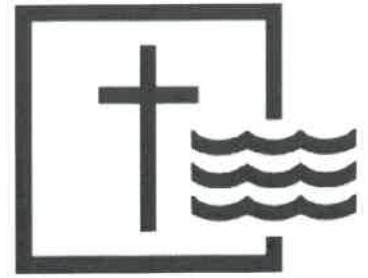
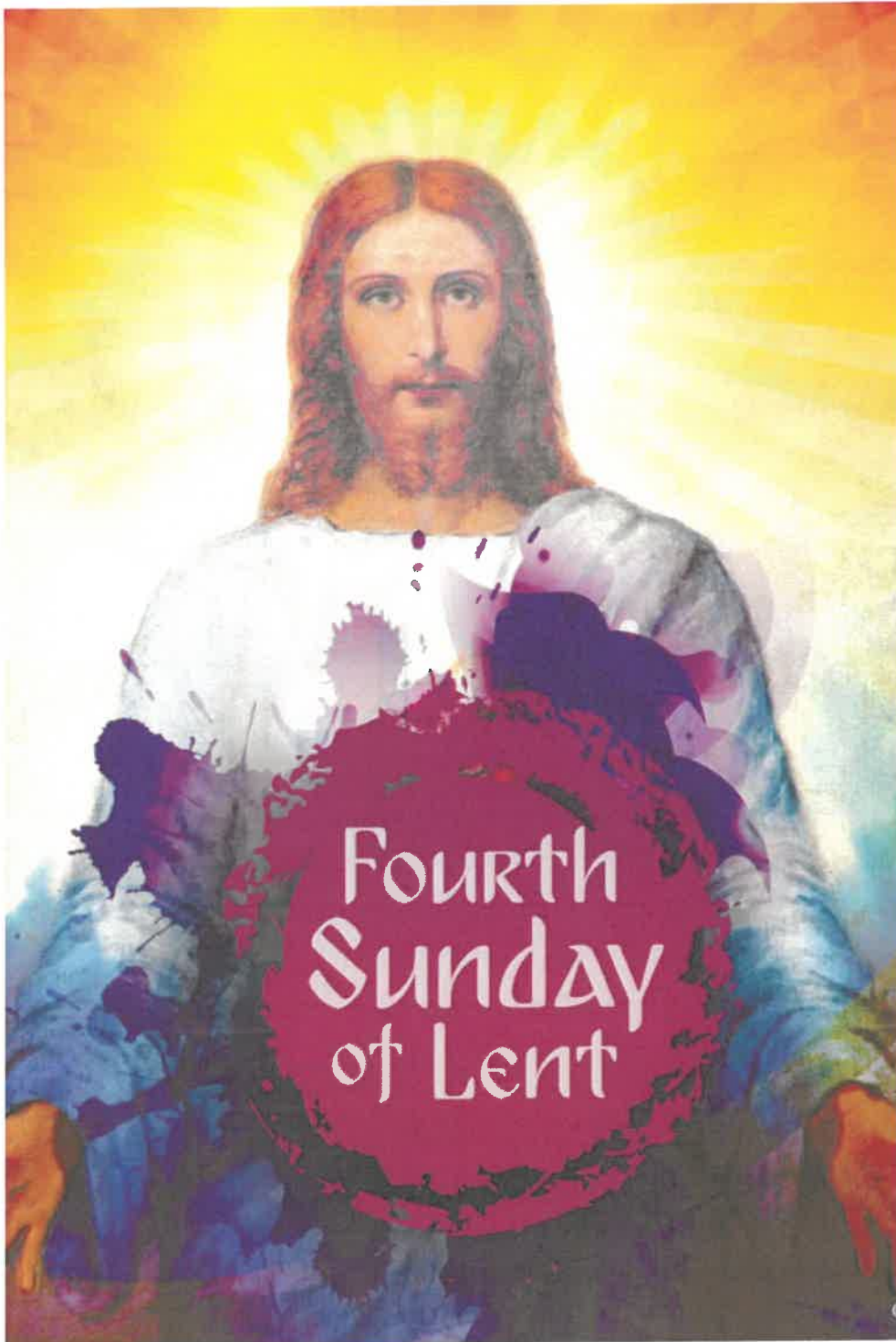


# SAINTS SIMON & JUDE

Catholic Community • Huntington Beach



March 10, 2024 | 4th Sunday of Lent



## MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday - Saturday**  
8:15 am

**Saturday Vigil**  
4:00 pm

**Sunday**  
8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am and  
5:00 pm

Rite of Reconciliation (Confessions)  
Saturday following the 8:15 am  
Mass in the church.

**Anointing of the Sick**  
Please call or visit the parish office  
to make an appointment.

**Parish Office Hours**  
Mon-Fri: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Saturday & Sunday Closed

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rfurrell@ssj.org

Rev. Philip Smith - Parochial Vicar  
psmith@ssj.org

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# FROM OUR PASTORAL STAFF

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

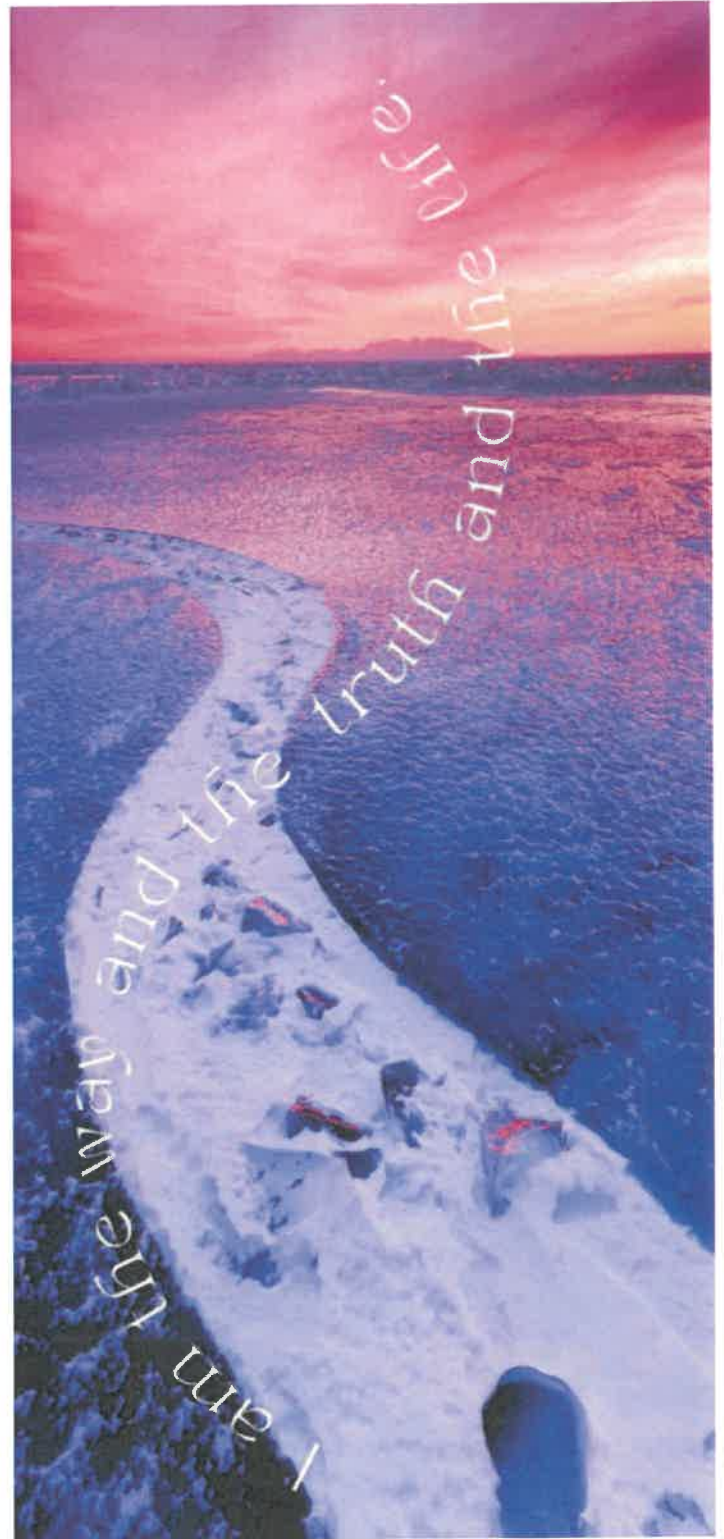
This weekend we have another one of those Sundays that has a special Latin nickname: it's "Laetare Sunday." By now you might be able to guess that the name comes from the first word of the Latin version of the Entrance Antiphon: "Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning..." (Is. 66:10)

Now, can you really command someone to rejoice? It seems to me that joy has to come from within us and can't be imposed from outside of us. Sure enough, as I read the rest of Isaiah 66 I saw that the text is not a command. It is an exhortation, accompanied by numerous reasons to rejoice: the Lord will bless his people with prosperity; the Lord will comfort us; the Lord will gather all the nations and they will see his glory; the Lord will make new heavens and a new earth; all shall come to worship before him.

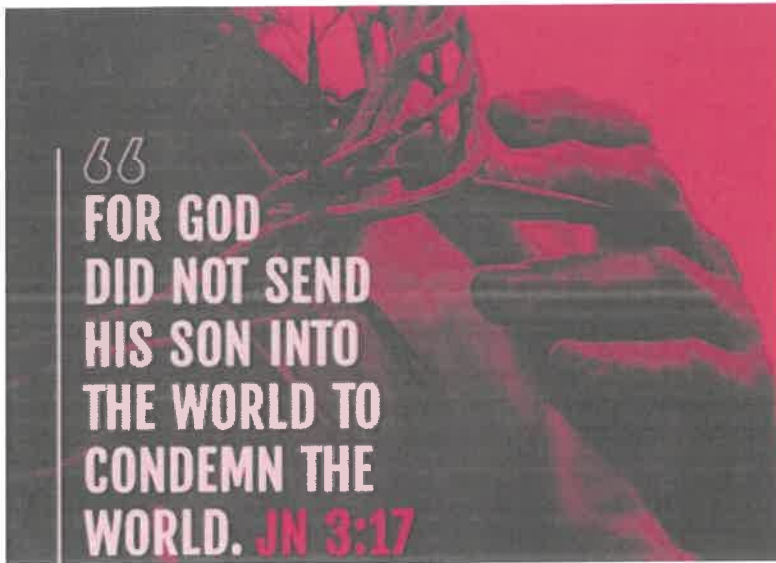
Pretty good list of reasons, isn't it? It's kind of like the response I give to people who get caught up too much in the "gloom and doom" aspects of the Book of Revelation. I say, "Spoiler Alert: God wins!" Of course, I'm not trying to minimize or deny the texts that deal with the punishment of evil; I'm just trying to emphasize the fact that God is in charge, he calls us to union with him, and union with God will bring us joy.

The whole Lenten business of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (with the various forms these things can take) is intended to bring us into union with the Lord. In other words, the goal of Lent is joy. The season is more than halfway over; let's stick with it and remember we are all called to repentance and conversion, and through this spiritual growth we are called to share in the glory of salvation. The reward is more than worth whatever it takes!

Fr. Philip







## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday:	Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53
Sunday:	Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 <i>Scrutiny:</i> Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more. (Jer 31:34)

**Second Reading:** Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him. (Heb 5:8-9)

**Gospel:** "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." (Jn 12:24)

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## SSJ HAPPENINGS

### Monday, March 11

- 8:15 am Mass | Michael Baggeta | † Mary Ross Gonzalez | Ed Bradley
- 7:00 pm Evening Centering Prayer (Church)

### Tuesday, March 12

- 8:15 am Mass | Yesuji Hiroi
- 9:45 am Moms Group Bible Study (FR)

### Wednesday, March 13

- 6:30 am Men's Bible Study (FR)
- 8:15 am Mass | † Joseph Sanchez
- 9:00 am Women Creating Community (FR)
- 3:30 pm Parking Lot Prayer
- 4:00 pm Centering Prayer (FR)
- 7:00 pm Men's Club General Meeting (CH)
- 7:00 pm Mass | Catholicism Re-Run (FR)

### Thursday, March 14

- 8:15 am Mass | † Pasquale Selvaggi
- 9:00 am Theology Study (FR)

### Friday, March 15

- 8:15 am Mass | † Mary Rose Gonzales
- 10:30 am Funeral - Margot Kahlweiss
- 4:30 pm Fish Fry (CH)
- 7:00 pm Taize Prayer

### Saturday, March 16

- 8:15 am Mass | † Keith Morton | † Andrew Ciecek | † Claire Kelly
- 9:00 am Confessions
- 4:00 pm Mass | † Dolores Mc Eneany

### Sunday, March 17 - 5th Sunday of Lent

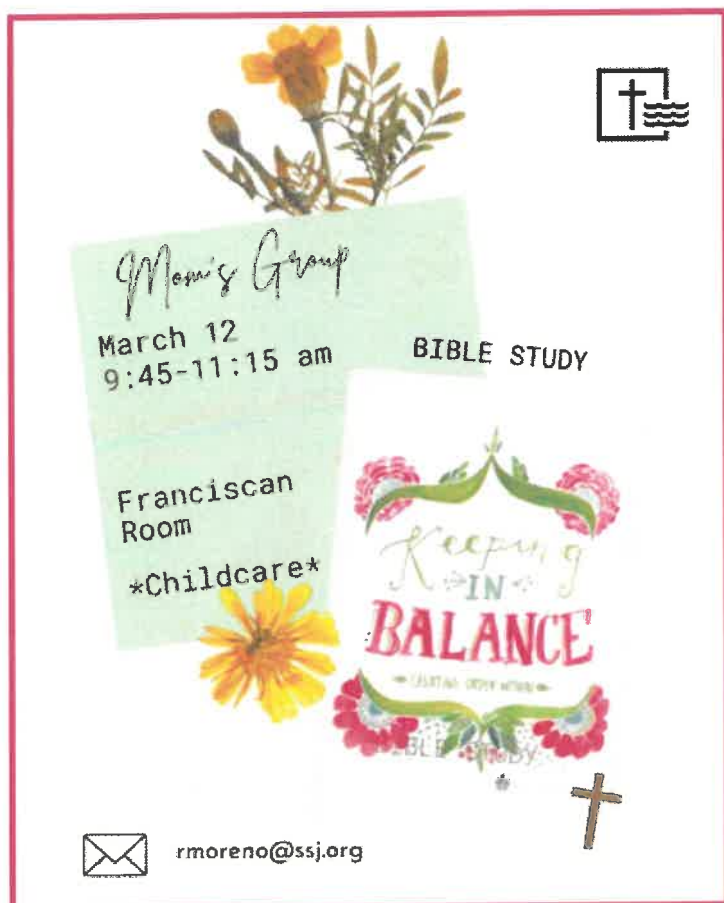
- 8:00 am Mass | † Maria Hien Dang
- 9:30 am Mass | Saints Simon & Jude Catholic Community
- 9:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word/Tot Liturgy (FR)
- 11:15 am Mass | † Dr. Stephen Shea
- 5:00 pm Mass | † Dr. Jerry Widlow

For our complete calendar, please visit our website, [www.ssjo.org](http://www.ssjo.org)

## Meeting Location Key

FR - Franciscan Room	CC - Community Center
CH - Colman Hall	LL - Learning Lane
PLZ - Mondor Plaza	LIB - School Library
YR - Youth Room	HA - Hospitality Area
Saints Simon & Jude Catholic Church	

# FAITH FORMATION & SACRAMENTS



**Women's Group**  
March 12  
9:45-11:15 am **BIBLE STUDY**

Franciscan Room  
\*Childcare\*

**Keeping IN BALANCE**  
— CATHOLIC ORDER WOMEN —  
BIBLE Study

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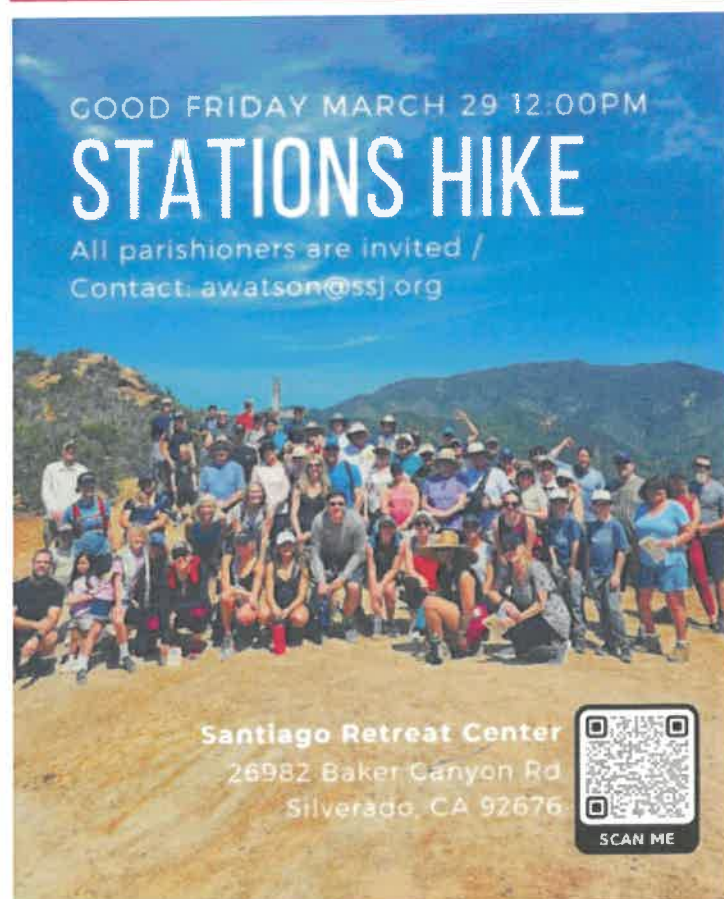


**TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE**

Friday, March 15th  
7:00pm - 8:00pm

A Taize worship service includes sung and chanted prayers, meditation, sacred silence, liturgical readings, and icons. It is a perfect time to spend some time with God during Lent.


All are welcome!



GOOD FRIDAY MARCH 29 12:00PM  
**STATIONS HIKE**

All parishioners are invited /  
Contact: [awatson@ssj.org](mailto:awatson@ssj.org)

**Santiago Retreat Center**  
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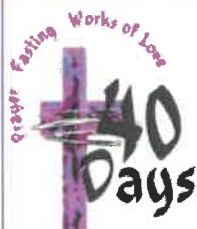
**Lenten Invitation:**  
Stations of the Cross in the  
Meditation Garden

**Fridays**  
Led by Deacon Matt  
February 16 & 23  
March 1 & 22  
7:00 pm

The Meditation Garden is  
open during Lent  
Dawn to Dusk  
for self-guided Stations of the Cross.  
Complimentary guides will be available.



# AROUND THE COMMUNITY



"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you."  
John 14:18

## SSJ Lenten Outreach — 4th Week of Lent

**Charitable Organization and Mission:** **Orange County Children and Family Services (CFS)** is the focus for this week's Lenten Outreach collection. The mission of **CFS** is to strengthen and stabilize families to create an environment where children are free from abuse in permanent nurturing homes. Social Workers make every effort to maintain children in their homes, but out-of-home (foster) placement is sought for children and youth who can't remain safely with their parents in the hope of successfully reunifying them with their families in the future.

**Almsgiving (Corporal Works of Mercy):** A couple of weeks ago, SSJ parishioners were invited to "adopt" a **foster child** for Easter by taking home and filling an Easter bag with goodies and fun items. If you took a bag, please bring your filled Easter bag to the Mission Outreach table in Mondor Plaza March 16th or 17th. Thank you for bringing much needed **JOY** to a foster child this Easter!

**Works of Love (Spiritual Works of Mercy):** *"The earth is the Lord's and everything in it." Psalm 24:1.* Care of creation is an act of discipleship. We are stewards of the earth summoned by God to *"work it and take care of it."* (Genesis 2:15). Help us to keep Huntington Beach beautiful. Stop by the Mission Outreach table March 16th or 17th to get information about and/or sign up for the next **beach clean up**.

## CENTERING PRAYER



## A CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER PRACTICE

All are Welcome to Join our Prayer Community

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays  
of the Month  
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Church

Tuesdays  
4:00 pm to 5:00 pm via Zoom

Wednesdays  
4:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
In the Franciscan Rooms

No experience is necessary.

"Inside each of us in an upper room, where we experience the living presence of God."  
Matthew Kelly, Author

Contact: Kathy Blauer [ssi@ssj.org](mailto:ssi@ssj.org)

Please pray for the sick of our parish

Irene Vinch

Lynn Bien

Tammy Dawson

Mike Frasier

Brian Graves

Sharon Einck

Michael Baggett

Virginia Bonano

Nick Garcia

Virginia Rivera



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## MEXICO MISSION TRIP

Ensenada, Mexico June 15th - 21st, 2024

This summer Saints Simon & Jude Catholic Community will be offering the opportunity to serve on a week-long Mission Trip! We will be continuing our partnership with Praying Pelican Missions to offer individuals and families the opportunity to serve together in intergenerational, relational ministry. Please visit [www.ssj.org/missiontrips](http://www.ssj.org/missiontrips) or contact Andrew Watson [awatson@ssj.org](mailto:awatson@ssj.org) for more information.



## Let's Raise Some Dough!

Please join us in supporting

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL



### When:

Tuesday, March 12th  
11:00 am - 9:00 pm

MENTION "SSJ" AND 20% OF  
PIZZA AND DRINKS SALES GO TO  
SUPPORT SCHOOL PROGRAMS!

### Where:

Mountain Mike's Pizza  
18886 Brookhurst Street  
Fountain Valley, CA

Valid for dine in or carryout only. Not valid on alcohol purchases or buffet, and may not be combined with any other offers, coupons or rewards, including those online or through MMP App.



### Self-Help Interfaith Program SHIP - We provide a Safe Harbor

SSJ is pleased to continue its sponsorship of the SHIP program.

Our two-week hosting dates after Easter are **April 6 - April 19**. SSJ parishioners, parish ministries, fellowship and faith groups are invited to provide dinners to our SHIP guests while they lodge at King of Glory Lutheran Church in Fountain Valley.

Dinners should be sized to feed five SHIP guests and the chaperones. These dinners will be served at 6:30 pm and can be delivered between 6:00-6:30 pm.

We want to express our sincerest thanks to all who contributed to SSJ's Advent hosting. The lovingly prepared meals have been deeply appreciated by our SHIP guests.

For more information and to sign up, please contact Carol Zwaans at 714-501-4190. We will be accepting volunteer sign-ups before and after all Masses on March 16 and 17.



# AROUND THE COMMUNITY

## EVENTS

Friday, February 23	Fish Fry
Friday, March 1	Fish Fry
Friday, March 8	Fish Fry & XLT
Friday, March 15	Fish Fry & Taize Prayer
Friday, March 22	Fish Fry
Friday, March 29	Good Friday Hike & Stations of the Cross

Check the bulletin or website [ssj.org](http://ssj.org) for details and start times



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## LITURGY

March 5	<b>Penance Service &amp; Confession</b> 7:00pm
March 28	<b>Holy Thursday</b> 8:15am Morning Prayer 7:00pm Mass
March 29	<b>Good Friday</b> 8:15am Morning Prayer Noon & 7:00pm
March 30	<b>Holy Saturday</b> 8:15am Morning Prayer 7:30pm Vigil
March 31	<b>Easter Sunday</b> Mass of the Resurrection 7:00am (Church) 9:00am (Church & Colman Hall) 11:00am (Church & Colman Hall)



### Fish Fry

Fridays,  
February 16 - March 22  
4:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
Colman Hall

**26th Annual Lenten Fish Fry**  
hosted by the Men's Club

Baked Goods



Volunteer



**VOLUNTEER**  
Your volunteer support is crucial to the continued success of this event. If you would like to volunteer, please scan the QR code.

**BAKED GOODS**  
We will gratefully accept baked goods for the dessert table. Please sign up using the QR code. You can drop off your donation at the parish office from 9am - 3pm or to Colman Hall after 3pm.

**LEMONS**  
Bring your lemon donations to the parish office Monday - Thursday in accordance with the schedule below:  
 Week 1 (2/16) A-D  
 Week 2 (2/23) E-J  
 Week 3 (3/01) K-P  
 Week 4 (3/08) Q-U  
 Week 5 (3/15) V-Z  
 Week 6 (3/22) A-Z

women creating community  
presents

**TAVOLA DI SAN GIUSEPPE**

**ST. JOSEPH'S**

**TABLE**

Marilyn Anania & Kathi Domenici

Learn the history and significance of this Italian celebration and some interesting information about our beloved St. Joseph!





please bring  
simple \*hand  
held\* desserts to  
compliment  
the table.

**WEDNESDAY - MARCH 13**  
9:00 - 11:00 AM  
FRANCISCAN ROOMS

# PRAYERS, READINGS & WORSHIP

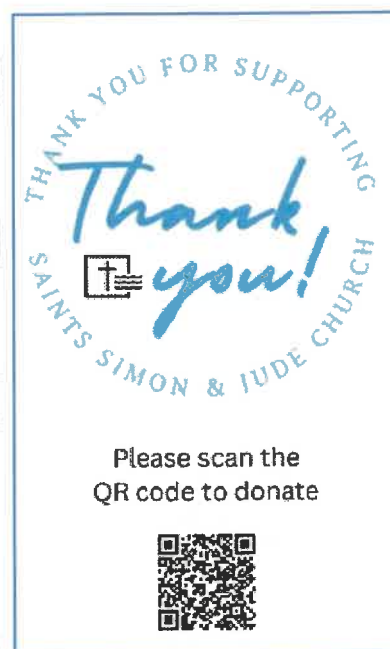
## Entrance: Rejoice, Jerusalem! and Come - OLD HUNDREDTH



1. Re - joice, Je - ru - sa - lem! and come, All those who love her  
2. Je - ru - sa - lem: with what great joy I hear them say: "Let  
3. All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and to the Ho - ly

1. glo - rious face. Re - joice, dis - tressed and mourn - ful  
2. us go there!" And now, at last we take - our  
3. Spir - it be; As from the first it was, is

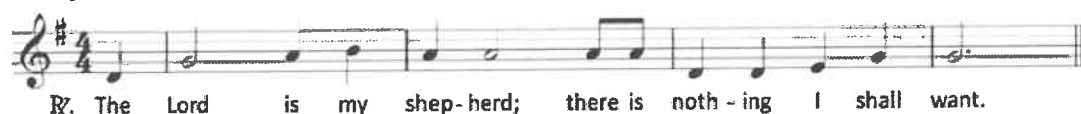
1. souls, And be con - soled by her em - brace.  
2. stand With - in her gates to e - ter - ni - ty.  
3. now, And will be for e - ter - ni - ty.



## Reading I: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

The LORD said to Samuel: "Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons." As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is here before him." But the LORD said to Samuel: "Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart." In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any one of these." Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" Jesse replied, "There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep." Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here." Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. The LORD said, "There—anoint him, for this is the one!" Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

## Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23 – Owen Alstott

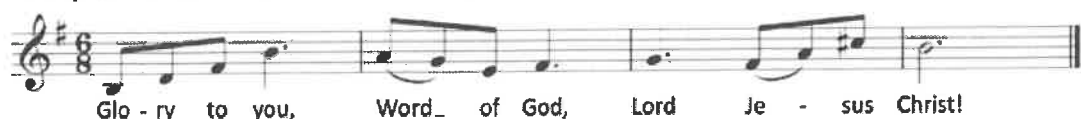


R. The Lord is my shep-herd; there is noth - ing I shall want.

## Reading II: Eph 5:8-14

Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

## Gospel Acclamation: Lenten Gospel Acclamation



Glo - ry to you, Word\_ of God, Lord Je - sus Christ!

V: I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.



## Gospel: Jn 9:1-41

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" —which means Sent—. So he went and washed, and came back able to see. His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am." So they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He replied, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went there and washed and was able to see." And they said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I don't know." They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." Now the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight. They asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?" His parents answered and said, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ, he would be expelled from the synagogue. For this reason his parents said, "He is of age; question him." So a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner." He replied, "If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see." So they said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?" They ridiculed him and said, "You are that man's disciple; we are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from." The man answered and said to them, "This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything." They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out. When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind." Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not also blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains.

## Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (BOW) *and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.* For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

# PRAYERS, READINGS & WORSHIP

## Preparation of the Gifts: Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone - John Newton, Chris Tomlin

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, that saved and set me free!  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

### Refrain

My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me.  
And like a flood his mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.

## 11:15am Mass: Amazing Grace - arr. David Ashley White

## Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass of Saint Mary Magdalene - Sarah Hart

## Communion: Shepherd Me, O God - Marty Haugen



God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want, I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,  
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul, you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,  
my spirit shall sing the music of your name.

Though I should wander the valley of death, I fear no evil, for you are at my side,  
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.

## Meditation: Lord, I Need You - Matt Maher

Lord I come, I confess, bowing here, I find my rest.  
And without you, I fall apart, you're the one that guides my heart.

Lord, I need you, oh, I need you. Every hour, I need you.  
My one defense, my righteousness. Oh God, how I need you.

Where sin runs deep, your grace is more. Where grace is found is where you are.  
And where you are, Lord, I am free, holiness is Christ in me.

## 11:15am Mass: The King of Love - John Rutter

## Sending Forth: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy - Ed Bolduc





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