



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



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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024

PASTOR 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. Closed on Friday, Saturday and Sunday

EUCHARISTIC 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 <u>www.sjasr.org</u>

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER M-Th: 8:30 a.m.—4 p.m. Church office closed on Friday Chapel also open for private prayer

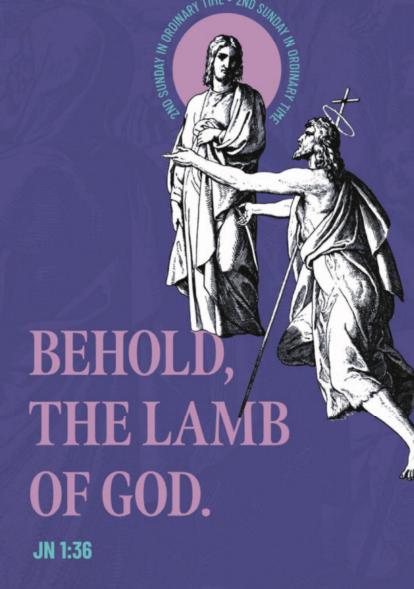
EUCHARIST TO SICK OR HOMEBOUND Arranged with Homebound Ministry

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 9:30 a.m.-12 Noon until 12 Noon. Closes w/ Benediction





Adults: "Come and see," Jesus said to the disciples who were curious to know about Him. Today, He whispers this invitation into the deepest place of our hearts. Have courage — go, and see what Christ has to show you. Who has been inviting you lately to "Come and see" Jesus again?

Children: Who keeps inviting you to get to know Jesus better, and grow stronger in your faith?

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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 <u>smc9@sbcglobal.net</u>

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

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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 <u>baptism@sjasr.org</u>

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 <u>rfigueroa@sjasr.org</u> or send your your request via the parish website.

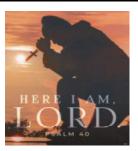
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MASS SCHEDUL	E, READINGS AND INTENTIONS	PRAYERS		
Saturday, Januar 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19 4:30 PM	y 13: ; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17 Joel Benjamin +, Lucette Ghekiere + and Priscilla Villon +	We add new names to the names remain on the sick l add a name, please email:	ist for three months). To	
Sunday, January 14: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a) /1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42 8:00 AM Members of St. Joan of Arc 10:00 AM Joan Jayko, Guy Phillips +, and		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.		
12 Noon	Antonio Galindo + Belinda Cruz, Long Ha +, and Joyce Boles +	Edna Aguadera Chan Belloso Lois Belmessieri Shirin Blessi Viola Cleo Bradshaw	Brendan Igwe Mary Jabari & Jabari Family Jeremiah Jones Ronald and Robert Kopas Patria Lagbao	
Monday, January 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 9:00 AM	7 15 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22 Tarcie Plaza, Jordon Hu, and Elizabeth del Rosario +	Carina Besana Bucu Frank Canova Elma Capisen Gloria Chapman Ken, Mary Lou & Steven Clovee See Siu Bi Co	Tom Leverton Ron Lommori Connie Ma Jeremy Ma Marcie Mach Dorothy Mariscal and Family	
Tuesday, January 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 8 9:00 AM	16: 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28 The Mendonca Family, Grace Plaza and Cesar Jun Bolanos +	Fran Coit Don and Paula Coloppy Agnes Cosgrove Walter Crocket Missie Cruz	Joan McCormack Irmgard Witzke McMillan Judith Mendaros Angel Moreno Joy Muyco	
Wednesday, Janu 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37 9:00 AM	aary 17: 7, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6 Arnold Cheng, James Chen, and Asistin and del Rosario Family	Naff Davis Ramon de Guzman Patrick DeLiegro Rev. Jenito Delos Santos Gregory Dimmling Danton Dizon	Barbara Pinto-Choate Judy Quadraccia Victor Raziano Melba Rebiejo Karen Rivera Pat Rosecrans	
Thursday, January 18: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/ Mk 3:7-12		Cosmo and Patrick Diliegro Michael Dunkel L. Duran Bobby Durden	Gualberto Salvatin, Jr. Rick Santi Jason Scher John Schnaidt	
9:00 AM	Guilherme M. Mendonca +, Perry Maxwell +, & Erlinda Cheng	Rita and Bob Edwards Ella Empleo Coleen Franklin Kaleo Gabriel	Fr. Vince Scott Sinead Jimmy and Doug Smith Camden Stefanik & Family	
Friday, January 1 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 5 9:00 AM	9: 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19 Janine Gordon +, Antonia Altamirano and Kristine Cheng	Suselyn Gamotion Jim Ganser Michael Geib Judith Geib Mary Ann Gibbs	Katherine Stupak Betsy Sullivan Ashleigh Talbott Michael Tam Arildo Villon	
Saturday, Januar 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12 4:30 PM	y 20: , 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21 Ron Weston +, Belchior and Natalia Pais, Alberto Villon, Sr.	Ronald Gibson Gina and Tom Hajduch Connie Heim David and Robbie Hiduk Colleen Holmolka Glynnis Hubbard	Raquel Villon Phil Volta Bill White Sean Wilske Sheryl Wingard Frank Williams	
Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 2 Mk 1:14-20	21: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/		Christine Zafra	
8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12 Noon	Uranie Laplace, Mark Tuccini +, and Catherine Fidel + Members of St. Joan of Arc Brian Cheng, Iluminada Maniego +,	LOVED ONES WI	HO ARE DECEASED:	

and Myde Esgra Sollano +

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time January 14, 2024



"Here I am Lord; I come to do your will." Ps 40

Fr. Johnson to meet with Eucharistic Ministers in Janaury

Fr. Johnson, our new pastor, would like to meet with **all** the Eucharistic Ministers to get some input and history of our ministry as well as introduce some new procedures.

As you may have heard, we will be reintroducing the cup (Precious Blood) in February 2024. So please plan to join Fr. Johnson for one of the two mandatory Eucharistic Ministry meetings in the church:

- Sunday, January 21 at 1:15 p.m. OR
- Tuesday, January 23 at 7 p.m.

New recruits welcome! For more information, please contact Lisa Roberts at <u>lrr1@sbcglobal.net</u>

Upcoming Weekly Programs:

Sunday

7 p.m.

m. Confirmation Groups

Monday

6:50-8:30 p.m.:	LIGHT
5—6:30 p.m.:	RCIA (Conference Rm)
7 p.m.:	Revelation Scripture Study (Cl. 1)

Tuesday

10 a.m. Peacemakers Group

Wednesday

9:30 a.m.	Meditation Group (Cl. 1)
9:45 a.m.	Revelation Scripture Study: LCR
6:50-8:30 p.m.	EDGE (MPR and Classrooms)
7 p.m.	Choir rehearsal (Church)

Thursday

7 p.m. Revelation Scripture Study: LCR

Friday

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

LCR: Lower Conference Room

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

Walk for Life next Saturday, January 20

Join us next 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.



Coming in February: Knights of Columbus Crab and Pasta Feed Saturday, February 10, 2024

No-host social at 5 p.m.; Dinner at 6:15 p.m. \$75 per person; Reservations at <u>www.kofcsr9206.org</u>

Encountering Christ

As a priest, I'm amazed how happily married couples remember the tiniest details of their earliest encounters. They effortlessly report things like: "he wore a blue shirt," "we ordered brussels sprouts," "her hair was up in a bun," and "he spilled shrimp cocktail sauce at my family's open front door when it was ten degrees below zero," (that one's courtesy of my mom). We delight in remembering and speaking of when our new life of love began. The little details are glorious reminders that it's all *real*.

It's similar for John the Apostle. He tells us of the two disciples who followed Jesus into His house, **"...they stayed with Him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon."** Why does that tiny detail matter? *That's the time of day when they encountered the love of Jesus, the Messiah, in their lives.* Our religion is not primarily about abstract truths about God, no matter how true or sublime. It is about God meeting and saving us in our human nature. It's about a *human* relationship.

What was the time of day when you first recall encountering Christ and His Church? Who was there? What did you feel? How did things look and smell? What happened? Take some time to recall it in detail. For me, it was inside an old, rickety church on a hillside in Jerome, Arizona. It was about 9 p.m. on a Saturday evening. I was with my friends Jenny, Brad, and Laura. We were praying, singing, and laughing. When was it for you? Remembering the details isn't empty nostalgia. It reminds us now that God's love for us in our humanity is real. ~Fr. John Muir, LPi

Update in worship practices from Bishop Michael Barber: Kneeling During Mass



The General Instruction for the Roman Missal for the United States, No 43, states that "In the dioceses of the United States of America, they should kneel beginning after the singing or

recitation of the *Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)* until after the *Amen* of the Eucharistic Prayer, except when prevented on occasion by ill health, or for reasons of lack of space, of the large number of people present, or for another reasonable cause The faithful kneel after the *Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)*; unless the Diocesan Bishop determines otherwise."

I understand it had been the policy in our diocese set by a previous bishop to remain standing following the Lamb of God. However, I see no valid reason for us to diverge from the common practice of the Church in the United States.

Therefore, I ask that in our diocese we join the rest of the faithful in our country in kneeling after the Lamb of God in order to prepare ourselves reverently for reception of Holy Communion.

Following reception of Holy Communion, each person may stand, sit or kneel as they choose, until the priest asks everyone to stand for the *Prayer After Communion*.

These policies are to be considered Normative and must be observed by Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024.

Your fraternally in Christ,

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

WINGS: Women in God's Spirit

All women are invited to join WINGS, a faith sharing group who meet weekly on Wednesday mornings,

Join the St. Raymond **Winter Season of WINGS;** we'll be reading from the Book of James Bible Study; *"THRIVE."* Winter meetings begin Wednesday, January 10; Social at 9 a.m., program at 9:30 a.m.

For further information or registration, contact us at wings.straymond@gmail.com Join us and bring a friend!

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 RE-TREAT – 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

Monday:	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day		
Wednesday:	St. Anthony, Abbot		
Thursday:	January 18-25:Week of Prayer for		
	Christian Unity		
Saturday:	St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr;		
	St. Sebastian, Martyr		

"Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace—a soul generated by love." ~Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,

The Drum Major Instinct, 1968.)

CYO Track & Field – 2024 Season

The 2024 CYO Track & Field season will begin early February and run until early May. We offer a full range of Track (running) and Field (High Jump, Long Jump, Softball Throw and Shot Put) events for Grades 3rd thru 8th. Practice/track meet schedules, and information is available on our website **www.sisjacyotrack.com**.

Mandatory parent information meetings will be scheduled and dates / times will be listed on the website. Registration is planned to open on February 1, 2024. We welcome any interested parents for our coaching and leadership staff.—no prior track experience is necessary. If you're interested in assisting, or if you have any questions, please email us at: sisjatrack@gmail.com.

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Get your 2024 off to a great start!

Revelation The Kingdom Yet to Come

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.

<u>Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come</u> 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" and 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:



Monday evenings at 7pm (Classroom 1)

- Wednesday mornings at 9:45am (Lower Conference Room and zoom)
- Wednesday evenings at 7pm (zoom only)
- Thursday evenings at 7pm (Lower Conference Room only)
- Saturday mornings at 8:30am (zoom only)

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



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

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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 experience ... or two!



REGISTER NOW FOR OUR Winter Alpha Dinner & Film Series

"Come and See" what the Alpha experience is all about

Our first official gathering of the series is this Tuesday, January 16 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 judgmentfree 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.

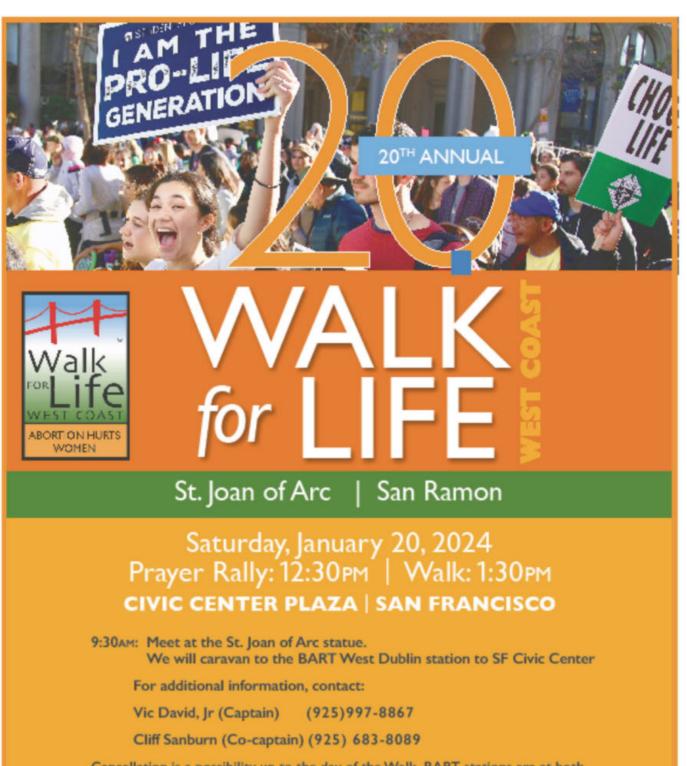
There's no pressure, no follow-up and no charge; just an open, informal and honest space to explore life's big questions together.

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

Come and see!

Alpha

For more information or to RSVP, contact Rosemarie at RMcKenney@sjasr.org



Cancellation is a possibility up to the day of the Walk. BART stations are at both locations. SFPD will be present for safety. Please follow local health guidelines.

Go to WalkforLifeWC.com for updates and most current information.



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