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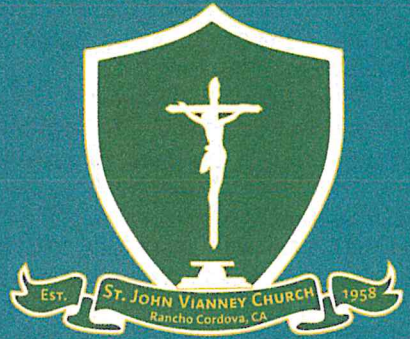


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DECEMBER 17, 2023 | THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Mass
 Saturday Vigil English: 6:00pm
 Sunday English: 8:00am, 10:00am
 Sunday Spanish: 12:00pm
 Filipino 2nd Sunday: 2:00pm
 Indonesian 4th Sunday: 2:00pm

Weekday Mass
 Monday - Friday: 8:00am English
 Wednesday: 6:00pm Spanish
 1st Friday: 6:00pm Spanish

Confessions
 Wednesday: 5:00pm
 Saturday: 4:00pm

Adoration
 Monday: 8:30am - 6:00pm
 1st Monday: 8:30pm - 7:00pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
 Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-3:30pm
 Friday: CLOSED
 Closed for Lunch 12:30pm - 1:30pm

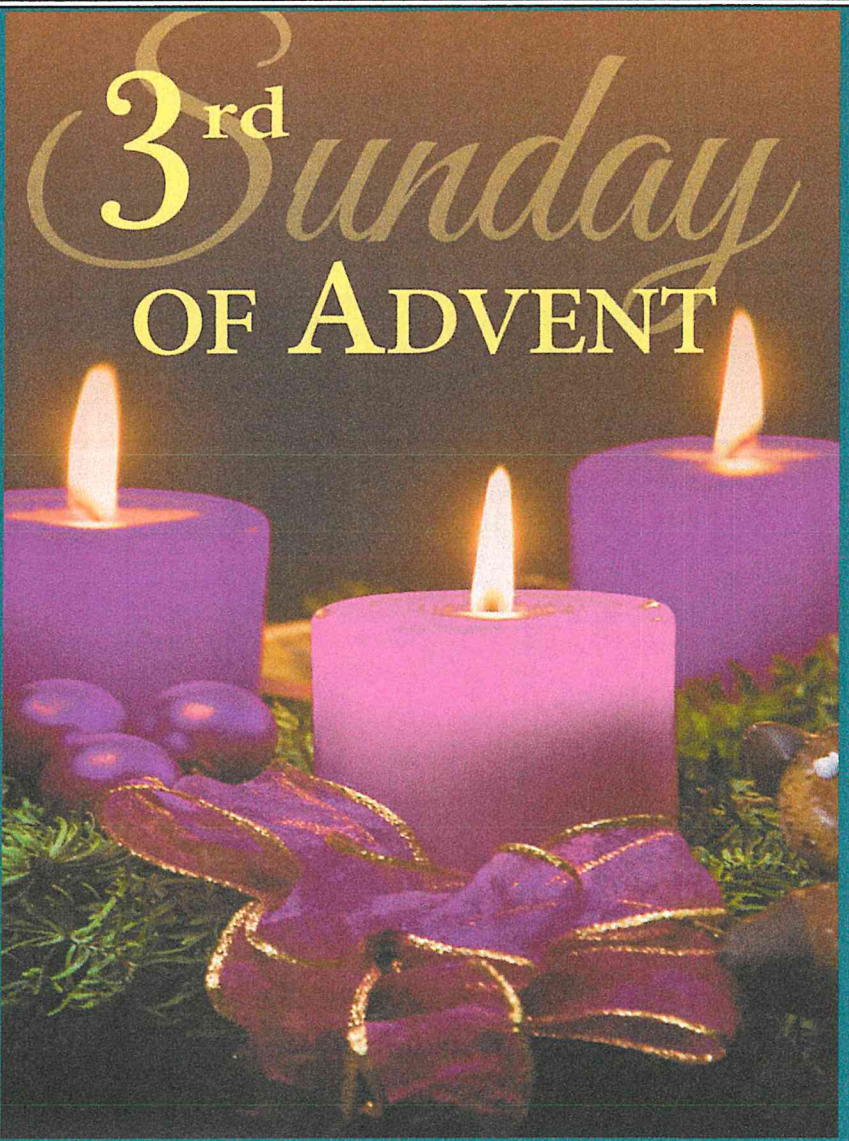
SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS
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3rd Sunday OF ADVENT

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT
 Devoted to Jesus Christ as disciples,
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 and work to renew our culture.

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OUR VISION

That all who experience St. John Vianney Parish in any way find Christ irresistible.

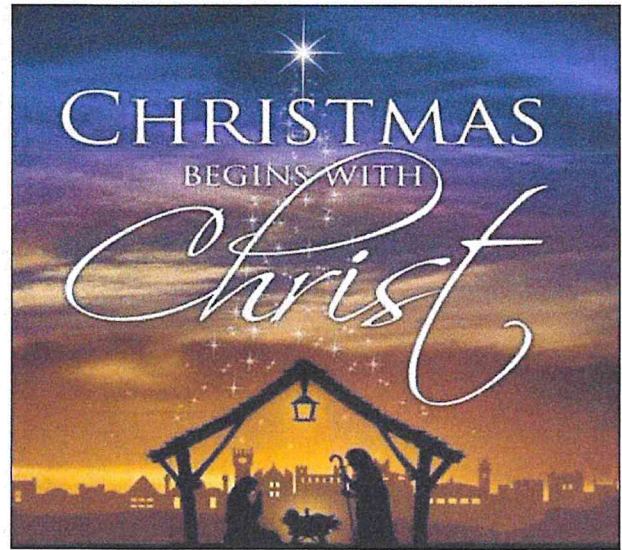
Dec 17, 2023 3rd Sunday of Advent - formed.org

Review: There are many paradoxes in our Christian Faith. For example, there are three Persons in one God; this God made something out of nothing; God's mother is one of his creations, etc. It can be easy to respond by simply ignoring the discrepancies. But these paradoxes are not meant to be ignored. They are mysteries of our Faith, not meant to be kept secret, but to be unveiled by God himself. One of the greatest mysteries of our Faith is that there can be profound joy even in the depths of the worst suffering, and this is the mystery that the Church draws to our attention on Gaudete Sunday. In the midst of a season of penance and waiting, we find ourselves celebrating a day completely devoted to joy! How is it possible to "rejoice always," as St. Paul tells us, when we know the suffering that this world brings? The Church gives us a few models of joy in our readings for today: Isaiah, Mary, and St. Paul. In each of these cases, we find someone living in joy even while they are still waiting for the Lord. We are called to do the same. Even though we live in a time after Christ's first coming, we are still awaiting his second coming. We are still in exile, waiting to be taken home to Heaven. By pondering today's Scriptures, may we hope to discover how these biblical figures always rejoiced in the Lord, even while they were still anticipating the fulfillment of his promises, and to do likewise.

Featured study: : Augustine Institute Bible Conference | The Season of Advent

Reflection: The Gospel this week features John the Baptist again, although we see him in a different light than Mark's Gospel. In St. John's Gospel, the Baptist is the witness to the Messiah; he "was not the light, but came to testify to the light" (John 1:8). Scholars have noticed that John begins his Gospel with the same phrase as that which begins Genesis: "In the beginning." This suggests a new creation in Christ. Closer attention reveals that John also mentions a series of days in the first two chapters of his Gospel that add up to seven in all! The phrase "the next day" is used three times in chapter one, suggesting the passing of four days, and the story of the wedding feast at Cana in chapter two begins with the words, "On the third day," suggesting the passing of three more days. John describes the beginning of the re-creation in Christ, just as Genesis describes creation itself in a series of seven days. The Baptist describes the Messiah as "one among you whom you do not recognize" (John 1:26). This idea of God among us is a central theme of both the Old and New Covenants. God dwelt among his people during the Exodus from Egypt, in the Tabernacle, and in the Temple. Of course, Jesus is our Emmanuel, "God with us," in a special way during Advent. Most profoundly, he is "one among us" in the Eucharist, under the humble form of bread and wine, and as such is often one whom we "do not recognize." Each Holy Communion, then, is a little advent, another coming of Jesus, and so the Advent season ought to teach us how to be better prepared to greet Christ in each Mass.

From the Pastor

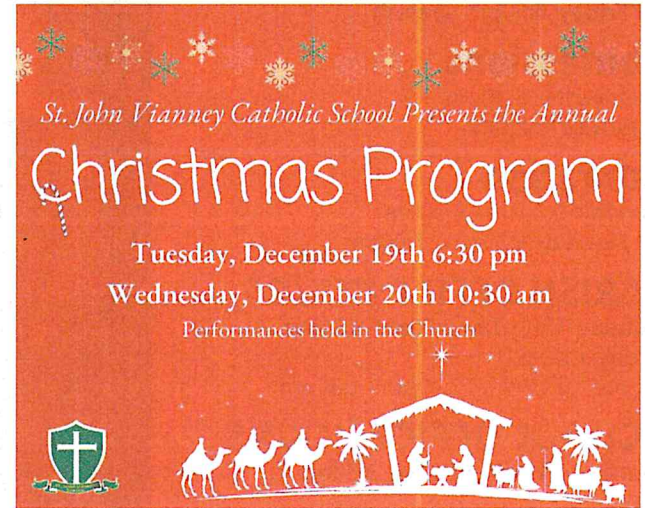


CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2023

Christmas Eve—December 24
6:00pm English Mass

Christmas Day—December 25
8:00am English Mass
10:00am English Mass
12:00pm Spanish Mass
2:00pm Indonesian Mass

SJV School



The students of St. John Vianney Catholic School invite you to take in their annual Christmas Program performance. Join the school community: students, teachers, parents/guardians as we celebrate the season together. This performance is a beautiful way for the students to showcase their many talents of acting, singing and performing!

Evening Performance - Tuesday, December 19 at 6:30 pm
Matinee Performance - Wednesday, December 20 at 10:30 am
Both performances held in the church

Questions should be directed to the school office, Monday-Friday, 7:30 am - 3:30 pm (916) 363-4610.

Highlights

POINSETTIAS

Donate poinsettias in memory of your loved ones to decorate the Church for Christmas. Poinsettias may be dropped off in the Church through **December 24**. Please place them by the tabernacle area. Thank you!



CHURCH CARPET CLEANING

December 26, 2023
The church will be closed after the 8am Mass for carpet cleaning from 9am-6pm.



The Security Fencing Project is funded in part with federal funding from the Department of Homeland Security.

December
For persons with disabilities



We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

Sunday Bulletin

December 31, 2023
January 7, 2024
January 14, 2024

Deadline for Article Submission

(No later than 12NOON)

December 14, 2023
December 21, 2023
December 28, 2023

PARISHIONERS REGISTRATION

NEW MEMBER UPDATES Registration forms are available at the Church entrances or [online at: sjvparish.com](http://online.at:sjvparish.com)
MOVING Update your family info especially if you have moved, been married recently, changed your phone number or email address.
Please inform the Parish Office if you wish to be removed from our mailing list.

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Vatican News

By Hannah Brockhaus, Vatican City, Dec 6, 2023

5 things to know and share about St. Nicholas

St. Nicholas, whose feast day is celebrated on Dec. 6, is well known as possibly the real-life inspiration for the beloved Christmas character of Santa Claus.

Here are five things to know and share about St. Nicholas:

1. The legend behind why St. Nicholas is the patron saint of children

Many people know that St. Nicholas is the patron saint of children, but they may not know why he has that title.

There is a grisly legend that says that during a famine in Myra, three young boys were lured into a butcher's shop, where they were killed and then brined in a wooden barrel with the intention of being sold as "ham." The good bishop worked a miracle, bringing the pickled children back to life and saving them from a gruesome fate.

This story became the subject of many portrayals of Nicholas in art, especially during the Middle Ages. Some people believe depictions of Bishop Nicholas with the three boys led to his reputation as a protector of children.

The legend of the brining may explain how he also became, oddly, the patron saint of brewers and cooperers (people who make wooden casks, barrels, vats, troughs, and similar containers from timber).

2. One of the foremost saints in the Russian Orthodox Church

St. Nicholas is a unifying figure among Catholics and Orthodox Christians since both groups venerate him.

But he is incredibly important in the Russian Orthodox Church, where he is known as St. Nicholas the Wonderworker for the many miracles attributed to him both during and after his life.

Also, in their weekly liturgical cycle, which dedicates different days of the week to Jesus Christ and other saints, only three are specifically named: Mary, the Mother of God; John the Forerunner (known to Catholics as John the Baptist); and St. Nicholas.

(Story continues next week)

Read more on: <http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/>



Around the Diocese

YYA MiniCon 2024: EPISTREPHO

Saturday, January 27th, 10am-3pm

St. John Vianney Parish, Rancho Cordova

Calling on all ministry adult leaders in parishes, schools, and college campus ministries to join us at our Youth & Young Adult Ministry Mini-Conference aka YYA MiniCon on Saturday, January 27, 2024 from 10:00am-3:00pm at St. John Vianney Parish in Rancho Cordova. Our theme is "Epistrepho" (ep-ee-stref'-o), which is the Greek translation for "to turn back" or "to change". We're excited to have as our keynote speaker, Raymond Chang, Executive Director of TENx10 organization – an ecumenical Christian collaborative whose aim is to help church communities "make faith matter more" in the lives of young people. As we ring in the new year as ministry leaders, it is an opportune time to re-examine our work with young people, face the reality of current challenges, and allow the Holy Spirit "to change" how we engage youth and young adults in our communities. Please mark your calendar and join us for this special formation day. More info to come! Questions? Alex Barraza 916-733-0134 abarraza@sccd.org Steve Do 916-733-0151 sdo@sccd.org

FATIMA AND LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Come join **Father Tamayo** in his Fatima and Lourdes Pilgrimage on May 18 to June 1, 2024. Please pickup flyer in the church entrances.

For booking and more information please contact: Andy Icarangal, 916-812-9237, andy@icarangal.com

Parish Announcements

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

Contribution Statements will be ready for pick-up on **February 1, 2024**.

If you plan to contribute before the year end, please send your contribution, postmarked by **December 31, 2023** to the Parish Office or drop off in the collection basket by **December 31, 2023**. This will ensure your contribution is included for the calendar year 2023.

Donations received after December 31, 2023 will be posted for 2024.

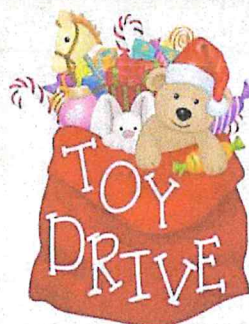
Note:

1. To get a copy of the statement, please submit the **Annual Contribution Statement Request Slip** available in the church entrances and parish office or online at: sjvparish.com/parish-info/annual-statements

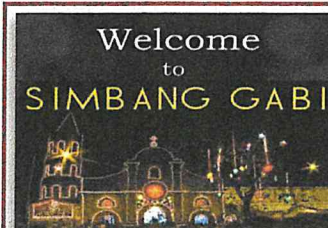
2. Please be sure to update your parish registration if there are any changes at: sjvparish.com/reg

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

SJV Youth Ministry is collecting toys for our Annual Christmas Toy Drive for children ages infant to 13. Tags with gender and age will be hanging on the Giving Tree in the church. Please drop off your **new** and **unwrapped** gift with the tag of your selected child under the Giving Tree **no later than Wednesday, December 20th**.



Thank you for your generosity to spread Christ's joy this Christmas Season!



Join us for Simbang Gabi (Dawn Mass) Novena & Rosary Prayers during the Advent Season! Potluck and donation are greatly appreciated. Fellowship Reception follows each Mass at Southwest Room except Sunday. Contact: Lloyd & Connie Lagerstrom 916-635-3865 Chito & Lilibeth Terrazola 916-832-5984

MASS SCHEDULE

December 15-23, 2023

Novena Prayers at 7:15am
Rosary Prayers after the
Novena Mass at 8:00am

Spirituality

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 61:1-2A,10-11;Lk 1:46-48,49-50,53-54;
1 Thes 5:16-24;Jn 1:6-8,19-28

Monday: Jer 23:5-8;Ps 72:1-2,12-13,18-19;Mt 1:18-25

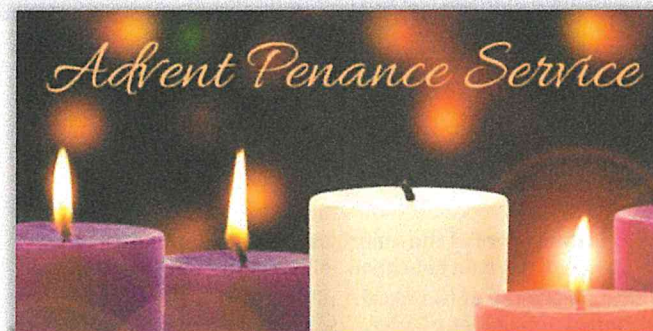
Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a;Ps 71:3-4a,5-6ab,16-17;Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14;Ps 24:1-2,3-4ab,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 Samuel 2:1,4-5,6-7,8abcd;Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4,23-24;Ps 25:4-5ab,8-9,10 & 14;Lk 1:57-66



(With Taize Prayer / Adoration)

St. John Vianney Church
December 21, 7:00pm



Stewardship Report

Sunday Offertory

December 3, 2023: \$14,981.50

December 10, 2023: TBA

Parish Building Fund	\$188,034.00	
Roof Replacement	\$165,331.16	
(Total Cost= \$171,667.00)	(96.31%)	

SJV Parish Building Fund

December 17, 2023

This weekend, the 2nd Collection is for the "Parish Building Fund". This is your opportunity to participate in the improvement and upkeep of our parish. Envelopes are available at the Church entrances or parish office. Simply return the envelope in the offering box, drop off or mail to the parish office. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

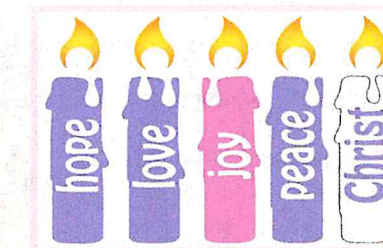
To donate online, check out Bill Pay (at your favorite bank or credit union) or ParishSOFT Giving on www.sjvparish.com and click on "Online Give" on the top of the webpage.



Mass Intentions

December 16-23, 2023

Saturday	6PM	Elisa Luna † Armando & Patricia Lugue †
Sunday	8AM	Terry Anuszczyk † Asuncion Lopez †
	10AM	Victor Belen † Enrique Barcelona †
Monday	12NN 8AM	Librado & Eustacia Manuel † Frisca Yan Go † Perrin Family (Sp. Intention)
Tuesday	8AM	Navdeep Kaur (Sp. Intention) Luz Melocoton Villegas †
Wednesday	8AM	Mark Gregory Eulie † Louise Lomax †
	6PM	Silveria Silibiano †
Thursday	8PM	Marie F. Perez (Birthday) Bruce Kennedy †
Friday	8AM	Elma Hinahon † Shane Norris †
Saturday	6PM	Viccel Belen † Javier & Sofia Lara †



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Mr. Daniel Rangel	Deacon/Active	916-368-9410
Linda Terra	Office Manager	Ext. 200
Gwendolyn Marshall	Office Assistant	Ext. 100
Connie Cardwell	Office Assistant	Ext. 100
Paolo Reali	Maintenance	916-216-1541
Leomi Ebalobo	Coordinator-Rel. Ed.	916-369-8669
Martin Wong	Youth Ministry Coordinator	youthministry@sjvparish.com

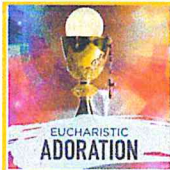
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Amy Hale	Principal	Ext. 100
Susan Chargulaf	Vice Principal	Ext. 113
Sandra Canenguez	Admin. Assistant	Ext. 102



The Parish Office will be closed on December 22 & 25 in observance of Christmas.

Ministries Spotlight



Every Monday in the Church
8:30am - 6:00pm
8:30am - 7:00pm (1st Mondays)
 Divine Mercy Chaplet @ 9am & 3pm with
 Benediction at the closing at 6pm.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Meets 4th Sunday, 11:00am- 12:00pm, Southwest Room

Serving our neighbors in need. Inspired by Gospel values, the Society leads women and men to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person services to the needy and suffering. Our primary focus is providing assistance for rent and utilities. If God is calling you to serve the poor, please come to our monthly meeting or contact our President, Rosa Duenas, svjconference@gmail.com or call 916-469-1975.

DANCING LESSONS

Dust off those dancing shoes and grab your dancing partner. In 2024, the church is considering providing dancing lessons with social dance instructor Tony Magdaleno. In December we will be conducting a survey to determine interest. Stay tuned for more information.

PARISH TREASURE HUNT

Can you find me?

Clue: I am carried by the very first person in the opening procession at Mass. Can you find me?

Fact: The processional cross lifts an image of Jesus high for all to see ... and follow.

Parish Ministries

LEARN

Adult Bible Study: Meets every Wednesday, 6:30pm, via Zoom. For more information, email: confirmationsjv@gmail.com

Adult Bible Study "Salvation & Justification": Meets 1st & 3rd Friday, 6:00pm, Fr. Moroney Room
 Contact: Kyle Marx, 916-717-8960, nickkyle@aol.com

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

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS): Rosamaria Alavarez, CGS@sjvparish.com

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Catholic Daughters of the Americas: Diane McDonald 916-316-5625. Funeral Luncheon: Alberta Pfaff 916-361-9223

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Children ages 5-10 yrs. are welcome. Contact: Gena Carlisle clow@sjvparish.com

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

Youth Ministry: Martin Wong youthministry@sjvparish.com



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Faith Formation

Classes start this week!
This week's Schedule:

Please complete the worksheet for 12/24/23
12/21/23 Formation for children 12 years or older. 6:30pm

Did you know? Christmas Eve Mass does not satisfy your Sunday obligation. Must come to a Sunday Mass and then a Christmas Mass. See you at church!

Office Hours:

Tuesday & Thursday: 1pm-5pm

For Information contact:
 Leomi Ebalobo, 916-369-8669,
faithformation@sjvparish.com

¡Clases comienzan!
Horario de esta semana:

Tarea para niños menores de 12 años:
 Favor de completar la hoja del 12/24/23
12/21/23 Formación para niños mayores de 12 años. 6:30pm

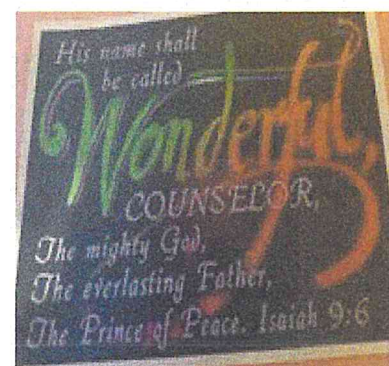
Sabias Que? La Misa de Navidad no satisface la obligación de la Misa dominical. Este fin de semana hay que venir a Misa dos veces. Una el sábado de noche o Domingo. También Domingo de Noche o Lunes. Nos vemos en Misa!

Horas de Oficina:

Martes y Jueves: 1pm-5pm

Para más información favor de contactar a Leomi Ebalobo, 916-369-8669
faithformation@sjvparish.com

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)



Names of Jesus

In this **Second Week of Advent**, we learn about other names that **Jesus Christ** was given. In Isaiah 9:2, we learned that **Jesus** is the "**Light of the World**", the long-awaited Messiah sent by God to save the world. And in Isaiah 9:5-6 we hear that this new born child has other names: "**Wonderful Counselor**", "**The Mighty God**", "**The Everlasting Father**", "**The Prince of Peace**". The prophecy tells us that Jesus is a very special baby and his names suggested He will be a ruler, a king. Let's celebrate his First Coming! a yearly celebration of the Birth of our King. Our King of Kings, Jesus, our Lord.

OCIA Adult Faith Formation

On the Sundays of the 24th & 31st of December there will be no OCIA sessions. However, God is still at work. Our catechumens and candidates will continue their journey toward full communion with the Church. Thank you to those who attended the Rites of Acceptance and Welcoming at the 10am Mass Sunday 3rd December. It was a glorious event! Please continue to support these candidates and catechumens as they deepen their friendship with Jesus and journey toward full communion with you – our parishioners.

At the Mass we began by singing the song "Abba Father". For the last 17 sessions and will for every session in the future we start by singing Abba Father. The Jews only referred to God in terms such as Adonai (Lord) but never uttered His name. Only the High Priest would utter God's name once a year and only on Yom Kippur and only in the Holy of Holies at the temple in Jerusalem.

When the Disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray he taught them the prayer we are all familiar with, the Our Father. Jesus, praying in Aramaic, the language of that time, used the word "Abba" for "Father". In Aramaic, abba is the term a child uses for his father - his daddy. What a shock this must have been. It must have been like an earthquake shook the Holy Land! Jesus invited His Disciples, and us all, to sonship with God the Father and brotherhood with His only son Jesus. Please pray that our catechumens and candidates will continue to deepen their relationship with Christ during this advent season.



Sacramental Info

Anointing of the Sick:
 By appointment.

Unción de los Enfermos:
 Con cita previa.

Baptisms:
 English baptisms are held every 1st Saturday of the month at 9:30 am. Pre-baptismal classes are held once a month on Sunday from 11:30am-2:30pm.

Bautizos:
 Bautizos en Español son cada 3er Sábado del mes a las 9:30 am. Clases pre-bautismales son el Domingo anterior al bautizo de las 9am-1pm.

Marriage:
 As a minimum requirement, couples must contact the parish office and set an appointment at least 6 months prior to the wedding date. Marriage preparation classes online.

Matrimonio:
 Se requiere que las parejas contacten a la oficina parroquial cuando menos seis meses antes de la fecha de matrimonio. Clases prematrimoniales son en persona.

First Eucharist:
 A two year family formation program preparation is required. Children must be a minimum of 6 years old. Classes run from September-May and registrations are open June-August.

Primera Comunión:
 Programa de dos años en el programa de formación familiar es requerido. Los niños deben tener 6 años cumplidos o más. Inscripciones son Junio-Agosto y las clases son Septiembre-Mayo.

Youth Confirmation:
 Candidates for Confirmation must be at least 12 years old and in 7th grade to start the program. A two-year religious education preparation is required prior to receiving the Sacrament.

Confirmación para Jóvenes:
 Candidatos para Confirmación deben de tener los 12 años cumplidos y cursar el séptimo grado. El programa es de dos años de educación religiosa antes de recibir el Sacramento.

OCIA and Adult Sacramental:
 For adults seeking one or more Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Eucharist, or Confirmation). Sessions begin in the fall. Please contact the parish office for more information.

OCIA y Sacramentos para adultos:
 Para adultos que buscan uno o más Sacramentos de Iniciación (Bautizo, Primera Comunión y Confirmación). Clases comienzan en el otoño. Favor de contactar la oficina parroquial.

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