



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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DEACON

Rev. Mr. John Durden

Rev. Mr. Fred Seril

Rev. Mr. Brendan Coffey (transitional)

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.



Sunday, November 5, 2023

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant." - Mt 23:8-11

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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Adults: What does humility mean to you? How do you live it out in your life? How do you struggle with it?

Children: In today's Gospel, Jesus challenged the crowds and His disciples to be as servants to each other, acting always in humility. How might you be a servant to someone at work or at home?

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**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, November 4:

Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18/
Lk 14:1, 7-11

4:30 PM Members of St. Joan of Arc

Sunday, November 5:

Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/
Mt 23:1-12

8:00 AM Sean Lyng +

10:00 AM David Yeh +

12 Noon Miso Filicich +

Monday, November 6:

Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14

9:00 AM For the intentions of Pansy Soler

Tuesday, November 7:

Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24

9:00 AM Mary Kay Anzolotti +

Wednesday, November 8:

Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33

9:00 AM William & Katherine Monaghan +

Thursday, November 9:

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

9:00 AM Penny Candelaria +

Friday, November 10:

Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8

9:00 AM Sofia dos Santos +

Saturday, November 11:

Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15

4:30 PM Marion Laxa

Sunday, November 12:

Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/1 Thes 4:13-18 or
4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

8:00 AM Members of St. Joan of Arc

10:00 AM John de Melo +

12 Noon Tim Schultz +

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

PRAYERS

We add new names to the sick list weekly (generally, names remain on the sick list for three months). To add a name, please email: parishoffice@sjasr.org

LOVED ONES WHO ARE SICK (recently added are in red).

Edna Agudera	Patria Lagbao
Chan Belloso	Tom Levertton
Lois Belmessieri	Connie Ma
Teresita Bernal	Jeremy Ma
Shirin Blessi	Marcie Mach
Louella Bowker	Dorothy Mariscal and Family
Viola Cleo Bradshaw	Jeanne Mazy
Carina Besana Bucu	Irmgard Witzke McMillan
Frank Canova	Judith Mendaros
Elma Capisen	Melody Mendoza
Gloria Chapman	William Mendoza
See Siu Bi Co	Angel Moreno
Fran Coit	Joy Muyco
Don and Paula Coloppy	Romeo Naguit
Agnes Cosgrove	Barbara Pinto-Choate
Missie Cruz	Julie Quizon
Naff Davis	Judy Quadraccia
Ramon de Guzman	Melba Rebiejo
Patrick DeLiegro	Karen Rivera
Rev. Jenito Delos Santos	Pat Rosecrans
Gregory Dimmling	Gualberto Salvatin, Jr.
Danton Dizon	Molly Sanchez
Cosmo and Patrick Diliagro	Rick Santi
George Drummond	Jason Scher
Michael Dunkel	John Schnaidt
Bobby Durden	Bob Sheatsly
Rita and Bob Edwards	Casey Silligman
Ella Empleo	Joanne Silva
Richard Figueroa	Sinead
Coleen Franklin	Jimmy and Doug Smith
Kaleo Gabriel	Jim Snyder
Suselyn Gamotion	The Steen Family
Jim Ganser	Camden Stefanik & Family
Michael Geib	Katherine Stupak
Judith Geib	Betsy Sullivan
Mary Ann Gibbs	Michael Tam
Irma Gonzales	Maureen Tieri
Gina and Tom Hajdich	Sandra Thompson
Connie Heim	Jovi Umali
Deacon Bill Henderson	Virginia Vassiliou
David and Robbie Hiduke	Paul Vazquez
Glynnis Hubbard	Nicasio Villamil, Sr.
Mary Jabari & Jabari Family	Arildo Villon
Mina Jacinta	Raquel Villon
Fiona Jones	Phil Volta
Patrick Knight	Bill White
Ronald and Robert Kopas	Sean Wilske
Marie Kroha	Sheryl Wingard
Rev. Liam Lacey	Frank Williams



**LOVED ONES WHO ARE DECEASED:
MALOU CARPIO RIGO**

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**November 5, 2023**

In you, Lord, I have found my peace. (Ps 131)

Upcoming Weekly Programs:**Sunday**

7 p.m. Confirmation Groups

Monday

6:50-8:30 p.m.: LIGHT

7 p.m. Christmas Brunch planning (Parish Office)

7 p.m.: Eucharist in Scripture Study (Cl. 1)

7 p.m.: RCIA (Conference Rm)

Tuesday

10 a.m. Peacemakers Group

7 p.m. Adult Faith Formation Gathering (LCR)

7 p.m. Simbang Gabi Choir practice (Church)

7 p.m. Adult Confirmation (Conference Rm)

Wednesday

9:30 a.m. Meditation Group (Cl. 1)

9:45 a.m. Eucharist in Scripture Study (LCR)

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. Eucharist in Scripture Study (LCR)

Friday**Parish Office closed on Friday, Nov. 10 in
Observance of Veterans Day**

7:00 p.m. Friday Evening Mass Preparation (LCR)

LCR: Lower Conference Room

**St. Vincent de Paul Thanksgiving Gift Program now
live! Sign up to provide a Thanksgiving meal!**

Our St. Vincent de Paul Thanksgiving Gift program site is now live! To sign up to provide a Thanksgiving meal to a family in need, please go to: www.sjasrgiving.org

We need the gift cards returned to the Parish Office no later than Friday, November 10 so they can be delivered to the families in time to buy what they need for their Thanksgiving Dinner.

Thank you again for helping all of our less fortunate neighbors.

~Your St. Vincent de Paul Society

2024 Mass Intentions Book opens**on Monday, November 6;****New this year: Intentions available on line**

The **2024 Mass Intentions Book** will open for reservations starting **Monday, November 6. New This Year!** You will now be able to reserve a Mass intention through our online reservation system, and we will be accepting three Mass Intentions for each Mass (excluding certain Holy Days and Holidays).

When the book Mass Intentions Book opens, please visit our website, www.sjasr.org, and click on the Mass Intention button for your request. If you're unable to book online, in-person Mass intentions will be accepted in the Parish Office, Monday – Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Fridays from 9:30 a.m. -12 p.m.

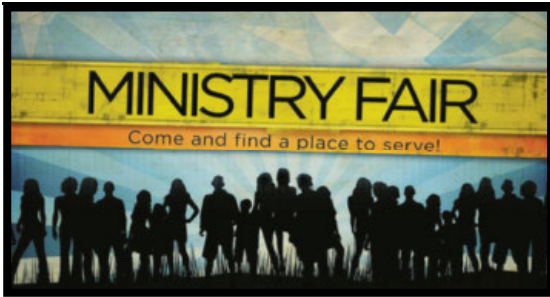
Calling someone “Father”

Last Easter season a new convert to Catholicism at my parish asked me with a grave tone in her voice: “Why do we call priests ‘father’ if Jesus says, ‘**Call no man on earth your father, for you have one Father, who is in heaven?**’” Thinking myself clever, I asked, “Do you think it’s okay to call someone your ‘teacher’ or ‘mister’ or ‘dad?’” She said, “Yes, I do.” I responded, “Well, Jesus seems to forbid that, too. So, it’s obviously hyperbole that he’s using.” She thought for a moment and declared, “Then I will stop using those words, too!” She walked away...not the outcome I was seeking.

We shouldn’t be too hasty in dismissing this complaint voiced by many non-Catholics. The expression “father” for ordained priests is not honorary for the individual man. The priest’s fatherhood doesn’t begin or end in him at all. Rather, the title “Father” indicates that he is a sacramental sign of God’s Fatherhood revealed in Jesus. I can tell you, as a very unworthy bearer of that title, we should give and receive that title with some trepidation (because of God’s awesomeness) and with a little sense of humor (because of the lowliness of the men with the title).

The longer I’m a priest, the more I’m comfortable with people not using the title “father” and just calling me “John.” After all, only God is Father in the truest sense. At the same time, Jesus has brought the Father close to us, very close. We honor this closeness in some men with the title “Father.” Who are the priests in your life whom Christ has sent to you? How wonderful that Christ has surrounded us with humble signs of His Father’s love. It’s good to celebrate that love with gratitude for the priests in our lives.

~Fr. John Muir, ©LPI



This weekend, you can become a Liturgical Minister!

It's always a blessing to worship together at our weekend Masses, but did you know it takes a lot of parishioners to make a beautiful liturgy possible?

This weekend, why not consider sharing your gifts by becoming a liturgical minister? We're always looking for ushers, greeters, altar

servers, choir members, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, PowerPoint, and liturgical environment ministers. You can even sign up to help with our Simbang Gabi novena Masses during Advent.

Whatever the ministry, you'll find the experience rewarding, and it's a great way to get better acquainted with our faith community! After any of our weekend Masses, grab a donut and check in with our Ministry leaders at the tables in the main plaza.

Altar Care

Launders the Mass linens and white robes. Ministers share this service on a rotating basis— perfect for those who like behind-the-scenes work and done at home at their convenience.

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.

Daily Mass Ministry

Daily Mass community assists the priest at weekday Mass as Eucharistic Ministers (Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion), Altar Servers and Lectors. Training provided.

Extraordinary Minister of Communion (Eucharistic Minister)– 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.

Greeters-Weekend Mass

Greeters welcome people coming to Mass on Saturdays and Sundays, Holy Days and special liturgies. Greeters arrive 15-20 minutes early and are scheduled a specific Mass that suits their schedule.

Lectors (Ministers of the Word)-Weekend Mass

Lectors should be comfortable with public speaking. 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. Lectors are also assigned to Holy Day Masses and other special liturgies throughout the year.

Liturgical Environment

Creates and enhances the beauty of our church to make our worship space more prayerful and esthetically pleasing. While their work is most noticeable during the major seasons of the Church Year, the ministry functions year-round.

Music Ministry (Parish Choir)-Weekend Mass

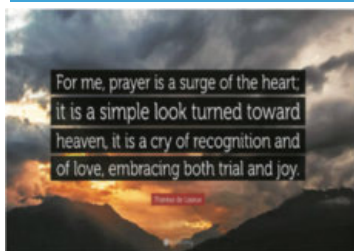
Men and women of all ages are welcome to join the parish choir. Rehearsals are held Wednesday evenings in the church. Generally, rehearsals run from September through Corpus Christi. Choral experience is appreciated, though not required. We also welcome families of all sizes (especially those with teenagers and young children).

Other represented Liturgical Ministries: **PowerPoint** (run the computer to display the lyrics and prayers during Mass), **Ushers** (facilitate seating and the collection offering), and **Simbang Gabi** (seeking liturgical ministries to serve at the Simbang Gabi Christmas Novena, December 16-24).

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PRAYER: A SURGE OF THE HEART

Finding time to pray can be difficult with the many distractions of modern life. This video helps us to find the path to daily prayer in our lives. Just go to sjasr.formed.org and search for prayer.



SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS BRUNCH!

Saturday, December 2

Want to help? Join our planning team!

Contact: Liz at lizmooring@gmail.com or Janet at janetgwilliams@hotmail.com



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.

Adult Faith Formation Office

Programs and Services : Rosemarie McKenney
RMckenney@sjasr.org 925 830-0600, x248

Adult Sacraments: Maureen Tiffany
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

GRATITUDE AND CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION



On Saturday, Oct. 21, our Peacemakers Group hosted the workshop, **Gratitude and Care for God's** — the culmination of four months of preparation and planning. Their purpose: to pray with gratitude for the gift of God's Creation; to inform and educate those who came; and to inspire participants to take the next step.

The Peacemaker planners were astounded and humbled by, and very grateful for, the wealth of knowledge and experience those who attended had ... as well by as the long-term dedication they all demonstrated.

As they shared, laughed and brainstormed about this precious Creation of ours, they found they were building community ... and every person there was learning from the exchange of experiences and ideas that took place.

Many clever services and products that protect our earth were displayed on a table filled with examples and important sourcing information. That information, as well as prayers, tips, upcoming events and opportunities to advocate are also available to you on a new St. Joan webpage: sjasr.org/GratitudeAndCare.

How would you like to be involved in our efforts to be thankful and care for God's Creation?

Write to RMckenney@sjasr.org



JOIN YOUR SAINT JOANS SISTERS CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SELL AT OUR
BOUTIQUE?

WE ARE BRINGING BACK OUR WOMEN'S
CHRISTMAS BRUNCH AND BOUTIQUE!
WE WILL BEGIN OUR MORNING WITH MASS AT
9:00 A.M., FOLLOWED BY A POTLUCK BRUNCH,
SONGS, AND A HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE!
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023
EMAIL LIZ OR JANET
LIZMOORING@GMAIL.COM
JANETGWILLIAMS@HOTMAIL.COM

Join our planning team on Monday, November 6 @ 7pm.
Write to Liz or Janet above for more details.

ADVENT BEGINS THE THANKSGIVING WEEKEND!

Join our study based on ***Rejoice! An Advent Pilgrimage into the Heart of Scripture***. Study groups include Wed mornings and evenings and Thurs evenings. Write to RMckenney@sjasr.org for more information.

FALL BACK THIS WEEKEND: SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive at St. Joan of Arc Parish

The Knights of Columbus, in partnership with the American Red cross, will be sponsoring their quarterly blood drive on **Saturday, November 18 in the gym from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** To make an appointment, please log on to RedCrossBlood.org, Enter the sponsor Code: KCSANRAMON.

If you have questions regarding your eligibility to donate blood, please call 1-866-236- 3276. To save time while saving a life, please fill out a Rapidpass. For more info, please visit redcrossblood.org/Rapidpass. Donors will receive a pair of Elf & Red Cross socks! Thank you for helping to save 3 lives with one donation.

November Special Collections

Human Development November 19

Saints and Special Observances

Tuesday: Election Day
Thursday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Friday: St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

The Saints Speak...

"Christian, remember your dignity, and now that you share in God's own nature, do not return by sin to your former base condition. Bear in mind who is your head and of whose body you are a member. Do not forget that you have been rescued from the power of darkness and brought into the light of God's kingdom."

~St. Leo the Great


For all, regenerated in Christ, are made kings by the sign of the cross; they are consecrated priests by the oil of the Holy Spirit, so that beyond the special service of our ministry as priests, all spiritual and mature Christians know that they are a royal race and are sharers in the office of the priesthood."

~St. Leo the Great

"With the sign of the Cross, I shall more certainly break through the ranks of the enemy than if armed with shield and sword."

~St. Martin of Tours

In continued thanksgiving for the gift of Faith - 500 years and beyond!



ONE BODY OF CHRIST

Awit Pasaalamat sa Biyaya ni Kristo

featuring Sacred, Folk and Contemporary Music by the Filipino Clergy of the Diocese of Oakland

For more information, email mpocamp2@yahoo.com

Friday, November 3, 2023 | 7PM
Holy Spirit Church Gymnasium
37588 Fremont Blvd, Fremont, CA 94536

Friday, November 10, 2023 | 7PM
Saint Joan of Arc Church
2601 San Ramon Valley Blvd, San Ramon, CA 94583

Help give our Confirmation candidates a chance to experience the reality of poverty

Sunday, November 26, 5:30-8:30 p.m. (includes dinner!)

We hope to offer a **Poverty Simulation** for our Confirmation candidates on the **Sunday, November 26**. To do this, we will need 24 "staffers" who represent various resources with whom those who live in poverty must interact, such as a bank, employer, convenience store, and the like. No experience is necessary—we'll train you!

Below are the dates you'd need to participate. Please prayerfully consider whether you can help ... we cannot proceed without enough Staffers!

Staffer Orientation Date: Thursday, November 9*

5:30pm: Dinner (*required for new staffers*)

7:00pm: Full Orientation (*required for all staffers, new and experienced*); 8:30pm: Adjourn

**Experienced Staffers are welcome to join us for dinner the night of orientation, too. We'll offer a make-up date on Monday or Tuesday, Nov 20 or 21*

Thank you from the St. Joan of Arc faith formation team. If you can help us or would like more information, please write to RMcKenney@sjasr.org.

Christmas Wreath Sale

Evergreen Fundraiser for St. Joan of Arc Music Ministry

Please consider purchasing evergreen gifts for the holidays to help us reach our fundraising goal. Simply visit: GiftItForward.com



and use our fundraising code:

STJOANCA001 when checking out or use the QR Code.

We receive \$8 for every gift purchased using our code! Contact a choir

member if you have any questions. Thank you, and we hope you have a great holiday season!

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

Please keep all our LIGHT teens that are participating, leading and Adult Leaders, helpers in your prayers as they embark on a meaningful retreat on Nov. 3-5.
"I was born to do this!"

Gospel Reading

Matthew 23:1-12

Jesus warns against following the example of the scribes and the Pharisees and teaches that those who would be great must be servants.

Family Connection



"Do as I say, not as I do." How many of us have been tempted to say this to our children? In today's Gospel we hear a resounding reply from Jesus, "Practice what you preach." Those who know us best, our family and especially our children, can identify the inconsistencies between what we want to teach and the example that we give. The challenge for all of us, especially for those of us who are parents, is to model with consistency the faith and the Christian way of life we wish to teach our children.

As you gather as a family, talk about what it means to practice what you preach. Identify some examples of people you know who practice what they preach. What do you observe about these people? What do you admire about them?

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus talk about the importance of acting in ways that are consistent with our faith. Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 23:1-12. Talk together about ways in which your family might better practice the faith that you profess. Choose one action to take that will show your faith in action. Pray together that your family's faith will be shown consistently in your actions.

Pray the Prayer for Vocations.

Prayer for Vocations

God, in Baptism you called me by name
 And made me a member of your people, the Church.
 Help all your people to know their vocations in life,
 And to respond by living a life of holiness.
 For your greater glory and for the service of your

people, raise up dedicated and generous leaders who will serve as sisters, priests, brothers, deacons, and lay ministers.

Send your Spirit to guide and strengthen me that I may serve your people following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name I offer this prayer.

Amen.

NO Faith Formation and Youth Ministry programs on the week of November 20.
(Thanksgiving Break)

Confirmation will resume on Sunday, Nov. 26 (6:50 - 9:00 PM)

LIGHT will resume on Monday, Nov. 27 (6:50 - 8:30 PM)

EDGE will resume on Wednesday, Nov. 29 (6:50-98:30 PM)

Prayer Shawl Ministry returns

The Prayer Shawl Ministry (PSM) is a service/prayer ministry for 6th, 7th and 8th graders. The beginning of this ministry was the marriage of two needs—the need for the St. Joan of Arc young people to have opportunities to do hands-on service for others in our community and the need for prayers for many parishioners, friends, and family members.

If you have a loved one who would benefit from having a prayer shawl made for them for any reason (illness, looking for work, celebrating a birth or engagement, etc), please go to <https://sjasr.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/prayer-shawl-request-fillable-form.pdf>, complete the form, print it and email it to gcamp@sjasr.org. Please include some information about colors they like, hobbies they have, etc. so we can, hopefully, make one out of fabric they will love.

Not only will the youth make a prayer shawl for your loved one, but they will also pray for them, specifically, by name, and make them a card. We pray that every time your loved one wraps himself/herself in the prayer shawl, the shawl will serve as a physical reminder of a spiritual reality—they are being held in prayer by our SJA middle schoolers and that they are wrapped in God's abiding love.

To submit your photos of our parish activities to the bulletin, please email to bulletin@sjasr.org



*St. Vincent
de Paul
Bundle Sunday*

*Next
Weekend!!*

*(November
11-12)*

Grief Support Ministry, St. Elizabeth Seton, “Coping with the Holidays”

The holidays are fast approaching. If you have recently lost someone, at every turn, it seems that you are faced with your heartache and loss. Please join us for an evening where we will discuss ways to cope with the holidays. Thursday, November 16 at 7 pm, St. Elizabeth Seton, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton. All are welcome, regardless of religious affiliation. Please call Barbara at 925-846-3904 if you have any questions.

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 dlschs.org.

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



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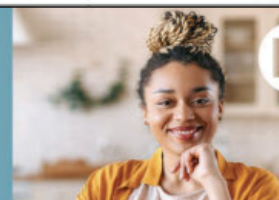
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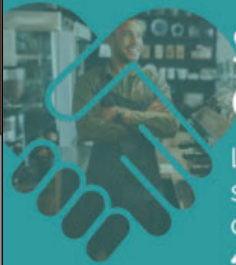
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