World Youth Day! More information can be found at www.gofa.org/youth-young-adults

March 8th: Confirmation Session

10th: Blood Drive

youth@qofa.org | 213-6509

ASCENT EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Tuesday 9 am –2pm thru Thursday, closed on Friday and Monday 408-257-8302 FAX Number 408-257-4600Web Site: www.ascentjobs.org PO Box 9604, San Jose CA 95157

Ascent needs volunteers to help in the office. Volunteer recruiter to work 3-5 hours once a week on Tue. Wed. or Thurs. Recruiting can be at the Ascent Office or off-site. Ascent is in need of **WINTER COATS**. Many Clients are in desperate need of coats, gloves and sweaters. Donations for both men and women are greatly appreciated.

Attention parents of students in grades 6-12: On Sunday, March 22nd, Queen of Apostles MSM program will host guest speaker Ed Sarrett MFT. Ed is a licensed marriage and family therapist, as well as a personal and academic counselor at Bellarmine College Prep. He will be speaking to parents on how to foster communication with their teens and tweens. All parents of middle and high school students are encouraged to attend. The evening begins with prayer in the church at 6:30, followed by presentations for parents and teens respectively. For more information, contact Klarissa dela Fuente at 408.213.6509



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

Mar. 8th: Classes meet at their usual times
Mar. 15th: Family Faith Sharing for students in grades 1-5
EXCEPT those in the Eucharist I & II classes
Mar. 15th Mini-retreat for 2nd & 3rd graders preparing for
First Holy Communion. Please pray for our students and their families!

Mar. 22nd Children's Liturgy at the 9am Mass. 4th grade participating. Classes meet at their usual times.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

Sundays through March 22nd: Rehearsal for Stations of

the Cross 3-4pm in the church
Mar. 8th: General Session—Catholic Jeopardy!
Mar. 22nd: Parent Night—topic: Fostering Communica-

tion with your kids Mar. 29th: Formation Night—breakout sessions

The book of **The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic**... The workshop on the Fourth Sign: is next scheduled on, April 15th 7:00am - 8:30am in the chapel, OR Thursday, April 16th 7:00pm - 8:30pm in the chapel. Please RSVP to SFT@qofa.org by April 1, 2015 which date you will attend as well as the number of the adults in your party. For the Thursday against please also 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.

ADA COLLECTION

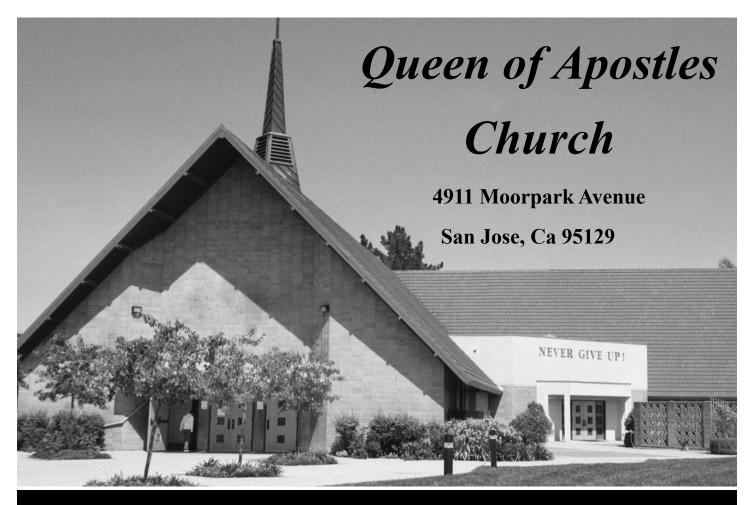
This weeks collection is \$ 9, 349 with 24 families responding, the total amount pledged so far is \$ 96, 614 with 198 families contributing.

SYNOD ON FAMILY SURVEY

Dioceses throughout the world have been asked to provide input for the Synod on the Family. The Diocese of San Jose has developed a survey to assist in this effort. Please take some time this week to complete the survey. The survey can be accessed through the diocesan website in English, Spanish and Vietnamese at www.dsj.org/synod2015 until March 12,2015.

Marriage Enrichment & Preparation

All adults are invited to join a new study group facilitated by the Theology of the Body group entitled "Beloved: Finding Happiness in Marriage", a DVDbased study group on Tuesdays, March 24th-June 9th, 7-8:30pm in the Community Center. For further details: www.tinyurl.com/BelovedSeries or tob@gofa.org



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: RCIA@qofa.org.or 408-252-4103