



St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 29, 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



PARISH CLERGY AND STAFF

Pastor
Parochial Vicar
Pastor Emeritus
Mercy San Juan Hospital Chaplain
Deacon
Deacon
SJE Business Manager
SJE Parish Secretary
Religious Education Coordinator
Director of Music & Liturgy
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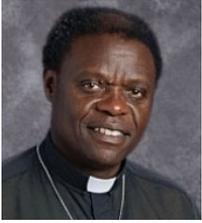
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THE DEVIL HAS SO MANY FOLLOWERS:

Dear Parishioners, last Sunday, on May 22, 2022, at the 10:00 am Mass, I was surprised and shocked to see, at the opposite street side (Scranton Court) of our Church, a man, not young but in his later sixties or early seventies, holding a long pole with an American flag at the top and a sign below on which it was written: “HONK IF YOU ARE PRO-CHOICE”. I am sure everybody who came to the 10:00 am Mass must have seen him. As you know, the word “pro-choice” is commonly used by those who support abortion; that is, the killing of the innocent babies from their mother’s womb, or “pro-abortion” to make it clear. We can also call them “pro-death” as they are masters of killing unborn babies. I don’t know which religion this evil man belongs to; I hope and pray not Catholic or any Christian religion. But whatever he may be, he is a friend and a follower of the devil or Satan, the master of hatred against human beings, even against the little ones. I felt sorry for this poor lost man, as Jesus would say, “Lord, forgive him, he didn’t know what he was doing.” I am happy he didn’t get any honks from our Parishioners whom he tried to intoxicate with his immorality, but he did get some honks from a few people who were passing by on Locust Avenue. The devil is the master of death and these are his faithful followers.

That man is not the only one; I am sure there were others doing the same thing around the country around many Catholic Churches. You have seen so many people rioting only because the Supreme Court might reverse the Roe versus Wade decision. The question is, why are the Catholic Churches the target here? Sadly, there was a Church in Texas near Houston where a Tabernacle was stolen. It was later found open and all consecrated hosts were taken away. There is no question that these evil people are devil worshippers who do all they can to have the Body of Jesus so they can desacralize and desecrate Jesus’ presence in the Eucharist. Once again devil worshippers believe in the Real Presence, while some of us Catholics still doubt about the Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. These evil people know that regardless of some liberalism in the Catholic church, deep within us, **we are against abortion**. This is good, very good. I pray we will all be “pro-life 100%”.

This man had an American flag, meaning he is a patriot who loves this beautiful country and may be willing to defend it in protecting American citizens. Well, this is contrary to the so called pro-choice; the **unborn are American Citizens who deserve everything we all deserve including the RIGHT TO LIFE**. What kind of good citizen is he or are they? They are all liars.

It is very sad and heart breaking when a Catholic who knows the doctrines of the Catholic faith, decides to embrace these demonic laws. Usually, when Catholics are in authority, it is for defending the Catholic values which are spreading the Kingdom of Heaven to all those they can influence by their political status. Sadly to say, some Catholics in leadership use it **against their faith not for their faith**. Jesus said the truth when He stated that you cannot work for both God and Mammon. Maybe these are the wolves in sheep’s clothing and we all need to be careful of their negative influence on our faith. I appreciate and welcome the brave decision taken by the Archbishop of San Francisco, Salvatore Cordileone, to forbid and ban Nancy Pelosi from receiving Holy Communion. She needs to make a clear choice either for God or for Satan. I hope and pray she will repent and turn to God for the sake of her eternal salvation, not the other way; but it is all her choice to make. This should be applied to all those who support abortion and would like to receive Holy Communion, including our president and so many others. Jesus would never support this and so should the whole Catholic Church all over the entire world.

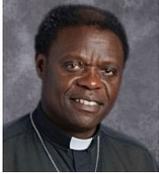
This confirms what the Blessed Virgin Mary said in Medjugorje, that the devil is working harder than before. Sinful people who used to hide, now have come forward and to life, and they are very arrogant about it. Remember, dear Parishioners, it is God’s way or the devil’s way. There is no such thing as neutral.

I feel very sorry for all these followers or friends of Satan; they don’t know what it means to have eternal condemnation; a place where they will be tortured by the devil in an unquenchable fire, where they will be wailing and grinding of their teeth without end.

Dear Parishioners, don’t support them or even try to justify them. What is right is right; what is wrong is wrong. Today, Jesus ascends to Heaven to prepare a place for us so that where He is, we, too, may be.

Make a good choice, Jesus’ choice, the choice of our eternal salvation. Satan has so many followers, please don’t be one of them.

God bless, Father Bernardin MUGABO



LIFE IS FULL OF GOODBYES: THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD:

Life, it seems, is full of goodbyes. Farewell to children leaving the nest, to family and friends who move away, or to a loved one who has died.

Easter promises our immortality; Ascension tells us where we hope to spend it.

Today we celebrate the glorious Ascension of Christ, our Brother and our Savior, into Heaven. It is not a day for sadness or narrowness. It is a day for joy and openness. It is a day for renewing our hope in the goal towards which Christ leads us, namely, a share in His own glory in the Father's Kingdom.

But the things that drag us down and keep us down are our sins. Let us confess them humbly and trustingly.

THE ASCENSION OF JESUS HAPPENED ON THE 40TH DAY AFTER THE RESURRECTION. Generally, it was celebrated on the Thursday of the sixth week of Easter, but because of its importance and meaning, it was moved on the Sunday after, so many more people can go to Mass and enjoy this Feast.

JESUS FORETOLD HIS ASCENT TO THE FATHER:

In John 6:62, Christ asked the Jews "what if you see the Son of Man ascending to where He was before?"

In John 20:17, He said to Mary Magdalene: "Stop holding on to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to My brothers and tell them "I am going to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God."

In John 14:3, He said: "I will go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to Myself, so that where I am, there You may be also."

In John 14:2, "I will go to prepare a place for you. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places."

The readings of today's Mass describe in detail the **ASCENSION OF CHRIST INTO HEAVEN**. Immediately following His resurrection, Christ traveled with His Apostles into Galilee. During this time, He appeared to them many times. On one occasion, He appeared to a crowd of five hundred people. He left no doubt in any one's mind during these forty days that He had truly risen from the dead. On the fortieth day after His resurrection, Christ had dinner with His apostles in the upper room in Jerusalem; then **He commissioned them to go and make disciples of all nations**. He was lifted up before their eyes, into a cloud that took Him out of their sight. Two young men with white garments appeared and announced to the Apostles that it was not necessary to keep looking in the sky because Christ had ascended into Heaven.

THE ASCENSION OF CHRIST IS THE CROWNING GLORY FOR THE OLD TESTAMENT. From the time of our first parents, the gates of Heaven had been closed to man through original sin. But Christ's Ascension changed all this. When He ascended into Heaven, He reopened Heaven to all mankind. He led into Heaven a triumphant army of souls. He let the prophets and the many holy men of the Old Testament to their eternal reward. On Ascension Day, Joseph, the foster father of Christ, and Moses and Daniel were united with God. It was the day they saw God face to face and began to enjoy the happiness of Heaven.

BY ENTERING HEAVEN, CHRIST WAS RETURNING TO HIS TRUE HOME. Christ had been living on earth for some thirty-three years. He had come to earth on a special mission, but now His mission was over. He had come to redeem mankind and this He had accomplished. Now He was returning to His true home.

A question comes to mind; is Jesus gone forever because they saw Him disappearing in the clouds? No. Christ is now exalted above the Heavens, but still suffers on earth all the pain that we, the members of His body, have to bear. He showed this when He cried out from above, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?" and when He said: "I was hungry and you gave Me food." Christ did not leave Heaven when He came down to us, nor did He withdraw from us when He went up again into Heaven. "The Lord worked with His apostles and confirmed the word through accompanying signs". Christ is present in His Church, in the Sacraments, in His people. "I, the Lord, am with you always, until the end of the world." (Mt 28:20)

Saint Therese of Avila expressed it centuries ago: "*Christ has no body on earth but yours; no hands but yours; no feet but yours; yours are the eyes through which He is to look out Christ's compassion to the world; yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good; Yours the hands with which He is to bless now.*" Christ needs us to witness to His presence in the world. These people will not believe unless, like the doubter Thomas, they see Him and touch Him in us. "**You must be my witnesses!**" Jesus says to us. We are His witnesses if, in spite of living in difficult circumstances, we continue to trust in God and to live according to His will.

BUT, WHILE ON EARTH, CHRIST HAD PROMISED US THAT WE, TOO, COULD ENTER HEAVEN. He promised that all who were baptized and believed in His teachings and obeyed His Commandments would enjoy Heaven, too.

His entrance to Heaven is a pledge of our own future resurrection. His Ascension marks the opening of Heaven to all mankind.

Ascension reminds us to set our hearts on the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. (Colossians 3: 1 – 2)

Let us beg to Him for the favors we need. Let us pray to Him that one day our bodies may share with Him the gift of eternal glory.

LITURGY (INTERCESSORY PRAYERS) FOR MAY 29, 2022

Rejoicing in the glory of Your Resurrection and Ascension, we offer our prayers and celebrate Your presence in our lives.

For the Church: that we may continue the mission of Jesus and bring forth the reign of God through our worship, our work, and our relationships each day. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For peace: that God will bring an end to armed conflicts, protect the vulnerable from harm, and open new pathways to peace and understanding. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For a renewed spirit of evangelization: that the Holy Spirit will guide us in witnessing to Jesus and all that God has done in showing compassion and forgiveness to all the world. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For all gathered here: that we may encounter Christ in our Eucharistic assembly, in our families and communities, and in those who request our assistance. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For all those in Texas, New York, California and elsewhere who were impacted by mass shootings: that those who died be welcomed, those injured be healed and those impacted be comforted. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For all who struggle with poor mental health and with addictions: that they may find a source of healing and compassion within the Christian community. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For all who have died in the service of our nation: that God's glory will shine upon them and that they may share in the peace of the Heavenly Kingdom. 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

God of glory, hear the prayers we offer today and answer them according to Your will. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SJE WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekend of:	Actual (Week):	Budget (Week):	Surplus/ (Deficit):
May 22, 2022	\$8,171	\$10,365	(\$2,194)

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

THIS 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

We  love
having you as part of our flock



Keep in touch
with us via
email & text

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

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WEEKLY ADORATION

Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament



Fr. Bernardin invites you to spend an hour/
some 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

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the soul of longtime SJE Parishioner **ROBERT SCHOLTES**, husband of Jean and father of Laura Stednitz, Joseph Scholtes, Peter Scholtes, Paula Scholtes, Carisa Scholtes, Katrina Scholtes, Anna Sanders, Greta Scholtes, Samuel Scholtes, and Kurt Scholtes, who passed away on Friday, May 20th. His Funeral Mass will be on Friday, June 10th at 11 am in ST. JOHN'S CHURCH. May God grant him eternal rest and strengthen and comfort his family. May he rest in peace.

SJE PARISHIONER UPDATE

- **FRANK GIANATTASIO** is now at **ESKATON VILLAGE ASSISTED LIVING** on Walnut Avenue in Carmichael. Any SJE Parishioners who know Frank are welcome to visit him there. (Update from Frank's daughter, Anne-Marie Rucker).
- **LU WHITLOW** suffered a stroke early in May, 2022 and is now at **MERCY GENERAL ACUTE INPATIENT REHABILITATION CENTER** on "J" Street in Sacramento. (Update from several SJE Parishioners).

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS PROCEDURE

- **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.**

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, June 1, 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@stjohnev.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, **Jerry Turberville**, 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 29, 2022

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

Grades: Kindergarten through Junior High

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

Our Religious Education Classes will gather again on Sunday, June 5, after our break during the Memorial Day Weekend. This national holiday honors all Americans, who were killed while serving in the Armed Forces. It is always observed on the last Monday of May. Originally after the Civil War, Memorial Day was called Decoration Day. Traditionally, citizens would place flowers on the graves of those who had sacrificed their lives while fighting in the Armed Forces, and they would also pray for the families of these brave warriors.

This week on May 31, we will celebrate the Feast of the Visitation. On this day we should honor all the main characters who played a part in the drama of this blessed feast day: St. Zachary, St. Elizabeth, the Angel Gabriel, and the Blessed Virgin Mary. St. Zachary (Zacharias) and St. Elizabeth would become the parents of St. John the Baptist the herald of Jesus our Messiah. Actually, Zachary was from the tribe of Abia, and he was a priest in the Temple of Jerusalem. Elizabeth and Zachary were both righteous people, who had always followed the commandments of the Lord. They were growing old, and they still had no children, which greatly saddened them. According to this couple, their prayers for a child had not been answered.

One day, Zachary was given the privilege of performing a rite, offering incense on the altar of the Temple in Jerusalem, when the Angel Gabriel appeared to him on the right side of the altar. Then, this angel of the Lord spoke to the terrified Zachary saying that his prayers for a child would soon be answered. Accordingly, the Angel Gabriel told Zachary that he and his wife would have a son, and his name was to be John. Zachary replied to the angel, "How can this be? I am an old man, and my wife is beyond the time of having children." The angel answered, "I am Gabriel, and I was sent from God to speak to you. Now, from this time until these things happen, you will be unable to speak. You will be silent because you did not believe my words." At this point, the Angel Gabriel disappeared, and Zachary left the Temple unable to speak. In accord with the Angel Gabriel's message from God, Elizabeth conceived a child.

It was six months after this visit of the Angel Gabriel to Zachary that God sent Gabriel to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Elizabeth's cousin, who was betrothed to Joseph, to announce to Mary that the Holy Spirit would come to her, and by the power of the Most High, she would bear a son whose name would be Jesus. In addition, the Angel Gabriel said, "Now your cousin Elizabeth in her old age shall also have a son. For with God nothing is impossible."

Hearing this marvelous news, Mary, eager to share in the happiness of Elizabeth, hurried on a mission of mercy from Galilee to Jerusalem and then to Ain Karim, just south of Jerusalem, to visit her cousin. This truly was much like the journey that Mary and Joseph would later take to complete the census before the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting from the door of her house, she was filled with the Holy Spirit and sensed that Mary was to be the mother of the Savior, so she called out, "Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. And how have I deserved that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, the moment that sound of thy greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who has believed, because the things promised her by the Lord shall be accomplished." Then Mary replied, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, and my spirit finds joy in God my Savior." Mary also sang her "Magnificat" to proclaim God's goodness to herself and His great plans for the redemption of His people.

Later, when Elizabeth's baby was born all her family rejoiced with her, and on the eighth day after her baby's birth when the child was about to be circumcised, many thought that Elizabeth should call her baby Zachary, but Elizabeth spoke up to say, "His name shall be John." Zachary then asked for a tablet, and he wrote on it, "His name is John." When Zachary wrote this, his tongue was loosened, he spoke, and he sung the "Benedictus" glorifying the Lord God of Israel, who had spoken through the prophets of old, and would save them from their enemies. He likewise prophesized that his son John would be the prophet, who prepared the way of the Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS

Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of May 30-June 4, 2022

Monday: EASTER Weekday

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

8:30 am John † and Josie † Pellegrino

Tuesday: THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

6:30 am Linda Showler †

8:30 am Mary Ann Davis †

Wednesday: St. Justin, Martyr

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

8:30 am Healing of Broghammer and Gerard Families

Thursday: St. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

6:30 am Florence Stack †

8:30 am Catherine Schuster †

**Friday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
(FIRST FRIDAY)**

6:30 am John Lubecki †

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

Saturday: EASTER Weekday (FIRST SATURDAY)

8:30 am Arlen Butler †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39. **Day:** Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

INTRODUCING ANNIE & JASPER MITCHELL...



Annie (on right) is 5 months & Jasper (on left) is 2 months. They are great pals already & play all the time. Now if I can only get them

housebroken... Haha. Actually they are pretty good, but we have a little ways to go. -As submitted by Kathy Mitchell (aka SVdeP Bulletin article writer)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PRAYER (CON'T)

OUR PRAYER: ALMIGHTY GOD, HELP US TO IMITATE THE SAME DEVOTION TO GOD, AND KINDNESS AND SENSITIVITY TO THE WELFARE OF OTHERS THAT ST. ELIZABETH, ST. ZACHARY AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY DEMONSTRATED IN THEIR DAILY LIVES. AMEN

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Joanne Giffard, Religious Education Coordinator

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A GLIMPSE OF SPIRITUALITY BY FR. ABRAHAM

A troubled heart is the crucial enemy of faith. People will say: "Being upset is a normal thing, and the overwhelming upset can sometimes even become stress that crush people's hearts. However, this is life, and it is inevitable." They will continue to say that without far-sighted troubles must have near-term worries. It is because the world is unpredictable, and their hearts will just go up and down with the changing world.



How does trouble defeat faith if Christians commit their lives in Jesus' death and resurrection, and believe that no matter how difficult the world is, they have already obtained the assurance of eternal life that Jesus promised?

Jesus said, "Let not your hearts be troubled."

The verb "let be troubled" (tarassethō) here means people and things that cause to inward commotion, take away one's calmness of mind, and disturb one's equanimity.

What else can shake the heart of peace in the face of the eternal life brought by Jesus' death and resurrection? That is lack of strong faith in Jesus. Therefore, Jesus continued: "believe in God, believe also in me."

The verb of "believe" (pisteuete) is the expression of absolute trust. In other words, when one's heart is troubled, it is not because of any disturbing things but surely, without faith. This one's faith in eternal life is shaken, just like Peter walking on the sea, and finally sinking because of lack of faith while he saw the stormy sea. Jesus questioned Peter by saying "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" (cf. Matt 14:28-32)

Believing Jesus does not necessarily gain smooth lives, not even Jesus had a so-called smooth life. His death caused many disciples to leave him, except the beloved disciple who followed Jesus to the cross.

Love can motivate faith in the stormy life and encourage the disciples to follow Jesus to the kingdom of heaven, in peace.

Fr. Abraham Chiu

JOKE OF THE WEEK

One Sunday, a priest was finishing up a series on marriage.

At the end of the service, he was giving out small wooden crosses to each married couple.

He said, "Place this cross in the room in which you fight the most and you will be reminded of Jesus' new Commandment and you won't argue as much."

One woman came up after the service and said, "You'd better give me TEN."

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Do you like helping people in need? Empathizing and listening to their challenges in life? Then, being able to assist them with financial aid for rent or utilities? Or just answering phone calls?

Then joining the **SVDEP HOME VISIT TEAM** may be for you!

For more information contact **JIM TONER** at **916-743-3916** or email jamesmtoner@comcast.net

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference thanks you for your continued support.

It is appreciated more than you know.

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.

When our generous Parishioners donate to SVdeP, it supports the conference to help people in need with rent and utility payments.

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!

JOURNEY TOWARDS HUMAN FLOURISHING

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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/>.

FR. BERNARDIN'S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON AT LEATHERBY'S PHOTOS (CAN YOU NAME THESE PEOPLE??)



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