

Saint Joseph Marello

CATHOLIC CHURCH



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 9, 2022

*A voice came from heaven,
"You are my beloved Son;
with you I am well pleased."*

Luke 3:22



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**TO INVITE ALL
INTO COMMUNITY
TO PARTAKE IN
JOYFULLY LEARNING,
EXPERIENCING AND
MAKING KNOWN THE
TEACHINGS OF JESUS
CHRIST**

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Mass Intentions

Sat. Jan. 8	8am	Jann & Brian O'Neill
	5pm	+Ricardo Fonseca
Sun. Jan. 9	8am	+André Gaultier
	10am	+Frances & Jess Stone
	5pm	KofC & Families
Mon. Jan. 10	8am	+Diane Neveu
Tues. Jan. 11	8am	+Geri Dziallo
Wed. Jan. 12	8am	Apolonario Pelino
Thurs. Jan. 13	8am	+Joe Pinheiro
Fri. Jan. 14	8am	Erlinda Gilo
Sat. Jan. 15	8am	+Bill Young
	5pm	+James Pollino

To have an intention mentioned at Mass, please email Georgette Schofield at sjmarelloparish@yahoo.com.

A \$10 donation is suggested.

Consider Giving to St. Joseph Marelo Parish Through Faith Direct

During this time, please consider joining many of your fellow parishioners at St. Joseph Marelo in making your generous gifts through Faith Direct.

For more information, you can also visit the Faith Direct website (<https://membership.faithdirect.net/CA748>), email info@faithdirect.net, or call their toll-free number, 866-507-8757, to speak with someone directly.



To Our New Parishioners!

Robert & Lynn Brennan

Lynne Madonna

SJM PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please keep the following parishioners in your prayers. We will update the list monthly. If you would like to add/remove a name from the list, contact Suzanne Renda at 916-837-3541 or at prayerintentions5@gmail.com.

In the case of an illness, please be sure that the individual or family has given permission to submit his/her name. You may also send an email requesting that a name be removed from the list.

Please pray for those who are sick, in pain or recovery, or in need of spiritual healing:

Penny Candelaria
Tim Hinchey

Please pray for our Military Personnel wherever duty calls them to serve:

Chad D. Alvarez
Luke Barrett
Roland Douglas DeMarco, Jr.
Stevan George
Tyler Kong
Kimberly D. Martinez
Gavin Muenzberg
Joseph Mugno
Tristan Romuk

The Prayer Intention Ministry thanks you for your support and we hope this bulletin feature will enhance your prayer life.



Please submit your bulletin listings by Monday evening, 13 days prior to the weekend you want it listed, to sjmarellobulletin@gmail.com or call (916) 786-5001.

Please subscribe to the St. Joseph Marelo Parish YouTube channel by searching 'Saint Joseph Marelo Catholic Church' at www.YouTube.com. This will give you access all our uploaded videos and live streaming of Masses.

In addition, please follow us on social media:



Facebook: St. Joseph Marelo Catholic Church



Instagram: sjmgranitebay

Christmas Tree Recycling

31st Annual Tree Recycling Drive will be held in Granite Bay Jan 2nd and Jan 8-9th 2022 from 9am-5pm. This event sponsors Boy Scout Troop's 121 and SJM Troop 115 youth scouting programs. As a special service to SJM parishioners you can drop off your trees at Miners-Ravine parking lot on Auburn-Folsom Blvd and designate those proceeds go to SJM Troop 115. If you would like your tree picked up at your home for a recommended tax deductible donation of \$20 or more, email your request to timdarcey13@gmail.com or call 916-226-5307. (Flyers for this event will be the back of the church or visit Troop 121's website at www.troop121.com for copies)



Help Us Plant Daffodil Bulbs!

Please join us for the planting of over 700 daffodil bulbs on Saturday, January 15th at 10AM, weather permitting.

The bulbs will be planted by the new statue of St. Joseph, near the Rose Garden. Coffee, hot chocolate and cookies will be served. This will be fun for the whole family! We look forward to a beautiful Spring bloom of hundreds of daffodils. Please bring a garden trowel.

Please call Bill Morgan at 916-652-2020 if you have any questions.

Register Now for Bible Study classes that begin in February!



Join us for our study of *Eucharist: Discovering the Mass in the Bible*.

This study reveals the biblical roots of the Eucharist through its foreshadowing in the miraculous events of the Old Testament, the Gospels, and Apostolic teaching. We will discover firsthand how Christ's Body and Blood are an integral and wondrous part of God's plan for our salvation.

Register Now! Additional information and registration forms can be found on the parish website or in the parish office. If you have any questions, contact Sandra Parkes at 916-390-0175 or sandypark7@gmail.com.

Deadline to register is January 10, 2022.



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BELOVED SON;
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LUKE 3:22

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A MODEL FOR OUR PRAYER LIFE

The Advent/Christmas cycle that began on November 28 ends with the Baptism of the Lord. We likely have an image in our minds (based on details from the Gospels and works of art) of what that scene looked like. We might wonder, "Who else was there and who wasn't?" No disciples were present because Jesus had not yet begun his ministry. They would have to wait until the Transfiguration to hear a similar message. However, the three persons of the Blessed Trinity are accounted for: the Father (the voice from heaven), the Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Interestingly, Luke alone notes that it was after Jesus had been baptized and while he was praying that the voice was heard. All of the Gospels show Jesus praying at turning points in his ministry; this is but the first example of Jesus' need to root himself in prayer throughout his life—a model for us to follow.

ON THE CUSP OF A NEW CREATION

It was on the Fourth Sunday of Advent this past December that we first heard of the two cousins, John and Jesus, meeting. Then it was in the womb of their mothers, Elizabeth and Mary. Now the cousins meet again on the shore of the Jordan River. John is already well known—so much so that people had begun to wonder if he was the long-awaited Messiah. Jesus, on the other hand, is about to begin his ministry. One could say that Jesus entered the waters of the Jordan as a private person and came out of them as a public one. The voice from heaven left no doubt about that. As we come to the end of the Christmas season our readings echo Isaiah and Titus (see Advent and Christmas Day readings) and together with today's Psalm 104 they point us to Pentecost. We are on the cusp of a new creation.

JOHN THE BAPTIST: PATRON SAINT OF LITURGICAL MINISTERS?

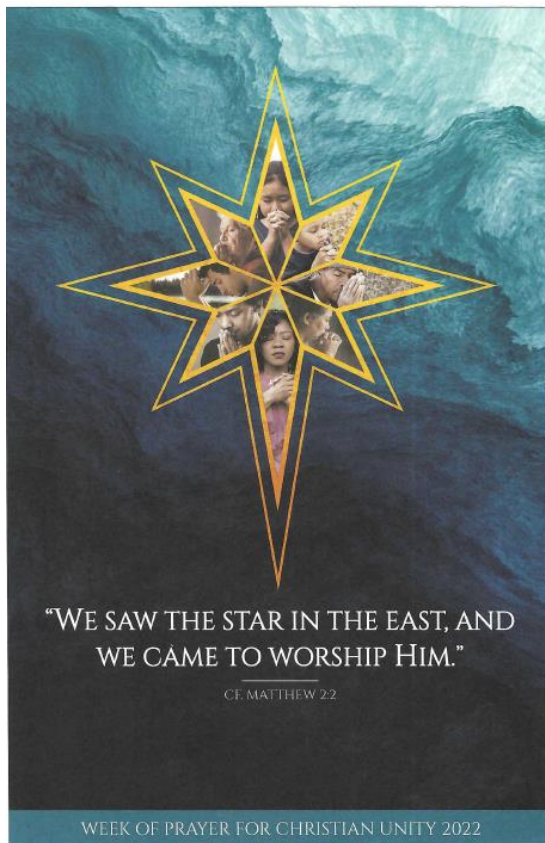
John the Baptist was what we might call today a "social influencer." People paid attention to what he had to say. And what he said affected the choices people made. Yet today's Gospel reminds us of John the Baptist's ultimate goal: "One mightier than I is coming." The Baptizer walks the fine line between drawing attention to himself with his fiery preaching and then re-directing that attention to Jesus, the "beloved Son." John the Baptist could be considered the "patron saint" of those who minister as lectors, extraordinary ministers of the eucharist, cantors, greeters, acolytes, and musicians. Isn't John's teaching a good goal for a liturgical (or any!) minister? Rooted in the graces of their own baptism, ministers must be skilled and confident enough to draw people's attention (or, at least, not turn them off!) and then gradually re-focus that attention on Jesus. It is a dynamic and awesome responsibility.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 40:1–5, 9–11
Psalm 104:1b–2, 3–4, 24–25,
27–28, 29–30
Titus 2:11–14; 3:4–7
Luke 3:15–16, 21–22

Special Event for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on January 18, 2022

You are invited to a Special Event on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 from 3:00-8:00 p.m. during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme is: *We have seen his star in the East and have come to pay homage to him* (cf. Matthew 2:2). This Special Event is sponsored by the North State Ecumenical Conference, which was established in 1968 and is comprised of Christian faiths in the Greater Sacramento Area. The Special Event will consist of three key segments, as well as a dinner:



- **Panel Discussion (3:00 □ 4:15 p.m.)** with several Christian faith leaders, who will address the topic of: *Uniting as Christians, as we pay homage to Christ.*
- **Featured Speaker (4:30 □ 5:00 p.m.)** will be Rev. Rola Al Ashkar of Westminster Presbyterian Church, and her topic is: *The gift of the star is a sign of hope during today's troubled times.*
- **Dinner (5:15 □ 6:15 p.m.)** available to the first 60 people who respond (a donation will be appreciated).
- **Worship Prayer Service (6:30 □ 8:00 p.m.)** led by 18 Christian faith leaders, with the sermon delivered by Rev. Aidan Rontani of the Episcopal Church.

This Special Event will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church (1300 N Street, Sacramento), and also will be available through Livestream (link information will be announced soon). There is no charge for this event. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Deacon Dennis Gorsuch, NSEC Chair, at (916) 984-8550, or E-mail: dennisgorsuch@comcast.net.

**May we gather to be the LIGHT for unity
and a beacon of HOPE for all humanity**

ST. JOSEPH MARELLO PARISH BUS
Walk for Life West Coast
in San Francisco on Saturday, January 22, 2022

Parishioners and clergy will walk together to proclaim that human life is sacred and we deserve better than abortion. Respect Life has never been more important than it is now.

Our parish bus will leave the church at 9:30 am and return at approximately 6:30 pm. We will arrive at Civic Center Plaza for the Rally at 12:30 pm. The Walk for Life will begin at 1:30 am, moving along Market Street to the Ferry Building. This is a peaceful and prayerful family-friendly walk, two miles long and moves slowly.

Tickets are \$25 per seat and will include a comfortable charter bus with bathroom on board, generous snacks and water. Please bring a sack lunch, your own coffee/tea/hot beverage, and a charged cell phone. Don't forget your Rosary and umbrella if rain threatens. Covid precautions will be at your own individual discretion. Masks are not required on the bus or outside in San Francisco. Masks are required inside businesses in San Francisco.

For information and tickets, please call Carol Schoner at 916-791-1819, cell 916-521-1974, or Dave Whitman at 916-215-7928. See www.walkforlifewc.org



Our Youth are searching for answers to questions like.....

Why am I here? Why is there suffering in the world? Is there more to life than this?

How can I find purpose... meaning... hope?

What is Youth Alpha? It's a series of dinners, over nine weeks, where they can explore life's biggest questions related to matters of faith, in a safe environment. They can be themselves...

Who is Youth Alpha for? Youth Alpha is designed for kids in high school. Youth Alpha provides a practical introduction/re-introduction to the Christian faith. Youth Alpha gives them the time to consider what we believe about important life issues.

Our next session begins January 2022!

For More Information and to Register

Visit: <https://stjosephmarello.org/alpha>

Email: SJMAAlpha@gmail.com

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