



St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

5th Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

St. John the Evangelist Parish is a welcoming and responsive faith community, nourished by the Word of God and the Eucharistic Table. We are open and trusting in the love of Jesus Christ to advance the power of the Holy Spirit, within the parish and beyond, by living the Gospel.

PARISH INFORMATION

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ALL MASSES (SUNDAY & WEEKDAY)

ARE ***SUSPENDED***

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE PER
THE DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO
DUE TO THE OUTBREAK OF THE
CORONA VIRUS (COVID-19)

SUNDAY "PRIVATE" MASS LIVE-STREAMED THROUGH FACEBOOK @ 10 AM

PARISH CLERGY AND STAFF

Pastor	Fr. Bernardin Mugabo
Pastor Emeritus	Fr. Thomas Bland
Mercy Hospital Chaplain	Fr. Alban Uba
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Deacon	Jack Wilson
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PASTOR'S CORNER (PAGE)

MAY (MARY) CROWNING AND HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY: Dear Parishioners, I hope and pray you are all doing well regardless of the hard times our country and the whole world is facing. Always remember that God is with you and to go on with your life without fear. The month of May is known as the **month of Mary**, as she appeared in Fatima on May 13th, 1917. Here at Saint John the Evangelist Catholic School, our children used to crown the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary with the singing of Mary's songs. I always looked forward to it, but this year it has been taken away by this pandemic disease called Coronavirus. If life gives you lemons, you make lemonade". How can we take advantage of these times when staying at home? I hope that you have at least one statute of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Why not take flowers from your garden and make a small crown according to the size of the statute you have and crown Mary with all of your family present? The Blessed Virgin Mary would appreciate so much this kind of action and your children will never forget that. It may help them in the future; having the idea of the Blessed Virgin Mary in their heart. In times of difficulties, they may turn to her or ask for her intercessions. Mary, our heavenly Mother, will never disappoint them.

During this month of May or of Mary, it is good to pray the Rosary as a family. If Mom or Dad would lead or even alternate if possible, you would be pleasing so much our heavenly Mother, who asks us to pray daily the Rosary. The Rosary works miracles she said in Medjugorje, through the visionaries. The Rosary is a powerful weapon against the evil one that wishes us harm in this life and much harm in the next. Don't say I am too young to pray the Rosary. In Fatima, Lucia dos Santos was 10 years old, Francisco Marto was 9 and Jacinto Marto was 7. Though young, they prayed so much, especially the Rosary as the Blessed Virgin Mary requested. When children are hurt, they run to Mommy or Daddy for comfort. Since we are all hurt in these difficult days, let us run to our peaceful, beautiful, generous and loving Mommy that Jesus our Savior gave to us. Remember, she always calls you her son or her daughter; her special child.

Dear Parishioners, it is good also to consecrate to the Blessed Virgin Mary. There is a book called Preparation for Total Consecration according to Saint Louis Marie de Montfort. If the Blessed Virgin Mary protects you, you are safe. Let us all take shelter under her arms so that no evil may sweep us away. One can try the Five First Saturdays of Reparation.

April 24, 2020: *"Dear children! May this time be an incentive for personal conversion for you. Pray, little children, in solitude, to the Holy Spirit to strengthen you in faith and trust in God, that you may be worthy witnesses of the love which God bestows upon you through my presence. Little children, do not permit trials to harden your heart and for prayer to be like a desert. Be a reflection of God's love and witness the Risen Jesus by your lives. I am with you and I love all of you with my motherly love. Thank you for having responded to my call."* **Blessed Virgin Mary's message in Medjugorje through the visionaries.**

Today is **MOTHER'S DAY**. I wish all our mothers **Happy Mother's Day**. Once again we should give our mothers flowers as it was the custom here at Saint John's, but now we can't. One could take their mother to her favorite restaurant, but it is impossible now. Dear Mothers, know that you are in our hearts and that we pray for you. During these days of confinement, see them as a blessing God gave you to be with all your family close by. They would be scattered everywhere, but now you have them home. Take advantage of it and do the right thing. Let them spoil you on your day. They thank God for all you have done for them; none of us can pay back all what his/her mother did for them. Carrying you in her womb, nursing you, feeding you, teaching you how to speak and walk, comforting you in your worries ...

Dear Mothers, during this month of May, you can learn from Mary, your model. Lead your children to God and pray for them. In difficult times, turn to the Blessed Virgin Mary, she will help you. Remember that you are the heart of the family and that you wish each one of them to be saved and live for all eternity with the Blessed Virgin Mary, your role model of all time.

God bless, Father Bernardin MUGABO

FR. BERNARDIN'S HOMILY (MAY 10, 2020)

TRUST GOD: The Easter season tells us about the early Christian community after the resurrection of Jesus Christ among the dead. We hear more about the Acts of the Apostles, especially Peter as the head of the Apostles, than from Saint Paul, as the Apostle of the Gentile chosen by Jesus risen from the dead Himself.

We read in the Acts of the Apostles that the Church was with one heart and one mind sharing everything they had such that there was no needy person. But now, the 1st reading is talking about a conflict between Hebrews and Hellenists. Hebrews refers to Palestinian Jews who spoke Aramaic and comprised the earliest followers of Jesus including the 12. Hellenists refer also to the Jews who spoke only Greek, or to the Greek speaking gentiles Christians.

The more the people increased, the more the trouble and the more rules and regulations were needed. Now the Church has the code of Canon Law.

1. Conflict: The Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. The good news is that the Apostles didn't ignore the problem but decided to create a group of deacons to be at the service of the distribution of food while they were devoted to prayer and to the ministry of the world.

Thank God, with the creation of deacons, our Parish has been blessed with these two wonderful deacons, **Jack Wilson** and **Keith Johnson**, who do so much for our Parish as did so many other deacons who came before them. One of them is still working, though retired, **Deacon Larry Niekamp**.

2. Saint Peter is telling us that Jesus is the living cornerstone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God. We have only one Savior and this is Jesus. Saint Peter is calling us to build the Body of Christ in which Jesus is the cornerstone. We are all called to play our part in the Church.

3. Gospel: During the Last Supper with His Apostles, Jesus foretells His proximate departure through death from them. It hurts so much to lose your hero, your special friend, or the person you relied on. So in today's verses, He consoles His apostles by telling them that His going is necessary for their future. This Gospel is often used in funeral services when people are hurt over the passing away of a loved one.

Do not let your hearts be troubled: Jesus seems to ask what is impossible. How can we not be troubled these days when we are losing our loved ones through Coronavirus, when we are afraid of getting it, when we are quarantined by the fear of dying? When people have lost their jobs? Jesus didn't come to make this world a final one but to be ready for the next, the permanent one with Him in Heaven. "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid". Jesus asks all of us to have faith, that is, trusting God no matter how things may look.

In my Father's house there are many dwelling places: the death and resurrection of Jesus opened Heaven where there are many rooms or mansions. Don't be afraid that they have been all taken as some people think that the world is overloaded by people. There is room for everybody created by God if we are willing to share.

I will come back again and take you to myself so that where I am you also maybe: Like it or not, Jesus will come again to judge the living and the dead. Our goal in this life is to be on His side so that He may take us with Him. Heaven is the goal of goals that has no second. It is eternal life. The Blessed Virgin Mary said in Medjugorje that she wishes all of us, her children, should be with her forever in Heaven.

At the question of Philip, Jesus said:

I am the way: I remember when driving my first time to downtown Sacramento, I was lost. It was a terrifying experience that I will never forget in my life. Even today, I hate driving downtown for the same reason. But when you know the way, driving is enjoyable and you can relax. Jesus is the way that leads us to Heaven. All He said and did, especially giving us the 10 Commandments, which is loving God and neighbor. It is so simple. But Jesus states that He is the only way to God; no one comes to the Father except through Him. But Jesus' sure way to God is the narrow Way of the Cross.

I am the truth: It is said in the Bible: "you shall not lie" is the 8th commandment. Sadly, people nowadays are lying as if they have become slaves of Satan, the father of liars. Just open your T.V. or radio, even newspapers. The truth of Jesus as recorded in the Bible stands forever. Jesus expects you to be His true brother or sister by saying the truth. You may be persecuted but your reward will be great in Heaven. Jesus is the truth because He is the only one who reveals to us the whole truth about God. He teaches us that God is a loving, merciful, providing and forgiving Father. "No one comes to the Father except through me"; to seek the truth elsewhere is to stumble and fall, to deal in falsehoods and lie. Psalm 86: "teach me Thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in Thy truth."

I am the life: To live is not only to have the heart beat. There are people who died and came back to life. We have true life in Jesus alone. In Jesus, love goes on from this world to the next. There are "dead" men/women walking because they do not have Jesus. They are zombies. Jesus rose from the dead for two reasons: first to give us eternal life; second to make us fully alive now. Thomas A Kempis in the Imitation of Christ: "without the way there is no going, without the truth, there is no knowing, without the life, there no is living."

LITURGY (INTERCESSORY PRAYERS) FOR MAY 10, 2020

God, who calls us to be united with you and one another, we come to you with our needs:

For the Church, that we fulfill our call to be living stones that we make Christ's presence known.

Lord hear our prayer

For all who are in need, that they may be filled with nourishment of body, soul and spirit.

Lord hear our prayer

For deacons and those discerning the call to the diaconate, that they may be faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, and be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

Lord hear our prayer

For all mothers and those who have shown us a mother's love; that God will watch over them, bless them with every good gift, and fill their hearts with peace.

Lord hear our prayer

For all who are graduating: that God will open pathways for them to find jobs, use their gifts, and fulfill their greatest dreams.

Lord hear our prayer

For all who are ill, particularly those with COVID-19: that God will restore them to health and guide researchers in finding effective treatments and developing a vaccine.

Lord hear our prayer

For all who have died, particularly our mothers; that God will welcome them into the peace and joy of God's presence forever.

Lord hear our prayer

For these intentions, the intentions shared by the community throughout the week and all those intentions written in the silence of our hearts.

Lord hear our prayer

Gracious God, you call us to you and to one another through your Son, the risen Christ. Hear these prayers we offer with loving trust in your abiding providence. You are one with the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16;
Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21;
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20;
1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21 or
Jn 17:1-11a

SJE SCHOOL NEWS



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
(Preschool through 8th Grade) is **NOW ENROLLING** for the 2020-2021 school year.

Excellent academics, art, music, drama, and athletics are offered in a Catholic atmosphere. Please email our Principal, Mrs. Christie Horton at chorton@stjohnev.com for more information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

May 9/10, 2020

RELIGIOUS-EDUCATION/CCD/CFF

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

HAPPY EASTER SEASON TO EACH & EVERYONE...

Our psalm response today is, "Lord, let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in you."

Prayer for feeling afraid: "Heavenly Father, I feel afraid and need your comfort & guidance. You are the source of strength and guidance in my life and in this moment – I need your direction. Help me feel the truth of your word which says, 'Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil.' Jesus, I place my trust in you and know that if you are with me nothing can defeat me. In Christ's most holy name – I earnestly offer up this prayer to you. Amen"

(From: The Counsel of Jesus – Prayers for turbulent times.)

Mass from SJE each Sunday at 10:00 am on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/sjecarmichael.org>

Pope Francis' May intention: "We pray that deacons faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the whole Church"

Opportunities to grow in our spiritual lives:

Websites: Parish: www.sjecarmichael.org

Diocese: www.scd.org

U.S. Bishops: www.usccb.org

General Catholic: www.americancatholic.org

www.catholic.org www.saintoftheday.org

Daily three minute retreat: www.LoyolaPress.org

We recommend that you also listen to Catholic/Relevant Radio on 1620AM and send inquiries to:

askfather@relevantradio.com Also check out EWTN T.V.

Contact www.christthekingretreatcenter.org or call 916-725-4720 for daily reflections. (Give them your email address)

CALENDAR:

As most of you know by now, due to the coronavirus, our Bishop, Jaime Soto, has suspended Religious-Education classes & Catholic schools throughout the Diocese of Sacramento until further notice. We will do our best to keep you all updated as soon as we get the "All-Clear" from the Diocese. We know and understand that this is a very disappointing time for all of you—especially those scheduled to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation/Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation this year. As parents and guardians you are the most important people in your children's lives. Did you receive the resources, from the Diocese, which we forwarded to you a few weeks ago? Please select one from the suggested list and work with your children on that consistently. The Catechists & I are keeping you all in our thoughts & prayers... Sr. Hannah-Mary

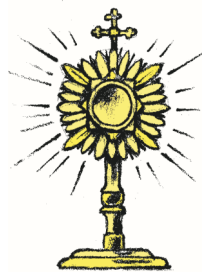
God bless & guide your/our week.

PARISH INFORMATION

ADORATION **Is BACK at the** **BLESSED SACRAMENT** **CHAPEL!!!**

Fr. Bernardin invites you to spend an hour/some time with Jesus on Wednesdays & Fridays from 9am to 5pm

Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament



**6 ft SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIRED &
*Less than 10 Persons in the Chapel at one time***



OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Feast Day is May 13th, 2020.

Please honor & remember Mary, our Mother by saying a private Rosary for the end of the CoronaVirus.

Please join us online @ **FACEBOOK** for this week's Sunday Mass @ 10:00 am.

PLEASE NOTE: You do not need a Facebook Account to view our Masses, etc. Just click on "**Not Now**" on the bottom of the Sign-In Page

Facebook Livestream begins with music 15 minutes before Mass

St. John's Blessed Sacrament Chapel is

OPEN from **9am to 5pm** Monday through Friday for private prayer 6 feet Social Distancing (separation) required.

CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD ON SATURDAYS FROM 3:15 TO 4:45 PM (OR LONGER IF NEED BE) IN THE SACRISTY (6 FEET SOCIAL DISTANCING) WITH NO MORE THAN 10 PERSONS TOTAL IN THE NARTHEX AT ONE TIME.

SJE PARISH NOTES



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

PLEASE NOTE: We will collect the Lenten Rice Bowls at the Church when public Masses resume. Thank you for your patience and support of this charitable program.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

**TO ALL OUR WONDERFUL
SJE PARISHIONERS**

**WHO HAVE CONTINUED THEIR OFFERTORY DONATIONS BY
MAIL, ONLINE, OR AT THE SJE OFFICE**

We at St. John's deeply appreciate your generosity, especially in these most difficult times.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



St. VINCENT de PAUL FOOD LOCKER NEWS:

Open every Wednesday from 7:30 am to 10 am

behind the Rectory for drive up service.

**If any Parishioner is in need of food items for their family, please stop by!
There is no cost and the Locker Team is here to help!**

GREAT NEWS!!

RAFFLE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO JULY 25th

After the Dinner for the Poor was postponed to 2021, the date to sell raffle tickets was extended to May 23rd. However, within a short time we were all sheltered in place and our churches closed. The repercussions from COVID-19 will be felt for a long, long time and one consequence will be the loss of revenue from 5th Sundays and general donations from parishioners. The Raffle is one sure opportunity to build up your conference checking account. The extension of the selling date to **Saturday July 25th** is just that opportunity. For now, let your fingers do the walking and call friends and family and have them mail checks to you and you in turn can mail the tickets back to them. Once we are back in church you can again plan a weekend sale after mass. Don't let this chance for an easy fundraiser pass you by. **John Murphy**, Conference President of St. Katherine Drexel is coordinating the raffle this year. Please contact him if you need more tickets or have questions.

**Win a
Trip to
Hawaii
for 2**

Trip is for 6 days and 5 nights at the Sheraton Maui Resort & Spa on the island of Maui

Includes airfare for 2, up to \$1000, a \$500 American Express gift card and a Hertz Rent-a-Car voucher up to \$400. Total value of package is \$3500

Proceeds to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society

You need not be present at drawing on MAY 23 to win.

Tickets \$10.00

SJE PRAYER LIST

Please Pray for our sick and their caregivers: Andrea Armstrong, Bob Bodem, Robert Burns, Geoff Carter, Alicia Cortez, Russ Davis, John DePiazza, Melissa Duran, Kate Ellis, Karen Emmons, Debbie Erichs, Teri Erickson, Velia Escalante, Juanita Estrellas, Martin Fiorino, Anthony Gabriele, Lillian Geoffrey, Ella Gomes, Jimi Grant, Steve Guerrero, Donna Harris, Tom Harvey, George Heffner, Sr. Marion Hicks, Dick Hill, Mary Jeffries, Eduardo Jimenez, Yelena Kanavalchuk, Michelle Keyawa, Sayed Kian, Pat Lobrovich, Kim Louder, Karen Lydon, Jennifer Martin, Arielle McLeskey, Pat Minnard, Manuel Molina, Michael Niekamp, Tony Nolasco, Gilles Ouellet, Lynn Parry, Mike Peterson, Alex Quiroz, Max Rankin, Jeff Reynolds, Ruth Salazar, Rena Scherman, Robert Scholtes, Christopher Scott, Paul Scurti, Lili Simic, Joan Smith, Hank Thompson, Kim Van Blaricom, Bob Walker, Katie Walker and all those with COVID-19.

JOKES OF THE WEEK

To get a little "comic relief" from all the COVID-19 news—

Is anyone up there?"

There is the story of a man who fell off a cliff. On the way down, he manages to grab a tree limb. Peering into a deep canyon, he calls out, "Help, please!! Is anyone down there?" After an unbearable silence, a voice answers, "Yes, I am here." "Who are you?" the man shouts. "It's me, the Lord!" Greatly relieved, the man says, "Thank you. Have you come to rescue me?" "Yes," says the Lord. "Let go. I will catch you." The man thinks for a second, and then asks, "Is there anyone else down there?"

To the Father's house with two bags of currency!

A stingy old lawyer who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness was determined to prove wrong the saying, "You can't take it with you." After much thought and consideration, the old ambulance-chaser finally figured out how to take at least some of his money with him when he died. He instructed his wife to go to the bank and withdraw enough money to fill two pillow cases. He then directed her to take the bags of money to the attic and leave them directly above his bed. His plan was that when he passed away, he would reach out and grab the bags on his way to heaven. Several weeks after the funeral, the deceased lawyer's wife, up in the attic cleaning, came upon the two forgotten pillow cases stuffed with cash. "Oh, that darned old fool," she exclaimed. "I knew he should have had me put the money in the basement so that he could take it on his way down to hell."

MASS INTENTIONS

PLEASE NOTE: PRIVATE MASS WITH INTENTION IS OFFERED DAILY BY FR. BERNARDIN

Masses for the Week of May 11-16, 2020

Monday:

Jack & Maureen McColligan (I)
Fr. Tom Bland (I)

Tuesday: *St. Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs*
Virginia Bispo & Family (I)

Sr. Marion Hicks (I) (COVID-19 Recovery)

Wednesday: *OUR LADY OF FATIMA*

Brenda Elazier (I)

Msgr. Frank Pellegrino + (Ordination Anniversary)



Thursday: *St. Matthias, Apostle*

Sr. Mary Paul Bunce +

Jim O'Neill +

Friday: *St. Isidore*

Will Cooney +

Saturday:

John Alway (I)