

# St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church



**October 30, 2022**

**31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**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-STREAM ~~DISCONTINUED~~ - Licensing Issues**



**PARISH CLERGY AND STAFF**

Pastor	Fr. Bernardin Mugabo
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SJE Pastoral Council Chairperson	Tom Ennis
SJE Finance Council Chairperson	Mary Ellen Meier

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**Registration/Change of Address:** Allow at least 3 months to receive envelopes or for any changes.

I want to register in the parish.  I have changed my address; my envelope # is \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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*--Many, many thanks to Teri Burns for contributing a little dose of catechesis to our Bulletin's Guest Column (reprinted from the [simplycatholic.com](http://simplycatholic.com) website) regarding our new "AMBRY" and the THREE HOLY OILS it contains--*God bless, Father Bernardin MUGABO

**By: Teri Burns  
SJE Guest Columnist**



**SJE CHURCH'S NEW BEAUTIFUL AMBRY, DESIGNED, HANDCRAFTED AND DONATED TO US BY ONE OF OUR MOST GENEROUS AND EXTREMELY TALENTED PARISHIONERS.**

You may have noticed the beautiful new display case on the wall to the right of the Altar. It is known as an **Ambry**, (or Aumbry). It is a cabinet or protective chamber for storing the oil of catechumens, oil of the sick and the Holy Chrism.

The Church makes use of three holy oils: the oil of the sick, the oil of the catechumens and the holy chrism oil. The first two are blessed, and the bishop consecrates the third, ordinarily during the annual Chrism Mass. Each has a distinctive purpose in the Church.

#### **Oil of the Sick**

The oil of the sick, which is pure olive oil, is used for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. While ideally celebrated with the community during the Mass for the anointing of the sick, this sacrament can be administered any time and in any place. The priest lays hands on the sick or elderly person, says special prayers and anoints the person by placing oil in the form of a cross on the forehead and hands.

Through this sacrament, God gives the sick person grace and strength to bear the illness or infirmity. In addition, many Catholics have witnessed the power of this anointing to bring spiritual, emotional and even physical healing.

#### **Oil of the Catechumens**

Both adults and infants prior to baptism are anointed with the oil of the catechumens, which is also pure olive oil. For adults, this pre-baptismal anointing often takes place during a special initiation ceremony when the person begins to prepare for the Sacrament of Baptism. At the beginning of the process known as the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), each person preparing for initiation is anointed with the oil of the catechumens.

This rite most often takes place during Mass, prior to holy Communion. The priest or deacon anoints the catechumens. Then he prays that God will instill them with wisdom for discernment and with the strength necessary to avoid evil during their inquiry into the Catholic faith and their preparation for a life with Christ.

In a similar way, an infant is anointed just before receiving the waters of baptism. This anointing is to help the child ward off evil, avoid temptation and possess the faith necessary to carry the cross of Christ throughout life.

#### **Holy Chrism Oil**

The third oil, holy chrism oil, is olive oil mixed with balsam. The oil symbolizes strength, and the fragrant balsam represents the "aroma of Christ" (2 Cor 2:15). Anointing with chrism oil signifies the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is used to consecrate someone or something to God's service.

Each year we witness the use of the holy chrism when young people are confirmed, and at the Easter Vigil when adults are confirmed after baptism. The bishop traces the Sign of the Cross with chrism oil on the forehead of the one being confirmed and says, "[Name], be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Chrism oil is also part of the baptismal rite. Following an infant's baptism with water and before he receives the white garment, the cross with chrism oil is traced on the crown of the child's head, marking him as a Christian. Anointing on the head is also administered at the baptism of an adult if the person does not immediately receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Holy chrism oil is used as well during the ordination of a priest (the Sacrament of Holy Orders) and the consecration of a bishop. It is the anointing used in the consecration of a church and the blessing of an altar and the vessels used at Mass.

#### **The Chrism Mass**

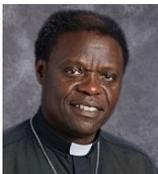
Each year the local bishop blesses enough new oils for every parish during the Chrism Mass. The holy oils are then transported to individual parishes, where they are available for use during that year. Though the bishop cannot be physically present at every baptism or confirmation in his diocese, he can be symbolically present through the holy oils he blesses.

After the Liturgy of the Word, the blessing of the oils takes place. In a formal procession, olive oil is brought forward in special urns; the oil of the sick is presented first, next the oil of the catechumens, and finally oil for the holy chrism. The bishop prays over and blesses each oil individually.

The ritual for creating and consecrating the holy chrism is different from the others. To make it, the bishop mixes oil from the balsam plant with the olive oil, breathes on the mixed oil to signify the presence of the Holy Spirit, and then says a prayer to consecrate it.

Once blessed in this way, the chrism and the other oils are no longer ordinary ointments. Instead, they are a holy, precious gift from God to the Church, signifying cleansing and strengthening, healing and comfort, and the life-giving grace of the Holy Spirit.'

as written by D.D. Emmons. Simply Catholic (website)



### **GOD IS THE LOVER OF SOULS:**

We say in the Creed at every Sunday Mass that God is the Creator of all things, seen and unseen.

The First Reading from the Book of Wisdom tells us that compared to the Lord, we have a very shallow knowledge of creation. We see only a small section of the universe and stand in awe before the power of its natural phenomena. To the Lord however, the entire cosmos is like a grain on a balance scale or a single drop of morning dew. God knows you because He created you out of His love. Nobody is out of God's touch. The book of Genesis reminds us that man was created in God's image. If God knows the number of your hair and no small bird goes down without God's notice, how much does He love you to whom He sent His Son, Jesus, to redeem? In God's plan, you are somebody, you are very special, you have a purpose. The Blessed Virgin Mary said in Medjugorje: *"If you knew how much I love you, you would cry of joy."* God who sustains everything, is, above all, the lover of souls.

### **THE POWER OF A RUMOR.** *"The day of the Lord."*

Apparently, some of the Thessalonians are agitated because they think that Jesus is on the verge of coming to judge the living and the dead. Paul assures them that the day of the Lord is not already present. They are to calm down. Paul deals with a recurring human problem -- listening to and spreading false rumors.

Even today, with all our modern means of communication, false rumors still flourish, even the rumor Paul found among the Thessalonians, that the end of the world is imminent. Rumors cause anxiety and lead to harm for individuals and society.

Months before January 1, 2000, rumors of breaking down in the infrastructure made many people fearful and agitated. Rumors of racial unrest may result in riots. Rumors about a neighbor's infidelity can break up a marriage. Nobody ignores rumors about terrorist attacks or anthrax. Paul's advice to the Thessalonians is valuable whenever we hear a rumor. He begs them not to be easily agitated and terrified. Our care to others also dictates that we do not spread the rumor.

### **WE ALL HAVE THE DESIRE TO SEE PROMINENT PEOPLE.**

**God is the lover of souls.** God loves sinners, but He wants them to change. Zacchaeus as presented to us was *the lost soul.* He was a tax collector; those people who had the habit of charging tax payers more than what was actually required. Zacchaeus is not only a tax collector; he is a Chief tax collector. He was deeply involved in the corrupt system under the Roman government. He was also wealthy. He knew how to profit from extortion.

Zacchaeus is seeking to see Jesus, but he is a short man. Because he wanted to see Jesus, he sets aside the ordinary dignity of a wealthy person, and runs to climb a sycamore tree just to see Jesus. What Zacchaeus does not realize as the story begins is that he is not only seeking, but he is also being sought. *"Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house."* The son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost.

**Sign of repentance.** Not only did Zacchaeus welcome Jesus with joy in his house, but he also welcomed Jesus in his heart. He shows himself ready and receptive to the Good News of Salvation. He shows the sincerity of his repentance by his actions. He will go far beyond what is required, by giving 4 times the necessary amount. He also intends to provide for the poor. Jesus declares that Zacchaeus is saved; *"This man too, is a descendant of Abraham"*. Doing what is right and just pleases God more than sacrifices.

•**Do you reach out to those who have bad reputations like tax collectors or do you try to avoid them?** Example, people who are addicted to drugs, alcohol...

•**Everybody may abandon you or condemn you, God will never abandon you.** What you need is only to repent.

•**Just as Jesus took the initiative with Zacchaeus, God is constantly reaching out to us,** with His saving mercy.

**Thanks be to God, like Zacchaeus, you have made an effort to catch a glimpse of Jesus by coming to this sacrifice.** Know that Jesus is looking also after you. Welcome Him in your house but especially welcome Him in your heart. He wants to make you His temple and a temple of justice. Be God's instrument to reach out to those hated and abandoned. Amen.

### **IN CASE YOU MISSED THEM ~ FR. BERNARDIN'S JOKES OF LAST WEEK**

A farmer entered the local Church and said to the Church secretary: "I'd like to speak to the Head Hog of the Trough." The secretary was quite taken aback and responded to the farmer, "Sir, we have no one here by that name."

The farmer persisted once again, and said, "I want to speak to the Head Hog of the Trough!"

"Sir, if you are referring to the Priest in charge of the Parish, we always respectfully call him Father or Pastor."

"Fine, ma'am, but I want to talk to the person who will take my \$25,000 donation for your Church."

Immediately the secretary responded, "Deariel! Please take a seat and just wait a second. Our **Fat Pig** will be here with you in just a second!"

"I never come to this Church for Sunday Mass," boasted a wandering Parishioner to a Pastor, "Perhaps you have noticed that, Father?"

"Yes, I have noticed that," said the Pastor.

"Well, the reason I don't come is that there are so many hypocrites there."

"Oh, don't let that keep you away," replied the Pastor with a smile. "There's **always room for one more.**"

## LITURGY (INTERCESSORY PRAYERS) FOR OCTOBER 30, 2022

Brothers and sisters, let us beg for the assistance of our Lord, God everlasting, Who never disregards the petitions of those who come to His presence with a repentant and humble heart.

For the Church: that we may extend God's love to all who are on fringes of society, invite them to come and see Jesus, and find acceptance and friendship in the Christian community. Let us pray to the Lord.

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER**

For members of Congress: that they may sincerely seek the truth and impartially evaluate it according to God's Commandments. Let us pray to the Lord.

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER**

For peace throughout the world: that God will protect all who are at risk because of warfare, gang activity or violence on city streets. Let us pray to the Lord.

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER**

For the just protection of the unborn and the defeat of Proposition 1: may we grow in our commitment to stand with women facing difficult or unexpected pregnancies, until no woman ever feels that abortion is her only option. Let us pray to the Lord.

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER**

For all who are burdened by fear and anxiety: that the Spirit will free them, help them to recognize that God is with them, and fill their hearts with peace. Let us pray to the Lord.

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER**

For all who are ill: that God will bring healing to all who are sick, renewal of hope to all who find life difficult and strength to all who serve their needs. 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 mercy and forgiveness, look kindly upon Your children gathered here in Your name, attend to their petitions, and fill their lives with the gifts of Your most Sacred Heart. We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

## SJE WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekend of:	Actual (Week):	Budget (Week):	Surplus/ (Deficit):
October 23, 2022	\$7,709	\$10,365	(\$2,656)
World Mission Sunday	\$2,135	N/A	N/A

## UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

**October 29/30, 2022** - SJE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL  
(Immediate Need)

**November 5/6, 2022** - ARCHDIOCESE FOR MILITARY SERVICES  
(Every Third Year)

**November 19/20, 2022** - CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

## 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

PLEASE VISIT OUR  
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OR USE OUR EMAIL:

[office@sjecarmichael.org](mailto:office@sjecarmichael.org)

To update your  
address, phone  
number and  
email address.

## 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](http://www.sjecarmichael.org) to download and  
complete our *Baptismal Registration Form* or  
contact DEACON JACK or DEACON KEITH through  
our "[baptisms@sjecarmichael.org](mailto:baptisms@sjecarmichael.org)" email address  
for Baptism and Baptism Class Schedules.



**SJE RELIGIOUS ED (CCD) CLASSES**

Our Religious Education/CCD classes began on **September 18, 2022**. Our continuing CCD classes start at **8:55 am** and will end at **9:55 am** on Sundays.

If you did not have the opportunity to register your children in advance or during the first weeks, please stop by or contact our **SJE Parish Office** to obtain and complete the CCD Registration Forms. We pray for each and every family that God sends to us. God bless you all.

**MRS. JOANNE GIFFARD, Religious Education Coordinator**  
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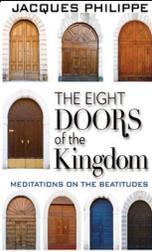
**HUMAN FLOURISHING - BEATITUDES**

Please join us on **Thursday nights at 6:30pm** in **St. James Hall** or by Zoom as we unlock the mysteries of the Beatitudes in our review of ***The Eight Doors of the Kingdom - Meditation on the Beatitudes***, by Father Jacques Philippe.

We will continue our discussion next **Thursday, November 3rd**. Please come prepared by reading through **Chapter 7**.

If you plan to attend, please email, call or text **DEACON KEITH** at [deaconkeith@sjecarmichael.org](mailto:deaconkeith@sjecarmichael.org) or **(916) 390-5458**.

For those attending by Zoom, a link will be sent each Monday before the class.



**SJE CHOIR REHEARSAL**

**PLEASE JOIN US!!**

Calling all SJE Choir Members, past, present, and potential, to attend our next **Choir Rehearsal** on **Wednesday, November 2, at 7pm**

For choir up-dates, please email **Bill Becker** at [music@sjecarmichael.org](mailto:music@sjecarmichael.org)

*Let's sing!!!*



**JOKE OF THE WEEK**

A mother with a fidgety 7 year old boy told me how she finally got her son to sit still and be quiet. About half-way through the homily, she leaned over and whispered, "If you don't be quiet, Father is going to lose his place and will have to start his homily all over again!"

**ST. JOHN'S GIFT SHOP IS OPEN...**



The **SJE CHURCH GIFT SHOP** has **RE-OPENED!!**

Check out **NEW MERCHANDISE**, a **SPECIAL SALE SECTION**, and **RECYCLED ITEMS** that are great bargains!

**SPOTLIGHT (AND HELP) - ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**St. Vincent de Paul needs your Support!!**

Our **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE** (as it is called at the Parish level) is part of the world-wide **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**, a charitable institution founded in Paris, France in 1833 by the Blessed Frederic Ozanam. The first "Conference" in the United States was established in 1845. No work of charity is foreign to the Society. It includes person-to-person assistance that promotes human dignity and integrity regardless of one's creed, color, caste or origin.

In addition to our **SVdeP FOOD LOCKER**, our **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE** member volunteers also assists people who need help with rent and utilities. There has been a **terrific upsurge in requests** (calls) for **assistance to help the poor in our area** who fall behind on their rents or utilities and who face the possibility of eviction or their power turned off. These calls have recently reached all time highs. Our **St. John's SVdeP CONFERENCE** needs to replenish our monetary resources so we can continue this very much needed Ministry to the poor.

There is a **SVdeP FIFTH SUNDAY COLLECTION** after all Masses this **Weekend**. **SVdeP** members and/or Ushers with our "blue buckets" will be at all Church exit doors to collect donations from those in attendance to help replenish our severely depleted Conference funds.

If you have any questions or would like to make a donation, please leave a message at our **SVdeP phone (916) 483-2161**.

Thank you in advance for responding to our "urgent" plea for help and may God bless you all for your generosity.

**JIM TONER, President, St. John's ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE**

**VOTE "NO" ON PROPOSITION 1**

**PROPOSITION 1 is a worst-case scenario for abortion in California. It is an expensive and misleading AMENDMENT TO OUR CONSTITUTION that allows unlimited late-term abortions — for any reason, at any time, even moments before birth, paid by tax dollars.**



To learn more, visit [www.Catholic.org/Prop1](http://www.Catholic.org/Prop1)

**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, Joseph Carter, Melanie Casperson, Ollie Claussen, Alicia Cortez, Sue, Heather & Eric Crawford, Corrine Davidson, Bill & Judy Davis, Russ Davis, Melissa Duran, Brenda Elazier, Kate Ellis, Karen Emmons, Madeline Endres, Debbie Erichs, Teri Erickson, Velia Escalante, James Espinoza, Juanita Estrellas, Ernie Frehe, Anthony Gabriele, Ella Gomes, Jimi Grant, Alice Guerrero, 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, Carla Moore, 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, Ray Rodgers, Aida Saca, Ruth Salazar, Monique Sandoval, Rena Scherman, 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, Kay Webb, Theresa West, Lu Whitlow, Jacqueline Whittle, Amanda Young and all those with COVID-19.

October 30, 2022

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

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Our Saint of the Week is **St. Martin de Porres**, whose Feast Day falls on November 3. Martin de Porres Velazquez was born on December 9, 1579, in Lima, Peru, to a Spanish nobleman, Don Juan de Porres y de la Pena, and Ana Velazquez, a freed slave from Panama of Native American and African descent. He had a sister, Juana de Porres, who was born two years later in 1581. After his sister's birth, Martin's father abandoned his family leaving them to grow up in deep poverty. As Don Juan never married Ana, she was left to support her children by taking a job in the laundry. Soon Martin spent two years in a primary school. To make sure that Martin would have a promising future, his mother apprenticed him to a barber/surgeon, who taught Martin the medical arts and how to cut hair. Although Martin was growing up in poverty, his mother continually taught him kindness and gentleness. Even as a young child, Martin had a deep understanding and love for the poor and needy, and he always spent hours at night in prayer.

After a few years, Martin asked that the Dominicans of the Holy Rosary priory in Lima accept him as a "donado", who was a volunteer assigned to perform menial tasks in the monastery in exchange for the privilege of wearing the habit and living in the monastery with this religious community. Martin traveled along this pathway, because he knew that he always would be barred from becoming a full member of this Dominican group due to his mixed-race heritage. His duties grew, and Martin then became a prominent almoner. Without fail, Martin diligently worked in the fields of barbering, healing, kitchen work, cleaning, and laundering. It was recorded that Martin performed many miraculous cures during this period. Then as eight years passed, the Prior Juan de Lorenzana turned a blind eye to the laws concerning mixed-race ancestry and permitted Martin to take his vows as an actual member of the Third Order of Saint Dominic. It was at the age of twenty-four in 1603 that Martin was allowed to profess his religious vows as a Dominican lay brother.

When Martin turned thirty-four, he was assigned to the infirmary, and he was placed in charge of this institution for the rest of his life. Throughout this period, Martin became known as the "Marvel of Lima." His superiors recognized his unflinching patience in this role. Without fail, Martin treated every patient equally whether that person be an aristocratic nobleman, or a slave recently brought in from Africa. Martin welcomed everyone, even people who were dirty or diseased with contagious scabs. Like St. Francis of Assisi, Martin also had a special place in his heart for animals.

Martin reflected his great love for God, and God bestowed on Martin numerous extraordinary gifts including ecstasies that lifted Martin into the air, light filling the room where he prayed, bilocation, miraculous knowledge, instantaneous cures for his patients, and remarkable rapport with animals. His charity extended not only to beasts in the field, but also to vermin in the kitchen. He is sometimes shown with a dog, a rat, a cat, and a bird eating in peace from the same dish.

Although many of his fellow brothers considered Martin to be their spiritual director, he continually called himself the "poor slave." Not only did Martin fast every day, but he did not eat meat, and he begged for alms to procure the necessities that were needed in their area. Usually, Martin succeeded in collecting alms to feed one hundred sixty needy persons every day, and a remarkable sum of money was distributed every week to the indigent. Likewise, he founded a residence for orphans and abandoned children in Lima. In addition, Martin raised thousands of dollars for poor girls' dowries, so that they could either marry or enter a convent. Social justice was always one of Martin's serious concerns.

At the age of sixty, Martin became very ill with fever, chills, and tremors causing him agonizing pain. For almost a full year, Martin suffered with this illness until he died on November 3, 1639. On May 5, 1962, Pope John XXIII canonized St. Martin de Porres, whose charity knew no bounds, as he always helped those in need of food or encouragement. He has become the patron saint of people of mixed-race, aviators, innkeepers, hair stylists, public health workers, public educators and all those who seek racial harmony.

**OUR PRAYER:** O, GOD, YOU LED ST. MARTIN DE PORRES ALONG THE PATH OF HUMILITY TO HEAVENLY GLORY. HELP US TO FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF HIS HOLINESS TO BECOME WORTHY TO BE EXALTED WITH HIM IN HEAVEN. AMEN

Yours in Christ,

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of October 31-November 5, 2022

**Monday:**  
**6:30 am** Living and Deceased Members of the Lubecki Family  
**8:30 am** Benjamin Ellis †  
**Tuesday: ALL SAINTS DAY (Holy Day of Obligation)**  
**6:30 am** ALL SOULS  
**8:30 am** Ron Lee †  
**10:00 am** ALL SOULS  
**7:00 pm** ALL SOULS  
**Wednesday: All Souls Day**  
**6:30 am** ALL SOULS  
**8:30 am** ALL SOULS  
**Thursday: St. Martin de Porres, Religious**  
**6:30 am** ALL SOULS  
**8:30 am** Bob (I) and Judy (I) Laywell  
**Friday: St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop (First Friday)**  
**6:30 am** Jennifer Lehner †  
**8:30 am** Deceased and Living Members of the Cynthia Santos Family  
**Saturday: BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (First Saturday)**  
**8:30 am** Georgeanne McCagin †

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:12-14  
**Tuesday:** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a  
**Wednesday:** Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016  
**Thursday:** Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10  
**Friday:** Phil 3:17 — 4:1; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 16:1-8  
**Saturday:** Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15  
**Sunday:** 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; 2 Thes 2:16 — 3:5; Lk 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]

### HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK PROCEDURE

For those who bring the Holy Eucharist to our homebound brothers and sisters after Mass, **please place your Pyx with Host on the Altar prior to the beginning of Mass.**

If you are unable to place the Pyx on the Altar before Mass, please do not approach the Altar once Mass begins. After Mass, you can approach either the Priest or Deacon to obtain our precious Lord, Who will journey with you to be received by our homebound brothers and sisters as soon as possible.

### MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND RECIPIENTS



If you or anyone you know of is homebound and in need of receiving the Holy Eucharist, please contact **GAIL GUDAHL**, SJE Lead Homebound Minister at [homeboundministry@sjecarmichael.org](mailto:homeboundministry@sjecarmichael.org) or our **SJE PARISH OFFICE** at (916) 483-8454.

### ALL SAINTS DAY - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

The Feast of **ALL SAINTS** on **Tuesday, November 1st**, is a **Holy Day of Obligation**.  
**Holy Day Mass Times** are **6:30 am, 8:30 am** and **7 pm**

### ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE ENVELOPES

**November 2nd (ALL SOULS DAY) is THIS WEDNESDAY!**  
Please check your September/October Offertory Envelope Package for your "All Souls" envelope. For those who do not receive envelopes or who are new to our Church, there are envelopes in the Narthex brochure holder. Please fill out the names of your departed loved ones and return to us in this weekend's collection (**October 29/30th**) so they can be placed on the Altar throughout the month of November.

Jesus indicated us how to be a real humble person. Real humble people are able to share what God gives but not to boast themselves for what they possess. Jesus said, "But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."



To the contrast, the Pharisees were preoccupied with "earning" a high place in heaven by their own efforts. Jesus counseled them to practice what they preached about God's concern for the poor and thereby to enter God's kingdom. The deeper message of this parable is that if we exalt ourselves, and try to earn the eternal life by our own efforts, we are going to face embarrassment before the seat of God.

Humility and openness to all are twins. This parable reminds us of not to overestimate our worth, nor to underestimate it either. The humility that Jesus exhorted us has nothing to do with self-deprecation because we are created in the image of God. Moreover, we are called to help build God's kingdom with God-given gifts. We are of value, not because of those gifts but we are loved by God as God's children.

By being humble, Jesus further invited us to associate with the grass root class of society since no more boundaries of rank exist since Jesus incarnated as a human. Thus, Christians are encouraged by the incarnated Jesus as to connect with the homeless, the handicapped, and the poor; physically and spiritually. St. Augustine said: "Humility makes people angels, and pride makes angels devils." **Fr. Abraham Chiu**

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*The helpers at the FOOD LOCKER tell me we could use spaghetti, jars of spaghetti sauce, top ramen, and jelly. Also, we still need the heavier reusable plastic bags.*



**ANNIE and JASPER** are sorting through donation items for Bundle Weekend coming **November 12th and 13th...**



*see details below in this Bulletin.*

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**TERESA DUCKWORTH**, SJE Pro-Life Coordinator

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**SVDEP DONATION TRUCK DATE**

**CLEAN OUT YOUR DRAWERS!  
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*Bundle Weekend and the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store Truck are coming!!*



Dates: **Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>** and **Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**

Times: **Saturday: 2:00-5:00 pm** and

**Sunday: 9:00-12:00 pm** (or earlier if truck is full)

*Please donate gently used clothing, small furniture and household items in good condition.*

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