

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church **PENTECOST** Sunday

June 5, 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.

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SUNDAY MASS LIVE-STREAMED THROUGH FACEBOOK @ 10 AM

PARISH CLERGY AND STAFF

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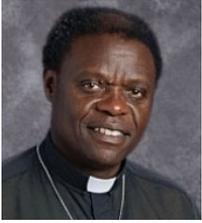
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PASTOR'S PAGE



THANK YOU FOR MAKING MY BIRTHDAY VERY SPECIAL:

Dear Parishioners, it is always said that life is good, but when I think about all the people who are sick and suffering, or those people in war torn countries such as the war we had in my native country that took so many righteous lives without sparing innocent children, elderly people or even the refugees who were running away from all the crimes, please allow me to say that life is good and I really thank God so much for it.

When growing up in my native country of Rwanda, even in my seminarian studies, we didn't celebrate birthdays. First of all, because it is too expensive to buy cakes for everyone's birthday. In those poor countries, not everybody could afford it. Secondly, there were so many of us in seminary such that almost every day could be a birthday and there was no budget that could handle such a thing. Over there, a birthday was just another day. It was only after my ordination as a priest when the celebration of a birthday really started. That time, the nuns of the nearby convent would come with food and drinks and we had a big party.

But when I came to this country years ago, a birthday is really a very big feast and many people respond to that. I love it.

I remember when I was at Presentation Parish several (?) years ago, when I celebrated my 39th birthday. A parishioner and a friend called Carl DICAPO told me that I "*was 39, like Jack Benny*". I didn't know who Jack Benny was. Later on, I heard that he was a comedian who didn't want to go "*over the hill*". . .

On Wednesday, May 25th, I celebrated my "north of and under 60 year" birth anniversary, and so many of you sang "Happy Birthday" in the Church. I tried to keep it quiet and low key because I don't like to be the center of attention, but I didn't get away with it. Many times, after the celebration of the Eucharist, you started singing "Happy Birthday". I felt so embarrassed, but there was nothing I could have done.

Some of you remembered my birthday and have sent me so many beautiful birthday cards in the mail. I would like to thank you so very much for those wonderful surprises and all of your generosity.

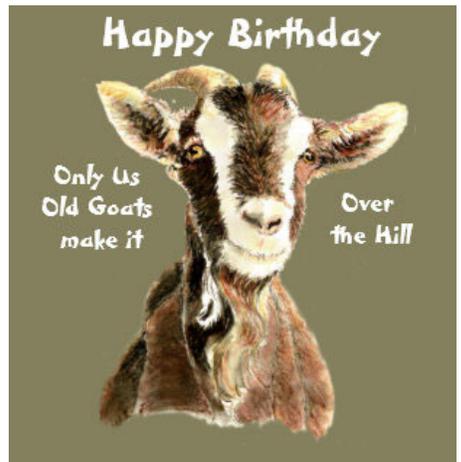
Most importantly, Linda (SJE Business Manager) reserved the date for my birthday luncheon on Wednesday, May 25th, at the **Leatherby's Family Creamery** on Arden Way. I came in late because of my officiating at the SJE Graduation Baccalaureate Mass for the 8th grade at 10 am that morning. I was very surprised to see so many of you, dear Parishioners, over there just for my birthday celebration. I wished to enter like anybody else, but they all clapped as I was entering the restaurant, and of course, everybody looked at me. I was so very happy but embarrassed as well for all the huge attention and holding all of you from your regular work. I was very happy to see Alan Leatherby and his brother Dave Leatherby, who work over there and also the wife of Dave. I was able to thank them for making it so special. I enjoyed the food, cupcakes and ice cream so much and the great participation of all of you, dear Parishioners. It was so wonderful and I can't thank you enough. My thanks to Linda Gospodnetich, our business manager, who organized the whole thing. It was a very great success. Thank you and to all of you who were able to make it, thank you for the gifts you gave me. I am very blessed and I can't thank God enough for this.

Thank you for the beautiful cards you gave me, the gifts, your presence, your prayers and, especially, your love and generosity.

Thank you also to those who wanted to come to the party but could not make it for many reasons. I appreciate all of you, dear SJE Parishioners and friends, for making my birthday so special.

May God reward your kindness to me a million times.

God bless, Father Bernardin MUGABO



FR. BERNARDIN'S Birthday Luncheon at Leatherby's Family Creamery on May 25, 2022 as photographed by our resident official SJE Photographer, FR. ABRAHAM CHIU (right) and FR. BERNARDIN (left).



DEACON KEITH'S HOMILY (JUNE 5, 2022)



ARE WE HEARING THE SPIRIT?: (PENTECOST CYCLE "C")

Don't you find it interesting that occasionally in conversation with even a close friend or family member no matter how careful you are in selecting words, they totally misunderstand your point. Even though you may have selected the perfect words to communicate your point, the person may be preoccupied in their own thoughts and concerns so to not actually be listening. In the gospel Jesus clearly communicates to us how we are to listen and be inspired by the Holy Spirit and what we are to do with those words and inspirations.

In being open to the Divine Communication in our life from the Holy Spirit, it is helpful to know the difference between passions and the Fruit of the Holy Spirit. A passion is a desire or aversion, enjoyable or not enjoyable, a pleasure or a pain that we experience by something acting upon us. Fruits of the Spirit are only positive and are delightful in the way that the harmony of music is pleasant to the human ear. Fruits are not imposed on us but are more like a sense that springs forth from the infusion of grace from our soul. To help illustrate the difference between a passion and a fruit, let's consider "joy".

Joy is both a passion and a fruit of the Spirit. Let's say we have some friends over for dinner. We serve fine wine, eat delicious food, and have great conversation. That event is very joyful. The joy experienced from the party is a passion. The joy is gladly imposed on us from outside experiences: the good wine, the communing with friends, the great food, and the pleasant conversation. That passion of joy ends when the party ends. However, an inner joy, a fruit of the Spirit, may bring us to realize an internal draw and awareness to the importance of community. The fruit of joy may continue to elevate within a us desire to contemplate the body of Christ and its presence as church and as creation. The fruit of the Spirit, joy, may bring us to serve others in community even in times of others' pain and anguish. This joy is a fruit. Passions in themselves aren't bad. God created the world to be lived in and not a waste. Passions may be the first step in coming to know the faithfulness and goodness of God. Passions become bad when they become negative habits, pleasurable or unpleasurable. In those situations, the communication and prompting of the Holy Spirit is not perceived by us and we are stuck in meaningless routines.

In the Gospel, the disciples are burdened by two passions that keep them from going onto their mission. The first passion is fear. This fear is imposed on them from their expectation that the Jewish officials would persecute them. The second passion is the rejoicing when the disciples are in the physical presence of Jesus. We would think this is good. But it is not. The disciples became, in a way, habituated to in-action when they weren't with Jesus. The promise of the Father is that the disciples would consciously know the presence of Christ by the means of the Holy Spirit dwelling within them. The physical person of Christ was to ascend to the Father. The disciples must go out to build the kingdom without Jesus holding their hands. They are now to be directed by the Holy Spirit. Once the Kingdom is built as directed by the Father, the Father will present it to the Son when He comes again. To abolish these habituated passions, Jesus reminds the disciples of the fruit of peace. As he says, "Peace be with you". It is only in peace that they will hear the prompting of the Holy Spirit and are able to participate in preparing the Kingdom for the Son.

Are we hearing the words or noticing the promptings of the Holy Spirit? Like the disciples, we are overcome with fear. Fear easily becomes a habit. The habit of fear is derived in the same parts of the brain as many other sinful passions. As a habit, we willfully go to situations where we will experience fear. We don't know life without fear. Most news organizations profit from our habit of fear. They make us think that they are going to save us from the "Other" who is victimizing us. Instead of turning it off, we have to watch it because we are addicted. We have fear mongers in the Church. And, we have those in families and in our own history who controlled us by fear. And, we have fear of discomfort or poverty. What has this done? We have become preoccupied with temporal concerns and have lost the ability to contemplate or experience the wholeness and peace that Christ gives us through the Holy Spirit. The radical promises made by our Creator in Scripture have become just words. The moment by moment encounters with grace are unrecognized. The gentle prompting within our souls is replaced by a knot in our stomach. We must break the habit of fear.

Do we want to experience - now - the Kingdom being created by the Father for the Son? Find peace and we will finally hear the Spirit. Listen to the Spirit and we will finally see the Kingdom.

LITURGY (INTERCESSORY PRAYERS) FOR JUNE 5, 2022

Filled with the Spirit of a loving and generous God, we confidently bring our prayers and petitions, knowing they will be heard.

For the Church: that the Spirit will empower us to faithfully follow Christ and bring the Good News to all who are burdened or have lost hope. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For the grace of awareness: that God will open our minds and hearts to recognize Christ in the Eucharist, the people, the events, and experiences of daily life. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For a Spirit of reverence: that all hearts may recognize God as Creator and work to protect and preserve creation, human dignity, and cooperation within the human family. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For a Spirit of love: that we may place our time, energy and gifts at the service of others, helping them to carry their burdens and discover God's presence. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For a Spirit of hope: that all who are overwhelmed by life may find new reasons to live this day and be gifted with a vision of all that could be tomorrow. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For peace: that God will heal the physical and mental wounds of all who have experienced violence and console all who are grieving the death of a loved one. 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

God of unity and peace, hear the prayers we share today. Fill our hearts with the Spirit of Your love and empower us to work for the same unity and peace we know in You. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SJE WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekend of:	Actual (Week):	Budget (Week):	Surplus/ (Deficit):
May 29, 2022	\$7,210	\$10,365	(\$3,155)

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

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTION

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

June 11/12, 2022 - MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE APPEAL

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

JOURNEY TOWARDS HUMAN FLOURISHING

KNOWING HUMAN FLOURISHING

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 next journey session is **June 9th** 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

A pious man who had reached the age of 105 suddenly stopped going to Mass.

Alarmed by the man's absence after so many years of faithful attendance, the Pastor went to see him.

He found him in excellent health, so the Priest asked, "How come, after all these years, we don't see you at Mass anymore?"

The old man lowered his voice. "I'll tell you, Father," he whispered. "When I got to be 90, I expected God to take me any day. But then I got to be 95, then 100, then 105. So I figured that God is very busy and must have forgotten about me and I don't want to remind HIM!"

THE WISDOM OF FULTON SHEEN

Before the sin, Satan assures us that it is of no consequence; after the sin, he persuades us that it is unforgivable. . .

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 8, at 7pm

For choir up-dates, please email **Bill Becker** at

music@sjecarmichael.org



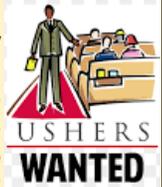
SPOTLIGHT ON - **USHER** MINISTRY

I am writing on behalf of our **USHER MINISTRY**. Our job is to make sure that our Church is fully prepared for the celebration of the Mass. Whatever needs to be done, **we will do**. We constantly observe the Parishioners and serve those in need of assistance. We provide security in the Narthex during Mass and lock up the Church after Mass. We must be prepared to adapt to changes that are occasionally required such as the COVID restrictions. In short, if a problem arises, we will try to resolve it.

We are always looking to add new Ushers. The more Ushers we have benefits the Church and our Ministry. There are times an Usher is unable to work. When we have enough Ushers, we have back-up. Please consider joining us as helping others is a rewarding experience. Our job is made easier because we have an outstanding group of people in our Ministry. They are always willing to help and most have been Ushers for a number of years.

If you are considering joining us, you will find that we will accommodate your schedule. You tell us when you are available to usher. You can work every week or only one week a month. Of course, we will train you.

We will be in the Narthex **June 4th and 5th** (this weekend) after all Masses. Please stop by and consider becoming an Usher. Thank you. **JOHN O'DONNELL**, Head Usher



SISTERS IN FAITH MEETING

Join us this Wednesday, June 8th from 6:30 - 8 pm in the St. James Hall for our June meeting.

We look forward to great discussion and reflection. We welcome all the women of our Parish and friends.

And, join us next month, July 13th, when we will discuss Matthew Kelley's LIFE IS MESSY book. If you did not get a copy during Advent, copies are still available.

Questions, contact Pam (916) 716-6228 or email at kpaeljohnson@gmail.com

See you Wednesday.

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

June 5, 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 CCD students will thoroughly enjoy their last two meetings on June 5 and June 12. The dedicated teachers in our program have marvelous plans for these final classes. On June 12, we also plan to celebrate the beginning of summer with special treats.

It is on June 9 that we should honor **St. Ephrem**, who actually was one of the glories of the Roman Catholic Church in Syria in the fourth century, during the Golden Age of Syrian Christianity. He made contributions not only to the spirituality but also to the theology of the Christian East as a deacon. Ephrem was born in 306 A.D. in the city of Nisibus, which now is called Nusaybin, Turkey. Evidence suggests that both of his parents were part of the growing Christian community in that area. St. James, Bishop of Nisibus, not only baptized Ephrem as a young man of eighteen, but it was under his guidance that he received a thorough education. St. Jacob, the second Bishop of Nisibus, appointed Ephrem as a teacher, and later he was then ordained as a deacon.

As part of his educational office, Ephrem referred to himself as being a "herdsman", his bishop was called his "shepherd", and his community was called his "fold". Quickly, he became the most eminent teacher in his School of Nisibus, and Ephrem's fame spread throughout the Eastern Church. Ephrem wrote an extensive variety of hymns, poems, and sermons in verse as well as in prose.

When the Emperor Constantine I died in 337 A.D., Nisibus was besieged by the Persians in 338 A.D., 346 A.D., and 350 A.D. During the third stage of these attacks, the Persians rerouted the River Mygdonius to undermine the walls surrounding Nisibus, which the citizens in this area quickly repaired. Ephrem wrote a hymn to celebrate the almost miraculous salvation of his city. In this hymn, he portrayed Nisibus as being Noah's Ark floating to safety in the flood. Unfortunately in 363 A.D., the city of Nisibus was forced to surrender to the Persians, so Ephrem as well as many other Christians fled first to Amida and then to the city of Edessa, a city which was rich with rivaling unorthodox philosophies and religions. Actually, Ephrem continued to teach at the School of Edessa, which played an important role in the Aramaic-speaking world.

It has been recorded that Ephrem wrote numerous hymns to defend the Nicene orthodoxy. Particularly influential were his "Hymns Against Heresies", which were written by Ephrem to warn his Christian flock of the heresies that threatened to divide the early Church. In these hymns, Ephrem used colorful metaphors and rich poetic imagery to describe the Incarnation of Christ, as fully human and fully divine. Also Ephrem wrote religious prose such as "Commentary on Genesis and Exodus", which was a critical analysis and an interpretation of Genesis and the Exodus. Truly, Ephrem was a voluminous author who wrote numerous commentaries on the entire Bible.

Later in his life, Ephrem who always lived an ascetic, celibate life made a pilgrimage to Caesarea, because God had directed him to seek spiritual guidance from St. Basil the Great. During the Great Famine of 372 A.D. when many people were hoarding food, Ephrem volunteered to distribute supplies equally to those who needed it in the city. Diligently, Ephrem and his helpers ensured that food was given equally to all. A year later, when this famine ended, Ephrem at an advanced age died on June 9, 373 A.D. from a disease that he had probably contracted from people whom he had served during this critical period.

After St. Ephrem's death, he was honored during a public address given by St. Gregory of Nyssa, who closed his oratory by asking for Ephrem's intercession using these words. "You are now assisting at the divine Altar, and before the Prince of life, with the angels, praising the most Holy Trinity. Remember us all, and obtain for us the pardon of our sins." In 1920, St. Ephrem the Syrian, whose theology flowed from Scripture and nature, was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church. Pope Benedict XVI noted that St. Ephrem was the Harp of the Holy Spirit because the hymns and writings that were written by St. Ephrem sang the praises of God in an unparalleled way with rare skill.

MASS INTENTIONS

Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of June 6-11, 2022

Monday: *The BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, Mother of the Church*

6:30 am Richard Hamilton Gurley III †

8:30 am Stephanie Keulen (I)

Tuesday:

6:30 am Marjorie Lilly (I)

8:30 am Intentions of the Jake Kramer family

Wednesday:

6:30 am Steven Koscheski †

8:30 am Gertrude Preis †

Thursday: *St. Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church*

6:30 am Trevor McGoldrick (I)

8:30 am Susan and Tom Barrett's 60th Wedding Anniversary

Friday:

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

8:30 am John DePiazza †

Saturday: *EASTER Weekday (FIRST SATURDAY)*

8:30 am Msgr. Frank Pellegrino † 11th Anniversary of his death

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab, 8, 11; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46; Ps 65:10-13; Mt 5:20-26

Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Mt 5:27-32

Saturday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-10; Mt 5:33-37

Sunday: Prv 8:22-31; Ps 8:4-9; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15

2022 MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE APPEAL

The **MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE APPEAL** is an annual program in which missionaries from around the world speak at each Parish. The goal of this appeal is to increase awareness of missionary work and to raise funds to help missionary organizations continue their evangelical efforts. In the Diocese of Sacramento, 51 different missions were selected this year to each speak at two Parishes.

Next weekend, our Parish will be visited by **FR. BHASKAR MORUGUDI** with the Diocese of Kurnool, India. He will share with us their courageous evangelization efforts on behalf of the Catholic Church and give us an opportunity to support their work in the field. A second collection will be taken up following his presentation. Special envelopes will be provided and check donations should be payable to St. John's. All funds collected throughout the Diocese will be equally divided among the 51 organizations. Thank you for your generosity!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PRAYER (CON'T)

OUR PRAYER: ST. EPHREM'S ELOQUENCE RADIATED FROM THE DEPTHS OF HIS FAITH AND THE INTENSITY OF HIS DEVOTION TO GOD. LORD, HELP US THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF ST. EPHREM TO PERSEVERE IN OUR FAITH AND LOVE OF YOU. AMEN

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Joanne Giffard, Religious Education Coordinator

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A GLIMPSE OF SPIRITUALITY BY FR. ABRAHAM

How do Christians face all kinds of hardships in life, even the dangers that destroy life?

With the power of Jesus' resurrection!

Be convinced that there is no evil force in the world that can surpass God; otherwise, the world would have ceased to be a world and it is only in ruins.

Jesus said, "I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me."

In Johannine theology, the term "world" (kosmou) has no fixed symbol for good or bad. When it is placed in the position of persecuting Jesus, this "world" is the evil force that opposes God. Its leader, surely, is the slave of the devil.

"Ruler" (archōn) refers to those who are used by the devil in the world, standing on the side of the devil. Their life gives advantage to the devil as a tool to reject God and persecute the church. Jesus emphasized that the wicked had no power over him. The Greek version literally translates as "he has nothing in me" (en emoi ouk echei ouden), which means that the wicked has no possibility of being stronger than Jesus.

First of all, Jesus' love is the power that no hatred can defeat, and most importantly, the resurrection of Jesus had already surpassed death.

When Jesus said, "I do as the Father has commanded me." He obeyed the will of the Father and laid down his earthly life for the eternal life of the flock. In the mystery of his death and resurrection, he revealed to the world how he loved the Father: "the world may know that I love the Father." In other words, by loving the humans, Jesus revealed the way he loved the Father; and while loving the Father, he loved the humans with the Father's love.

Finally, Jesus bravely stepped out of the dining room and said to his disciples, "Rise, let us go hence."

The verb "rise" (egeiresthe) also denotes waking up. Jesus rose up to face a cruel death but from death he will wake up, i.e. his resurrection.

As long as life lives out the spirit of Jesus' resurrection, even if they are persecuted to death, faithful believers will rise up with Jesus, finally.

Fr. Abraham Chiu



SVDEP HOME VISIT VOLUNTEER AD

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.

SVdeP's food closet is open on **Wednesdays** from **8 am to 10 am.**

If you are in need of some extra help with groceries or if you know someone in need who lives within our Parish boundaries (they do not have to be a Parishioner), please come by.

There is an ample supply of **meat, fresh fruits and veggies, also dairy products, snacks** and lots of **bread products** including **muffins, bagels** and **CAKES** (yum! my favorite food group!)

*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!

CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY

GOSPEL MASS & Eucharistic Procession



Corpus Christi Sunday, June 19, 2022

Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament

1019 11th Street, Sacramento, California 95814

10am Gospel Mass - Procession follows

Bishop Jaime Soto invites you to the Diocese of Sacramento's kickoff of the National Eucharistic Revival. Through this Eucharistic Sacrament of Charity, we faithfully encounter Christ in His **REAL PRESENCE**, and welcome all through our **REAL LIFE** in the Church.

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MISSION DIOCESE OF KURNOOL APPEAL:

I am happy and humbled to come to your Parish to preach about our mission Diocese of Kurnool, India, on the weekend of **June 11 & 12**. The mission Diocese of Kurnool, India is in the southern part of India.

Our Diocese is truly mission diocese in nature, totally depending on the providence of God and kindness of generous people. We have lots of activities in bringing the good news of Jesus closer to the hearts of the people.

We mainly focus on the three important things.

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