



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

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 27, 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

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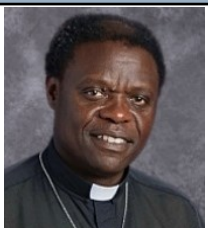
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PASTOR'S PAGE



RECENT MESSAGE OF THE QUEEN OF PEACE:

“Dear children! Today I am calling you to return to personal prayer. Little children, do not forget that Satan is strong and that he wants to attract all the more souls to himself. That is why, you be vigilant in prayer and resolute in the good. I am with you and blessing all of you with my motherly blessing.” (January 25, 2022) to Marija

Dear Parishioners, there is an African wisdom saying that the mouth of the old man or woman may be shaking but it says the truth. It is also said that those you love, you warn. Since June 24th 1981, the Blessed Virgin Mary has been giving messages via visionaries to every human being on the planet. These messages are full of wisdom that is much greater than any wise man or woman who ever lived on earth. She is the Mother of Jesus, she lives in Heaven and she really loves all of us. She said to all of us through visionaries that “if you knew how much I love you, you would cry of joy”.

Dear Children: It doesn't matter what people say about you, how you look or talk, disability, age or handicap. The love of a special mother like the Blessed Mother cannot be taken away by anything. Remember you are always her child and you are very special for her.

Return to personal prayer: Prayer is a powerful weapon against the evil one. Prayer is for the soul what food is for the body. We all need to pray so that we may be spiritually alive. I hope you pray the Rosary, you go to Mass, read your Bible, and most of all, go to Church every Sunday. When we pray, God comes to our help. Modern man doesn't see the need of prayer because he thinks he is only bones and flesh with no soul, not different than any other animal. This is very sad. Personal prayers are needed to shape us into people of God and people of hope.

Satan is strong: If you don't see it, you are maybe blinded and you need help to gain your 20/20 vision. Well, today we are worse than the time of Sodom and Gomorrah. Sins are protected, funded and praised. Abortion, homosexuality and transgender are examples. Worse than this, people are building churches of satan so that they can worship this nightmare. Recently, from February 9 to February 13 in Scottsdale, Arizona, a satanic temple held its inaugural convention. Thank God many people went to protest with crucifixes and signs denouncing satan. On July 10, 2021, satanists claimed the historic Bladensburg Peace Cross in the name of all satanist veterans in a public ritual. There were approximately seventy of them dressed in black, many in black robes and some with horned headwear. The satanic temple was featured in theaters in a very positive light all across America in a documentary called “Hail Satan.” And it can be streamed into people's living rooms.

The town of Kenai, Alaska, opened its official meeting with a public “prayer to Satan, led by Satanic temple member Iris Fontana as follows: “let us embrace the Luciferian impulse to eat of the tree of knowledge and dissipate our blissful and comforting delusions of old.” Fontana ended the meeting with the salute, “Hail Satan.” There is a church of Lucifer in Texas that opened on October 19, 2015. Of course, there are many more satanic temples around the country and around the world.

The IRS gave the satanic temple the same status as a church with the same benefits as religious organizations--including tax exemption.

Why would someone worship the devil? Do they know what Jesus said in the Bible about satan and hell? Do they know that the Blessed Virgin Mary showed Hell to the children in Fatima and that it was extremely scary for the children to see such pain and suffering? Those who went to hell and came back, they all describe hell as the worst place that a human can imagine. Satan loves you to torture you in hell for all eternity. The Blessed Virgin Mary saw this a long time ago and has never stopped warning us. In this message, she is asking us to be vigilant in prayer and resolute in the good. The good news is that she is with us to help us if we are willing to listen.

God bless, Father Bernardin MUGABO

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL WEEKEND

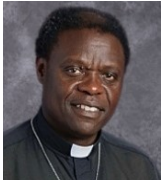
Bring God's tender care to others through the ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

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

The **ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL** is dedicated solely to the social mission of the Church here in Northern California. Not everyone can walk with people in need but we can help them through the Annual Catholic Appeal. Each of our gifts, no matter the amount, makes a difference in someone's life. Seminarians receive support as they prepare to serve our local parishes. Expectant mothers at the Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home and the Sacramento Life Center, religious including the Sisters of Mercy and the Carmelites, the poor through our Saint Vincent de Paul Home visit and food locker programs and Carmichael HART along with families needing tuition support for our SJE school received help through your donations.

Last year, **574 donors** at SJE made donations to the **ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL** that brought **\$21,731 back** to St John the Evangelist to support some of the recipients listed above. Please prayerfully consider what you can give this year.

FR. BERNARDIN'S HOMILY (FEBRUARY 27, 2022)



8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

"A person's speech discloses the bent of his mind" says the First Reading. This reminds us that **language is a wonderful gift God gave to us humans**. It allows us to communicate, to explain our ideas...

Whether we like it or not, our language shows whether we are educated or not. It usually indicates which country we are from, and, within the country, even which part. It tells about our age and sex, our temperament, our profession, our honesty, our moral values and our outlook on life. Our language should be the language of the heart, honestly reflecting our best selves. However, not all language is honest and reflects the real person. We are constantly exposed, for example, to the multifaceted language of diplomacy and the deceptive language of the slick commercial.

Jesus said that it is possible to notice a tiny splinter of wood in another person's eye while being unaware of a plank in one's eye.

It is a fact that we can be unaware of certain facts about ourselves, which are perfectly clear to anyone who has ever lived in the same house with us or worked in the same office. **When we talk behind the back about other people**; we underline their mistakes, at the same time, we claim to be innocent and perfect... *It is a well known fact that nothing so blinds us to our own faults as a preoccupation with the faults of others.* If you want to reform the world, to make things better, don't use the wrong way which begins by trying to reform others instead of reforming yourselves. It is only when you recognize your faults, you can confess them, and you can change your habits.

As Christians, we have a responsibility to show concern for others. But how can we be a guide to others if we are blind ourselves? The best thing we can do is not to guide simply by correcting, but by example. By walking the right road ourselves and being a true friend. That is the way to guide others. Each man must judge himself before he can judge or teach his neighbor.

A blind cannot lead another blind. If both are blind, there will be no progress, in other words, no man can teach his neighbor unless he himself has already learned the lesson he wishes to teach to him. **The word "Hypocrite" means one who pretends to be what he is not in reality.** In other words, most, if not all of us are to some degree, hypocrites. We pretend to be what we are not, but should be. We pretend to be producing good fruit: figs and grapes, whereas, we are only thorn bushes and brambles, which produce nothing but harmful thorns which sting and poison ourselves and our neighbors. Good works of charity and mercy will proceed from the man who is solidly grounded in virtue, while evil deeds proceed from the man who has lived and is living an evil life.

Why these words? These words are put before us today for there are few amongst us who do not need to be reminded of their lesson. We are all so prone to see the neighbor's faults and so inclined to cover up or deny our own, while ourselves are blind to our own faults. We can all criticize minor defects in our neighbor's Christian behavior while our own Christian way of living is giving far greater scandal.

Jesus knows our hearts. Imagine how many times in the past week have I criticized my fellow man without knowing all, or any, perhaps, of the true facts. How often have I honestly examined my own conscience to see my own more serious defects and try to correct them?

Brothers and sisters, when our Lord spoke these words, His purpose and intention was not to condemn His hearers, He wanted to open our hearts so that we should change for the better and learn to live with our neighbor's faults, and do all in power to correct our own. Let us remember that we are all guilty of rash judgement and unjustified criticism. Let us turn this criticism around to us and judge ourselves honestly and sincerely. Then we shall find ourselves becoming more Christian, and, therefore, more charitable towards our neighbor and less critical of the faults of others. **Amen.**

LITURGY (INTERCESSORY PRAYERS) FOR FEBRUARY 27, 2022

We collect our prayers and needs for all who need God. We turn to our Father and ask Him to listen to us here on earth.

For the Church: that the wisdom of God may enlighten our words and actions so that our deepest identity as children of God may be manifest. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

May God's Divine Spirit look after the people of Ukraine during these trying times. We pray that a peaceful resolution be achieved for them and their nation. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For the grace to be single-hearted: that God will cleanse us of hypocrisy and help us to live fully what we profess. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For our sisters and brothers in the Diocese of Sacramento: may the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary bring to us the wisdom of her son Jesus as we consider our participation in the Annual Catholic Appeal. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For rain and snow: that in God's merciful love may we receive snow to cover the mountains and rain to fill the lakes and to bring life to our farmlands. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For all who are ill: that the Spirit will bring healing to all burdened with illness, restore them to their activities and responsibilities, and help them to be strengthened through the care and companionship of family and friends. 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 tender God, receive our weary lives and strengthen us for the journey to Your eternal kingdom. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SJE WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

<u>Weekend of:</u>	<u>Actual (Week):</u>	<u>Budget (Week):</u>	<u>Surplus/ (Deficit):</u>
February 20, 2022	\$9,203	\$10,365	(\$1,162)
<i>Many thanks for your ongoing generosity to St. John's Church!!</i>			

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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sjecarmichael.org](mailto:office@sjecarmichael.org)
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WEEKLY ADORATION



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, March 2, at 7pm

For choir up-dates, please email
Bill Becker at

music@sjecarmichael.org

Let's sing!!!



JOKE OF THE WEEK

A doctor and a lawyer were attending a cocktail party when the doctor was approached by a man who asked advice on how to handle his ulcer.

The doctor mumbled some medical advice, then turned to the lawyer and remarked, "I never know how to handle the situation when I'm asked for medical advice during a social function. Is it acceptable to send a bill for such advice?"

The lawyer replied that it was certainly acceptable to do so.

The next day, the doctor sent the ulcer-stricken man a bill.

The lawyer also sent one to the doctor.

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS PROCEDURE

In order to avoid "Mass" confusion, here are our procedures to schedule a daily Mass Intention(s):

- **Stop by** the **SJE PARISH OFFICE** between 9:30 am-4:00 pm Monday-Friday to request the Mass time and date (per availability). The recommended Diocese Mass Stipend is \$10 per Mass. Obtain a payment receipt and living or deceased Mass Intention Card(s).
- **Mail in** a Mass Intention request note with your phone number, address and check payment to: **SJE PARISH OFFICE, 5751 LOCUST AVE., CARMICHAEL, CA 95608**. We will advise if the dates requested are available and mail back the appropriate card(s) to you. **NO PHONE IN REQUESTS ALLOWED.**

ST. JOHN'S GIFT SHOP NEWS...



SJE CHURCH GIFT SHOP IS OPEN

AFTER 5PM VIGIL, 8AM AND 10AM MASSES

St. Patrick's & CONFIRMATION ITEMS
NOW AVAILABLE

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL WEEKEND

**Today we join together through the
ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**



We may not all be social workers, yet, through the **ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**, the whole Catholic community leans in to help our Catholic Charities...and our own Parish...to sustain programs and ministries that help lift our neighbors and friends out of the hardship of poverty. 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.

The **ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL** is dedicated solely to the social mission of the Church here in Northern California. Last year, **314,000** people were helped by Appeal-funded charitable works.

Please be as generous as you can.

SISTERS IN FAITH LENT SERIES

What are YOU doing for LENT? We are thrilled to share that we have a **Sisters in Faith** program for LENT - EASTER.

Our topic will be **DIVINE MERCY IN THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD**, by Fr. Michael Gaitley. We will follow a powerful and structured program as we are led deeper into the Story of the **DIVINE MERCY**.

All the women of our Parish are welcome and please bring a friend. We would love to see you!

Our first of eight sessions begins **Wednesday, March 9th** at **6:30 pm** in St. James Hall, through Wednesday, April 27th.

For more information or questions, contact Pam (916) 716-6228
kpaeljohnson@gmail.com or Dionne (916) 996-8221
stevodevocolins@hotmail.com.

LOCKING OF CHAPEL — UPDATE

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 Chapel Door Keypad installation is scheduled to be completed by the end of February.

SJE PRAYER LIST

Please Pray for our sick and their caregivers: Andrea Armstrong, Bob Bodem, Nancy Born, Robert Burns, Chuck Carly, Geoff Carter, **Andrea Casperson**, 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, Jacqueline Whittle, Amanda Young and all those with COVID-19.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

February 27, 2022

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/CCD/CFE

Grades: Kindergarten through Junior High

Phone: 916-483-4628 Email: ccd@sjecarmichael.org

We will be ever happy to be together again for Religious Education on Sunday, February 27. On February 13 we ended our last session with a St. Valentine celebration, which began with a brief history of St. Valentine, and then one of our students and a teacher passed out spiritual Valentine cards and individually wrapped candy. Our children then vacationed on their three-day Presidents' Day holiday.

ST. AGNES OF BOHEMIA will be our honored saint this week on her designated Feast Day, March 2. Actually, St. Agnes was a medieval princess born in Prague in the early 1200's. She was the daughter of King Ottokar of Bohemia, which made her a descendant of St. Ludmila and St. Wenceslaus, who were both patron saints of Bohemia. Her mother Constance of Hungary was the sister of King Andrew of Hungary, which meant that Agnes was also the first cousin of St. Elizabeth of Hungary. At the early age of three, Agnes was placed under the care of St. Hedwig of Andechs, who was the wife of Duke Henry of Silesia, who sent her to be educated in a monastery with a community of nuns, and later she was educated in a priory.

Due to her royal status, Princess Agnes always received a superior education, and she was constantly a pawn in many an arranged marriage. Again, at the young age of three, Princess Agnes was betrothed to Boleslaus, and when he died, she was then engaged at eight years of age to Prince Henry, son of Emperor Frederick II, King of Sicily. Later, Prince Henry became the King of Germany, and despite his betrothal to Princess Agnes for six years, he married the daughter of Duke Leopold VI Babenberg of Austria. As a result, the father of Agnes went to war with the Babenbergs in 1226. Needless to say, Princess Agnes was again engaged by King Ottokar to King Henry III of England, but Agnes wrote to Pope Gregory IX asking him to prevent this marriage because she wanted to dedicate herself to Christ. Pope Gregory IX interceded for Agnes, and she then devoted herself to prayer, spiritual works, and the service of God in the sanctuary of the cloister.

In 1232, Agnes founded the Hospital of St. Francis on land donated by her brother King Wenceslaus of Bohemia. In addition, she built two friary complexes for the Franciscan friars, which were attached to this hospital. Through them, Agnes began correspondence with St. Clare of Assisi. Then in 1234, Agnes herself became a nun of the Franciscan Poor Clares. Later in 1238, Sister Agnes organized a new military order, which was dedicated primarily to nursing and was known as the Knights of the Cross with the Red Star, who followed the rules of St. Augustine. It was later that Sister Agnes handed all the authority of this hospital to the monastic knights. As a nun, even when she was an abbess, Sister Agnes always cooked for and mended clothes for lepers and the poor. Eventually hundred of girls from the nobility followed the lead of Sister Agnes, who saw something more valuable than becoming a queen or empress, because becoming a St. Clare nun meant that one would follow a unique pathway to God.

After having spent forty-four years as a Poor Clare, Sister Agnes died on March 6, 1282. Pope John Paul II canonized St. Agnes on November 12, 1989. The canonization of St. Agnes of Bohemia was based on her practice of the Christian virtues of faith, hope, and charity to an extraordinary degree. Christians from all around the world venerate St. Agnes. In 2011, on the 800th anniversary of her birth, St. Agnes was honored as being the Saint of the Overthrow of Communism. On this anniversary, the National Gallery in Prague organized a special exhibition called "St. Agnes of Bohemia--Princess and Nun" at the Convent of St. Agnes.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Joanne Giffard, Religious Education Coordinator

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MASS INTENTIONS

Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of February 28-March 5, 2022

Monday:

6:30 am Rebecca DeLeon †

8:30 am Edith Butler (I) (Birthday)

Tuesday: *Shrove Tuesday*

6:30 am Diane Deterding and Family (I)

8:30 am Donald V. Bolan †

Wednesday: *ASH WEDNESDAY (FAST & ABSTINENCE)*

6:30 am Judy Croce and Family (I)

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

7:00 pm Emil Mentel † (Anniversary of his death)

Thursday: *St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin*

6:30 am John Lubecki †

8:30 am Intentions of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:30 pm Judy Gabriel and Family (I)

Friday: *St. Casimir (ABSTINENCE)*

6:30 am Adriano Lorenzo †

8:30 am Jack (I) and Kim (I) Byram and Family

5:30 pm Veronica Ferrel and Family

Saturday: *BLESSED VIRGIN MARY First Saturday*

8:30 am Jerry Gospodnetich †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9, 10c; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1-4; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

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 Reception), 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: PLACE OUR MINDS BEFORE THE MIRROR OF ETERNITY, PLACE OUR SOULS IN THE BRILLIANCE OF GLORY, AND OUR HEARTS IN THE FIGURE OF THE DIVINE SUBSTANCE. LET US TRANSFORM OUR WHOLE BEING INTO THE IMAGE OF THE GODHEAD ITSELF THROUGH CONTEMPLATION. (This is based on words sent in a letter from St. Agnes of Bohemia to St. Clare of Assisi).

A GLIMPSE OF SPIRITUALITY BY FR. ABRAHAM

When encountering true love, people always expect this love to be eternal. Likewise, when life reaches the most beautiful moment, people want to turn this present moment into eternity.

The human heart has a desire for eternity, because eternal beauty makes people live in happiness. However, human heart can change. When human heart changes, love also changes at the same time.



Only God never changes because God is eternal. Therefore, when people fall in love with God, and this God has already loved people before the creation of the world, since God is eternal, loving others in God thus is also eternal. In short, entrusting lives in the hands of God, because God loves people eternally, life will enter eternity as a result.

"In him was life, and the life was the light of humans," writes the evangelist.

"Life" (zōē) is one of the central themes of John's gospel. The theology of John emphasizes the presence of true life, and only eternal life is true life; what can be passing away is only the earthly.

From the aspect of eternity, before the beginning of time, the Word is already life. This life cannot be destroyed by all means even if Jesus is crucified. The devil's power cannot destroy his eternal life as Jesus says: "For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life, that I may take it again." (John 10:17)

Here, the "life" that Jesus lay down in Greek is "psyche" that points to earthly life. It then can be given up for the beloved people as a good shepherd (tithēmi; see if 10:10, 11, 15, 17-18).

What is taken back is not the earthly "psyche" but true life, that is eternal life (zōē). Therefore, the resurrection of Jesus is not the restoration of the life before death, but the transformation of the entire life, from the earthly to the eternal. Human life is only satisfied by the eternal God.

In front of eternal life, everything can be let go.

Fr. Abraham Chiu

2/15/22 DIOCESE COVID/MASK UPDATE

As conditions with the pandemic have improved, **Bishop Jaime Soto** and the Office of Worship would like to remind the faithful of the protocols in place for attending Mass in the Diocese of Sacramento. These protocols provide safe and healthy environments for our communities and are simple, sensible acts of charity:

Parishioners

- Parishioners are encouraged to wear masks while indoors regardless of one's vaccination status.
- Refrain from physical contact outside of one's household during the Exchange of the Sign of Peace.
- Individuals are not obligated to attend the Eucharist on Sunday or other obligatory solemnities if they are sick, have a vulnerable health condition, are caring for someone with a vulnerable health condition, or have other serious reasons (Canon 1245; Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2181).
- All those eligible to receive vaccinations are encouraged to do so. Anyone with medical concerns should consult their doctor.

Holy Communion

- All ministers of Holy Communion must wear masks when distributing Communion to the faithful.
- During the distribution of Communion priests, deacons, and extraordinary ministers should have sanitizer available for use when needed.
- For Communion, the distribution of the cup is still suspended.

LENT MASS/STATIONS OF THE CROSS SCHEDULE

- † **ASH WEDNESDAY**, March 2nd: 6:30 am, 8:30 am, 7 pm
- † **Lent Weekday Masses** (Mon-Fri): 6:30 am, 8:30 am, 5:30 pm
- † **Lent Stations of the Cross** (Fridays): **After 5:30 Mass; Diocese SOUP ruling forthcoming approx. 6:15 pm**
- † **Lent Saturday Morning Mass**: 8:30 am

FYI: CONFIRMATION Friday, March 25th - NO 5:30 pm Mass and NO Stations of the Cross

FOR ASH WEDNESDAY (3-2-2022)



BLESSED PALMS NEEDED!!

Please bring your dried, blessed Palm fronds from last year and deposit them in the wicker baskets on the table in both the Church or Chapel Narthex before or after Mass or Adoration.

Fr. Bernardin will be burning them to make the ashes for ASH WEDNESDAY on March 2nd. Thank you!!

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.

It's that time of the year for the DIOCESE ANNUAL APPEAL. Please be generous, 25% of what you donate comes back to St. John's and supports programs like St. Vincent de Paul.

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!

I scream, you scream, we all scream for spaghetti sauce! Well, it doesn't rhyme, but we do need spaghetti sauce.

Also plastic grocery bags.

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!

SJE CRAFT FAIR JURYING - MARCH 2ND

Jurying for ST. JOHN'S CRAFT FAIR will be held on **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2ND** from **9 am to 4 pm** in ST. JAMES' HALL.



Vendors are to bring a sample of their work along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

The CRAFT FAIR is scheduled to be held the first week of December, 2022.

SPOTLIGHT ON - GROUNDS MINISTRY

Fr. Bernardin/St. John's is in need of a **"GROUNDS" MINISTRY TEAM** to assist with landscape area maintenance on Saturdays; planter upkeep, pruning, lawn mowing, etc. depending on one's expertise and availability (garden tools/machinery provided).

Please consider this service ministry at St. John's to use your time, talents, treasure and hands to carry out God's work.

Please contact **Fr. Bernardin** or call the **SJE Parish Office** at **(916) 483-8454** or email us at office@sjecarmichael.org for any questions or more information. Thank you & God bless!!

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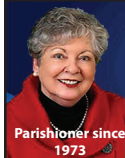
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