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English 5:00PM & Spanish 6:30PM

SUNDAY MORNING

English 7:30AM & 9:30AM

Spanish 11:30AM

WEEKDAYS

M-F 9:00AM

Saturday 8AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:30PM - 4:30PM

EXPOSITION AND ADORATION

Of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 9:30AM-10:30PM

PRAYER LINE

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WEDDINGS

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BAPTISMS

English: Dn. Phil Nelson

Spanish: Fr. Fernando Lopez OSA

FUNERALS

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PRIVATE PRAYER

Church open Mon-Sat
10AM-4PM

FEBRUARY 14, 2021 | SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2021



Brothers and sisters,
whether you eat or drink, or whatever
you do, do everything for the glory
of God. ~1 Corinthians 10:31



February 14, 2021

Letter from Fr. Kirk

It was during Lent 2020 that the pandemic overtook our lives and our ability to worship, ultimately bringing life as we know it to a standstill. Our soup suppers were suspended. In person worship gave way to livestream Mass only. Sacraments were put on hold. Para-liturgies like Stations of the Cross were shut down. Our parish festival was cancelled.

The list goes on....

We embark on Lent 2021 battle tested by the events of this past year, and resilient in our commitment to continue to live our faith in both traditional and new ways. And so we enter this holy season where we are called to increased intentionality in our commitment to prayer, fasting and abstinence. When we celebrate Ash Wednesday this week the action of the liturgy will look different than usual, but the core of what we gather to celebrate remains unchanged. As we journey together through Lent, Holy Week and Easter, the associated liturgies and para-liturgies will also look different, but again, at their core, what we gather to celebrate remains unchanged. Perhaps the different settings in which we gather might draw our attention in new and eye-opening ways.

To be sure, we will be gathering less frequently this Lent. I'm personally most grateful that we're able to gather at all, and I intend to make the most of the times we're able to be together. I wish you all a most fruitful Lent.

God's peace,
Fr. Kirk

14 de febrero de 2021

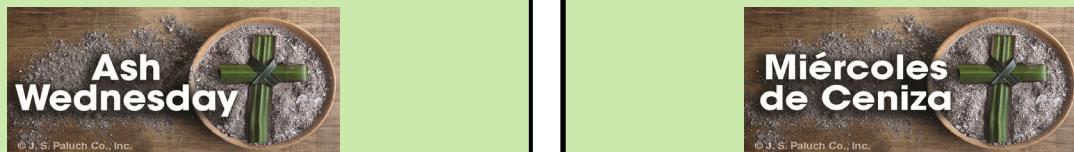
Carta del P. Kirk

Fue durante la Cuaresma de 2020 que la pandemia superó nuestras vidas y nuestra capacidad de adoración, lo que finalmente detuvo la vida tal como la conocemos. Nuestras cenas de sopa fueron suspendidas. En persona la adoración dio paso a la misa en vivo sólo. Los sacramentos fueron puestos en espera. Se cerraron para-liturgias como Estaciones de la Cruz. Nuestra fiesta parroquial fue cancelada. La lista continúa...

Nos embarcamos en la Cuaresma 2021 puesta a prueba por los acontecimientos del año pasado, y resilientes en nuestro compromiso de seguir viviendo nuestra fe tanto en formas tradicionales como nuevas. Y así entramos en este tiempo santo en el que estamos llamados a una mayor intencionalidad en nuestro compromiso con la oración, el ayuno y la abstincencia. Cuando celebremos el Miércoles de Ceniza esta semana la acción de la liturgia se verá diferente de lo habitual, pero el núcleo de lo que nos reunimos para celebrar permanece inalterado. A medida que viajemos juntos por la Cuaresma, la Semana Santa y la Pascua, las liturgias y para liturgias asociadas también se verán diferentes, pero de nuevo, en su esencia, lo que reunimos para celebrar permanece inalterado. Tal vez los diferentes entornos en los que nos reunimos podrían llamar nuestra atención de maneras nuevas y reveladoras.

Sin duda, reuniremos con menos frecuencia esta Cuaresma. Personalmente estoy muy agradecido de que seamos capaces de reunirnos, y tengo la intención de aprovechar al máximo las veces que podemos estar juntos. Les deseo a todos una Cuaresma muy fructífera.

La paz de Dios,
P. Kirk



Ash Wednesday Schedule February 17, 2021

9:00AM Mass
6:30PM Mass & Ashes (Bilingual Service)



Calendario del Miércoles de Ceniza 17 de febrero de 2021

9:00AM Misa
6:30PM Mass & Ashes (Servicio Bilingüista)



Congress of Religious Education is in a couple of weeks. It will be virtual, but will still have the same opportunities to hear great talks, wonderful liturgies, and beautiful music. I hope you are able to join with however much time you have available. You will also have access to all recorded speakers until March 21st.

Let me know if you have any questions! Email: aina@stacojai.org or call: 805-646-4338 X111

Please feel free to invite other people to participate.

Date for Congress: **February 18-21, 2021**

El Congreso de Educación Religiosa es en un par de semanas. Será virtual, pero seguirá teniendo las mismas oportunidades de escuchar grandes charlas, liturgias maravillosas y música hermosa. Espero que puedas unirte con el tiempo que tengas disponible. También tendrá acceso a todos los altavoces grabados hasta el 21 de marzo.

¡Avísame si tienes alguna pregunta! Correo electrónico: aina@stacojai.org o llame al: 805-646-4338 X111

Por favor, síntase libre de invitar a otras personas a participar.

Fecha para el Congreso: **18-21 de febrero de 2021**

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FEBRUARY
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**Sixth Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the

GLORY OF GOD.

1 Corinthians 10:31

The Gospel today concludes the first chapter of Mark, which traces the rapid expansion of Jesus' ministry. Excitement about Jesus grows so much that he can't enter a town without being besieged. His healing of a leper results in a reversal: the leper, who had been isolated from the community, is now free to speak with everyone. Jesus, who before could speak freely, now must isolate himself from the crowds. By serving others, Jesus lost some control over his ministry. This is the first hint of what happens later in Mark. Jesus' displays of power—over illness, over evil spirits, over nature—eventually lead him to the "powerlessness" of the cross.

The experience of Jesus guides us in our own efforts to be of service. Surrendering control is often very difficult. To be a servant is to engage with others, where frequently we lose some control over our freedoms, time, and energies. Often there is a cross or two to bear. As Jesus let go of control in his life, he also placed his trust in his Father. He invites us to do the same.

FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

In today's passage from First Corinthians, Paul concludes his extensive reflections on a variety of issues in Christian life, summarizing with "whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." Beyond the specific problems he addresses, Paul invites his listeners deeper, to consider the primary orientation of life in Christ. We live "for the glory of God" when we organize our lives around God's values and purposes. We find our identity within God's story as described in the scriptures. We are called to join God's work in care for others. Just like Paul, we wrestle with many difficult problems emerging from the messiness of daily living. As Lent approaches, we might claim some time to reflect upon how life's messiness connects with our identity and calling.

Today's Readings: Lv 13:1–2, 44–46; Ps 32:1–2, 5, 11;
1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40–45

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46).

Psalm — I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Psalm 32).

Second Reading — Do everything for the glory of God; be imitators of Christ (1 Corinthians 10:31 — 11:1).

Gospel — The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21;
Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b,
9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;
2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22;
Mk 1:12-15

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Marriage Day; Valentine's Day

Monday: Presidents' Day

Tuesday: Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence;
Almsgiving

Friday: Abstinence

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El leproso habitará solo, fuera del campamento (Levítico 13:1-2, 44-46).

Salmo — Perdona, Señor, nuestros pecados
(Salmo 32 [31]).

Segunda lectura — Haz todo por la gloria de Dios; sean imitadores de Cristo (1 Corintios 10:31 — 11:1).

Evangelio — Jesús, después de haber curado a un hombre leproso, le pide que no se lo cuente a nadie
(Marcos 1:40-45)

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Sal 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21;
Mc 8:11-13

Martes: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Sal 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b,
9c-10; Mc 8:14-21

Miércoles: Jl 2:12-18; Sal 51 (50):3-6ab, 12-14, 17;
2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Jueves: Dt 30:15-20; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 9:22-25

Viernes: Is 58:1-9a; Sal 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Sábado: Is 58:9b-14; Sal 86 (85):1-6; Lc 5:27-32

Domingo: Gn 9:8-15; Sal 25 (24):4-9; 1 Pe 3:18-22;
Mc 1:12-15

SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario;
Jornada Mundial del Matrimonio;
Día de San Valentín

Lunes: Día de los Presidentes

Martes: Martes de Carnaval; Mardi Gras

Miércoles: Miércoles de Ceniza; Ayuno y Abstinencia;
Ayudar

Viernes: Abstinencia



Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of,

All those that have passed away from Covid

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

Please keep them and their families in your daily prayers

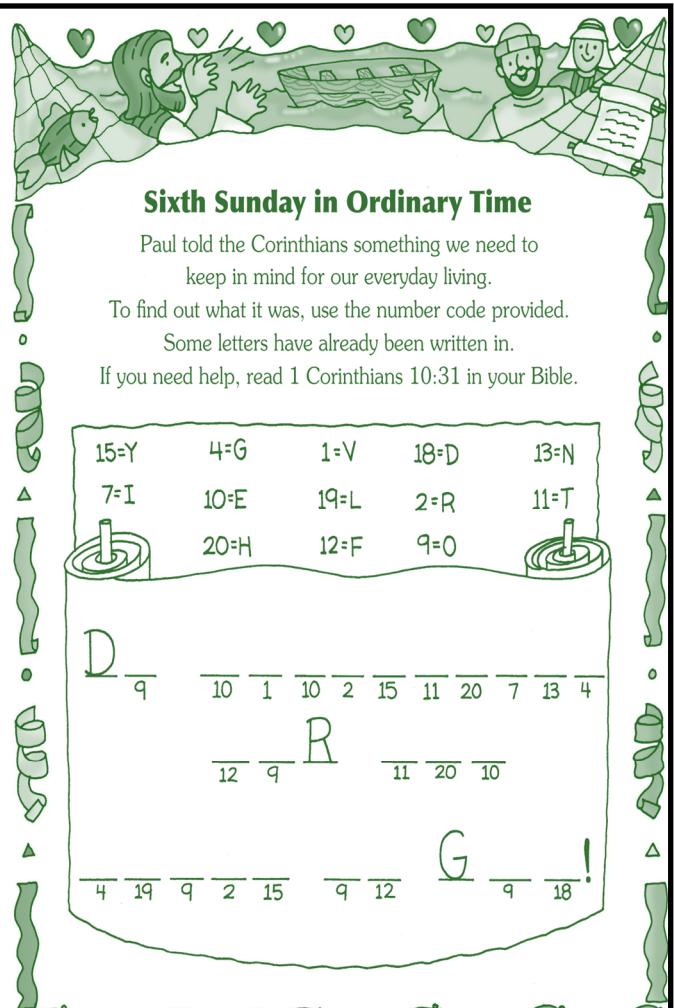
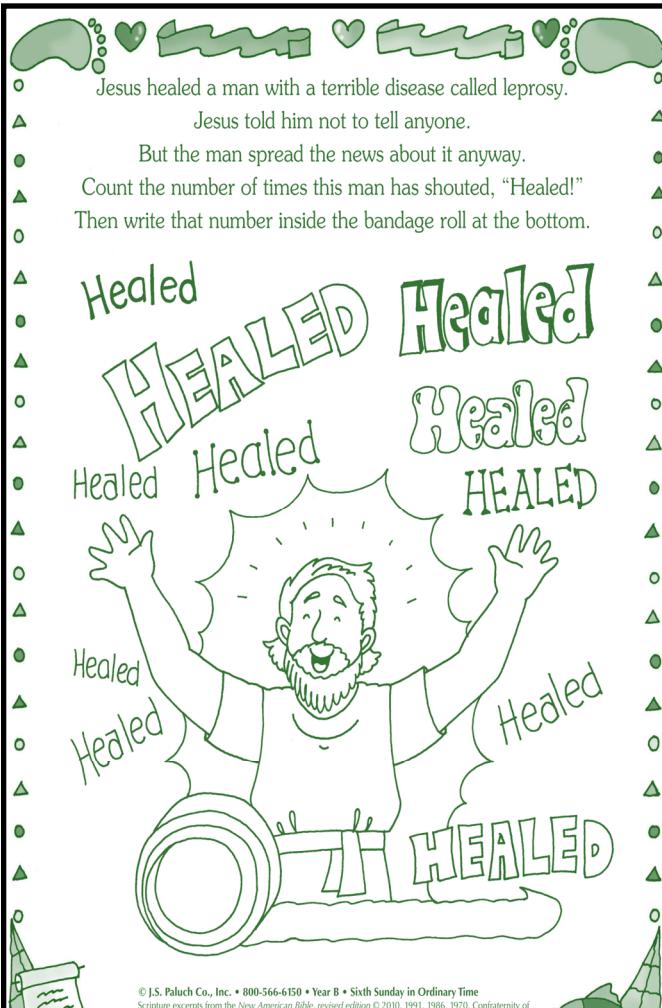
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BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please submit your bulletin requests to the office or by email to bulletin@stacojai.org by 3:00PM Friday.

GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN



WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

February 14, 2021

The measure of LOVE
Is LOVE without
measure.

-St Francis of Sales

**DIA MUNDIAL DEL MATRIMONIO**

February 14, 2021

La medida del AMOR
Es AMOR sin
Medida.

-San Francisco de Sales



February 15, 2021
We will Observe the holiday
Parish Office Closed



15 de febrero de 2021
Observaremos las vacaciones
Oficina Parroquial Cerrada

**DAILY MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday	Feb 13	5:00PM		
Sunday	Feb 14	9:30AM	Alma Cizek †	By: Mr & Mrs Wieneke
Monday	Feb 15	9:00AM	Marie Coscarelli †	By: Charles Coscarelli
Tuesday	Feb 16	9:00AM	Ursula Lucille Barrett †	By: Stephen & Julie Barback
Wednesday	Feb 17	9:00AM	Nellie Sloane †	By: Ed & Roberta Walsh
Thursday	Feb 18	9:00AM	Rudy Perez ☽	By: Gloria Valladolid
Friday	Feb 19	9:00AM	Assunta Nocero †	By: Charles Coscarelli
Saturday	Feb 20	8:00AM	Fr. Harry Neely OSA †	By: The Sebek Family

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The St. John Paul II Foundation,
in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Los Angeles,
invite all health care professionals to the first
Converging Roads medical ethics conference
held virtually on Saturday, February 27, 2021
from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm PT.

The conference theme is
Comprehensive Care in Times of Crisis, and
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celebrada prácticamente el sábado
27 de febrero de 2021 de 8:00am a 1:00pm

El tema de la conferencia es la atención integral en tiempos
de crisis créditos de educación continua para profesionales
de la salud se ofrecerá

Los temas incluyen: Obras corporales de misericordia; Lidiando
con la angustia moral; Sufrimiento, Compasión y Esperanza; y abor-
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para obtener más información, visite
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ST VINCENT DE PAUL'S PANTRY
Saturday, February 20, 2020

We have served 296 families this month and served 1091 individuals just with the pantry on the 3rd Saturday of each month.

Pop Ups will change to 2nd and 4th Mondays starting in January and will go through April

Food Share we will 10:00am to 12:30pm every Monday.

We can still use help bagging and handing out packages, please be there by 8:00 am and for bagging 2:30pm on the Friday before. We are very grateful for all the donations and for any money donated, which can be dropped off at the church office or put through the mail slot by the office door. Thank you to all who have helped and prayed for us in anyway.

You have been a part of helping those in need and I know you will be rewarded in heaven, **Bonnie (805) 646-4338 X104**

The pantry is in much need of the following Items:

Canned foods: veggies, fruit, tuna, spam, chicken, ham...etc.

Paper towels, toilet paper, cereal of all kinds, pasta of all kinds, rice, beans, jam, jelly, peanut butter, crackers, soups. Baby products are also in need, Diapers of any size, Canned and non-perishable needed as well.

We need volunteers to help bag on "EVERY" Friday at 2:30PM before and help distribute on Saturday 8:00 AM.

Monies donations: Please make checks out to: "**ST VINCENT DE PAULS**" and place it in a **CLEARLY MARKED ENVELOPE** and drop off your envelope at the church office.

Thank you to everyone for volunteering and all the hard work that you do.

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