

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church



March 26, 2023

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

5TH 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

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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Fr. Bit-Shing Abraham Chiu
Fr. Thomas Bland
Fr. Alban Uba
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Registration/Change of Address: Allow at least 3 months to receive envelopes or for any changes.

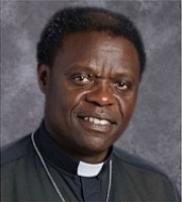
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SJE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA):

Dear Parishioners, Lenten time is more than halfway gone. We are already on the Fifth Sunday of Lent. In a few weeks we will be celebrating Easter, which is the Resurrection of Jesus from among the dead. The Resurrection is a fact reminding us that death is not the end. Our lives will change, but not ended.

The greatest Mass service of the year is the **Easter Vigil** in which new members from the RCIA will be Baptized and others will be received in the Church. It is the greatest joy when a member is born in the family. It is a great joy, likewise, when the new members of our faith family will join us in the service of the Easter Vigil.

The newcomers are much stronger in the faith than most of us who have been in the Church for a long time. They are on fire in the Kingdom of Heaven and they are ready to witness for their faith to many people.

I would like to thank some of you, dear Parishioners, who have been good examples to these new members. Jesus asks us to be the Light of the World. Without your witness or testimony, none of them would be

here. We all have a purpose to save ourselves and to save others as well. If you are one of those who helped them, God bless you. Thank you for the good job. If, in the future, somebody is interested in your faith, hit the nail on the head and lead them to the RCIA. Every person is a microcosm in a small world. You don't know how many people he or she may touch through their actions and bring to salvation.

Most of all, help me to say thanks to **Deacon Jack WILSON** and his wife **Jennie** who accepted to run the RCIA at St. John's. It was not an easy task, but they were able to gather a whole Catechetical crew to help with the Catholic faith teachings and meetings. These SJE catechists are (in alphabetical order) **Sandra BUTLER, Anitha CHRISANTHUS, Peggy LEDBETTER, Jeremiah LOVERICH, Clara SALAS, Maureen SCHULDIES, and Paige SCHULDIES**. I am very grateful to each and everyone of them. I was at the classes sometimes on Mondays when I was able to according to my schedule. Help me to thank also the Priests and our Deacon who taught them about the Christian faith; among them, **Father Abraham CHIU, Father Alban UBA, Father Tom BLAND** and **Deacon Keith JOHNSON**. If there are others I do not remember now, I appreciate each and every one from the bottom of my heart. Of these candidates and catechumens, this 2022-2023 year RCIA was the best we ever had in number. Some did follow up their studies on zoom, thanks to the modern way of communication. With both candidates and catechumens, St. John's has a total of eight people. This is the greatest number we ever had in years. God works miraculously. Here are their names and their photo from the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Altar, so that you may recognize them, thank them and welcome them to our faith family when you see them.

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| 1. Richard TORRENCE Jr | 5. Roberto SANCHEZ |
| 2. Tobin BARNES | 6. Trey LOUGHRAN |
| 3. Casey CLAUDIUS | 7. Mackenzie POWELL |
| 4. Leslie JUARES MICHEL | 8. Ronald WEBER |

We here at St. John's are very blessed and proud that they will be joining us at the Eucharistic table at the Mass service of our Easter Vigil. Some of you who have been at the Masses where a Scrutiny was given, you must have seen them. Please thank you for helping them and thank them for choosing us.

God bless, Father Bernardin MUGABO



Back row, left to right: PETER GALGANI, sponsor; LESLIE JUAREZ MICHEL, RCIA; BENE PEREZ sponsor; ROBERTO SANCHEZ, RCIA; ROBERTO MARCO PEREZ, sponsor; TOBIN BARNES, RCIA; KIM PRIOR, sponsor. *Front row, left to right:* MAUREEN SCHULDIES, sponsor; MACKENSIE POWELL, RCIA; TREY LOUGHRAN, RCIA; NOREEN WEBER, sponsor; RONALD WEBER, RCIA



LIFE BEYOND DEATH:

In today's First Reading, Ezekiel ministered to the exiles of Judah during the Babylonian Exile. In 589 and 586, the Babylonians had decimated much of Judah, destroyed the Jerusalem temple, and taken more of Judah's population into exile in Babylon. All hope was gone and they were like dead. We heard the words such as "I will open your graves and have you rise from them; I will put my spirit in you that you may live. . . , I will bring you back to the Land of Israel". These words are full of meaning. This is a promise of life beyond the horrifying death we will all have to face one day. Think about death or not, it is a fact, and nobody can escape the reality of death. No matter what the details of your life are, the end result is the same for us all. We are going to die, really, no kidding. That doesn't mean we should just give up and watch television, or eat, drink, and be merry for tomorrow you may die. (Epicurean philosophy). Yes, death is serious, but so are the claims of Christianity. The Resurrection of Jesus gives us hope beyond death. That death, though it is at the end of life, will not be the end of us altogether. If you believe this, **it affects who you are and how you live.**

The same idea continues in the Second Reading and the Gospel through the words, **death** and **life, flesh** and **spirit, grave** and **resurrection**. Paul explains to us that the Spirit of God dwelling in us is our guarantee that life does not end: it merely changes. Our mortal bodies, which carry in them many signs of death, illness such as cancer, pain, sin, desolation, hatred, is nonetheless enlivened by the spirit we received at Baptism. But we must not despise the body because it is mortal. The physical body is, after all, the only instrument we have for doing the good works for the Spirit that lives in us. It is possible to love and respect the body without being a slave to it. We are no longer subject to the rules of mortality: disappointment, limitation, sufferings, and death. Our faith has made us alive in God's Spirit, and the new rules are joy, freedom, and eternity. It was this thought that enabled **the martyrs** to face their executioners with joy in their hearts. It was this thought that made **the saints** rejoice in their bodily sufferings and mortification. "Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him." You have the Spirit of Christ in you, if you are striving to live a Christian life. This means taking each day as it comes, offering to God its joys and its sorrows, its honest pleasures and its pain, its sunshine and its showers.

Two Sundays ago, we dealt with the image of water. Jesus revealed Himself to the woman at the well as the Messiah who provides "living water" leaping up to eternal life. **Last Sunday, we heard Jesus as the Light of the World** in the story of the man born blind. **Today we hear about life beyond death**, in the story of the raising of Lazarus. It is literally and figuratively, about death, victory over death and promise of resurrection for all of us in Jesus, who proclaims, ***"I myself am the resurrection and the life."***

- A. His last recorded miracle is a convincing proof of His claim to be what He was: the Messiah, sent by God to give new life.
- B. The fact that Lazarus has been dead for four days impresses the witnesses of the miracle even more. Martha, the dead man's sister, said "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Customs and law required burial within 24 hours, since the modern-day means of preserving a corpse was not available.
- C. **The central point of this miracle is that "nothing is impossible to God."** Nothing can hinder the Master of life and death.
- D. This miracle caused many of the Jews to put their faith in him. This sign was done just for you, to help you to trust more in God. To increase your faith. To trust in Jesus, the resurrection and the life. ***"Believe in me and you will rise from the dead."*** Avoid sin that leads to death; believe in Jesus, you will be raised.
- E. Though raised from the dead, Lazarus is no longer among us; he died the second time.

Christ has the power to rise up and bring life to something that seems dead and decaying. Even in the most hopeless situations, the light of Christ can penetrate the darkness and bring deliverance.

The tomb is dark, and Christ wants to take us out of darkness caused by despair, violence, greed, war, anger...

Dear brothers and sisters, don't let anything lead you into fear and despair. Jesus is with us to save us.

Even if we have to die, we will rise to life eternal with Him in Heaven.

We gather our hearts burdened in grief as we trust our Father in Heaven to heal us on earth.

For the Church: that God will transform our fears into hope, selflessness into love, and deaths into new life. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For all the people of Bethany, Palestine and Israel: that God will turn hearts from violence, protect the innocent, open new understanding of each other's fears and hopes, and heal the wounds and mistrust that exist. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For all who confront the death-dealing forces of our society: that they may bring the light of Christ to those struggling with the darkness of abortion, abuse, addictions, violence or disease. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For all who share in the Eucharist: that, as we share in Christ's gift of Himself, we will live the new life of the Resurrection and give witness to Christ by our words and deeds. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For all impacted by snow, floods and storms: that God will protect them from further harm, give them strength and courage, and help them to find the support and resources that they need. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For those affected by abuse, in all of its forms: that they may find the courage and strength and continue to grow and trust in the love of our Lord. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For those who are mourning the death of a loved one: that they may know Christ's loving and sustaining presence with them in their time of loss. 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

Ever-loving God, we stand upon our earth in praise of Your presence in our daily lives, to open new life in our weariness. Hear our prayers and answer our needs through Your Son, Jesus Christ Who lives forever and ever, Amen.

SJE WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekend of:	Actual (Week):	Budget (Week):	Surplus/ (Deficit):
March 19, 2023	\$11,374	\$10,365	\$1,009
Catholic Relief Services (special collection)	\$2,256	N/A	N/A

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

April 7, 2023 - PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

**April 29/30, 2023 - CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL
(SHARED WITH BLACK & INDIAN MISSIONS)**

PARISHIONER UPDATE INFORMATION

We  love
having you as part of our flock



Keep in touch
with us via
email & text

- Choose to get updates from groups you're interested in
- Unsubscribe anytime, no spam we promise

PLEASE VISIT OUR
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OR USE OUR EMAIL:
office@sjecarmichael.org

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 4:10 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.



DIOCESE "CHRISM MASS" MARCH 30TH

ANNUAL CHRISM MASS

Thursday, March 30, 2023
@ 6 pm

CATHEDRAL of the BLESSED SACRAMENT, SACRAMENTO



BISHOP JAIME SOTO will preside and the Priests of the Diocese of Sacramento will pray for GOD's continued blessings on the local Church of Sacramento. The Priests will renew their priestly promises.

The **CHRISM MASS** is one of the most important Diocesan celebrations where BISHOP SOTO will bless the Holy Oils that are used in Sacramental blessings in all the Parishes of the Diocese throughout the coming year.

PASSING ON THE FAITH PRESENTATION



PASSING ON THE FAITH:

The Pain and the Promise!

Where has everyone gone? And how do we bring them home? Recent research has identified the challenge of engaging children and young adults in the faith journey. Together we will explore the challenges of passing on faith and propose Catholicism as a comprehensive way of living – a way of encountering Jesus. And we will identify characteristics of an engaged faith community – the kind of domestic church people want and need – and that takes seriously the challenge of passing on the faith.

This will be a hybrid presentation both in person and on ZOOM.
Este taller contará con traducción simultánea al español en persona y en línea.



Dr. Bob McCarty is a pastoral ministry consultant and trainer, and adjunct faculty at the Catholic University of America. Bob is the project coordinator for Saint Mary's Press research, *Going, Going, Gone: The Dynamics of Disaffiliation in Young Catholics*.



Register for '15: www.scd.org/event/passing-faith-pain-and-promise
Thursday, March 30, 2023 Diocese of Sacramento Pastoral Center: 2110 Broadway, Sacramento
10am - 12pm: Priests, Deacons, Religious Sisters, DRES, CREs, Catechetical Leaders, and Lay Personnel
6pm - 8pm: Deacons, Religious Sisters, DRES, CREs, Catechetical Leaders, and Parents
Questions? Alex Barraza - abarraza@scd.org - 916-733-0134. [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/scdoyya) [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/scdoyya) [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/scdoyya)

EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS

As we prepare for Easter, **St. JOHN'S ALTAR SOCIETY** will be purchasing matching bulk Easter Lily plants through the "Easter Flowers" remembrance donation envelopes in the mailed Offertory Envelope Packets, which honor your deceased loved ones.



If you wish instead to donate other Springtime flowering plants, please leave these plants in the Church or Chapel Narthexes starting **Saturday, April 1st** and continuing until **Good Friday, April 7th**.

All these plants will be used to decorate and adorn the Altar and Narthex areas during the Easter season. Thank you so very much to all who have already contributed; we so very much appreciate your generosity. Thank you in advance for helping to make our Easter Season Mass celebrations more beautiful!

WIT AND WISDOM

APRIL 1ST (APRIL FOOLS DAY)

"This is the day upon which we are reminded of what we are on the other three hundred and sixty-four. . .

–Mark Twain

JOKE OF THE WEEK

A newly-ordained Priest, nervous about hearing confessions, asked an older Priest to listen in. Several penitents later, his mentor offered a few suggestions:

"Cross your arms over your chest and rub your chin with one hand", he said. "Try saying things like, 'I see, yes, go on. I understand. How do you feel about that?'"

The new Priest tried out the words and gestures. The old Priest said, "Good, now, don't you think that's a little better than slapping your knee and saying 'No way! You did what?'"

ST. JOHN'S GIFT SHOP NEWS



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

- LENTEN/EASTER 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, March 29nd, 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 Ecalante, James Espinoza, Juanita Estrellas, Ernie Frehe, Anthony Gabriele, Margaret Gallagher, Bob Gibbs, Ann Giebelier, Ella Gomes, Jimi Grant, Alice Guerrero, Steve Guerrero, Donna Harris, Tom Harvey, Shelley Hjellum, Margaret Hollatz, Gabe Howser, Jacqueline Huesing, Mary Jeffries, Eduardo Jimenez, Yelena Kanavalchuk, Tom Karras, Hossain Kian, Larry Kraus, Janice & Jacob Landeros, Dalice Lee, Ray Lloyd, Cheryl Martin, Arielle McLeskey, Pat Minnard, Manuel Molina, Carla Moore, Marie Murillo, Tony Nolasco, 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, **Deacon Jack Wilson**, Frank & Kay Wolniak, 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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On Friday, March 24, our CCD families, our SJE Drama families, and our Parish Choir collaborated in organizing and preparing the Lenten Soup and Stations. We all thoroughly enjoyed being together, as we served our Parish community. Of course, on Sunday, March 26, we all were enriched by our Religious Education classes. The children are delighted to be close to Easter.

Saint Tutilo (AKA Tuotilo), the Monk of Gall, is our Saint of the Week. His Feast Day falls on Tuesday, March 28. This Benedictine monk loved God deeply and expressed his love in a thousand beautiful ways, leading many people to God. He was born in Ireland around the year 850. In the middle of the ninth century, an Irishman named Moengal with a number of Irish companions, which included Tutilo, traveled together and decided to stop off at the Abbey of St. Gall in Switzerland. Essentially, this group remained at the Abbey of St. Gall. Tutilo, who was a powerfully built man and an excellent boxer, was educated at the Abbey of St. Gall, and he became a monk. It has been recorded that Tutilo was always cheerful and in excellent spirits, and he was distinguished for numerous artistic skills.

According to tradition, Tutilo could play many instruments including the trumpet, the harp, and numerous other stringed instruments. Soon Tutilo became a teacher of music at the upper school of the monastery, and he often taught music to the sons of the nobility. Because of his expertise in this area, Tutilo played and taught music using all the instruments, which were available at the monastery. In addition, Tutilo had a remarkable voice. Many of the Gregorian chant manuscripts from the monastery of St. Gall were undoubtedly written by Tutilo. These script books of the Gregorian chant are considered to be priceless works of the art of illumination. The actual history of ecclesiastical drama began with the trope sung as the Introit of the Easter Sunday Mass. Eventually this music came down to us in a St. Gallen manuscript, which was greatly influenced by Tutilo. In a catalogue of Ekkehard IX, "Casus sancti Galli", Tutilo is designated as the author of five tropes, and more recent research has ascribed five additional tropes to him. Many of the Gregorian chant manuscripts that have survived to this day, are, without question, a product of Tutilo's artistic genius. It was King Charles' opinion that Tutilo's great talent should never have been hidden away in a monastery.

Tutilo is actually referred to as being a Renaissance man, because he was an expert in a myriad of areas. His associates also described Tutilo as being endowed by nature with an eloquent clear speaking voice. As an orator and poet, Tutilo could entertain people cheerfully and seriously because of his quick wit. Although he averted publicity, people enjoyed being with Tutilo because of his excellent spirits. Not only did Tutilo have command of Latin and his native tongue, but he had a strong command of the German language. Due to his competent skills as a speaker, he is the Patron Saint of Speech Therapists. Essentially, as a competent scholar, Tutilo brought Irish love to the learning at St. Gall.

Another way that Tutilo cultivated beauty in God's world was through his painting and sculpture. Numerous painting and sculptures created by Tutilo can be viewed in Konstanz, Metz, Mainz, and St. Gallen. Some of his most amazing sculptures can be found at the St. Gallen Abbey in Switzerland. Here there are ivory tablets, which form the cover of the Evangelium Longum. These picture the Assumption of the Virgin Mary and St. Gall sleeping by the fire. In another tablet, St. Gall is giving bread to a bear. Always, Tutilo professed a great love for Our Lady, and to her he had a deep and tender devotion. There is a recorded story that a cleric and two pilgrims observed Our Lady, a woman of wondrous beauty, handing chisels to Tutilo, while teaching him how to use them. When Tutilo was approached about Our Lady's visitation by this local group, he pretended to know nothing about this event, and he strictly forbade these locals to share their information with anyone. Immediately, Tutilo withdrew himself from the room, departed from the city on the next day, and he never again worked in this city.

Curiously, our most creative Tutilo likewise used all of his talents including those of a mathematician and an astronomer to show God's people the paths of the planets by scientifically constructing an astrolabe. Thus, Tutilo is similarly considered to be a creative scientist. Consequently, at the height of his abbey's influence, Tutilo was respected as a great composer, a public speaker, artist, teacher, a dedicated monk, and a competent scholar in numerous areas.

In 915, St. Tutilo died and was buried at a chapel dedicated to St. Catherine of Gaul. Later this chapel was dedicated to St. Tutilo.

MASS INTENTIONS

**Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of
March 27-April 1, 2023**

Monday:	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>
6:30 am	Living and Deceased Members of the Lubecki Family
8:30 am	Norma Evered †
5:30 pm	Teresita Ramos †
Tuesday:	<i>Lenten Weekday (St. Tutilo, Monk)</i>
6:30 am	For an End to Abortion Intention
8:30 am	Janice (I) and Jacob (I) Landeros
5:30 pm	John Mendonza †
Wednesday:	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>
6:30 am	Peter David Heiman †
8:30 am	Linda Hernandez †
5:30 pm	Max Rankin †
Thursday:	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>
6:30 am	Deacon Jack (I) and Jennie (I) Willson
8:30 am	Ken (I) and Glenda (I) Macdonald and Family
5:30 pm	Ray (I) and Carol (I) Zelinski and Family
Friday:	<i>Lenten Weekday (ABSTINENCE)</i>
6:30 am	Virgilio Velarde †
8:30 am	Richard Haeling †
5:30 pm	Deceased and Living Members of the Cynthia Santos Family
Saturday:	<i>Lenten Weekday - (FIRST SATURDAY)</i>
8:30 am	Jenner Hugo Cleofe †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Dn 13:1-9; 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday:	Mt 21:1-11 (procession) Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 --27:66 [27:11-54]

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.

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.

SJE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CON'T)

OUR PRAYER: O LORD, WE OFTEN FORGET THAT THE CULTIVATION OF BEAUTY GIVES GLORY TO YOU. AS BEAUTIFUL THINGS LIFT OUR MINDS TO YOU, LET US FOLLOW THE WAYS OF ST. TUTILO. AMEN

Yours in Christ,

MRS. JOANNE GIFFARD, SJE Religious Education Coordinator

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(Mark 8:14-21)



The primary purpose of Jesus' transfiguration is to allow him to consult his heavenly Father and ascertain his salvific work for his Son's suffering, death, and resurrection. The secondary aim is to make the three disciples aware of his divine glory so that they might discard their worldly ambitions and dreams of a political Messiah and consequently, might be strengthened in their time of trial.

While praying, Jesus was transfigured into a shining figure, meeting with Moses and Elijah. These representatives of the Law and the Prophets foreshadowed Jesus, who was the culmination of the Law and the Prophets. Both prophets were initially rejected by the people but vindicated by God at the end.

By Jesus' transfiguration, Christians are to be transformed from the sinful to the sinless, i.e. from the worldly life to the heavenly. How? Christians can follow the instruction of God the Father when he said, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." What the verb "listen" (akouete) denotes here is that one should perceive Jesus' voice and further, obey him. This is not blind obedience but a commitment of life into the cross event of Jesus.

The first change after listening to Jesus begins at baptism, transforming us into children of God. The second transformation takes place by going through the trials of life with our courage integrated with Jesus' cross event. The third transformation arrives at death, from the earthly life to the eternal. In short, every challenge or every moment of suffering is an opportunity for transformation.

During our dark moments of despair and hopelessness, Jesus' transfiguration will help us to reach out to God. Through the acceptance of daily crosses we may become closer to Jesus especially in his suffering so that we may finally share the glory of his transfiguration.

--Fr. Abraham Chiu

FIVE FINGER PRAYER FOR LENT

1. **YOUR THUMB** is nearest you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C. S. Lewis once said, a 'sweet duty.'
2. The **next finger** is the **POINTING FINGER**. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.
3. The **next finger** is the **TALLEST FINGER**. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.
4. The **fourth finger** is our **RING FINGER**. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger, as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.
5. And lastly comes our **little finger** - the **SMALLEST FINGER** of all which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, 'The least shall be the greatest among you.' Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - MERCY SAN JUAN



FR. ALBAN UBA/MERCY SAN JUAN HOSPITAL have an urgent need of **Eucharistic Minister** volunteers to assist in the distribution of Holy Communion to hospital patients.

Please contact **MERCY SAN JUAN HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN DEPARTMENT** at (916) 537-5098 for more information and to volunteer.



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



ANNIE has found a comfortable place to lay her head and **JASPER** doesn't seem to mind. **ANNIE** says it's better than a pillow, so soft.

The **FOOD LOCKER** shelves are **BARE** and could use a lot of essentials: mac n' cheese, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, rice, peanut butter and top ramen.

We are also in desperate need of brown bags (and if they come already double-bagged even better). We are also short on plastic reusable bags and could use whatever you can donate. Thank you.

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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LENT can feel like a long time. Sometimes we'd like to skip right to Easter! But through prayer and sacrifices, we share in Christ's suffering and prepare for the joy of His Resurrection. This LENT, we've learned how people in Honduras, the Philippines and Kenya made sacrifices so their families and communities can thrive. How have your LENTEN sacrifices helped your family and community and communities around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

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, **(last 5:30 pm Mass - 4/5) 5:30 pm**
- † **LENT Stations of the Cross (Fridays):** **After 5:30 Mass; approx. 6:15 pm (last Stations - 3/31)**
- † **LENT Soup (after Stations of the Cross):** **SVDeP free will donation** **Approx. 7:00 pm**
- † **LENT Saturday Morning Mass:** 8:30 am

UPCOMING LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

LENTEN Penance Services

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