

**Deanery 2 Presents:
A Day of Reflection on Social Justice:**

Faith, Justice, Action!

Evangelii Gaudium: The Joy of the Gospel – Our Faith in Action

**Saturday, February 28, 2015
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

St. Albert the Great Church
1095 Channing, Palo Alto 94301

Keynote Speaker:

**Deacon Ruben Solorio,
Director of Social Ministries,
Diocese of San Jose**

Many workshops to choose from including Spirituality & Justice, Eucharist & Justice, the call to Non-Violence, Justice & Pope Francis' Joy in the Gospel, Immersion Experiences, the Unaccompanied Minor issue and more. 8 workshops in English and 2 workshops in Spanish to choose from. All participants will be able to take two workshops.

Information and displays from many justice groups will also be available throughout the day.

Registration : \$10 (received by February 23) - \$15 at the door

For more information: Contact Susan Olsen at 650-494-2496, ext. 25 or email at suolsen@dsj.org.

Social Justice Day of Reflection Registration Form

Please sign me up for Deanery 2's Social Justice Day on February 28. I have selected workshops below.
____ A check in the amount of \$10 is enclosed. (Make checks payable to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.)
Email questions to suolsen@dsj.org.

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Parish: _____

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Mail to Susan Olsen, St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, 3290 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, CA 94306.
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Workshops - (Select 1st & 2nd choice for each sessions)

Session I (10:25 a.m. – 11:25 a.m.)

____ 1a Are You Weak or Strong if You Confront Violence with Non-Violence, Sr. Elizabeth Avalos, BVM

____ 1b The Humanitarian Crisis on the Border: The Reality of Unaccompanied Minors and Our Community's Response, Karen Boncher, Gianni Chicca, and Carolina Ybarra

____ 1c Living Joyfully: The Call to Ecological Conversion, Lauren Matusich

____ 1d Made in His Image: The Joy of Being His Love in a Broken World, Valerie Hill

____ 1e La Eucharistia, Misterio del Amor Infinito de Dios, Lupita Vital (en espanol)

Session II (11:35 a.m. – 12:35 a.m.)

____ 2f Remembering Francis of Assisi, Listening to Francis of Rome, Accompanying Jesus of Nazareth, Stan Fitzgerald

____ 2g Spirituality and Justice: God's Compassion Lived Out in Faithful Action, Sr. Marilyn Wilson, BVM

____ 2h Immersion in the Joy of the Gospel, Panel Discussion

____ 2i The Conventional Free Trade System is Broken. How Can We Fix it? The Role of Fair Trade Praxis and Advocacy In Action, Anne Maloney, Bill Perry, Brendan Cuning

____ 2j La Crisis Humanitaria en la frontera: La realidad de los menos immigrants y la respuesta de la comunidad, Gianni Chicca of Catholic Charities, Carolina Ybarra of The Bill Wilson Center (En espanol)

Workshops

1a Are You Weak Or Strong If You Confront Violence With Non-Violence?

There are many causes I would die for. There is not a single cause I would kill for.-- Gandhi
Love your neighbor as yourself -- Jesus

How can we live the Joy of the Gospel in the midst of chaos? How can we be happy Christians living non-violently when so much violence surrounds us? This session is an opportunity to grow in understanding of how a mindset of non-violence and non-violent communication can help each one of us live better Christian lives. Strategies will be shared to help you dampen down the violence in our midst.

Presenter: Sr. Elizabeth Avalos, BVM – A Sister of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (BVM), a facilitator and presenter, Sr. Elizabeth has facilitated JustFaith groups in the Diocese of San Jose and given presentations on social justice issues in various dioceses in the United States. Sister Elizabeth’s religious congregation, as many others, has taken a stance to commit themselves to non-violence.

1b The Humanitarian Crisis on the Border: The Reality of Unaccompanied Minors and our Community’s Response Gain a better understanding of what the crisis is and what’s being done about it both nationally and locally. See and hear the reality of unaccompanied minors crossing the border. We will present the facts surrounding the current crisis including the harsh reality of why over 50,000 children have fled their home countries and entered the US in the last year. We will discuss what happens to the children once they arrive in the United States and will conclude with a group discussion about the various ways to get involved.

Presenters: Karen Boncher, Gianni Chicca of Catholic Charities and Carolina Ybarra of The Bill Wilson Center.

1c Living Joyfully: The Call to Ecological Conversion

This workshop will focus on the call for personal conversion and social transformation as simultaneous needs in order to achieve a sustainable environment. Using Keith Warner’s *Care for Creation*, participants will explore the three “E’s” of sustainability recognized by the United Nations and the necessity of integrating Social Equity, Ecological Protection, and Economic Development to be sustainable. Go beyond the basics to a deeper reflection on our role as individuals called to protect our planet in the midst of a consumer society.

Presenter: Lauren Matusich – A member of the faculty at Mitty High School, Lauren currently teaches an elective course on Ethics, Justice and the Environment. She has been actively involved with the Catholic Green Initiative and has served on its Education Committee since its inception.

1d Made in His Image: the Joy of Being His Love in a Broken World

Is human life sacred? What does the Bible say? How do we live as His ambassadors? Discuss of ways to effectively walk in His truth with grace.

Presenter: Valerie Hill, Real Options - CEO of RealOptions Pregnancy medical Clinics in Santa Clara County. Valerie began her work with them as a volunteer Client Advocate 25 years ago. She has had an abortion in her past and knows the pain of violating the gift of God and the sacredness of Life. Through her journey of healing she has seen the faithfulness of the Lord as He has turned her ashes into beauty for His glory (Isaiah 61).

1e La Eucaristía, Misterio del Amor Infinito de Dios

Jesucristo, es solo amor para todos nosotros, y en la Eucaristía, es que se presenta el gozo de vivir la Palabra y alimentarnos con el pan del cielo. En este Sacramento se renueva y se comunica nuestra búsqueda del amor. ¡Te invito a descubrir ese amor del cual todos compartimos!

Presenter: Lupita Vital - Lupita Vital C. Es actualmente la Directora del Apostolado Hispano en la Diócesis de San Jose. Ella tiene una Maestría en Teología y vida Pastoral. Es originaria de Jalisco México y ha servido en esta Diócesis desde el año 1989. Su ministerio a la Iglesia local de San José ha sido en la Catequesis y Liturgia.

2f Remembering Francis of Assisi, Listening to Francis of Rome, Accompanying Jesus of Nazareth!

This workshop seeks to refresh, remind and bring to life the Gospel message so that attendees will be able to enjoy and share the "Good News."

Presenter: Stan Fitzgerald – A parishioner at St. Francis of Assisi parish, Stan is involved in many ministries serving the poor and marginalized at the parish, deanery and diocesan levels. Stan is also active with Catholic Charities USA, the Dayworker Center, Ignation Companions at Santa Clara University, and the Jesuit Volunteer Corps.

2g Spirituality And Justice: God's Compassion Lived Out In Faithful Action.

"There are only two dimensions of being human: to celebrate and to work for justice." (Hildegard von Bingen) If a developing personal and communal spiritual life is integral to authentic justice seeking and action, how does one integrate these two dimensions. This workshop will explore foundational elements of a spiritual life, prayer and worship, and share some practices to enhance joy, justice and meaningful gospel living.

Presenter: Sr. Marilyn Wilson, BVM – Sr. Marilyn is a Sister of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a retreat facilitator, spiritual director, an educator and peace and justice advocate. Issues around human trafficking, immigration, and violence against women are important to her spirituality and justice outreach.

2h Immersion in the Joy of the Gospel

The transformative experience of an immersion trip can serve as the springboard to a life of committed discipleship. In this workshop panel, you will hear about various local and international immersion programs of service and solidarity for youth and adults. You will learn how they foster their participants to live out the joy of the gospel upon returning and lead a life of faith in action in their local communities and the world. Learn how you or your parish can get started in an immersion experience.

Presenters: This workshop is a panel discussion with representatives of parish and school immersion experiences from throughout our diocese and beyond, including Holy Spirit's Nicaragua trip, the multi-parish Tijuana Ministry, Archbishop Mitty High School Immersion Program and service-learning, non-profit Community Links International.

2i The Conventional Free Trade System Is Broken. How Can We Fix It? The Role Of Fair Trade Praxis And Advocacy In Action. In this workshop we shall use presentation, Powerpoint, group activity and group discussion to bring us to understanding and action for the reign of God.

Presenters: Anne Maloney, Bill Perry, Brendan Cunning. - Presenters are all CRS Fair Trade Ambassadors. Bill Perry has been promoting Fair Trade in Silicon Valley for over 5 years. Anne Maloney is a teacher and is Director of the Social Justice Department and Coordinator of the Immersion Program at Bellarmine College. Brendan Cunning taught Social Studies at San Jose City College, taught at SJSU, is a licensed psychotherapist (ret.), and spent 4 years in the Philippines.

2j La Crisis Humanitaria en la frontera: La realidad de los menos inmigrantes y la respuesta de la comunidad. (en Espanol) Exploremos juntos la realidad de los menores inmigrantes que están cruzando la frontera. Descubra las iniciativas puestas en marcha por el Condado de Santa Clara y Bill Wilson Center y como usted como miembro de la comunidad puede ayudar con esta crisis.

Presenters: Gianni Chicca, Catholic Charities y Carolina Ybarra, The Bill Wilson Center.

