



St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 15, 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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PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED

****Please Contact Us by Phone or Email****

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION
 SATURDAYS from 3:45 PM to 4:45 PM

MASSES IN CHURCH
CANCELED!!

LIVE-STREAMED MASS ONLY

SUNDAY MASS LIVE-STREAMED THROUGH FACEBOOK @ 11 AM

PARISH CLERGY AND STAFF

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Registration/Change of Address: Allow at least 3 months to receive envelopes or for any changes.

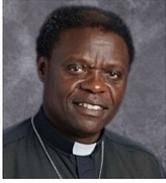
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PASTOR'S PAGE



ALL SOULS MONTH: *(Continued from last week)*

Through **Maria Sima**, who was granted the opportunity to be visited by the souls in Purgatory, she told us in her book called ***Get Us Out of Here***, that The Holy Mass is the greatest prayer to help set free the souls in Purgatory. Saint Monica, when dying, asked her son Augustin, to bury her wherever he wanted, but to remember her at the Altar of Praise.

There is a manuscript from France where a nun died and landed in Purgatory, in the lowest part. She was granted by God to ask another nun who was alive to pray for her so that she may be set free. The dialogue is recorded in a document called ***An Unpublished Manuscript on Purgatory***. It is available at: <http://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/view.cfm?recnum=6253>. This will answer all questions you may have on Purgatory.

Going to cemeteries such as Calvary Cemetery, I see some people who bring their loved ones who passed away, food items like breads, French fries, fruits... The cemetery in Honolulu, Hawaii, located on the top of the hill, I saw all kinds of fresh food, wines even liqueurs on the tombs. This is a pagan culture, thinking that the dead come in the night and eat the food. I hope none of us does it. We know better than that. The idea behind it is that they want to be helpful to those who passed away, to fill that they are still connected.

Mother Church dedicated the whole month of November to pray for all souls. Pam Johnson put together a list of our Parishioners who passed away during this year from November, 2019 to November, 2020. You have the **All Souls** envelope in your Church's Offertory mailings; if not, the envelopes are available in the Narthex. You can write the names of your deceased loved ones and we will pray for them in every Mass celebrated in our Church during this month of November.

The month of November is also a good time to go to the cemetery to pray for your loved ones who left ahead of us. Those who throw the ashes away in the wilderness, ocean or scatter ashes in the flying airplane would have no place to go to pray for their deceased ones' souls.

Dear Parishioners, as we are all on our journey from this world to the next, I hope that when we are gone, somebody will remember to request a Mass for us or visit us at the cemetery. We are not for sure where we will be ending up; but, if in Purgatory, that prayer or Mass said on our behalf will shorten the time of our suffering in Purgatory and help us reach Heaven, the goal of goals; our ultimate destination to be with all the saints and our Savior Jesus Christ for all of eternity.

God bless, Father Bernardin MUGABO

C.C.D. REGISTRATION

**Completed Registration Forms 3rd DRIVE-BY on Saturday,
NOVEMBER 14th @ 4 pm.**

PLEASE HAND IN YOUR FORMS THROUGH THE CAR WINDOW TO A CATECHIST ON THE SIDEWALK IN FRONT OF OUR CHURCH.

IF UNABLE TO ATTEND THIS 3RD DRIVE-BY, PLEASE MAIL OR DROP OFF YOUR FORMS TO **SJE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE, 5751 LOCUST AVENUE, CARMICHAEL, CA 95608 (916) 483-4628**

SJE WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

<u>Week of:</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>(Week):</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>(Week)</u>	<u>Surplus/</u> <u>(Deficit):</u>
November 8, 2020	\$10,584	\$10,365	\$219



NOVEMBER 15, 2020 READINGS

Sunday Readings

November 15, 2020

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1

Prv 31:10–13, 19–20, 30–31

When one finds a worthy wife,
her value is far beyond pearls.
Her husband, entrusting his heart to her,
has an unfailing prize.
She brings him good, and not evil,
all the days of her life.
She obtains wool and flax
and works with loving hands.
She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her fingers ply the spindle.
She reaches out her hands to the poor,
and extends her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting;
the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
Give her a reward for her labors,
and let her works praise her at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 128:1–2, 3, 4–5

R. (cf. 1a) Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Blessed are you who fear the LORD,
who walk in his ways!

For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork;
blessed shall you be, and favored.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine
in the recesses of your home;
Your children like olive plants
around your table.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Behold, thus is the man blessed
who fears the LORD.

The LORD bless you from Zion:
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Reading 2

1 Thes 5:1–6

Concerning times and seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need for anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night. When people are saying, “Peace and security,” then sudden disaster comes upon them, like labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to overtake you like a thief. For all of you are children of

Reading 2 (Continued)

the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober.

Gospel

Mt 25:14–30 or 25:14–15, 19–21

In the shorter form of the reading, the passages in brackets are omitted.

Jesus told his disciples this parable: “A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one—to each according to his ability. Then he went away. [Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master’s money.]

“After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, ‘Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master’s joy.’ [Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, ‘Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master’s joy.’ Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, ‘Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.’ His master said to him in reply, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.’ ”]

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PARISH NOTICE

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CONFESSIONS:

SATURDAYS from 3:45 to 4:45 pm **BACK in
our Church’s Sacristy & Chapel**

**(6 feet Social Distancing) with no more than
10 persons total in the Narthex at one time.**

DEACON JACK'S HOMILY (NOVEMBER 15, 2020)

USE YOUR TALENTS: Father told us today in the opening prayer, the Collect: *Grant us, we pray O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you.*

This prayer at the beginning of Mass sets the tone for the celebration that we will have and connects to today's readings. The setting for the Gospels the last few Sundays comes toward the end of the Gospel of Matthew. Jesus has told the disciples about the Kingdom of God, has told them three times about His Passion. He has made His triumphant entry in Jerusalem. The Pharisees and Sadducees have tried and failed to trap Jesus. Now Jesus leaves the Temple area going to the Mount of Olives to be alone with His disciples, to spend time speaking to them as the days for His arrest and passion are near.

We heard the parable of the ten virgins last week, a parable on being wise and today, we hear about the parable of the Talents. On the surface, today's parable seems to indicate that Jesus is teaching the disciples about money and investing it wisely. A talent in the time of the New Testament was a very large measure of money. Some calculate the talent in to be the equivalent to 20 years of wages for the common worker. To be given five talents to invest, was therefore more than a worker could earn in a lifetime. Jesus, however, is not usually concerned about money, about investing earthly wealth for the future, money had Caesar's image on the coins. Did Jesus think after His death, the disciples would become investment bankers? Were there even investment bankers in ancient Judea?

Again, we must look at the parable differently, perhaps Jesus used the word "talent" just to relate to the disciples' sense of something that was of great value or perhaps to remind us, of what God has given us. In the parable, a man tells his servants he is going on a journey and he wants his servants to do something for him while he is gone. Suppose Jesus is the man going on the journey who has entrusted the precious teachings about God, love and the Kingdom to His servants, the disciples. These teachings tell of the path to eternal life, their worth is worth beyond measure. Not all heard everything Jesus taught, the teachings were distributed according to the ability of each person. Some travelled with Jesus longer than others and not all went up the mountain of the transfiguration. Our Lord's journey results in His Passion but He will return to judge.

The second coming, at the end of time. What will He find?

Wise disciples like the worthy wife in the first reading recognize what they have been given. They tell others about Jesus, the Kingdom and how Jesus commanded us to love one another. Their efforts increased the number of disciples. Wise disciples work for the Kingdom with loving hands, reaching out to the poor, extending their arms to invite others to come and hear the Gospel. Wise disciples are children of the light of Christ as St. Paul described today.

Ah, but not all are wise. Some take what they have received and hide it from everyone else, not even telling others about being a Christian. They don't want to risk their precious time on earth working for the kingdom, there is so much to do here. Judas even traded what he knew for some silver coins.

We are all adopted sons and daughters of God, through our baptism. Servants of our Lord, following Jesus, receiving talents from God. We come to Mass on Sundays to receive a pearl of great price, God's word. We receive Jesus' precious body and blood. How do we invest what we have been given? Walk out of Mass and hide our Catholic identity, our faith, our Christian values, our concern for others and go about our everyday business? No. No.

Children of the Light are prepared, the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. What can we show Our Lord when He returns to hear what each of us have done with what He has given us?

Our best investment for the kingdom of God is in trading time for ourselves for time spent helping others, your neighbors, those in need spiritually, mentally and physically. Share with other people what you hear or experience at Mass that makes you feel better, helps you cope with the challenges this pandemic has caused or lifts up your spirit. When you talk to your family or friends on the phone, tell them how your faith is helping you. Tell them how the hunger for being in Church, listening to the music, hearing the Word of God, listening to Father speak, praying with the community and receiving the Eucharist brings you peace. Encourage others to seek this peace.

Remember when I mentioned the tone for this Mass in the Collect? It is our devotion to God that directs our efforts to invest in the Kingdom. For all the men here today, married or not, I want you to get a copy of the first reading. It is in the bulletin and on our website. Read this again and meditate on how your wife or someone special if you are not married, has shown her devotion to your marriage or friendship. Keep a copy somewhere where you can discover it again months from now.

This reading from Proverbs, one of the Wisdom books of the Bible describes the devotion a wife has to her marriage, to her family. While the work we do at home has changed from ancient times before the mass production of clothing, the attitude of a worthy wife has not changed.

It is one of her investments in the Kingdom. Remember that and make your own investment. Exercise your devotion to God, look to become a child of the light as described by St. Paul for we never know the day or the time when our Lord will return and ask for an accounting of the possessions He entrusted to us.

LITURGY (INTERCESSORY PRAYERS) FOR NOVEMBER 15, 2020

All loving and generous God, you know our needs better than we do; in your forgiving love, hear our desire for your help:

For the Church: that we may be aware of the gifts of faith, time, and opportunity that God has entrusted to us, be good stewards of these gifts, and diligently utilize them in the service of God and our neighbor. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the grace of awareness: that God will rouse our inner selves, help us to be alert, and avoid the numbing effects of consumerism, escapism, and selfishness. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For parents: that God will give them strength and patience as they guide and nurture their children through the challenges of the pandemic. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who are seeking employment: that God will lead them to opportunities to use their gifts and talents in life-giving and productive ways. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who are facing responsibilities that seem overwhelming: that God will give them courage, help them to see the small steps they need to take, and deepen their trust in God who is always with them. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who are sick, suffering, or dying: that they may be comforted by Christ's embrace. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all our deceased Parishioners, relatives and friends that we remember especially during this month of November: that our merciful God may give them eternal rest. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For these intentions, the intentions shared by the community throughout the week that we bring to the altar, and all those intentions written in the silence of our hearts. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Redeeming and loving God, You sent Your Son who gave His life to save us. Hear our prayers and help us to follow Jesus through death to new life. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Your Son, now and forever. AMEN.

UP-COMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

All Parishes throughout the Diocese are asked to participate in **Special Collections** throughout the year. With the COVID-19 closure restrictions, Special Collection dates have been revised.

Next Up-Coming Special Collections are:

November 21/22, 2020 -*Catholic Campaign for Human Development*
25% will remain in our Diocese to help support our local anti-poverty efforts

December 12/13, 2020 -*Retirement Fund for Religious*

MONTHLY HEALING MASS

ST. JOHN'S HEALING MASS

Canceled



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

November 15, 2020

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Grades: Kindergarten through Junior High
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IMPORTANT CCD REGISTRATION INFORMATION FROM MRS. GIFFARD, Religious Education/CCD Coordinator:

Our Religious/Faith Formation Program will begin on Sunday, November 15th, via Zoom.

Children in the Fifth Grade, Sixth Grade, Seventh Grade and Eighth Grade Students will be zooming into the program at 9:00 am.

Students in Kindergarten, First Grade, Second Grade, Third and Fourth Grade are scheduled to zoom into their classes at 10:00 am.

Our welcoming, wise and prudent catechists will begin their St. John's Religious Education classes with the **Circle of Grace Program**. The lesson objectives in this curriculum strengthen children to identify what behaviors are appropriate, and are also within the Circle of Grace. Likewise, they will more fully understand the vital importance of honoring all people as children of God. Our catechists strive to help young people understand and respect their own dignity, as well as the dignity of others.

WE ARE HAVING OUR FOURTH DRIVE-BY ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH, AT 4:00 PM AGAIN IN FRONT OF OUR CHURCH.

Please turn in your Religious Education Form, the Zoom Participation Agreement, and the Circle of Grace Participation Agreement. At this time, you will also be able to pick up your child's Benziger Religious Education textbook.

Jesus told His disciples, "Let the children come to Me". Gospel of St. Mark (Chapter 1, verses 14-15).

Our zealous and responsive catechists are here to help your children understand the sacredness of who they are, and how to seek help through their relationships with trusted adults.

Yours in Christ,
Mrs. Joanne Giffard
Religious Education Coordinator
ccd@sjecarmichael.org

MASS INTENTIONS

Masses for the Week of November 16-21, 2020

Monday: *St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin*
David Alway †
Will Cooney †

Tuesday: *St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious*
Carlos Alfonso Locsim †
John DePiazza and family (I)

Wednesday: *Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin*
Peter David Heiman †
Dorothy Bertie †

Thursday:
Richard Alway †
David Alway †

Friday:
Michael, Mary Lou & Harry McClean †
MaryJo Kwett †

Saturday: *The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
Ida & Gerick Plenert †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28, or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

ALL SOULS ENVELOPES

A REMINDER: PLEASE FILL OUT YOUR ALL SOULS ENVELOPES AND DROP THEM INTO THE COLLECTION BOXES FOR PLACEMENT ON THE ALTAR DURING NOVEMBER.

SJE PRAYER LIST

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

SJE SCHOOL NEWS

WHO NEEDS TO ORDER CHRISTMAS CARDS?!

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(NOTE: This code is only good from October through December)



SJE CRAFT FAIR AUCTION NEWS



St. John the Evangelist School's

42nd Annual ★ Holiday Show of Hands ★

December 1-5, 2020 ★ Virtual Christmas Craft Fair & Online Auction ★

PLEASE VISIT [STJOHNEV.COM](https://stjohnnev.com) FOR A LINK TO THE AUCTION PAGE AND FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO REGISTER TO BID!



JOKE OF THE WEEK...

Two friends run into each other while walking their dogs. One suggests lunch. The other says, "They won't let us in a restaurant with pets."

Undeterred, the first guy and his German shepherd head into the restaurant. The maître d' stops them, saying, "Sir, you can't bring your dog in here."

"But I'm blind," the man replies, "and this is my guide dog!" The maître d', apologizing profusely, shows both man and dog to a table.

His friend waits five minutes, then tries the same routine. "You have a Chihuahua for a guide dog?" the skeptical maître d' says.

"A Chihuahua?" the man says. "Is that what they gave me?"

PARISH MASS INFORMATION

"CHURCH" MASSES CANCELED

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Our St. Vincent de Paul Society thanks you for your continued support, which allows us to help the poor and needy in our neighborhood.

SVdeP's food closet is open on Wednesdays from **8 am to 10 am** if you find yourself in need of food. Everyone is welcome and meat, fresh veggies and fruits are in abundance! If you can, SVdeP could use top ramen, dried beans, peanut butter and jelly and plastic bags.

---SVDEP ANNUAL THANKSGIVING BASKETS---

As we head into November, the Food Locker is gathering the essentials for Thanksgiving baskets.

We need canned yams, instant mashed potatoes, gravy, canned green beans, corn, cranberry sauce, olives and jello (not sugar free).



We also need FROZEN turkeys, which can be dropped off after the Masses on November 21st and



22nd or at the SVdeP food locker on Monday, November 23rd at 8 am.

Donations can be left in the Giving Wing or given to an Usher.

YOU make a difference! God bless you! Wear a Mask! Stay safe!

SJE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #16612



SJE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL # 16612



Annual "Coats for Kids" Drive is now through December 16th.

All proceeds will benefit local children in our community.

Drop-off bins are located in the Giving Wing of the Narthex.

Please be generous in helping our less fortunate children. Final collection will be December 16th.

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