



St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 3, 2021

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

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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--PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN--

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

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SUNDAY MASS:

SATURDAY VIGIL: **5 PM**

SUNDAY: **8 AM, 10 AM & 5 PM**

DAILY MASS:

6:30 AM & 8:30 AM (MON-FRI)

8:30 AM (SATURDAY)

HOLY DAYS:

6:30 AM & 8:30 AM; 7:00 PM

HEALING MASS:

1:30 PM - 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH



SUNDAY MASS LIVE-STREAMED THROUGH FACEBOOK @ 10 AM



PARISH CLERGY AND STAFF

Pastor	Fr. Bernardin Mugabo
Parochial Vicar	Fr. Bit-Shing Abraham Chiu
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Registration/Change of Address: Allow at least 3 months to receive envelopes or for any changes.

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

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP _____

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GUEST COLUMNIST'S (PASTOR'S) PAGE



--Many, many thanks to Joe Romanazzi for contributing our Bulletin's Guest Column (reprinted from Knights of Columbus 4970 August 2020 'Paladin')

God bless, Father Bernardin MUGABO

By: Joe Romanazzi,
SJE Guest Columnist

Sometimes When We Retire, Our Real Life's Work Begins



Many of us in our St. John the Evangelist Parish are already retired, many others are dreaming about retiring soon; and still others are gainfully employed waiting for their opportunity in the years ahead to hopefully taste the freedom retirement brings from the daily grind and heavy responsibilities of a job. Retiring from work does not mean retiring from life. It is just a new beginning, not the end. The important thing is not to retire from something but to have something to retire to that is fun and will keep one busy and out of "trouble". We can all find numerous things to do in retirement--just find something! If anyone needs help in figuring out what to do, start with reviewing a list of our activities and programs and volunteering to get more involved in our Parish Community. Excuses will be fewer and **WE NEED EVERYONE TO PARTICIPATE** if we want St. John the Evangelist Parish to remain **VIBRANT** and **STRONG** in the years ahead.

As God's children, we are capable of great things. But too often we don't even scratch the surface of our capabilities. Sophia Loren, World-famous Italian actress and one of the last surviving stars from the Golden Age of Hollywood, once remarked, *"There is a fountain of youth: it is your mind, your talents, the creativity you bring to your life and the lives of people you love. When you learn to tap this source, you will truly have defeated age"*. It is hard to believe but Ms. Loren turns 87 years old in September this year, so I suppose her age and life experiences do give her a certain amount of credibility on this subject. Good human examples of what Ms. Loren is talking about would definitely have to include Michelangelo, Benjamin Franklin, and Grandma Moses. These folks were all in their 70's when they did some of their best work. These included Michelangelo designing the dome of St. Peter's Basilica, Benjamin Franklin inventing bifocal eyeglasses, and Grandma Moses beginning her painting career.

So far, this article has only addressed aspects of career retirement. Did you know that there is also such a thing as "spiritual retirement"? During his lifetime, St. Francis de Sales (1567-1622) gave spiritual direction to many individuals. His book, *"Introduction to the Devout Life" (1608)* is a compilation of letters and notes used in spiritual direction. He writes, *"To make spiritual progress, strive as often as possible through the day to place yourself in God's Presence. Consider what God does, and what you are doing; —you will see His Eyes ever fixed upon you in Love incomparable."* Be sure that while externally occupied with business and social duties, you frequently retire within the solitude of your own heart. That solitude need not be in any way hindered by the crowds which surround you—they surround your body, not your soul, and your heart remains alone in the Sole Presence of God" (Part 2, Chapter XII). In short, this saint viewed prayer as the key to love of God. St. Francis de Sales saw the pursuit of holiness as something possible to each and every Christian, regardless of vocation, temperament or age.

My Brothers and Sisters, for some, retirement may feel like an ending, but it is truly a beginning. If we successfully manage our career retirement and practice spiritual retirement in the sole presence of God, we can bring joy to the rest of our earthly lives and beyond. *Although there is no reference to retirement in the Bible, conventional wisdom and our own faith tells us that God's retirement plan for us has to be simply "out of this world"*.

DEACON KEITH'S HOMILY (OCTOBER 3, 2021)



27TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE "B"):

Is it true about marriage that over time, the spouses begin to look alike, dress alike, think alike, and eventually they finish each other's sentences? For those of you who have been married for some time I'm sure that you realize the reality of that comment, despite your reluctance to admit it. I am truly grateful, as a husband and a father, to be in a time and place – unlike the time in the Gospel - where wives are not considered property. That self-serving attitude would cloud our vision to see how growing into one as husband and wife reveals to us how we are invited in becoming one in God.

Saint Augustine of Hippo, over time, matured on his understanding of love. In his earlier homilies that reflected on John's Gospel and letters, Augustine first believed that "God is love, but love is not God." This attitude was influenced from his association with the Manichean heresy where they believed there were two sources of creation, one good, God, and one bad, Satan. This heresy resulted in a disordered belief that the body is bad, and the soul is good. Fifteen years later, still reflecting on John's writings, Augustine realized that yes, "God is love but also love is God." In this he means to say, interwoven in human relationships where there is love, that is God. Augustine recognized that the first knowing of God for a child comes from the love shown by his mother. As is all love - that we give and that we receive throughout our lives - it is God. The experience of a loving relationship between husband and wife, images God's love for His people spoken to us through salvation history, and marriage images our individual journey in God toward our divination.

The whole journey of salvation history from the beginning to the end, may be summed up in the thought of St Augustine, that is "You become what you love." In Pope Benedict XVI's Encyclical "God is Love," he describes the eros of God for His people. We may recall that in Greek 'eros' is that passionate love between husband and wife. If nothing else can be gained from meditating on the Old Testament, we must see the depth of passion and desire of God to share His life with us – the sharing of His divinity. This passion is God's eros toward us. Despite their continued turning of their backs, God pursued the Israelites. It is in the person Jesus Christ, were God "became what He loved" and humanity is married to divinity. God's love of eros for His people matured to the love of agape as God gave of Himself through the goodness of a human body in Jesus Christ, for the good of His beloved. This is agape. It is in Jesus, our bridegroom's word, deeds, and actions where we are offered the grace for our eros to mature to agape toward God. Where His will becomes our will.

As two individuals' journey in their relationship to become husband and wife, the couple walks through these similar steps and God is interwoven in the journey. Benedict XVI continued to say that eros is a time of a searching love. Prior to marriage, a couple experiences a love of discovery of the other. Love then grows into a concern for the other. It moves from a self-seeking love to an emptying of self. This love matures into a love willing to sacrifice for the other. The couple shares in humility of the other as a gift; they comfort the other in mourning, they work towards peace, they raise the other up when they are lacking, they forgive each other, and their hearts are pure toward the fidelity they share. These two individuals, sharing the rib of the new Adam, Christ, unite as one flesh in heart, mind, and spirit. Both the inclination to find human love and the inclination to find divine love are at the core of our very being and are both animated by God Himself. In both these experiences of God, through the love of a spouse and in all experiences of love, God works to transform us to "Become the One we love" – Himself. But are we able to mature beyond eros in our love of God?

Over the last several weeks, each of the Gospel passages have referred to children. In this passage, the disciples rebuked people who desired that their children be touched by Jesus. Indignant, Jesus tells the disciples "Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." For centuries, God, with passionate love, pursued the people, Israel. These – His children - despite their infidelity and idolatry, He pursued them in hopes of sharing His divinity with them. Who, in our time, can we rebuke from experiencing God, who is interwoven in the love we share or don't share? Is our love for God self-serving or is it self-emptying? Is it our will or is it His will? Have we fallen to the error of our time – division and separation?

Brothers and sisters, let our hearts be transformed so that we become a "witness before the world to the passionate love of the Father, who wishes to make humanity a single family in His Son."

FR. BERNARDIN'S JOKE FROM LAST WEEK'S HOMILY

In Belfast, Ireland, a Catholic priest, a Protestant minister and a Jewish rabbi were engaged in a heated theological discussion. Suddenly, an angel appeared in their midst and said to them, "God sends you His blessings. Make one wish for peace and your wish will be fulfilled by the Almighty."

The Protestant minister said, "Let every Catholic disappear from our lovely island. Then peace will reign supreme." The priest said, "Let there not be a single Protestant left on our sacred Irish soil. That will bring peace to this island."

"And what about you, Rabbi?" said the angel. "Do you have no wish of your own?"

"No," said the rabbi. "Just attend to the wishes of these two gentlemen and I shall be well pleased."

LITURGY (INTERCESSORY PRAYERS) FOR OCTOBER 3, 2021

In hopeful anticipation of the coming of God's Kingdom, let us offer these petitions to our loving God:

For the Church: that we may be a sign of communion between God and humanity and a means of reconciliation amongst all people. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For greater respect for human life: that all human life, from conception to natural death, will be respected as God's gift and a blessing to humanity. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For all married or engaged couples: that they may recognize Christ in each other, grow into true oneness of life, and bring God's love to others. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For the grace of fidelity: that we may each be faithful to our promises and commitments, to spouses, children, parents, communities, and friends. Let us pray to the Lord,

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For all who have experienced divorce: that God will heal their pain, renew their sense of self, and help them find support and understanding in our community. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For all who are suffering: that God will heal the sick, free those caught in addiction, restore those who have experienced abuse, comfort the grieving, and send relief to those entrapped by poverty. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For all our deceased Parishioners, relatives, and friends, 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 this community during the week that we bring to the Altar, and for the intentions of all those whom we promised to pray. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

Gracious God, we offer these prayers to You through the intercession of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Advocate, who lives and reigns with You in unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

SJE WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

<u>Week of:</u>	<u>Actual (Week):</u>	<u>Budget (Week):</u>	<u>Surplus/ (Deficit):</u>
September 26, 2021	\$7,536	\$10,365	(\$2,829)
Bishops Disaster Relief	\$2,435		

PARISHONER UPDATE INFORMATION

We  love
having you as part of our flock



Keep in touch
with us via
email & text

- Choose to get updates from groups you're interested in
- Unsubscribe anytime, no spam we promise

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WEEKLY ADORATION

Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament



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

Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Rosary are
prayed beginning at 4:10 pm.

Benediction at 5:00 pm. God bless.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please Note: **BAPTISMS** ARE SCHEDULED
MONTHLY.

For more information and instructions, please visit
our website, www.sjecarmichael.org to download and
complete our **Baptismal Registration Form** or contact
Deacon Jack or Deacon Keith through our
"baptisms@sjecarmichael.org" email address
for Baptism and Baptism Class Schedules.



PARISH NEWS

SJE CHOIR IS BACK!!!

Calling all SJE Choir Members, past, present, and potential, to attend our next rehearsal on:

Wednesday, October 6th, at 7pm
for one hour.

We will begin our preparations for Advent.
For questions, please email **Bill Becker** at
music@sjecarmichael.org



Let's sing!!!

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the soul of long-time SJE Parishioner and volunteer **GEORGEANNE MCGAGIN**, wife of Dave Mitchell, who passed away on September 21st. Her Funeral Mass will be held at St. John's with the date to be determined.

May God grant her eternal rest and strengthen and comfort her family. May she rest in peace.

SJE SCHOOL JOB OPENING

Note from SJE Principal, Christie Horton--

I am looking for additional help in the office, so we have posted a position on EdJoin for an **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**.

If you know of any responsible, problem-solving, ready-to-dive-in candidates, please direct them to the link below.

<https://www.edjoin.org/Home/DistrictJobPosting/1472905>



ALTAR SOCIETY HELP NEEDED

ST. JOHN'S ALTAR SOCIETY is in **urgent need** of **Volunteers** to assist in the Saturday morning cleaning and maintaining of our Altar and Chapel.

We also provide appropriate flowers and décor for liturgical services and prepare the Church for important special events such as Christmas, Easter, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

For more information and to sign up for this important Ministry, please contact **TRACI GOSPODNETICH** at
altarsociety@sjecarmichael.org



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference 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, spaghetti sauce and spaghetti pasta**. As fall/winter approaches, we could also use some **canned items**, i.e. **soup, chili** and **veggies**.*

Our supply of Plastic Bags is getting low again BUT our supply of Brown Paper Bags is OK for now. Thank you!

Donations can be left in the "Giving Wing" or in the Chapel Narthex on weekdays.

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

SISTERS IN FAITH MEETING!!

Sisters in Faith is back!

We welcome **ALL** the women of our parish for **An Evening of Friendship with Sisters in Faith**.

Please join us **Monday, October 11th** from **6:30-8:00pm** in the St. James Hall to discuss why it's important to have friends, what our spiritual challenges have been these past 2 years, suggestions and ideas for future meetings, and love.

We will continue to meet monthly **on each 2nd**

Wednesday and look forward to sharing with one another as we together strengthen our faith as women of faith.

For questions, contact Pam at kpaelijohnson@gmail.com or **916-716-6228**.

ST. JOHN'S GIFT SHOP IS OPEN!!



SJE CHURCH GIFT SHOP IS NOW OPEN

AFTER OUR 5PM VIGIL, 8AM AND 10AM MASSES

2021 "LIFE CHAIN" (10/3/2021)

St. John's "**LIFE CHAIN**" needs **your** involvement!!

Abortion is not only bad but way too frequent. We need to make our **PRO-LIFE** stand at the intersection of Madison and Manzanita Avenues on **Sunday, October 3rd** from **2 to 3:30 pm** to protest the undeserved killing of unborn babies.

Call **JOHN MIZERAK** at **(916) 332-5511** for more information.

SJE PRAYER LIST

Please Pray for our sick and their caregivers: Andrea Armstrong, Bob Bodem, Nancy Born, Robert Burns, Geoff Carter, Alicia Cortez, Corrine Davidson, Russ Davis, John DePiazza, Rick DiRegolo, Melissa Duran, Brenda Elazier, Kate Ellis, Karen Emmons, Madeline Endres, Debbie Erichs, Teri Erickson, Velia Escalante, James Espinoza, Juanita Estrellas, Martin Fiorino, Anthony Gabriele, Frank Gianattasio, Ella Gomes, Jimi Grant, Steve Guerrero, Donna Harris, Tom Harvey, Gabe Howser, Mary Jeffries, Eduardo Jimenez, Yelena Kanavalchuk, Tom Karras, Shams Kian, Dalice Lee, Ray Lloyd, Pat Lobrovich, Karen Lydon, Mary Mandara, Angelica & Cheryl Martin, Jennifer Martin, Arielle McLeskey, Pat Minnard, Manuel Molina, Marie Murillo, Michael Niekamp, Tony Nolasco, Gilles Ouellet, Mary Pai, Lynn Parry, Julie Paul, Mike Peterson, Alex Quiroz, Max Rankin, Jeff Reynolds, Aida Saca, Ruth Salazar, Monique Sandoval, Rena Scherman, Robert Scholtes, Christopher Scott, Paul Scurti, Aurora Simental, Lili Simic, Carol Smith, Joan Smith, Elaine Stormer, Hank Thompson, Kim Van Blaricom, Deanna Vest, Bob Walker, Katie Walker, Theresa West, Amanda Young and all those with COVID-19.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

October 3, 2021

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/CCD/CFE

Grades: Kindergarten through Junior High
Phone: 916-483-4628 Email: ccd@sjecarmichael.org

On Sunday, September 26, our CCD Religious Education classes met for the first time this school year. Throughout this one-hour session from 8:55 to 9:55 am our energetic students were blossoming. Their teachers were happy to personally encounter your children in St. James Hall. Truly, they enjoyed their experiences as they shared our faith using the Circle of Grace programmed lessons.

The feast day of **St. Francis of Assisi**, a man who was gifted with an all-consuming love for Christ, will be celebrated this week on Monday, October 4. Actually, Francis was one of several children born in Assisi, Italy, to Pietro di Bernardone dei Moriconi, a prosperous silk merchant, and his French wife, a noblewoman, Pica da Bourlemont. His baptismal name was Giovanni, but during his infancy in 1181, his father changed Giovanni's name to Francesco (Free Man). As he was indulged by his wealthy parents, Francis spent money lavishly. He wore expensive bright clothes, ate delicious food abundantly, and was fascinated with entertainment and adventure. Early in life, however, Francis became disillusioned with all the carefree high-spirited life around him. Once when he was selling cloth in the local marketplace for his father, a beggar approached Francis asking for alms. After his current business transaction, Francis immediately left his station and ran after the beggar giving all the money that he had. As a result of this incident, his father scolded him, and Francis's friends mocked his odd behavior.

Later, Francis resolved to embrace a military career, and thus in 1202, at the age of twenty, he joined a skirmish between his city, Assisi, and the rival city of Perugia. When the Assisians were defeated, Francis was taken prisoner for one year. Then, Francis's thoughts turned to the emptiness of his life and to the things of eternity, especially during this long illness, which he contracted there. When his health started to improve and he returned to Assisi, Francis's desire to pursue a military career again resurfaced, so he joined the army of Walter III, Count of Brienne, in 1205. Now in a strange dream, Francis saw a vast hall hung with armour all marked with a cross. Again, Francis suffered from a second illness, so he turned back to Assisi, his heart was no longer inspired by knighthood, and his entire demeanor changed. He was disillusioned with war, and Francis embraced the knighthood of the Spirit of Christ the King.

Francis heard the Lord calling him to follow Him. Often Francis would say, "When one serves the poor, he serves Christ Himself." From that time on, Francis surrendered worldly goods including his inheritance, all honors, and privileges. Dressed like the poorest of peasants, Francis began to preach about peace with God, one's neighbor, and oneself. In addition, he addressed all people as his brothers and sisters because every person was created by the same God. Always he embraced all people even those unfortunate lepers who roamed the streets. People paused in wonderment when he exhorted everyone to exhibit brotherly love to all, and to receive the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Penance.

So it was in 1210, that Francis attracted companions, who shared his love of Christ and this way of life. Pope Innocent III gave Francis his approval for these disciples to form a group, which would lead lives according to the Rule of the Holy Gospel. Thus, the "Friars Minor" or the "Lesser Brothers" later known as the Franciscans began. Likewise, in 1212, with St. Clare of Assisi, Francis started a second order for cloistered sisters entitled the "Poor Clares". Much later, in 1219, a third order was established, which is now called the "Brothers/Sisters of Penance" which was formed for all those who could not leave their homes, but still embraced the principles of the Franciscan life in their daily lives.

Determined still to bring the Gospel to all people, Francis devoted himself to missions. His order was divided into missions in Tuscany, Lombardy, Provence, Spain, and Germany. With another friar, Francis even assigned himself to Egypt. Actually, he was determined to convert the Sultan of Egypt. This conversion did not occur, but later Francis and his groups were given special permission to visit and preach in sacred places in the Holy Land.

At Grechia, due to Francis's deep affection for the events in Jesus' life and his creativity, the very first nativity scene, or presepio, was constructed utilizing traditional paintings and real animals such as a donkey and an ox. This living scene was created for the Christmas Mass, so that worshipers could more directly use their sense of sight. In fact, many of the stories surrounding the life of St. Francis say that he had a great love for the environment (the sun, the moon, the stars) and the animals especially birds, who were frequently intrigued by the power of Francis's voice. Of course, many have heard the story "The Wolf of Gubbio", which relates how Francis tamed a ferocious wolf, who later no longer preyed on the people and flocks of animals in that village.

Francis loved the Passion of Christ intensely, so he happily received the wounds of Christ, the stigmata, on his body in 1224. Actually, he said, "Nothing comforts me so much as to think of the life and Passion of Our Lord." In poor health and now half blind, on October 4, 1226, Francis welcomed Sister Death, while he was reading the Gospel of the Passion of Christ, the day that he left life on earth. Two years later St. Francis was canonized by Pope Gregory IX in 1228. St. Francis was a man who possessed vast insight and power; a man whose all-consuming love for Christ and creation burst forth in everything that he said and did. He is the patron saint of animals, ecology, merchants, and stowaways.

MASS INTENTIONS

Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of October 4-9, 2021

Monday: *St. Francis of Assisi*

6:30 am Fr. Edgardo (I)

8:30 am Jerry † and Gloria (I) Gospodnetich

Tuesday: *Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest*

6:30 am Wendy Garcia (I)

8:30 am Steven Koscheski †

Wednesday: *St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher, Virgin*

6:30 am Ms. Filali(I)

8:30 am Haitham Jammal †

Thursday: *OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY*

6:30 am Violet Underwood (I)

8:30 am Mary Mentel (I)

Friday:

6:30 am Violet Underwood (I)

8:30 am Mary Mentel (I)

Saturday: *St. Denis, Bishop and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest*

8:30 am Catherine Holleran †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]

MASK UPDATE - DIOCESE

For Parishes in Sacramento - **USE OF MASKS:**

- Face coverings shall be worn, regardless of vaccination status, over the mouth and nose, in all indoor public settings, venues, gatherings, and workplaces.** The exceptions are:
 - Persons who are working alone in a closed office or room;
 - Persons who are actively eating and/or drinking;
 - Persons who are specifically exempted from wearing face masks pursuant to other CDPH guidance.
- No face covering is required outdoors, regardless of vaccination status.**

UP-COMING SECOND COLLECTION

All Parishes throughout the Diocese are asked to participate in **Special (Second) Collections** throughout the year.

October 23/24, 2021 - WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CON'T)

OUR PRAYER: GOD, YOU ENABLED ST. FRANCIS TO IMITATE CHRIST BY HIS POVERTY AND HUMILITY. WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. FRANCIS, MAY WE FOLLOW YOUR SON AND BE BOUND TO YOU BY A JOYFUL LOVE. AMEN

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Joanne Giffard, Religious Education Coordinator

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SVDP'S 'PRESIDENTIAL' HELP WANTED



HELP US, PLEASE!!!

SJE'S ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE needs **your** help.



We need two people to step up and take the conference forward for the next three years. Qualifications include organizational skills and a calling to care for the poor.



Presidential duties are leading a once-a-month meeting for the SJE conference and a once-a-month district meeting.

The vice-president fills in when the president cannot attend. There are more to the positions but these are the basics.

The weekly food closet and the home visit teams are already organized and have terrific people in place to make sure they run smoothly.

Please take a moment and look into your hearts and decide whether this would be something you can HELP with.

If **you are interested**, please leave a message at the SVDeP office - (916) 483-2161 Thank you!!

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Sr. Mary donned her habit and got into her vintage auto. About a mile down the road, she ran out of gas. Fortunately, there was a gas station on the next block, so she walked over. But when she got there, they were out of gas cans. Sr. Mary walked back to her car and opened the trunk to look for a container. All she could find was a bedpan. She walked back to the station and filled the bedpan as best she could. Then she walked back to her auto and began pouring the gas from the bedpan into the tank. From across the street, two Baptist ministers were watching all of this. One minister turned to the other and said, "If that car starts, I'm converting to Catholicism!"

ST. MEL "MEN'S DAY OF FAITH RENEWAL"



8th ANNUAL

LIVING WITH COURAGE:

Lessons for men from St. Joseph

SATURDAY, OCT. 16, 2021

St. Mel Parish, Fair Oaks



With Guest Speaker FR. MATTHEW SPENCER

Fr. Matthew previously hosted Relevant Radio talk show, "St. Joseph's Workshop". He now serves his community as the Provincial of the Oblates of St. Joseph in Santa Cruz CA.

Father will share his wisdom and insights of the many great lessons from St. Joseph. Learn how by his devotion and care for Jesus and Mary, St. Joseph will also help you in all of your needs to be the man God calls you to be.

As shown in the image above, learn how St. Joseph is presenting Jesus to you!

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- SAT. 10/16 CONFERENCE SCHEDULE:**
- Rosary at 8:00 am
 - Holy Mass 8:30 am
 - Continental breakfast
 - Inspirational talks by Fr. Spencer with Q&A
 - A hearty catered OCTOBERFEST Lunch
 - Opportunities for confession
 - Event concludes at 3:45 pm

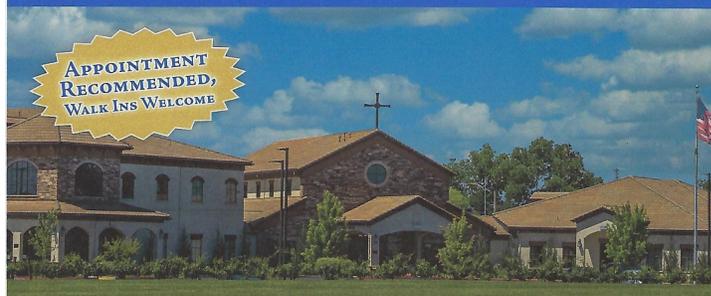


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