



St. John Vianney Parish

January 3, 2021
Feast of Our Lord's Epiphany

Masses

NEW MASS SCHEDULE

(All Outdoor Masses in the Plaza, weather permitting)

Monday – Friday: 8am English (**Livestream**)

Saturday Vigil: 6pm English (**Indoor Livestream**)

Sunday Public Mass - Outdoors

Sunday English: **10am & 12pm**

Sunday Español: **2pm** Spanish (**Livestream**)

Confessions

Wednesday: 5pm ♦ Saturday: 4pm

Adoration

Thursday & 1st Friday: Cancelled

Pastor

Fr. Giovanni Gamas

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Joseph Sebastian, C.M.I.

Pastor Emeritus

Fr. Martin Moroney

Deacons

Rev. Mr. Walter Little

Rev. Mr. Daniel Rangel



Formed

OUR MISSION

Devoted to Jesus Christ as disciples, we help others become disciples, and work to renew our culture.

January 3, 2021 The Epiphany of the Lord
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Video overview: Jesus came in the most unexpected of ways; the King of Kings was born in a manger as a baby. His coming was not shouted from the rooftops, nor did he come as a great warrior, like so many of the Jewish people expected. Since Jesus’s birth was concealed from most of the world, Italian crèches highlight this aspect of the Nativity. Unlike American Nativity scenes, they are extremely busy and showcase an entire village; Jesus, Mary, and Joseph are not the prominent or central figures. The Italian crèche allows us to really understand how Jesus came. He was hidden. His coming was humble, and it took a journey of faith and trust to find him. The magi in today’s Gospel had the wisdom and openness to see the light of the star and follow it. They were on watch, just as we were during Advent, and had a heart willing to follow the light that they saw. They set aside the tasks of daily life in order to worship the Messiah. Are we willing to do the same in our own lives? Do we seek Christ, and when we find him, do we worship him and pay him homage?

Featured study: The Story of the Nativity

Topic of Interest: The Wise Men left their homes in the East in search of the Messiah, which means “anointed one” in Hebrew. Since the kings of Israel were anointed with oil like David (1 Samuel 16), it was assumed that the Messiah would be a great king. David was called God’s anointed precisely because he was Israel’s king. The Wise Men followed a star, from which they inferred that the great King of Israel had been born. The next obvious question is, how did they know from the appearance of a star that the Messiah of Israel had been born? The answer may be found in the story of Balaam from the Book of Numbers. The similarities between the two stories are striking. For example, Balaam happens to be a Magi from the East. The wicked King of Moab hired Balaam to use his magic to curse Israel. But every time Balaam attempted to curse Israel, he uttered a blessing instead. The Spirit of God came upon Balaam and, in blessing Israel, he prophesied that one day a star would come out of Israel signifying the coming of a great king as symbolized by a scepter. Many believe that the prophecy of Balaam was kept by his descendants—fellow Magi—and, eventually, on to the three who visited Jesus.



From the Pastor

God’s Plan for 2021

“For I know the plans I have for you”, declares the Lord. “Plans to prosper you, not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”
Jeremiah 29:11

We are in the threshold of another year 2021.

In 2020 we have undergone many difficult situations we never imagined in our life. We thought everything is going to end soon. We were so skeptical about our immediate future as a world. But we survived so far.

Sometimes life is like that. It may take unexpected twists and turns as it moves. We have no control over it. But our God has a master plan for everything. That plan cannot be comprehended with our limited understanding and knowledge. We shall overcome everything because the Bible gives us assurance about God’s plans....

“The plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.” (Psalm 33:11)

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Let God be with us all throughout the year 2021.

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, on your own intelligence do not rely; In all your ways be mindful of him, and he will make straight your paths.” (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Wishing everyone a Blessed and Joyful New Year!
Fr. Joseph Sebastian, Parochial Vicar



School

St. John Vianney School
www.sjvschool.org



Wishing you and your loved ones a very blessed 2021!

All of us here at St. John Vianney School are strengthened by the challenges from the road behind us and driven by the hope in the road ahead of us.

Thank you for your support as our parish family in helping us reach this New Year safely, lovingly and filled with faith.



Spirituality

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: *Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12 (20ABC)*
 Monday: *1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25*
 Tuesday: *1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44*
 Wednesday: *1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52*
 Thursday: *1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14 & 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a*
 Friday: *1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16*
 Saturday: *1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Jn 3:22-20*

EPIPHANY PRAYER

Lord God of heaven and earth,
 You revealed Your only begotten son to every nation by the
 guidance of a star.
 Bless this house, all who live here and all who visit.
 May we be blessed with health, kindness of heart,
 gentleness and the keeping of Your law.
 Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other
 may go out to all. Amen.



May this NEW YEAR be a song of
 THANKSGIVING, an offering of
 PRAISE, a celebration of GOD'S LOVE in
 HIS Amazing GRACE!
 A blessed & joyous New Year to you and
 your family!

Yours in Christ,
 Fr. Giovanni, Fr. Joseph, Fr. Moroney, Fr. Patrick,
 Deacons Walter & Daniel, all Staff & Volunteers



Stewardship Report

SUNDAY OFFERTORY
December 27, 2020: \$7,773.53

SJV PARISH BUILDING FUND	As at 12.27.2020
Roof Replacement (Total Cost = \$171,667.00)	\$55,445.00 (32.30%)
Parish Building Fund	\$47,602.10



ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

Annual Contribution Statements will be ready for pick-up on **February 1, 2021**. If you plan to contribute before the year-end, please drop off or mail in your contributions to the Parish Office before **December 29, 2020**. This will ensure that your contributions will be included for the 2020 calendar year. If you need a copy, please submit the **Request Slip** available in the Church/Parish Office or online at: www.sjvparish.com/about/annual-statements. **NOTE:** Be sure to update your parish registration. Parish Registration forms are available in the Church or online at: sjvparish.com/reg

Mass Intentions: January 2 - 9, 2021

Saturday	6:00pm	Juan Fernandez † Joseph Didio †
Sunday	10:00am	Tony Lopez Linus † Marielen Barcelona †
	12:00pm	Cleonise Johnson † Soo Ah Loke †
	2:00pm	Emily Hernandez Happy Birthday Manela Hernandez Happy Birthday
Monday	8:00am	Annette Jacks † Nancy Mesina †
Tuesday	8:00am	Mary, Elizabeth & John Sp. Intention Nancy Mesina †
Wednesday	8:00am	Debbie Nguyen In Thanksgiving Carmelita Calindas †
Thursday	6:00pm	Juan Fernandez † Carmelita Calindas †
Friday	10:00am	Linh Nguyen Sp. Intention Trung Nguyen Sp. Intention
Saturday	6:00pm	Mary & Joseph & All Souls † In Thanksgiving



Parish Staff

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 EMAIL: parish.office@sjvparish.com FAX: 916-706-1135

Parish Office - Vange Fisher, Business Manager	916-362-1385
Parish Office - Linda Terra, Admin. Assistant	916-362-1385
School Principal - Amy Hale	916-363-4610
Faith Formation Coordinator (English / Español)	916-369-8669
Veronica Zeller	
Cordova Food Locker - Gregg B. Huestis	916-364-8973
Thrift Store (Closed temporarily)	916-363-1559
Room Reservations (Closed temporarily)	916-362-1385
Bulletin Articles Submission	office@sjvparish.com , (Friday 12nn)

PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC
 Please call the Parish Office if you have any questions.
MONDAY—FRIDAY, 8AM — 4:30PM
(CLOSED FOR LUNCH 12:30PM-1:30PM)



The Parish Office will be closed
 on Dec. 31st & Jan. 1st
 in celebration of the New Year!



Ministries

SPOTLIGHT: SJV PARISH MINISTRIES

SJV ROSE MINISTRY

Annual Winter Pruning

Saturday, January 9, 9am-12nn

This ministry team cares for SJV's many rose gardens.

All interested volunteers are invited to join the team for the Annual Pruning. Please bring your masks, gloves, loppers and pruning shears.

Contact for more info: **Connie (916) 635-3865**



Plan de Dios para el 2021

"Bien se Yo los designios que me he propuesto en favor suyo", nos dice el Señor. "Designios de paz y no de desgracia, de darles ventura y esperanza". (Jeremías 29:11)

Estamos en el umbral del año 2021.

En este año del 2020 hemos pasado por situaciones difíciles que nunca habíamos imaginado en nuestras vidas. Pensábamos que todo terminaría pronto. Teníamos dudas en cuanto a nuestro futuro. Pero hasta ahora hemos sobrevivido.

Algunas veces la vida es así, puede tomar desvíos inesperados. No tenemos control sobre esto, pero nuestro Dios tiene un gran plan para todo. Ese plan no lo puede comprender nuestras mentes con sus limitaciones de entendimiento y sabiduría. Todo se superará por que la Biblia nos asegura acerca de los planes de Dios.

"El designio del Señor se mantiene eternamente, los proyectos de su corazón de generación en generación." (Salmo 33:11)

No dejen que sus corazones se preocupen. Dejemos que Dios este con nosotros en todo este año 2021.

"Confía en el Señor con todo tu corazón, y no te fies de tu propio entendimiento. Reconócelo en todos tus caminos y El enderezara tus sendas". (Proverbios 3:5-6)

¡Deseándoles a todos un Bendecido y Feliz Año Nuevo!
Fr. Joseph Sebastian, Parochial Vicar

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Donate ON-LINE, MAIL-IN or DROP OFF

There has been a significant drop in our Sunday offertory donations. Thank you to all who continue to send in their weekly donations. For those who are able, please consider increasing by even a small amount your recurring contribution. Thank you all for your continued support and generosity!



- Check out **ParishSOFT Giving** or **Bill Pay** (at your favorite Bank or Credit Union) on www.sjvparish.com and click on **"Online Giving"** on top of the webpage.
- Mail-in to the Parish Office.
- Drop off at the new **Mailbox** of the Parish Office anytime.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: CHECK SCHEDULE ON PARISH WEBSITE UNDER "SERVE"

PARISH MINISTRIES

LEARN

Adult Bible Study: Jean Pergande 916-857-1695.

Faith Formation (English/Español): Veronica Zeller 916-369-8669, faithformation@sjvparish.com

RCIA: Tom Beigel rcia-english@sjvparish.com

SACRAMENTS

English Baptism and Preparation classes:

baptism-infants@sjvparish.com 916-362-1385.

SERVE

Caring Connections: Parish outreach to new parishioners. Linda Morales caringconnections@sjvparish.com.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas: Diane McDonald 916-316-5625.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Mass, Children ages 5-10 yrs. are welcome. Contact: Lea Hernandez clow@sjvparish.com

Cordova Community Food Locker: Gregg Huestis 916-364-8973.

Divine Mercy Apostolate: Consuelo Cardwell divinemeracy@sjvparish.com

Eucharistic/Homebound Ministry: Jean Pergande 916-857-1695.

Filipino-American Apostolate (FAA): Linda Magadia faa@sjvparish.com

Gabriel Project: Outreach program to pregnant mothers and their families. Claudia Beigel gabrielproject@sjvparish.com

Indonesian Catholic Community: Laura Lumenta or Surya Ginting icc@sjvparish.com

Kairos Prison Ministry: Tom Beigel 916-212-4694.

Knights of Columbus: Grand Knight Al Getz. For more info, go to www.ranchoknights.com.

Loaves and Fishes: Feeds the hungry & shelters the homeless. Joanne LeCompte 916-307-7907.

Martha and Mary Ministry: Church cleaning. Connie Lagerstrom Martha-mary@sjvparish.com

Mr. & Mrs. Club: Lloyd & Connie Lagerstrom 916-635-3865.

Music Ministry: English Rouselle Ekwall music2@sjvparish.com, Bill Githens music@sjvparish.com; Spanish musica@sjvparish.com

Parish Advocate for Annulment: Ross Viray parishadvocate@sjvparish.com

Respect for Life: Chris Bailey, Respect Life Coordinator respectlife@sjvparish.com

St. Vincent de Paul: Tom Beigel 916-469-1975.

Vocation Committee: voc-comm@sjvparish.com For discernment and vocations questions, go to: sjvparish.com/vocation.

Young Adults: Derek Ekwall youngadults@sjvparish.com

Youth Ministry: Derek Ekwall youthministry@sjvparish.com



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Formation

FAITH FORMATION / FORMACION DE FE

Material Distribution for Home Faith Formation— January:

Monday 9am-3 pm; Tuesday 1pm-5:30 pm
Main Faith Formation office.
Gate access: press number **04** and then green bell button.



Faith Formation Parents Classes

This Tuesday 1/5/2021 we will continue with our zoom parents lessons. Please check your emails for information.

First Reconciliation

Children preparing for first Communion will be receiving their First Reconciliation, check email for more information.

**Merry Christmas & a Happy New
Year!**



Distribución de Material para Formación en Casa de Enero:

Lunes 9am-3:00 pm y Tuesday 1-5:30 pm
Oficina principal de formación de Fe. En la reja, oprima números **04** y luego campana verde.

Clases de padres Formación de Fe

Este Martes 1/5/2021 continuaremos con nuestras clases via zoom para padres. Favor de checar sus correos electrónicos para mas información.

Primera Reconciliación

La siguiente semana no tendremos clases de Confirmación o Pre-Confirmación .

**Feliz Navidad y
Prospero Año Nuevo**



For information please contact / Para más información favor de contactar a:
Veronica Zeller, Faith Formation Coordinator • 916-369-8669 • faithformation@sivparish.com



Announcements

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Volunteers needed. Jesus said, "whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." We need volunteers to answer our helpline (3 hours a week). If God is calling you to serve his poor ones, please contact us either by phone, **916-469-1975**, or email: sivconference@gmail.com. The work can be done at your home. Hours are flexible.



THE GABRIEL PROJECT - ST. JOHN VIANNEY PARISH

Due to the pandemic, we have had more requests than normal from moms for diapers, formula, baby clothes and other items. While we have been able to keep up with the current need, our funds are running low.

Your generosity to us and the families we serve has been so very much appreciated in the past. Could we ask you, our supporters, to help us out as you are able? Please make your check payable to "The Gabriel Project" and drop off or mail to the church. Thank you so much!

DISCERNMENT RETREAT

St. Patrick's Seminary, January 15-17, 2021

Are you being called to discern your vocation to the priesthood? The Office of Vocations invites you to contact us if you have thought of the priesthood as your possible vocation.

Who can attend this retreat? Young men age 21 or over who are strongly considering the priesthood with a recommendation from their pastor. **How can I register?** You can contact the Office of Vocations for more information at **916-733-0258** or send an email to msmith@scd.org.

PROTECT EVERY LIFE: TALK ABOUT HUMAN DIGNITY Monday, January 11, 2021 at 7:00pm

Facebook: www.facebook.com/SCDFormedFaith/

This conversation is crafted to engage youth, young adults' minds and hearts toward the inherent dignity of the human person. Through storytelling, real-life examples, law, and scientific evidence, we pose the question: What is it about human beings that sets them apart? We address modern day violations of human dignity and ask the question: How do we reverse this? We empower new generation to understand that personal virtue has the power to humanize. We close with an inspiring story, inviting each youth and young adult to join us in restoring our culture. There are no graphic images in this presentation. Website Details: <https://www.scd.org/protecteverylife>. Contact for more details **Moises De Leon (916)733-0133** or Mdeleon@scd.org

CAMP PENDOLA MONTHLY ZOOM HANGOUT

Thursday January 7, 2021 at 4:00pm

Join us for our FREE monthly opportunity for campers to gather, catch up with each other, create a seasonal craft and play a game over Zoom. For January, Miss Mary will be leading our hangout. We will be making Color Resist Snow scenes and playing Bingo. RSVP and get the Zoom Link at www.pendola.org. Contact Miss Jen with any questions at icampbell@scd.org.

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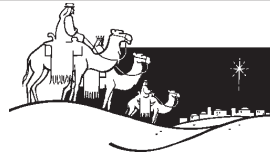
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