



**HE FASTED FOR
40 DAYS**

MATTHEW 4:2

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

———— **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026** ————

Welcome To

ST. JULIE BILLIART PARISH

You are loved by God and are welcomed to celebrate with us here in our community.

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**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
(RESPONSIBILIDAD COMPARTIDA)**

Please make a personal family decision to help us reach our **weekly goal of \$7,500**

Offertory totals for February 15, 2026

Offertory	\$4,630.00
Online Sun. Giving	<u>\$1,858.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$6,488.00</u>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Please consider ONLINE GIVING. Kindly go to our parish website: www.stjulies-dsj.org

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DAILY MASS READINGS

2/22 | SUNDAY

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11 (22)

2/23 | MONDAY

Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46 (224)

2/24 | TUESDAY

Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15 (225)

2/25 | WEDNESDAY

Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32 (226)

2/26 | THURSDAY

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12 (227)

2/27 | FRIDAY

Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26 (228)

2/28 | SATURDAY

Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48 (229)

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

For the Sick & HOMEBOUND:
(Para Los Enfermos Y Confinados En Casa)
Amanda Perez, Eliseo Plata, Ismael Alarcon,
Carmen Cabral and Maria Elena Ramirez

Recently Died (Murieron Recientemente)
Jorge Gonzalez Garcia +, Louise High +, Eduardo Peralta Sr. +, Salvador Villanueva +, Trevor McCartney + and Tom Hess +

Members of our Parish Family who are in the military, hospitals, nursing homes and all who have no one to pray for them.



Interested in being an Altar Server at St. Julie?

Please contact Fr. Tito at 408-960-8017

Requirements:

Must be in 5th grade or higher and be willing to make a commitment to serve regularly (at least twice a month) at St. Julie Parish



CHURCH MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY:

5:00 PM | English (*Saturday Vigil*)

7:00 AM | English

9:00 AM | English

11:00 AM | English

1:00 PM | Spanish

ROSARY TO THE BLESSED MOTHER

Mon - Friday | 9:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASS

Mon - Friday | 9:30 AM

First Wednesday of the Month

6:30 PM | Novena Mass to Mother of Perpetual Help

First Friday of the Month

9:30 AM | Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament | English

6:30 PM | Adoracion | Spanish

7:00 PM | Misa

7:45 PM (Uncion de los enfermos)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday — Thursday

9:00AM — 4:00PM

Chapel / Capilla

Open Monday—Friday

9:00AM — 4:00PM



Sun	2/22	7:00 AM	Tom Hess +
		9:00 AM	Angelina Gueco + Eliazer Gueco +
		11:00AM	Evelyn Mc Cauley + and family
		1:00 PM	Tony Diaz +
Mon	2/23	9:30 AM	Thomas My Pham +
Tue	2/24	9:30 AM	Edilberto Bustamante (birthday)
Wed	2/25	9:30 AM	All Souls in Purgatory Brother and friend Tom Hess +
Thu	2/26	9:30 AM	Sanders family living and deceased
Fri	2/27	9:30 AM	Healing, guidance and protection: Alan Cuevas, Alexa Cuevas, Abel Jr., Erika Ramirez.
Sat	2/28	5:00 PM	Julio Sical +

Reconciliation / Confesiones Every Saturday at 4pm-4:45pm OR BY APPOINTMENT

Please contact Fr Tito or Fr Arthur

Infant Baptism | Bautizos

English

Fr. Tito

Spanish

Fr Arthur

Presentations | Presentaciones

Quinceañeras

Antonietta Bustamante

Faith Formation (Formacion De Fe)

Malou Bautista

Weddings | Bodas

English

Fr. Tito

Spanish

Fr. Arthur

Funerals | Funerales

English

Fr. Tito

Spanish

Fr. Arthur

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SUNDAY CONNECTION

First Reading

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Eve and Adam eat from the tree that was forbidden to them by God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 51:3-4,5-6,12-13,17

A prayer for mercy

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19

Through the obedience of Jesus, many will be made righteous. (shorter form: Romans 5:12,17-19)

Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus fasts for 40 days in the desert and is tempted by the devil.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels (Mark, Matthew, and Luke), after Jesus' baptism by John, Jesus is reported to have gone to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. In each case, while in the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

Matthew and Luke give more detail than Mark does, but each one tells how the devil tempts Jesus in the desert. In Matthew, as in Luke, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger; he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test; and he offers Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship the devil. In each case, Jesus resists the temptation, rebuking the devil with words from Scripture. The account of Jesus' temptation in the desert is filled with allusions and parallels to the Old Testament, including the story of the people of Israel. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert in Exodus, for example, and Jesus spends 40 days in the desert. As the Israelites were tempted during the Exodus, so too is Jesus tempted. Each temptation offers insight into both God and the human condition. Jesus' rejection of the temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God's protection and faithfulness.

As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice; God's promise of protection can be trusted; God alone is God.



Sowing Seeds of Faith

The Diocese of San José - Campaign for Spiritual Renewal

Prayer

Heavenly Father,
Source of all life and giver of every good gift,
In this Year of Hope, we come before You
With grateful hearts and trusting spirits.

You have called us to sow seeds of faith,
To renew our hearts, our parishes,
schools, and our Diocese
Through a bold vision rooted in Your love.
As we unite in this Capital Campaign,
Grant us the grace to respond with
generosity and joy.

Strengthen our commitment to the
mission of the Church,
That we may grow as faithful disciples,
Active in the life of our parishes,
And courageous in sharing the Gospel with others.

Bless our efforts to support our
Diocesan Pastoral Plan,
So that *Renewed in Christ,*
Together in Mission,
Every ministry may thrive,
And every soul may give glory to God.

May the seeds we plant today bear fruit
for generations to come.
Through the intercession of
Saint Joseph, Saint Clare,
And Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe,
May we be guided always in
faith, hope, and love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



GRATEFUL RECEIVERS
Generous Givers

An Overview of the Sacrament of Penance

“Those who approach the Sacrament of Penance obtain pardon from God’s mercy for the offense committed against him, and are, at the same time, reconciled with the Church which they have wounded by their sins and which by charity, by example, and by prayer labors for their conversion” (LG 11 § 2) (CCC #1422)

The Sacrament of Penance is given many names. The various names highlight its effects in our lives. Here are the various names we use:

Sacrament of Penance: This Sacrament allows us to do acts of penance for our sins as a way of deepening our conversion and turning away from the sins we confess.

Sacrament of Conversion: It calls us to change, to convert and become more conformed to the image of Christ.

Sacrament of Confession: In this Sacrament, we are called to disclose our conscience and reveal our sins in absolute confidentiality to the priest.

Sacrament of Forgiveness: The ultimate effect of this Sacrament is forgiveness of our sins.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: By receiving this Sacrament, we are not only reconciled to God, we are also reconciled to the other members of the Church.

When a person is baptized, every sin is forgiven. Of course, if we were baptized as infants, there were no “personal” sins present, only “original sin.” In that case, original sin is wiped away. But for those who are baptized as adults, they should be pleased to know that every sin of their past is fully wiped away at baptism. In the early Church, there were those who actually waited to be baptized until later in life so that they could receive this effect of Baptism closer to death. But if we have a proper understanding of both Baptism and Penance, we will realize that infant baptism is the ideal when followed by regular participation in the Sacrament of Penance. Saint Ambrose is quoted in the *Catechism* to illustrate this by saying, *“there are water and tears: the water of Baptism and the tears of repentance”* (St. Ambrose, CCC #1429)

The key to understanding the Sacrament of Penance is to understand how glorious it is to embrace a life of ongoing conversion. This is the Christian life! It’s a life of continually growing closer to God and moving further away from our sins. For some, this can seem like a burden and can be undesirable. But if we understood the wonderful interior rewards of ongoing and deepening conversion, it would be our greatest desire.

How do we convert? First and foremost, it’s an interior action. It means we discover two things in the depths of our conscience. We discover sin, and we discover God. The goal is obviously to see sin for what it is and then to turn it over to our merciful God. But God also wants this interior conversion to have exterior aspects. Hence, we have the Sacrament of Penance. In this Sacrament, we invite Christ, in the person of the priest, to enter into our conscience and to wipe it clean leaving only God there to consume us more fully.

This interior conversion also has the exterior effect of changing our actions and enabling God to shine through us in a more manifest way, so as to offer His love and mercy to others. So conversion is something first interior which unfolds in our exterior lives. If we can understand this Sacrament for what it is, we may also come to accept the value of regularly practicing it!

First Week of Lent

Facing Temptation

First Sunday of Lent

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. [Matthew 4:1–2](#)

Is temptation good? Certainly it's not a sin to be tempted. Otherwise our Lord could never have been tempted Himself. But He was. And so are we. As we enter into the first full week of Lent, we are given the opportunity to ponder the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert.

Temptation is never from God. But God does permit us to be tempted. Not so that we fall, but so that we grow in holiness. Temptation forces us to rise up and make a choice either for God or for the temptation. Though mercy and forgiveness are always offered when we fail, the blessings that await those who overcome temptation are numerous.

Jesus' temptation did not increase His holiness, but it did afford Him the opportunity to manifest His perfection within His human nature. It is that perfection we seek and His perfection that we must strive to imitate as we face the temptations of life. Let's look at five clear "blessings" that can come from enduring the temptations of the evil one. Ponder these carefully and slowly:

- First, enduring a temptation and conquering it helps us see the strength of God in our lives.
- Second, temptation humbles us, stripping away our pride and our struggle of thinking we are self-reliant and self-made.
- Third, there is great value in completely rejecting the devil. This not only robs him of his ongoing power to deceive us, but it also clarifies our vision of who he is so that we can continue to reject him and his works.
- Fourth, overcoming temptation clearly and definitively strengthens us in every virtue.
- Fifth, the devil would not tempt us if he were not concerned about our holiness. Thus, we should see temptation as a sign that the evil one is losing hold of our lives.

Overcoming temptation is like acing an exam, winning a contest, completing a difficult project or accomplishing some challenging feat. We should take great joy in overcoming temptation in our lives, realizing that this strengthens us to the core of our being. As we do so, we must also do so in humility, realizing that we have not accomplished this on our own but only by the grace of God in our lives.

The opposite is true also. When we fail a particular temptation over and over again, we get discouraged and tend to lose the little virtue we have. Know that any and every temptation from the evil one can be overcome. Nothing is too great. Nothing is too difficult. Humble yourself in confession, seek the help of a confidant, fall on your knees in prayer, trust in the almighty power of God. Overcoming temptation is not only possible, it is a glorious and transforming experience of grace in your life.

Reflect, today, upon Jesus facing the devil in the desert after spending 40 days of fasting. He faced every temptation of the evil one so as to assure us that if we but unite ourselves completely to Him in His human nature, so we also will have His strength to overcome anything and everything the vile devil throws our way.



Calling St. Julie's Founding Members and Early Parishioners.

To join a social gathering at the Sullivan Center, Date TBD, Proposed time: 12PM-2PM.

An occasion to reminisce, get back in touch with folks you may not have seen in a while, enjoy some food, create a directory, and plan for future gatherings.

Please spread the word so that all the "originals" and early parishioners are included.

If you know of anyone who may not live in the area, please let them know that they can join by Zoom. We can help with transportation arrangements for those who live locally.

To register and for more details, please contact Carmen Lizardi-Folley at (408) 314-0328 or lizardifolleycarmen@gmail.com.



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Youth Faith Formation Movie Night Fundraiser!

MARCH 8
12:00 PM

ENTRANCE FEE: \$2.00 PER PERSON



ST. JULIE BILLIART PARISH IN SULLIVAN CENTER



Everyone is welcome! Join us for a fun and inclusive experience for all ages.

Enjoy the NEW Movie DAVID and delicious snacks for just \$1!

TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN WE NEED PARENTS TO DONATE: INDIVIDUAL SNACKS INDIVIDUAL HOT CHOCOLATE TO SELL!

All proceeds will go to help with the cost of the youth retreat t-shirt, light breakfast, any other costs incurred for their retreat in March



¡Noche de cine para recaudar fondos para la formación en la fe de los jóvenes!

8 DE MARZO
12:00 P. M.

PRECIO DE ENTRADA: \$2.00 POR PERSONA



SOLO EFECTIVO

PARROQUIA DE SANTA JULIA BILLIART EN SULLIVAN CENTER



¡Bienvenidos todos! Únanse a nosotros para una experiencia divertida e inclusiva para todas las edades.

¡Disfruta de la NUEVA Película DAVID y deliciosos snacks por sólo \$1!

PARA QUE ESTO SUCEDA NECESITAMOS QUE LOS PADRES DONEN: SNACKS INDIVIDUALES ¡CHOCOLATE CALIENTE INDIVIDUAL PARA VENDER!

Todos los ingresos se destinarán a ayudar con el costo de la camiseta del retiro juvenil, el desayuno ligero y cualquier otro costo incurrido para el retiro en marzo





28 Days of Extraordinary Gratitude & Generosity Challenge

Lent begins with an invitation to see our lives differently. God has entrusted each of us with blessings — our time, our relationships, our abilities, our resources. This week, pause each day to notice one gift you may have overlooked. Gratitude opens our hearts and helps us recognize that everything we have is a sign of God's love.



Do you know someone who's homebound?

If you or a loved one are homebound, and would like to receive Holy Communion and anointing, please call the parish office at 408-629-3030 or Carmen Lizardi Folley at 408-314-0328.

Leave your name, phone number and the date that you called. Or email us with the same information to office@stjulies-dsj.org. A minister will contact you and arrange a time to come to your home.

Conoces a alguien que esté sin poder salir de casa?

Si usted o un ser querido están enfermos o imposibilitados para salir de su hogar y desea recibir la Sagrada Comunión, llame a la oficina parroquial al 408-629-3030 x 107. Deje su nombre, número de teléfono y la fecha en que llamó. O envíenos un correo electrónico con la misma información a office@stjulies-dsj.org. Un ministro se pondrá en contacto con usted y concertará una cita para visitar su hogar.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

San Jose Events Spring 2026

February 18th – March 29th

Opening Day Prayer with Fr. Jan, OCD, at Planned Parenthood

February 18th, Wednesday, 1:30pm
1691 The Alameda, San Jose, CA 95126

Opening Holy Mass at Queen of Apostles

February 21st, Saturday, 5:00 pm
4911 Moorpark Ave, San Jose, CA 95129

Holy Hour for Life at St. Julie Billiart

February 20th, Every Friday during Lent, 10am
Starts after 9:30am Mass
6410 St Julie Dr, San Jose, CA 95119

Procession from St Leo Parish to Planned Parenthood

February 28th, Saturday, 9:30 am
88 Race St, San Jose, CA 95126

Walk for Life (5K Walk/Run), Sponsored by Real Options

March 7th, Saturday, 8:30 am
Martial Cottle Park, 5283 Snell Ave, San Jose, CA 95136

The Legion of Mary at Planned Parenthood

Every Tuesday, 10am – 12pm
1691 The Alameda, San Jose, CA 95126

Closing Prayer at Planned Parenthood

March 28th, Saturday, 9:30am
1691 The Alameda, San Jose CA 95126

Real Options Online Support Groups

Every Thursday via Zoom
Call/Text 408.444.5472 or Beckey Morales at hope@realoptions.net



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