

December 17, 2017



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Catholics Coming Home,

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Mass Schedule::

Sunday Mass:

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

Healing Mass every 3rd Sunday of the Month at 1:30 PM with confession from 1:05 to 1:25 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

REJOICE

Isaiah proclaims truly good news to us! God's coming brings not sadness, guilt, fear, wrath, or condemnation. No, God's coming is a source of comfort and joy. Saying it once is not enough, for today's readings are full of joy. Mary's Magnificat substitutes for our psalm today, and our second reading encourages us to rejoice, to give thanks and praise. This is the root meaning of the Greek word for eucharist. We are urged to rejoice and give thanks, because the coming of the Lord brings joy, healing, liberty, release, vindication. It makes the very earth spring up with new life! Good tidings!

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Please support the businesses on the back of our bulletin!

St. John's Gift Shop News: We are open this weekend. We also have Advent supplies. Please come by!

Registration / Change of Address

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

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

It may take up to 2 months to start receiving envelopes or for any changes.

Place in collection basket.



PASTOR'S CORNER - Fr. Bernardin Mugabo

Continued from last week.....

The same is true of offerings for sacramentals, such as blessings of houses or automobiles. In these cases, Diocesan regulations stipulate that the offering goes to the work of the parish, not to the priests personally.

The donor should choose how much to give on those occasions, and the blessings should be gladly available whether or not parishioners want to give an offering. In the Sacramento Diocese, priests are expressly forbidden from soliciting, either directly or indirectly, any offerings for blessings. Parishioners may, however, freely make an offering to the priest in addition to that specified for the parish. The priest may not ask for it.

The Code of Canon Law deliberately uses the term *offering* rather than *stipend* when referring to those monies (associated with sacraments and sacramentals) because the word *stipend* suggests a commercial exchange of goods for services, which this is not meant to be. In the sensitive area of money, it is the mind of the Church that even the appearance of trafficking in God's free grace be always avoided.

Penance Service: Dear parishioners, during Advent season we all prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ on Christmas as the Baby born in a manger. All readings weekdays or Sundays speak strongly about "preparing the way of the Lord" or "make strait his paths". I know you are all busy writing Christmas cards, buying presents and decorating a Christmas tree, installing a Christmas crib, even preparing for travel to have Christmas with your love ones... To wish somebody Merry Christmas is a very good Christian attitude. It means you haven't forgotten them and that you love and care for them. Buying and sharing gifts for Christmas is even much better. If Jesus sacrificed his life for us, we can give up something for our brothers and sisters especially those who are most in need. This is how love grows and Jesus commanded us to love one another as he has loved us. Dear parishioners, remember that Christ is the center and the reason for Christmas. Do not imitate those who try to say "Happy Holidays" so that they may not say "Merry Christmas". The pagan or atheist world we are living in is trying to paganize Christmas with an empty excuse that you may hurt those who do not believe in Jesus. Too bad, they all should know Jesus because there is no way to the Father except through Him. (John 14:6) Those cards on which is written "Happy holidays" should be ignored by a good Christian. If nobody buys them, they will vanish from the shelves. Jesus wants all of us to witness for our faith in Him. This is the best moment to show that we are proud to be Christians. To prepare for Christmas without preparing our hearts, would be like cleaning the outside of the jug leaving the inside filthy. *Continued next column...*

Third Sunday of Advent - December 17, 2017
 Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.
 — 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

Masses for the Week of December 18 - 23

Monday:

6:30 a.m. Don Habecker +
 8:30 a.m. Joe Franzella +

Tuesday:

6:30 a.m. Norma Goligowski +
 8:30 a.m. Cecelia Tran +

Wednesday:

6:30 a.m. Special Intention

Thursday: St. Peter Canisius

6:30 a.m. Anthony "Tony" Martinez +
 8:00 a.m. Thomas Franzella +

Friday:

6:30 a.m. Susan Bragg +
 8:30 a.m. Will (D) & Rosie (L) Cooney

Saturday: St. John of Kanty

8:30 a.m. Francis Franzella +

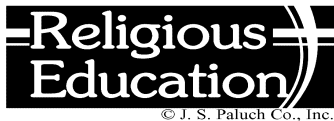


Pray for our sick and their caregivers: Helena Alleman, Andrea Armstrong, Robert Burns, Rosa Cabiglia, Geoff Carter, Alicia Cortez, Shirley Crase, Mary Daly, Jhausi Dasari, Russ Davis, James DeCicco, Melissa Duran, Kate Ellis, Debbie Erichs, Juanita Estrellas, Martin Fiorino, Mar-yann Fiorino, Roberta Freitag, Anthony Gabriele, Margo Garcia, Alison Geoffrey, John Glasgow, Ella Gomes, Gosnell Family, Jimi Grant, Bev Habecker, Donna Harris, Tom Harvey, Vicky Heard, George Heffner, Eduardo Jimenez, Shirley Jones, Yelena Kanavalchuk, Joan Kuhn, 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, Katie Walker and all sick parishioners.

SJE Parish 2018 Calendars will be available the weekend of December 30-31, 2017 (1 per family, please) for pick-up on the Narthex tables

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The sacrament of reconciliation Jesus left us is very important to clean us from all our sins. We have a penance service on December 20th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. We will have more priests available so that no one will have to wait for a long time. Jesus wants to be born in your heart and this is the place that needs more attention. "Dear Children! Also today I call you, in this time of grace, to pray for little Jesus to be born in your heart. May He, who is peace itself, give peace to the entire world through you. Therefore, little children, pray without ceasing for this turbulent world without hope, so that you may become witnesses of peace for all. May hope begin to flow through your hearts as a river of grace. Thank you for having responded to my call." Nov. 25, 2008



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U.S. Bishops: www.usccb.org;

General Catholic: www.Catholic.org;

Daily 3-minute computer retreat: www.LoyolaPress.org))

Prayer for the third Sunday of Advent: "Mighty God, give us strength, build up our courage – because sometimes we are weak and afraid. You sent Jesus to make the sick better and to be a friend to the poor. May we believe in Him and be happy that you always support us. We pray to you through Jesus, our Lord. Amen."

Pope Francis' December intention: "That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming new generations."

We notice and appreciate that many grandparents & great grandparents are doing just that... Thank you & may you be richly blessed...

You are welcome to contact us for information about the following programs:

RE/CCD/CFF: Sunday morning classes, beginning at 8:55 for children grades K through Jr. High, who attend public schools.

RCIA: PROCESS for persons, from other faith denominations who have an interest in the Catholic Faith.

Confirmation for Adults: If you didn't receive this sacrament earlier in life – it's not too late to do so.

Returning Catholics: Is there someone you know who wants to return to the practice of the Catholic Faith?

General-Assistance with religion-related matters...

Retreats, spiritual-direction and more: Contact Christ The King in Citrus-Heights (916-725-4720 or www.christthekingretreatcenter.org); Mercy Center, Auburn (530-887-2019 or www.mercycenter.org);

Spiritual directors are available at and outside of these retreat centers. (Contact us for more info.)

The Catholic Counseling Agency has offices in Fair-Oaks (near St. Mel's Church) and in Sacramento. Contact them at: 916-792-9797 or admin@catholiccounselingagency.com. You may also want to connect with www.catholiccounselors.com

Important Calendar Items:

Congratulations to the following four students who took Altar-Server training this past Sunday: Jacob Disney/Taylor, Joey Mendoza, Alyssa Reilly and Joshua Spalding. We look forward to your serving Mass. Our thanks to Mr. Sean Harrell for training these students.

RE/CCD/CFF classes: Classes will not be held on Dec. 24.

In addition to the choir members – we hope to see many, many of you at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve.

Wednesday, Dec. 14 (6:00 p.m.): Las Posadas (A Hispanic tradition that reenacts Mary & Joseph as they search for lodging in Bethlehem) at Christ-The-King Retreat-Center. See retreats above for contact info.

Saturday, December 16: Returning-Catholics meeting from 3 to 4:25 p.m. (Please meet in CHAPEL).

Sunday Dec. 17th: Liturgy of the Word for all children during the 10 a.m. Mass

Choir practice for 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass: All children who would like to participate in the choir are invited to come to the Chapel, after 10 a.m. Mass, on December 17 and 24.

Tuesdays of December: R.C.I.A. sessions from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Mercy-Hall.

God bless and guide your/our week...

SJE School News - A BIG Thank you! We appreciate all the support, help and shopping our parish members contribute to the school's annual craft fair. The 39th Annual Holiday Show of Hands was a success!

Holiday Gift Cards Available in the School Office! Amazon, Walmart, In & Out, and many, many more available. Consider visiting the school office and checking our inventory before purchasing gift cards this year. Stop by before December 19th during the day.

St. Vincent de Paul - What a blessing the food locker received this past Wednesday. It seems as if we have to ask for jelly and cereal almost every week but thanks to two ladies who drove up to the food locker we do not need to request these items this week and maybe not the following week either because they blessed us with a very generous donation of both. THANK YOU and God bless you. What we could use however, is mac n cheese, spaghetti pasta and top ramen. Your donations are always appreciated and your participation in helping the SVDP ministry is a godsend.

Reminder - Bulletin articles are due Monday morning before the weekend you want your article in the bulletin. E-mail **in Word** if possible and we can not take them over the phone. Please double check dates and times before you send your article to us. If a date or time is wrong we have no way of knowing. Thank you.

Announcements after Mass. If you have an item for the announcements, it **MUST** be e-mailed to the rectory by THURSDAY by NOON (office@sjecarmichael.org. Announcements **MUST** be approved by Father Bernardin (please don't ask him at the last minute as he is getting ready for Mass). Please do not add them in the book yourself. Please don't put a phone number in your item. Be as brief as possible. All announcements need to be parish related. This means everyone! Thank you.



Teens Grades 7 through 12: Challenge yourself to learn the heart of God THIS SUNDAY at 6 p.m. in the YM Office, next to Mercy Hall. For more information, contact Maria Victoria Liranzo at youthmin@sjecarmichael.org or (916) 529-5767.

Please join us in praying the **Rosary** and other prayers every weekday before and after the 8:30 am Mass and Saturday after the 8:30 am Mass and Sunday after the 8:00 am Mass in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.



Altar-Server Families: Altar-Servers are needed at all Masses every weekend. Please step in when you see that there is a need. Thank you.
Sean Harell.1@gmail.com

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;
Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17;
Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd;
Lk 1:46-56
Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;
Lk 1:57-66
Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

Our Lady Fatima Candlelight Procession at St. John the Evangelist on Sunday, December 17 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. This is part of the year long celebration of the 100 Year Celebration of Fatima. Please join us at 4 p.m. for Mass. The candlelight procession will follow. The Mission of the Rosary blessing for rosaries and honor pins will be celebrated during Mass. Arrive early to get your blessed candles. For questions and volunteering, call or text Maria Kian at (916) 996-3435.

Winter Sanctuary: - December 31 through January 6, St. John's will be hosting a winter sanctuary for the invisible homeless of Carmichael. In conjunction with Carmichael HART, we will receive up to 25 screened guests from a local intake center at 6:30 PM until 6:00 AM. At that time they will be transported back to the intake center. Beginning November 11, we will be soliciting for volunteers in the narthex or you may contact Keith or Pam Johnson at 916-390-5458 or email kpael-johnson@gmail.com.

There is a new assortment of CDs in the racks in the narthex. Among the inspiring talks are: *A Journey Through Advent* and *The Mystery of Christmas*. Also we have *Heroes of the Catholic Reformation* and *Saint Teresa of Avila – A True Reformer*. Several other new titles are available, each for the suggested donation of \$3.

On Thursday, December 28, Bishop Jamie Soto will lead the annual Feast of the Holy Innocents Candlelight Rosary Procession and Mass. We will meet at 6 p.m. at the steps of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament (11th & K) and pray for the sanctity of life as we walk to Our Lady of Guadalupe (7th & T) for Mass at 7 p.m. This March for Life commemorates those male infants of Bethlehem who were killed by decree of King Herod, as well as those innocent unborn babies lost by abortion. Bring your family and walk to Mass praying the rosary. Candles will be provided. Carpools will shuttle families back to their cars. Dress warmly and bring umbrellas if needed. For more information call, call 519-0417.

Last weekend's collections

Sunday Offerings	\$11,702.00
Maintenance & Improvements	\$360.00
Capital Campaign	\$335.00

Please accept our sincerest thank you for the donations that you make every week. You make it possible for us to keep our doors open and to spread the Word!

The **Altar Society** is busy preparing for the Christmas season. We are asking for donations of poinsettias and other Christmas flowers and plants to honor loved ones. Please drop off donations in the narthex starting Thursday December 21st through Saturday the 23rd at 11:00 a.m.. When you drop off a plant please fill out a card with your loved ones name and the card will be placed on a tree of remembrance. The donated flowers will be used to adorn the altar and church throughout the Christmas season. Thank you in advance for your generosity and helping to make our Christmas season bright.

Joyous celebrations of the **Birth of Our Lord** begin at **5 p.m.** on Christmas Eve with St. John's Children's Choir and guest pianist Jim Martinez. St. John's Adult Choir will lead the music at the **7 p.m.** Vigil Mass. Christmas Day celebrations begin at **8 a.m.**, then **10 a.m.** with our Adult Choir, and at **12 Noon.** Be sure to pick up invitations to "Christmas at St. John's" to give to a friend, neighbor, co-worker or long lost relative.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Knights of Columbus SJE Council 16612 will be serving a Pancake Breakfast, Sunday December 17. Santa Claus will be with us in the Tralee Center for those who would like to have their pictures taken with him. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

Keep CHRIST in Christmas! The SJE Knights of Columbus will be selling "Keep Christ in Christmas" Car Magnets (\$5) after all Masses through December 17th (or when they run out). This is a great way to Evangelize during this most sacred time. Please help the Knights share this CHRISTmas Spirit.

St. John the Evangelist Parish will be holding our Christmas Penance Service at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 20. There will be several priests available to hear your confessions. Please plan on attending!

Pro-Life News: Walk for Life West Coast 2018 It's not too early to mark your calendars to attend the Annual Walk for Life in San Francisco. The date is Saturday, January 27, 2018. We have a bus leaving from the SJE parking lot. The cost is \$35/person, which covers the bus charter fees, parking, and snacks. It's an easy walk, less than 2 miles. Join other Christians as we give witness to the dignity of all human life. We'll be taking reservations and collecting money after January 1st. Questions? Call JoAnn at 916-966-4051.

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