Saints Simon & Jude Catholic Church

Huntington Beach, CA

A Message From Our Pastoral Staff

Hey Y'all,

Please think about a couple of Bible verses today - "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

This is a familiar verse from Psalm 118. It was one of the first Bible verses I learned as a kid. Maybe that's true for you too. Even if you're not much of a biblical expert, you've heard this verse frequently because it shows up in our liturgical celebrations often. That's apropos since Psalm 118 is a song from an ancient liturgical procession to the Temple in Jerusalem.

And "I rejoiced when they said unto me, let us go to the house of the Lord." - This is also a familiar verse from Psalm 122. I also learned this verse as a small child. It's the opening line of a "Song of Ascent" or a "Song of Zion. It was sung by either pilgrims as they climbed Mount Zion, the site of the Temple in ancient Jerusalem or by Levites as the climbed the stairs into the Temple precincts.

Both of these verses, individually and in tandem, indicate a Christian truth that is both ancient and new – a truth practiced by our spiritual and familial ancestors and practiced by each of us here and now. We work, celebrating 6 days of creation and one day, we rest – we have a Sabbath. Sabbath, which we celebrate on Sunday, is the day set aside for relaxation and worship. (It wasn't set aside for tournaments, and sports in general, commerce, etc. But I won't preach about that now.) The Sabbath as a day of worship and rest is a law still practiced by our Jewish friends. It is also a mandate in Roman Catholic canon law that we attend Mass on Sunday. So this is serious, but not oppressive. Actually, we should rejoice that we have wise laws which encourage us to rest and be renewed in the house of the Lord.

I'm asking you to consider these verses for two reasons. First, for some personal accountability - are you keeping the Sabbath holy? Next, I'd ask you to help others understand and return to practicing Sunday as Catholic Christians. About 30-35% of our fellow parishioners haven't felt able to come to the "house of the Lord" due to the Covid-19 pandemic. That is a significant number. They might have been resting on Sunday, but it's been an uneasy rest. I've heard so many folks tell me how they've missed Church – the Sacraments, the celebration, the fellowship and relationships. So many have told me that they have experienced a dark and dismal time, full of fear, loneliness and spiritual dryness. So now, at the tail-end of this pandemic scare, as we emerge from hunkering down and as business and the Church continue to open up, it's a good thing to reflect on the meaning of the Lord's day. And maybe we intentionally start a new normal of rest and worship on Sundays.

If you've been coming to Mass throughout the pandemic, God bless you. If you've been watching the live-streamed Masses but missed the Body and Blood of Christ, God bless you and thank God for technology. If you've been unable to participate, God bless you and welcome back! But now we can all join together again. Hope much more can God bless all of us. We can certainly rejoice!

But there are some of our Saints Simon & Jude folks that haven't found their way back to Church yet. I won't call them "lost sheep" because they're not lost in God's sight, but they might still not feel comfortable yet. For the last 15 months, folks have been hearing they must stay away from gatherings. Well, I think it's now time to share our joy. If you know somebody that hasn't made it back to the parish yet, give them a call. Invite them to join you. As we start up Adult Bible study in July, or have a BBQ, or a family night over the summer, invite these friends along. Heck, maybe you know some folks who haven't been Church-going people before, but you know that a friendly outing would be good for their spirits, well come one then! Invite them to a family movie night! A simple invitation can't hurt. And maybe they'll take you up on the offer. Pray they take you up on the offer!

Finally, I'd also say, as folks are coming back, let's look like we're rejoicing! Let's all be welcoming and open. I recently heard about a family with young children that showed up to a Saturday night Mass. They had a less than positive experience due to some angry looks and shhhhhhs when the kids were just being kids. That's not rejoicing in the Lord y'all. It certainly isn't welcoming. I pretty sure it's not even Christian. It certainly isn't Christ-like. Instead, get outside yourself and empathize with a young Mom or Dad. You should be praising God that a young Mom and Dad are teaching their kids the tenets of Psalm 118 and Psalm 122! Don't be grouchy and impatient. Pray for the kids, that they'll always want to celebrate the Sabbath and rejoice in the Lord's House in a community of the faithful.

So remember "This is the Lord." Let's all go unto the Lord's house rejoicing, with praise and thanksgiving.

Fr. Reynold

The Week Ahead

Scripture Readings

Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2b, 3-4; Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-9a; Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1bc-4, 9; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b-4, 7-8; Mt 6:7-15
Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Ps 34:2-7; Mt 6:19-23
Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10; Ps 34:8-13; Mt 6:24-34
Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11; Ps 107:23-26, 28-31; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41

Word & Faith Alive

Suggested Reflection and Questions to use with *At Home With the Word* for the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

First Reading — The Lord said to Job: Who shut within doors the sea? And who said: Thus far shall you come but no farther! (Job 38:1, 8-11).

Second Reading — Whoever is in Christ is a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:14-17).

Gospel — Who is this whom even wind and sea obey? (Mark 4:35-41).

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Questions of the Week

Adults: When has the Lord calmed the stormy seas of your life?

Children: What fear would you like the Lord to help you overcome?

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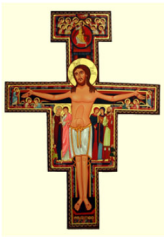
In Remembrance



Our deepest sympathy and heartfelt prayers go out to parishioners and their family members who have died recently: Linda Coyne (mother of Cathy Provost).

Parish Happenings

Monday, June 14
- 8:15 a.m. Mass | Carissa Cespedes

Tuesday, June 15
- 8:15 a.m. Mass | ✝ Anthony Tran

Wednesday, June 16
- 8:15 a.m. Mass | Bette Eastland

Thursday, June 17
- 8:15 a.m. Mass | Joe Schulist

Friday, June 18
- 8:15 a.m. Mass | ✝ Lorraine Cariotti

Saturday, June 19 - St. Romuald, Abbot
- 8:15 a.m. Mass | ✝ Franco Busallachi
- 9:00 a.m. Reconciliation (Confessions in Mondor Plaza)
- 1:00 p.m. Wedding - Tyler Rodelli and Alexandria Bauer
- 4:00 p.m. Mass (Church) | ✝ Pete Abatangelo
- 4:00 p.m. Mass (Tent) | ✝ Ismael Serna Herman

Sunday, June 20 - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church) | ✝ Joe Rini
- 9:30 a.m. Mass (Church) | ✝ Vivian Gagliardino & Zulema Volcano
- 9:30 a.m. Mass (Tent) | ✝ Blinky Mollica
- 11:15 a.m. Mass (Tent) | ✝ Eddie Rice
- 5:00 p.m. Mass (Church) | Saints Simon & Jude Parish

Meeting Location Key:

YC - Youth Center	CC - Community Center
FR - Franciscan Room	LIB - School Library
CH - Colman Hall	FP - Franciscan Patio
GS - Gathering Space	MPR - Multi-Purpose Room
PLZ - Mondor Plaza	LL - Learning Lane

Faith Formation & Sacrament Preparation

Every Wednesday from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. we have a Bible Study for all high school students. This is the perfect opportunity to pause in the middle of the week to reflect on God's word and what He is doing in our lives. It offers everyone a safe and friendly environment to grow in faith and fellowship. And when permitted we can enjoy some dinner as well! You don't need to be in Confirmation or a Peer Minister to attend...all are welcome!

If you have questions about our Faith Formation programs, please contact one of our Faith Formation Directors:

- Early Childhood & Elementary Faith Formation – Erin Watson **ewatson@ssj.org**
- Middle School Faith Formation – Chentel Tabbada **ctabbada@ssj.org**
- High School Confirmation – Andrew Watson **awatson@ssj.org**

Journey Through RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is designed specifically for the initiation of the un-baptized person or those who are baptized yet un-catechized (no formal religious training). The process begins with our Inquiry Sessions; a time for you to ask questions about the Catholic faith and for us to lay a foundation in our Gospel values. It is a time of discernment to see what God is calling you to do at this time in your faith journey.

For more information, contact Christine Ivancich at (714) 962-3333 or **civancich@ssj.org**.

Faith Formation & Sacraments

MOMS' NIGHT OUT

FRIDAY, JUNE 25TH - 6:30PM TO 9PM - TENT

JOIN US FOR THE FIRST MOMS NIGHT OUT! WE WILL HAVE DRINKS, FOOD, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP

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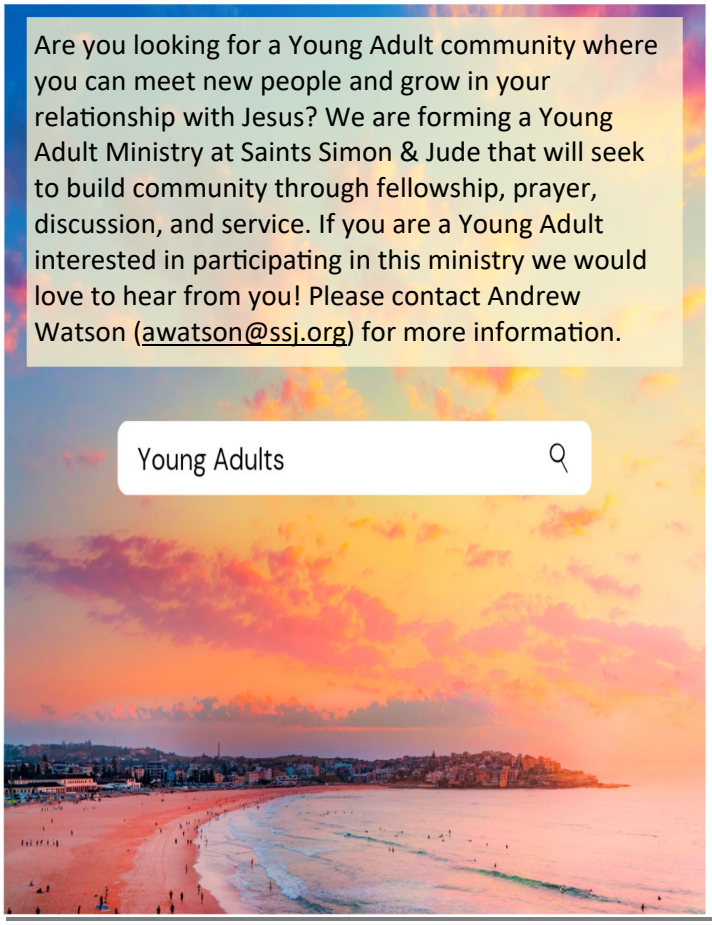

SAVE THE DATES - JULY 9th & JULY 23rd

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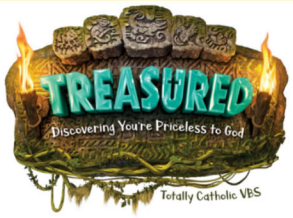
FOOD, FAITH, AND FAMILY FUN



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers: Middle school (entering 6th Grade in the fall) through high school volunteers needed!

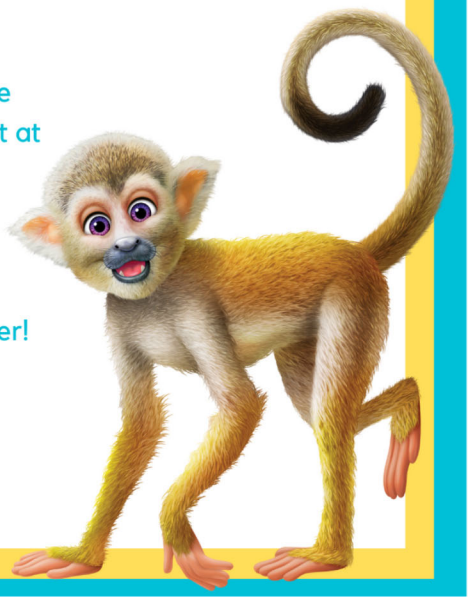
Dates: July 19th through July 23rd - 8:30 am to 12:30pm and attend one training session (either Tuesday, June 22nd at 6pm or Thursday, July 1st at 7pm)

What: Lead small groups of children (K - 5th Grade)

Need service hours? Earn them through volunteering at VBS this summer! You do not need to be a parishioner to help out!

6th - 12th Grade Volunteers!

Adult Volunteers!



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The Diocese of Orange has announced that due to low COVID case rates, we are able to make adjustments at our parish. As a result the parish will slowly begin to phase in altar servers, ushers, and the choir.

Bishop Vann is discontinuing the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass.

The parish will begin to transition Mass back into the church as follows:

June 20: 8:00 a.m. Mass - church only
June 27: 11:15 a.m. Mass - church only
July 3: 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass - church only
July 4: 9:30 a.m. Mass - church only

Available Ad Space

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

Kjirsten Finnegan from LPi, our parish communication partner, will be working with us beginning the week of **May 31,** securing new ads for our bulletin. Please consider purchasing an ad, sponsoring a charity, or in Memory of a Loved One. Your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

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Mass Intentions

Mass intentions are being scheduled through June 30, 2022. The parish office receptionists are available to assist with requests.

As per Canon Law, only one name can be included on each intention. We are a large parish so we ask you to limit your list of intentions to ten for the recording period. If dates are not available for Mass intentions, please indicate that the intention can be sent to a mission.

PASTORAL SERVICES APPEAL

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Thank you to all parishioners who have supported the 2021 Pastoral Services Appeal with pledges and payments.

Pledge payments that exceed our $213,000 assessment are sent back to the parish in the form of rebates. Our designated project funded by PSA rebates will address improving the sound and acoustics in the Church.

We have heard from parishioners that it is often difficult to understand the lectors and priests during liturgies. This project will help make the spoken word more clear, while bringing a warm and resonant tone to the choir, cantors and musicians. In addition, we would like to add in screens and projectors, which will help reduce paper and printing costs, which can run $25,000 a year. The overall goal of these projects is to enhance the experience of worship in our Church building.

If you have not already done so, please consider making a pledge to PSA. Envelopes can be found in the parish office or pledges can be made online at : **https://www.rcbo.org/psa/**.

Number of donors: 547
Current pledges: $339,000
Current payments: $280,000

Thank you

Prayers, Readings & Music

Call to Worship: Open Up the Heavens (Vertical Worship)

Gathering: God, We Praise You (NETTLETON)

God, we praise you! God, we bless you!
God, we name you sovereign Lord!
Mighty King whom angels worship,
Father, by your Church adored:
All creation shows your glory;
Heav'n and earth draw near your throne,
Singing, "Holy, holy, holy,
Lord of hosts and God alone!"

True apostles, faithful prophets,
Saints who set their world ablaze,
Martyrs, once unknown, unheeded,
Join one growing song of praise,
While your Church on earth confesses
One majestic Trinity:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
God, our hope eternally.

Gloria: Mass of St. Ann (Ed Bolduc)

Reading I: Ex 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord GOD: I, too, will take from the crest of the cedar, from its topmost branches tear off a tender shoot, and plant it on a high and lofty mountain; on the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it. It shall put forth branches and bear fruit, and become a majestic cedar. Birds of every kind shall dwell beneath it, every winged thing in the shade of its boughs. And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree, wither up the green tree, and make the withered tree bloom. As I, the LORD, have spoken, so will I do.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 92 (Steve Angrisano)

R: Lord, it is good; Lord it is good, to give thanks to you.

Reading II: 2 Cor 5:6-10

Brothers and sisters: We are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

Gospel Acclamation: Mass of Restoration (Josh Blakesley)

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia!

Prayers, Readings & Music

Gospel: Mk 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds: "This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come." He said, "To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. Without parables he did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he explained everything in private.

Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass for Our Lady of Light (Jesse Manibusan & Remi F. Bauer)

Communion: In Christ Alone (Kristian Stanfill)

In Christ alone, my hope is found.
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This cornerstone, this solid ground;
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace.
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand

There in the ground, His body lay;
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day;
Up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine;
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death;
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

I find my strength, I find my home,
I find my help, in Christ alone.
When fear assails, when darkness falls,
I find my peace, in Christ alone
I give my life, I give my all,
I sing my song, to Christ alone.
The King of Kings, the Lord of All;
All heaven sings, to Christ alone.

'Til He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.
Here in the power of Christ we stand.

Sending Forth: This Is Amazing Grace (Phil Wickham)

Verse 1:
Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of Glory, the King above all Kings.
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder;
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Refrain:
This is amazing grace! This is unfailing love!
That you would take my place, that You would bear my cross.
You laid down Your life, that I would be set free.
O, Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me.

Verse 2:
Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of Glory, the King of Glory.
Who rules the nations with truth and justice;
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of Glory, the King above all Kings **[*to refrain*]**

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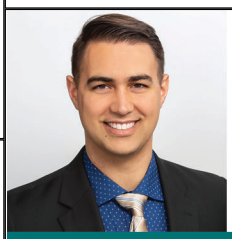

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Rev. Thanh-Tai Nguyen - Parochial Vicar
Rev. Michael Rizzo - Parochial Vicar
Rev. Mr. Stephen Byars, Deacon
Rev. Mr. Matt Calabrese, Deacon

Pastoral Staff

Colleen Murray Pastoral Administrator	714-794-1854
Denise Grant School Principal	714-962-4451
Andrew Watson Director of Confirmation, High School and Young Adult Ministry	714-794-1856
Erin Watson Director of Early Childhood Faith Formation and Family Ministry	714-794-1870
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Parish Support Staff

Receptionist	714-962-3333
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Michael Rangel	714-932-8222

Mass Schedule

Monday thru Saturday	8:15 a.m. - Church
Saturday	4:00 p.m. - Church and Tent
Sunday	8:00 a.m. - Tent
	9:30 a.m. - Church and Tent
	11:15 a.m. - Tent
	5:00 p.m. - Church

Rite of Reconciliation (Confessions)

Saturday following the 8:15 a.m. Mass

Anointing of the Sick

By appointment only. Call the Parish office to make an appointment or speak to one of our priests after Mass.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

Warmline 714-991-6412

Saints Simon & Jude Catholic School

714-962-4451

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday	Closed

Boards & Councils

Pastoral Council - John Rello
Finance Council - Sean Culmer
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Parish Leaders can be reached at ssj@ssj.org