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MASS SCHEDULE/Horario de Misas

Saturday (sábado): 9:00 AM (Bilingual)

1st Saturday of the month ONLY

Vigil **5:00 PM** (English)
 6:30 PM (*Español*)

Sunday (domingo): **8:00 AM** (English)
 9:30 AM (*Español*)
 11:00 AM (English-Livestreamed)
 1:00 PM (*Español-Transmisión en vivo*)

Daily Masses/Misas Diarias:

Monday - Friday: 9:00 AM (Bilingual/Bilingüe)

RECONCILIATION/CONFESIONES

Wednesday/miércoles: after the 9 AM Mass

Saturday/sábado: 4:30 & 6:00 PM (Bilingual)

or by appointment with the Priest/*Por cita.*

To reach a priest after office hours in an **EMERGENCY**,
such as a death or the need for the Last Rites, please
call (650) 960-7443.

Seventh Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

February 19

Love your enemies,
that you may be children
of your heavenly Father,
for he makes the sun rise
on the bad and the good.

Matthew 5:44, 45

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Lev 19:1–2, 17–18;
Ps 103:1–2, 3–4, 8, 10, 12–13;
1 Cor 3:16–23;
Mt 5:38–48

SAINT ATHANASIUS

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Our readings from Leviticus and from Matthew today explore an especially difficult challenge: how to respond to injury and humiliation. Leviticus teaches that, in order to be holy, God's people must refrain from grudges or revenge. In Matthew, Jesus teaches that we must first avoid actions that continue an escalating cycle of retribution. Jesus advocated a creative non-violent resistance, a response that both refuses to accept being humiliated and keeps open the possibility of reconciliation. For his listeners, turning the other cheek or walking the second mile were ways to throw the oppressor off-balance. They expose the harm being done, and sustains one's personal dignity. When Jesus follows with his next teaching, "love your enemies," he points to what might be a long journey of forgiveness toward those who hurt us. At these times, we might remember that Jesus, in his suffering and death, followed a similar path.

TEMPLE OF GOD

When Paul writes "you are the temple of God," note that he uses the plural form of "you." He was speaking about the community at Corinth as a temple. For Paul, a temple is where God dwells. God abides, and is active within, the shared life of the community. Paul speaks at length about the divisions within the Corinthian community. These divisions were seen as a defilement of God's temple.

We encounter divisions in our own Church today, sometimes accompanied by a troubling lack of humility and charity. Often the conflicts revolve around establishing markers of true discipleship, with some emphasizing personal faith and morality, and others emphasizing justice and the Church's social teachings. Perhaps the Spirit, active in the temple of our shared life, points toward Jesus' command "love your enemies." Perhaps we best exhibit discipleship in the charity we extend, and our capacity for dialogue, with those who disagree with us or who are unkind to us.

THE SERMON

Today we conclude the series of Sunday Gospel passages from the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew's chapters 5–7. Having proclaimed the coming of the Kingdom, Jesus extensively described to his new community what life is like in this new realm, and the inner dispositions needed to enter into it. He exposed hidden places of the heart, especially those places that needed to be healed.

The Sermon is a huge challenge for us today. The Sermon pushes against our attempts to compromise what God summons us to be and to do. It challenges our deep desires to see ourselves as virtuous, and to resist God's desire to transform us. It reminds us that we are both loved by God and in need of God's help. As we anticipate the season of Lent, consider prayerfully reading the Sermon as a whole. We are invited to carefully explore our deeper motivations, to allow God to uncover and to heal our fears and our wounds..

Today's Readings:

Lev 19:1–2, 17–18; Ps 103:1–2, 3–4, 8, 10, 12–13;
1 Cor 3:16–23; Mt 5:38–48

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday February 18
Domingo Zuniga – Deceased (†)

Sunday February 19
Isidoro Reyes – Deceased (†)
Corazón Reyes – Deceased (†)
Henry Achermann – Deceased (†)

Wednesday February 22
Eureka S. Burton – Deceased (†)
Henry Achermann – Deceased (†)

Thursday February 23
Victor Vari – Deceased (†)
Maria Botto – Deceased (†)
Daysy Rodriguez Nunez - Birthday

The Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross, also known as the Way of the Cross or Via Crucis, commemorate Jesus's passion and death on the cross. There are 14 stations that each depict a moment on his journey to Calvary, usually through sacred art, prayers, and reflections. The practice began as pious pilgrims traced his path through Jerusalem on the Vía Dolorosa.

Later, for the many who wanted to pass along the same route, but could not make the trip to Jerusalem, a practice developed that eventually took the form of the fourteen stations currently found in almost every church throughout the world. Similarly, the 150 Hail Marys that were recited for the rosary were an adaptation of the medieval monastic practice of reciting the 150 psalms in the Psalter.
-Credit USCCB



Las Estaciones de la Cruz

Las Estaciones de la Cruz también conocidas como Vía Crucis, conmemoran la pasión y muerte de Jesús en la cruz. Hay 14 estaciones y cada una representa un momento de su camino al Calvario, generalmente expresados a través del arte sacro, oraciones y reflexiones. La práctica comenzó cuando peregrinos piadosos tomaron los mismos pasos de Jesús a través de Jerusalén sobre la Vía Dolorosa.

Más tarde, para los muchos que querían pasar por la misma ruta, pero no pudieron hacer el viaje a Jerusalén, se desarrolló una práctica que finalmente tomó la forma de las catorce estaciones que actualmente se encuentran en casi todas las iglesias del mundo. De manera similar, las 150 Ave María que se recitaban para el rosario eran una adaptación de la práctica monástica medieval de recitar los 150 salmos del Salterio.

"Give to the Most High as he has given to you, generously, according to your means. For the Lord is one who always repays, and he will give back to you sevenfold" (Sirach)



Thank you for your continued support. You can also mail in or drop off your Sunday contribution to the Parish office or make your Sunday offering online, scan the QR code with your smart phone or visit:

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/athanasius>

Friday Mass February 3	
9:00 A.M. / 7:30 P.M.	\$218.00 / \$648.33
Saturday/sábado Feb 4	
9:00 AM	614.00
5:00 PM	\$535.00
6:30 PM	\$575.00
Sunday/domingo Feb 5	
8:00 AM	\$211.00
9:30 AM	\$865.00
11:00 AM	\$729.00
1:00 PM	\$2,093.00
Mail In / Por correo	\$710.00
Online Giving	\$956.88
Total	\$8,283.21
Goal/Meta	\$6,000.00
Variance/Diferencia	2,283.21
Maintenance Fund	\$2,554.00
Feb 2 The Presentation of the Lord	\$128.00

DISCIPLES TOGETHER

Today's readings reflect on our communal identity as disciples. Before we begin Lent together in a few days, we take time to appreciate what God has done by giving us our family of faith. In Leviticus, God tells Moses to "speak to the whole Israelite community" and give them instructions for living in love. Moses passes along the message—to each and every believer—that God's people must strive together for holiness. Saint Paul echoes this message, insisting that we are indeed God's holy children. As temples of the Spirit, we belong to Christ and to one another. This mutual belonging is a blessing and a challenge. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus sets a high bar for Christian community: his followers must love not only those who are easy to love, but also the people who upset us. Together, let us ask God to give us this kind of love.

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DANKE!
THANK YOU!
MERCI!
GRAZIE!
GRACIAS!
DANK JE WEL!

Dear St. Athanasius Family. Let us say goodbye to J.S. Paluch with deep gratitude for their service to help with our parish communications. The company announced their closing after 110 years of serving the National Catholic Community. Their last printed issue will be next weekend of February 25/26.

Parish Calendar

Feb 18/19

2nd Collection | Black and Indian Missions
Plus the last weekend to support
our Confirmation Class by
purchasing raffle tickets for an iPad 10th Gen

Sunday Feb 19

Food Sale in benefit of
our Religious Education Program
Taquiza (Taco Feast) in the
Parish Picnic Area after each Mass

Monday Feb 20

President's Day Holiday Observed

Wednesday Feb 22 ASH WEDNESDAY

2nd Collection | Aid to the Church
in Central and Eastern Europe

Services for Ash Wednesday

Miércoles de Ceniza

9:00 A.M. | English Mass

12:00 P.M. | English Mass

5:30 P.M. | English Paraliturgy

7:00 P.M. | Misa en español

Friday Feb 24

Way of the Cross at 6:00 P.M.

Vía Crucis a las 7:00 P.M.

Bereavement, Comfort and Support Group at
6:00 P.M. in the Parish Rectory

Saturday Feb 25

Drive-Thru Food Distribution
with Community Market

No Immigration Attorneys this Day*

*Only on the first Saturday of Distribution

Mar 4/5

2nd Collection | Church Maintenance

Sunday Mar 5

Hospitality Sunday | Domingo de Hospitalidad
by Misioneros de María Inmaculada
Pan Dulce with Hot and Cold Beverages

BOLETIN HISPANO

SÉPTIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Nuestras lecturas de hoy del Levítico y de Mateo exploran un reto especialmente difícil: cómo responder a la injusticia y la humillación. El Levítico enseña que, para ser santo, el pueblo de Dios debe abstenerse del rencor y la venganza. En Mateo, Jesús enseña que, en primer lugar, debemos evitar acciones que continúen un ciclo creciente de retribución. Jesús aboga por una resistencia creativa no violenta, una respuesta que a la vez se niega a aceptar ser humillado y mantiene abierta la posibilidad de la reconciliación. Para sus oyentes, poner la otra mejilla o caminar la segunda milla eran formas de desequilibrar al opresor. Exponen el daño que se está haciendo y mantienen la dignidad personal. Cuando Jesús sigue con su siguiente enseñanza, “amen a sus enemigos”, apunta a lo que podría ser un largo camino de perdón hacia quienes nos hacen daño. En esos momentos, podemos recordar que Jesús, en su sufrimiento y muerte, siguió un camino similar.

TEMPLO DE DIOS

Cuando Pablo escribe “ustedes son el templo de Dios”, note que usa la forma plural de “ustedes”. Hablaba de la comunidad de Corinto como de un templo. Para Pablo, un templo es el lugar donde habita Dios. Dios habita y actúa en la vida compartida de la comunidad. Pablo habla largo y tendido sobre las divisiones de la comunidad de Corinto. Estas divisiones eran vistas como una profanación del templo de Dios.

Hoy nos encontramos con divisiones en nuestra propia Iglesia, a veces acompañadas de una preocupante falta de humildad y caridad. A menudo, los conflictos giran en torno al establecimiento de marcadores del verdadero discipulado, en los que unos ponen el acento en la fe y la moralidad personales, y otros en la justicia y las enseñanzas sociales de la Iglesia. Quizás el Espíritu, activo en el templo de nuestra vida compartida, apunta hacia el mandamiento de Jesús “amen a sus enemigos”. Tal vez la mejor muestra de discipulado la demos en la caridad que ejercemos, y en nuestra capacidad de diálogo, con quienes no están de acuerdo con nosotros o no son amables con nosotros.

EL SERMÓN

Hoy concluimos la serie de pasajes del Evangelio dominical del Sermón de la Montaña, capítulos 5-7 de Mateo. Tras proclamar la llegada del Reino, Jesús describió ampliamente a su nueva comunidad cómo es la vida en este nuevo reino y las disposiciones interiores necesarias para entrar en él. Expuso los lugares ocultos del corazón, especialmente aquellos que necesitaban ser sanados.

El Sermón es un gran desafío para nosotros hoy. El Sermón nos empuja contra nuestros intentos de comprometer lo que Dios nos llama a ser y a hacer. Desafía nuestros profundos deseos de considerarnos virtuosos y de resistirnos al deseo de Dios de transformarnos. Nos recuerda que Dios nos ama y que necesitamos su ayuda. Al anticiparnos al tiempo de Cuaresma, consideremos la posibilidad de leer en oración el Sermón en su conjunto. Se nos invita a explorar cuidadosamente nuestras motivaciones más profundas, a permitir que Dios descubra y cure nuestros miedos y nuestras heridas.

Lecturas De Hoy:

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Miércoles de Ceniza

22 de febrero

Misa en español a las 7:00 P.M.

NUESTRA FASCINANTE FE

Las Cenizas

Hay tres grandes tradiciones bíblicas relativas a las cenizas: el arrepentimiento, el luto y la muerte, y están relacionadas entre sí. A lo largo de la Biblia encontramos repetidamente el uso de las cenizas (a menudo junto con el cilicio) como práctica penitencial. Una práctica similar se observa cuando alguien está de luto o angustiado. Y las cenizas son una metáfora de la vida humana, que se considera breve y destinada a terminar con la muerte:

Las cenizas son el resultado del fuego, la quema completa de algo que estaba vivo. Son efímeras; el más mínimo soplo de aire puede hacerlas desaparecer en la nada. Es fácil ver cómo las cenizas llegaron a simbolizar la fugacidad de la vida humana o la humildad del arrepentimiento.

Las cenizas también pueden representar otras cosas. Por ejemplo, las cenizas se utilizan a menudo para fertilizar nuestros jardines y campos. Por lo tanto, la ceniza es necesaria para dar vida y nutrirla.

Ahora podemos empezar a ver cuán apropiado es el símbolo de la ceniza para el tiempo de Cuaresma. Porque la Cuaresma no es sólo un tiempo de arrepentimiento, de dolor por nuestros pecados. Es un tiempo bautismal de preparación para la nueva vida de nuestros catecúmenos y de recuerdo de la nueva vida de nuestro propio bautismo. Comenzamos la Cuaresma con la ceniza y la terminamos con la Pascua. ¿Qué significará la ceniza para ti en esta Cuaresma?

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LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo:	Séptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Lunes:	Día de los Presidentes
Martes:	San Pedro Damián; Martes de Carnaval
Miércoles:	Miércoles de Ceniza; Ayuno y abstinencia; Natalicio de Washington
Jueves:	San Policarpo
Viernes:	Abstinencia

LA ESQUINA DE ORACIÓN CATÓLICA

Oración por la Familia y los Amigos

Dios amoroso, escucha esta oración,
que ofrezco en nombre de mi familia y amigos.

Mantenlos a salvo bajo tu cuidado.

Cuando tengan problemas, acompáñalos.

Cuando se desesperen, dales esperanza.

Cuando estén alegres, ayúdalos a compartir su felicidad.

Ayúdanos a todos a comprender que somos tus hijos

e hijas

y que nos amas más de lo que podemos imaginar. Amén.

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Happening in the Diocese OUR LOCAL CHURCH



The new Eucharistic Revival Office will offer the Lent small-group discussion program Living The Eucharist from the Paulist Evangelization Ministry. The program will strengthen parish community bonds through faith sharing. It heightens parishioner involvement in the Sunday Eucharist and helps parishioners connect the celebration of the Eucharist more closely with the mission of Jesus Christ and the Church. Available in English and Spanish. For more information contact veronica.duluk@dsj.org or the parish office.

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Having judged that it would contribute to the spiritual good of the faithful, Bishop Cantú has granted to the faithful of the Diocese of San Jose, as well as to any visitors or travelers who may be physically present within the territory of this diocese, a dispensation from the obligation of abstinence from meat on March 17, 2023.

The Sanctuary Course for Catholics – Explore the Intersection of Faith and Mental Health:

St. Nicholas St. Williams Parish is offering the 8 Session series from February – May 2023.

Virtually on 2nd & 4th Tues from 7:00pm to 8:30pm
In-person 2nd & 4th Fridays, 10:15am to 11:45am
Find out more at

<https://stnicholasandstwilliam.org/mental-health/>

Parish Activities Actividades Parroquiales

FAMILY PRAYER HOUR (Tuesdays: 7:00 P.M.)

We need only to look around to see the tremendous pressures facing our families and how those pressures pull our families apart. There's little doubt that we live in a society of instant everything, one of the major contributions to family deterioration. Family Prayer Night is a response. It is a way for families to set aside an hour a week to be together in the presence of God, to pray and appreciate the most important people in our lives. Join us every Tuesday in church, 7-8 PM for Adoration, Benediction and Prayer.

ST. PAUL DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

If you have missed connecting and praying with your fellow parishioners, we invite you to visit the St. Paul Discipleship Group virtual meeting **Tuesday nights from 8:30 PM - 10:00 PM**. The meetings consist of prayer, reflection on our faith journeys in general and on evangelization in particular, and the daily readings. Email us at Athanasius@comcast.net for the Zoom meeting details.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Wednesdays at 6:30 P.M. In this novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (also known as Our Mother of Perpetual Help) we pay tribute to the Blessed Virgin Mary in asking for her assistance. Join us every Wednesday at 6:30 P.M.

ST. ATHANASIUS BEREAVEMENT, COMFORT AND SUPPORT GROUP

The St. Athanasius Bereavement, Comfort, and Support Ministry meets every 4th Friday of the month at 6:00 PM in the Rectory Conference Room. We hope that you will be able to attend. If you have experienced the death of a loved one, please join us as we share our losses, and develop coping strategies.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is the First Friday of the month starting after 9:00 AM Mass in the church. Benediction will be at 11:00 AM.

SOCIETY of ST. VINCENT de PAUL

Parish volunteers serve the needy of our Mountain View area through our Emergency Assistance program. The Food Pantry is closed due to COVID-19 because the room is too small for safe distancing. Interested Parishioners are welcome to join us at our virtual board meetings held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM to see how we carry out our mission. Please leave your contact information on our Helpline (650) 562-1000 or at the Parish Office (650) 961-8600.

EXPOSICION AL SANTISIMO SACRAMENTO

El primer Viernes del mes a las 7:30 PM dentro de la Iglesia.

JOVENES Y ADULTOS PARA CRISTO

Nos reunimos todos los viernes a las 7:00 PM en la Iglesia, compartimos temas para profundizar nuestra fe, alabanzas y adoración al Santísimo.

MISIONEROS DE MARIA INMACULADA

Somos un grupo de oración familiar, nos reunimos los jueves de 7 - 9 PM en la Iglesia para compartir temas, rezar el rosario, y adoración al Santísimo.

JUNTOS COMO HERMANOS

Los invitamos a venir los lunes de las 7 a las 9 PM en la Iglesia para alabar al Señor, y escuchar testimonio y temas para profundizar nuestro conocimiento en nuestra fe.



Catholic Charities
of Santa Clara County

Caridades Católicas

Catholic Charities at Saint Athanasius

Tuesdays | Martes

1:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Fridays | Viernes

9:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

1:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Como parte del Programa de Participación Parroquial, Lydia estará presente para ayudar a nuestros feligreses y miembros de la comunidad acceder recursos disponibles.

- Acceso a Alimentos
- Salud, bienestar, y consejería
- Programas de Vivienda
- Servicios Legales de Inmigración
- Programas de Trabajo Apoyo a Personas Sin Vivienda Programa buzón
- Inscripción en Beneficios Públicos
- Asistencia con declaración tributaria gratuita para familias de ingresos bajos a moderados

As part of the Parish Engagement Program, Lydia will be onsite to assist our parishioners and community members with access to helpful resources in the areas of:

- Access to Food
- Health programs
- Housing Assistance
- Legal Immigration Services
- Job Programs
- Unhoused Support
- Public Benefits Enrollment
- Free Tax assistance to Low-to-Moderate-Income Families



Lydia Callaghan

*Intern, Office of Parish Engagement
(669) 356-2680*

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SUPPORTING OUR MISSION TOGETHER



WAYS TO SUPPORT THE CHURCH'S MISSION:

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DSJ.org/ADA

2. Bring to Church



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Call 408-983-0293 for more information.

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by creating an online gift that will automatically renew each year.

5. Double the impact of your gift to the ADA with a matching gift from your employer. Contact your company's HR department for more information to see if your company offers a matching gift program.

DIFERENTES MANERAS DE APOYAR LA MISIÓN DE LA IGLESIA:

1. Es más seguro por internet

Escanee este código QR o visite nuestra página web.



2. Tráigalo a la Iglesia



Coloque en la canasta de las ofrendas o envíe a la parroquia por correo.

3. Donaciones de fideicomiso/distribuciones benéficas de IRA

Para más información comuníquese al 408-983-0293.



4. Conviértase en un donante sostenedor creando una donación en línea que se renovará automáticamente cada año.

5. Duplique el impacto de su donación a la ADA con una donación equivalente de su empleador. Póngase en contacto con el departamento de recursos humanos de su empresa para obtener más información y ver si su empresa ofrece un programa de donaciones equivalentes.



Why Ashes?

BY FR. LARRY RICE

For centuries, Catholic Christians have marked the beginning of the season of Lent by receiving ash on their foreheads on Ash Wednesday. This tradition has its roots in the Old Testament, where wearing ashes was a common sign of repentance for sins, and a sign of one's humility before God. Since Lent is a season of penitential renewal through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, it's appropriate that this ancient sign marks the beginning of the season.

The ashes themselves are usually made by burning the palm fronds from the previous year's Palm Sunday. This symbolically connects the beginning of Lent with its end, connecting our change of heart with Christ's passion, death, and resurrection.

Ashes are usually distributed as part of the Mass on Ash Wednes-



day, often after the homily. As people approach the priest or other minister, he presses the ashes to their foreheads, and speaks one of two phrases: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return," or "Repent and believe in the Gospel."

In many places, Ash Wednesday services are among the most popular of the whole year—a day that's not even a Holy Day of Obligation. Cynics have suggest-

ed that this is because people "get" something, as they do on Palm Sunday. But there's nothing particularly appealing about getting smudged with ashes. Perhaps, the appeal is the expression through a physical sign of a desire for interior conversion.

The Gospel for Ash Wednesday is a reminder that the real purpose of the season of Lent isn't to make public demonstrations of piety—even the wearing of ashes—but to seek conversion of heart.

Fr. Larry Rice is the former vocations director for the Paulist Fathers.