



# 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

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](http://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

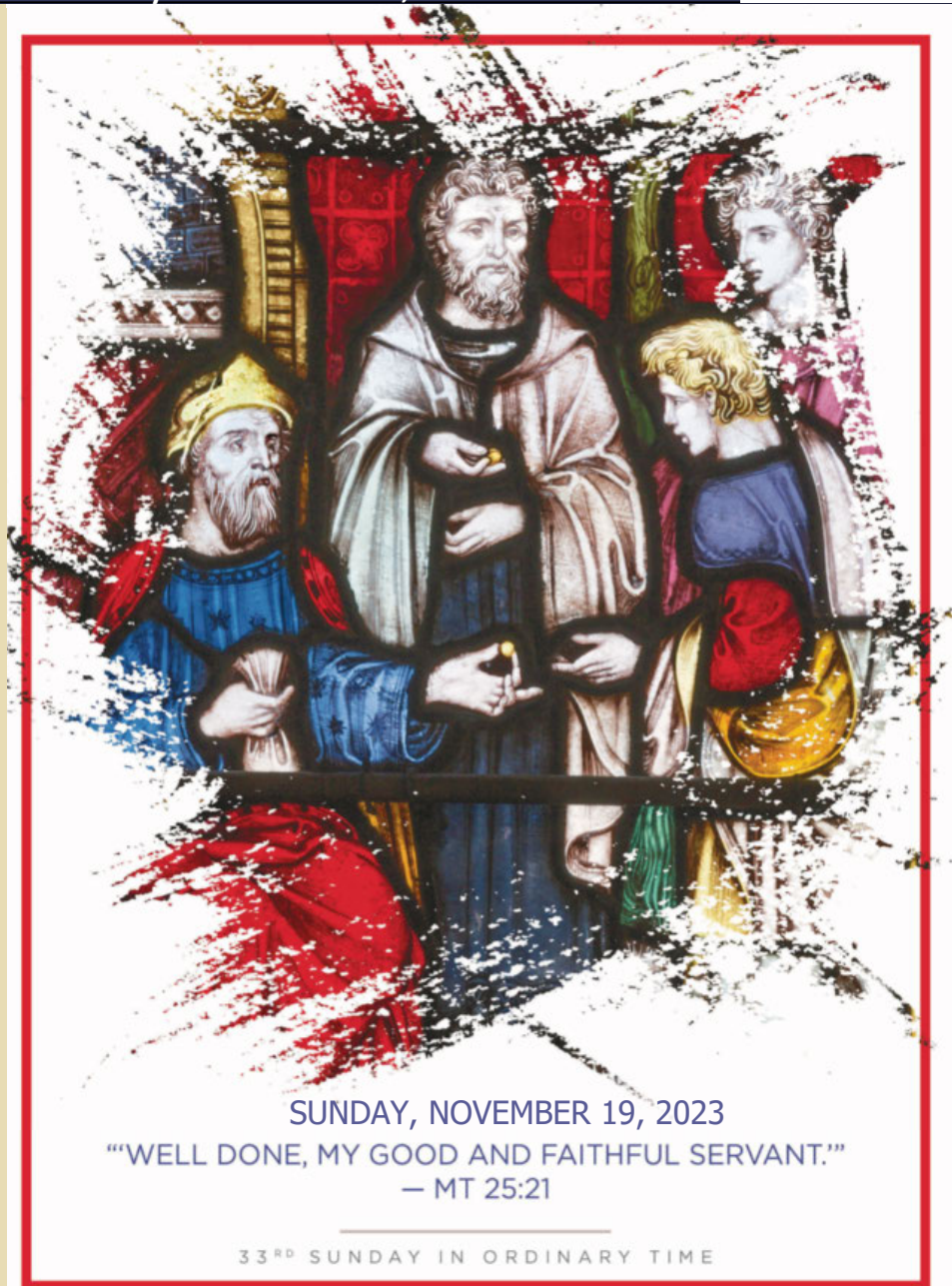
Saturday, 3m– 4 p.m. or by appt.

### PRAY THE ROSARY

Monday - Friday after the 9 AM Mass

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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



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Adults: How do you share your God-given gifts and talents in service of God and others? In giving, do you feel you have received more in return?

Children: God created you and loves you, and has given you unique gifts and special talents that you are to share with others. What are some of your gifts? Hint: If you're not aware of your gifts, ask your parents! How do you or how can you share those gifts with others?

**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](http://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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**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](mailto:sbwjobs1@mac.com), or 925-708-5671**Divorce and Separated Support**Sue Pieraccini 925 819-1809  
[smc9@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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](http://faithinactionoakdiocese.org)**Job Support**Rosemarie McKenney 925 830-0600  
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[www.sjasr.org/MARRIAGE](http://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](mailto: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](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](mailto: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 18:**

Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8

**4:30 PM      Guillermo Mendonca +**

**Sunday, November 19:**

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/  
1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

**8:00 AM      Sanh Tran +**

**10:00 AM      Members of St. Joan of Arc**

**12 Noon      Jose Belgica +**

**Monday, November 20:**

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134,  
150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

**9:00 AM      Andrew McKenney +**

**Tuesday, November 21:**

2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

**9:00 AM      Chris Teagardin +**

**Wednesday, November 22:**

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28

**9:00 AM      Maria and Rosauro Reyes +**

**Thursday, November 23:**

1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44

**9:00 AM      Raphael Mathias + and Richard Michael +**

**Friday, November 24:**

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a,  
12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

**9:00 AM      Miguel Doria, Jr. +**

**Saturday, November 25:**

1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40

**4:30 PM      Members of St. Joan of Arc**

**Sunday, November 26:**

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26,  
28/Mt 25:31-46

**8:00 AM      Barbara Inchausti +**

**10:00 AM      Marian & Ferdi Laxa (in thanksgiving)**

**12 Noon      Rita Lindner +**

**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](mailto:parishoffice@sjasr.org)***

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

*Dear God, Please embrace those who are sick and hurting today and let them feel the warmth of Your love and healing presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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

**ARE YOU OR SOMEONE ELSE IN NEED OF PRAYER?**

+ **Request a Prayer Shawl** The EDGE Prayer Shawl ministry makes & prays over Prayer Shawls for recipients. To make a request, please contact Gina at 830-4720 or [gcamp@sjasr.org](mailto:gcamp@sjasr.org)



**LOVED ONES WHO ARE DECEASED:  
SR. MOIRA MACPHERSON**



**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time****November 19, 2023**

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Ps 63:2 )

To read Bishop Michael Barber's  
**Letter to the Faithful**  
 of the Diocese of Oakland, please see  
 pages 8-9 of the bulletin.



**Complimentary  
 2024  
 Religious Art  
 calendars are  
 now available  
 in the church  
 vestibules**

**Upcoming Weekly Programs:**

**Thanksgiving Day Mass**  
*will be celebrated on*  
**Thursday, November 23 at 9 a.m.** After  
 Mass, Fr. Johnson will bless your  
*bread and wine.*

**Sunday**

7 p.m. Confirmation Groups

**Monday**

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

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

7 p.m.: RCIA (Conference Rm)

**Tuesday**

10 a.m. Peacemakers Group

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

7 p.m. Adult Confirmation (Conference Rm)

**Wednesday**

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

6:50-8:30 p.m. EDGE (MPR and Classrooms)

7 p.m. Choir rehearsal (Church)

**Friday**

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

LCR: Lower Conference Room

**This weekend:****Collection for *Human Development***

The **Catholic Campaign for Human Development** is the national anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, working to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ "... to bring glad tidings to the poor ... liberty to captives ... sight to the blind, and let the oppressed go free." (Luke 4:18)

The belief that those who are directly affected by unjust systems and structures have the best insight into knowing how to change them is central to CCHD. CCHD works to break the cycle of poverty by helping low-income people participate in decisions that affect their lives, families and communities. CCHD offers a hand-up, not a handout. Use your provided envelopes, or [give online](#).

**Be a generous giver**

When I was a kid, I hated playing Monopoly because my siblings and friends always seemed to win but worse was how it happened. Scared to risk my fake money on buying properties, I'd hold on to it. My opponents hungrily bought up the various real estate squares on the board. Then, inevitably, my poor, low-equity self would land on their spots, pay them rent, and my money would drain to zero. It seemed so unfair. The rich get richer, and the poor get poorer. I had to learn that monopoly money is meant to be spent. I was scared to lose some of it so, I lost all of it.

How do we see what we possess? Jesus' parable about the talents is not really about economics but about the investability of everything He entrusts to us. How marvelous that everyone in the fable who places talents in the open market doubles their investment. The only one who doesn't is the man who fearfully buries his one talent. Jesus' success strategy for us seems to be, whatever we have, *get it out of our possession*. Risk it as quickly and as fully as we can.

You and I have precious gifts. We have valuable things to invest — time, talents, treasure. The Lord invites us to be brave and even somewhat reckless, to give as much away as possible. If we give it away in the direction of love and truth, it will grow. If we hold on to it in fear, the little we have will be taken away. Let me challenge you this week: find something in your life you're holding on to, and risk it by giving it away. It won't double if you hold on to it.

~Fr. John Muir, ©LPI

## 2024 Mass Intentions Book now open; New this year: Sign up on line

The **2024 Mass Intentions Book** is now open for reservations. **New This Year!** You can now 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).

Please visit our website, [www.sjasr.org](http://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.



### Tips for Change Youth Program fundraiser at Gianni's

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** On Monday, November 20, we are participating in a program called **TIPS FOR CHANGE** at Gianni's Italian Bistro in San Ramon.

Some of our youth ministry parents and leaders will be your delightful servers, and then our youth ministry programs get to keep all the tips, plus 10% of the proceeds!

This will enable us to do more retreats, more service projects with our youth, bring in great guest speakers, allow teens to attend retreats who otherwise wouldn't be able to, and more! It's a win-win! YOU and your family or friends get to eat delicious Italian food, and our teens benefit!

*So please consider having dinner at Gianni's on Monday, November 20! Gianni's is open 4:30-8 p.m., and reservations are **highly recommended** so not everyone shows up at the same time! You can make a reservation by going to: [https://www.yelp.com/reservations/giannis-italian-bistro-san-ramon?from\\_reserve\\_now=1](https://www.yelp.com/reservations/giannis-italian-bistro-san-ramon?from_reserve_now=1)*

*We hope to see many of you on November 20. Our teens thank you! Blessings!*

Gina, Bev, Marie, and Mary Youth Ministry

## Saints and Special Observances

Tuesday: The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary  
Wednesday: St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr  
Thursday: St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr;  
St. Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr; Thanksgiving Day  
Friday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs  
Saturday: St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr

**Saint Joan of Arc CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**Music Ministry**  
**Adults, Teens, Children and Instrumentalists**

10am choir: Wednesday 7-9pm  
Noon choir: Sunday 11am-12 pm  
Simbang Gabi choir: Tuesday 7-9pm(Oct-Dec)  
Cantor Formation: Thursday 7-9 pm  
Instrumental Ensemble: as needed for special liturgies

Contact:  
Agatha Lee  
alee@sjasr.org  
(925)830-0600 ext. 227

## Christmas Wreath Sale: Evergreen Fundraiser for Music Ministry

Please consider purchasing evergreen gifts for the holidays to help us reach our fundraising goal. Simply visit: [GiftItForward.com](http://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!

## Toiletries collection for those in need: Donation barrels located in the vestibules



We are collecting toiletries for those in homeless encampments over the next few weekends at the Church. Just bring them to church and place in the barrels in the two

vestibules. Here is a list of needs.....

**Men & Women:** Soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, AA & AAA batteries, disposable razors, finger& toe nail clippers

**Women:** Hair conditioner, body lotion, sanitary napkins

**Men:** Shaving gel



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Please Join Us For I-SRV's

# Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration

Sunday <b>19th</b>	November 2023 <b>4:00 PM</b>
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**Celebrating our Faiths ~ Sharing our Gratitude**

Please join us for this one hour, family friendly celebration.  
Interfaith of the San Ramon Valley comes together  
to offer gratitude, pray and sing.

Light refreshments to follow

Please bring canned goods for Monument Crisis Center,  
as well as any monetary donations for them.

**St. Timothy's Episcopal Church**

1550 Diablo Road, Danville

925-837-4993

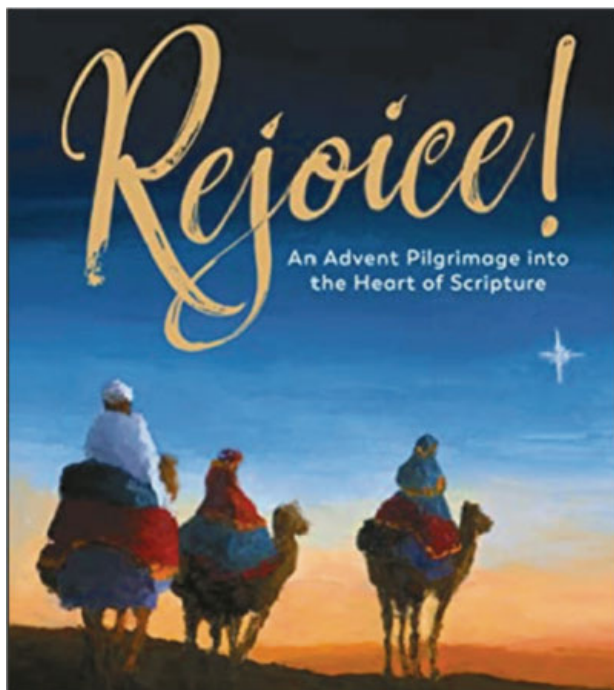
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# Adult Faith Formation Office

Programs and Services : Rosemarie McKenney  
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Adult Sacraments: Maureen Tiffany  
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*Adult Faith Formation's mission: to form joyful disciples who know, love and serve Jesus ... through prayer, learning, community and service*



## JOIN OUR REJOICE! ADVENT STUDY

Draw closer to God this Advent through His Word. This series will immerse us in the readings that anchor us during the Advent season—the Sunday Mass readings, making Jesus come to live more fully in our hearts as we experience greater joy and peace throughout the Advent season and beyond.

You may purchase an optional companion journal at AscensionPress.com; but no materials are required to be part of this study.

Study groups include Wed mornings and evenings and Thurs evenings and Saturday mornings.

Write to [RMckenney@sjasr.org](mailto:RMckenney@sjasr.org) for more information.

## SIGN UP TO ATTEND OUR WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS BRUNCH AND BOUTIQUE ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2



### 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

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JANETGWILLIAMS@HOTMAIL.COM

SIGN UP AT [TINYURL.COM/SJABrunch](https://tinyurl.com/SJABrunch)



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November 8, 2023

Dear parishioners and friends of the Diocese of Oakland,

As we come to the final days of our liturgical year, looking forward to the feast of Christ the King, I want to take this opportunity to update you on the good work happening in our Diocese and what are moments of hope going forward into Advent and our new year. I would also like to update you on where we are in the bankruptcy process.

Last month, we saw a most extraordinary gathering of our faithful at the Cathedral of Christ the Light. Our Diocesan Eucharistic Revival Congress brought nearly 2,000 Catholics to our Cathedral for several days, and together we worshiped, adored, and glorified Jesus Christ, body, blood, soul, and divinity. I know our Diocese is blessed and will continue to be blessed by our dedication to Our Lord and Savior in the gift of the Eucharist.

In many ways, the Diocesan Eucharistic Revival Congress is a beacon for us. Not only did we experience God's tremendous sacrificial love for us in those days, I believe we have also seen a glimpse into our future, of being the Body of Christ that witnesses God's salvation for all.

As Christ's ambassadors, we are creating places where people can come to know Jesus Christ and He can come to know them. Our parishes and schools and our St. Vincent de Paul Society's and Catholic Charities locations are all sacred places – beacons of Christ's mercy.

This purpose and hope are the heart of our Mission Alignment Process. We are taking stock of the gifts given to us by God, both temporal and our own talents, and understanding how we can be more effective in bringing about tremendous fruit in our Diocese.

We are committed to addressing the current reality in our Diocese, a reality happening not just here, but throughout North America and in many Christian denominations. It is a dual challenge of declining engagement by Catholics and a decline in priestly and religious vocations, resulting in underutilized parish resources and facilities. In our Diocese, for example, we have 25% fewer priests than in 1985 and Mass attendance has dropped precipitously, almost in half, since 2010. It is essential we focus on our mission to serve people where they are now... and not where they were in 1965 (when most of our parish facilities were built). We cannot afford to maintain structures that no longer serve our mission.

We filed for bankruptcy because we believe this process is the best way to support a compassionate and equitable outcome for survivors of abuse, while ensuring we continue to provide the essential services and support so crucial to our parishioners and communities.



*Letter to the faithful*  
*November 8, 2023*  
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Since the initial filing, we have continued our important spiritual work while moving forward with the Court supervised proceedings. The September 11 deadline for survivors of clergy sexual abuse to file claims has passed, closing the period established by the bankruptcy court for all claims to be filed.

As a result, there are now 407 claims to resolve through the bankruptcy process. Now that we have a defined claim universe, the Diocese can begin working with both the creditors' committee and our insurers on a plan to equitably compensate the survivors.

The next steps include entering into mediation with the creditors' committee and insurers, conducted by court-appointed mediators. Mediation will serve as an essential path by which claimants will receive compensation through the bankruptcy process.

I ask for your commitment to work with me and our pastors in the upcoming months as we determine how best to "right size" our parishes to serve the faithful and all who come to us seeking Christ's tender love. This effort will require us to reimagine how we use our facilities and other resources. All will be impacted by these changes; yet I promise all will be able to be part of a faith community where we can celebrate the sacraments, pass on the faith to our children, and offer works of mercy to those individuals in need. This challenge will require us to put aside our personal preferences and work together for the good of the whole diocese and the future of our beloved Church.

Please join me, too, in praying for the survivors of clergy sexual abuse and their continued healing. My prayer is that all Catholics in the Diocese of Oakland live our lives as true witnesses of the love and mercy of Jesus Christ.

You, the priests, and the people of our Diocese are generous, faithful, and full of good will. Thank you for your continual support for Christ and His Church.

Wishing you every grace and blessing,

*+Michael Barber S.J.*

The Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, S.J.  
Bishop of Oakland



# Children & Youth Faith Formation Office

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LIGHT: Grades 9-12

Children's Faith Formation (Grades K-5)

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## TIPS FOR CHANGE

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See you all on **Monday, November 20** at Gianni's! The Youth Ministry is participating in a program called **TIPS FOR CHANGE** at Gianni's Italian Bistro in San Ramon.

Some of our youth ministry parents and leaders will be your delightful servers, and then our youth ministry programs get to keep all the tips, plus 10% of the proceeds! This will enable us to do more retreats, more service projects with our youth, bring in great guest speakers, enable teens to attend retreats who otherwise would not be able to, and more! It is a win-win! YOU and your family or friends get to eat delicious Italian food, and our teens benefit!

So please think about having dinner at Gianni's on **Monday, November 20!** Gianni's is open 4:30-8 p.m., and **reservations are highly recommended** so not everyone shows up at the same time!

You can scan the QR code to make a reservation on  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20 (4:30 - 8:00 PM)**  
 OR call 925-820-6969.



We hope to see many of you on Monday, November 20th! Our teens thank you!

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Children and teens are invited to participate in the

# Christmas Pageant

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December 24, 2023 at the 3 PM & 5 PM Mass

Everyone is welcome!

Nonspeaking and speaking parts are available for ALL ages!

**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 (6:50-9:30 PM)



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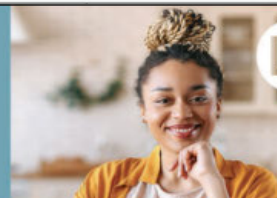
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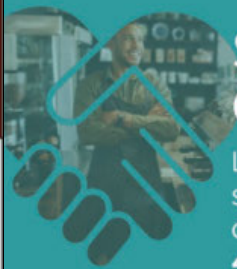
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