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Catholics Coming Home,

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e-mail to Religious.ed@sjecarmichael.org

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

NEWS OF COMFORT - In a time of preparation, much of it having to do with material things, it is good to hear the words of Isaiah, "Comfort, give comfort to my people, / says your God" (Isaiah 40:1). In a time of such stress and rush, when our usual burdens are augmented by piles of Christmas preparations, we can choose to slow down, take some time to heal, and appreciate the enormous gift we are about to receive. Christ, the Son of God, has become one of us, and knows our human limitations. Yet God, even now, is freeing us from the burdens that our inattentiveness to our God and to our deepest inner longings have heaped upon us. The Lord comes, not as a king with mighty armies, but as a shepherd leading the flocks with care and tenderness. Isaiah prophesies good news: our oppression is over, our sins forgiven. The savior we have awaited is coming, not the first time, but in the end times, as our salvation. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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

Diocese issues policy on stipends and offerings
Editor's note: The following is the revised policy of the diocese with regard to stipends and offerings that has been issued by Bishop Jaime Soto, effective January 1, 2018. It has been sent to all priests and parish finance councils.

it is a fundamental tenet of Christian revelation that the grace of God is free. Salvation is pure gift, an act of extravagant generosity from God that no human being can ever hope to merit or pay back.

Therefore, any practice that would imply that a Catholic must pay for the sacraments would be contrary to the Church's understanding of God's love for the sinner, especially the poor. The ancient words of Isaiah express well the joyful understanding that governs all Church policy regarding money and religion:

*All you who are thirsty, come to the water!
 You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; Come, without paying and without cost,
 Drink wine and milk!*

The Catholic faithful are also encouraged to bring their offering to the altar. (Mt. 5.23; Acts 2.44-46; I Cor. 16.1-4) These gestures express one's gratitude to God. The portion one returns to the Lord recognizes that all good things come from Him. The offering also expresses our collaboration in the building up of the Kingdom. The extensive sacramental, teaching, and charitable works of the Church are a reflection of the generous, sacrificial offerings of the People of God.

Priests, who have dedicated their lives to preaching the Good News of the Gospel, must have an adequate means of support and the Church has an obligation to guarantee that material support. However, the Church is careful to provide for its priests in a way that does not give the impression that they are somehow providing services for which they should be paid. For this reason, dioceses today mandate that priests get institutional remuneration from the parish or diocese in which they serve that is sufficient to support a reasonable standard of living. This remuneration is standardized throughout each diocese. In the Sacramento Diocese, that average annual base remuneration is approximately \$35,000. Room and board are also provided.

Priests are allowed to accept monetary offerings from the people when celebrating a sacrament, but it must be clear that the offering is given freely and the donor may choose how much to give. Moreover, the sacrament should be gladly available, whether or not this offering is made.

....to be continued....

Funeral arrangements for Jack Oliver will be on December 13 at 11 a.m.

Please support the businesses on the back of our bulletin!

Second Sunday of Advent - December 10, 2017

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.

— Mark 1:3

Masses for the Week of December 11 - 16

Monday: St. Damasus I

6:30 a.m. Mike & Nebbie Pyles, Int.

8:30 a.m. Josie Pellegrino +

Tuesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

6:30 a.m. Matthew Wold +

8:30 a.m. Lupe Gonzales +

Wednesday: St. Lucy

6:30 a.m. Al Mendoza +

8:30 a.m. Carlos Estrada +

Thursday: St. John of the Cross

6:30 a.m. Susan Jorasz +

8:00 a.m. Guillermo Gonzales +

Friday:

6:30 a.m. Natalie Vu, Special Int.

8:30 a.m. Will Cooney +

Saturday:

8:30 a.m. Ida Plenert +



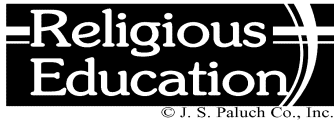
our sick and their caregivers: Helena
Pray for ... Alleman, Andrea Armstrong, Robert Burns, Rosa Cabiglia, Geoff Carter, Alicia Cortez, Shirley Crase, Mary Daly, Jhausi Dasari, Russ Davis, James DeCicco, Melissa Duran, Kate Ellis, Debbie Erichs, Juanita Estrellas, Martin Fiorino, Maryann Fiorino, Roberta Freitag, Anthony Gabriele, Margo Garcia, Alison Geoffrey, John Glasgow, Norma Goliowski, 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.

Help care for elders. “Thanks to support from the Retirement Fund for Religious, we are now in a much better position to care for our elders,” writes a religious sister. Your donation helps her religious community and hundreds of others provide for aging members and plan for long-term needs. **Please give to THIS week's Second Collection, Retirement Fund for Religious.**

As you can see, we have new covers for our new Breaking Bread books. Please help us take care of the new covers so they will last us for a long time.

For you bunco players out there - our bunco group won't meet again until January 4 - after the holidays. Have a great holiday season!

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



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Diocese: www.scd.org;
U.S. Bishops: www.usccb.org;
General Catholic: www.Catholic.org;
Daily 3-minute computer retreat: www.LoyolaPress.org))

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."

Prayer for the second Sunday of Advent: "Forgiving God, help us to prepare for your coming by being sorry for what we have done wrong. Fill us with your power so that we may know you and love you more and more... May all peoples, in our world, be blessed with your peace... We ask this through our friend & brother, Jesus-Christ. Amen."

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:

(RE/CCD/CFF classes: See your blue brochure for classes during December.)

Sunday, Dec. 10 (1:30 p.m. in CHAPEL): Candidate, Parent/Guardian and Sponsor meeting for RE/CCD/CFF Confirmation-Candidates.

Tuesday, Dec. 14 (6:00 p.m.): Las Posados (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

Christmas-Eve Mass: All children who would like to participate in the choir at the 5 p.m. Christmas-Eve Mass are invited to come to the Chapel, after 10:00 a.m. Mass, on December 10 and 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.

A huge thank you to those parishioners who donate brown paper bags to the food locker. We can easily go through 80 bags every week so the need is always there. We continue to be blessed with donations from our commercial vendors and our parishioners continue to donate items we do not get from any other source. No surprises here, we are again requesting donations of jelly, top ramen, and spaghetti sauce. Sometimes we barely squeak by with these requested items but in the end our parishioners always seem to answer the call and pull us through and for this we are grateful.

Come learn about the FOUR WOMEN DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH!!! Join with your Sisters in Faith to study these gifted and inspiring women Saints and each of their enlightening theologies. The first one in this series will be St. Hildegard of Bingen. We'd love to see you ladies there this Tuesday, Dec.12th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the St. Catherine Room (next to St. James Hall).

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 EVERY SUNDAY in the YM Office, next to Mercy Hall, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Maria Victoria Liranzo at youthmin@sjecarmichael.org or (916)

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. Families, please watch for Sean Harell's email requests for servers. He can be reached at Sean.Harell.1@gmail.com

There is a new assortment of CDs in the distribution 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.

The next class for **Parent Preparation for Child Baptism** will be held **Wednesday, January 10 at 7:00 pm** in **Mercy Hall**. The next **Baptism** will be **January 13 at 11:00 am**. 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. You MUST be registered in St. John's Parish to have your child baptized or to take the class here.

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.

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.

Children's Christmas Choir The children of St. John's Parish, grades 1 through 12, are invited to sing at the 5 p.m. Family Mass on Christmas Eve. Led by Mrs. Cara O'Shea, children will rehearse on the four Sundays of Advent, starting on December 3rd from 11 a.m. to 12 Noon in the Chapel. They will prepare the beautiful music of Christmas while also learning some basic music principles and techniques. It is important for children to try to attend all rehearsals in order to be well-prepared to serve as Music Ministers. For questions or more information please contact Cara O'Shea, SJE Music Teacher, at mrsCaraoshea@gmail.com.

The SJE Class of 1978 is planning its 40th Reunion and is currently trying to locate their classmates. If you know of someone who graduated in 1978 from St. John's (born in 1963-65, currently aged 53-54) please have them contact Matt Sanders at MatthewKSanders@icloud.com or text at 995-1856.

Last weekend's collections

Sunday Offerings	\$13,960.50
Maintenance & Improvements	\$645.00
Capital Campaign	\$800.00

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!

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.

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.

Las Posadas - As part of our multi-cultural studies in our Diaconate formation, Keith and I will be attending Las Posadas at Christ the King Retreat Center on Thursday December 14 at 6:00 PM.

Las Posadas is Spanish for *lodging*, which in this case refers to the inn in the story of the nativity of Jesus. Las Posadas celebrated at Christ the King is a bi-lingual procession with music led by two people dressed up as Mary & Joseph as they search for an "inn" to spend the night. Some doors they knock on will answer sorry there is no room. Not giving up, Mary & Joseph continue on and different than in Bethlehem, they are finally recognized and allowed to enter one of the inns. Once the "innkeepers" let them in, the group of guests also come inside & the celebration begins with traditional food & a piñata for the children to break open. This ritual has been a tradition in Mexico for 400 years.

Come join Keith, Pam, Jennie and myself to experience a Hispanic Catholic Christmas tradition. We would love to have some of our Saint John's family come with us. All you need to bring is a warm coat in case it is cold outside. I will be out in the Narthex after Mass to answer questions.

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.

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