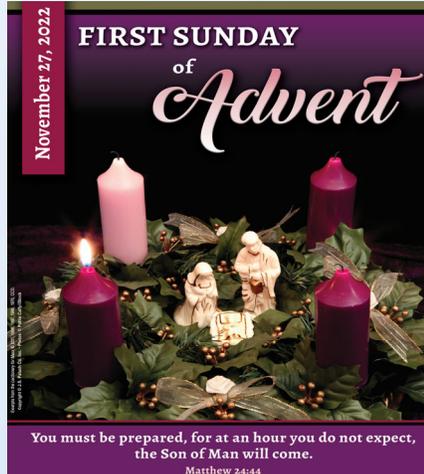


# St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church



**November 27, 2022**

**1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

### 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

5751 Locust Avenue  
Carmichael CA 95608-1320  
Parish Office: (916) 483-8454  
Web: [www.sjecarmichael.org](http://www.sjecarmichael.org)  
Email: [office@sjecarmichael.org](mailto:office@sjecarmichael.org)  
--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



**NO SUNDAY MASS LIVE-STREAM - DISCONTINUED**



#### PARISH CLERGY AND STAFF

Pastor	Fr. Bernardin Mugabo
Parochial Vicar	Fr. Bit-Shing Abraham Chiu
Pastor Emeritus	Fr. Thomas Bland
Mercy San Juan Hospital Chaplain	Fr. Alban Uba
Deacon	Keith Johnson
Deacon	Jack Wilson
SJE Business Manager	Linda Gospodnetich
SJE Parish Secretary	Bernadette Hicks
Religious Education Coordinator	Joanne Giffard
Director of Music & Liturgy	William Becker
SJE Pastoral Council Chairperson	Tom Ennis
SJE Finance Council Chairperson	Mary Ellen Meier

#### ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

[www.stjohnnev.com](http://www.stjohnnev.com)

5701 Locust Avenue  
Carmichael, CA 95608  
Phone: (916) 481-8845  
Fax: (916) 481-1319  
Email: [office@stjohnnev.com](mailto:office@stjohnnev.com)  
Principal: Christie Horton



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (916) 483-2161**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (916) 483-4628**

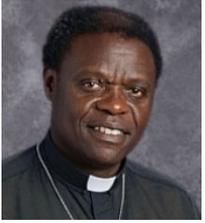
**Registration/Change of Address:** Allow at least 3 months to receive envelopes or for any changes.

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

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_



### **BY YOUR PERSEVERANCE, YOU WILL SECURE YOUR LIVES:**

Dear Parishioners, during the month of November, we pray for all souls, meaning all our departed brothers and sisters who left ahead of us. If they are in Purgatory, they need our prayers because they can't pray for themselves but we can pray for them; we are in the **Church Militant**. Don't neglect your loved ones who may need your help in Purgatory. 'Mother nature' is talking loudly about the END, that is inevitable to every creature living on earth.

- Trees in your backyard are turning red or yellow, losing their leaves and messing up your backyard. Soon branches will be like skeletons without leaves.

- Three Saturdays ago we changed to standard (real) time, and the night is longer than the day.

- The cold is taking over the heat, limiting those who enjoy walking in the sun outside. For those suffering with arthritis, it is a painful event. The snow covering the mountains gives herbivores a very hard time, some of them might not make it to next spring.

- Last Sunday was the **Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe**. This has ended the Liturgical Year "C".

- Soon we will end the civil (calendar) year 2022 as we will prepare to start the 2023 new year...

**There will be an end to everything living under the sky.** There will be an end to each one of us, young or old, it is a matter of time. We don't know when and how it will happen, but, like it or not, everyday that is passing, we are getting closer to that day, and we should be prepared for the next, because nobody gets out of here alive. Jesus came to this world to save us from this passing world in order to enter the Kingdom of Heaven where we will live forever, where people will live like angels for all eternity. We better listen and turn to Jesus as soon as possible.

What is going on in our world today is a very uncertain situation. The war going on now in Ukraine and Russia with all countries aligned behind them shows how we are on the edge of a 3<sup>rd</sup> world war. I feel so much sorry for the people in Ukraine as the destruction of homes, buildings, bridges, and many lives which have been lost by missiles, killer drones, bombs and bullets that are kept aiming at them. Honestly, it is like a miracle for me to see Ukraine still alive even now several months after the Russian invasion of their country. Only God knows how much they can take and the future of this deadly war.

The many refugees running for their lives have spread all over Europe, some have reached the United States and Canada and maybe other countries as well. Those who were housed by some families in Poland and other European countries are very blessed; even though it is not like being in your own home doing your own things. Those living like homeless on the street in this freezing weather, I feel sorry for them. It must be very painful for them, but what can they do? They must be homesick but don't know when or how they will go home.

I know what they are feeling because of the war my old home country of Rwanda went through when rebels, mostly Tutsis, backed by Uganda, a neighboring country started war on October 1, 1990. Many people were killed by the war, refugees running for their lives were bombed, shot even tortured to death by rebels. Those who escaped ran into the country through hills, swamps, thorns bushes and forests. They were exposed to the weather; heat, rain and cold and hunger as well. They were exposed to many diseases that killed so many of them. The remaining ones had to face again and again the advancing of the rebels' forces who finally took over the whole country in 1994. Millions of people found refuge in the Democratic Republic of Congo, then Zaire, thinking that they were finally safe, but no way. The rebels crossed Rwanda and followed them in Congo and so many died, tired and hungry but many of them were killed by the same people who hunted them in the Congo's rain-forest. The Congolese people were not safe at all as some of them were killed too; women raped, but mostly the children who were very vulnerable. Some Congolese were killed only for hiding Hutu refugees. I did reach Congo but I was lucky to come back home before the new Rwandan army, mostly from the Tutsi ethnic entered Congo. I will always thank God for saving me from running and dying in Congo's rain forest.

Too bad, even now, the war is raging in the Eastern part of Congo where Rwanda with Uganda are supporting the M-23 rebels in order to reach the rich minerals of Congo as they have been looting this country for so many years for their own interests.

A 3<sup>rd</sup> WW would be very deadly and more destructive than ever before. The modern arms are way too powerful and too dangerous than they have ever been in the history of the world. The nuclear bombs in disposition by so many western countries can be thrown everywhere and kill everything, human beings and animals as well. Tensions of wars between USA and China over Taiwan, can bring chaos and death for both countries and their citizens and the whole world in general. The president of North Korea who is a dictator has been hinting for war against South Korea and Japan. The oil price has increased everywhere around the world, leading to a high price in buying food and other goods we all need in life. Crimes have increased even in these western countries; things are getting way too expensive and the diseases are only pushing things to the worst. Who knows what is next?

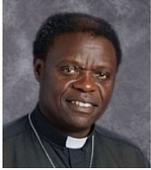
Dear Parishioners, God sees and knows everything and everybody. The Blessed Virgin Mary said that they are closer to us than we are closer to ourselves. Our heavenly Mother has been warning us for a very long time, before the war and genocide in Rwanda came. We were warned by **Our Lady of Kibeho** who predicted the war, crimes and killings that came with it. In Fatima, she predicted the 2<sup>nd</sup> WW and it did happen. Like it or not, in Medjugorje, she did predict the **Chastisements** caused by our sinful behaviors. Recently, we voted for making California a sanctuary for abortion as if abortion was not too much evil. We are into homosexuality, changing sexes (transgender) denying what God made us, male or female, and we passed the law on euthanasia. Sadly, some are worshipping demons in the name of their freedom as if the devil can offer any good thing out of its evil. They are horribly mistaken and, unless they convert, they may pay for it with all eternity in hell.

You, dear Parishioners, be careful and save your souls by listening and following God's Commandments. Persevere in your faith.

Once again, I would like to remind you the five stones the Blessed Virgin Mary gave to all us, to help fight our Goliath.

1. Pray with the heart the Rosary
2. The Eucharist
3. The Holy Bible
4. Fasting
5. Confession

--God bless, Father Bernardin MUGABO



### **JESUS IS COMING; BE READY AT ALL TIMES:**

Today, on the first Sunday of Advent "A", we start a new liturgical year in the Catholic Church. I wish all of you "**Happy New Liturgical Year**". The season of Advent brings hope, because we **prepare for the coming of Our Savior Jesus Christ on Christmas**. Somehow, help is on the way; keep courage. Jesus comes to share with us all the ups and downs that life brings. But, as God, He is teaching us how we can fully live by trusting God in all things. With God, there is always hope.

**When you go to the stores**, you hear the music of Christmas Carols. In your car, it is the same, even in our houses, the Christmas songs are the favorite ones. Some do go way too far by putting the reindeer horns on their cars. Christmas lights are showing up already on some houses and in stores.

But how many people really celebrate Christmas with Christ? For some business people, it is a time to sell their merchandise as many people buy and give gifts to their loved ones and friends. They miss the real meaning of Advent.

Jesus promised us that He will come back again as a judge separating good people from bad ones. So then Advent time helps us to prepare for the future when Jesus Christ comes again so that He may find us ready for Him.

1. **Jesus is the King of Peace** who brings true peace to all those who turn to Him. The prophet Isaiah lived over 700 years before Christ. He is prophesying about Jerusalem that would become the most important place in the world. The place from which God's Word would spread; the place where all the nations of the world would come together and form a bond of unity so that there would be peace everywhere in the world.

Jerusalem will be *the highest mountain raised above the hills*.

*All nations shall stream toward it.*

God will instruct all of us *in his ways that we may walk in his paths*.

*He shall judge between the nations and impose terms on many peoples.*

*They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.*

*One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again.*

Isaiah calls all of us *to walk in the light of the Lord*.

**This message of Isaiah is very much needed today** as wars are taking so many lives and destroying nations. Worse, we are on the edge of a 3<sup>rd</sup> World War. Man needs to turn to peace not to war. This is the call of the Blessed Virgin Mary the Queen of Peace. Guns, armor tanks, war planes and missiles should be changed into instruments to help us cultivate the ground and produce more food. Military rules countries such as North Korea, China, Russia, Rwanda; they invest so much in their military power than in the well-being of their people.

**Jesus will come again as a judge**, those war mongers and trouble makers will be sentenced to eternal condemnation in hell with the devil, while the righteous one will be in Heaven with Jesus and our Lady forever.

2. **Saint Paul** in his letter to the Romans tells all of us that this is the time. Time to awake from sleep because our salvation is near. Jesus is coming. Paul advises us to throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Paul concludes telling us to put on the Lord Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh. By the way, adultery condemned by God is way too much accepted and funded in our own country today. Condoms are free and so are the morning-after pills. Worse still, abortions, that is the killing of innocent babies are done by doctors trained to save lives, by parents who are supposed to be caring, protecting and providing. Leaders who are supposed to enforce the law to protect the vulnerable, the innocent, are claiming and vowing to destroy babies. You know very well what passed as Proposition 1 regardless of the warnings from the bishops of California. Unless we repent, we will perish.

3. **The Son of Man will come in a surprise way**. But nobody knows the day nor the hour. Jesus Himself is telling us in the Gospel that He will come again like:

– **The days of Noah:** people were sinning, eating, drinking, marrying and giving in marriage. Life was so good for them. When God told Noah to build the ark, they might have mocked him or called Noah stupid. But when the rains came and the flood started, it was too late. They all drowned. This is a very strong warning from Jesus to our generation. Do you know that we are 1,000 times worse than the time of Noah? They were not killing babies as we do today. I am sure they were not changing sexes as we do today. They were not paying or encouraging children to commit adultery as we do today. There was no such a thing as sanctuary for abortion. We deserve a punishment 1,000 times worse than Noah. Thinking that God is not going to punish us, we will be terribly mistaken. The whole world is in a mess, maybe we have started chastisements predicted in Medjugorje. Be like Noah and save your soul.

– **Like a thief in the night:** thieves mostly attack later in the night when people are sleeping. They never warn their victims as the police or any law enforcement would be waiting for them. They don't like to be arrested and sent to prison for a very long time, they don't want to be wounded or killed. They want to surprise their victims with masks, gloves, guns, knives, hammers... it is a horrible nightmare to be attacked in such a way. Often, they leave their victims dead, chained or wounded or unable to call for help. To avoid it, we put in an alarm system, cameras, fences, but there is no 100% thief-proof place. The 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Jesus will be a surprise. Nobody will predict it. Be ready at all times. It is a matter of eternity in Heaven or in hell. You are warned.

**Two men will be out in the field, one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken; one will be left:** being with a holy man or holy woman is not a guarantee for your salvation. The good people will be saved while the bad will perish in eternal fires. You who receive Jesus in the Eucharist; you who go to Church to pray, be the good one. You are the light of the world and the salt of the earth. This is the time to be really and truly good Catholic Christians. Let us start now.

**Stay awake, be alert**, the Son of Man will come unexpectedly.

**Christ comes to renew all things within Himself. Let us go to meet Him with our prayers and petitions on this day and throughout the season of Advent.**

For the Church: that we may grow in our awareness of how God is fulfilling the deepest desires of our hearts, expectantly await God's continuing work, and learn to recognize God's presence in our lives. Let us pray to the Lord.

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER**

For leaders of nations: that their hearts may be awakened by God so that the needs for jobs, healthcare, safety, protection of the innocent, and nourishment may be met for all who are in need. Let us pray to the Lord.

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER**

For all who are working for peace, particularly in Ukraine and the Middle East: that God will guide and inspire their work and open new doors for peace, cooperation and economic advancement. Let us pray to the Lord.

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER**

For the grace of attentiveness within this community: that we may be aware of the signs of the times and that the Spirit will shake us from our complacency to live life fully each day. Let us pray to the Lord.

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER**

For the homeless and the homebound: that they may experience love and acceptance through our concern and outreach. 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**

**Heavenly Father, You call all people to Yourself so that they may know Your wisdom and love. May we be constant in our desire for this growing communion to come to its fullness. Hear our prayers this day in the name of Jesus Christ, Who comes to make all new. Amen.**

### SJE WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekend of:	Actual (Week):	Budget (Week):	Surplus/ (Deficit):
November 20, 2022	N/A - EARLY HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINE		

### UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTION

**December 10/11, 2022 - RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**  
The appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious asks us to recall those women and men religious whose ministry has nourished our own faith, served our Church, and strengthened our nation. Today, more than 37,000 women and men religious are past age 70. Their institutes face critical economic challenges as the costs of health care escalate and as the need for handicapped-accessible housing increases. Please be as generous as possible.

### 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  
WEBSITE:

[www.sjecarmichael.org](http://www.sjecarmichael.org)

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.



JOKE OF THE WEEK

The sixth grade Religious Education teacher was telling the story of Sodom and Gomorrah. She explained that when Lot's wife looked back, she turned into a pillar of salt. Suddenly, little Johnnie interrupted, saying, "My mommy looked back once while she was driving," he announced, "and she turned into a telephone pole."

SPOTLIGHT ON - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION



Firework Sales for Scholarships "Tootsie Roll" I.D. Drive Parish Schools Free Throw Contest

The **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** was founded by **Blessed FATHER MICHAEL MCGIVNEY**, a New Haven parish priest, in 1882. The organization was formed to provide charitable outreach and care for the financial well-being of Catholic families, focusing on the protection of widows and orphans, and on strengthening the faith of its members. It has grown into the world's largest lay Catholic organization, with over 2 million members serving in over 16,000 councils throughout North and Central America, the Philippines, the Caribbean and Europe.

Last fraternal year, the **KNIGHTS** donated nearly \$154 million to worthy causes and stepped up with close to 48 million hours of volunteer service. Even with this success the continued growth of the Knights of Columbus remains a top priority because even more men need what Father McGivney envisioned when he founded the **KNIGHTS**.

Any SJE Parishioner men interested in becoming a Knight and **PUTTING THEIR FAITH INTO ACTION** please contact **gENE gOBBO** at (916) 261-8652 or email at [egobbo@surewest.net](mailto:egobbo@surewest.net) for more information and any questions, and be sure to check out our local website at [kofc4970.com](http://kofc4970.com) or our national website, [kofc.org](http://kofc.org).

Please prayerfully consider becoming a Knight and make a difference to our Church, family and community.



K of C Spiritual Retreats @ Christ the King Life Chain/Pro-Life Homeless Vets "Stand Down"

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS TIMES

**Thursday, December 8th** is the Feast Day of **THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** (Holy Day of Obligation)



MASS TIMES: 6:30 AM, 8:30 AM AND 7 PM

SJE CHOIR REHEARSAL

PLEASE JOIN US!!

Calling all SJE Choir Members, past and present to attend our next **Choir Rehearsal** on **Wednesday, November 30, at 7pm**



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

SISTERS IN FAITH - MINI ADVENT RETREAT

ATTENTION THE WOMEN OF OUR ST. JOHN'S PARISH:

**SISTERS IN FAITH** has planned a **mini Advent Retreat**.

We will discuss the journey of Advent with the incarnation of Jesus and our Blessed Mother, Mary. Join us for **three Wednesdays, 11/30, 12/07, and 12/14 at 6:30 pm.**

Our **1<sup>st</sup>** meeting on 11/30 will be held in the **Chapel** and our own **Father Bernardin** will be our guest speaker. Please join us as we celebrate Advent and prepare for Christmas.

Contact **PAM JOHNSON** at (916) 716-6228 for questions.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SEMINARIANS

The Seminarians' annual Christmas Gathering will be held on **Monday, December 19th.**

The Diocese has been asked when this gathering will take place in order for delivering of Christmas cards and greetings.

There are two ways to drop off the Seminarians' Christmas cards **by December 9th:**

1. **Diocese of Sacramento Office of Priestly and Religious Vocations, 2110 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95818.**
2. **SJE Parish Office, between 9:30 am - 4 pm weekdays.**

We will forward them to the Diocese of Sacramento. For more information, please contact the **Diocese Vocations Office** (phone number listed above).

*Thank you for your prayers and support of our Seminarians!*

SJE PRAYER LIST

**Please Pray for our sick and their caregivers:** Andrea Armstrong, Richard Michael Blalock, Bob Bodem, Nancy Born, Robert Burns, Chuck Carly, John Carroll, Geoff Carter, Joseph Carter, Melanie Caspersen, 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, Margaret Gallagher, 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, 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, **Martha Perez**, Mike Peterson, Alex Quiroz, Noreen Rademacher, Max Rankin, Jeff Reynolds, Sarah Rizzardo, Ray Rodgers, Aida Saca, Ruth Salazar, Monique Sandoval, Kim Schultz, Christopher Scott, Paul Scurti, Aurora Simental, Lili Simic, Carol Smith, Joan Smith, Dolores Stafford, Hank Thompson, Inge Toner, Kim Van Blaricom, Bob Walker, Katie Walker, Kay Webb, Theresa West, Lu Whitlow, Jacqueline Whittle, Amanda Young and all those with COVID-19.

November 27, 2022

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

**Grades: Kindergarten through Junior High**  
**Phone: 916-483-4628 Email: [ccd@sjecarmichael.org](mailto:ccd@sjecarmichael.org)**

**Mrs. Joanne Giffard is on a well-deserved Thanksgiving break;**  
**this is her article from last November 28th.**

As we have all lavished our loved ones with kindness and delicious food on Thanksgiving, so did Jesus lavish us with His mercy and forgiveness. Jesus breathed on His Apostles saying, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." So it was that Jesus willed that His Church, following in His footsteps, continue to grow spiritually in kindness under the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit in His work of healing, forgiveness, and salvation.

Actually, according to the New Testament, the first disciple called by Jesus to begin the work of His new Church was **St. Andrew, the Apostle** whose feast day is on November 30. When John the Baptist, cousin of Jesus, began his work, he saw two men watching Jesus walk by, and one of them was St. Andrew. John said, "Behold the Lamb of God!" Then, these same two men followed Jesus, and they asked Him, "Where do you live, Master?" Jesus replied, "Come and see." It was then that Andrew and his friend made it their decision to follow Jesus.

Later, Andrew told his younger brother Simon Peter, "We have found the Messiah." Andrew then led Simon Peter to Jesus. On another day, Jesus said to Simon Peter and Andrew, "Go to the deep water and let down your nets." Simon Peter replied, "Master, we have been fishing all night but have caught nothing." They, however let down their net and caught so many fish that they could not pull the net up. Jesus then said, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Actually, both Andrew and Simon Peter were fishermen, and they were born in the village of Bethsaida, on the Sea of Galilee. Even the boat that Jesus sailed in to preach to the multitudes was owned solely by Simon Peter. Both brothers went to the marriage of Cana, witnessing Jesus' first miracle. In addition, they followed Jesus on His preaching missions through Galilee, and then on to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. On that day, St. Andrew introduced the Greeks to Jesus. Likewise, Simon Peter and Andrew were present during the Last Supper, the Passion, the Crucifixion, and the night of Easter Sunday.

After Christ's Resurrection, as our Church was being formed, Andrew, who was known for having great social skills, preached the Gospel in Greece, Russia, and Poland. His joy was to make Christ known to all. In the year 70 A.D. Andrew was crucified on a cross, which had the form of an X, in Patras in Achaia. Andrew joyfully greeted this instrument of his death because he deemed himself unworthy to be crucified on the same type of a cross as Jesus. His body was transferred from Patras to Constantinople in the year 357 A.D., and later to Vatican City. In September 1964, Pope Paul VI had St. Andrew's relics sent back to the Church of St. Andrew in Patras.

Among the Greeks, St. Andrew is called the "**Protoclete**", or the first called, since he was the first disciple called by Jesus. St. Andrew is the patron saint of Russia and Scotland. In addition, St. Andrew is the patron saint of the Church at Constantinople, and of the Greek Orthodox Church. He is the patron saint of fishermen and also singers.

**OUR PRAYER:** O LORD, YOU RAISED UP ST. ANDREW, YOUR APOSTLE, TO PREACH AND RULE IN YOUR CHURCH. GRANT THAT WE MAY ALWAYS PERSERVE IN OUR HEARTS AND MINDS TO LIVE IN PEACE AND MERCY.

Yours in Christ,

**Mrs. Joanne Giffard**, Religious Education Coordinator

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

[jkoecqgiffard@aol.com](mailto:jkoecqgiffard@aol.com)

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of November 28-December 3, 2022

**Monday: Advent Weekday**  
**6:30 am** Living and Deceased Members of the Lubecki Family  
**8:30 am** Leland Spalding †

**Tuesday: Advent Weekday**  
**6:30 am** Living and Deceased Members of the Lubecki Family  
**8:30 am** Bobbi Hooker †

**Wednesday: St. Andrew, Apostle**  
**6:30 am** Peter David Heiman †  
**8:30 am** Myron Thomas Umscheid †

**Thursday: Advent Weekday**  
**6:30 am** George Edward Umscheid †  
**8:30 am** Barbara Sepanski †

**Friday: Advent Weekday (FIRST FRIDAY)**  
**6:30 am** Marie Grow (I)  
**8:30 am** Jim O'Connor †

**Saturday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest (FIRST SATURDAY)**  
**8:30 am** Deceased and Living Members of the Cynthia Santos Family

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11  
**Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24  
**Wednesday:** Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22  
**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27  
**Friday:** Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31  
**Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8  
**Sunday:** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

### 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.

### "THE BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD"

*The Month of November remembers "ALL SOULS"*

*Reminder -*

**"The Book of the Names of the Dead"**

is on the round table next to the Banners, to write recently deceased (last year) loved ones' names.

Please enter their name **only one time** in the book.



Someone might say that if they know when the end of the world comes, they would prepare themselves by doing all kinds of good things in order to enter into heaven immediately. Yet, this is not a thorough preparation. Jesus does not prefer this kind of commercial deal but rather, a consistent conversion from sins, i.e. watchfulness.



In a reference to the story of Noah, Jesus ascertained that the sin of the people was placing too much emphasis on the cares and necessities of life. For instance, they were too concerned with eating and drinking – just as people are during the Christmas and New Year’s holidays, or even birthdays. People just stuff their stomachs with food and drink but not giving thanks to God for life and mercy. Jesus reminds us that there is something more important than eating or drinking as he said in Matt 24:38-39.

Since God may show up without an appointment, we must be prepared at all times. This attitude of life requires our watchfulness and awareness. Jesus said, “Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.”

Metaphorically, the verb “watch” (grēgoreite) carries the meanings of giving strict attention to, be cautious; or taking heed lest through remissness and indolence some destructive calamity suddenly overtake one’s life.

God will arrive unexpectedly. People do not know when a thief might break into their houses, so they are prepared for the thief at all times. Christians are sometimes so future-oriented that they forget the present entirely by spending too much time as to protect themselves against future uncertainties. However, what they need to do the best is to be more spiritually watchful to prepare for eternal life.

There is a saying about being saved by St. Thomas Aquinas: “Without God, I cannot. Without me, God will not.” However, these statements could be reinterpreted in another way: “Without God, I will not. Without me, God cannot.” That is to say, we will not be saved without God’s grace as well as without our personal conversion; God cannot take us to heaven.

Fr. Abraham Chiu

SAVE THE DATE -12/2- 12/4 CRAFT FAIR

JOIN US FOR  
OUR 44TH ANNUAL

ST. JOHN THE  
EVANGELIST SCHOOL'S

*Holiday Show of Hands*  
**CRAFT FAIR**

FRI, DEC 2ND  
4PM-5PM \$10 (EARLY BIRD)  
5PM-9PM \$5

SAT, DEC 3RD  
9AM-5PM  
FREE

SUN, DEC 4TH  
9AM-3PM  
FREE

OVER 150 VENDORS  
FEATURING A SILENT AUCTION

5701 Locust Ave., Carmichael, CA 95608  
HolidayShowOfHands.com

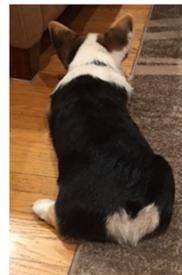


Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference thanks you for your continued support, which allows us to help the poor and needy in our neighborhood.

THANK YOU!

For all your generous donations that went to making wonderful Thanksgiving dinners for our FOOD LOCKER clients. Whether it was a turkey or canned goods or cash donations, it was all very much appreciated by all.

A special “SHOUT OUT” of thanks to our Junior ST. VINCENT DE PAUL members who contributed the pies and whipped cream.



JASPER sends his love and thanks!

Donations can be left in the Church’s “Giving Wing”, Chapel Narthex or given to an Usher.

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

COLLECTION COUNTERS NEEDED!!



St. John’s is in IMMEDIATE need of COLLECTION COUNTER VOLUNTEERS

to help count weekly Offertory Collections. Volunteers (a team of 4) work just once a month on Monday mornings (schedule provided). LIVE SCAN FINGERPRINTING AND A BACKGROUND CHECK ARE REQUIRED.

Please contact gENE gOBBO (916) 261-8652 or our SJE Parish Office at (916) 483-8454 if you can help. As always, thank you for responding to our call!!

ST. JOHN’S GIFT SHOP NEWS



The SJE CHURCH GIFT SHOP is OPEN!!

- The 2023 St. JOSEPH MISSAL has arrived.
- ADVENT SUPPLIES and CHRISTMAS MERCHANDISE are now available.

CRAFT FAIR - GIFT WRAP DONATIONS



THERE WILL BE A GIFT WRAP SERVICE AT THE CRAFT FAIR AND WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF GIFT WRAP PAPER, RIBBONS AND GIFT BOXES.



PLEASE BRING YOUR GIFT WRAPPING DONATIONS TO THE SJE SCHOOL OFFICE OR TO THE GIFT SHOP.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT OF OUR CRAFT FAIR!!

Funeral • Mortuary • Cremation • Cemetery



916-452-4831

Stephen R. Patton  
Family Service Advisor

CATHOLIC FUNERAL & CEMETERY SERVICES OF THE DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO

St. Mary Cemetery & Funeral Center (1926)  
Sacramento, CA  
Calvary Cemetery & Funeral Center (1926)  
Citrus Heights, CA



Bounty Point Real Estate

Sacramento Area  
Real Estate  
Specialist  
and Dedicated  
Parishioner  
DRE# 01014440



**Pam Johnson**  
(916) 716-6228  
pam@bountypoint.com  
www.bountypoint.com

Please Cut Out This "Thank You Ad" and Present It The Next Time You Patronize One of Our Advertisers

**Thank You**

Thank you for advertising in our church bulletin. I am patronizing your business because of it!

catholicmatch<sup>®</sup>  
California



CatholicMatch.com/myCA

**FINDaPARISH.com**

*The Most Complete  
Online National  
Directory of  
Catholic Parishes*

Check It Out Today!



For All Your Real Estate Needs

**Glenda Hill**  
REAL ESTATE AGENT  
916.761.7548  
glendaahill@earthlink.net



CEMETERIES  
FUNERAL HOMES  
CREMATION  
PREPLANNING

*"Traditional Catholic,  
Cremation, and  
Burial services available."*

5757 Greenback Lane  
Sacramento, CA 95841

Hablamos Español!  
Call Jessica Harston  
916-732-2026



**ONE PARISH**

Grow in your faith,  
find a Mass, and  
connect with your  
Catholic Community  
with OneParish!



Download Our Free App or Visit  
<https://www.oneparish.com>

**EL DORADO SAVINGS BANK**

**Carmichael**

Dinah McMillin - Branch Manager  
4701 Manzanita Ave. • 916-481-0664

*We Want  
Your Business  
To Grow*

**What We Can Offer  
You and Your Business:**

- Many ad size options to meet your budget in color or black and white
- One-on-one customer service to help build and design your ad
- The ability to change your ad up to 12 times per year

**J.S. Paluch Company 1.800.231.0805**



**PUGNO TRUST**

Estate Planning Law



Andrew P. Pugno  
(916) 608-3065



**See  
Your Ad  
in COLOR**

Call J.S. Paluch Today!  
**1.800.231.0805**



[JesuitHighSchool.org](http://JesuitHighSchool.org)



Take your  
FAITH  
ON A  
JOURNEY.

Catholic Cruises and Tours (CST 2117990-70)

Catholic Cruises and Tours  
and The Apostleship of the Sea  
of the United States of America

Catholic Cruises/Tours to Worldwide Destinations

Call us today at 860-399-1785 or email

eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com

[www.CatholicCruisesandTours.com](http://www.CatholicCruisesandTours.com)

**Get this weekly bulletin delivered by email - for FREE!**

Sign up here:

**[www.jspaluch.com/subscribe](http://www.jspaluch.com/subscribe)**

Courtesy of J.S. Paluch Company, Inc.

**If You Live Alone You Need MDMedAlert!**

✓ Ambulance 24 Hour Protection at HOME and AWAY!

✓ Police **FREE Shipping**

Solutions as Low as

✓ Fire **FREE Activation**

**\$19.<sup>95</sup>** a month

✓ Friends/Family **NO Long Term Contracts**



This Button SAVES Lives!  
As Shown GPS, Lowest Price Guaranteed!

CALL NOW! **800.809.3352**

GPS Tracking w/Fall Detection  
Nationwide, No Land Line Needed  
EASY Set-up, NO Contract  
24/7 365 Monitoring in the USA



"I have peace of mind...  
Mom remains independent."



**MDMedAlert**  
Safe-Guarding America's Seniors Nationwide!

**Life  
Matters**

For more information go to  
[www.usccb.org/respectlife](http://www.usccb.org/respectlife)

