

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church



February 12, 2023

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
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6TH 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

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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

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Pastor Emeritus
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Deacon
Deacon
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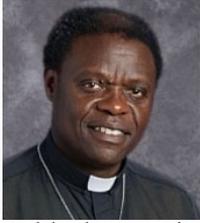
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2023 WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST: (con't from last week)

The first woman who spoke was way too loud and was very excited. She said that now, the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision is overturned and gone, and life is winning.

Archbishop Salvatore CORDILEONE, from the Archdiocese of San Francisco, led the opening prayer of the Walk for Life West Coast, thanking God that Roe vs. Wade is gone, in both English and Spanish.

A black American woman called **Angela MINTER** gave her speech, saying how the black population represents 13% of the population in the USA. But 40% of the



total abortions are from black people. One may wonder what the future lies ahead with this high level of abortions for the black population in our country. This woman said that she was pregnant with a baby and was thinking about abortion, but she finally decided to have the baby and then was married to her boyfriend, the father of her son, for 37 years. She did add, that, in Kenya and Tanzania, the Maasai tribal warriors, when greeting each other, they say not hello or how are you doing, but "How are the children?, are the children well?, are they alive?"

Rebecca KIESSLING, an American woman raised in Detroit by adoptive parents in the Jewish faith, said that her



mother was taken by gun point and raped. She conceived and was determined to abort the baby and went to an abortionist doctor who performed the evil work of abortion on her. But two weeks later she found that she was still pregnant and she had the baby born. This baby converted to Catholicism while in law school, became a lawyer, and she is the voice of the voiceless, the unborn babies. This woman said that she was sentenced to capital punishment while she was still in her mother's womb. Her father, the rapist, was not touched by the law or even judged for his crime of rape. What is wrong with our system of justice to kill the innocent but not the evil person? Somehow, the way some leaders say, that, in the case of rape, the baby has to be aborted, is wrong. Punish the sinner, not the innocent baby. Finally, her mother ended up loving her and thanking God for not having taken her life. Sadly, so many media outlets such as CNN, NPR, MSNBC, and many others defend abortion as a right for women. She added that science is on our side, because babies in their mothers' womb are not merely tissues. God is on our side and so is morality.

In the last 30 years, 36% of Plan Parenthood "facilities" have closed. We all need to keep up the fight; winning is a matter of time. She did add that there are many children like her, and they call them "children of the rapists", but she said, we are children of God. **"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father"** (Matthew 18:10). She concluded saying that raped mothers love their children which is proved by 300 blogs. **"PLEASE DEFEND US."**

Then came **Rev. Clenard CHILDRESS**, senior pastor from New Calvary Baptist Church in Montclair, New Jersey. He



is a very highly pro-life preacher who speaks at the Walk for Life almost every year since its beginning in 2005. He always fires up the people with his speeches. He speaks with conviction, determination and intensity. He is really very amazing to hear and I always look forward to hearing him. He thanked God that Roe vs. Wade didn't get to have 50 years of anniversary. He also thanked God that the gavel was taken away from Nancy Pelosi, from a pro-abortion woman to a pro-life man, as Speaker of the House. What a great change, he said. He also said that as long as we have a governor of this state who is pro-abortion, we need to keep pressing for justice. Truth will win. God resists the proud, but loves the humble. There is a segment of

this community who have **no right** to the American dream (the unborn). He quoted **Martin Luther King** in his "I have a Dream" speech that, Mississippi, the home state of Rev. Martin, along with Alabama and Tennessee, are now **abortion free**. Since April of last year, we have been winning. He added that one day it will ring in California, in Catholics, in Baptists, among all black and among all white, and we'll all sing together, **"FREE AT LAST, FREE AT LAST, FREE AT LAST"**.



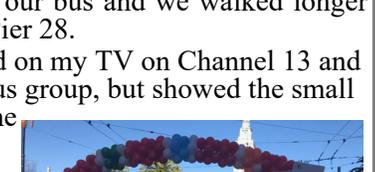
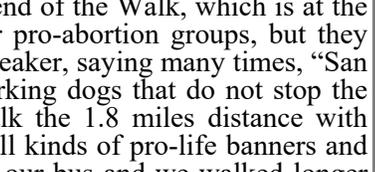
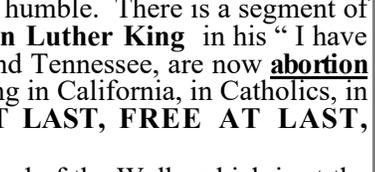
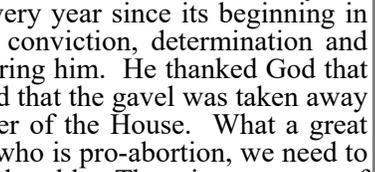
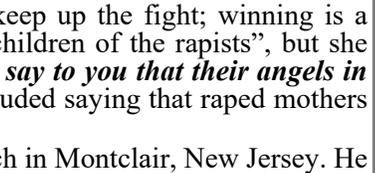
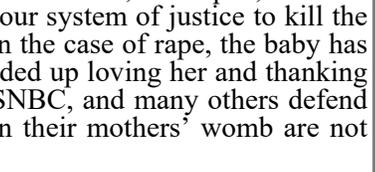
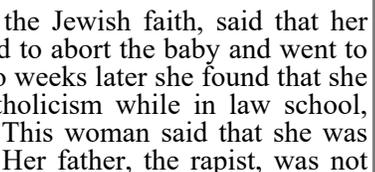
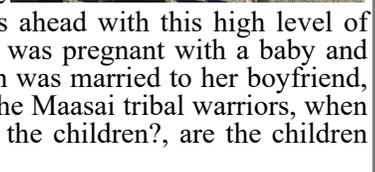
We started walking along Market Street, heading towards the end of the Walk, which is at the Embarcadero. As usual, there were some small pro-death or pro-abortion groups, but they were a very small presence along the street. One had a loud-speaker, saying many times, "San Francisco is a pro-choice town. Get out." They were like barking dogs that do not stop the caravan. Because of the heavy crowd, it took longer to walk the 1.8 miles distance with people singing pro-life hymns, praying the Rosary, carrying all kinds of pro-life banners and signs. From there, at the end of the Walk, we had to look for our bus and we walked longer than usual. Our bus was parked/stationed all the way over on Pier 28.

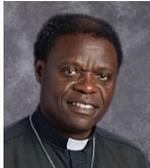
Arriving back home in the night, I wanted to see what the local news said about it. I turned on my TV on Channel 13 and KCRA3, I was shocked that they didn't say anything about pro-life or show the humongous group, but showed the small pro-death group with their pro-abortion signs. In our media, the truth is gone. I can't blame the journalists because they are told what to say and what not to say.

Dear Parishioners, there is no fear at all to Walk for Life in San Francisco. The police always do a very good job by stopping all cars along the way. The police for me look like they are all pro-life even though they live and work in San Francisco.

I hope and pray that next year we will have two full buses leaving Saint John the Evangelist heading to San Francisco to walk for life. We need to keep pushing until abortion is completely eradicated.

God bless, Father Bernardin MUGABO





AVOID SIN SO THAT YOU MAY NOT GO TO HELL.

Today's readings remind us that Hell is a choice, Heaven is a choice. **It is your choice.**

The **First Reading** from the Book of Sirach calls us to be wise and to make wise decisions so that we may enter the Kingdom of Heaven. We make choices all the time; **small choices** such as what clothes to wear today, what food to eat today, hamburger chicken, pasta, Chinese or Mexican food....who to visit or what to say now. **Middle choices:** what course to take? (Teacher, doctor, lawyer, a priest or nun), which car to buy, what house to buy, who to marry? That person you will be "crucified with" for the rest of your life. That most important person who will be called mother or father of your children. I know often you say "I made a wrong choice when I married you"; remember nobody has a halo on his/her head. We are human beings with human weaknesses.

The **Highest Choice** is about life everlasting where you will spend all your eternity. Thank God Jesus came to this world to make everything clear through His teaching, death and resurrection. Be proud of your faith.

Sirach said: *"If you choose, you can keep the commandment, you will be saved if you trust God, you shall live. Before man are life and death, good and evil. Whichever he chooses shall be given to him."*

God, in His great wisdom and almighty in power, sees and understands everything. No one does He command to act unjustly. *To none does he give license to sin.* It is all your choice.

The **Responsorial Psalm:** *Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord;* those who seek Him with all their hearts. Choice. **Saint Paul**, in his letter to the Corinthians, makes a comparison between the wisdom of God and the wisdom of the leaders of the world. Unlike the wisdom provided by this world, the wisdom of God is eternal and unknown by political forces or even those who claim to be religious such as the scribes and Pharisees who had Jesus crucified. By the way, our so-called political leaders who thought Catholics have turned their heart away from God will have their condemnation. What is wrong with these leaders? Bad choices. The Gospel is long but very precise. The answer is yes or no. there is no such thing in between. It reminds me of Revelation 3:16 that says you are either hot or cold. If you are lukewarm, I will spew you out anyway.

Do not think I have come to abolish the law, or the prophets, I have come not to abolish but to fulfill: the Bible though made by many books (72) is all united. Jesus re-enforces saying that until Heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place." He is teaching us the way to observe the commandments. Though the earth seems to be very strong, we invest so much on earth and even fight for it to gain more land, but we know it will not last forever; but God's law will never change. God is eternal and so is His law.

Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these Commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of Heaven. But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of Heaven. We know people who would like to be great, called VIP, but true greatness is if we obey God's law and teach others to do so. Greatness here means eternal salvation while least is eternal condemnation.

I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of Heaven. Scribes and Pharisees were religious leaders during the time of Jesus. They were known for the show. Jesus is telling us to be very serious about our faith and to teach it. Do not be shy.

We hear many times of people being killed and the words, I can kill you. Jesus said being angry at your brother is a sin liable to judgment. Calling somebody worthless can lead you to court, but by calling somebody a fool can lead you to fiery Gehenna. Jesus raised way too high the antenna. We need to be very careful in our words and actions. Reconciliation is highly needed, much more important than Sunday offering. We need to reconcile with one another because we do not know what lies ahead. *Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way to court.* When two people go to court, they know who is right and who is wrong. Our stubbornness can lead us into much deeper trouble. Worse it can lead us to the fires of hell.

If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body thrown into Gehenna. Heaven is a priority of priorities; it is worth even the greatest sacrifice. Martyrs are a very good example for us.

Let your "Yes" mean Yes, and your "No" mean No. Anything more is from the evil one. Dear Parishioners save your souls by living up to the 10 Commandments.

From the "Office of Readings" (OUR LADY OF LOURDES) February 11

In 1858 the Virgin Mary Immaculate appeared to Bernadette Soubirous near Lourdes in France within the cave of Massabielle. Through this humble girl, Mary called sinners to conversion and enkindled within the Church a great zeal for prayer and charity, especially service to the sick and poor.

From a letter by Saint Marie Bernadette Soubirous

"I had gone down one day with two other girls to the bank of the river Gave when suddenly I heard a kind of rustling sound. I turned my head toward the field by the side of the river but the trees seemed quite still and the noise was evidently not from them. Then I looked up and caught sight of the cave where I saw a lady wearing a lovely white dress with a bright belt. On top of each of her feet was a pale yellow rose, the same color as her rosary beads.

At this I rubbed my eyes, thinking I was seeing things, and I put my hands into the fold of my dress where my rosary was. I wanted to make the sign of the cross but for the life of me I couldn't manage it and my hand just fell down. Then the lady made the sign of the cross herself and at the second attempt I managed to do the same, though my hands were trembling. Then I began to say the rosary while the lady let her beads slip through her fingers, without moving her lips. When I stopped saying the Hail Mary, she immediately vanished.

I asked my two companions if they had noticed anything, but they said no. Of course they wanted to know what I was doing and I told them that I had seen a lady wearing a nice white dress, though I didn't know who she was. I told them not to say anything about it, and they said I was silly to have anything to do with it. I said they were wrong, and I came back next Sunday, feeling myself drawn to the place. . .

(to be continued next week)

Rooted in right relationship with one another, we gather the manifold prayers of the Body of Christ.

For the Church: that we may persistently seek greater holiness and never be satisfied with merely fulfilling the letter of the law. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For peace: that God will bring an end to violence in Ukraine, in workplaces, in our city streets, and within families and help all to find ways to resolve differences in life-giving ways. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For all who are recovering from disasters: that God will give them strength, renew their spirits, and help them find the resources that they need to rebuild their lives. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For the gift of courage: that God will strengthen us as we make difficult moral decisions and empower us to put the values of the teachings of Jesus into practice. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For all who experienced abuse: that God will heal their deepest self, guide them in living life each day, and protect them from further harm. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For healing: that God will heal the sick, give hope to those preparing for surgery, comfort the parents of sick children, and strengthen all who care for the sick. 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

O God, Who transformed sickness to health and death to life, hear the needs that abound in Your broken people. Transform and heal our brokenness and empower Your disciples here and now to lovingly obey Your laws. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Light of the World. Amen.

SJE WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekend of:	Actual (Week):	Budget (Week):	Surplus/ (Deficit):
February 5, 2023	\$13,145	\$10,365	\$2,780

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

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL **NEXT WEEKEND**

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

PARISHIONER UPDATE INFORMATION

We  love
having you as part of our flock



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with us via
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WEEKLY ADORATION

Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament



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

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

Benediction at 5:00 pm. God bless.

CHAPEL KEYPAD **INSTALLED!!**

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

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

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



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL - FEB. 18/19

Together we bring CHRIST to others through the ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL



25% comes back to our Parish for our own outreach to those in need.

On the weekend of **February 18/19**, we will have the opportunity to accompany those who are suffering through the **ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**. Each of our gifts, no matter the amount, makes a difference in someone's life. Catholic Charities can respond to the greatest needs in our communities. Seminarians receive support as they prepare to serve our local Parishes. Catholic Schools in economically-challenged neighborhoods can provide tuition assistance. And our **ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST MINISTRIES** receive support for another year. Come together in the charity of Christ to restore dignity and hope to others. Prayerfully consider what you can give this year. **25%** of the donations from **ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST** comes back to our Parish for our own outreach to those in need.

We will be featuring weekly, a Charity that the ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL supports:



SACRAMENTO LIFE CENTER

SERVING: Pregnant mothers and fathers, before, during and after childbirth

"Your support saves lives by making it possible for women and men to receive encouraging, life-affirming help and medical attention at a critical time in their lives. We and they are very grateful!"

SJE SCHOOL NEWS

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST SCHOOL
Pre-Enroll for 2023-2024 School Year



Excellent academics, art, music, athletics and much more are offered in a Catholic atmosphere. Please email our Principal, **MRS. CHRISTIE HORTON** at chorton@stjohnnev.com or call our SJE School office at **(916) 481-8845**
Go EAGLES!!

"SPOTLIGHT" ON - MINISTRIES UP DATE

Over 75 **NEW VOLUNTEERS** have joined our ministries featured in the Ministry "Spotlights"! The ministries here at **ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST** are an important part of our Parish and the members of these ministries are the heart and soul that make the ministries (and our Parish) work.

If the last two and one half years have left you searching for a way to make the world a better place, please consider joining one of our ministries. The spiritual and emotional rewards that come from serving others will give you a sense of purpose and accomplishment. The "Spotlight" will continue to highlight more ministries in the coming weeks, so keep an open heart and an open mind and consider offering your talents to serve our Parish community.

All the ministries still have opportunities for involvement, so if you've been thinking of joining or have questions about one of the featured ministries, please contact the ministry leader or our Parish office for more information.

Thank you again to all our past, present and future ministry volunteers!

2022 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

2022 SJE CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS were mailed out the end of January 2023 to our registered Parishioners who had contributed \$250 or more last year to St. John's Church. And, again, we thank you so much for your generosity!!

NOTE:-BULLETIN PUBLISHER CHANGE-

EFFECTIVE with **NEXT SUNDAY'S BULLETIN**, our BULLETIN PUBLISHER will **CHANGE** from JS PALUCH to **LPI**. Please bear with us during this transition, as **FEBRUARY 19TH** will be our first submittal to LPI and there may be some "glitches". ALSO, our PARISHIONERS' BUSINESS ADVERTISING PAGE will TRANSITION over to LPI. PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THESE GENEROUS BUSINESSES and PLEASE CONSIDER ADVERTISING in our BULLETIN.

ST. JOHN'S GIFT SHOP NEWS



The **SJE CHURCH GIFT SHOP** is **OPEN!!**

- LENTEN Supplies are **IN STOCK** •
- Proceeds benefit St. John's School*

SJE CHOIR REHEARSAL

PLEASE JOIN US for our **Lent and EASTER SEASON**

Our next **Choir Rehearsal** is on **Wednesday, February 15, at 7pm**

For Choir updates and more information please email

BILL BECKER, SJE Choir Director
at music@sjecarmichael.org



SJE PRAYER LIST

Please Pray for our sick and their caregivers: Andrea Armstrong, Patrick Bagley, 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, Bob Gibbs, 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, 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, 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

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It was on February 12 that our CCD students and their catechists celebrated Valentine's Day with candy, juice, and pastries. Although the exact origin of this holiday is not widely agreed upon, Valentine's Day is widely recognized as a day of devotion to loved ones, friendship, romance, and happy marriages. Even beekeepers are recognized on this day. Our blessed St. Valentine of Rome was presented to Judge Asterius and asked to restore his blind daughter's sight. By placing his hands on her eyes, St. Valentine restored the child's sight. Later, St. Valentine was arrested for marrying Christian couples and aiding Christians being persecuted by the Emperor Claudius II. Before St. Valentine was executed, he left a note signed, "Your Valentine" to the jailer's daughter, whose blindness he also healed while he was imprisoned.

Our Saint of the Week is **St. Catherine de' Ricci**, whose lifelong devotion to Jesus Christ and His Passion began at a very young age. She was born on April 23, 1522, in Florence, Italy, to the patrician family of Pier Francesco de' Ricci and Caterina Bonza. Her actual baptismal name was Alessandra Lucrezia Romola. When Alessandra was a small child, her mother died, and her father enrolled her at the age of six in a school near their home, which was run by a monastery of Benedictine nuns, where her aunt, Luisa de' Ricci, was the abbess. Even at this young age, Alessandra was very prayerful, and she was devoted to the Passion of Jesus Christ. As a child, she was positively determined to join a strictly observed religious order. Soon Alessandra became acquainted with nuns at the Dominican Convent of San Vincenzo at Prato. This order displayed the high spirit of religious fervor that Alessandra desired. Despite her father's objections, Alessandra entered this novitiate and was professed in 1536, taking the name 'Catherine' after the Dominican tertiary, Catherine of Siena.

In February, 1542, when Sr. Catherine was twenty years old, she experienced her first ecstasy, which was later called the "Ecstasy of the Passion". It was on this Thursday from noon until 4:00 pm on Friday that Sr. Catherine relived the Passion of Christ. Every week thereafter at the same time, this authenticated ecstasy touched her life. Her meditation on the Passion of Christ was so deep that her body often bled as if she had been scourged, and she bore the Stigmata. During her deep periods of prayer, a coral ring representing marriage to Christ would appear on her finger.

The "Ecstasy of the Passion" brought many people of every rank to Prato, and eventually the strict observance of convent regulations began to suffer. Therefore, Sr. Catherine and her community prayed that the "Ecstasy of the Passion" would cease, so that peace would return to their convent. Thus, in answer to their prayer, in 1554, the "Ecstasy of the Passion" ended.

Although Sr. Catherine's extraordinary life was full of visions, ecstasy, and rapture, it was her holiness, humility, down to earth practicality, and wisdom that triumphed. In 1560, Sr. Catherine became the prioress of her convent. She encouraged frequent Confession and Holy Communion before this became popular. In addition, she recommended a spiritual life joined to energetic action. Her three points on the Spiritual Life were: 1. Detach, 2. Direct, 3. Accomplish. Detach except for the love of God. Direct all our thoughts, words, and actions to His honor, and by prayer, counsel, and good example, seek God's Glory. Aim more and more on the accomplishment of the Divine Will.

As an effective and greatly admired administrator, who was an expert on religion and management, Sr. Catherine was frequently referred to for her advice on various topics. Princes, bishops, and cardinals corresponded with her. Three religious leaders who eventually became popes and sought her counsel were: Pope Marcellus II, Pope Clement VIII, and Pope Leo XI. St. Philip Neri and Sr. Catherine frequently corresponded, and while she was still living hundred of miles away from Rome where Philip Neri lived, Sr. Catherine appeared to him in a miraculous manner.

After a prolonged illness, Sr. Catherine passed away in 1589. St. Catherine de' Ricci was canonized in 1746 by Pope Benedict XIV, and she is the Patron Saint of the Sick. Her feast day is February 2, changed in 1971 from February 13.

OUR PRAYER: ST. CATHERINE DE' RICCI, HELP US TO BE ENTIRELY CONFORMED AND RESIGNED TO GOD'S DIVINE WILL, WHICH IS TRULY A ROAD ON WHICH WE CANNOT GO WRONG, AND IS THE ONLY ROAD THAT LEADS US TO TASTE AND ENJOY PEACE. AMEN

Yours in Christ,

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MASS INTENTIONS

Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of
February 13-18, 2023

- Monday:**
6:30 am Mary Sackett (I) and Janice Landers (I)
8:30 am Carolyn Fonteyn †
- Tuesday:** *Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop*
6:30 am Living and Deceased Members of the Lubecki Family
8:30 am Louise † and Chet † Belisle
- Wednesday:**
6:30 am Sigmund Dory †
8:30 am Will Cooney †
- Thursday:**
6:30 am Intentions of the Blessed Mother
8:30 am Virginia Bispo †
- Friday:** *The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order*
6:30 am Mark (I) and Joann (I) Eidem
8:30 am Alan (I) and Patty (I) Leatherby
- Saturday:** *BLESSED VIRGIN MARY*
8:30 am Msgr. Francis Pellegrino † (Birthday Memorial)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday:** Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday:** Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
- Thursday:** Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
- Friday:** Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
- Saturday:** Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
- Sunday:** Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

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 open Pyx with the unconsecrated Host inside 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

A husband asked to talk to the parish Priest about his marriage.
He said "When we were first married, I would come home from the office and my wife would bring my slippers and our cute little dog would run around barking. Now, after ten years, it's all different. I come home, the dog brings the slippers, and my wife runs around barking!"
"What's the problem?" said the Priest. "You're still getting the same service."

Some Christians' bodies are inside the church; however, their hearts are outside the church. In fact, even some are outside the church; their hearts are still inside the church.



When the mother of Jesus came to visit Jesus, she was standing outside the house because it was a full house. Nevertheless, her heart was still with Jesus, her son. Mary asked to see Jesus as the crowd told Jesus, "Your mother and your brothers are outside, asking for you." Noteworthy is that Jesus did not go outside to meet his mother and brothers but still remained inside the house and asked, "Who are my mother and my brothers?"

This question highlights the real relationship between God and humans, i.e. faith. God is always faithful to the covenant made with people. Thus, whoever keeps the love covenant with God, s/he will be Jesus' family member as Jesus insisted: "Whoever does the will of God is my brother, and sister, and mother." The requirement of becoming Jesus' family members is not by blood but faith. Or better said; the blood of Jesus' family is faith.

The verb "does" (poiēsē) denotes a person who carries out and executes God's will and meets God's love commandment. Mary the mother of Jesus really did God's will to the summit that she gave the birth of the Son of God. In other words, all members of the new family must do the will of God; otherwise, they were still outside even if they were Jesus' blood family. Thus, those who belong to Jesus' faith family are the ones who accept the revelation of God's kingdom and become one of the builders. The best way to become Jesus' family members is to go through conversion and believe in the good news. While Jesus' blood family thought that he was insane (Mark 3:20-21), they made themselves outside Jesus' family of faith.

Becoming members of Jesus' faith family is by doing the will of God, not the links of blood. --Fr. Abraham Chiu

NO FEBRUARY SJE HEALING MASS

since **Father ALBAN UBA** is still in Nigeria.

St. John's Monthly **HEALING MASS** will return on **March 19, 2023.**



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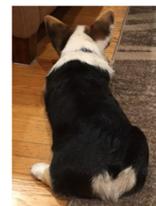
JASPER says we need **RICE** for the **FOOD LOCKER** and if his handsome booty wasn't covering it up, you'd see the name "**RICE**" on the bags.

The **FOOD LOCKER** could use a few essentials: **spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, dry pinto beans, top ramen, peanut butter, jelly, and rice, RICE, RICE.**

We are also short on **plastic reusable bags** and could use whatever you have to donate.

Flashback "tushie" time:

Happy Valentine's Day



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

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

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER (FEBRUARY 17TH)

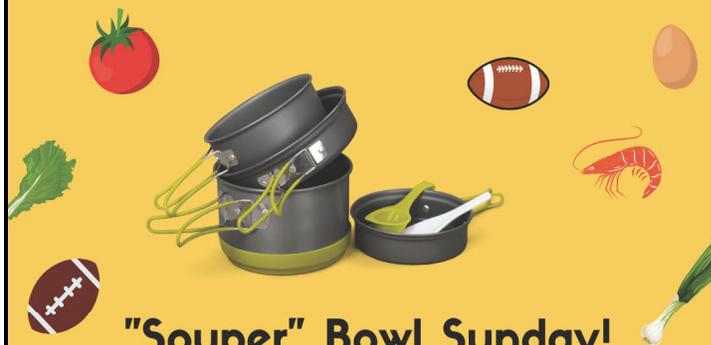
On February 17 we honor the seven founding saints of the Order of the Servants of the Virgin Mary. Bonfilius, Alexis, Manettus, Amideus, Hugh, Sostene and Buonagiunta were a group of successful cloth merchants of Florence who, upon experiencing an apparition of the Blessed Virgin in 1233, renounced their businesses, left what was necessary for their families, and distributed the rest among the poor. They then dedicated themselves entirely to the veneration of the Virgin Mary and, by her request, to spread devotion to the **SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY**, going to live on an Italian mountain, each assuming the life of a hermit—prayer, extreme fasting and penance. Sometime later, at the request of the pope's delegate, all but one were ordained priests. Brother Alexis, considering himself unworthy of the priesthood, decided to remain as a brother. They were all canonized in 1888. Their feast day, originally February 11, now falls on the 17th, the date of the death of the last of the seven founders.



Brother Alexis died at the age of 110.

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SJE SCHOOL "SOUPER BOWL" SUNDAY



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