

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church



January 22, 2023

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
photo by SJE Parishioner DEAN TORMEY

3RD 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

PARISH CLERGY AND STAFF

Pastor
Parochial Vicar
Pastor Emeritus
Mercy San Juan Hospital Chaplain
Deacon
Deacon
SJE Business Manager
SJE Parish Secretary
Religious Education Coordinator
Director of Music & Liturgy
SJE Pastoral Council Chairperson
SJE Finance Council Chairperson

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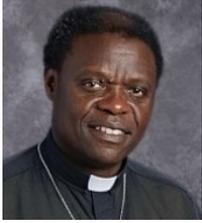
Registration/Change of Address: Allow at least 3 months to receive envelopes or for any changes.

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

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____



UPDATE ON THE GAS PIPE:

Dear Parishioners, it has been a while without me talking about our aging gas line problems. So many of you have been asking how far we are on the installation of our new gas lines. Are we still freezing to death or back to the normal life? I appreciate so much, dear Parishioners, for all of your concerns, from the school children, to us priests who live here in the Rectory and those who work in the Rectory, that is our SJE secretary, Bernadette HICKS, our SJE bookkeeper, Stacy GUNN, and our SJE business manager, Linda GOSPODNETICH.

In the Diocese of Sacramento, any expense that exceeds \$15,000.00 has to be submitted to and reviewed by the Diocese for approval. The Diocese also requires three estimates (proposals) of the expense/repair so that the Parish may not be taken advantage of by a person or company who would like to charge as much as they want. Linda contacted three companies, including one that was referred by the Diocese, the first company we used, (COAC), that had agreed to repair the holes in the original gas pipe even though it didn't work because of the condition of all our deteriorated old gas pipe. The third proposal was from a plumbing contractor we have used successfully in the past to repair our broken water lines. All these proposals contain running the new gas lines overhead on the buildings' roofs and keeping the new underground gas lines to a minimum, only where there is no roof access. It has taken a very long time because of the Christmas, New Year's and Martin Luther King holidays. Now that those feasts are behind us, I hope and pray that all of this new gas line installation will move so fast, so that, in less than a month, we may have our gas heaters back running (AND, especially, HEATING!!) in the SJE school classrooms, St. James Hall, Mercy Hall/new Admin. Office and the Rectory.

We have chosen the lowest bid/proposal which was from COAC (the first company we had used) that will cost us just under \$79,000.00, plus the cost for the previous repairs/digging to the old now abandoned gas lines which would increase the total gas line expense to approximately \$110,000.00.

The next step is to apply for and receive a permit for the new gas line installation from the county of Sacramento. We just received good news that they are treating this permit submittal as an emergency and that, hopefully, will expedite the permit plan check and approval, thanks to the help and support of a couple of our wonderful School parents.

Dear Parishioners, I would like to thank you so much from the bottom of my heart, for your great kindness to us. We have received donations from some of you to help with the cost of paying for the new gas pipe installation. That is so nice of you and may God bless you for your charitable stewardship, as we all look forward to the finish of this very important project of our Parish.

Our wonderful **Knights of Columbus Council 4970** have agreed to give us \$5,000.00 towards the new gas line installation. May God bless them and reward them abundantly for their generosity

We also have received some electric heaters from you, dear Parishioners, so that we can stay warm. What a wonderful way to care for us!

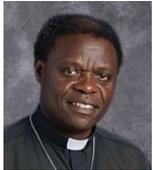
I thank also the person who brought us an instrument that heats water on electricity, so we can take a cup of tea or even use it for washing our faces in the morning when we wake up. I did not see her or know who she is; Father Abraham told me about her.

John GOSPODNETICH brought us very good wood to burn in our Rectory fireplace. I used to have wood stoves in the mountains that bring so much heat. The fireplace is good to see the fire but not much heat is felt inside from it. I guess it all goes out through the chimney. Little is better than nothing. I am happy the Rectory has it.

Another donor gave us money to buy some more electric heaters. He or she is anonymous. No name nor address, so I can only thank them here through the Bulletin.

It is so nice to thank all of you, dear Parishioners, for your great concern for us during these times that we do not have gas heat. Also, there are so many other good things all of you do for us in particular and for the Parish in general that I may not remember now. May God bless you and reward you for all the good works you do.

God Bless, Father Bernardin MUGABO



JESUS, KING OF THE JEWS; THE KING OF THE WORLD:

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." Isaiah provides a dramatic contrast to the great light of liberation dawned on people under the New King, Jesus Christ. With Christ, a new age dawned over the world; an age of hope, joy and light.

Hearing John had been arrested, Jesus "withdrew into Galilee" to Capernaum. A quotation from Isaiah follows, promising good things to the Gentiles: "the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned"

Those devastated, impoverished, living in darkness will be the first to see the light of the Messiah. They will be the first to be restored, by seeing Jesus, hearing Him preach and operating miracles. Jesus is the King of the entire world. Nobody is out of His touch.

Unity in Jesus Christ: The people of Corinth had forgotten their fundamental unity in Christ and had split into factions- some following the preaching of Apollos, some, that of Paul, and others throwing their allegiance to Cephas (Peter).

In reverse, the same thing happens today. How many times have you heard someone say that they stopped going to Church because this or that priest or nun scandalized them or treated them badly? Where did that person get the idea that an individual Christian's bad behavior makes the Church a bad choice?

The devotional life of members of the Church can create division too. Some swear by this saint or that devotion or this religious practice and are critical of those whose choices are different. Since Jesus is the Center, the Focus, the Pillar, what is the basis of those divisions? It is, in fact, very easy to put our allegiance in the person or practice we can see rather than in Christ. We make this mistake when we choose to live by sight rather than faith. It is a temptation we all live with. Paul's words today send us to Jesus Christ, in whose name we were all baptized.

Matthew is always intent upon showing in Jesus the fulfillment of the Hebrew Scriptures, and, in this case, he is also demonstrating that Jesus' ministry extends beyond Judea into the whole world. The Good News is for everyone of every time and place.

Jesus began His ministry by calling together a group of fellow disciples. Following Jesus means joining a group of fellow disciples.

The immediacy of the response to Jesus' invitation: Matthew says Simon and Andrew "at once" abandoned their nets, and James and John "immediately left their boat and their father and followed Him. What about Simon's wife? What about Zebedee, father of James and John? What about their responsibilities to family and profession? One's response to Jesus must be immediate and wholehearted. **There is an emergency to work for God's Kingdom.** Don't see the disastrous result of their dependence. God is the One who provides for His people. Matthew's point is that following Christ requires an unhesitating response of the whole heart and mind, body and soul. Despite their problems and obligations, they readily responded to Christ's call. There is no responsibility that can forbid you to work for Jesus.

Each of these individuals had his own faults and failings. St Peter was boastful and tempestuous; he rose to fight the guard trying to arrest Christ and cut off his ear. Christ had to restrain him and tell him to put away his sword. James and John were ambitious men. They wanted to take Jesus' Right and Jesus' Left Hand in His Kingdom. Jesus had to correct them. Thomas was a skeptic. He will believe after seeing with his own eyes. Each one of us has his own faults and failings; Christ calls us to work for Him, but also, He wants to correct and guide us.

The success of the Church doesn't depend on any individual gifts or talent. The success of His church would be determined by the Holy Spirit Who would guide and direct it.

Even today, many of those who receive vocations to the priesthood or religious life are not always the richest or smartest or most talented people. Christ uses weak tools today to show that His Church is divine-- that its success is determined by the Guiding Hand of the Holy Spirit.

Knowing that we are called to help build God's Kingdom, we bring our prayers and concerns to the Master Builder.

For the Church: that we may have the freedom to leave everything and follow Jesus' call to serve the reign of God. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For healing in Christian communities: that those who are experiencing struggles and rivalries may allow the spirit to touch their hearts and transform their minds so that the Body of Christ may be one in serving and praising God. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For a greater appreciation and dedication to human life: that God will help us to respect and defend the value of life from conception until natural death. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For greater openness to the Word of God within this community: that we may allow God's Word to enter our hearts, bring us to a deeper relationship with Christ, and inspire us to live more fully for Christ each day. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For all who are suffering from storms and flooding: that God will strengthen them, give them hope and help them to restore their lives. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For all who are ill: that the Spirit will ease their suffering, bring encouragement through the care of the Christian community, and restore them to wholeness. 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

This day, we pray, O God, for the energy and insight to hold one another in prayer. May the bonds we share strengthen us to serve You and those around us. This we pray in the name of Your Son, Jesus. Amen.

SJE WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekend of:	Actual (Week):	Budget (Week):	Surplus/ (Deficit):
January 15, 2023	\$10,813	\$10,365	\$448

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

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

January, 2023 - NO SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

February 18/19, 2023 - ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
COMMITMENT WEEKEND

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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OR USE OUR EMAIL:
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To update your
address, phone
number and
email address.

WEEKLY ADORATION



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

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

Benediction at 5:00 pm. God bless.

CHAPEL KEYPAD INSTALLED!!

SJE BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL is accessible Monday through
Friday from 9 am to 5 pm.

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

For more information and instructions, please visit our
website, www.sjecarmichael.org to download and
complete our **Baptismal Registration Form** or
contact **DEACON JACK** or **DEACON KEITH** through
our "baptisms@sjecarmichael.org" email address
for Baptism and Baptism Class Schedules.



IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the repose of the soul of longtime SJE Parishioner **MAX RANKIN**, who passed away on Saturday, January 14th. His Funeral services are pending. May GOD grant him eternal rest and strengthen and comfort his family. May he rest in peace.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of longtime SJE Parishioner **CAROLYN "SUSIE" FONTEYN**, wife of Frank, who passed away on December 15, 2022 in Sunrise Senior Living, Fair Oaks. Her Funeral services were held at The Gates of Heaven cemetery in Los Altos, California. May GOD grant her eternal rest and strengthen and comfort her family. May she rest in peace.

SJE SCHOOL'S OPEN HOUSE & CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK is January 29 - February 3rd

We will KICK OFF with our Annual OPEN HOUSE on SUNDAY, JANUARY 29TH. Please Join us for MASS at 10 am, Donuts right after, and followed by our OPEN HOUSE from 11 am to 12:30 pm

SJE CHOIR REHEARSAL

Our next Choir Rehearsal is on **Wednesday, January 25, at 7pm**

For Choir updates please email **Bill Becker, SJE Choir Director** at music@sjecarmichael.org



SPOTLIGHT ON - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

WE ARE IN NEED OF A B'FRIENDERS MINISTRY LEAD PERSON!!

If interested, please email **EILEEN WALKER**, current B'FRIENDERS Ministry Lead who would like to "step down", at bfriends@sjecarmichael.org or you can call her at **(916) 747-3355**.



Our SJE B'FRIENDERS is a ministry of caring, dedicated people of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church offering grieving Parishioners assistance with funeral receptions in their time of sorrow, loss and bereavement.

There are no meetings, no dues; just people helping people.

You may have seen a notice in the Bulletin of an up-coming funeral with a note stating that a "reception" will follow.

This reception is where B'FRIENDERS needs your help to step in and support our Parishioners. St. John's office staff meets with the family and gathers all of the information needed for us to put the reception together; i.e. dates, times, number of people to expect, food preferences, etc. Then we take over from there and set up the Hall, decorate the tables, prepare the food, serve the food and drinks and clean everything back to its original condition. Families are always very appreciative of our help. It is a great way to meet new people, work together, support our Parish and feel such a blessing at the same time.

Thank you in advance for your consideration!

HUMAN FLOURISHING - CHALLENGE

Come join the HUMAN FLOURISHING GROUP as we journey together in developing an attentiveness, an openness, and a responsiveness to God.

As a group we will be meeting on the **second** and **fourth Thursdays** of the month for about **36 weeks**. Individually you will follow a simple daily meditation program in a book compiled by Mark Link, S.J. called **Challenge**. **DEACON KEITH** led this program three times at St. John's. Each time it has provided surprising results for the participants.

Our first gathering was held on January 5th at **6:30pm** in **St. James Hall**. At that meeting we oriented ourselves to books daily meditations and to the purpose and process of the exercises. After this meeting, we will meet on the second and fourth (**January 26th**) Thursdays at **6:30pm** in **St. James Hall**. Zoom participation is welcome.

The book can be obtained through [St. Jude Shop](http://St.JudeShop.com). Please call or text **DEACON KEITH JOHNSON** at **916-390-5458** or email him at deaconkeith@sjecarmichael.org



SJE PRAYER LIST

Please Pray for our sick and their caregivers: Andrea Armstrong, Hazel Balthrop, Richard Michael Blalock, Bob Bodem, Nancy Born, Robert Burns, Chuck Carly, John Carroll, 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, Margaret Gallagher, Ella Gomes, Jimi Grant, Alice Guerrero, Steve Guerrero, Donna Harris, Tom Harvey, Margaret Hollatz, Gabe Howser, Jacqueline Huesing, Mary Jeffries, Eduardo Jimenez, Yelena Kanavalchuk, Tom Karras, **Hossain Kian**, Larry Kraus, Dalice Lee, Ray Lloyd, 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, Jacqueline Whittle, Amanda Young.

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

Grades: Kindergarten through Junior High

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Our students have returned from Christmas break, and we are ever happy to be together with them again for religious education. Our Saint of the Week is **St. Veronica of Milan**, whose feast day is celebrated on Friday, January 13. Veronica was born in 1445 in Binasco, a small village outside of Milan, Italy. This saint could not boast of any worldly advantages either by birth or fortune. Her peasant family, however, was very pious and they maintained a virtuous life. It has been recorded that her father was scrupulously honest. Never did he sell even a horse without first disclosing its faults and imperfections to the potential buyer. His wife was, at all times, humble and pure of heart. Veronica's family could not afford formal schooling for their daughter, so she never was taught how to read. As a child, Veronica's food was sparing and coarse. Usually, she drank water and only sometimes whey or a little milk.

At work, Veronica was most diligent and indefatigable weeding and reaping in the fields, and she was also totally obedient to both her parents and her masters. Outsiders thought that Veronica had no will of her own. Consistently, she distanced herself from the other workers inasmuch as she seemed deaf to their conversations and joking. It was her greatest desire to converse with God, and this strove her to work apart from her companions in the field.

Veronica received a divine call to enter the religious life as a nun. To qualify for this state, Veronica spent many a night secretly learning how to read and write after a whole day at work. One night while Veronica was suffering from anxiety about her lack of ability to read, the Virgin Mary appeared to her. Our Lady told Veronica that although many of her daily pursuits were necessary, reading books was not. Mary bade her to banish from this anxiety, for it was more important that she absorb what was in three mystical letters. The first letter from Mary directed Veronica to place her whole heart on God alone. She was instructed to begin her daily duties not for a human motive, but for God alone. Secondly, Veronica was instructed to attend to her own affairs, praying for those who have erred without judging them, bearing them with interior peace. Thirdly, she was to forget her own pains and sorrows and meditate every day on the passion of Christ.

After three years of preparation for the religious life, Veronica was admitted as a lay sister to the Augustinian order at the convent of St. Martha in Milan at the age of twenty-two. This was a financially poor community, and Veronica's job was actually to beg in the streets of the city for food. At this time of her life, Veronica's life was entirely uniform, perfect, and fervent in every action. Although Veronica was affected with constant bodily pains, she was a living copy of her rule, which consisted in the practice of evangelical perfection. She never asked to be exempted from any duty of the house or part of her work. Consistently, Veronica would say, "I must work while I can, while I have time."

God favored Veronica with many extraordinary apparitions and religious ecstasies. Continually she saw successive scenes from the entire life of Jesus and many other mysteries. These visions never interrupted her work. Many obdurate sinners were softened and converted by Veronica. In 1494, Veronica was given a message from Christ to give a letter to Pope Alexander VI. To deliver this message to the pope, Veronica traveled to Rome.

In the thirtieth year of Veronica's religious profession, she suffered a six months' illness. On January 13, 1497, St. Veronica died on the same day that she had foretold that this would occur. She was fifty-two years of age at the time of her death. Her sanctity was confirmed by many miracles. In 1517, Pope Leo X, by a decree in 1517, permitted St. Veronica to be honored in her monastery in the same manner as if she had been beatified according to the usual form.

OUR PRAYER: HEAR US, O GOD, OUR SAVIOR, SO THAT WE WHO REJOICE IN THE FEAST OF ST. VERONICA MAY FASHION OUR LIVES FOLLOWING HER PIOUS EXAMPLE OF HOLINESS.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Joanne Giffard, SJE Religious Education Coordinator

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MASS INTENTIONS

Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of January 23-28, 2023

Monday: *Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children; St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope*

6:30 am Carmen S. Montes †

8:30 am Theresa Huynh †

Tuesday: *St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

6:30 am Deceased Ciardella Family Members †

8:30 am Ed Bispo †

Wednesday: *The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle*

6:30 am Peter David Heimann †

8:30 am Constance Marie Dodock †

Thursday: *St. Timothy and St. Titus, Bishops*

6:30 am Deacon Jack (I) and Jennie (I) Wilson

8:30 am Mary Clair O'Connor (I)

Friday: *St. Angela Merici, Virgin*

6:30 am Michael †, Mary Lou † and Harry † McClean

8:30 am Dr. Jon Finkler (I)

Saturday: *St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

8:30 am Matteo † and Rose † Romanazzi

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11, Mk 3: 31-35

Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:21-35

Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

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 or our **SJE PARISH OFFICE** at (916) 483-8454.

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.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

The married couple, both 70 years old, were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. That night, God appeared to them in prayer to congratulate them for their faithfulness and to grant them one wish.

The wife wanted to travel around the world. Poof! The wife had two tickets in her hand for a world cruise.

Next, God asked the husband what he wanted. He said "I wish I had a wife 30 years younger than me." Poof! The husband was 100 years old.

People always keep on asking what kind of baptism of Jesus is and why he was baptized by John his cousin at the Jordan River. Does it imply that he is also a sinner who needs repentance? Is this action self-contradictory while Jesus is the Son of God?



John recognized Jesus as the one whose way he was preparing. His appearance to make preparation is described by Jesus as his coming "in the way of righteousness": "For John came to you in the way of righteousness; and you did not believe him." (Matt 21:32)

Jesus' answer to John is given with messianic authority: "Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." The imperative verb "let it be" (aphes) and the adverb "now" (arti) denote the emergency of Jesus' baptism. But why did Jesus need to be baptized by John?

Noteworthy is that Jesus did not stay in the water to confess his sins but came out immediately. He was baptized as to show his solidarity with his people in their need. The Messiah, thus, identified with his people fully and, obediently acting out his role, received the anointing of the Spirit in order to accomplish his mission. That mission and that identification with his people ultimately involve the death of Jesus on behalf of his people. Therefore, the baptism of Jesus refers to his death and resurrection.

The one who is to baptize with the Spirit must experience the anointing of the Spirit. The affirmation of Jesus as God's Son partakes of messianic associations through the use of Ps 2:7, "You are my son, today I have begotten you." Jesus is now anointed with the Spirit. He is declared as the Son of God, the powerful anointed one, and the humble servant who obediently accomplished the will of God.

Jesus underwent the rite as the occasion of the formal beginning of his ministry. All of this is in keeping with the will of God, who will now bring salvation to the world through Jesus not by the exertion of power but through his death and resurrection.
—Fr. Abraham Chiu

CHINESE NEW YEAR MASS 2023



二零二三年農曆癸卯兔年

農曆新年彌撒暨敬祖典禮

Chinese New Year Mass 2023 & Veneration Ceremony to Ancestors

彌撒主祭：沙加緬度教區蘇達主教

Celebrant: The Most Rev. Jaime Soto

彌撒共祭：趙必成神父

Con-Celebrant: Fr. Abraham Chiu

日期 (Date)：二零二三年一月二十九日 (January 29th, 2023)

時間 (Time)：下午二時正 (2:00 PM)

地點 (Location)：聖體主教座堂 (Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament)
1019 11th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

彌撒及敬祖典禮後，假座海港酒家舉行農曆新年晚宴，歡迎大家攜同親友參加！

After the Mass and the Veneration Ceremony, a Chinese New Year banquet will be served at Hong Kong Islander Restaurant (5675 Freeport Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95822). All are welcome!

晚宴費用 (Dinner Fee):

成人 (Adult): \$30

小童 (6-12 years old): \$15

幼童 (5 years old or under): 免費 (Free)

晚宴報名：請電郵 John Wong

Registration: Please email John Wong
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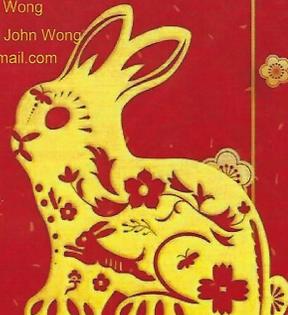


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Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference thanks you for your continued support, which allows us to help the poor and needy in our neighborhood.



A rare sighting of a corgi in his natural habitat atop a mound of rosemary.

The FOOD LOCKER could use a few essentials: spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, dry pinto beans, top ramen, and jelly, jelly and JELLY.

THANK YOU for your support throughout the year, we couldn't do this without YOU.

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

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL - CRAB FEED



Mark your calendars!!

The SJE CRAB FEED returns

Saturday, February 4th!!

The 35TH ANNUAL ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST SCHOOL CRAB FEED will be held on FEBRUARY 4, 2023 in the TRALEE CENTER.

Festivities will begin at 6 pm.

Tickets are on sale now in the School office for \$70 per person.

Stop in to purchase your tickets

and select your seats.

We welcome all of you to come enjoy a fun-filled evening while supporting our School!

ST. JOHN'S GIFT SHOP NEWS



The SJE CHURCH GIFT SHOP is OPEN!!

- LENTEN Supplies are arriving •
- Proceeds benefit St. John's School

CARMICHAEL HART/SJE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Join St. John's Parishioners as we host 2 mornings of HART'S WINTER RESPITE for our homeless neighbors this winter at Carmichael Presbyterian Church.



Along with members of other Carmichael faith communities, St. John's will participate in hosting a respite from the cold, including a meal and showers, this January and February.

Our dates to host are Tuesday, January 17th & 24th. We welcome you to join us to serve a meal and/or break bread with our homeless guests. For more details, contact PAM JOHNSON at kpaelijohnson@gmail.com

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