



Saint Joan of Arc CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

Church office closed on Fridays

Chapel also open for private prayer

EUCCHARIST TO SICK OR HOMEBOUND

Arranged with Homebound Ministry

RECONCILIATION

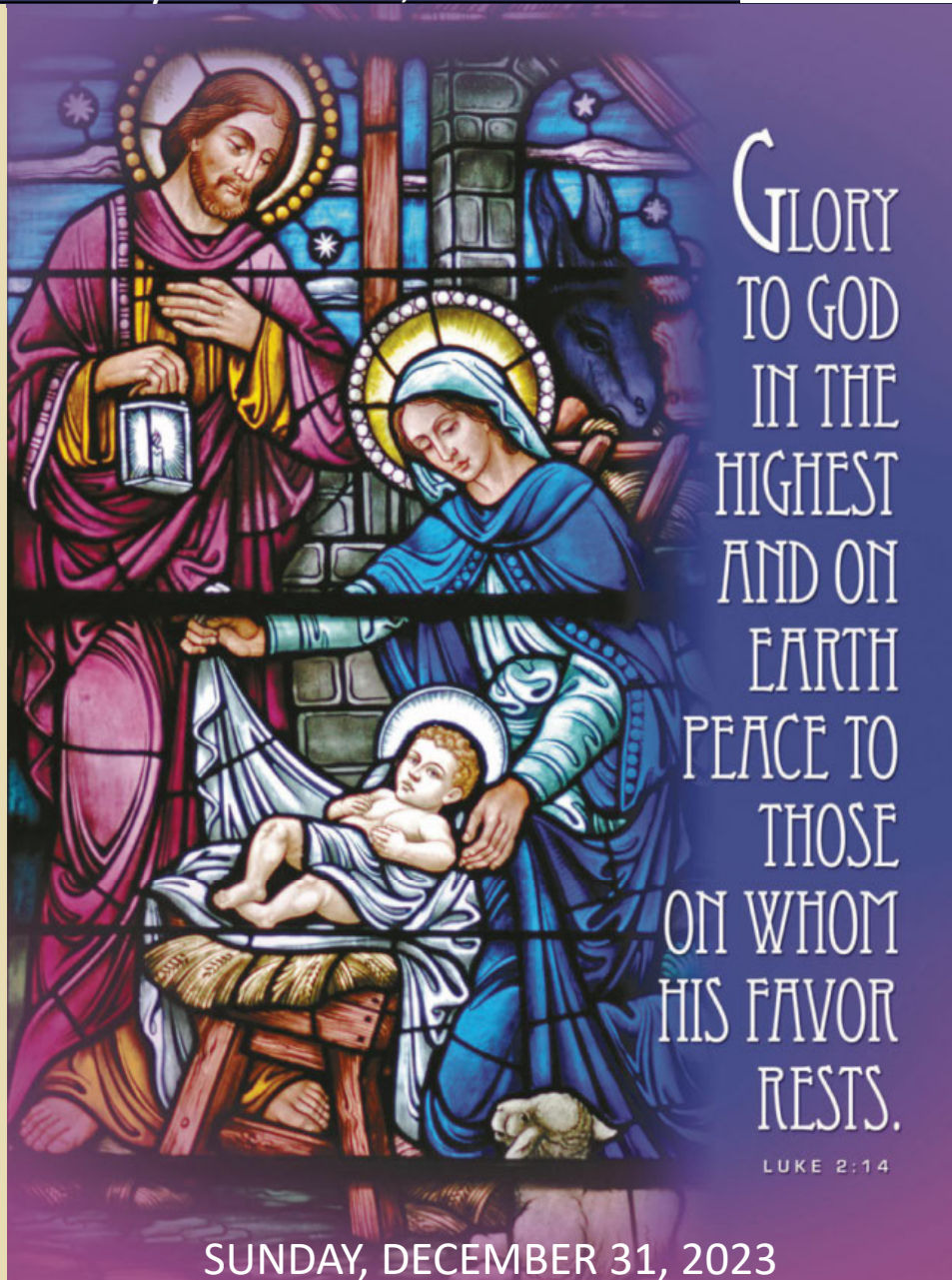
Saturday, 3– 4 p.m. or by appt.

PRAY THE ROSARY

Monday - Friday after the 9 AM Mass

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Beginning January 2024: 1st Friday of
the month, after 9 a.m. Daily Mass
until 12 Noon. Closes w/ Benediction



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Please join us for Fr. Johnson's
Installation Mass
next Sunday, January 7 at 10 a.m.
Fr. Mark Wiesner will be the main celebrant.
Light refreshments to follow.

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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**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 NeedsAddiction, 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**Saturday, December 30:**

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

4:30 PM **Raphael Mathias Reyes +**
& Maria L. Reyes +

Sunday, December 31—The Holy Family:

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or
 Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17, or
 Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

8:00 AM **Rosauro and Richard Michael Reyes +**
10:00 AM **Esther Schroeder +**
12 Noon **Members of St. Joan of Arc**

Monday, January 1: Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

9:00 AM **Raul & Meriam Cespedes, Rhodora**
Pascual + and John Palicki +

Tuesday, January 2:

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

9:00 AM **The Pham and Hoang Family +, Lucas**
Peregrino, Jr. + and Franci Ou +

Wednesday, January 3:

1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

9:00 AM **Elma Capsien, Frances “Bella”**
Ferranti +, and Arlene Thompson +

Thursday, January 4:

1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

9:00 AM **Lucino A. Duldulao +**
and Valentin Aguinaldo +

Friday, January 5:

1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

9:00 AM **Richard Souza +**

Saturday, January 6:

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk
 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

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

Sunday, January 7—The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-
 3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

8:00 AM **Tim Thompson Family, Jack Walsh +**
and Louis Denis Laplace +
10:00 AM **Felixberto dela Cruz +, Jessie Lepas +**
and Kathleen Phillips +
12 Noon **Santo Niño Devotees**

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).

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 Aguadara	Mary Jabari & Jabari Family
Chan Belloso	Jeremiah Jones
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Viola Cleo Bradshaw	Tom Leverton
Carina Besana Bucu	Ron Lommori
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Elma Capisen	Jeremy Ma
Gloria Chapman	Marcie Mach
See Siu Bi Co	Dorothy Mariscal and Family
Fran Coit	Joan McCormack
Don and Paula Coloppy	Irmgard Witzke McMillan
Agnes Cosgrove	Judith Mendaras
Missie Cruz	Angel Moreno
Naff Davis	Joy Muyco
Ramon de Guzman	Gerry Ng
Patrick DeLiegro	Barbara Pinto-Choate
Rev. Jenito Delos Santos	Julie Quizon
Gregory Dimmling	Judy Quadraccia
Danton Dizon	Victor Raziano
Cosmo and Patrick Diliegro	Melba Rebiejo
Michael Dunkel	Karen Rivera
L. Duran	Pat Rosecrans
Bobby Durden	Gualberto Salvatin, Jr.
Rita and Bob Edwards	Rick Santi
Ella Empleo	Jason Scher
Coleen Franklin	John Schnaidt
Kaleo Gabriel	Sinead
Suselyn Gamotion	Jimmy and Doug Smith
Jim Ganser	Camden Stefanik & Family
Michael Geib	Katherine Stupak
Judith Geib	Betsy Sullivan
Mary Ann Gibbs	Ashleigh Talbott
Ronald Gibson	Michael Tam
Gina and Tom Hajduch	Arildo Villon
Connie Heim	Raquel Villon
Deacon Bill Henderson	Phil Volta
David and Robbie Hiduk	Bill White
Colleen Holmolka	Sean Wilske
Glynnis Hubbard	Sheryl Wingard
Brendan Igwe	Frank Williams

**LOVED ONES WHO ARE DECEASED:**

STACY MAGNA	THELMA QUIOCHO
PASCUAL FIDEL	RICHARD SOUZA
BERTA HALPREN	LETICIA ELIZAGA
VIRGILIO REALES DY	

The Holy Family December 31, 2023

"Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in His ways." Ps 128

Installation Mass for Fr. Johnson on Sunday, January 7 at 10 a.m.



We invite you to attend a special **Installation Mass for Fr. Johnson Abraham on Sunday, January 7 at the 10 a.m. Mass.**

Fr. Mark Wiesner from the Catholic Community of

Pleasanton will be the main celebrant. Light refreshments will follow in the statue side plaza.

Parish Note: Effective January 2024, the Parish Office will be closed on Fridays.



**Beginning January 5, 2024:
First Friday Holy Hour
offered on Friday mornings,
9:30 a.m.—12 Noon
(concludes with Benediction)**

Upcoming Weekly Programs:

Sunday

7 p.m. Confirmation Groups

Monday

6:50-8:30 p.m.: LIGHT (will attend Simbang Gabi Mass)

5—6:30 p.m.: RCIA (Conference Rm)

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

Tuesday

10 a.m. Peacemakers Group

Wednesday

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

Friday

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

LCR: Lower Conference Room

Pick up your free book in the vestibules: *Beautiful Eucharist*

On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, as a gift to you, we handed out **free** copies of the book, *Beautiful Eucharist*, which contains insightful reflections on the Eucharist—the real presence of Jesus Christ— by prominent Catholics. It's a timely gift during this year of Eucharistic Revival. Copies are still available in the church vestibules.

Annual Santo Niño Mass: Sunday, January 7, 12 Noon



Please join us at our annual Santo Niño Mass on Sunday, January 7, 2024 at the 12 Noon Mass. After Mass, Fr. Johnson will bless your Santo Niño statues.

Holding the baby Jesus

I remember the first time my older sister asked me if I wanted to hold her newborn son. Terrified, I told her I didn't think it was a good idea. My résumé had nothing to suggest I would be a qualified baby holder, but she warmly told me, "I'll help you hold him." It struck me that she is the baby's mother. She is the one who decides who is qualified to hold him. I took him in my arms, and soon I began to feel comfortable with that tiny little warm cooing creature in my arms. Soon, I no longer feared holding him. Now, twenty-seven nieces and nephews later, holding a newborn child is one of the great joys of my life.

Do we sometimes think that Jesus is given only to the highly qualified, special religious people? In the Gospel of Luke today, we hear about the presentation of the Lord in the temple. The newborn son of God is passed around like a baton in a relay race, not guarded like a precious jewel or a breakable china dish. We can see Him going from the arms of Mary to Joseph, then to the priest performing the ceremony, then to Simeon the old man, then to Anna the old widow, each one receiving Him and then handing Him to the next. A tidal wave of joy and thanksgiving follows wherever He is placed.

Believe me, you are qualified to hold Jesus in your arms. How can I say that with such confidence? Because the mother decides who is qualified. The Blessed Virgin, embodied in the Church, holds Him out to you and me. She rejoices to place Him in our arms to hold, and to hand Him on, too. ~ Father John Muir, ©LPi

Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ statement on war in Israel and Gaza



Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ, of the Diocese of Oakland, has issued the following statement regarding the war in Israel and Gaza and its impact on the Diocese of Oakland, which is Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

"I am deeply sorrowful about what is happening in Israel and Palestine, and how it is immediately affecting our community here in Oakland.

"It seems fear and hatred know no boundaries. The suffering being inflicted upon children and other innocent people, their families and their loved ones, weighs heavily on my heart. No child should suffer the horrors of war, nor should any parent fear for their child's life and safety because of violence by others. The taking hostage of innocent civilians is never justified.

"We know a better way forward, one built upon Christian love, in union with all people. Our God holds every human in tender mercy and care. We should do no less.

"Terrorism, extremism and violence provide no solution, but only beget more suffering. Senseless vandalism, like the destruction of the Menorah at Lake Merritt, adds to the chaos and tears at our capacity to heal. May each one of us work earnestly to find ways to build bridges, heal wounds and bring compassion into our communities. By doing so, we can contribute to building peace and resolving conflict.

"Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us."

Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ

Walk for Life: Saturday, January 20

Join us on Saturday, January 20 for the 20th Annual West Coast Walk for Life. We'll meet at 9:30 a.m. at the St. Joan of Arc statue and caravan to West Dublin BART. Prayer rally begins at 12:30 p.m., and walk at 1:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Vic David at (925) 997-8867.

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

Mark your calendars: Parish Mission in February with inspirational speaker and musician Chris Bray



Coming to St. Joan of Arc all the way from Canada is Catholic speaker and musician Chris Bray (you might remember him as our retreat leader via Zoom during the pandemic). Now, you can meet him in person!

We are excited to have Chris with us for:

A PARENT RETREAT – a retreat for parents of kids of all ages! Saturday, Feb. 24, 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon

Registration information is coming in January.

Chris will also be leading a PARISH MISSION—a chance for us to encounter Christ more deeply, be transformed by the Holy Spirit, and equipped to share the Gospel! Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, February 25-27, 7-8:30 p.m. in the Church. We'll see you there!

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	The Holy Family; New Year's Eve
Monday:	Mary, The Holy Mother of God, World Day of Peace, New Year's Day
Tuesday:	Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors/Church
Wednesday:	The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Thursday:	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
Friday:	St. John Neumann, Bishop
Saturday:	St. André Bessette, Religious
Next Sunday:	The Epiphany of the Lord

The Saints Speak...

"A tree is known by its fruit, a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love."

~ Saint Basil

"No sooner do I conceive of the one than I am illumined by the splendor of the Three; no sooner do I distinguish them than I am carried back to the One.

When I think of anyone of the Three I think of Him as the whole, and my eyes are filled, and the greater part of what I am thinking escapes me.

I cannot grasp the greatness of that One so as to attribute a greater greatness to the rest. When I contemplate the Three together, I see but One torch and cannot divide or measure out the undivided light." ~St. Nazianzen

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Get your 2014 off to a great start!



Our Winter Bible Study Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come

During our recent studies about the Eucharist, the Book of Revelation was referenced so often that we decided we need to delve into this fascinating and misunderstood book of the Bible.

Perhaps no book of the Bible fascinates, intimidates or confuses people more than Revelation. Yet relatively few people have studied it, especially from a Catholic perspective.

Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come is an intriguing eleven-session study program that shows how the Kingdom established by Christ in His Church is intimately connected with the Kingdom of Heaven. In this study, we will pull back the veil on the rich symbolism present in Revelation, discover what the mysterious figures and images of Revelation mean, see how Revelation is more than an apocalyptic vision of the “end times,” explore the Church’s teaching on the second coming of Christ and the Last Judgment. Understand how God, the Divine Bridegroom, and the Church, His spotless bride, enter into a heavenly, holy, and mystical marriage every time we celebrate Mass.

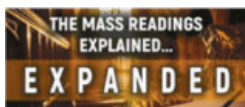
In fact, after this study, you will understand why the Book of Revelation may very well be the easiest book of the Bible to understand.

Our Revelation study will begin on Wednesday, **January 10** and will run through **Saturday, March 23** with study groups on these days:

- **Wednesday mornings** at 9:45am beginning January 10 (Lower Conference Room and zoom)
- **Wednesday evenings** at 7pm beginning January 10 (zoom only)
- **Thursday evenings** at 7pm beginning January 11 (Lower Conference Room only)
- **Saturday mornings** at 8:30am beginning January 13 (zoom only)

You can order a study guide at <https://ascensionpress.com/collections/revelation-the-kingdom-yet-to-come>

TO SIGN UP, WRITE TO ROSEMARIE AT RMcKenney@sjasr.org



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 Email at mbehraz@gmail.com.

Adult Faith Formation Office

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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 a great study ... or two!



REGISTER NOW FOR OUR Winter Alpha Dinner & Film Series

“Come and See” what the Alpha experience is all about

Our Information Dinner will be on Tuesday, January 9 at 6:30pm

Reserve your seat at <https://tinyurl.com/SJA-ALPHA>

If you've experienced an Alpha Dinner & Film Series, you know what a wonderful opportunity it provides for building community, forming friendships, understanding our personal relationships with Jesus and growing closer to God.

Alpha is for everyone! Alpha creates a space where you can be excited to come (even bring your friends, neighbors, and co-workers) to have a conversation about life, faith, meaning ... and Jesus.

Why Alpha?

In a world of isolation, anonymity, and keyboard warriors, Alpha offers a space for honest and judgment-free conversations about life's biggest questions. Everyone is welcome, and no questions are off-limits.

Alpha creates a space where you can be excited to bring your friends, neighbors, and co-workers to have a conversation about life, faith, meaning ... and Jesus.

Alpha is a 10-week course (with a special Saturday together) that includes a **film** and exciting dialog. Each session looks at a different question designed to inspire stimulating **conversation**.

Alpha gives you (and your guests) an opportunity to encounter Jesus in a life-changing way ... and to be empowered to play a part in each other's journeys.

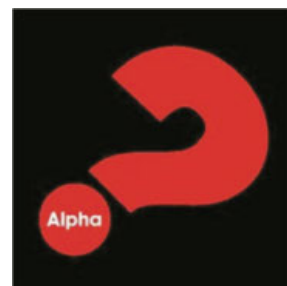
There's no pressure, no follow-up and no charge; just an open, informal and honest space to explore life's big questions together.

To learn more, watch the short videos at sjasr.org/Alpha.

Come and see!

For more information contact Rosemarie at RMckenney@sjasr.org

Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/SJA-ALPHA>



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St. Joan of Arc - ALL Program Resumes on:

Confirmation: January 7th @ 7:00-9:00 p.m.

EDGE: January 10th @ 6:50-8:30 p.m.

LIGHT: January 22nd @ 6:50-8:30 p.m.

SJAKids: January 25th @ 6:00-7:15 p.m. or

January 28th @ 8:45-10 a.m. or 10:45 a.m.-12 p.m.

May God shower you and your family with love and happiness!
Best wishes and season's greetings for the New Year!

Happy New year from your Faith Formation & Youth Ministry Family!

**8TH GRADE PARENTS.
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

January 26-28, 2024

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Vacation Bible School



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JUNE 17 - 21, 2024



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Saturday, February 10, 2024

in the St. Joan of Arc parish gymnasium



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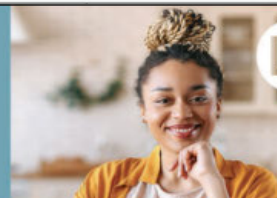
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