

December 23, 2018



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St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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e-mail to Religious.ed@sjecarmichael.org

Mass Schedule:

Sunday Mass:

Saturday Vigil: 5 PM

Sunday: 8, & 10 AM & 12 Noon

**Daily: 6:30 & 8:30 AM, 5:30 PM during Lent
M-F); 8:30 AM (Sat)**

Holy Days: 6:30, 8:30 AM & 7 PM

Eucharistic Adoration: Wed & Fri 9 AM to 5 PM

Healing Mass every 3rd Sunday of the Month at 1:30
PM with Confession from 1:05 to 1:25 PM

Sacraments:

Confessions: Fridays and Saturdays 10 min before
morning Masses and 3:45 to 4:45 PM Saturday

Baptism: Call office about parent preparation ses-
sions. Must be registered in the parish.

Marriage: Contact the clergy at least six months in
advance.

Anointing of Sick: Call the office at any time.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5,
27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Tuesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29;
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13;

Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12;

Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6;
Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab,
16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Friday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps
128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21
[12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

Registration / Change of Address

☐ I want to register in the parish. ☐ I have changed my address; my envelope # is _____.

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

It may take up to 2 months to start receiving envelopes or for any changes.

Place in collection basket.

Pastor's Corner



MERRY CHRISTMAS: Dear Parishioners, it is with great joy in the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ that I wish all of you Merry Christmas. When a child is born, it brings great joy in the family and close friends and relatives. If the king has a new born child, it brings joy to all the country and all his friends. The birth of the Baby Jesus, the own Son of God, brings joy to the entire world and to heaven alike. It is the greatest joy that has no second to it. The season of Advent has been preparing us for this wonderful day. The mother is with a child born in a manger, and the season is Christmas. The joy of the baby Jesus is seen through the liturgy, the decorations around our houses and the marketplaces, the music, the shopping...

There are some beautiful decorations people put up and they are amazing. They spent time and money to make it so beautiful. I like to see it on the evening KCRA news. There are some huge Christmas trees as well and very well decorated. It is amazing to see how much time people put into it. But I am afraid that some people do it only without the main reason; I mean, **without Christ**. They do what everybody else does, but there's no real purpose behind it.

We Christians, we celebrate the birth of Jesus with a great meaning. The incarnation, meaning God took flesh and came to live with us. This news is about our salvation. God came to share with us the ups and downs that life brings, so He can teach us how to cope with our own daily difficulties and challenges. We have the Good God who took the initiative to come and help us, unlike other gods we may hear about. Remember, dear Parishioners, Jesus was born from poor parents, in poor conditions, lived poorly, became a refugee, was accused wrongly, rejected by his people and killed unjustly. We can always learn from Him as He said: "Learn from Me, for I am meek and humble of heart."

We Catholics are more blessed than other religions. We have the Blessed Virgin Mary, who, though chosen by God to be the Mother of Jesus, she is also our best Mother of all the times. This is the woman who visits us through many apparitions such as Guadalupe, Fatima, Lourdes, Kibeho, and many other areas known and unknown. Her goal is one; she wants all of us to be in Heaven with her forever.

Dear Parishioners, the time of Christmas is a good time to travel, visiting your loved ones. Please be the light by asking them to go to Church (Mass) with you, if possible. If your children are coming to you, do not be afraid to share the story of the Nativity scene; the Baby Jesus, Mary, His Mother, Joseph, the shepherds, the Magi and the angels; you don't know what those little humble stories can make in the future life of a child. Let our Christian families play their part in bringing their children to God, to their eternal salvation.

Merry Christmas! God bless, Father Bernardin MUGABO

Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 23, 2018

Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Masses for the Week of December 24 to December 29

Monday: *Vigil of Christmas*
6:30 a.m. In Honor of the Holy Family (I)
8:30 a.m. In Honor of the Holy Family (I)
Tuesday: *CHRISTMAS*
--No Mass Intentions--
Wednesday: *St. Stephen, the First Martyr*
6:30 a.m. Peter Heiman +
8:30 a.m. Patricia Bolton +
Thursday: *St. John, Apostle & Evangelist*
6:30 a.m. Clifford Bradd +
8:30 a.m. Special Intention (I)
Friday: *The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*
6:30 a.m. ALL SOULS
8:30 a.m. Mary Jo Kwett +
Saturday:
8:30 a.m. Ida Plenert & Gerick Plenert +

 **Pray for** **our sick and their caregivers:** Helena Alleman, Andrea Armstrong, Robert Burns, Geoff Carter, Alicia Cortez, Russ Davis, Lorraine Dombrowski, Melissa Duran, Kate Ellis, Karen Emmons, Debbie Erichs, Velia Escalante, Juanita Estrellas, Martin Fiorino, Anthony Gabriele, Alison Geoffrey, John Glasgow, Ella Gomes, Gosnell Family, Jimi Grant, Donna Harris, Tom Harvey, Vicky Heard, George Heffner, Mary Jeffries, Eduardo Jimenez, Shirley Jones, Yelena Kanavalchuk, Michelle Keyawa, Jalil Kian, Karen Lydon, Jennifer Martin, Manuel Molina, Michael Niekamp, Gilles Ouellet, Lynn Parry, Mike Peterson, Alex Quiroz, Jeff Reynolds, Ruth Salazar, Rena Scherman, Robert Scholtes, Christopher Scott Paul Scurti, Socorro Sabala, Stacey Spear, Hank Thompson, Katie Walker & all sick parishioners.

CHRISTMAS SEASON 2018

--MASS SCHEDULE--

Christmas Masses

Monday, December 24 - Christmas Eve
5:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Tuesday, December 25 - Christmas Day
8:00 am, 10:00 am and 12 Noon

New Year's Masses

Feast of Mary, the Mother of God

Monday, December 31
Vigil Mass 5:00 pm

Tuesday, January 1, 2019
8:00 am and 10:00 am

We wish everyone a peace-filled & blessed Christmas season

A Christmas Grace before meals: "We glory in your light, O Christ. May this meal strengthen us to be light for others. With the angels we sing of your birth. May the food of this table nourish us to proclaim the good news. In your lowly manger we see God's love. May this be a time of grace – so others will see your love in us. We adore you, O Christ, Word-made-flesh. Bless this meal, bless our lives during these joyful Christmas days. Amen." (J.S. Paluch)

Pope Francis' December intentions: "That people who are involved in the transmission of faith, may find in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time."

Please contact the RE office above for registration/ information materials re. the following programs:

RE/CCD/CFF: Sunday morning classes, beginning at 8:55, for public-school children grades K through Jr. High & beyond. (Includes sacramental preparation, altar-server training & more...)

R.C.I.A: Adults who are interested in becoming Catholic. (Please contact Deacon Jack & Jennie Wilson at the parish.)

Returning-Catholics: Those who want to return to their Catholic Faith after a time of absence.

(See www.catholicscomehome.org)

Confirmation for Adults: Catechized persons who have not received the sacrament of Confirmation. A time of immediate preparation will be required.

General-Assistance with religion-related matters...

Vocations: Our Diocese of Sacramento wants all parishes to have a Vocation committee. If you have an interest in being part of such a group – contact the RE office. Training will be provided by the diocese.

See our Vocation space in the narthex & pray for all who are discerning God's call in their lives.

You are welcome to contact a Deacon, Priest or Sister in the parish here & at the diocesan Vocations-Office - 916-733-0258/9 for more information. (By virtue of our Baptism all of us are called to holiness of life.)

Questions about the Catholic-Faith: Listen to Catholic/Relevant Radio on 1620AM; Watch channel EWTN on T.V.

Visit also: www.crediblecatholic.com; www.miraclehunter.com;

Retreats, spiritual-direction and more: (1)

www.ChristTheKingRetreatCenter.org or 916-725-4720, Citrus-Heights.

(2) www.MercyCenter.org or 530-887-2019, Auburn. See BINDER located outside the Chapel for details...

Catholic-Counseling: Available at both retreat centers and at admin@catholiccounselingagency.org or 916-792-9797. (Offices are located in Citrus-Heights and Sacramento.)

CALENDAR:

RE/CCD/CFF: Have you registered your public-school children for classes?

RE/CCD/CFF classes: Due to Christmas & New-Year's - classes will not be held on Dec. 23 & 30.

Sunday, December 23: (1) Singing practice for the Christmas-Eve 5 p.m. Mass in the Chapel after 10 a.m. Mass today;

(2) If you did not pick up your children's Circle of Grace materials this past weekend – please do so today after Masses. (Remembering that we are always surrounded by God's grace – this program helps children identify and report the abusive behaviors they may encounter...)

Monday, December 24: Choir members – please be here in the church by 4:00 p.m.

God bless & guide your/our week.

SJE School Student Sponsors – It costs more than \$6,000 per year to educate a Catholic school student. Consider sponsoring a SJE student for a year, a month, a week or even a day. Your scholarship gift can be designated for a student in a specific grade and/or an activity of your choice. You can receive a general description of the student and updates on academic progress. Many also choose to name a scholarship gift in honor/memory of a loved one or a former teacher. This is a meaningful way to honor a special person over a period of time or as a permanent legacy. Contact SJE Principal, Christie Horton, at principal@stjohnnev.com or 916.481.8841 with any and all questions regarding becoming a Student Sponsor.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Closet distributes fruits, veggies and groceries on Wednesday mornings but there are other parts to the conference. One is collecting food from various stores, like Save Mart, Smart & Final, La Bou, Safeway and others. If you would like to help with that, contact Tom Henderson at 916-342-7945. Another is being a part of a team that makes home visits. If that sounds like something you'd like to do, contact Cynthia Zeller at 916-320-6838.

HELP!! The food locker is completely out of peanut butter and jelly! And there is nothing better than a PB&J when you are hungry.

Please leave any donations at the church before or after any weekend Mass. There is a sign now, "**GIVING WING**", that directs you to the north end of the narthex where you can leave donations or an usher will be happy to help you. Your generosity is always appreciated and never taken for granted. God bless you!



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST YOUTH MINISTRY

Pray for us, Support us, Contact us, call or text 916-529-5767 or visit youthmin@sjecarmichael.org, **Connect with us.** sjecarmichael.org/youth, facebook.com/sjecym, instagram.com/sjecym.



We can get so busy that we don't take time to sit down and think a while, pray. Choosing a special time to visit the Chapel on Wednesday or Friday is a perfect way to let go of all our busy nervousness and rest with Him without distractions. Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

SJE Gift Shop: The 2019 St. Joseph Missal has arrived! We have advent supplies and Christmas merchandise also.

Altar-Server-Families: Servers are always needed at the Saturday 5 pm & Sunday Masses. Please strive to be here 15 minutes before Mass and sign in. Questions about Altar-Serving may be directed to Sean Harrell at Sean.Harrell.1@gmail.com

WALK FOR LIFE West Coast 2019: in San Francisco. The date is **Saturday, January 26, 2019.** SJE will again have a bus leaving from our parking lot. **The cost is \$30.00/per person,** which covers the bus charter fees, parking, snacks and more - It's an easy walk, less than two miles and we're back around 6 pm. Join other Catholics and Christians as we support the dignity of all human life. Please contact the Parish Office to get your name on the list (the bus will be filling up quickly!!) **(916) 483-8454.** We will begin collecting money after December 1st; **please make checks payable to "St. John's"**

Parishioners wishing to donate money to assist the victims of the **Camp Fire**, as follows:

Donate by mail: Send checks to Diocese of Sacramento Fire Assistance Fund, 2110 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95818

Donate by phone: Catholic Foundation at 916-733-0266

Donate online: Visit www.scd.org/donate and choose the Fire Assistance Fund

(St. Thomas More Church, School, & Fr. Godwin were saved/safe; the Rectory(s) and Social Hall were destroyed)

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The next class for Parent Preparation for Child Baptism will be held on Wednesday, January 9 at 7 pm in Mercy Hall. The next Baptism will be January 12 at 11 am. Call the Rectory at 916-483-8454 to register for the class and to let us know you will be at the class and/or baptism. A baptismal registration form must be filled out in the Rectory Office prior to attending the class.

Winter Sanctuary at SJE - Thank you to all who have volunteered to help at the Winter Sanctuary beginning at the end of the month.

Our Parish needs volunteers to help support Pastoral works and acts of Mercy for our homebound and our sisters and brothers in care facilities. Will you spare a few hours a week to continue Jesus' ministries through Mary our Mother? For information-Lili at 916-481-4151.

SJE Senior Group won't be meeting in December. We will see you in January. All seniors are invited (men & women). Call Lu at 916-729-1934 for more information. We hope to see you there.

Please support the businesses on the back of our bulletin. They make our bulletin possible!

Last weekend's collections

Sunday Offerings

Not Available at Early Press Time

Maintenance

Capital Campaign

Please accept our sincerest thank you for the donations that you make every week. You make it possible for us to keep our doors open and to spread the Word!

SJE Parish 2019 Calendars - are available on the wall **Brochure Rack** in the Narthex. We thank **Sierra View Funeral Chapel** for their generous donation of our calendars. 1 calendar per family, please!

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - The new Schedule is now published. Printed copies are available in the Sacristy for those who don't have email.

Children's Christmas Choir - The children of St. John's Parish and School, grades 1 through 12, are invited to sing at the 5 p.m. Family Mass on Christmas Eve. Led by Mrs. Cara O'Shea, children will rehearse on Sunday, December 23rd from 11 a.m. to 12 Noon in the Chapel. They will prepare the beautiful music of Christmas while also learning some basic music principles and techniques. It is important for children to try to attend all rehearsals in order to be well prepared to serve as Music Ministers. For questions or more information contact Cara O'Shea, Director of Music Education, SJE School. mrscaraoshea@gmail.com



SJE Altar Society needs your help in decorating the Altar, Sanctuary and Narthex for this wonderful season of Christ. We are asking for donations of Poinsettias and other seasonal plants in honor of deceased loved ones. Donations may be

dropped off in the Church Narthex or Rectory Office starting December 21st & until noon on Christmas Eve. **PLEASE NOTE: The Rectory Office Is CLOSED on December 24th.** Thank you in advance for helping our Church celebrate this glorious season!!

END-OF-YEAR CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS:

Many individuals/families will make charitable contributions late in the calendar year to take advantage of tax benefits. If you are contemplating end-of-year contributions, please consider **St. John the Evangelist** as a beneficiary of your support. Please be advised that checks must be dated and envelopes postmarked on or before December 31, 2018. Contact the Rectory/Office at **(916) 483-8454** for more info.

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