PASTOR
Rev. Raymond Sacca

DEACON
Rev. Mr. John Durden

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE
Bob Cummings

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
Parish staff will be checking email and voicemail messages on a daily basis.

EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS
Due to the COVID-19 crisis, all public Masses are suspended. To view streamed Masses on demand, please log on to our St. Joan of Arc website at www.sjasr.org and click on “Shelter at Home Resources”

Communal Anointing of the Sick
Temporarily suspended

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
Please see “Shelter at Home” information in the bulletin.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL
Due to space constraints, the chapel is closed until further notice.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Temporarily suspended

PRAY THE ROSARY
Weekday Rosary group (after 9 a.m. Mass) is temporarily suspended

Adults: In this unique time of “Sheltering at Home,” how do you come together as a family to share and reflect on God’s goodness and mercy?

Kids: Sunday is the day set apart from the rest of the week to reflect on and grow closer to Jesus. Think about a time that you felt especially close to God. Talk about that time with your family.
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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 sja.LGBTQ@gmail.com |
| Marriage Trouble - Get Help | HelpOurMarriage.com www.sjasr.org/MARRIAGE |

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 your request via the parish website.
MASS SCHEDULE, READINGS AND INTENTIONS

We strive to accurately record the names for the Mass intentions. We apologize for any errors. In addition, due to the various liturgical observances, Feast Days, and visiting clergy, it is not always possible to announce the Mass intention. However, be assured that the presiding priest is aware of the Mass intention and remembers them during the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

During the Shelter at Home directive, Sunday Mass intentions will be announced at Sunday's 10 a.m. live-streamed Mass.

Saturday, April 25:
1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

Sunday, April 26:
Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35
10:00 AM Live streamed Mass offered for:
Joe Omeara+, David Lillis+, Members of St. Joan, Dick Kabler+, Deniz Pementel+, and Steve and Wilma Spina

Monday, April 27:
9:00 AM Joe Omeara+

Tuesday, April 28:
Acts 7:51-8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a,17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
9:00 AM Janet Richardson +

Wednesday, April 29:
Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
9:00 AM Joe Omeara +

Thursday, April 30:
Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
9:00 AM Eli Devenza +

Friday, May 1:
Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59, or, for memorial, Gn 1:26-2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
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Saturday, May 2:
Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday, May 3:
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Heston Arroyo
Evelyn Asprer
Kathy Barnard
Christy Bartolome
Jackie Bertolero
Reyka Best
Dee Bitanga
Emma Bueno
Davis Bullock
Rosendo Cagara
Penny Candelaria
Cristobal Family
John Cryer
Lisa Davis
Barbara Digiorgio
Vivian Eng
Armando Fernandez
Jessie Fernandez
Laura Fisher
Allison Flamez
Donny Garber
Ron Giblin
Connie Gleeson
Gary Rudolfi
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Mehesh Shah
Charles J. Sickels
June Smith
Luke Souza
Trish Sorensen
Maricel Soriano
Sadiki Stalo
Philip Sullivan
Thomas Sullivan
Anne Marie Tassone
Kate Tiongson
Robert Tornberg
Dolores Torres
Rene Torres
Stella Torres
Bob Turner
Mark Turpin
Ryan Villers-Furze
Bob Vallon
Raquel Villon
Mary Vensencak
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MUSIC FOR THIS WEEKEND

3rd Week of Easter Sunday

Entrance: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! (Hyfrydol)
Penitential Rite: Manolo
Glory to God: Gloria Chant Mode VII
Responsorial: Lord, You Will Show Us the Path of Life (Alstott)
Presentation/Preparation of Gifts: Christ Before Us (Whitaker)
Communion Setting: Mass of Renewal (Stephan)
Recessional: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise (Ann)

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Lisa Davis
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Vivian Eng
Armando Fernandez
Jessie Fernandez
Laura Fisher
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Donny Garber
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Connie Gleeson
Gary Rudolfi
Audrey Schumacher
Mehesh Shah
Charles J. Sickels
June Smith
Luke Souza
Trish Sorensen
Maricel Soriano
Sadiki Stalo
Philip Sullivan
Thomas Sullivan
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Third Sunday of Easter

“You have made known to me the paths of life; You will fill me with joy in your presence.” — Acts 2:28

Thank you for your continued generosity

During this Shelter at Home directive, we thank all of you for your continued financial support and generosity. We are grateful for you kindness.

A special thank you to those who donated to the 5th Sunday collection for St. Vincent de Paul. Your contributions will enable the Vincentians to continue their support to the most needy in our community. God bless you all.

Special XLT (Eucharistic Adoration, Music and Spiritual Reflection)

Monday, April 27, 7 p.m.

The St. Joan of Arc Youth Group invites you to join a special XLT— at time of Eucharistic Adoration, Music and spiritual teaching— on Monday, April 27 at 7 p.m.

Please check the parish website at www.sjasr.org for the streaming link or look for more details in the upcoming Flocknote message.

Parish response to Shelter at Home order

Masses:

Public Masses are suspended until further notice. Daily Mass is available for streaming on demand on our parish website. Click on "St. Joan of Arc Shelter at Home Resources." Similarly, Sunday Mass will be available for live streaming at 10 a.m.

To comply with the social distancing order, and in consideration of space constraints, the Parish Chapel is closed until further notice.

Parish Office:

The Parish Office is closed until further notice. Staff will be checking voice mail and email messages daily (send your email message to wbankson@sjasr.org).

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Please note: It is critical that people observe the "Shelter at Home" directive, so the Sacrament of Reconciliation is only available to people with a serious need on Saturdays at 4 p.m. Please proceed to the glass doors near the statue of St. Joan of Arc, where you will find a chair. Fr. Ray will be on the other side of the glass door. Please be mindful of the need for privacy for the penitent and maintain a respectful distance from one another as recommended by the County Health Authority. Thank you for your consideration.

Anointing of the Sick:

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is offered to anyone in danger of death. Please call the parish office at 925-830-0600 and follow the prompts, which will connect you to a priest.

Baptism:

The Sacrament of Baptism is limited to those with an urgent pastoral need.

Parish Bible Study Continues

The “Jesus: the Way, the Truth and the Life” virtual Bible Study continues with gatherings at three times during the week: Wednesday @ 10am, Thursday @ 7pm and Saturday @ 8:30am. Check out our parish website for more details.

"If you truly want to help the soul of your neighbor, you should approach God first with all your heart. Ask Him simply to fill you with charity, the greatest of all virtues; with it you can accomplish what you desire.”

—St. Vincent Ferrer
St. Catherine of Siena (1347-1380)
Feast Day: April 29

Imagine the pope receiving a young woman still in her twenties who addresses him as “my sweet Christ on earth,” then orders: “Get back to Rome where you belong!” Amazingly, Gregory XI complied! Yet this was but one astonishing incident in the extraordinary life of Catherine of Siena, a truly unique medieval woman. Youngest of twenty-five children, Catherine refused marriage and became a Dominican Tertiary at sixteen, cloistering herself at home in contemplative prayer, austere penances, and mystical experiences, culminating in “spiritual espousal” to Christ.

Then, incarnating the Dominican ideal of “passing on to others the fruits of contemplation,” Catherine left her solitude to care for the poor, nurse the sick, comfort the dying, and bury the dead. Increasingly renowned for converting souls and healing bodies, she was sought after to broker peace during civil wars and Church schisms. All this, and like Jesus, whom she called “my Divine Spouse,” she died at thirty-three! Four hundred letters and her spiritual classic The Dialogue inspired Paul VI to name her, together with Teresa of Ávila, the first women Doctors of the Church. ~Peter Scagnelli, J. S. Paluch Co.

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

Virtual Workshop on the Eucharist, Part II

On Sunday, May 3 at 1:30 p.m., parishioner Chris Cavalier continues his informative workshop on the Eucharist.

If you would like to attend the live workshop virtually, please email Adult Faith Formation Director Rosemarie McKinney at rmckinney@sjarr.org and she will forward you the appropriate link.

Special Observances and Saints

Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter
Tuesday: St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort
Wednesday: St. Catherine of Siena
Thursday: St. Pius V
Friday: St. Joseph the Worker; First Friday
Saturday: St. Athanasius; First Saturday

Food Drive for Monument Crisis Center

During this COVID-19 crisis, food banks are running low on non-perishables, as they serve the needs of those unemployed or laid off. Monument Crisis Center in Concord, an agency our parish youth group has supported for many years, is asking for our help.

In response, on Wednesday, April 29, from 10 a.m. to 12 Noon, the St. Joan of Arc Youth Group is hosting a food drive for the Monument Crisis Center. This is a safe, no contact food drive. Simply load your non-perishable items into your trunk and a volunteer will remove the groceries. Please enter through the Castleton Court driveway and volunteers will direct you to the drop-off point. For more information, please contact Mary Machi at mmachi@sjasr.org
Loving God,
We, the people of the St. Joan of Arc community, turn to You in prayer, confident that You are with us and with all people in every moment.
We stand before You as people of hope and joy, trusting in Your care and protection. May Your faithful love support us and soothe the anxiety of our hearts.
Our hope springs from the knowledge that just as this virus is spreading throughout the world, so too are prayer and goodness spreading because the power of prayer to You is infinite. Our union in prayer with Your Son, Jesus Christ, is our act of faith in You and Your goodness. We know You will send a flood of grace and consolation for those who suffer.

God of Peace,
We are frightened, and we are sorrowful. Please calm us. Send us Your peace and overwhelming presence.
Grant us peace in our households, where we are sheltering in place; some of us working remotely, others without work, many looking for ways to spend their time. Comfort the lonely, who may be isolated, living alone during this time.

God Who has a plan for each of us,
Help us to LEARN what You want us to learn.
Help us to DO what You want us to do during this time.
Help us to CHANGE what You want us to change.
Help us to GROW in the ways You want us to grow.
Teach us, Abba, to use this time wisely for Your purpose.

God Who gave us the Eucharist,
This time without Mass and the celebration of the Eucharist has made us hunger for You, Jesus.
Help us to experience the gift of Spiritual Communion.
Teach us to cherish the amazing gift that being able to celebrate Mass and receive Your Eucharist every Sunday and any weekday has been for us.
We pray that these privileges will return to us very soon and that we will receive You with renewed joy and appreciation.

Join us as we pray in virtual community every morning and evening: https://tinyurl.com/SJA-Novena

Generous God,
Fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old, that we may look after one another in these challenging days. Give us eyes to see how we can love and serve Your children well. Help us to be creative in finding ways to unite with others, even as we shelter in place.
May those who have died rest in Your eternal embrace. Comfort their families and friends. Bless the workers who carry out essential services to respect the dead and prepare their bodies for their final earthly resting place.
Touch the hearts of our leaders, especially those in healthcare and government. Give them wisdom, that they may make the right decisions for the well-being of people. Reveal Yourself to them and instill in them a sense of love, mercy, fairness, generosity, reason, caution and good judgment. Help them to trust in You.
Teach Your people patience and understanding towards those who sometimes have to make difficult choices on behalf of others, the consequences of which are not always clear. We pray in gratitude for all those in our country who will continue to work in the days ahead in so many fields of life for the sake of us all. Bless them and keep them safe.

Merciful God,
Have mercy on us and on the whole world. We come to You today with our fears and concerns -- You know our hearts. We love You, we trust You, we need You. We ask You to be with us. Stay with us. Help us through these times of uncertainty and sorrow.
Give us the grace to forgive others as You forgive us, swiftly, completely and with love. Make us better people, more and more like You each day, during this time.

Healing God,
We know You are the Divine Physician, the healer of all, so we ask that You bring Your loving and healing presence to all those who are sick and suffering right now. Please comfort them. You chose to enter this world as a vulnerable baby. Please be with the most vulnerable now among us. Help us to continue to return to You with our whole hearts throughout this ordeal.
You once traveled through towns and villages healing every disease and sorrow. At the sound of Your voice, the afflicted were set free. By the power of Your Most Holy Name, grant us healing and protection from all sickness of body and soul. By the merits of Your precious blood deliver and defend us from every evil.

Place Your Holy Spirit at the side of all medical professionals who are putting themselves at risk while they work to bring healing to others. Bless them with the courage to do what they need to do to care for Your children. Strengthen and protect them and all who work in our medical facilities.

Grant them knowledge, patience, tact and compassion to enable them to provide the best care possible. Inspire them to find soothing words and comforting gestures and provide support and friendship.

Prompt patients to understand the often difficult life of doctors and nurses and encourage them to minimize their requirements and whims in order to make the lives of their medical staff a little easier and to avoid unnecessarily increasing their burden. Also, inspire patients to express their admiration and gratitude for work that the medical profession carries out every day.

**God of the meek, the humble, the outcast**

So many people around the world are suffering as their means of support are taken away. Some have been homeless before this virus and many more are becoming homeless. Some have been living in care facilities and can no longer receive visitors; care may be lessened due to workers there being ill, themselves. Some have been trafficked and depend on captors whose means and willingness to feed and shelter them may be disappearing and some are becoming victims of crimes due to these times.

We ask for Your special comfort and care for these special souls: the homeless, the trafficked, the lonely, the downtrodden, the vulnerable, the victimized, the exploited. Let them feel Your strong and loving arms around them. Give them peace and guide them to find a way to care for themselves.

Guide us, too, God. Show us the way to do our part to care for these special souls.

Enable us to care for each other in ways that limit the spread of this virus. Teach us, God, to love each other the way You care for us. Please give all of us the self-control to avoid exploiting this situation and other people for our own benefit.

**Dear God, Who commissioned us to be Your Church,**

We ask You, during these difficult days, to be more aware of our individual and collective fragility and to inspire us, Your Church, to welcome all in its loving embrace. You, Who, even in the middle of thunderstorms, watch over Your Church, lead our mission and give it Your breath, bless us for eternity.

Bless Your priests, pastors, deacons and lay Church leaders: with Your company to fight the loneliness of being isolated from their communities; with courage to overcome their fears; with confidence in their vocations and the importance of their prayers and works; with assurance of Your love and the love of their flocks.

Make us new, God, in Your image. Bring us a New Pentecost that will embolden us to bring more and more souls to You. Help us to love Your children as You do, seeing all the potential You have bestowed on each and every one of us.

**God of creation and life,**

We place ourselves in Your protection. Keep our children safe. Guide us to give our children and grandchildren virtuous examples of how faithful people deal with extraordinary times like these. Breathe new life into our families, our communities and our world ... new life that honors and obeys You, our Creator. May the mantle of Your peace enfold us this day and tomorrow.

**At this time, we lift up our special intentions to You.**

[Mention your special intentions to God. Then pray the day’s Intercession on www.sjasr.org/parish-novena.]

**We appeal to Special Intercessors,**

Mother Mary, un-doer of knots, please pray for the knot of this virus to be undone for the greater glory of God. Be a mother to us now, and always. [See www.sjasr.org/parish-novena for the day’s Intercessor.]

St Joan of Arc, pray for us. St Joseph, pray for us . All the saints of God, pray for us.  Amen.

Go to [www.SJASR.org/Parish-Novena](http://www.SJASR.org/Parish-Novena) for prayers, inspiration, music and our daily Novena Prayers.
Next Youth Mass:
May 17th at 5:30 pm

EDGE Program: Grades 7-8
LIGHT Program: Grades 9-12
Phone: 925-830-4720
Email: YouthMinistry@sjasr.org

VBS WEEK:
MORE INFORMATION AND UPDATES TO COME
TEEN LEADERS: 8:30AM TO 12:45PM
SIGN-UP AT bit.ly/SJAVBStees
CAMPERS: 9:00 AM TO 12:15 PM
REGISTER AT bit.ly/vbs2020CAMPERS

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 http://www.sjasr.org/youth-ministry/light/

Monument Crisis Center (MCC) needs our help!

SJA’s youth ministry department has been helping to support Monument Crisis Center for the past few years. If you are in a position to help them now during this pandemic, please read the message below:

Monument Crisis Center is the Contra Costa County hub for serving those suffering from food insecurity during the COVID-19 pandemic. Our staff of seven is working tirelessly to address the need. We will continue our food distributions over the next few weeks and continually assess the demand and the supply of our clients. The emergency distributions are open to all in need, not just registered clients. We are serving over 300 families a day, over 1000 last week, and the wholesale, non-profit food sources are really drying up.

Thanks to all those who are donating and helping out. You are truly making a difference. We are so grateful for your partnership during this great time of need. (See video from ABC at https://abc7news.com/coronavirus-families-monument-crisis-center-grocery/6074185/)

To donate: go to:
https://www.monumentcrisiscenter.org/donate-now OR TEXT MCC TO 41444 TO DONATE!

Stations of the Cross
We hope you were able to tune in for the Stations of the Cross on the SJA website on Good Friday. This was a labor of love for Kyle and Gina but they could not have done it without the contributions of the following people:

- Stations background music, “Soyez Gentille” by Joseph Hébert & Merrill Collins
- Readers for stations:
  - Station 1: Ray, Cherie, Zach and Evan Woo
  - Station 2: Jack and Jackson O’Neill
  - Station 3: Chris and Ally Phillips
  - Station 4: Janet and Brianna Cooke
  - Station 5: Annette, Sam, Faustina, Antonia and Joaquin Altamirano
  - Station 6: Ely, Chrei, Zoei Torres and Nery Delacruz
  - Station 7: Marietta and Ruben Ocampo
  - Station 8: Krista, Laura and Simon Glaser-Woods
  - Station 9: Sasha, Dominic and Christina Grant
  - Station 10: Jorge, Therese, Isabella and Daniel Maldonado
  - Station 11: Steve, Angie, Patrick, Samuel, Gabe and Maria Rettig
  - Station 12: Noreen, Grace and Jacqueline Dalmada
  - Station 13: Colleen, Sebastian, Gracie, Mary, Marciano and Lucy Neves
  - Station 14: Michelle, Joseph and Thomas Kelly

- Cross hike photos were taken by Dominique Mintz and Patrick Camp
- Epilogue slide show music: “Crown of Thorns” by Danielle Rose
Children's Faith Formation Office
Family Faith: Grades 1-5  ROCK: Grades 3-5  BLAST: Grade 6  
Phone: 925-830-4710  Email: CFF@sjasr.org

First Communion Celebrations are postponed to a later date due to the public health concerns. Please look out for an email for any updates.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to let us know. You can email Mary Machi at mmachi@sjasr.org and Marie Pena at mpena@sjasr.org

VBS: More information and updates to come

VBS is open to PRESCHOOLERS - 4 & 5 year olds who have not yet started Kindergarten and to CAMPERS who are incoming Kindergarten thru 6th grade. (Yes, we have a VBS preschool program!)

FEE: $75 per child

Visit our website (www.sjasr.org) to see instructions on how to register online OR stop by the Children’s Faith Formation Office to fill out forms and make payments.

Gospel Reading
Jesus appears to two disciples who are walking to Emmaus.

Family Connection

Families, as the domestic church, have the opportunity to make the family meal a time of prayerful encounter with one another and with Jesus. At a family meal we share our experiences of the day and connect them with the experiences of others in the family. We can also enjoy the meal as an opportunity to reflect upon our family life in light of Scripture. At their best, our family meals can connect us to Jesus too.

Choose a family meal this week to share one another’s experiences of the week in a special way. Perhaps invite family members to plan and prepare the meal together. Begin the meal by reading today’s Gospel, Luke 24:13-35. As you eat, talk together about how the disciples discussed their experiences in Jerusalem and how they came to understand them differently when Jesus interpreted those events in the light of Scripture. Then invite each family member to share the things that are going on in his or her life. Consider what Jesus might say to each person if He were sitting at your dinner table. Conclude with a special prayer after your dinner. Pray a prayer of blessing for each family member, asking that Jesus continue to be present in each person’s life, helping each one to be a better follower of Jesus. Conclude with a Sign of Peace.
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