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ALTAR CARE
This ministry launders the Mass linens and white robes. Ministers share this service on a rotating basis. This is the perfect ministry for those who like behind-the-scenes work done at home at their convenience and no scheduled meetings to attend.

Contact: Karen Rivera  
parishoffice@sjasr.org  925 830-0600

ALTAR SERVERS – WEEKEND MASS
Boys and girls, who are at least 9 years old or in the 4th grade, their parents and other adults over the age of 18 who want to serve our parish through a more active role in liturgy, are welcome. Training is required and can be arranged individually or in small groups.

Contact: Michael Kelly  
mkelly@ssd.com  925 648-8018

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD
See page 19.
DAILY MASS MINISTRY
Trained members of the daily Mass community assist the priest at daily Mass as Eucharistic Ministers (Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion), Lectors and Altar Servers. Lectors proclaim at the ambo the first reading and psalm (and on occasion the second reading) from the daily lectionary and read the general intercessions for the day. Altar Servers act as Sacristan before and after Mass, set and clear the altar, hold the Roman Missal for the priest, and other services as dictated by the specific liturgy. Ministers are scheduled a month in advance on a rotating schedule. Training is provided and is a prerequisite to serving.

Contact: Rosemarie McKenney  rmckenney@sjasr.org  925 830-0600

ENVIRONMENT
This group creates and enhances the beauty of our church to make our worship space more prayerful and esthetically pleasing. While the work of the committee is most noticeable during the major seasons of the Church Year, the committee functions year-round.

Contact: Karen Rivera  parishoffice@sjasr.org  925 830-0600

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND MASS
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion distribute Holy Communion at the weekend Masses. You must be registered in the parish, must have received the Sacrament of Confirmation and must attend a training.

Contact: Lisa Roberts  lrr1@sbcglobal.net  925 594-3477
WORSHIP-LITURGY

GREETERS
Greeters welcome people coming to Mass on Saturdays and Sundays. Greeters arrive 15-20 minutes early and are scheduled a specific Mass that suits your schedule.

Contact: Joannette & Don Fong  fongohana93@comcast.net  925 365-1452

LECTORS, MINISTERS OF THE WORD – WEEKEND MASS
This ministry requires readers with a speaking style that is audible and clear. In addition to the scripture readings, lectors lead the congregation in the Prayers of the Faithful.

You must be a registered member of the parish, if a teenager, you must be confirmed, and you must attend a lector training session. You can expect to be scheduled once every 5-6 weeks and attend a practice on the Thursday night the week of your assignment. Lectors are also assigned to Holy Day Masses and other special liturgies throughout the year

Contact: Janet Cooke  sjalectors@gmail.com  925 413-5778
MUSIC MINISTRY
CANTOR FORMATION
Cantor Formation is an extension of our choir ministry. Cantors must possess good vocal and leadership skills, the ability to read music and self-prepare. Cantors must be willing to serve at any of the five weekend Masses, and participate in weekly formation sessions. Entrance into the program is by audition. Cantor Formation meets on Wednesdays at 5 p.m.

Contact: Janèt Sullivan Whitaker  jwhitaker@sjasr.org  925 830-0600

CHOIR, PARISH
Men and women of all ages are welcome to join the parish choir. Rehearsals are held Wednesday evenings in the church from 7:00 until 9:00pm, September through May. Choral experience is appreciated, though not required. If you would like to join us, simply come to Wednesday practice, or speak with one of our music ministers.

Contact: Janèt Sullivan Whitaker  jwhitaker@sjasr.org  925 830-0600

CHOIR, CHILDREN'S
This ministry is open to singers in 3rd through 6th grades. Rehearsals are held Tuesday afternoons in the church from 5:15 until 6:15pm, September through May.

Contact: Janèt Sullivan Whitaker  jwhitaker@sjasr.org  925 830-0600
WORSHIP-LITURGY

CHOIR, SIMBANG GABI
Men and women of all ages are welcome to join the Simbang Gabi choir. This group sings for the nine-day Mass novena from December 16 to December 24, to usher the birth of Christ. Rehearsals start in October and are usually held Tuesday nights from 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm. The group also sings for major Holy Day liturgies, once a month at noon and combines with Sunday morning choir for special liturgies.

Contact: Marietta Ocampo mocampo@legacyrea.com 925 525-6821

CHOIR AND BAND, YOUTH
The Youth Choir welcomes singers and instrumentalists in Junior High and High School. The ensemble rehearses at 4:30 PM to prepare for ministry at our 5:30 PM Saturday Masses. This group also provides music for our monthly Youth Mass, which is celebrated September through May on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 5:30pm.

Contact: Janèt Sullivan Whitaker jwhitaker@sjasr.org 925 830-0600

CHOIR, FIL-AM (12 NOON)
Our Fil-Am Choir rehearses from 7-9 p.m. on Thursday nights. This group of men, women, children and teens serves regularly at the 12 noon Mass. Although regular parish music is sung through the liturgy, the group often shares a piece in Tagalog, recognizing their cultural tradition. You may also find special music and celebrations surrounding feasts such as: San Lorenzo Ruiz, San Pedro Calungsod, Simbang Gabi, Santo Nino, Flores de Mayo, Santacruzan, and even our parish Adobo feed. This group is completely open to parishioners of all cultures and ethnic backgrounds. And, we especially appreciate willingness to embrace the Tagalog language of the Philippines.

Contact: Marietta Ocampo mocampo@legacyrea.com 925 525-6821
WORSHIP-LITURGY

CHOIR: INSTRUMENTALISTS
Experienced instrumentalists are encouraged to share their gifts with the community as members of the music ministry. Instrumentalists are generally called upon for the primary Holy Days, but also at other times during the year, as needed.

Contact: Janèt Sullivan Whitaker  jwhitaker@sjasr.org  925 830-0600

POWERPOINT
The PowerPoint Ministry invites people of all ages who are able to operate the slides shown on the screens for all weekend and holy day masses. Middle school youth and teens are encouraged to join this ministry. Orientation is provided as needed. PowerPoint slides are provided.

Contact: David Magenheimer  david.magenheimer@wcpmc.com

USHERS
Ushers play an important role in creating a warm and hospitable environment for worship. They help greet and show parishioners and guests to their seats, take up the collection and arrange for the presentation of the gifts.

Ushers are scheduled once or twice a month at the Sunday Mass of his or her choice. New Ushers are asked to attend a one-hour training session.

Contact: Fidela Tecson  deltecson@gmail.com  925 984-3201
WORSHIP - PRAYER

ALPHA PRAYER TEAM
The Alpha prayer team prays throughout the year for the Alpha culture we are evolving at St. Joan - for the Alpha courses we host, for the people the Holy Spirit brings to those courses, for the teams of people who produce each course, and for those who are reaching out into our community to invite more people to join us. to grow closer to Christ and to experience Alpha.

Contact: Sheryl Wingard  Sheryl.wingard@gmail.com  925 818-5630

CENTERING PRAYER GROUP
The Centering Prayer Group meets on the first Tuesday of each month to pray. Through the practice of Centering Prayer (the prayer of silence) and Lectio Divina (the prayer of listening), we open a pathway to open our hearts to deepen our relationships with God.

All are welcome. No experience is necessary; we will lead you through the process.

Contact: Susan Caldera  SueC18@comcast.net  925 899-2219
WORSHIP - PRAYER

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY
In taking communion to the sick and homebound, the Minister represents Christ and manifests faith, love and hope on behalf of the whole community of St. Joan of Arc toward those who cannot be present at the Celebration of the Eucharist. Most of the time Ministers visit the homebound on a weekly basis at the convenience of both the recipient and the Minister; the visit can range from 15 minutes to an hour.

Contact: Peg Wilcox  mrbwilcox@aol.com  925 997-8033

HOSPITAL MINISTRY
The members of our ministry visit patients who are hospitalized at San Ramon Regional Medical Center every day of the year. We provide comfort, communion and prayer for patients and their families. Time commitments for this ministry vary depending on the number of patients that we see. The typical visit will take approximately sixty to ninety minutes. Most ministers visit one time per month. We also have ministers who substitute as their schedules permit. Orientation and training are provided.

Contact: T.J. DeSoto  tino.desoto@gmail.com  925 858-9270

INTERCESSORY PRAYER TEAM
Our mission is to provide support and comfort through prayer to those in need, to strengthen our relationship with God and to build community. Ministry members commit to pray daily for prayer requests we receive, praying for each intention for one month unless otherwise indicated. The ministry also has members who send cards or make phone calls to extend encouragement when requested.

Contact: Suzette Barreras  suzetteb0801@gmail.com  925 648-2595
PRISON MINISTRY
Volunteers can participate in many ways, like perform Liturgy of the Word and Communion Services conducted in the jail’s chapel or in one of the housing units on Saturday morning. You can offer individual visits with inmates, or serve as a Eucharistic Minister and bring communion to inmates in a group or on a one-to-one basis. Volunteers also conduct Bible Study and faith sharing group, facilitating small groups of men or women anytime during the week. Or you may simply want to assist with inmates with their requests for religious literature.

Contact: Randy Starkweather (rpstkweather@sbcglobal.net)

UNDER HIS WINGS PRAYER GROUP
This prayer group is comprised of individuals who are dealing with varying on-going health issues, who wish to build community and deepen their faith. We pray for one another and for our local and global community in pain, and seek to be a reflection of the Paschal Mystery of Christ to others. We meet on the first Monday of the month from 9:30 -11:00 a.m.

Contact: Judy Q. Parish Office 925 830-0300

WOMEN’S SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND MEDITATION GROUP
The Women’s Spiritual Growth and Mediation Group meets Wednesday mornings after the 9 AM Mass (usually about 9:30) for the purpose of prayer, silent meditation, lectio divina and sharing. The gathering ends between 11 to 11:30 AM.

Contacts: Buddie Maxwell (buddiemaxwell@hotmail.com)
Judy Q.
ADULT FAITH FORMATION

ADULT CONFIRMATION
St. Joan’s offers formation for adults to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation Catechists facilitate formation sessions, offer prayer opportunities and assist candidates with discernment.

Contact: Maureen Tiffany  mtiffany@sjasr.org  925 830-0600

ALPHA
Alpha for Catholics is an opportunity to inspire Catholic renewal, answer the call to the New Evangelization and the call of Christ and His Church to "go and make disciples of all nations.” Session offered at different times throughout the year.

Opportunities to serve in the ALPHA program include table hosts and helpers who will host table discussions after each talk. ALPHA requires a task force to help behind the scenes setting up rooms, preparing/arranging food, and cleaning up at the end of each session.

Contact: Rosemarie McKenney  rmckenney@sjasr.org  925 830-0600

BAPTISM TEAM
Volunteers willingly share faith and traditions with new parents and encourage them to commit to the practice of faith. Teams of couples rotate hosting a meeting every other month or supporting the Rite of Enrollment or Baptisms once a month at a specified mass.

Contact: Deacon John Durden  parishoffice@sjasr.org  925 830-0600
ADULT FAITH FORMATION

BIBLE STUDY
There are several opportunities to study the Bible within the parish.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY
The Parish offers a study each year from the Great Adventure Catholic Bible Study. Classes offered throughout the week. See the parish website for details of the current study.

Contact: Rosemarie McKenney rmckenney@sjasr.org 925 830-0600

BIBLE STUDY, MEN’S SATURDAY MORNING
The Saturday’s Men’s Bible Group meets at 8AM for one hour every Saturday morning to read, discuss and pray the bible, fellowship, and partake in action projects. The group adopts families through Catholic Charities Adopt-A-Family program, as wells as supports each member’s ministries, such as, St. Vincent de Paul, Loaves & Fishes, San Damiano Retreat House, and St. Joan’s projects.

Contact: Jim Noe jlnoe3@gmail.com 925 743-0893

BIBLE STUDY, WOMEN’S WEDNESDAY MORNING
Each semester we participate in the Parish Study or we pick a new series. It involves a section of scripture and a study guide with questions. Sessions are about 90 minutes on Wednesday Mornings at 9:45 - 11:15 AM.

Contact: Colleen Homolka homolka@aol.com 925 858-3151
B.R.E.A.D.
Book Readers Engaging And Discussing meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 9:30 AM to listen, discuss and share spiritual reading. We discuss both fiction and non-fiction. This group is a way to meet others in the community, learn more about our Catholic faith and stretch our minds.

Contact: Missy Davey iris10@comcast.net

C.A.F.E. (CATHOLIC ADULT FAITH EXPLORATION)
Our C.A.F.E. study group meets every Sunday afternoon in the Lower Conference Room from 1:30 to 3:30 on Sunday afternoons to “dine & discuss” relevant topics. We often follow the Parish Bible study but also select other studies from Formed.org and other sources.

Contact: Mike Dybis mike_dyb@juno.com

CHRISTIAN FAMILY MOVEMENT
Christian Family Movement (CFM) is a national network of small groups of Catholic parents and their families. Through the use of lessons that pertain to everyday life, Christian values are re-inforced and families are encouraged to reach out in service to others. Parents and families meet regularly for group discussions and social outings. The time commitment is 3-6 hours per month for meetings and socials.

Contact: Annette and Ray Altamirano
annette_altamiramoy@yahoo.com
925 830-0600 (Parish Office)
GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER (GIFT)
GIFT is a month of workshops in January dedicated to nurturing adult faith. There are over 30 options on a wide variety of topics to help our parish learn, grow and nourish their spirit and deepen their faith. Volunteers help with planning, registration, publicity, and hospitality.

Contact: Rosemarie McKenney  rmckenney@sjasr.org  925 830-0600

MARRIAGE MINISTRY
The Marriage Ministry core team consists of married couples who meet monthly to pray for marriage-related intentions, those preparing for marriage, those celebrating anniversaries, and those experiencing difficulty in their marriages; to plan events designed to help develop and strengthen sacramental marriages, such as monthly Date Nights and engaged/married couples retreats; and to provide resources such as books, articles, movies and counseling services, all available at www.sjasr.org/MARRIAGE.

Contact: Rosemarie & Robert McKenney-Porter
SJAMarriageMinistry@gmail.com  925 997-6742
ADULT FAITH FORMATION

MISSION FOCUS MINISTRY
The Mission Focus Ministry provides formation on important Gospel justice topics. We learn how to become missionary disciples, modern day “activated” apostles, by studying important topics and exploring where God may be calling each of us to serve in our community. Our studies are home-based and typically 8- weeks in length with kick-off and closing celebrations that bring all concurrent study groups together.

We feature JustMatters material and studies from JustFaith as well as studies we have developed from other sources.

Contact: Rosemarie McKenney  rmckenney@sjasr.org  925 830-0600

MOMS: MINISTRY OF MOTHERS
MOMS helps all moms - experienced, new, step, grandmothers, foster, expectant and even wanna-be moms - to become the mothers God wants us to be by: providing a place to gather as a community of mothers, sharing ways to become better mothers, discussing motherhood challenges, consulting Scripture, finding resources and praying together. We meet on Thursday mornings at 9:45AM.

Contact: Amber Willburn  awillburn@gmail.com  719 359-0705

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA) TEAM
Team members are part of the process for those seeking to receive Baptism, wishing to be accepted into the Catholic Church or needing to complete the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. Members can be part of the Inquiry Team, welcoming those interested in becoming Catholic, the Catechumenate Team, or become a Sponsor for a candidate.

Contact: Maureen Tiffany  mtiffany@sjasr.org  925 830-0600
SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES
Parishioners join small faith-based groups for prayer, support and mission. These communities renew and enrich your faith through the communal study of Sunday scriptures and deepen your connection with fellow parishioners. Many resources are available for small groups, especially from FORMED.ORG

Contact: Rosemarie McKenney  rmckenney@sjasr.org  925 830-0600

WOMEN OF ST. JOAN
Each year, we host Retreats and fun activities, such as our Christmas Brunch and Boutique each December.

   Opportunities to help plan the Women’s Retreats range from chairing a committee, speaking or singing at the events, tracking reservations, baking or being a worker bee for a variety of jobs including putting together goodie bags, set up/clean up.

   We are always welcoming new members and encourage you to join our planning committees. It is a wonderful way to meet other ladies, become active in the Parish and encourage you on your journey of faith.

Contact: Liz Mooring  lizmooring@gmail.com  925 336-1105
FAITH FORMATION - YOUTH

EDGE (GR 7-8) SMALL GROUP LEADER
EDGE is our youth ministry for 7th and 8th graders. It is a weekly youth group that meets Wednesday nights from 6:50-8:30 pm in the gym. Teen and adult group leaders facilitate discussion on the topic of the day, helping our 7th and 8th graders to make our faith their own. 
Adult and Teen volunteers needed to assist in facilitating group activities.

Contact: Gina Camp  gmccormick@sjasr.org  925 830-4720

LIGHT (GR 9-12) SMALL GROUP LEADER
LIGHT welcomes all high school students! We meet Monday nights during the school year from 6:50-8:30 pm in the multi-purpose room. Teen and adult leaders engage teenagers in activities and discussions that deepen our understanding of ourselves and our faith. LIGHT also sponsors weekend retreats each year, which offer incredible opportunities to learn about faith and to experience it! 
Adult volunteers are needed to facilitate LIGHT small groups.

Contact: Youth Ministry Office youthministry@sjasr.org  925 830-4720

CONFIRMATION (GR 11-12) CATECHIST
The Confirmation program is open to juniors and seniors in high school who have completed the prerequisites, which include consistent attendance at two semesters of LIGHT, one parish retreat, and 20 hours of service. The Confirmation program includes attendance at the Confirmation retreat day, all small group sessions, and evening of reflection. Adult volunteers needed to teach a confirmation class of 8-10 teens.

Contact: Gina Camp  gmccormick@sjasr.org  925 830-4720
STUDENT ACTION LEADERSHIP TEAM (SALT)
SALT consists of high school students who are committed to serve the high school community through retreats, outreach, liturgy, service and socials. SALT members team with adult leaders to facilitate the small groups at LIGHT Nights.

Contact: Youth Ministry Office ☎ youthministry@sjasr.org 📞 925 830-4720
The Faith Formation Program offers weekly classes from August through April and follows the SRVUSD holiday calendar. **Adult and teen leaders are needed in all programs.**

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD**
Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLW) is offered for K-5 grade children during the 9:00 and 10:30 AM Masses. Children often find it difficult to sit quietly in Mass and can miss the message our Lord is sending them! Prior to the First Reading, children are dismissed from Mass to read the Sunday’s readings in a manner that is more child friendly and fun and return to Mass during the offertory.

This is a volunteer-based ministry and is offered as frequently as possible during the school year depending on our volunteers. Please consider serving in CLW so we can continue to provide an opportunity for your children to joyfully experience the Word of God at their level.

Contact: Erin Tulley  💿 CFF@sjasr.org  ☏ 925 830-4710

**CHILDREN AND FAMILY FAITH FORMATION: FAMILY GROUP LEADERS**
Families with children in Grades 1-5 meet together with their parents at Family Faith. Three day/time options are offered to families, and to volunteers: Sundays after the 9 AM Mass, Sundays after the 10:30 AM Mass, and Thursdays 6-7:15 PM. Families meet together as a large group, then break into small groups of 6-8 families for faith discussions, crafts, prayer and more! **Many volunteer leaders are needed to lead the family small groups. Volunteers connect with both children and parents, supporting families in living faith not just at church but at home as well.**
FAITH FORMATION - CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

CHILDREN’S FAITH FORMATION, ROCK SMALL GROUP LEADER
ROCK is a special program for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders who have received their 1st Holy Communion. It follows the model of large group instruction with small group discussions, games, skits, videos and prayers. The ROCK meets on Mondays from 6-7:15 p.m.

CHILDREN’S FAITH FORMATION, BLAST SMALL GROUP LEADER
Sixth graders are a unique group of kids with their own distinct personalities and needs. They are not quite teens but not little kids anymore. Middle school brings a whole new set of challenges for them: a bigger school, new teachers, more students, increased amounts of homework, and peer pressure. Sixth graders need their own special time to be themselves, feel comfortable, and concentrate on their spirituality. BLAST meets on Wednesdays from 6:5–8:30 p.m. The kids learn about their faith through large and small group discussions, games, skits, videos, and prayers.

Contact: Marie Pena  📧 mpena@sjasr.org  📞 925 830-4710

CHILDREN’S SACRAMENT PROGRAM
Children’s Sacrament Ministry provides formation for parents and children from birth to First Eucharist. This Ministry also provides for those children who are over the age of 7 and have not received Baptism, Eucharist and Reconciliation (RCIA for Children). The Children’s Sacrament Ministry is parent based meaning we recognize the role of parents as the primary faith educators for their children. Therefore, all Children’s Sacrament Programs are family based.

Contact: Mary Machi  📧 mmachi@sjasr.org  📞 925 830-4710
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)
VBS is a week-long program that takes place during summer vacation, typically in June. VBS is geared to those going into Kindergarten through Grade Six. It is based on either the Old or New Testament with games, crafts, snacks, stories and music to fit the theme. Teens from Grade 7 to 12 serve as counselors and session leaders. Adults are needed to direct each area. The time commitment for teens is two, two-hour training workshops, four hours of decorating the week prior, and about four hours per day of VBS week.

Time commitment varies for adults (depending on time it takes to fully prepare their respective sessions), with the addition of one preparation meeting with VBS team teenagers, and the week of VBS.

Contact: Marie Pena  
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Phone: 925 830-4710
COMMUNITY/SOCIALIZATION

EARLY TIMERS
The Early Timers is a social group for members of the parish who are 55 years old and over. Its main purpose is to meet and enjoy fellowship with other members and to share a potluck dinner. We meet (on most months) the second Friday of the month from 5:30 to 8:00 PM.

Each member is requested to contribute an item to share for the potluck dinner. Come and join this delightful group!

Cont.: Rosemary Weigel RosemaryWeigel@comcast.net 925 735-1545

SAM - SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY
SAM gathers once a month for a BYOB (bring your own bag) lunch on the second Tuesday of each month at 11:30 AM. Each month, a lively discussion is had based on guests that join us or a special topic of the month.

Contact: Phyllis Stevens phyllis9@comcast.net 925 804-6090

SINGLE ADULT MINISTRY
We are in the process of building our ministry for single adults of all ages. We gather to attend Mass together and plan special activities.

Contact: Dorothy Hann dorthi@hotmail.com 925 735-0208

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY
All young adults, ages 21 to ~35, single and married, are invited to join the St. Joan Young Adult group which is now part of the Tri-Valley Young Adult Ministry.

Contact: Rachel Forbes ray4bees@gmail.com
AUTISM AND SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT
You are invited to gather with parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, teachers and others who are interested in supporting families who have someone in their lives affected by Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) or any special needs.

Contact: Kay & Doug Collins ☏️ kcatdbat@hotmail.com ☏ 925 820-4338

CONVERSATION COMPANIONS OUTREACH
Many seniors are home, worried or lonely, and may feel disconnected from our parish or society itself. One way we seek to address this is through our Conversation Companions outreach. This outreach is a simple telephone call, text or email weekly or twice monthly to allow the person who may feel isolated a chance to chat with a friendly voice.

Being Christ for others brings them joy . . . and we find joy in being Christ for them.

If you would like to join our team of volunteers or if you know anyone who would like a friend to stop in or call on a regular basis, please let us know.

Contact: Terri Bonnikson ☏️terribonn@gmail.com ☏ 925 200-2240

DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP
The Divorce Support group meets weekly to help divorced individuals face their challenges and move toward rebuilding their lives. We provide a warm and caring environment and our group is led by people who understand what it is like to be divorced. We meet on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 PM.

Contact: Sue Pieraccini ☏️ smc9@sbcglobal.net ☏ 925 819-1809
SERVICE AND SUPPORT

FOOD FOR FRIENDS
Food for Friends exists to serve the hungry in our parish and the surrounding area. We provide food to local agencies and to parishioners in need. We solicit food from St. Joan’s parishioners once per month and FFF workers sort and box the food after the 9:00 AM Mass on the third Sunday of the month. We welcome help from anyone who can spare between a few minutes and a few hours per month to help in variety of jobs.

Contact: Michael Riley   mor4sramon@aol.com

GIVING TREE
The St. Joan of Arc Giving Tree is an annual outreach ministry providing gifts and assistance to 10 agencies during the Advent season. The first meeting is in September. Jobs involve being a liaison for agencies, cutting out ornaments, stringing and labeling the ornaments. Also sorting and driving gifts to the agencies. Hours involved: Seasonal.

Contact: Kathy Barnard   kfmbarnard19@aol.com  ☎ 925 838-0443

GOSPEL JUSTICE GROUP
Guided by the principle, "To be Christ for others as Christ is for us," the St. Joan of Arc Gospel Justice Group, through education, advocacy, solidarity and community organizing, works within our parish and the world, to increase awareness of Catholic social teachings and to provide opportunities for its parishioners to participate in direct outreach and service to those in need. The group currently is concentrating on specific projects relating to Fair Trade and economic justice, interfaith outreach and poverty and hunger.

Contact: Patrick Shandonay   patrick.j.shandonay@gmail.com  ☎ 925 830-0600
SERVICE AND SUPPORT

GRIEF WORKSHOPS
St. Joan of Arc offers spring and fall grief support workshops as well as drop-in sessions. The workshops and drop-in sessions are designed to support adults who are grieving the death of a loved one and to help them understand the grieving process.
Grief Workshop Facilitators are appointed by the parish.

Contact: Susan Fusselman ✉ sunshine_suzy@perrytool.com ☎ 925 830-1737

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
Habitat for Humanity is an international organization dedicated to the premise that everyone deserves decent affordable housing. St. Joan of Arc's Habitat ministry is open to adults and teens 16 and older. Volunteers meet monthly to help build homes to be sold to deserving, hardworking, low income families throughout the East Bay. No experience or special skills are required and training for each task is done on site. All you need is a positive outlook, a willingness to work hard and a desire to help the less fortunate. The group meets in the church parking lot, on the 2nd Saturday of the month to carpool to the worksite. While we have a dedicated group of regular volunteers, parishioners are encouraged to join as often as you are able. Advance online registration is requested.

Contact: Aimee Johns ✉ aimeejohns2003@yahoo.com ☎ 530 828-9260
HELPING HANDS
This ministry provides loving assistance to parishioners who are planning a celebration of life for a loved one. If desired, we provide assistance with a reception held in the multipurpose room. We will help with set up, greet guests, refreshment decisions, supply all paper goods, coffee, punch and cookies if requested. Our goal is to be supportive to our parish family in a most difficult time.
When this service is needed, which can be once a week, or maybe only once a month or less, that time commitment is 5 hours per reception.
Contact: Frank Wnuk  gpwnuk@yahoo.com  925 829-5356

IMMIGRATION MINISTRY
The Immigration Ministry is an outgrowth of our Gospel Justice Ministry and was inspired by a Mission Focus study on migration. We seek to deliver ongoing education and communication to our parish community on immigration issues by collaborating with community partners who specialize in immigration. To this end, we gather on the fourth Tuesday of each month.
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
The Knights of Columbus is an international fraternal and service organization for Catholic men. We began in the 1980s through the efforts of a group of men at St. Joan of Arc. The Knights of Columbus is the world’s largest Catholic family fraternal service organization with 1.6 million members. It provides members and their families with volunteer opportunities in service to the Catholic Church, their communities, families and young people. Membership in the K of C is open to practicing Catholic men who are at least 18 years old. Time commitment varies.

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LOAVES AND FISHES
The mission of Loaves and Fishes of Contra Costa is to provide community-based food programs and partner services that focus on basic needs. With thousands of volunteers they serve over 170,000 meals each year. According to the Contra Costa Times they are one of the most cost-effective charitable organizations in the Bay Area and are second only to the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano Counties in efficiency. St Joan of Arc volunteers serve at Martinez and Pittsburg soup kitchens and help prepare meals at Pittsburg Central Kitchen. We welcome new volunteers to serve with us. This is a great way to make a difference in our county and to meet new friends in the parish and bring Christ to others.

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MOBILITY MATTERS
In an effort to keep our community together, even after some of us are no longer able to drive, St. Joan has partnered with the Mobility Matters organization. Through them, we are able to volunteer as drivers OR request rides. Drivers are screened and trained. Be sure to let them know you are from St. Joan when you call to volunteer to drive or to request a ride.

Contact: Elaine Welch  📧 Elaine@MobilityMattersCC.com  📞 925 284-2207

PEACEMAKERS GROUP
St. Joan’s Peacemakers Group was inspired by a Mission Focus study on Cultivating NonViolence. We collaborate with other peacemaking groups in the area and act as a resource/support group for our members who strive to bring peace to our community. We meet weekly on Tuesday mornings.

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PRISM/LGBTQ MINISTRY
The Pride, Respect, Inclusion and Support Ministry, PRISM's vision is a world without prejudice where all are treated with respect and dignity. We are a welcoming, supportive and healing presence for LGBT people and their families and friends, manifesting God's unconditional love for all of his children within the St. Joan of Arc Parish and Oakland Diocese. In line with the word of God, we extend our service and support to all regardless of religious persuasion.

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SERVICE AND SUPPORT

ST. MARY’S CENTER DINNERS
At least four times a year, we solicit food and volunteers to feed needy seniors at the St. Mary’s Center. Tasks may include: planning the meal and needed donations (two hours per meal), placing the donation boards in the vestibule, bulletin announcements, managing volunteers (two hours per meal), picking up and delivering donations to St. Mary’s, and/or preparing, serving and cleaning up when the meal is complete (five hours).

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (or "Vincentians") are men and women who strive to grow spiritually by offering tangible assistance to those in need on a person-to-person basis, aware that service to our brother or sister in need is in fact an encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ.

The St. Joan of Arc Conference helps in caring for physical needs of those in financial crisis within the parish and the larger community. We meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 7:30 PM.

We are formed into teams who take responsibility, on a rotating basis, for checking the St. Vincent de Paul voice mailbox and making home visits (always in pairs) to aid our clients. This aid may take the form of intervention, consultation, or often through direct dollar or in-kind service. An essential precept of the Society's work is to provide help while conscientiously maintaining the confidentiality and dignity of those who are served. The Society always welcomes new members.

Contact: Bill Hurley  parishoffice@sjasr.org  925 830-0600
**FINANCE COMMITTEE** (By invitation of the Pastor)

The Finance Committee’s mission is to make the finances of the parish transparent to all parishioners, ensure that the parish finances are sound and to put in place proper controls consistent with Diocesan policy and procedures. By doing so, this enables our parish to continue to offer the various ministries to our members. Time commitment is approximately 2 hours a month.

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**LITURGY COMMITTEE**

The Liturgy Committee meets approximately 10 months of the year. The committee advises and supports the pastor in coordinating the liturgical celebration of Mass.

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**PASTORAL COUNCIL**

We are a visionary and consultative body that meets monthly and is represented by 9 parishioners, a staff member, and our Pastor. The Council acts on behalf of our Pastor to garner/assess Parish feedback and collaborates in the creation of the strategic plan for the Parish.

Candidates may self-nominate or be nominated for a vacant position. Those selected for that year by the Pastor begin their three-year term in June.

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