



Saint Joan of Arc CATHOLIC CHURCH

"To be Christ for Others as Christ is for Us."... Learn it, Live it!

2601 San Ramon Valley Blvd. San Ramon, CA 94583-1630



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Rev. Johnson Abraham

DEACON

Rev. Mr. John Durden

Rev. Mr. Fred Seril

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Bob Cummings

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

M-Th: 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Weekday Mass

9:00 AM

Vigil Liturgy

Saturday, 4:30 PM

Weekend Masses

Sunday, 8:00, 10:00 AM
and 12:00 PM

Daily 9 AM Mass and Sunday 8 AM
Mass are livestreamed on our Parish
website at www.sjasr.org

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

M-Th: 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m. – Noon

Chapel also open for private prayer

EUCCHARIST TO SICK OR HOMEBOUND

Arranged with Homebound Ministry

RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 3m – 4 p.m. or by appt.

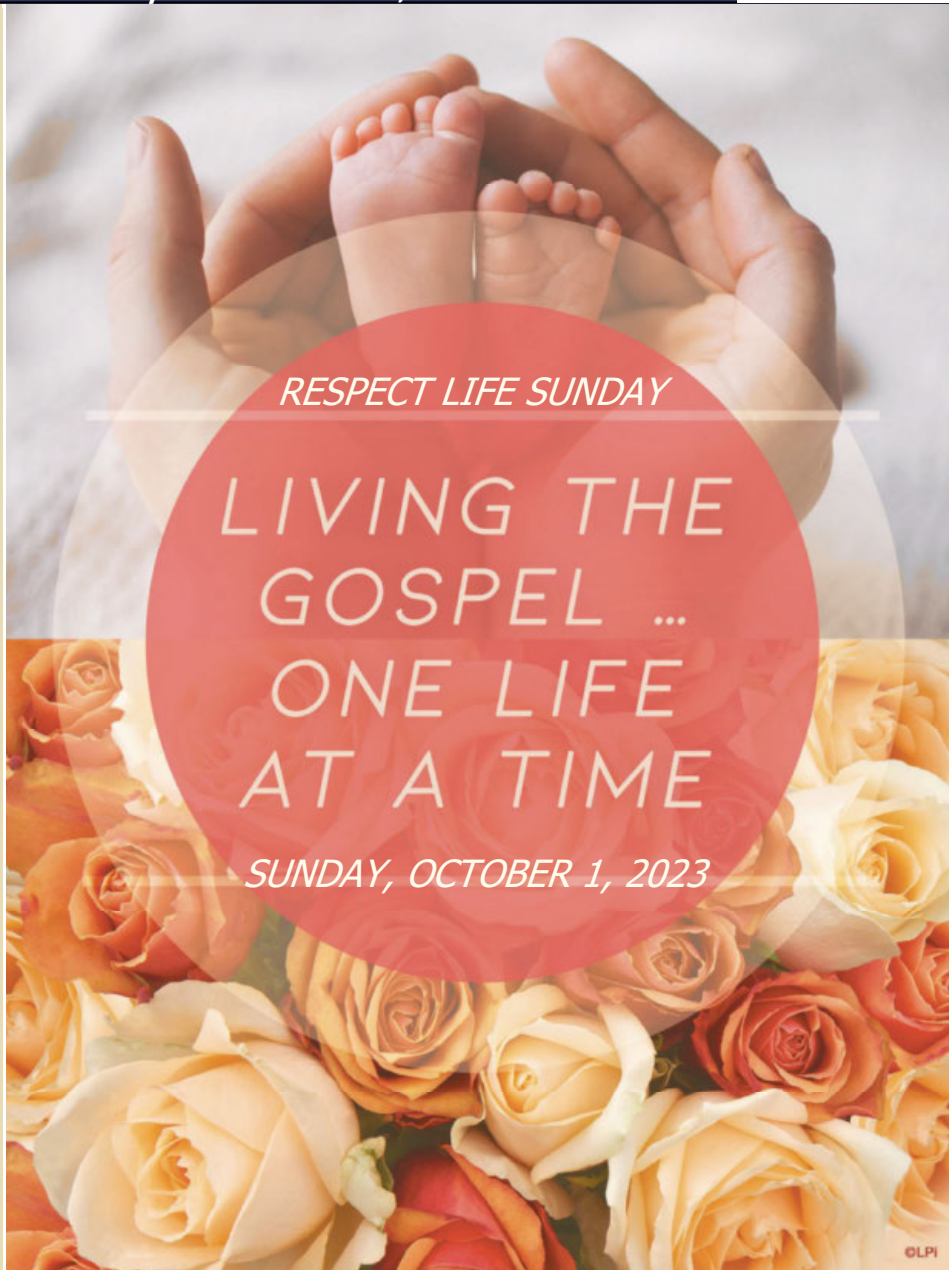
PRAY THE ROSARY

Monday - Friday after the 9 AM Mass

EXPOSITION OF THE

BLESSED SACRAMENT

1st Friday of the month, 7-8 p.m.



Adults: This Sunday, the Church asks us to think about the precious gift of life. How do you encourage and affirm life in the people you come in contact with? What helps you treat all people with dignity and respect?

Children: This week, we are asked by the Church to think about the gift of life —you, and all people, are created in the image and likeness of God! We are all loved! How can this love be shared with the people you meet—family, friends and strangers?

OUR CONTACT INFORMATION**PARISH OFFICE** 2601 San Ramon Valley Blvd. San Ramon, CA 94583-1630**Phone:** 925-830-0600**Fax:** 925 830-5059**Email:** ParishOffice@sjasr.org**Website:** www.sjasr.org**Realm:** <https://onrealm.org/sjasr>**FORMED:** <https://sjasr.formed.org>**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/stjoansr>**Instagram:** <https://www.instagram.com/stjoansr>**Twitter:** <https://www.twitter.com/stjoansr>**Hours:** M-Th: 8:30 a.m.—4 p.m.; Friday: 8:30 a.m.—12 Noon

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If your contact information changes please notify the Parish Office.

**RESOURCES TO ASSIST YOU WITH A STRUGGLE
YOU MAY BE CURRENTLY EXPERIENCING****Autism and Special Needs Support**will not be meeting on a regular basis until further notice. For questions or concerns, contact Sue Walsh at sbwjobs1@mac.com, or 925-708-5671**Divorce and Separated Support**

Sue Pieraccini 925 819-1809

smc9@sbcglobal.net**Financial Needs and/or donations:**St. Vincent de Paul
Leave message at office:
925-830-0600, X246**General Social Service Needs**Addiction, Domestic Violence, Education and more. Visit Faith in Action Catholic Social Services at faithinactionoakdiocese.org**Job Support**

Rosemarie McKenney 925 830-0600

rmckenney@sjasr.org**Marriage Trouble - Get Hope**HelpOurMarriage.com
www.sjasr.org/MARRIAGE**SACRAMENTS****BAPTISM** Private baptisms are now available on Saturdays. To make an appointment, please send an email to the parish office at baptism@sjasr.org**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.**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
- 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.

MASS SCHEDULE, READINGS AND INTENTIONS

If the priest or lector inadvertently fails to mention the name of the Mass intention, be assured that the celebrant will remember your loved ones during the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Saturday, September 30:

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

4:30 PM Gelacio DeLizo, Jr. +

Sunday, October 1:

Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/
Mt 21:28-32

8:00 AM Gelacio Delizo, Jr. +

10:00 AM Marian Laxa

12 Noon Members of St. Joan of Arc

Monday, October 2:

Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/
Mt 18:1-5, 10

9:00 AM John de Melo +

Tues., October 3:

Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56

9:00 AM Jim Bellerive +

Wednesday, October 4:

Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62

9:00 AM Carlos Bansil +

Thursday, October 5:

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Lk 10:1-12

9:00 AM John de Melo +

Friday, October 6:

Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16

9:00 AM John de Melo +

Saturday, October 7:

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Lk 10:17-24

4:30 PM Fran Coit

Sunday, October 8:

Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 (Isaiah 5:7a)/
Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

8:00 AM Members of St. Joan of Arc

10:00 AM Carmen Gumbs & Bill Jackson +

12 Noon David S. Tan +

PRAYERS

We add new names to the sick list weekly (generally, we keep names on the sick list for three months). If you would like to add a name to our sick list, please send your request to: parishoffice@sjasr.org

LOVED ONES WHO ARE SICK *Recently added are in red.*

Edna Aguadera	Patria Lagbao
Zarohee Attinello	Tom Leverton
Rudy Beliso	Connie Ma
Chan Belloso	Jeremy Ma
Lois Belmessieri	Marcie Mach
Teresita Bernal	Linda Mack
Shirin Blessi	Jeanne Mazy
Louella Bowker	Irmgard Witzke McMillan
Frank Canova	Judith Mendaros
Elma Capisen	Melody Mendoza
Gloria Chapman	William Mendoza
Jack Cherian	Michelle
Fran Coit	Angel Moreno
Don and Paula Coloppy	Edward Oliva
Agnes Cosgrove	Kathy Ota
Hermie Cuenco	Jean Pascual
Naff Davis	Barbara Pinto-Choate
Ramon de Guzman	Judy Quadraccia
Rachel de Joseph	Melba Rebiejo
Filomena del Carman Navas	Karen Rivera
Patrick DeLiegro	Pat Rosecrans
Rev. Jenito Delos Santos	Gualberto Salvatin, Jr.
Gregory Dimmling	Molly Sanchez
Corazon Dizon	Rick Santi
Danton Dizon	John Schnaidt
Cosmo and Patrick Diliagro	Bob Sheatsly
Lilia B. Duldulao	Casey Silligman
Bobby Durden	Joanne Silva
Charles Durden	Sinead
Ella Empleo	Jim Snyder
Martin and Richard Figueroa	The Steen Family
Coleen Franklin	Camden Stefanik & Family
Kaleo Gabriel	Katherine Stupak
Suselyn Gamotion	Betsy Sullivan
Esther Garcia	Michael Tam
Michael Geib	Maureen Tieri
Judith Geib	Sandra Thompson
Irma Gonzales	Jovi Umali
Connie Heim	Virginia Vassiliou
David and Robbie Hiduke	Paul Vazquez
Glynnis Hubbard	Nicasio Villamil, Sr.
Mary Jabari & Jabari Family	Raquel Villon
Mina Jacinta	Phil Volta
Fiona Jones	Sean Wilske
Patrick Knight	Sheryl Wingard
Marie Kroha	Frank Williams

ARE YOU OR SOMEONE ELSE IN NEED OF PRAYER?

+ **Submit a prayer request** through the prayer boxes in each vestibule or send an email to PrayStJoan@yahoo.com. If desired, a card can also be sent telling of our prayers for your friend or loved one.

+ **Request a Prayer Shawl** Please contact Gina at 830-4720 or gcamp@sjasr.org

**LOVED ONES WHO ARE DECEASED:**

MALOU AGUN

NESTOR LUNA, SR.

MELITA BAQUIR

CAMERON HEATH

VICTORIA MELGOZA

REINHOLD AVENDANO

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 1, 2023

"Remember your mercies, O Lord," ~Psalm 25:6a

Upcoming Weekly Programs:

Sunday

8:45-9:55 a.m.,
& 10:45-11:55 a.m. SJA Kids

Monday

6:50-8:30 p.m.: LIGHT kick off with parents
7 p.m.: RCIA (Conference Rm)

Tuesday

10 a.m. Peacemakers Group
11:30 a.m. Presentation by Jack Jezreel w/ lunch and
& 7 p.m. talk (MPR): Walking in the Footsteps of
Jesus: A Path to Compassion: 7pm Church
5 p.m. Knights of Columbus (MPR)
7 p.m. Adult Confirmation (Conference Rm)

Wednesday

9:30 a.m. Meditation Group (Classroom 1)
9:45 a.m. Bible Study (Lower Conference Rm)
10 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Classroom 2)
6:50-8:30 p.m. EDGE (MPR and Classrooms)
7 p.m. Choir rehearsal(Church)

Thursday

7 p.m. Cantor rehearsal (Church)
7 p.m. Thurs. night Bible Study (Conference Rm)

Friday

7 p.m.-8 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (Church)
7:30 p.m. Friendship Group (Classroom 2)

Blessing of the Animals this Sunday, Oct. 1 at 1:15 p.m. (by the St. Joan of Arc statue)



In honor of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, Fr. Johnson will be offering a *Blessing of the Animals* this Sunday, October 1 at 1:15 p.m. by the St. Joan of Arc statue.

Eucharistic Adoration this Friday, October 6, 7—8 p.m. in the Church



**Save the Date: St. Vincent de Paul
Bundle Sunday coming soon!**
Weekend of Nov. 11-12

Doing the "Will of the Father"

A life-long Catholic friend of mine recently mumbled to me, "I can't stand all these converts to the faith. They're always rocking the boat." It surprised me because he is dedicated to evangelization, and yet he struggles with openness to new Catholics. It made me realize how easily I close my heart to those whom I perceive to be outsiders who become new members of the Catholic community. Almost unconsciously I reduce the world to the categories of "us" and "them." The result is that meaningful community silently shrinks in my life. Don't we all do that to some degree?

This week, Jesus' punchy parable about the two sons blows up that black and white world. One son said he wouldn't get to work, and then did. The other said he would, and then he did not. **"Which did the will of his father?"** asks the Lord. Like so many of us, in identifying the first as the answer, the religious authorities manifest hidden hypocrisy in refusing to follow Jesus. They — like us — intuit the correct path but simply won't do it. The tax collectors and prostitutes are indeed following Jesus and thereby getting to work in the kingdom of God. *Everyone* is called to do God's will regardless of the labels we may apply to them.

This week, let's reject the convenient but damaging categories of "insiders" and "outsiders." Instead, let's embrace a grateful attitude that Jesus is calling fallen, weak, and broken men and women like you and me. Then we begin to see that the tax collectors and prostitutes aren't *them*. They are *us*. And Jesus wants all of us working in his boat, no matter the rocking.

~ Father John Muir, LPI

Pray for the recently baptized



We recently welcomed to our parish community the newly baptized:

Jack Laughton
Santino Garza
Luciano Garza

We ask that you pray Jack, Santino, Luciano, their parents and godparents as they continue their faith journey.

October Special Collections

Oakland Catholic Worker	All month (see p. 10)
Catholic Voice	October 1
World Mission	October 22
St. Vincent de Paul	October 29



Oakland Catholic Worker
Obrero Católico de Oakland

Special Collection for Oakland Catholic Worker this month

Oakland Catholic Worker is a transitional shelter and accompaniment program. The core of their work is their guest accompaniment program. They host Latin American migrants (adults or families) who are in need of a place to stay for up to four months. New guests often find them through nearby churches that know us, family, friends, former guests, and other community organizations.

In addition to providing the basic necessities of food and housing during their stay, their case management team meets with guests every week to help them to determine their goals and work to achieve them.

Additionally, they provide support as they save money, look for jobs and affordable housing, and access needed legal, medical, and educational services.

Thank you for your generosity.

Join the Daily Mass Ministry Team

If you ever attend Daily Mass, consider joining the ministry team that helps our presider bring Mass to us every day. We serve as Lectors, Altar Servers, and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. To learn more, contact Janet Magtoto at jmagtoto@sjasr.org.

JustFaith founder and Author Jack Jezreel visits on Tuesday

We offer two opportunities to see nationally renowned author and founder of *JustFaith*, Jack Jezreel: Tuesday, October 3: 11:30 a.m. (with lunch option in the Multipurpose Room) and 7 p.m. in the church.

For details, please see announcement on pg. 8.

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WINGS: Women in God's Spirit

All women are invited to join WINGS, a faith sharing and spiritual enhancement group. We meet weekly on Wednesdays mornings for inspirational speakers, prayer and sharing time with women of all ages.

Fall meetings begin Wednesday, October 4th, 9 – 11:45 a.m., at St. Raymond Church, Moran Hall.

For further information or registration, contact us at wings.straymond@gmail.com

Join us and bring a friend—we're a warm and welcoming group!

Octoberfest at San Damiano

Oktoberfest has become a tradition at San Damiano Courtyard. Join us on **Sunday, October 15, from 4:30—6 p.m.** for our annual afternoon of bountiful appetizers, local red and white wines, beers and German delights, with music by the *Cool Tones*. \$45 per person. To register, log on to sandamiano.org

Valley Oak Respite Center looking for volunteers

VALLEY OAK RESPITE CENTER in Danville is looking for help. They serve dementia clients on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:30-2:30. All you need is a servant's heart. In addition, we are looking to hire someone to help out three days a week. For more information, please call Jean Morrison at 925-915-0030.




Adults interested in becoming Catholic, or seeking the Sacraments of First Eucharist or Confirmation, please contact Maureen Tiffany at mtiffany@sjasr.org or call the Parish Office at 925 830-0600, x222

Gratitude and Care for God's Creation

**CARE FOR CREATION IS NOT A SLOGAN,
IT IS A REQUIREMENT OF OUR FAITH.**

We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.

*We show our respect for the Creator
by our stewardship of Creation.*



Join us for a 3-hour workshop to explore with gratitude the wonders of God's creation, to pray with intent for guidance, and to learn things that each of us can do right now to be better stewards of God's creation.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 from 1-4pm
in the Multi-Purpose Room (MPR)**

RSVP to: RMcKenney@sjasr.org

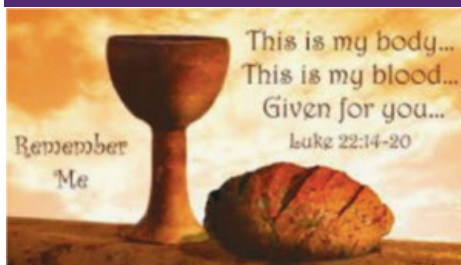
Adult Faith Formation Office

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MTiffany@sjasr.org, 925 830-0600, x222

Adult Faith Formation's mission: to form joyful disciples who know, love and serve Jesus ... through prayer, learning, community and service

WAYS TO FOCUS ON THE GIFT OF JESUS DURING THIS YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST



THE EASIEST BIBLE STUDY WE'VE EVER OFFERED!

Join us for the perfect study for this, the year of Eucharistic Revival ... with no workbook or pre-work:

The Eucharist in Scripture with Dr. Scott Hahn

Discover God's plan as it is expressed through the Bible and the Mass. This six-lesson study will explore the meaning of covenant, sacrifice & sacrament as understood in the Bible, from Genesis thru Revelation ... the biblical foundations of the Eucharist and our liturgy (this study will not require weekly pre-work.)

Study groups are forming now; let us know if you would like to host a study group. Four study groups are available. Find one to suit your schedule.:

- Mondays at 7pm in Classroom 1 (*beginning Oct 2*)
- Wednesdays at 9:45am in both the Lower Conference Room and on zoom (*beginning Oct 4*)
- Wednesdays at 7pm via zoom (*beginning Oct 4*)
- Thursdays at 7pm in the Lower Conference Room (*beg Oct 5*)

RSVP: RMckenney@sjasr.org



Can't make it to one of our studies?

Learn on your own time at your own speed by using St. Joan's subscription to Formed.org

The Eucharist with Dr. Brant Pitre

"The Lamb of God," "The Bread of Life," "The Body and the Blood of Christ"... these are phrases we know from the Mass. But do we understand what they mean in the greater and deeper context of Scripture and Church teaching? We'll discover firsthand how Christ's Body and Blood are an integral and wondrous part of God's plan for our salvation. Access this [10-part video study](#) and many other films, studies and audio talks by going to sjasr.formed.org ... and enjoy!



Join St. Joan's delegation
NATIONALEUCHARISTIC CONGRESS
July 17-21, 2024 in Indianapolis

14 parishioners have already registered for this once in a lifetime pilgrimage to join hundreds of thousands of Catholics from around the nation to encounter the living Jesus Christ, to experience profound renewal and to equip yourselves to fulfill your mission for the life of the world. Learn more: RMckenney@sjasr.org

Join us for a lunch or evening visit!

Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus: The Path to Compassion

featuring **Jack Jezreel**, JustFaith Founder and Author



Two opportunities to enjoy this experience on Tuesday, October 3

LUNCHEON VISIT: Doors to our MPR (located to the left of the lawn on the lower campus) will open at 11:30 a.m.; lunch and talk will begin around noon and end about 1:30 p.m. Suggested donation for lunch: \$15. RSVP required.

EVENING VISIT: Doors to our church will open at 6:30pm. Talk will begin at 7pm and end about 8:30pm. *As Christians, our spiritual/religious journey is to become Christ-like, to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, to put on the "mind of Christ." The challenge, then, is how does this happen? What does it mean? Life--abundant life--begins with embracing the invitation of Jesus to nourish the life in and around us. The path is simple; it's just not easy.*

ALL ARE WELCOME. Invite your family and friends. RSVP: RMcKenney@sjasr.org



SOMEONE YOU KNOW MAY BE HURTING.

**Help them ... or help yourself ...
to find help and support during separation and divorce.**

Our divorce support group gathers on Tuesdays at 7pm. Contact Sue Pieraccini at smc9@sbcglobal.net



CAN YOU GIVE SOMEONE A RIDE TO MASS?

Mobility is so important to all of us.

If you can help, contact: David@mobilitymatterscc.com or 925 284-2215.



WELCOME SENIOR ADULTS

**Our Senior Adult Ministry meets, "SAM", meets on the
second Tuesday of the month at 11:30**

To explore, contact: Phyllis at (925) 804-6090 phyllis9@comcast.net



PREPARE FOR SUNDAY MASS

at 7pm on Friday nights in the Lower Conference Room

Join us on Friday evenings from 7-8:30 pm when we meet in-person to prepare for the weekend's Mass by viewing videos from Dr. Brant Pitre that will deepen our understanding of the readings we will hear at Mass each week, blossom our understanding of the Gospels and enhance our relationships with Jesus. **All are welcome!** Just drop in or RSVP to Emil at mbehraz@gmail.com.

Children & Youth Faith Formation Office

SJAKids: Grades K-5 EDGE: Grades 6-8 LIGHT: Grades 9-12

Children's Faith Formation (Grades K-5)

Phone: 925-830-4710 Email: CFF@sjasr.org

Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12)

Phone: 925-830-4720 Email: YouthMinistry@sjasr.org

LIFT RETREAT 2023

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

Fri., Nov. 3 @ 7 p.m. to
Sun., Nov. 5 @ 2 p.m.
at St. Joan of Arc

All high school students are invited to the LIFT Retreat!!! Come spend a fabulous, super fun, and faith-filled weekend with us here at St. Joan of Arc. What a great way to start off the LIGHT year by making new friends and spending time with old friends!

As a reminder, all teens are required to attend one overnight retreat before they enter the Confirmation program their junior year.

First ever retreat organized and led by teens, for the high school teens! ***(and of course, adults will be guiding the teens in every step of the way!)*** A fun-filled retreat with music, games, talks, discussions, great food, new friends and growing in faith!

When: Friday, November 3rd at 7 PM to Sunday, November 5th at 2 PM

Where: St. Joan of Arc - San Ramon

Fee: \$100 for the whole weekend

How to register? Scan the QR code for more information and to register!

Or email Marie Pena at mpena@sjasr.org and we'll send you the link!



It is on a first come, first served basis, be sure to sign up now before spots are filled!

ANY QUESTIONS? Contact Beverly Fung at bfung@sjasr.org

Mark your calendar!!! In collaboration with CFM, the Faith Formation & Youth Ministry will have a **TRUNK or TREAT** on Sunday, October 29 4:00 - 6:00 PM at St. Joan of Arc.

More information to follow!



For high school 9th-12th grade

LIGHT kick-off night!!
Monday, Oct. 2 @ 6:50-8:30 PM

Saints and Special Observances

Monday:	The Holy Guardian Angels
Wednesday:	St. Francis of Assisi
Thursday:	Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
Friday:	St. Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin
Saturday:	Our Lady of the Rosary

The Saints Speak...

"What do you have to fear? Nothing. Whom do you have to fear? No one. Why? Because whoever has joined forces with God obtains three great privileges: omnipotence without power, intoxication without wine, and life without death. ~St. Francis of Assisi

"All grace flows from mercy, and the last hour abounds with mercy for us. Let no one doubt concerning the goodness of God; even if a person's sins were as dark as night, God's mercy is stronger than our misery. One thing alone is necessary; that the sinner set ajar the door of his heart, be it ever so little, to let in a ray of God's merciful grace, and then God will do the rest."

~Diary of St. Faustina, No. 1507

Fundraiser for Golden Gate Boys Choir and Bellringers

Celebrate the Feast of the Holy Rosary with the Golden Gate Boys Choir and Bellringers **on Saturday, October 7, at 5:30 p.m. at St. Raymond Church** in Dublin.

Afterward, pick up a **Grab & Go BBQ** dinner for \$20—proceeds to benefit the Golden Gate Boys Choir for their trip to the 44th International *Pueri Cantores* in Rome this December. BBQ includes 3 BBQ skewers, 8 pcs of lumpia, rice and a drink. For more information, log on to www.GGBC.org or email GGBCBR@aol.com



Upcoming retreats at San Damiano

Are you looking for a prayerful retreat opportunity? To view upcoming events at neighboring San Damiano, log on to sandamiano.org

Grief Ministry at St. Elizabeth Seton

The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Although there are no right or wrong paths, these are stepping stones that are part of each grief journey, and we will explore them in this eight-week series of workshops.

This session will be held at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton on October 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th at 7 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Space is limited. A one time \$20 donation is requested.

For more information and to register you can call Barbara at 925-846-3904. You can view a short video explaining our program and additional information on our meetings; please go to our website: catholicsofpleasanton.org and scroll down to Grief Ministry and tap on the box.

Admissions open for Carondelet and De La Salle High Schools

Carondelet and De La Salle High School's 23-24 Admissions Season is open! The application deadline for both schools is December 8, and Financial Aid applications open on December 1.

To learn more about Carondelet, come to our Open House on November 5 from 1:00 - 3:00 PM. De La Salle will be hosting an Open House from 9:30 AM - 12:00 on November 5th as well.

To register for Open House, find out more about both schools, and apply, visit carondeleths.org and dlshs.org.

6th Annual Marian Conference: Saturday, Oct. 14, IHM Church, Brentwood

You're invited to attend the 6th Annual Marian Conference on Friday, October 13 and Saturday, October 14 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Brentwood.

This year's theme is "With Mary, we transform the World through the Eucharist."

The day begins with Mass at 8 a.m., and the Anointing of the Sick, with Bishop Michael Barber, followed by keynote speakers, rosary, praise and worship, and full adult-track teaching program.

This year's keynote speaker is Fr. Chris Alar, MIC. Closing Mass celebrated at 5 p.m. Fr. Lawrence D'Anjou. Barber and includes a Marian procession. Suggested donation: \$..... To register, visit the IHM website at IHMbrentwood.com

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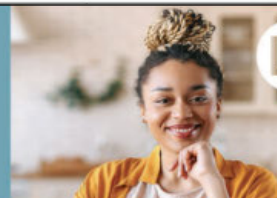
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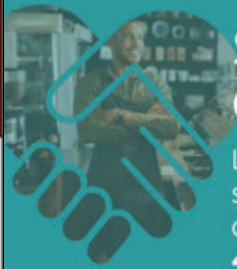
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