

Feb. 25, 2018 - Mar. 4, 2018	
Sunday	Continental Breakfast after 9am Mass
Monday	Next Grief Group Meeting is 3/5 in the Parish Office conference room.
Tuesday	The next Ladies Guild Meeting is 3/13 in the meeting room of the Fr. Jim Community Center, .
Wednesday	“The Light is on For You” 6-8pm, Confession and Adoration
Thursday	ADORATION after 9:30am Mass until 11:45 am
Friday	Stations of the Cross at 5:15 and soup supper following
Saturday	
Sunday	Continental Breakfast after 9am Mass

MASS INTENTIONS
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Sunday	7:30am	Betsy Clark †
	9:00am	For Our Parishioners
	11:00am	Tony Ramon †
	5:00pm	Calista Rodrillo, Esther Ledesma (Special intention)
Monday	6:30 am	No Intention
	9:30 am	No Intention
Tuesday	6:30 am	No intention
	9:30 am	No Intention
Wednesday	6:30 am	No Intention
	9:30 am	Roger Vicencio (liv.)
Thursday	6:30am	Anthony Vu †
	9:30am	No Intention
Friday	6:30am	Emma Dobleman †
	9:30 am	Chuyen Vu †
Saturday	8:00am	No Intention
	5:00 pm	B & D. Families
Sunday	7:30 am	Dan & Bob De Barr †
	9:00 am	For Our Parishioners
	11:00 am	Dominic Credi †
	5:00 pm	No Intention

SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

Transfigure us, O Lord!

Break the chains that bind us

Speak your healing word,

And where you lead we'll follow.

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Lent: a time of conversion, change, new beginnings. A time to turn wholeheartedly to the Lord, to examine our hearts and behaviors, to forgive and be forgiven. God deeply desires us to be *whole*, to be our *best selves*, to be *freed of the chains that bind us* – (addictions, broken relationships, unhealthy worldly pleasures). The Father and Son want us to be *one* with them, embraced by their love.

What is the Lord asking of me this Lent?

Prayer... The Lord waits on us. God is ready to listen, to speak to our hearts. God's Holy Spirit whispers to us. Are you listening? Allow God to heal you. Let go, Let God.

Fasting... Ask: "What might I forego, or do, that reminds me that it is God I 'hunger' for? What habits, or 'chains', do I need God's help to be freed from? Ask.

Almsgiving... Listen to the whispers of the Holy Spirit. How might I reach out those in need, bringing hope, love, light, joy? *"Whatever you do for the least of mine, you do for me."* Matt 25:40

Seek Reconciliation. No matter how long it has been, God forgives our sins and gives us the graces to become our best selves. Consider

The Light is On for You – Wednesdays 6 pm – 8 pm in all diocesan parishes. Our parish offers Adoration. Come rest before the Lord.

Remember the 1970 musical "Godspell?" Let this be our Lenten song... Day by day, Day by day, Dear Lord, Three things I pray To see thee more clearly... Love thee more dearly... Follow thee more nearly... Day by day



Weekly Stewardship Report

Collections for 2/18/2018	\$ 9,556
Collections 7/1/17/-2/18/18	\$ 391,271
Budgeted 7/1/17-2/18/18	\$ 388,702
Variance	\$ 2,569

Please prayerfully consider making a one time tax deductible gift. Contact the parish office for details. Thank you for your continued support!

One time gifts this fiscal year

Gifts for unrestricted use:	\$ 27,475
Gifts for specific projects:	\$ 6,580
Total:	\$ 34,055

Thank you for your generosity.

ANNUAL LENTEN SURVIVAL SACK DRIVE

Generosity is at the heart of Christian life and the Gospel. Through it, we bring comfort and the love of God to our homeless neighbors at Sacred Heart Community Services. You may purchase a backpack for \$5 and fill it. Take home a flyer listing items: socks, women's and men's underwear (M, L, XL), poncho, small blanket, 2 rolls toilet paper, comb, razor, 15 oz. shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothbrush & toothpaste, washcloth. Cash and checks (made out to Sacred Heart Community Services) welcome. Donations through Sunday, March 11 at our table. Involve your children and grandchildren!
Sponsored by the Social Justice Committee

An excerpt from the message of the Holy Father Francis for Lent 2018

“Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold” (Mt 24: 12)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Once again, the Paschal of the Lord draws near! In our preparation for Easter, God in His providence offers us each year the season of Lent as a “sacramental sign of our conversion”. Lent summons us, and enables us, to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of our life.

With this message, I would like again this year to help the entire Church experience this time of grace anew, with joy and in truth. I will take my cue from the words of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew: “Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold” (24:12).

What are we to do? ...the Church, our Mother and Teacher, along with the often bitter medicine of the truth, offers us in the Lenten season the soothing remedy of prayer, almsgiving and fasting.

By devoting more time to **prayer**, we enable our hearts to root out our secret lies and forms of self-deception, and then to find the consolation God offers. He is our Father and he wants us to live life well.

Almsgiving sets us free from greed and helps us to regard our neighbor as a brother or sister. What I possess is never mine alone. How I would like almsgiving to become a genuine style of life for each of us! How I would like us, as Christians, to follow the example of the Apostles and see in the sharing of our possessions a tangible witness of the communion that is ours in the Church! For this reason, I echo Saint Paul’s exhortation to the Corinthians to take up a collection for the community of Jerusalem as something from which they themselves would benefit (cf. *2 Cor 8:10*). This is all the more fitting during the Lenten season, when many groups take up collections to assist Churches and peoples in need...When we give alms, we share in God’s providential care for each of His children. If through me God helps someone today, will He not tomorrow provide for my own needs? For no one is more generous than God.

Fasting weakens our tendency to violence; it disarms us and becomes an important opportunity for growth. On the one hand, it allows us to experience what the destitute and the starving have to endure. On the other hand, it expresses our own spiritual hunger and thirst for life in God. Fasting wakes us up. It makes us more attentive to God and our neighbor. It revives our desire to obey God, who alone is capable of satisfying our hunger.

Above all, I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew.

During the Easter Vigil, we will celebrate once more the moving rite of the lighting of the Easter candle. Drawn from the “new fire”, this light will slowly overcome the darkness and illuminate the liturgical assembly. “May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds”, and enable all of us to relive the experience of the disciples on the way to Emmaus. By listening to God’s word and drawing nourishment from the table of the Eucharist, may our hearts be ever more ardent in faith, hope and love.

With affection and the promise of my prayers for all of you, I send you my blessing. Please do not forget to pray for me.

Feb. 25, 2018



You are invited to our Queen of Apostles School Mini Open House for prospective families next Sunday, March 4, 2018 from 10 am to 12:30 pm. More information about our school can be found at qofa-school.org or by calling the school office.

Our students are Caring Christians throughout the school year and in their daily lives. As part of their regular volunteer service, during Thanksgiving and during the advent novena, our community gathered goods to support local charities. Never Give Up band bracelets are being sold weekly with the proceeds going to Cardinal Newman High School which was in the fire zone. Also during Easter, students will support the Rice Bowl donations. In addition, students take an active role in daily prayers, monthly masses and prayer services. Finally, they have been performing a daily random act of kindness including smiling at other students, holding doors open for others, sharing a snack, cleaning up, saying thank you, asking to help, and making a card.



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.

On the Calendar:

- Feb. 25th: FHC Retreat 8:30am to 12:30pm
Family Faith Sharing at 10:15am in the Community Center
Kinder meets at the usual time
- Mar. 4th: All classes meet at their usual times
- Mar. 11th: All classes meet at their usual times

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

- Feb. 25th: NO SESSION—FHC retreat team recovery night
- Mar. 4th: Formation Night—Breakout sessions
- Mar. 11th: Formation Night—Breakout Sessions



The Diamond Jubilee Needs Your Help

As part of the Diamond Jubilee Celebration in 2020, we want to showcase the rich history of Queen of Apostles—its people, events and evolution through six amazing decades—and we need your help. Were you around in the early years of our Parish? Do you know any of the early Parish families or how we may reach them? Can you help us make contact? Do you have memorabilia, pictures, or video recordings of pastors, priests, parishioners or events we may reference, copy and/or share? *(We'll take good care of everyone's treasures, we promise).* Do you know someone who might? Have you researched our history before? Are you interested in helping us compile the information we gather? If you answered yes to any of these questions, we need to speak with you. Please e-mail us at qofajubilee@gmail.com and a committee member will contact you to discuss what you have, who you know and how you can help.

Introducing Bishop Robert Barron's Catholicism series

This series is a drop in program designed for adults. There is no registration required. This 20 part series will take place on select Sundays through April. Sessions take place from 10:15-11:15 am in room 6 of the school.

- Mar. 4th: The Mystery of the Liturgy and the Eucharist Part I.
- Mar. 11th: The Mystery of the Liturgy and the Eucharist Part II.
- Mar. 18th: A Vast Company of Witnesses--The Communion of Saints
- Mar. 25th: A Vast Company of Witnesses--The Communion of Saints

Easter Vigil Choir:

"It is said that singing is praying twice." Would you like to make service to our parish community through music a part of your Lenten journey? Consider singing with our Easter Vigil choir. Voices of all types and experience levels are needed and welcomed. Rehearsals will be on Thursdays, March 1, 8, and 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. The Easter Vigil will be on Saturday, March 31 at 8:30 p.m. Contact Gina Schultz at (408) 515-9998 Or beem478sonic.net, if you are interested

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

CONFIRMATION CALENDAR:

- Feb. 25: Confirmation Sessions
- March 3: Confirmation 2 Conference

Save the Date!

The Stanford Blood Center will be at Queen of Apostles on Tuesday, March 6th, from 2pm - 8pm.

You can now make an appointment online at <https://bloodcenter.stanford.edu/>.

- *Like us on Facebook: Queen of Apostles Youth
- *Follow us on Instagram: QofAYM
- *Contact us: youth@qofa.org | 213-6509 | www.qofa.org

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



SOLACE – SOUL + GRIEF

Monthly Drop-in Grief Support Group
Fourth Wednesday of each month
Wed. Feb. 28 7 pm – 9 pm
O'Connor Hospital Chapel – near main entrance
2105 Forest Ave., San Jose
Facilitator: Candee Lucas, M.A. Pastoral Ministries
Each month we will use a different scripture as a seed for our sharing, discussion and support. We hope to create a sacred space for you to share your grieving. No RSVP necessary. Free. Sponsored by Catholic Cemeteries 650-428-3730 or www.ccdsj.org

You are invited to purchase scrip gift cards in the vestibule exit to the parking lot.

The times for scrip sales are:
Saturday at 5:00 pm mass
Sunday after the 7:30 am mass
before and after the 9:00 am mass
and **before** the 11:00 am mass.

Homeless Donations

We meet on the first and third Wednesday at 10 AM to make bag lunches for the homeless. If you would like to donate items you may bring granola bars, peanut butter, jam or cup-of-soup to Fr. Jim's garage. If you would like to make sandwiches please call Margie at (408) 203-7747. Thank you!

ASCENT EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Hours of operation: Open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm .

Contact : 408-257-8302 FAX Number: 408-257-4600 Web Site: www.ascent-jobs.org PO Box 9604, San Jose CA 95157.

Grief Support Group 1st and 3rd Mondays 7 pm – 8:30 pm in the Parish Office

Are you, a family member or friend, grieving the loss of a loved one? Whether it's a current loss or one in the past, we will reassure you that there is hope for those whose loved one has died. Join others in support, friendship, and prayer in a confidential setting. We meet every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month in the Rectory. If you have any questions or need to talk, please call Shirley at 408-241-1209

SHARE THE JOURNEY: OPERATION RICE BOWL

Operation Rice Bowl invites you this Lent to SHARE THE JOURNEY. Yes, share the journey of those in need around the world by walking with them in prayer and support. Your neighbors live across the street and around the world. It is really simple: substitute a low-cost meal for a more expensive one once a week during Lent and put the money saved in the cardboard rice bowl provided. Funds donated will be used to help the poor around the world as well as in this country. Just turn the bowls in at the end of Lent. Thank you! Program started on Ash Wednesday

SAVE THE DATE and RSVP:

Time for Enrichment and Fellowship

All Pastoral Volunteers and Ministers in Liturgy, Catechesis, School Education, and Social Justice Ministry are invited to the Day of Enrichment and Fellowship.

When: Saturday, March 10, 2018

Where: Church: 10:00 AM – Speaker: Fr. John Hurley
Community Center: 12:00 Noon – Luncheon

RSVP: by Tuesday, March 6 to tho@qofa.org or call the parish office (408) 253-7560

Peace

Fr. Greg Boyle, SJ, founder of Homeboy Industries, inspires us with his work and his words: "America has rarely seen more division, polarization and disunion than at this moment. And yet . . . our best values long for connection."

But how do we connect? We use the strategy of Jesus. If we locate ourselves with those who have been excluded, our work becomes visible. Only when those who want to make change can *observe* our connection with the marginalized, only then will they be moved to kinship. "Only when we can see a community where the outcast is valued, will we abandon the values that seek to exclude."

As Fr. Greg speaks, we listen. He reminds us that there is no "us" and "them," just "us." He hopes we can create a community of kinship where we are all brothers and sisters. His homeboys and girls tell their stories, which are heartbreaking at the same time they are inspiring. When you hear the story of the young man who suffered years of abuse from his parents, who wore three t-shirts to school each day, only then can you understand the pain that young man felt and the courage it took to turn his life around. He did it with the support of Fr. Greg and those around him.

Fr. Greg's message is one of love. He likes to quote St. Julian of Norwich, who saw the life struggle as "coming to discover that we are 'clothed in God's goodness.'" Each person is good from the day of their birth. Fr. Greg's quotes taken from his book, Tattoos on the Heart. His new book is Barking to the Choir.

THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL CONTINUES

The Fifth week has a total of 22 families responding with \$9,485 pledged. The Annual Diocesan Appeal is an annual campaign of the Diocese of San Jose that supports ministries and services to all parishes and the local community. It also gives parishes the opportunity to raise funds by earning rebates over each parish's own parish goal. Thank you to all who responded and welcome those who have not yet done so. Every bit helps to obtain our goal.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

*Our Deanery 5 presents a Six-Week Discussion Series
about the Catholic Church*

Thursdays from February to March 22, 2018

7:00 – 8:30 PM

St. Thomas of Canterbury Parish

1522 McCoy Avenue

San Jose, CA 95130

We welcome those who have been away from the Catholic Church or need updating to come, see, learn and be heard.

We lovingly pray for those in our Parish and families who cannot join us at Mass especially: Joel Rivera, Rajesh George, Micki Dunaway, Barbara Mertzluft, Antonia Luna, Janet Decker, Patrick Hoins, Tomas Arguello, Jeanne Futrell, Barbara Carrillo, Patrick Dougherty, Cochita Noemi Romero, Jim Snow. 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. Especially : Fernando



Queen of Apostles Church

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Never Give Up!

PASTORAL STAFF:

Rev. Thuc Si Ho, Pastor
Rev. Reynaldo Sarmiento, Parochial Vicar, Dir. Of Liturgy
Deacon Brian McKenna, Coordinator of Social Justice
Kristie Manning, Faith Formation/RCIA Director
Gregory Elsner, Accountant
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Ralph Garcia, Facilities Supervisor
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Parish Office 408-253-7560
Open 9-5 Monday - Friday Closed for lunch: 12-1

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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