



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH as photographed by Fr. Abraham Chiu

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 6, 2022

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
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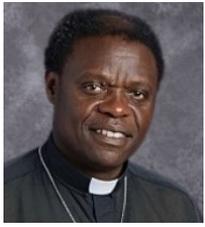
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PASTOR'S PAGE



I WAS SICK:

Dear Parishioners, in my native tongue, they used to say: “Inzira nti bwira umugenzi”, literally meaning, “the way or the road does not warn the traveler”. I wish I knew I was going to be very sick; I would have taken serious measures to diminish the beatings my body had to endure.

In Alturas, there lived a very good Catholic man called **Gaz DECKER**. Forgive me of the spelling of his name, as it has been a very long time. He was very generous to the little Parish of Sacred Heart. He used to tell me that, on his tomb, there will be a note saying: “***I told you that I was sick.***” He passed away almost one year ago, and he will always be missed in that small town of Alturas and especially in his little church that counted on his generosity so much. On my next trip for fishing, God willing, if I am still alive, I will go to his tomb to be sure that what he had said, they did. But there was no need for that good old man to lie. I am sure he did want that epitaph, unless his children may not have respected his wishes.

During my last column, I said that I did not know what was next, well, **now I know**. Coronavirus or COVID-19 was my next headache to wrestle with. It started little by little; I was losing my strength, feeling so lazy and uneasy. I kept trying to make my plans as usual, but my body and temperature didn't show any change. As the sickness took over the whole body, I felt body aches and headache. This came with feeling cold. I liked to sit outside in the sunshine until the sun set, then I would run into the warmth of the house. When going to sleep, I was like a tree fallen to the ground and had no strength to stand up again. I had to force myself to wake up in order to start a new day. I remember the last Mass I had celebrated; I was nervous that I would not be able to finish it. As soon as the Mass was over, I ran into the Rectory and fell on the chair and started dozing. I called the physical therapy that was scheduled for the day to let them know that I was very sick and could not attend it. Linda Gospodnetich, Father Uba, Bernadette Hicks and Father Abraham Chiu all told me to go to the Emergency Room but I refused. I thought that by getting enough rest maybe my body would build up some energy and keep it moving. I took the self-test of Covid three times, and the answer was negative each time.

My mouth was so bitter that nothing tasted good anymore (not even **goat**). It seems like all the poison from all kinds of snakes were in my mouth. The question was how to get rid of that bitterness. While eating, it was horrible, food didn't taste good anymore. It was only to eat for the matter of surviving. All the food tasted the same and I was very tired of it.

Monday, on January 24th, early in the morning, I was out in the sunshine, but with not any strength just as I expected. I knew things were not to continue like that, and my own way was going back to the Mercy San Juan Emergency. I didn't like it, but I had no other choice. I hate going to an Emergency Room; too many people, from too many areas around Sacramento, too many diseases, too many different ages... I admire the people who work over there. You have to be patient, loving regardless of the attitude of the thousand of patients they have to deal with. God bless them, they do all they can to diminish the number of the patients, but they keep coming from everywhere as if there is no end. Now the Emergency Room has become like my second home. I try to get to know some people there and make some friends. Amazingly, I knew the woman doctor on call this time was the one who took care of my hiccups and she remembered me as well as I did. I was able to thank her. She did ask me about Father Uba, who happened to be around the corner. Here, they tested COVID on me and it came back positive. I didn't like it at the beginning, but I was happy that something causing my pains was found. The doctor gave me 7 days off, as after that I would be no longer contagious.



Dear Parishioners, I am very happy to announce to you that my energy is coming back little by little. Thank you for all your prayers, your notes of comfort that you sent through the emails or by calling. I appreciate so much those Rosaries and Novenas that you prayed for me. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for those good soups and vitamins you brought to me. Thank you for all the help you provided for me when I was in need. Believe me, they all helped and, here I am, back to life.

It is not all negative. I wanted to diminish my weight and it never worked. Surprisingly, yesterday, I wore a shirt I could not wear and now it fits me so perfectly. Today, on February 1st, I tried on pants that could no longer fit me and they all fit me perfectly. I think COVID is not all that bad as we think it is, but, please, take your vitamins so that your body maybe strong enough to knock down any COVID variant that may try to take over your body.

Please, dear Parishioners, let us keep praying for one another as we rely on God alone for the life we live here on earth, and, particularly for the next, that is way too close than we ever think it is.

God bless, Father Bernardin MUGABO

DEACON KEITH'S HOMILY (FEBRUARY 6, 2022)



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE "C"):

All the earth is filled with His glory. Really? Do we see God filling the earth with His glory? I hope all of us recognize, by God's grace, our faith is still growing into eventual perfect love. Everyone has been infused with the virtues of faith, hope, and love. Yet realizing the fullness of those virtues is still a work in progress. Even though God gives us the gifts of the Spirit and the grace to come to grow in those virtues, we limit the fulfillment of those virtues by being distracted away from full abandonment to the unity with the love who is God. One way to discern our own hesitation to this abandonment to this unifying love, may be in our response to the question originating from the line in the First Reading. In all the earth, do I see the glory of God? Or, in all the earth do I see darkness and fear? Focusing on the darkness and fear gives glory to something other than God. It fractures our purity of heart toward God, causing us to continually struggle with faith, because our idol is the darkness and the fear.

The earth is filled with the glory of God! Today, part of our fractured unity with God comes from the over-personification of God, as we try to create God in our own image and likeness. The most impactful break began just prior to the reformation, expanded through the enlightenment and continues today. These ideas robbed generations of the mystery of the unity of God and His creation. We can recall the comment of the first Soviet cosmonaut, after returning to Earth said, "I looked and I looked, but I did not see God." What was he looking for? Many of our founding fathers were considered deists. They thought God created the world then left. All these thoughts began as struggles between spirit and matter, suffering and love. These philosophical movements put the mystery of God in a point of opposition to His beloved creation, making God's glory filling the earth unknowable to many and to us.

But our tradition teaches us that the glory of God fills all of creation through all time. God is not limited by time and space. And, God is not contingent on anything to exist. Yet, all things then exist within God. Ephesians tells us, "One God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." This means that God, the eternal act of love, with the Father, Son, and the Spirit giving themselves to one another in an everlasting embrace. This Trinity of love, which has its eternal source in the Father, spills over into history through the sacrificial love of the Son and the sanctifying love of the Spirit. This is where we dwell – in God's glory. Every moment in creation is a continual dance of love between the persons of the Trinity. And it is in that dance, for all time - even before our conception – that God desired to share it with us – all of us. Do you see the glory of the dance, or do you only see the darkness and fear? Blessed are the pure of heart for they see God. To be fishers of men, are we called to spread the glory of darkness and fear or the glory of God?

Each of these three readings bring us a man that despite his own faults accepted the grace of God to purify their hearts and to go on mission. This grace allowed them to know unity with God and to see the face of God in those who they would bring the good news. Isaiah, realizing that through his lips came forth evil. This evil that came through his lips originated as thoughts he held in his heart. In his humility, he recognized that he could not see God because of this evil. And in Isaiah's humility, God desired to be seen by Isaiah and his impure heart was cleansed by the hot ember from the altar touching his lips. He then went on mission.

For Peter, a professional fisherman, knowing how ludicrous it was to catch fish in the middle of the day, with little trust in Jesus, was brought to his knees when the catch filled two boats. Peter was lifted by the justice of Jesus and called to begin a new career. Later, Peter again would be lifted by Christ after Peter's humbling denial of Christ during the passion. Jesus again lifted Peter to see the glory of the Resurrection through the ugliness of the Passion.

We can only imagine a few people throughout history who would compare to Saul of Tarsus. Saul was a terrorist to the early church. He planned and worked to carry out an extinction of the new Christian sect. His faith was found in the many laws of the Jewish tradition and his service to God was to eliminate anyone who disagreed. But we know his story. Saul was brought to his knees, raised by Christ as a new man called Paul, educated by the Holy Spirit, and began a mission to awaken all to their unity in the body of Christ. Despite the flaws of the communities, he continued to see in the other God's goodness. And, he pointed them toward a deeper understanding of God's unifying indwelling within them. Through unifying love, Paul attracted many people to the growing churches.

Unfortunately today, we find ourselves putting people in these separate little boxes of why we don't need to love them. They are homeless, addicted, liberal, conservative, a government or church official, or some other deviation of our perfect self. We confidently say to a friend what box we have put those other people in, expecting our friend to "know what we mean". And we aren't shy to say we hate them! Do we think that's how the early church grew? No. They grew because they were different from the general population. They were unified in love towards all – even their persecutors.

Brothers and sisters, let us put down the darkness and fear that disbands unity. Let us allow the glory of God to lift us so we can love better, so we can better love all. So we can better love like the One to whom we all dwell. It is by being unified to His glory and filling the earth with love, where we come to be fishers of men. Will you let Him fill your nets?

LITURGY (INTERCESSORY PRAYERS) FOR FEBRUARY 6, 2022

Let us turn to our loving Father as we lift up our prayers and needs.

For the Church: that we may be attentive to God's invitations and allow Jesus to draw our attention away from our fear and limits so that we can respond to all that God asks. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For the grace to deeply listen: that we may follow Christ away from the noise and demands of daily life and enter the silent depths of our hearts where we can hear God's words of life and love. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For all who feel unwelcome or unworthy before God: that God's unconditional love may heal and free them so that they may live in the freedom of the children of God. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For peace: that the Spirit will inspire world leaders to resolve differences through dialogue and reduce tensions in Eastern Europe to avoid violence. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For an ever-deepening conversion of heart within this community: that the Holy Spirit will help us discover our misdirection, guide us in practicing the teachings of Christ, and lead us greater faith, stronger hope, and deeper love. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For all who are ill: that God will heal the sick, lift the burden of those with mental illness, inspire healthcare providers with insights, and give strength to their families. 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 and merciful God, You give us courage to follow You without reservation or a second thought. We ask You to receive our prayers and answer our needs through Jesus Christ, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

SJE WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekend of:	<u>Actual</u> <u>(Week):</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>(Week):</u>	<u>Surplus/</u> <u>(Deficit):</u>
January 30, 2022	\$8,548	\$10,365	(\$1,817)

Many thanks for your ongoing generosity to St. John's Church!!

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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number and
email address

WEEKLY ADORATION

Glorification
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 REHEARSAL

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

Wednesday, February 9, at 7pm

For choir up-dates, please email
Bill Becker at

music@sjecarmichael.org



Let's sing!!!

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the soul of longtime SJE Parishioner **MARTIN FIORINO**, husband of Mary Ann (deceased 2018), and father of Mark, SJE Parishioner Don, Trent, Brice and Wade, who passed away January 21st.

His gravesite service at Calvary Cemetery was private. May God grant him eternal rest and strengthen and comfort his family. May he rest in peace.

Please pray for the soul of longtime SJE Parishioner **HENRY GUERRERO**, husband of Alice, and father of Gloria Carlucci and SJE Parishioner Christina Valle, who passed away January 23rd at the age of 102 years.

His gravesite service at Calvary Cemetery was private. May God grant him eternal rest and strengthen and comfort his family. May he rest in peace.

ST. JOHN'S GIFT SHOP NEWS...



SJE CHURCH GIFT SHOP IS OPEN
AFTER 5PM VIGIL, 8AM AND 10AM MASSES

ST. VALENTINE'S ITEMS NOW AVAILABLE!!

Proceeds benefit St. John's School

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL - FEB. 26TH

Bring God's tender care to others through the Annual Catholic Appeal

25% comes back to our Parish for our own outreach to those in need.

On the weekend of February 26, we will have the opportunity to come alongside those who are suffering through the **ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**. Each of our gifts, no matter the amount, makes a difference in someone's life. Catholic Charities can respond to the greatest needs in our communities. Seminarians receive support as they prepare to serve our local parishes. Catholic schools in economically-challenged neighborhoods can provide tuition assistance.

Last year, 574 donors made donations to the **Annual Catholic Appeal** that brought **\$21,731 BACK** to **St. John the Evangelist** to support our own Parish ministries, our school and our outreach to the community.

Please prayerfully consider what you can give this year.

LOCKING OF CHAPEL – UPDATE

Due to homeless issues, our *SJE Blessed Sacrament Chapel* is locked Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. For now, the door will be open Wednesday and Friday for Adoration.

If someone wants to visit our Chapel on the days it is locked, they must first call (916) 483-8454 or stop by the SJE Office for admittance and the door will be locked behind them. This new procedure is for the safety of all concerned.

Our new Chapel Door Keypad is ordered...

REGISTERED AT ST. JOHN'S PARISH???

We are still receiving a lot of returned offertory envelopes due to invalid addresses coming back to the SJE Parish Office.

To update or register your current, **REVISED** information with our Parish, please complete the **"REGISTRATION/CHANGE OF ADDRESS"** strip located on the lower portion of the front page of our Bulletin and drop in the Mass collection baskets or Offertory Boxes, or call us at (916) 483-8454, stop by our office, drop the form in the mail or send an email to us at office@sjecarmichael.org.

We want to make sure you know we are here for you and that we are able to get ahold of you in times of need through a phone call or email address.

Thank you again for all you do for us at SJE Parish and God bless!

SJE PRAYER LIST

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

February 6, 2022

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

Grades: Kindergarten through Junior High

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This Friday, February 11, we will honor our Lady of Lourdes. Many years ago on this date in 1858, a young girl, Bernadette Soubirous, was sent with one of her younger sisters and a friend to gather firewood. Suddenly, a very beautiful lady appeared to Bernadette, a fourteen-year-old, above a rose bush in a grotto called Massabielle in Lourdes, France wearing a white dress with a blue girdle. She was holding a gold and white Rosary, and there was a yellow rose on each of her feet. As this lady made the Sign of the Cross, Bernadette fell to her knees and took out her own Rosary to pray. Although her sister and her friend were unable to see this woman, Bernadette knew that this small young lady was truly real.

After three days, Bernadette, her sister Marie, and other girls returned to the grotto, where Bernadette immediately knelt, saying that she could see "aquoero" again. When one girl threw holy water into a niche, and another girl threw a rock, which shattered on the ground, the apparition of the lady disappeared. Starting on February 18, Bernadette returned to the grotto for a fortnight because this lady requested that she return to the grotto that often. As Bernadette's parents were not only embarrassed, but they were also worried about her welfare, they attempted to stop her visits to the grotto, although they were unable to prevent their daughter from returning.

On February 25, Bernadette was instructed by the small young lady "to drink of the water of the spring, to wash in it, and to eat the herb that grew there" as an act of penance. From that day on, the grotto's muddy waters were clear and fresh water flowed. Then, on March 2, during the thirteenth of these Apparitions, the young lady said, "I am the Immaculate Conception." In Bernadette's town, some people did believe that Bernadette was actually seeing the Blessed Virgin, but others believed that she was suffering from mental illness, and a few individuals believed that these visions meant that Bernadette needed to pray for penance.

The French government and Church officials, who rigorously interrogated Bernadette, finally confirmed that this young girl spoke the truth. Actually, the clean water from the spring by the grotto had brought about the cure of sixty-nine people. This water was examined and analyzed, but the results determined that the water only contained a high mineral content.

When Bernadette asked the priest to build a chapel at the site of Our Lady's appearances, the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes was built, although, at the present time, many additional chapels have been constructed around the grotto, including the Basilica of St. Pius X. Bernadette was pleased with these honors given to Our Lady, but she did not appreciate all the attention that she was receiving. Finally, she learned to read and write upon entering a hospice school run by the Sisters of Charity of Nevers. On July 29, 1866, Bernadette joined the Sisters of Charity, taking on the name of Sister Maria Bernarda in honor of her grandmother. From 1875 on, Bernadette's health, which was always frail as she suffered from severe asthma, continued to deteriorate. Her asthma worsened, and then she suffered from a painful bone disease. Actually, Bernadette faced her illness with stoicism, always demonstrating humility and sacrifice while working as an infirmity assistant and sacristan. In keeping with the Virgin Mary's admonition of "Penance, Penance, Penance," she proclaimed that all her suffering was good for Heaven. Suffering from tuberculosis of the bone in her right knee, on April 16, 1879, while praying the Rosary, Bernadette's last words were, "Blessed Mary, Mother of God, pray for me, a poor sinner, a poor sinner."

All around the world, the image of Our Lady of Lourdes has been copied and reproduced in numerous shrines and homes and the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes is one of the major Catholic pilgrimage sites in the world. St. Bernadette Soubirous was canonized on December 8, 1933, by Pope Pius XI on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. She has been declared the Patron Saint of bodily ills, and sick people. Her Feast Day is on February 18.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Joanne Giffard, Religious Education Coordinator

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MASS INTENTIONS

Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of February 7-12, 2022

Monday:

6:30 am Robert (I) and Marcia (I) Bodem

8:30 am Dorothy Bertie †

Tuesday: *St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin*

6:30 am Brian (I) and Mary Anne (I) Harp

8:30 am Mary Mentel (I)

Wednesday:

6:30 am John Lubecki †

8:30 am Myrtle and Manuel Lewis

Thursday: *St. Scholastica, Virgin*

6:30 am Leonard Zerilli (I)

8:30 am Deceased and Living Members of Dr. Cynthia Santos' Family

Friday: *OUR LADY OF LOURDES*

6:30 am Veronica Ferrel (I)

8:30 am Noah Heskett (I) (Birthday--in Military)

Saturday: *BLESSED VIRGIN MARY*

8:30 am Bob (I) and Marjorie (I) Lilly and Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19; Ps 81:10-15; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 138: 1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

PLEASE JOIN OUR MINISTRIES

Please prayerfully consider joining one (or more) of our vibrant SJE Ministries:

Ministry of the Holy Eucharist, Eucharistic Homebound Ministry, Eucharistic Adoration, Commentators, Lectors, Altar Serving, Altar Society, Music Ministry, Ushers, B'Frienders (Funeral Receptions), Offertory Counters, Grounds Maintenance and more.

Please contact: **Deacon Keith Johnson** at deaconkeith@sjecarmichael.org; **Deacon Jack Wilson** at deaconjack@sjecarmichael.org or our Parish Office either by phone (916) 483-8454 or email office@sjecarmichael.org for more information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PRAYER (CON'T)

OUR PRAYER: GOD, OUR FATHER, MAY WE ALWAYS PROFIT BY THE PRAYERS OF THE VIRGIN MARY, FOR YOU BRING US LIFE AND SALVATION THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, HER SON, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT FOREVER, AND EVER. AMEN

A GLIMPSE OF SPIRITUALITY BY FR. ABRAHAM

Jesus is merciful. He always takes the initiative to approach the needy, in particular the sick and the dead, regardless their uncleanness. It is done not because of good mood but love. In a spiritual way, willing to help or pray for the enemies is to purify an intention to do good deed.



First, people contacted Jesus because he was approachable. The woman with a flow of blood for twelve years "had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment."

The preposition "about" (peri) of the phrase "heard about Jesus" (akousasa ta peri tou Iēsou) signifies that this woman had heard about Jesus' mercy and love. The most important issue is that Jesus was approachable. Thus, in spite of the crowd, she tried her best effort to touch Jesus' garments.

The verb "touch" (hēpsato) denotes grasping or persistence. That touch signifies the woman's faith as she said: "If I touch even his garments, I shall be made well." She did not demand Jesus to heal her personally but only wanted to touch Jesus' garment for healing. As a result, Jesus said to her: "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease." Jesus welcomed the unclean to touch him in order that he made the unclean clean.

Fr. Abraham Chiu

JOKE OF THE WEEK

The pastor was a fisherman but he hadn't fished in months. One perfect Sunday morning, he couldn't resist. He called up his associate priest and claimed he had laryngitis. The priest then headed out to his favorite spot. The hook hadn't been in the water five minutes before he got a strike, and landed the biggest fish he had ever caught--although he had seen bigger ones caught by others. A half hour later, he caught the biggest fish he had ever seen. Another forty-five minutes later, he landed a fish that broke the world record. All this time St. Peter and God have been watching the priest from Heaven. St. Peter turned to God, and said, "How can you reward this priest? He lied. He doesn't observe Sunday obligation." God smiled at St. Peter, and replied, "I'm punishing him." St. Peter was confused, so God continued, "Well, after he has caught all of them, who can he brag about his fishing story to?"

CARMICHAEL HART VOLUNTEERS

Carmichael HART's WINTER RESPITE

We at **St. John's** are hosting the **RESPITE** (at **Carmichael Presbyterian Church** on Marconi Ave.) on **Mondays; February 7, 14, 21 and 28** from **8:30 am - 1:30 pm.**

If you would like to volunteer to help, please call or email **PAM** at **(916) 716-6228** or kpaeljohnson@gmail.com

Details can be found at www.carmichaelhart.org.

MASK UPDATE (12/15/2021-2/15/22) DIOCESE

For Parishes Statewide - **USE OF MASKS: ONE MONTH MANDATE (EXTENDED) PER CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH (CDPH)**

1. Face coverings shall be worn, regardless of vaccination status, over the mouth and nose, in all indoor public settings. The exceptions are:
 - a. Persons younger than two years old.
 - b. Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition or disability that prevents wearing a mask. This includes persons with a medical condition for whom wearing a mask could obstruct breathing or who are unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove a mask without assistance.
 - c. Persons who are hearing impaired, or communicating with a person who is hearing impaired, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication.
 - d. Persons for whom wearing a mask would create a risk to the person related to their work, as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference thanks you for your continued support throughout the year, which allows us to help the poor and needy in our neighborhood. It is appreciated more than you know.

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!

*A huge **thank you** to all our Parishioners who support the **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD LOCKER.***

*Also, thanks to local businesses who donate food and support our efforts all year long. Please support them when you can: **SaveMart, La Bou, Noah's Bagels, Smart & Final, and the Sunday Farmer's Market** in Carmichael Park.*

Thank you for your support throughout the year, we couldn't do this without you.

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

CARMELITE SISTERS' LUNCHEON

Carmelite Fundraiser Spaghetti Luncheon



Please join us on February 12 at St. Mel's Parish Hall in Fair Oaks.

Spaghetti, salad, bread, desert. GF option.

It's almost St. Valentine's Day! Show the Sisters some LOVE!

Tickets still only \$25 pp.



Caption

Fun raffle and silent auction, including a retreat weekend at the Monastery and a visit with the Sisters on Sunday.

To register, go online to www.carmeliteauxiliary.org
Or contact Brenda at blmcc77@gmail.com

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