

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church



March 5, 2023

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

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

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

PARISH CLERGY AND STAFF

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Pastor Emeritus
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Deacon
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SJE Parish Secretary
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Director of Music & Liturgy
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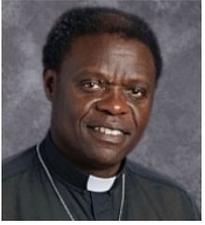
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LENTEN TIME:

Dear Parishioners, from Ash Wednesday, we have entered the liturgical period called **LENT**. Lent is a period of 40 days leading to **Triduum Pascal** that is **Holy Thursday**, **Good Friday** and **Holy Saturday** which leads us to the wonderful Easter season.

As the Ash Wednesday service reminds us, during Lent, we are with Jesus as He prayed and fasted for 40 days. In those 40 days, he was tempted by the devil, but He never gave in to temptation. I hope and pray that we too may not give in to temptation. **“Remember, man, you are dust and to dust you shall return.”** Or **“Repent and believe in the Gospel.”** These are the words pronounced to us when we were receiving the ashes. The goal of Lent is not to scare us by reminding us that we are passing from this world to eternal life; most importantly, the service reminds us what we should do in order to inherit eternal life.

Looking outside, driving or walking, one can see how the trees are beautiful looking with all kind of flowers, some red, purple, white or violet. Trees are reacting to the good weather coming in spring as the bad weather of winter is finishing. The Blessed Virgin Mary in Medjugorje used this wonderful time, telling us on May 25, 1989, saying:

“Dear children! I invite you now to be open to God. See, children, how nature is opening herself and is giving life and fruits. In the same way I invite you to live with God and so surrender completely to Him. Children, I am with you and I want to introduce you continuously to the joy of life. I desire that everyone may discover the joy and love which can be found only in God and which only God can give. God doesn't want anything from you only your surrender. Therefore, children, decide seriously for God because everything else passes away. Only God doesn't pass away. Pray to be able to discover the greatness and joy of life which God gives you. Thank you for having responded to my call.

In another message, she asked all of us to open ourselves to God as the flowers open to the rays of the sun.

How can we respond to God's call during this season of Lent?

Lent is a time for prayer: In all her messages, the Queen of Peace asks all of us to pray. For example, on October 25, 1999:

“Dear children! Do not forget: this is a time of grace that is why, pray, pray, pray! Thank you for having responded to my call.”

When you pray, said the Gospel on Ash Wednesday **“do not be like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on street corners so that others may see them. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.”** During Lent, I hope you have decided to increase your prayers by praying a Rosary, if you do by adding one more Rosary, going to Confession etc. The Holy Eucharist is the greatest prayer and how can we fully take advantage of Mass. Shockingly, when walking outside on Sunday, I see people coming to Mass too late or even leaving way too early. Do you think Jesus who is really and truly present would love this? Of course not. Imagine, dear Parishioners, inviting your friend to a party, he/she comes too late with no strong reason or decides to leave early before the party is over. Would you like it? This doesn't show respect at all. If you don't give respect to Jesus, who else would deserve it? Please, dear Parishioners, decide to come early and spend some time in the Church in silence, meditating on what is going to take place. A reminder, that the Church is not a place to socialize by talking to our friends, bothering all those who want to pray. This silence is necessary before Mass, during Mass and after Mass; unless people are working in the Church and they need to communicate. Let us take advantage of this prayerful time to do what is right in the Church for Jesus.

Lenten time is a time for fasting and penance:

Abstinence: All persons, 14 years and older, are obliged to **abstain from meat** on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent, with the exception of Friday, March 17, St Patrick's Day. Since St Patrick is a co-patron of this diocese, Bishop Soto has granted a special dispensation from the normal Lenten discipline that day.

Fasting: Everyone, from ages 18 to 59, is obliged to **fast** on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Voluntary fasting on other weekdays of Lent, especially on Wednesdays and Fridays, is highly recommended. Other forms of fasting, especially from alcoholic beverages, needless television, video games, the internet and social entertainments, is of true spiritual value and is strongly encouraged. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, neither the law of fasting nor the law of abstinence obliges. It is desirable that they perform some other pious act instead. The Queen of Peace did say in one message in Medjugorje that if you pray and fast you can stop wars and natural disasters. We need to pray and fast for our country and for our world especially the horror going on in Ukraine and in Congo.

Lenten time is a time for Almsgiving: When you give alms, do not blow a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win the praise of others. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that our almsgiving may be secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you. All Catholics are urged to support generously the charitable works of the Church, for example, 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal, Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl, Saint Vincent de Paul, the homeless, visit the sick and suffering and so many people who are less fortunate.

May this wonderful time of Lent be an opportunity for you to grow in the love of God and of your neighbor.



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT:

I admire my ancestors, who from the late 1600s to the late 1800s decided to leave their homelands and journey to North America. Whatever inspired them to make the journey is really unknown to me. None-the-less, their sacrifice to make that journey has blessed me and my children. There seems to be an inherent instinct within us to leave behind a sensed incompleteness, to journey ahead toward some more perfect existence. Like Abram, this desire to leave behind the land of his kinsfolk and journey toward something “more”, is not just a worldly or physical inkling. Journeying is fundamental in the experience of our united body and soul as God draws His Creation to a perfection into His Son.

This desire to journey is imprinted in the instinct of all of creation. Since the Word of God first uttered to phrase “Let there be...”, the universe has been journeying and expanding from its chaos, continuing to evangelize the mystery endowed upon it from its Creator, into the frontier of nothingness. The universe in its truth, its goodness, and its beauty is doing just what the Word created it to do.

Similarly, as life journeyed on this planet, the Word, through time, “formed from the clay of the ground” the ones that would be called the children of the Father. The children of the Father have journeyed over time to come to know the Father’s desire for them. A desire to become a great nation in the one Person of His Son. This gift of revelation comes to them from the law and the prophet which were brought to perfection in the Son of the Father Himself. The path of the children of the Father has been illuminated by this revelation and inspired through an instinct of interior impulse directed by the Holy Spirit. An impulse leading them towards that ultimate goodness - the journey into the unity of Christ. Freely journeying to what they were created to be.

To the journey of this hour, where in it, we re-orient for our communal journey. We are refreshed by the shower of God's mercy as we are cleansed of what we must leave behind; those old ways that weaken us, isolate us, and disorient us from our journey. We are inspired to continue as our pathway for the journey is illuminated though the sharing of the Word of God. Finally, we are forever transfigured into the vision of our final destination. The destination in which we are united with the One Holy Sacrifice of the Altar. The Holy Sacrifice, where together we glorify God the Father, and together are sent to continue our journey, so that -- as the First Reading states -- “All communities of the earth shall find blessing.”

Paul reminds us in the Letter to Timothy that God saved us and called us to a holy life. In the journey of this holy life, we are strengthened by God dwelling within us. Strengthened, so to bear our share of the hardship of the Gospel. In these hardships, we are to love despite the suffering. To bear one’s cross on this journey is not the suffering one experiences; to bear the cross on this journey is **to love despite the suffering**. The strength that God gives us, is illumined for us through Christ’s *Via Dolorosa* – His sorrowful way. A journey that, despite all that is wrong and the fallenness of the world, Jesus still loved. In our holy lives, we must love those who are the most unlovable. We must be willing to accompany them on their journey and bring blessing to them so they can hear the call to travel ahead to their fullness in the true of the good and the beautiful. Through our participation with God’s grace, we together bring a greater brightness of the transfigured Lord to those journeying in the world today.

Brothers and sisters, as ones transfigured by love into a unity with Christ in the Eucharist, never look back on our journey, but let us always look ahead through the light of the Son to bring the Father’s Glory through our life’s journey.

Let’s continue our journey sharing this love most excellently!

Holy God, You have set us apart so that we learn to see as You see and respond to the needs of those around us. Today, we lift up the prayers of our community.

For the Church: that we may be transfigured more and more into the image and likeness of Christ. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For all the descendants of Abraham: that Jews, Muslims and Christians will honor all that we share in common and work together to overcome the evil that ensnares human hearts. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For a deeper appreciation of God's gift of creation: that the Glory of God may shine through all that God has created and draw us into a greater stewardship of the earth. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For all who have given generously to the **ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**. . .for those who are still prayerfully considering what they can give. . .and for all those who will benefit from our generosity. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For courage for this community: that we, like Abraham, may go forth from all that is familiar to new places into which God leads us so that we may be a blessing to others. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For all who are facing a crisis, loss or low points in their lives: that they may experience the transforming grace of God and grow in their trust of God to bring forth a new beginning and an abundant life. 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 that we hold in the silence of our heart. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

Holy God, renew in us the desire to see Your face and know You in the fullness of Your glory. Stay with us as we continue our Lenten journey. Amen.

SJE WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekend of:	Actual (Week):	Budget (Week):	Surplus/ (Deficit):
February 26, 2023	\$8,863	\$10,365	(\$1,502)
Ash Wednesday	\$2,853	-----	-----

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

March 18/19, 2023 - CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES
(SHARED WITH CHURCH IN CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE)

PARISHIONER UPDATE INFORMATION

We  love
having you as part of our flock



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with us via
email & text

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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 4:10 pm.
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 - FOLLOW UP

THANK YOU for helping our neighbors in need through the ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL



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

Gifts that have already been made to the ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL will make a difference in the lives of those who suffer physical, material and spiritual poverty. If you have not yet made a donation, it's not too late! Donate online at www.scd.org/acagive. Envelopes are also available in the Church pews and Narthex tables.

25% is returned to our St. John the Evangelist Parish for our own ministry to people in our community.

Every gift makes a profound difference in someone's life. Your gift matters.

SJE "HOLY MOMENTS" CHALLENGE

BEST LENT EVER 2023

Join us for FREE inspiration!

What would happen if you spent the next 40 days creating as many Holy Moments as possible? Find out this Lent.



Join us for the

Holy Moments Challenge

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SISTERS IN FAITH MEETING - MARCH 8TH

Please join SISTERS IN FAITH this **Wednesday, March 8th at 6:30 pm in St. James Hall, for our monthly meeting**

Our theme is "Entering the Desert of Lent" as we discuss the Lenten Commitment of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.

Mark your calendars for our next 2 months' meetings:

APRIL 12TH ~ we will review Matthew Kelly's book, **Holy Moments**, of which copies are still available.

MAY 10TH ~ we will discuss **St. Catherine of Siena**.

We welcome all the women of our Parish.

Contact **PAM JOHNSON** at (916) 716-6228 for any questions and please feel free to bring a friend.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Little Susie was watching her father, the deacon, write a Homily.

"How do you know what to say?" she asked her dad.

"Why, God tells me." said her father.

Little Susie replied, "Then why do you keep crossing things out?"

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.

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**

Since **Confirmation** is Wednesday, March 8th our next **Choir Rehearsal** is on **Wednesday, March 15th, 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, Ann Giebeler, 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.

March 5, 2023

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

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This week on Wednesday, March 8, at 6:00 p.m., Mr. Paul Keefer's CCD class and Mr. Joseph Kann's school's class will be confirmed. We pray that these students will always be more strongly planted in their faith and grounded in their love, and that they will bear witness to Christ Our Lord by their way of life.

The liturgical feast day of our Saint of the Week, **St. Colette**, falls on Monday, March 6. Colette's parents lived in Corbie, a small village in France, and her father was a carpenter at the Abbey of Corbie. Both her father, Robert Boellet, and her mother, Margaret, prayed for years to St. Nicholas for help in having a child. Margaret was already sixty years old, and she had never been pregnant. On January 13, 1381, their prayers were answered when Nicole, who was affectionately called Nicolette, was born. She was named Nicole out of gratitude in honor of St. Nicholas to whom they credited the miracle of her birth. Soon her name came to be shortened to Colette.

At the age of fourteen, Colette was stunted in her growth, and she had the body of a nine-year-old, which greatly concerned her parents. Consequently, she made a pilgrimage on foot to Our Lady at the Shrine of Notre De Brebieres. She asked Our Lord and petitioned Our Lady to help her grow taller simply to give pleasure to her mother and father. When she stood up from her kneeling position, a miracle occurred, for she had grown several inches.

In 1399, when Colette was seventeen, both of her parents died. Colette gave all of her inheritance to the poor. Then she joined the Benedictine Order as a lay sister, and later in 1402 Sr. Colette joined the Third Order of St. Francis, and she lived as a hermit near the abbey church, under the guidance of the Abbot of Corbie, who took her under his wing.

During this period, Sr. Colette experienced visions of God, which focused on the corruptness of society and how destructive this was to the community. In addition, she felt that she was called to reform the Second Order of the Franciscans restoring it to the original ideals of absolute poverty and austerity. St. Francis himself gave Sr. Colette this mandate. He actually knelt in prayer asking God to support Sr. Colette as she reformed his order.

Soon Sr. Colette traveled to Nice to obtain permission from the antipope Benedict XIII, who was then recognized as the pope in France. He gave Sr. Colette the mandate to reform these monasteries, and she was also given permission to transfer to the Order of the Poor Clares. Sr. Colette became the superior of all the monasteries that she had reformed. In addition, she founded eighteen new monasteries, and she was energetic, and exercised remarkable power over her associates. Continually, she prescribed that her sisters live in complete poverty, walk barefoot, perpetually fast, and exercise abstinence. Her followers had a deep compassion for the poor and they usually shared food with the poor and the sick.

Her responsibilities involved solving many problems, but Sr. Colette's persistence usually broke down the opposition that she encountered, and her rules were consistently accepted. Many people from all walks of life sought her advice. Even dukes, duchesses, kings, and queens became her friends. In addition Sr. Colette was summoned to assist in ending the Great Western Schism, when three people claimed to be the pope. She intensely prayed, gave advice and sent important letters to Church leaders on this matter. Her writings especially "Revelations" are considered masterpieces of Christian mysticism and spirituality. They offer guidance and inspiration for those seeking deeper spiritual lives and closeness to God.

Historically, it has been recorded that Sr. Colette performed numerous miracles including the multiplication of food and wine, which effected miraculous cures. When she was traveling to Nice to meet Pope Benedict XIII, Sr. Colette stayed at the home of a friend, whose wife was in labor with their third child. While she was there, the wife was in danger of death. Immediately, Sr. Colette walked to the local church to pray. After a short time, their child was born, and both the mother and her daughter survived. In later years, their daughter, Petronille, became Sr. Colette's biographer and secretary.

After Pope Benedict authorized Sr. Colette to establish a strict regime for the Poor Clare Monasteries, a local peasant gave birth to a stillborn child. Out of fear, the baby's father brought his child to the local priest for Baptism. When the priest saw that the baby was dead, he refused to baptize the child's body. In frustration, this father then traveled to Mother Colette's monastery. The portress of this monastery informed Mother Colette of the situation, so she took off the veil given to her by the Pope and told the portress to have the father wrap his child's body in this veil, and then return to the priest. The father followed Mother Colette's directions, and when he finally arrived at the church, his baby was not only conscious but was crying. Immediately, the priest baptized this alive newborn.

While visiting her convents in Ghent, Belgium, Mother Colette died at the age of sixty-five on March 6, 1447. St. Colette was canonized on May 24, 1807, by Pope Pius VII. St. Colette is invoked by childless couples desiring to become parents, and she is also the patroness of sick infants. Her order of sisters is now referred to as the Colettine Sisters, and their orders are found today in France, Germany, Spain, England and the United

MASS INTENTIONS

Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of
March 6-11, 2023

Monday: Lenten Weekday
6:30 am John Lubecki †
8:30 am Jerry Gospodnetich †
5:30 pm Todd (I) and Gwen (I) Wilson

Tuesday: Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
6:30 am Living and Deceased Members of the Lubecki Family
8:30 am Jim Hagarty †
5:30 pm Mark (I) and Joann (I) Eidem

Wednesday: St. John of God, Religious
6:30 am Elena Landero †
8:30 am Henry Montijo †
5:30 pm **NO MASS -- CONFIRMATION @ 6 pm**

Thursday: St. Frances of Rome, Religious
6:30 am Carolyn Fonteyn †
8:30 am Jackie Sanders (I)
5:30 pm Lee Walz (I)

Friday: Lenten Weekday (ABSTINENCE)
6:30 am Kryzl Francisco (I)
8:30 am Living and Deceased Members of the Lubecki Family
5:30 pm Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday: Lenten Weekday
8:30 am Amor Herrera †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

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.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION ~ 3/8



The Sacrament of **CONFIRMATION** will be administered on Wednesday, March 8th at 6 pm by **Most Reverend JAIME SOTO**, Bishop of the Diocese of Sacramento.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CON'T)

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OUR PRAYER: ST. COLETTE, WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR YOUR LIFE AND FOR THE EXAMPLE THAT YOU HAVE SET FOR US ALL. YOU LIVED A LIFE OF SIMPLICITY AND HUMILITY. YOUR UNWAVERING DEVOTION TO GOD HAS INSPIRED MANY, AND YOUR LOVE FOR THE POOR AND SICK TOUCH ALL OUR HEARTS. AMEN

Yours in Christ,

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(Mark 8:27-33)

Jesus asked two questions about his identity. The first question: "Who do people say that I am?" The second is "Who do you say that I am?" It is a journey from blindness to full sight, from misunderstanding to understanding. What did open the eyes of the disciples? It is the cross of Jesus. In other words, following Jesus is no way but the Stations of the Cross.



Peter, speaking for the other disciples, publicly declared: "You are the Christ." To say that Jesus was the anointed one of God, was to say that he was the Salvation of God, a God who is for humans! It is evident that Jesus was well pleased with Peter's answer and confirmed his insight as a special revelation from God. In order to give a more advanced formation for his disciples, Jesus explained to them that he was not a political messiah who would reestablish the Davidic kingdom after overthrowing the Roman Empire. Instead, he was the messiah who would redeem humankind by his suffering, death, and resurrection.

In fact, the disciples were still blinded by their ignorance of God's mission and their lack of faith. They still put on the lens of a political image of messiah and moreover, they just desired to avoid any suffering and death in their lives. When Peter heard from Jesus with respect to his being rejected and killed, he was not willing to follow Jesus that way. Who will like being rejected? The passive verb "rejected" (apodokimasthēnai) denotes a life of being disapproved and repudiated. Peter's mind was filled with political fantasy. Thus, he was unable accept the fact that following Jesus was a way of carrying a cross. Jesus rebuked Peter and called him Satan because the so-called smooth way of him was actually the real rejection of Jesus' acceptance of God's mission. Ironically, the smooth way of humans is not smooth enough to enter God's kingdom.

What does Jesus mean to us? What difference does Jesus make in my life? Is the peace that we find in Jesus reflected in the way we live our lives and live our deaths?
--Fr. Abraham Chiu



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

It's **THAT** time of the year for the **ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**. Did you know that 25% of what you donate comes back to our Parish? And some of that goes to the **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE here at ST. JOHN'S**. Please be as generous as you can.



Also, note that none of these donations go towards dog/chew toys, much to **JASPER'S** disappointment. . .

The **FOOD LOCKER** could use a few essentials: spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, and top ramen.

We are also short on plastic reusable bags and could use whatever you can donate.

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

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

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We have **Rice Bowls** available in the pews and on the wooden table in the Narthex; please take one.

LENT MASS/STATIONS OF THE CROSS SCHEDULE

- † **Lent Weekday Masses (Mon-Fri):** 6:30 am, 8:30 am, 5:30 pm
- † **Lent Stations of the Cross (Fridays):** After 5:30 Mass; approx. 6:15 pm
- † **Lent Soup (after Stations of the Cross):** SVDDeP free will donation Approx. 7:00 pm
- † **Lent Saturday Morning Mass:** 8:30 am

NEARBY LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Presentation of the Blessed

Virgin Mary Parish: Thursday, March 9th, 6pm

GAS LINE UPDATE

WORK HAS BEEN IMPEDED BY THE RAINY WEATHER WHICH IMPACTED THE UNDERGROUND "FUSE" PORTION OF THE JOB. AS IT STANDS (3/1/23), SAC COUNTY SHOULD INSPECT END OF NEXT WEEK (3/7-3/8) AFTER THE 24 HOUR PRESSURE TEST.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR PRAYERS AND DONATIONS TOWARDS OUR NEW GAS LINE AND OUR HEAT BACK ON!!

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- Vigil location: Public sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood Abortion Business, 201 29th Street, Sacramento
- Vigil hours: Monday through Saturday from 8:00am to 5:00pm
- Local contact: Wynette: 916-955-1577

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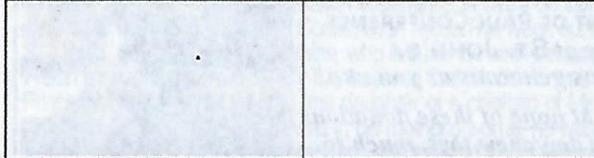
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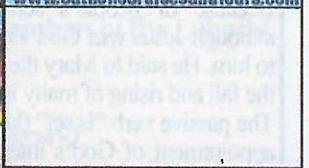
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