PASTOR
Rev. Raymond Sacca
DEACON
Rev. Mr. John Durden
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE
Bob Cummings

EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS
Low gluten hosts are available. Stand in the priest’s communion line and as you approach, let him know you would like a low gluten host.

Weekday Mass
9:00 AM

Communion Service
Saturday mornings, 9:00 AM

Vigil Liturgy
Saturday, 5:30 PM

Weekend Masses
Sunday, 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM and 12:00 PM

Next Youth Mass:
5:30 PM on May 10

Communal Anointing of the Sick
1st Saturday of the month, 9 a.m.

EUCHARIST TO THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND
If you or someone you know would like to receive the Eucharist at home, contact the Parish Office.

RECONCILIATION
Saturday, 4:00 - 5:00 PM or by appt.

BLESSSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL
Open 24 hours

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Thursdays from noon to 1:30 PM with devotional music and silent meditation. Adoration also on the First Friday of the month at 7 PM

PRAY THE ROSARY
Monday - Friday after the 9 AM Mass

FOR THE RIDE HOME & INTO THE WEEK: “...so that those who do not see might see, and those who so see might become blind.”

Adults: As a Christian, how has God allowed you to see life differently? How can you share this light, this Good News of Jesus Christ with others?

Kids: God empowers you to walk in His light. How can you share this gift of light and goodness with your friends and family?
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## Resources for You

- **SACRAMENTS**
  - **BAPTISM** Held Sundays. Please allow 8 weeks for preparation. Contact the Parish Office for more information.
  - **CONFIRMATION** Preparation for teens begins in grade nine. Contact the Youth Ministry Office. Adults, over 18, contact Maureen Tiffany at 830-0600.
  - **MARRIAGE** The bride, the groom or their parents must be registered parishioners of St. Joan of Arc. The couple must also meet with a priest at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date.
  - **ANOINTING OF THE SICK** For anyone experiencing chronic illness or preparing for medical treatment, surgery, long-term care, etc., please call the Parish Office to arrange an appointment with a priest. Anointing is also celebrated in the communal form on the 1st Saturday of each month at 9 AM Mass.
  - **CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.)** For individuals interested in becoming Catholic, and for adult Catholics who have not received Eucharist or Confirmation, contact the Parish Office.

  > “The Sacraments are the manifestation of the Father’s tenderness and love towards each of us.”
  > ~Pope Francis

- **PREPARE FOR MASS**
  - Read the readings before you come to Mass. The daily readings can be found in many places, including:
    - page three of the bulletin
    - online at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)
    - on the Catholic phone app Laudate

- **RESOURCES FOR YOU**
  - SJASR.FORMED.ORG - free Catholic movies and books.

- Join Realm, our parish communication system for the latest parish news, group and ministry updates, and service opportunities. If you’d like to join Realm, please contact Ministry and Communications Coordinator Raymond Figueroa at rfigueroa@sjasr.org or send your request via the parish website.

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### RESOURCES TO ASSIST YOU WITH A STRUGGLE YOU MAY BE CURRENTLY EXPERIENCING:

- **Autism and Special Needs Support**  
  Sue Walsh  
  sbwjobs1@mac.com

- **Chronic Illness or Ongoing Medical Condition Prayer Group**  
  Parish Office 925 830-0600

- **Divorce and Separated Support**  
  Sue Pieraccini 925 819-1809  
  smc@sbcglobal.net

- **Grief**  
  Susan Fuselman 925 830-1737  
  sunshine_suzy@perrytool.com

- **Financial Needs**  
  St. Vincent de Paul  
  Leave message at office: 925 830-0600

- **General Social Service Needs**  
  Addiction, Domestic Violence, Education and more. Pick up the Faith in Action Catholic Social Services Directory in the vestibules or go to faithinactionoakdiocese.org

- **Job Support**  
  Rosemarie McKenney 925 830-0600  
  rmckenney@sjasr.org

- **LGBT** (for individuals/family members)  
  Tim Corcoran 925 963-3859  
  sj.LGBTQ@gmail.com

- **Marriage Trouble - Get Hope**  
  HelpOurMarriage.com  
  www.sjasr.org/MARRIAGE

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MUSIC FOR THIS WEEKEND

4th Week of Lent

Entrance: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (Houston)
Kyrie: Chant
Responsorial: Psalm 23: The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want
Gospel Acclamation: Mass of Renewal (Curtis Stephen)
Prayers of the Faithful: Taize
Preparation of Gifts: Open My Eyes (Manibusan)
Mass Setting: Mass of Renewal (Curtis Stephan)
Communion: Christ Be Our Light (Farrell)
Recessional: Drums and Wait for the Lord (Taize)

PRAYERS

LOVED ONES WHO ARE SICK Those added this week are in red.

Margaret Abbott Norman Madrilejo
Paddy Allen Angela Malit
Danielle Allison Fernando Manuntang, Sr.
Heston Arroyo Dorothy Mariscal
Evelyn Asper Alex Media
Kathy Barnard Aurora Mercado
Christy Bartolome Linda Mertes
Janet Bertolero Carlos Moralejo
Reyka Best MaryAnn Moran
Emma Bueno Greg Morris
Davis Bullock Joseph Nguyen
Roseo Cagara Lolita Ortu
Penny Candelaria Robert Otto
John Cryer Todd and Verla Ann Pelley
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Rosalina Jazmin Kate Tiongson
Eric Johannsen Robert Tornberg
Hailey Joseph Dolores Torres
Stephen Kasa Rene Torres
David Katreerb Stella Torres
Maureen and Delmar Kolda Bob Turner
Mary Lenihan Mark Turpin
Shum Leung Bob Vallon
Ted Lim Raquel Villon
Veronica Lim Mary Vnenscak
Margaret Linderman Peter Wilson
Aurelio Liwag Kelli & Kevin Yamashita
Daryll London Nathan Joseph Young
Missy Lutz Merry Yuhico Lim

Please see page 10 for the continuing feature, “The Law of the Gift”
Dear Parishioners,

Effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 12:01 a.m., the Contra Costa County Health Officer has issued the following directive to:

“....all individuals in the County to shelter at their place of residence except that they may leave to provide or receive certain essential services or engage in certain essential activities and work for essential businesses and governmental services.....”

This order will be active through Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 11:59 p.m., or until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended by the County Authority.

You can access the complete text of the order at: https://cchealth.org/coronavirus/pdf/HO-COVID19-SIP-0316-2020.pdf

In response to this order, all Masses are cancelled until further notice. I will celebrate daily Mass privately to honor previously assigned Mass intentions as well as to pray for your special needs at this critical time. All other church gatherings and functions are similarly cancelled.

The Parish Office will also be closed. A member of the staff will be checking the parish voicemail/email messages on a daily basis and responding to your need as quickly as possible. I will be responding to emergency sick calls throughout. As more detailed information becomes available, I will pass it on to you.

Please be assured of my prayers for you and for everyone in our parish. Let us strive to place our complete trust in the Lord to guide and protect us during these trying times.

Fr. Raymond Sacca, Pastor
16 March 2020

St. Vincent de Paul News

Our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society is dependent on your generous donations. The second collection next weekend, March 28-29, will be taken for our parish St. Vincent de Paul conference. Your generous donations in December, totaling $14,325, allowed us to provide 40 needy families and individuals with assistance for food, gasoline, lodging, utilities, vehicle repair, rent, and storage space rental. Along with our needy neighbors, we thank you for your contributions. As we complete our visits to their homes, we remind our neighbors of your generosity and ask them to pray for you.

With the recent Contra Costa “Shelter in Place” order, you may donate directly to St. Vincent de Paul by visiting our website at https://svdpsj.org. You may also send in a check to our Parish Office—please note St. Vincent de Paul on the memo line.

Our next 5th Sunday collection will be at the end of May. We are humbly grateful for your participation in all of our works of charity throughout the year. We welcome you to join us in our ministry, as we live out our parish mission statement, “To be Christ for others Christ is for us.” For more information, please contact Bill Hurley at, 925-389-6505 or wchurley@icloud.com

St. Vincent de Paul also accepts the donation of furniture and of vehicles (running or not), RVs, campers, and boats. Call 1-800-937-7837, and advise them that you are donating for SVdP of St. Joan of Arc in San Ramon. They will take care of all paperwork and next-day pick-up.

**Save the date:** The St. Vincent de Paul bundle collection truck will be at St. Joan of Arc April 18-19.

**Prayers for our military**

Keep in prayer our brave parishioners, relatives and friends of our parish family who are in service to their country in the Armed Forces abroad: Ben Young, Megan Harkins, Joe McAndrews and Benjamin Phillips.

We ask the Lord to keep them safe from harm and pray for their families while they are far from home. To add a name to this list, please email rfigueroa@sjasr.org

The Grief Workshop (April 7—May 19) has been canceled and will be rescheduled at a later date.

The Autism and Special Needs meeting in March has also been canceled.
The “Seven Last Words” Church Pilgrimage, scheduled for Saturday, March 28, 2020 has been postponed until next year.

Special Observances and Saints

Monday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
Tuesday: World Day for Truth Concerning Human Rights Violations
Wednesday: The Annunciation of the Lord

“The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in love.” ~ Psalm 103

Meet the Candidates in R.C.I.A.

Despite being raised in an Evangelical home, I had many ecumenical experiences that offered the opportunity to grow with our broader Christian community. During college while studying in Costa Rica, my host dad was Catholic and my host mom was Evangelical. While living with them, I saw something I wanted. When I met my husband 11 years ago, and shortly after agreed to marry in a Catholic Church and raise our kids Catholic, this seemed right. Now as I embark upon the journey of teaching my eldest the Catholic faith in preparation for her first communion, I am at a crossroad. How do I nurture my children as a non-Catholic mother raising Catholics? I chose to join RCIA June of 2019 to learn more and selfishly to be able to have communion with my family. Now as I prepare to join the Catholic faith, I have found more than an education and preparation to help raise my kids, but I have found a community of believers I would like to grow alongside.

I want to be Catholic in order to enrich my life and be closer to God.
WHILE YOU’RE SHELTERING
CONSIDER THESE OPTIONS TO HAVE FUN . . . AND TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE!

① MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE!

Focus on all of God’s work that is being done ... and that YOU can do!

BE CHRIST TO OTHERS: As He is to us

While you’re “sheltering,” keep a lookout for people who are making the world a better place during these challenging times ... online or in your neighborhood. An be one of those people, yourself!

This past week, I’ve already seen many beautiful examples:

♦ Posts on FB encouraging people to call an older person to help them feel connected during their isolation
♦ Offers on Nextdoor to go shopping for others
♦ Young adults in the neighborhood checking to see if older neighbors are alright and if they need anything
♦ Shoppers voluntarily keeping 6-feet from other shoppers but making up for it by being sure to make eye contact with others and smiling enthusiastically
♦ Strangers reaching out to each other to discuss the situation, share experiences and offer counsel

② GET TO KNOW JESUS BETTER!

JESUS: the Way, the Truth and the Life

Our next Bible Study begins the week of March 29

We will use technology to enable us to study together and learn from each other. And it will be worth it... check this out!

Anchored in the Gospels, we will explore the entirety of Jesus’ life — Who He is, what He is really like, what He taught, what He did for our salvation ... and what all of this means for us as Catholics today.

We will experience the world in which Jesus lived and taught—the historical context, the politics, the clashing cultures, the history and the ancient land where the most significant events of His life took place.

Most importantly, this encounter with Christ will inspire us to center our entire lives in Him as we come to know and love Him in an ever-deeper and more intimate way.

Join our study group on Realm: “Bible Study—Jesus”

If you weren’t able to pick up a study package before our Shelter-in-Place began, you can order all our study materials (companion book, study guide and Timeline Chart) directly from Ascension Press. Even if you don’t have a study guide, you can check out the posts on our Realm study group to experience much of this study.

If you don’t currently have an account on Realm (St. Joan’s online community), you can request an invitation at http://www.sjas.org. If you are unfamiliar with the benefits of joining St. Joan’s online community, check out the information at http://www.sjas.org.
LEARN HOW TO SERVE GOD BY LIVING SIMPLY!

Our next Gospel Justice Study begins the week of April 19

LIVING SIMPLY: Caring for the Earth

Once again, we will use technology to kick off this brand new study from JustFaith. Read about it:

This new study invites us to gain a much deeper understanding of contemporary issues through the lens of our Christian faith. In a small, supportive community [or, in this case, an online community!], we will engage in reading, prayer, thought-provoking dialog, [online posts] and personal encounter as we build lasting relationships.

Most importantly, we will explore the invitation to care for the earth and for the poor as we investigate the Gospel teachings.

Kick-off call:
Sunday, April 19 @ 11am

Join our study group on Realm: “Mission Focups—Living Simply”

Let us know you are interested and we will give you the information for our conference call.

WATCH A FUN MOVIE … WITH FAMILY!

Content from our parish subscription is FREE to you and yours

OUR CATHOLIC FAITH: On Demand

Check out movies like these!

- Network of Freedom
- Joan of Arc
- The Juggler of Notre Dame
- The Restless Heart
- All that Remains
- The Gardener of God
- Life for Life: Maximilian Kolbe
- The Reluctant Saint
- KIDZ MOVIES, TOO:
  - Adventures of Carlos Caterpillar
  - Ryan Defrates: Secret Agent
  - The Opus Joyous Show
  - Cat Chat
  - The Suitcase
  - Hildegard’s Gift
  - The Giant King
  - Fantastic Voyage

Just go to SJASR.Formed.org

PRAY … THEN PRAY SOME MORE!

THE PARISH NOVENA FOR THESE TIMES

See www.SJASR.org/Parish-Novena to find prayers, inspiration and more
**Summer Events**

**VBS WEEK**
**JUNE 15TH - JUNE 19TH**

**Teen Leaders:** 8:30AM TO 12:45PM  
**Sign-up at:** [bit.ly/SJAVBSteen]  
**Campers:** 9:00 AM TO 12:15 PM

**Young Neighbors in Action**
High School Teens are invited to attend a week-long mission trip, July 5th through July 10th, in Walnut Creek. Perform meaningful service, learn about social issues and grow in your faith. Cost is $575  
Forms available at  

**Steubenville NorCal-RESTORED**
High School Teens (including incoming freshmen) are invited to join over 1000 teens for inspiring talks, fabulous music and small group activities. Event is located at Concord Hilton, July 31st-Aug 2nd. Cost is $250  
Forms available at  

**Space still available**

**Be a disciple of Christ.**  
**Grow in your faith.**

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**Parish Lenten Events**

**Teens Support**

**WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR MARCH**  
**Beans & Rice**

Bring donations to any EDGE night OR Drop off at the Youth Ministry Office

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**WHO:** High School Teens  
**WHAT:** An awesome retreat overflowing with music, games, food, fun, activities, discussions, faith sharing and more  
**WHERE:** Lafayette Retreat Center  
**WHEN:** Friday, April 17th @ 7:00 PM until Sunday, April 19th @ 1:00 PM  
**HOW:** Complete a registration form & submit with payment of $185 to the youth ministry office. Forms available at  
Registration deadline is Monday, March 30th
Gospel Reading
John 9:1-41 (shorter form: John 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38)
Jesus heals the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man.

Family Connection

When infants are baptized, parents, with the help of the godparents, assume responsibility for raising the child as a follower of Jesus. The process of maturation in the faith is much like the example found in the story of the man born blind. The man is cured of his blindness, a symbol of his sin. Each time he meets someone after the healing, the man comes to a deeper awareness of who Jesus is. In a similar way, we who are baptized continue to mature in faith as our relationship with and knowledge about Jesus grows.

Invite each member of your family to draw a timeline of his or her life. On the timelines, ask family members to identify significant moments in their lives, especially their life of faith. Invite each person to reflect upon who Jesus was to him or her at each significant moment. How has each person’s relationship with Jesus changed or matured? Then read together today’s Gospel, John 9:1-41. Note how the relationship between Jesus and the man born blind changes and grows throughout the Gospel. Pray together that your relationship with Jesus will continue to grow and develop, becoming ever deeper. Conclude by praying together the Lord’s Prayer.
Featuring testimonials and stories from our parishioners...

Father Ray,

On Veteran’s Day, my company enabled me to ship 91 care packages to a chaplain who represented over 200 soldiers serving overseas. During this annual event that I organize, the women’s group at work sold red poppies and donated $42 to me for the work I do with veterans. After I told them I’d match their donation, the story spread and several more met or matched – it was like donation poker of matching and raising.

A few days later a friend in Fresno mentioned knitting hats for prematurely deceased babies through a group called “Angel Babies” who clothed the babies before burial. I cried and prayed for baby heads that ranged from egg size to orange size. Sharing that story brought in bags of yarn scraps and suggestions to buy more yarn with the $100 but it doesn’t take much leftover yarn to make those small hats and I already have yarn. I made about 200 hats for them. The Spirit again had other plans for the $100.

Then John and I talked about our annual Fresno trip to the Veteran’s Hospital with the blankets I make for St. Joan’s Blanket Buddies.

An aside here - Blanket Buddies used to meet for distribution of blankets to CHP, fire department, farm workers, Casa Francesca, and other organizations every year but each year the blanket donations dwindled and fewer wanted them. But I still run Blanket Buddies for anyone who cares to donate (finished, unfinished, and scrap items) and find other ways of distributing whatever I get or make. My mother used to say, ”If you don’t want it, you don’t need it” so I give to those who need.

We had some items leftover from Veteran’s Day that weren’t shipped and decided to plan for the upcoming Fresno Vets trip. John learned that the Vets Hospital was asking for ‘gift duffel’ donations for vets on the street and The Spirit gave us cold feet one night - to think of socks! Socks are one of the most needed clothing items for the homeless and aren’t usually found in the thrift stores where they shop. In a couple weeks, we had the orange truck packed solid front to back with bags and boxes of the supplies listed above.

We shared the Gift story to friends in Fresno, and they met up with us with their items and we all drove to the hospital. We made a significant donation, and filled their storage container with supplies (along with our hopes and prayers for those they care for). In a way, I feel like we’re taking care of our fathers who were Veterans (mine in WW II and John’s in Korea) by caring for the uncared-for veterans.

The Spirit never fails in leading us to new experiences of stewardship. The next day at Mass, we exchanged fabric scraps from the Prayer Shawl Ministry with yards of fleece and finished baby quilts from previous fabric scraps they gave us. Nothing goes to waste.

We still have some of that $100 - it’s the telling of the story that changes people’s hearts so we don’t want that $100 to end. I feel like the gift is like the Parable of the Talents, - hopefully we’re not like the guy who buried his.

Thank you again for giving us the opportunity and the blessing to be helpful to others in whatever way The Spirit leads. I hope and pray that the jar doesn’t run dry (1 Kings 17) so we can continue to “do what needs doing” (my personal motto).

Humbly,

Olga and John Trimboli

Fr. Ray,

Thank you for your incredibly inspiring homily. After you spoke about giving to others, as we are so privileged compared to so many others, my family and I had so many ideas of how to use this money. We originally planned to hand out blankets to homeless people living under the bridge in Oakland. But after doing a lot of research we found a homeless shelter, Covenant House in Oakland for young adults, and donated 10 blankets. They provide shelter and support for those who were trafficked and homeless. Although we hear so many stories about those who are less privileged, seeing it first hand in large cities or shelters just makes my family and I work to give more to others and be thankful for everything we have and thank God as well. Thank you for this helping hand and for the encouragement to be generous.

Sincerely,

The Yacob-Kirkelis Family