

SJE Church Cross Photo by Fr. Abraham (March 22, 2022)

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 22, 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 HOURS - 9:30 AM-4 PM--

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



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*--Again, I want to thank **JOE ROMANAZZI** for the blessing of his articles which relieve me of the burden of writing **PASTOR'S PAGE** week after week. God bless, Father Bernardin MUGABO*

By: Joe Romanazzi,
SJE Guest Columnist
(and SJE Parishioner)

What's Your Credit Score?



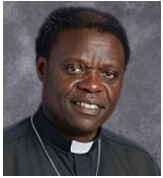
Millions of consumers rely on their FICO scores to prove to lenders that they are good credit risks. **Fair Isaac Corp.**, creator of **FICO scores** is a data analytics company focused on credit scoring services. The U.S. consumer borrowing industry revolves around companies such as FICO, which help lenders decide to whom to lend money. Credit-reporting firms including **Experian**, **Equifax** and **TransUnion** collect data on consumers and compile it in consumers' credit reports, which then determine their FICO scores. A credit score has come to signal much more than the likelihood of defaulting on debt. It is a key to a better standard of living. Many Americans rely on debt to help fund their everyday lives so everybody wants to have the highest credit score possible. A higher score can mean better terms on credit cards, lower rates on home mortgages and vehicle purchases and less expensive premiums on insurance. It can make it more likely to win approval for an apartment, and get deposits waived when setting up home services. It can even mean a better chance at getting a job. A March 5, 2020 **FOX Business** report noted about two-in-ten respondents said they would give up alcohol for the rest of their lives if it meant getting an 800 credit score forever.

Some debt is unavoidable, but relying on debt to help fund our everyday lives is not without peril. If we do not feel grateful for what we have, what makes us think we'd be happy with more? In **Luke's Gospel, Chapter 12, verses 13-21**, ... Jesus warned the assembled crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." Then He told them a parable. "There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest. He asked himself, 'What shall I do, for I do not have space to store my harvest?' And he said, 'This is what I shall do: I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones. There I shall store all my grain and other goods and I shall say to myself, "Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!" But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus, will it be for the one who stores up treasure for himself but is not rich in what matters to God."

Pope Francis has written, *"The Lord's love is greater than all our problems, frailties, and flaws... His forgiveness and salvation are not something we can buy, or that we have to acquire by our own works or efforts...His self-sacrifice on the cross is so great that we can never repay it, but only receive it with immense gratitude and with the joy of being more greatly loved than we could ever imagine..."*

My Brothers and Sisters, God sent His Son to give us life in abundance and to call us to His eternal glory. One day we will all be judged on how well we served God by serving others. Our Good and Gracious Lord has His own system of measuring and keeping **credit scores**. His measures how good or bad we have been during our time on earth and will determine whether the score is high enough to share in the inheritance of His Heavenly Kingdom. His scoring is heavily weighted on hope, love, and charity, all considered pathways to Heaven. These things find their expression in humble service.

What's your credit score with the Lord?



THE PEACE OF JESUS: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:

One of the themes that is going through the liturgy today is the theme of **Conflict**.

Throughout human history, there have been conflicts; even Christian history is not exempt. Today, the world is full of all kinds of conflicts. There are conflicts between countries: the war between Russia and Ukraine, and even the Holy Land is a source of a long and heavy conflict between Palestinians and Israelites. There are conflicts inside the same country: Hutus and Tutsis in Rwanda, Muslims and Christians in Nigeria, ethnicism, racism... Conflict between boss and workers; conflict among parents and/or children.

The early Church was in conflict about the **practice of circumcision**. The early Jewish Christians wanted to keep the practice of circumcision as their particular sign of the covenant with God. For them, all gentile males who became Christians should be circumcised. Paul and some of the Apostles didn't support that, while some other Apostles supported it. But instead of staying with their own position and thereby creating division, they decided to gather together to discuss the issue. It was decided that circumcision was an unnecessary burden. Both Jews and gentiles should abstain from idolatry and unlawful marriage (incest).

This is a lesson for all of us. If there is conflict among us, we should discuss it, talk about it and try to find a solution as soon as possible instead of holding on to your position. **Parents** should talk and discuss conflicting issues many times to be able to keep the family united. The failure of talking is the result of many divorces we have. You hold everything in your heart and when the explosion comes, it **DESTROYS EVERYTHING** even yourself, just like a huge bomb going off.

How come Jesus is saying peace while the world is full of so many conflicts? What kind of peace is He talking about?

We start the Mass wishing you peace and we end the Mass sending you in the peace of God. But what is peace? **Peace is the most needed thing.** You can't eat if you are hunted or about to be killed. You can't sleep if you have no peace. We, as Christians, we are called to be peacemakers, but we are not different than anybody else.

"Peace, I leave you, My peace I give to you." Everyone is seeking some kind of peace. How would you describe the peace you want? The peace most of us daydream about is the absence of war, conflict or stress. "If I could get out of this rat race, I would be o.k." "If I made just ten thousand more a year, I'd be all right." "If it were not for this one relationship in my life, I'd be happy." "If my children would mature and get settled, I think I could relax." "If I were a millionaire, I would be peaceful." This is peace as the absence of problems. Sometimes people try to purchase peace by buying drugs. Silent stupor is not peace. Sometimes people seek peace in affluence, but having more tends to raise, not lower the stress level. Churches promote Jesus as the Way to find relief from tension and anxiety.

Discovering the Peace of Jesus. The peace of the world is not Jesus' kind of peace. The world creates a vacuum and calls it peace. The world coerces the opposition into resentful silence and calls it peace. The world destroys protesting voices and calls it peace. If that is all peace is, then the cemetery is the most peaceful place we know. There nobody is walking, talking or yelling. They are all quiet. The peace of Jesus is **"Shalom."** It is the state of having everything right. It is a positive well being. It is harmony and wholeness. It is at-one-moment with God, one's neighbors, and oneself. Jesus had the peace of knowing He was doing what God wanted Him to do. His was the peace of giving Himself to other people, rather than exploiting them for His own benefit. His was the peace of knowing that whatever happened, He was in God's care. Jesus had no peace in the conventional sense of the world. He was misunderstood, rejected, abused, humiliated, reviled, betrayed, and killed. Therefore, when He calls us to follow Him, it is not an easy way. You have to deny yourself and take up your own crosses.

Let us face it. The peace we want is peace without a cross. The peace of Jesus is peace through a cross. The peace we want is shallow, easy peace. The peace of Jesus is a deep, costly peace. "Peace, I leave with you." He said: "My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your heart be troubled or afraid." The peace of Jesus is found when we are reconciled with God, with our neighbors and with ourselves. It is a peace that comes from doing the will of God. This kind of peace the world can neither give nor take away. Jesus is the King of Peace; Mary is the Queen of Peace.

As The Blessed Virgin Mary said in Medjugorje, you have peace not because you are healthy, not because you are wealthy, not because there are no problems in the family. You have peace only because God is with you. God is the source of true peace and everlasting peace. Searching for the peace of Jesus, you will inherit the New and Everlasting Jerusalem where every tear will be wiped away, where there will be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain. You feel peace after praying at either the Mass or the Rosary. You feel peace after doing something good for or to your neighbor.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me. Talk about peace and be a peacemaker yourself in all you do.

LITURGY (INTERCESSORY PRAYERS) FOR MAY 22, 2022

Turning to our loving and merciful God in prayer, we offer the following petitions with Easter joy.

For the Church: that we may always be attentive to the creative work of the Spirit so that many may encounter Christ without unnecessary burdens. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For world leaders: that God will guide those working for peace, open new ways to resolve disputes, and help them remember that all life is sacred. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For Christian unity: that God will lead all believers to a deeper understanding of the Good News and guide us in working together to confront the evils of poverty, abuse, addictions and illiteracy. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For the growth in this Christian community: that we may appreciate the gift of community, find support and encouragement within it, and work to enhance it. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For all who are graduating this spring: that God will guide them to opportunities to use their skills and continue to grow into fuller maturity. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For all who are ill or recovering from injuries: that God will heal the sick, provide quick recovery for those who have been wounded and heal hearts from painful experiences. 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

Loving God, just as You consoled the hearts of the disciples as You promised them the Holy Spirit, calm our every fear and give us the courage to trust in You. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SJE WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekend of:	Actual (Week):	Budget (Week):	Surplus/ (Deficit):
May 15, 2022	\$10,502	\$10,365	\$137

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

NEXT WEEKEND'S SPECIAL COLLECTION

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

May 28/29, 2022 - CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

PARISHIONER UPDATE INFORMATION

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having you as part of our flock



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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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address, phone
number and
email address.

WEEKLY ADORATION



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

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

Benediction at 5:00 pm. God bless.

CHAPEL KEYPAD INSTALLED!!

**SJE Blessed Sacrament Chapel is accessible Monday through
Friday from 9 am to 5 pm.**

Please call SJE Office (916) 483-8454 for code or admittance.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

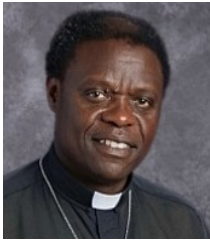
**Please Note: BAPTISMS ARE SCHEDULED
MONTHLY.**

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

FR. BERNARDIN'S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON



We are celebrating
Fr. Bernardin's Birthday
(May 25)
with a ***no-host*** lunch
on **WEDNESDAY, MAY 25TH**
at **11:30 am**

**LEATHERBY'S FAMILY
CREAMERY
2333 ARDEN WAY
SACRAMENTO, CA**



Please RSVP to SJE Parish
Office by phone
(916) 483-8454 or email at
office@sjecarmichael.org
if you plan on attending.



LAST CALL FOR CRS RICE BOWLS

Please return your **completed** CRS
Rice Bowls by **THIS WEEKEND** into
the clear plastic box in the Narthex.
Thank you for your donations and continuing
support of the CATHOLIC RELIEF SOCIETY.



SJE CHOIR NEWS

Due to vacations and life challenges, we
URGENTLY need several MASS CANTORS to sign up
for our upcoming "Sunday" Masses; please
contact Bill Becker, Director of Music ASAP.

--Our next Choir rehearsal--
Wednesday, May 25, at 7pm
For choir up-dates, please email
Bill Becker at
music@sjecarmichael.org



SPOTLIGHT ON - **GROUNDS** MINISTRY



You can help create a "**GARDEN OF EDEN**"
in Carmichael.

If you know how to use a rake, how to pull weeds, or
how to mow lawns, the Parish needs your help.
We can also use your help if you know how to replace
a sprinkler, repair a broken irrigation pipe or use a leaf
blower. The Parish grounds are large and require
significant work to maintain. In order to keep costs
down, Father Bernardin is hoping some SJE
Parishioners will volunteer to work one or more times
a month, assisting our groundskeeper, Shane, with
creating the Parish's own little **GARDEN OF EDEN**
at the corner of Locust and Hackberry.

To volunteer or for more information, please contact
the Parish office at **916-483-8454** or through email at
office@sjecarmichael.org

SJE SCHOOL NEWS

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST SCHOOL

ENROLLING for the 2022-2023 school year.

Excellent academics, art, music, athletics
and much more are offered in a Catholic atmosphere.

Please email our Principal, **MRS. CHRISTIE HORTON** at
chorton@stjohnnev.com

or call our SJE School office at (916) 481-8845



ST. JOHN'S GIFT SHOP NEWS...



SJE CHURCH GIFT SHOP is OPEN
AFTER 5PM VIGIL, 8AM AND 10AM MASSES
GRADUATION ITEMS
NOW AVAILABLE!

SJE PRAYER LIST

Please Pray for our sick and their caregivers: Andrea Armstrong, Richard Michael Blalock, Bob Bodem, Nancy Born, Robert Burns, Chuck Carly, Geoff Carter, Melanie Casperson, Ollie Claussen, Alicia Cortez, Corrine Davidson, **Bill Davis**, Russ Davis, Rick DiRegolo, 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, 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, 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, Dolores Stafford, Hank Thompson, Inge Toner, Kim Van Blaricom, Deanna Vest, Bob Walker, Katie Walker, Theresa West, **Lu Whitlow**, Jacqueline Whittle, Amanda Young and all those with COVID-19.

SJE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

May 22, 2022

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/CCD/CFE

Grades: Kindergarten through Junior High

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

One of our CCD students recently received the sacrament of Baptism on May 21. Two more enthusiastic students will also be baptized, making all these children official members of the Body of Christ, our Catholic Church. Through this Sacrament, the Holy Spirit will help these children live as followers of Jesus Christ, continuing His work throughout the world.

St. Philip Neri was one of our most famous followers of Jesus, and his feast day will be celebrated on May 26. It has been recorded that St. Philip Neri was a unique, approachable, vibrant, and shrewd follower of Jesus, who was responsible for converting many to personal holiness. He was born in Florence, Italy, on July 21, 1515, to the noble family of Francesco di Neri, a lawyer, and his wife Lucrezia da Mosciano. Good little Phil was always cheerful and obedient. His early teachings were from the Dominican friars at the San Marco monastery in Florence. At the age of eighteen, Philip was sent off to live with his wealthy uncle Romolo with hopes that he would possibly inherit the family business. Later, Philip encountered a vision of the Lord. This religious experience changed his life and he felt a call from the Holy Spirit to radically live for and serve the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church.

Consequently, Philip lost his interest in business, so he then traveled in 1533 to Rome, where he became the live-in tutor to the two sons of a Florentine aristocrat. As Philip always brought out the best in people, the spiritual, intellectual, and personal skills of these boys greatly improved. Later in 1535, under the guidance of the Augustinian monks, Philip intensely studied theology and philosophy. At the monastery, he was considered to be a promising scholar, but he gave up his thoughts of becoming a priest, and chose instead to help the sick and the needy in the streets of Rome. Actually, Philip followed Jesus' counsel "Blessed are the poor in spirit." Thus, he organized a group of Christian laymen, who were dedicated to helping the sick and poor. For over seventeen years, Philip and his group traveled throughout the streets of Rome doing missionary work searching for opportunities to help others, as they conversed with many types of people on numerous topics. With his confessor Fr. Persiano Rossa, Philip founded the Confraternity of the Most Holy Trinity of Pilgrims and Convalescents in 1548, to aid patients who had just been discharged from hospitals, and anyone who needed assistance. People from all levels of Roman society sought help from Philip. Also, Philip frequently met with groups for prayer, conversation, study, and the enjoyment of sports and music.

On May 23, 1551, Philip was ordained as a priest. Later that year, he formed the Congregation of the Oratory, a group of priests and lay brothers dedicated to preaching and teaching. Members of this society also undertook mission work throughout Rome, which included the preaching of sermons in different churches every evening. In one day, they often would visit seven churches. These excursions included prayers, readings from Scripture, sermons, sharing the experiences of church fathers and martyrs, and the singing of hymns. Giovanni Palestrina, one of Philip's followers, often composed the music for these services. Father Philip spent a considerable time hearing confessions from all levels of Roman society, which affected many conversions. As they were traveling from one church to another church, and also to catacombs and shrines, Philip's group was always encouraged to picnic and sing along the way. Philip was "all things to all men." When he was called upon to be merry, he was so; if there was a demand upon his sympathy, he was equally ready.

It was on the Feast of Corpus Christi, May 25, 1595, that Philip was told by his physician that he was not healthy. Upon hearing this, Philip spent the remainder of the day conversing with visitors and hearing confessions. Before Philip retired for bed he stated, "Last of all, we must die." It was shortly after midnight that Philip passed away from a hemorrhage. Philip is known for his gentleness, cheerfulness, and friendship toward all, even though these were just some of his marked qualities. He earned the title "Apostle of Rome" because although he was a trusted advisor to kings, popes, cardinals, and clergy, he was equally as vital to the lay people of all classes in Rome. It was on March 12, 1622, that Pope Gregory XV canonized St. Philip of Neri, and he is not only the Patron Saint of Rome, but he is also the Patron of U.S. Special Forces.

MASS INTENTIONS

Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of May 23-28, 2022

Monday: EASTER Weekday

6:30 am Jay (I) and Linda (I) Barry and family

8:30 am Cecilia Hoang † and Simon Nguyen †

Tuesday: EASTER Weekday

6:30 am Nieto Family Intentions

8:30 am Ken (I) and Glenda (I) Macdonald and family

Wednesday: St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin

6:30 am Peter David Heiman †

8:30 am Themistocles Abellanosa †

Thursday: St. Philip Neri, Priest (ASCENSION OF THE LORD)

6:30 am Deceased and Living Members of the Lubecki Family

8:30 am Intentions of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday: St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

6:30 am Angelica Velarde (I)

8:30 am Healing of Broghammer and Gerard Families

Saturday: EASTER Weekday

8:30 am Sally Ashcroft †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 - 16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday: Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26 or (for Ascension) Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

BUFFY ROMANAZZI'S LATEST PHOTO AND..



Hello to all my loyal fans at SJE. I have heard that winter is over and summer is on the way.

I'm not taking any chances so I'm keeping my binkie and fluffy bunny pillow at paw's reach.

I have a question for all of you to ponder.

If a cow doesn't produce milk, is it a milk dud or an udder failure?

Buffy Romanazzi

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PRAYER (CON'T)

OUR PRAYER: O GOD, YOU NEVER CEASE RAISING YOUR FAITHFUL SERVANTS TO THE GLORY OF HOLINESS. GRANT THAT WE MAY ALSO BE INFLAMED BY THE SAME FIRE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT THAT SO WONDERFULLY BURNED IN THE HEART OF ST. PHILIP NERI. AMEN

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Joanne Giffard, Religious Education Coordinator

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A GLIMPSE OF SPIRITUALITY BY FR. ABRAHAM

Being betrayed is a great hurt, not because of money issue, but because of destroying mutual trust. It turns out that trust is very important in people's hearts, for instances, making people feel comfortable and confident in their lives, and there is no need to doubt ceaselessly everyone and everything.



Are the betrayed miserable? Or, are the traitors more miserable?

Usually, after being betrayed, people can get back on their feet and learn a valuable lesson in life. As a matter of fact, who-ever betrays others is betraying his/her own life, especially when Judas who betrayed Jesus. On the surface, Jesus was crucified to death by Judas' betrayal. Nevertheless, Judas lost the kingdom of heaven forever as Jesus said, "The Son of man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born." (Matt 26:24)

Jesus also quoted Ps 41:9 to illustrate his tolerance for Judas: "Even my bosom friend in whom I trusted, who ate of my bread, has lifted his heel against me."

Jesus trusted Judas but Judas betrayed him. However, Jesus still treated Judas as his beloved disciple at the farewell supper asking Judas to sit beside him: "So when he had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot." (John 13:26)

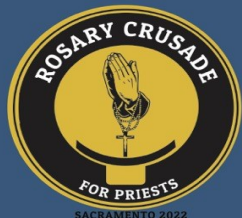
Jesus finally indicated the result of anyone who betrays God: "and he who receives me receives him who sent me." That is to say, those who betray Jesus, betray also the Father.

The verb "receive" (lambanōn) means to accept or seize. Here it points to the accommodation offered to Jesus. Receiving Jesus, at the same time, is to receive the Father because he and the Father are one. In other words, when Judas betrayed Jesus, he betrayed the Father and ultimately, his own eternal life.

The ability to accept Jesus is not the humans' greatness but God's mercy.

Fr. Abraham Chiu

SAVE THE DATE - ROSARY CRUSADE



GLORIOUS ROSARY

CRUSADE for Priests

Saturday, May 28, 2022

Hughes Stadium @ Sacramento City College

12:00 NOON - 5:00 PM

Keynote Speaker:



Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC

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Did you notice an envelope in your latest packet of envelopes with a picture of St. Vincent de Paul on it? These envelopes show up on a quarterly basis.

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And in these hard times, people are needing help more than ever.

Please donate if you can.

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!

The elves who work at the food locker tell me we could use spaghetti sauce, jelly, egg cartons, brown grocery bags and the heavier reusable plastic bags.

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

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

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All are welcome to join **DEACON KEITH** to journey toward human flourishing. God so desires us to peacefully rest in His providence and to know His desire for our happiness.

Your journey will begin on **June 2nd at 6:30 pm** in **St. James Hall**. We will begin discussion on the book **Searching for and Maintaining Peace** by Father Jacques Philippe. Once the group completes that book, we will be discussing **Interior Freedom** and then **The Eight Doors to the Kingdom** also by Fr. Philippe.

Please text **DEACON KEITH** at (916) 390-5458 or email him at deaconkeith@sjecarmichael.org if you plan to attend. Zoom participants are welcome to join the discussion.

Books can be ordered through <https://scepterpublishers.org/>.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Three men were fishing in the Sea of Galilee one day when JESUS walked across the water and joined them in the boat. After the three astonished men had settled down enough to speak, the first man asked humbly, "JESUS, I've suffered from back pain ever since I lifted heavy shrapnel in the Vietnam war. Could You help me?"

"Of course, My son," JESUS said, and touched the man's back. The man felt relief for the first time in years.

The second man, who wore very thick glasses and had a hard time reading and driving, asked if JESUS could do anything about his poor eyesight. JESUS smiled, removed the man's glasses and tossed them into the sea. When they hit the water, the man's eyes cleared and he could see everything distinctly. As JESUS turned to the third man, the man put his hands out defensively.

"Don't touch me!!" he cried, "I'm on a disability pension!"

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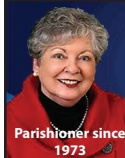



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