

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule

Mass of Sunday:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 AM & 12:00 Noon

Daily: 6:30 & 8:30 AM (M-F); 8:30 AM (Sat)

Holy Days: 6:30, 8:30 AM & 7:00 PM

Eucharistic Adoration: Wed & Fri 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Sacraments

Confessions: Fridays and Saturdays 10 min before morning

Masses and 3:45 to 4:45 PM Saturday

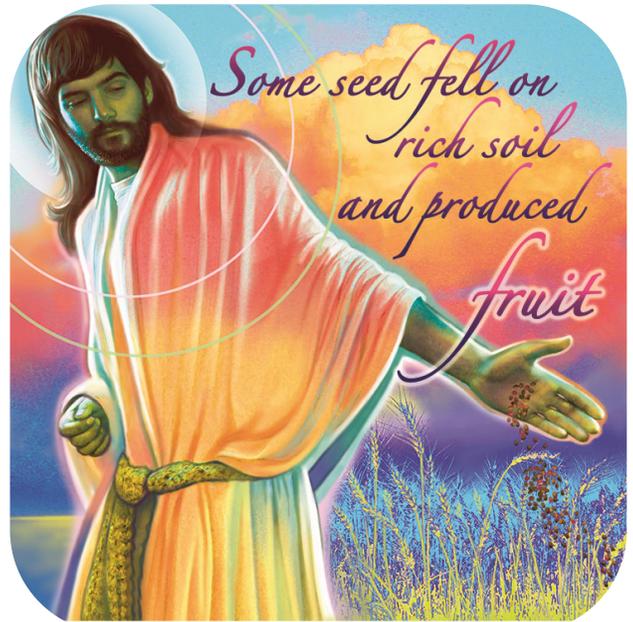
Baptism: call office about parent preparation sessions

Marriage: contact the clergy at least six months in advance

Anointing of Sick: call the office at any time

Catholics Coming Home, for more information call
483-8454 ext. 150 or e-mail to Religious.ed@sjecarmichael.org

July 16, 2017



FRUIT OF THE WORD

The seed is the word of God. The agricultural metaphors in all of today's readings give richness to the message that the word of God, cultivated in our hearts, bears much fruit in our lives. Creation itself awaits the redemption of all, even as our bodies await the resurrection. Just as we will rejoice in the fulfillment of God's word, so will all of creation sing for joy in the Reign of God. The word of God is effective and holy; it brings about exactly what it says. It is not futile or empty, but rich in meaning for those who hear and are healed. Those who hear the word of God and keep it will, with all creation, bear much fruit and sing for joy.
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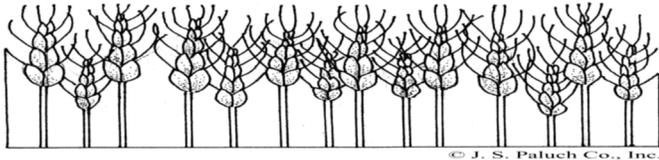
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PASTOR'S CORNER - Fr. Bernardin Mugabo

THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD: I hear often on Television a commercial saying: "when Judge Judith speaks, somebody pays." all the prophets in the Bible felt an obligation to preach by fulfilling God's will no matter convenient or inconvenient. It was God's message and it should not be distorted. As we know, most all of them paid for their lives because people were stubborn & wanted to do their own will. On this 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time A, all readings are reminding us about our mission in this world we are living in. like it or not, we were all created by God and we all have a destiny and a mission to accomplish. This is only possible if we are willing to hear and to do God's will. As often the Blessed Virgin Mary said in Medjugorje, God loves us so much and that God respects our freedom to choose.

The first reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah uses the metaphor of snow and rain for the earth, in comparison to the Word of God in us. Nowadays, we all thank God so much by providing us with enough rain/snow to grow our crops, to feed our animals and ourselves. All restrictions on water we had in the previous years because of drought have been taken away. No water, no crops, not food, no fish, no life. The word of God we have from the Bible should provide fruits in us as well; Fruits of love, forgiveness, peace, gentleness, kindness, but dear parishioners, I am so much afraid to say that the earth reacts better to the rain than we ourselves to God's word. That is why there are turmoil, injustices, wars, shootings and all kind of sinful behavior that offends God and put us in the hands of our worse enemy, the devil.

In the gospel, Jesus made it very clear in the parable of the sower. A parable speaks a reality that lasts forever. We all can hear the message clearly as the people on the sea shore heard it during the time of Jesus. Jesus uses always the realities we all know such as sowing, harvesting, fishing, building, leading... The state of California is a farming state and produces all kind of crops and fruits; it very easy for us to grab the message. In a simple way, we are all God's soil, and we all have received God's word or seed in us. Some of us do behave like seed on the path when we let the evil one take away the message of God we have received. Others on the rocky ground are people who receive the word of God like anybody else, but tribulation or persecution made them leave the faith due to the lack of roots. They are not firm in their faith. Our fallen away Catholics are in this category. The seed sown among thorns are those who like anybody else receive the word of God, but the worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and they bear no fruit. "The love of money is the root of all evil". The story of Judas the Iscariot is a clear example how far and dangerous the love of money can lead us. "You cannot serve both God and mammon." If your priority is not God, you are on the wrong path and should change ASAP. Most of the wars are caused by the people who want to acquire the world wealth despising others or killing them. The seed sown on rich soil are those who hear the word of God and are willing to live up to it and share it with others.

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 16, 2017

You have crowned the year with your bounty, and your paths overflow with a rich harvest. — *Psalm 65:12*

Masses for the Week — July 17 to July 22

Monday:

6:30 a.m. Carolyn Serafin +

8:30 a.m. Thomas & Francis Franzella +

Tuesday: *St. Camillus de Lellis*

6:30 a.m. Alain Ugirashebuja +

8:30 a.m. Arlen Butler +

Wednesday:

6:30 a.m. Jean Serafin +

8:30 a.m. Mark Sanders+

Thursday: *St. Apolinaris*

6:30 a.m. Jeanne of Arc +

8:30 a.m. Holy Souls

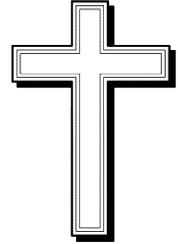
Friday: *St. Lawrence of Brindisi*

6:30 a.m. Al Serafin +

8:30 a.m. MaryJo Kwett +

Saturday: *St. Mary Magdalene*

8:30 a.m. Ida Plenert +

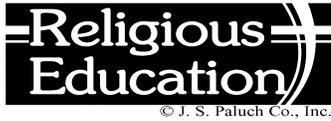


.....*Pastor's Column continued*

They are God's witnesses, good and faithful servants who bring more people to God by the way they live, say and do. All of us should be in this group. We have to be either hot or cold not lukewarm. Saint Paul we heard in the second reading is a very good example of what we should do to be the good and fertile soil for the word of God. Saint Paul is filled with hope and confidence in the midst of suffering. He suffered a lot from the hands of evil authorities and bad religious leaders of his time. The hope of resurrection and life everlasting Jesus promised to those who will persevere to the end kept him going to the end. At one point Paul said, "we are afflicted in every way, but not constrained, perplexed but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed". (2 Corinthians 4: 8 -9) saint Paul added: "Can anything cut us off from the love of Christ — can hardships or distress or persecution, or lack of food and clothing, threats of violence; as scripture says: for your sake we are being massacred all day long treated as sheep to be slaughtered? No; we come through all these things triumphantly victorious, by the power of him who loved us..." (Romans 8: 35 – 39)

Dear parishioners, the time we are living in now is very hostile to the word of God. The world is embracing the anti-gospel message in the name of freedom. This is happening not only in our own country but in Europe, Canada Mexico, Africa, Asia and so many countries we may not know; I guess it may happen in our own families as well. Please remember, Jesus endured to the end, and so is Saint John the Baptist with so many martyrs in the history of the church. I beg you to persevere to the message of the gospel we have in Jesus Christ. This is the message of our salvation that is worth perseverance. Unlike the seed that cannot move, we all have the opportunity to improve or to get worse. Be careful so that you may not fall into the evil's trap. By your perseverance said Jesus, you will secure your lives."

God Bless, Fr. Bernardin Mugabo



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A thought & a question to ponder: In today's Gospel reading (Matthew 13: 1-23) Jesus calls our attention to the various kinds of soils/souls that the seed of God's Word falls upon: (1) The unplowed path (unreceptive, inattentive mind and heart); (2) The hard rocky ground (accepted enthusiastically at first but quickly dies away because roots do not develop.); (3) The thorns (the thorns and briars take all the nourishment and choke the farmer's seeds.); (4) The good soil produces a healthy yield (the receptive, attentive mind and heart finds ways to pray, observe and educate itself in the teachings of Jesus-Christ.) What kind of soil am I/we most of the time?

The Ten Commandments of God: (Exodus 20:2-17 and Deuteronomy 5:6-21) The eighth commandment: "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor." (Do not lie, gossip or spread rumors.) The 9th commandment is the desire to break the 6th. (You shall not covet/be envious of your neighbor's wife/husband.) The 10th commandment is the desire to break the 7th (You shall not covet/be envious of your neighbor's goods.) See the [Catechism of the Catholic-Church](#) for a more comprehensive understanding of God's Commandments.

For information and registration about the following – you are welcome to contact us through the above phone-number & email:

R.C.I.A.: More than 90% of RCIA members contact us because they have come to know parishioners through family settings, social gatherings or work. Do you know someone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith?

RE/CCD/CFF: Sunday morning classes, throughout the school year, for children grades K through Junior-High who attend public schools. During August, information/registration materials will be mailed to the currently enrolled families.

Confirmation for Adults: Are you an adult who never received this sacrament? Would you now like to do so?

Returning Catholics: Do you know someone who has been away from the Church and now wants to return?

General-Assistance with religion-related matters...

Retreats, spiritual-direction and more: (1) Christ The King, Citrus-Heights: www.passionist.rg/christtheking or 9116-725-4720); (2) Mercy-Center, Auburn: (www.mercycenter.org or 530-887-2019);

Additional Catholic Counseling:

admin @catholiccounselingagency.com or 916-792-9797 (Offices in Fair-Oaks and Sacramento.)

Calendar: Inter- Parish Summer Program (Theme: Created by God; Built for a purpose) July 31 to August 4th. Is your son/daughter signed up?

Additional events: Pay attention to the weekly bulletin!

God bless and guide your week.

SJE Seniors Group will be meeting on July 20 to play Bunco. All Seniors are invited (men and women) Call Lu at 729-1934 for more information. We hope to see you there!!

Youth Ministry is Back! If you are a high school teen interested in being a member, an adult who would like to serve, or want to donate, contact Maria Victoria Liranzo at youthmin@sjecarmichael.org or (916) 529-5767 (text okay.) You can also visit us on the Parish website at sjecarmichael.org/youth.

All high school teens are invited to the 2017 Youth Summer Socials on Sunday, July 23rd and August 20th at 6 pm in Mercy Hall. Events are free. Show up and invite all your friends. All are welcome. A *youth activity permission, medical release, and parental consent* form must be completed and signed prior to participating in any St. John the Evangelist Youth Ministry events. You can find the form in the Narthex or on the Parish website at sjecarmichael.org/youth.

ON FiRE NorCal Jam will be on Saturday, September 16, 2017 at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom in Vallejo, CA. Come celebrate the Mass, be inspired by speakers, and enjoy an evening of Praise and Worship featuring excellent musical guests and Adoration. This event is for all Catholic High School Youth and Young Adults in their 20's and 30's. Tickets are on sale now at <http://www.onfirenorcal.com>. The Youth Ministry is coordinating with Parishes nearby to rent a bus for teens and chaperones to attend. If you are interested in donating funds for the bus, you can write a check to *St. John the Evangelist* with a note saying *Youth Ministry Bus* and drop it off in an envelope with *Youth Ministry Donation* written on it and place it in either the collection basket or at the Parish Office.

Retrouvaille – Marriage Recovery

Is your marriage in trouble – miserable – dead? Would you like it to come alive? Retrouvaille can give you the communication skills you need to relate to one other in a better, more respectful and emotionally mature way. . For more information call (800) 470-2230 or visit <http://www.helpourmarriage.com>

THIS WEEKEND Sister Sheila Novak, SDS will be here at SJE and will speak on behalf of the Sisters of Divine Savior, also known as the Salvatorians. We will have a special collection to benefit the congregation, who minister to five continents to improve the quality of life among people of every faith and culture.

Sister works to raise awareness and advocate for people affected by human trafficking. She collaborates with other women religious to address the needs of the victims. She taught for many years in elementary schools, trained in Rome and ministered in spiritual formation. She has a masters degree in pastoral studies, has served as a pastoral associate and is currently Executive Director of Well-spring Women's center here in Sacramento.

There is a change in when bulletin articles are due. We need transmit our bulletin to the bulletin company earlier. Thank you for helping us with this change. Please e-mail articles if possible by 10 a.m. on MONDAY.

ALTAR-SERVER-FAMILIES: Altar servers are needed at all Masses every weekend. Please step in when you see that there's a need. Please respond to Sean Harrell's recent email request for servers during June and July. He can be reached at: Sean.Harrell.1@gmail.com

The next class for **Parent Preparation for Child Baptism** will be held **Wednesday, August 9 at 7:00 p.m.** The next Baptism will be August 12 at 11:00 a.m. Call the rectory at 483-8454 to register for the class and to let us know if you will be at the class and/or baptism. A baptismal registration form must be filled out prior to attending the class either on-line or in the rectory.

Please note that there will not be Baptisms in July.

Students in SJE School 7th & 8th grade classes will hold a Car Wash on August 20. They are trying to raise money for their spring 2018 trip to Washington DC. Drop your car off and have it washed while you pray in church! The Car Wash is free, although donations will be accepted and greatly appreciated. Students and parent chaperones will be available before and after all Masses on Sunday from 7:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Please come by and get your car washed and support our parish students! Melissa at 628-6692. Thank you.

"Inner Soul" - Parishioner and artist Helen Plenert is requesting for us to join her for a special tribute art show to help bring awareness and raise funds for a critical new project here in Sacramento. The sale of donated art will help open the doors to the new hospice house (Joshua's House) dedicated to for the homeless. The show is held at uptown studios until July 28. For more information about the show, contact Helen at 599-2608.

Parishioner and choir member Larry Sikorski belongs to a non-profit organization called Moonlight Swing Living History Big Band. They will be performing July 16, this evening, at the Elks Club on Cypress Avenue. They will be playing as a tribute to the brave men and women who have served in the military.

 **our sick and their caregivers:** Helena
Pray for ... Alleman, Andrea Armstrong, Tim Breading, Robert Burns, Rosa Cabiglia, Geoff Carter, Alicia Cortez, Alice Cottam, Shirley Crase, Russ Davis, James DeCicco, Melissa Duran, Kate Ellis, Debbie Erichs, Juanita Estrellas, Martin Fiorino, Roberta Freitag, Anthony Gabriele, Alison Geoffrey, John Glasgow, Norma Goligowski, Ella Gomes, Gosnell Family, Jimi Grant, Bev & Don Habecker, Donna Harris, Tom Harvey, Vicky Heard, Amy Hodge, George Heffner, Miles Jeffries, Eduardo Jimenez, Shirley Jones, Yelena Kanavalchuk, Mary Mandara, Cheryl Martin, Angelica Martin, Jennifer Martin, Manuel Molina, Michael Niekamp, Lynn Parry, Mike Peterson, Alex Quiroz, Jeff Reynolds, Ruth Salazar, Anwar Saca, Rena Scherman, Robert Scholtes, Christopher Scott, Stacey Spear, Luisa Shields, Hank Thompson, Ralph & Michele Virgen, Collette Walker, and all sick parishioners.

New Occupants in "our" room at the maternity Home. The bedroom our parish sponsors at the Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home now has a new mother and baby. Mom Stormy delivered her little girl, Shiloh, soon after moving into the room. Baby is now four weeks old and both Stormy and Shiloh are doing well. Due to a recent fire in the garage, the home has lost all of its supplies of things babies need. The good news is that there was no damage to the house itself or to the residents and staff. Thank you for your kindness in helping all of residents of the home who have no family to turn to and must rely on the kindness of strangers. The red bins in the narthex are well used with your donations to help babies and older children. Thank you for sharing your love.

Weekend Collection of July 8/9

Sunday Offerings	\$11,059.00
Maintenance & Improvement	\$580.00
Capital Campaign	\$790.00

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8;
Mt 10:34 — 11:1
- Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34;
Mt 11:20-24
- Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7;
Mt 11:25-27
- Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27;
Mt 11:28-30
- Friday: Ex 11:10 — 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15,
16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8
- Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15;
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
- Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16;
Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]

Our SVDP is blessed in many ways one of which is the generosity of our parishioners in responding to our weekly call for specific food locker items. Another is our reliance on other corporate like sources (Safeway, Save Mart, Noah’s Bagels, Carmichael Park Farmers Market vendors, the Farmers Wife fruit stand, and Sunrise Christian Ministry) who donate routine, repetitive like products. This results in our asking our parishioners for items that we do not get from other sources to balance out our other donations. So once again, we are requesting jelly, cereal and spaghetti sauce. What is not routine however, is our thanks for your kindness and support of the SVDP ministry. Thank you.

The Knights of Columbus wish to say “thank you” to the SJE parishioners and school parents for their support of the K of C Fireworks booth. This allows us to continue our Scholarship Program for eight graders that will be going to a Catholic High School.

From the Parish staff to our volunteers THANK YOU for all you do! We couldn’t operate without you!