

St. John Vianney Parish



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DECEMBER 24, 2023 | FOURTH 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

Monday - Friday: 7:00am - 3:30pm

ROOM RESERVATIONS

hallreservations@sjvparish.com



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4th Sunday OF ADVENT



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

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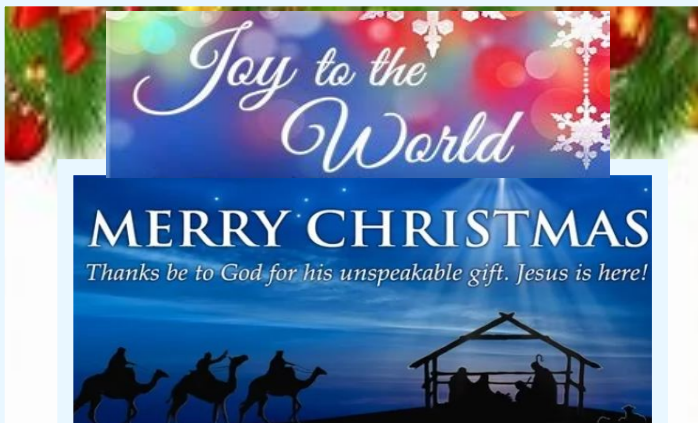
Review: When we are asked to entrust our lives to someone, we should consider whom we are entrusting them to very carefully. Many of us entrust our lives to our spouses, but not before careful discernment, time, and prayer. Have you ever considered entrusting your life to God? Have you gotten to know him through Scripture, the Church, and prayer in a way that allows you to surrender your life to him? Today, we will read about two people who entrusted their lives to God in radical ways-David and Mary. Will we also accept the Lord's invitation to surrender to him this Christmas season?

Featured study: Episode 9: The Angel Gabriel and the Announcement of John the Baptist's Birth

Reflection: Luke carefully recorded the Annunciation scene in his Gospel to illustrate the ultimate fulfillment of the greatest promises of the Old Testament. In saying that Gabriel goes to "a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph of the house of David," Luke is alluding to the unforgettable prophecy that Isaiah gave to the house of David: "A young virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14). Immanuel means "**God with us,**" and thus this child of Mary is nothing less than the presence of God himself as foretold by Isaiah. Gabriel also tells Mary that her child will inherit "the throne of David his father ... and of his kingdom, there will be no end." The angel's declaration is an explicit claim that the great promise made in God's covenant with David has now been fulfilled. In the First Reading, the Lord promised David: "I will raise up your heir after you Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever." This is the promise of promises for the Jews. It meant that they would one day have a king whose kingdom would last forever. After promising David that one of his descendants would rule over an everlasting kingdom, God tells David, "I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me." In the fulfillment of that promise, the angel tells Mary that her son will be called the "Son of the **Most High.**"



From the Pastor



Sending you Bountiful Blessings for this joyful season.
May God's peace and love reign in your heart always.
May He shower you with abundance in all its forms.
May serenity follow you into the new year.
Wishing you and yours a
Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Giovanni, Fr. Moroney, Fr. Tamayo, Bishop Michael,
Deacons Walter & Daniel,
all parish staff and volunteers.



SJV School



*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."
Romans 15:13*

Merry Christmas

from the St. John Vianney Catholic School
Community of Teachers, Staff & Students!



Blessings from the SJV School family to yours this Christmas.
May you enjoy time with loved ones while rejoicing in the birth of Jesus.

The school campus will be closed December 22 through January 7, 2024.

Important dates:

Sun., 1/7/24 - Meet Your Neighbor Hosted by SJV School after 8am, 10am, 12pm Masses
Sun., 1/28/24 - SJV School Open House, 9 am to 12 pm
1/28-2/3 - Catholic Schools Week Celebrations
Sat., 2/3/24 - Black & White Charity Ball Fundraiser Dinner and Auction

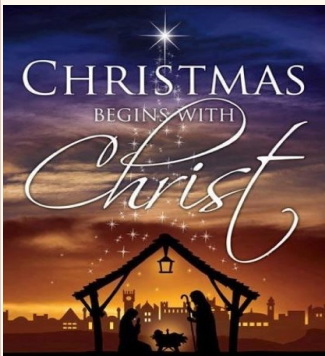
Questions should be directed to the school office, Monday-Friday, 7:30 am - 3:30 pm (916) 363-4610.

Spirituality

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16;Ps 89:2-3,4-5,27,29;
Rom 16:25-27;Lk 1:26-38
Christmas Vigil:Is 62:1-5;Ps 89:4-5,16-17,27,29;
Acts 13:16-17,22-25; Mt 1:1-25
Monday: Is 52:7-10;Ps 98:1,2-3,3-4,5-6;Heb 1:1-6;Jn 1:1-18
Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59;Ps 31:3cd-4,6 & 8ab,16bc & 17;
Mt 10:17-22
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4;Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12; Jn 20:1a & 2-8
Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2;Ps 124:2-3,4-5,7cd-8;Mt 2:13-18
Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11;Ps 96:1-2a,2b-3,5b-6;Lk 2:22-35
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17;Ps 96:7-8a,8b-9,10;Lk 2:36-40

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2023



Christmas Eve—Dec. 24
6:00pm English Mass

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

Mass Intentions

December 23-30, 2023

Saturday	6PM	Viccel Belen † Javier & Sofia Lara †
Sunday	8AM	Violeta Villavicencio † Rolando P. de Dios †
	10AM	Michael De Bellis † Nienry & Aurora Del Rosario †
	12NN	Gaspar Adolfo †
	6PM	Christmas Vigil Mass (English)
Monday	8AM	Christmas Mass (English)
	10AM	Christmas Mass (English)
	12PM	Misa Navideña (Español)
	2PM	Christmas Mass (Indonesian)
Tuesday	8AM	Manuel Kho † Ceci Bates (Healing)
Wednesday	8AM	Demosthenes Catubig † Dorita Villar †
	6PM	Guadalupe Aguilar † Fr. Aidan O'Reilly †
Thursday	8PM	Ceci Bates (Healing) Jay Brahn †
Friday	8AM	Gwendolyn Marshall (Sp. Intention) Mary Soo (Thanksgiving)
Saturday	6PM	Leon Viray † Karen Johnson †



Stewardship Report

Sunday Offertory

December 10, 2023: \$15,892.32

Dec 8, 2023- Immaculate Conception : \$2,360.95

Parish Building Fund \$188,107.97
Roof Replacement \$179,212.50
(Total Cost= \$171,667.00) (Paid in full)



Thank you for all your support and generosity.
We have collected the full cost of the Roof Replacement of \$171,667.00.

St. Vincent de Paul Special Collection

December 30 & 31, 2023

St. Vincent de Paul Special Collection will be taken up next weekend. Envelopes will be provided at each entrance for your convenience. Make your check payable to St. Vincent de Paul and deposit in the 2nd collection or return to the parish office.

Please remember those in our community living on the margins. The volunteers of St. Vincent de Paul wish you all a very blessed Christmas season and a Happy New Year.

Parish Directory

Parish Office 916-362-1385

Rev. Giovanni Gamas	Pastor	Ext. 140
Rev. Martin Moroney	Pastor Emeritus	916-362-1385
Mr. Walter Little	Deacon/Retired	916-362-1385
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

School Office 916-363-4610

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

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.

VOCATION CROSS

Every first Saturday/Sunday of the month at each Mass, a family or individual is invited after the Mass to receive and host the Vocation Cross in their homes for a month, which is accompanied by a short prayer/novena. In taking the Cross, they commit themselves to pray every day the vocation prayer in thanksgiving for those who generously share in church ministry, pray for intercession for the gift of lay ministers, deacons, nuns and priests. Everyone is invited to participate in taking the Vocation Cross home. It is our hope that this experience will encourage each of us to take seriously our vocation as a member of the body of Christ, to encourage all of us to pray for the gift of vocations to priesthood and religious life. May our prayers help inspire young men and women to be attentive to the Holy Spirit and to step forward in faith with generous heart to wherever the spirit leads them.

Sign up online to receive the Vocation Cross into your home, and join us in praying for Vocations at: sjvparish.com
For more info, contact: Lilah Gonzalez 916-425-4664



FORMED
This Week on FORMED



WATCH

Christmas Special | Laugh and Grow

Based on the award-winning Bible! Join Minno kids Margot, Lexi, Miguel, and Logan on a heartwarming journey through the Christmas story. Hosted by the Hopeful World, this beautiful retelling of the story of Jesus' birth will help kids understand the true meaning of Christmas. Viewers both young and old will be filled with hope as they recall God's promise fulfilled through our Savior's arrival.

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

OCIA: Dr. Philip Eulie 415-813-9500, ocia-english@sjvparish.com

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Servers, Children's Liturgy of the Word, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
sjvparish.com/serve/liturgical-ministries

SACRAMENTS

Baptism and Preparation classes: Matilde Pineda 916-368-9410, baptisms@sjvparish.com

SERVE

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

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

Couples for Christ: Leomi Ebalobo couplesforchrist@sjvparish.com

Divine Mercy Apostolate: Consuelo Cardwell divinemercy@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. Samantha Clark gabrielproject@sjvparish.com

Indonesian Catholic Community: Lily NLN icc@sjvparish.com

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

Knights of Columbus Council #5322 Grand Knight Jon Dunn koc_5322@sjvparish.com

San Juan Diego Council #18076 Grand Knight Isidro Mendoza koc_18076@sjvparish.com

For more info, go to www.ranchoknights.com

Martha and Mary Ministry: Gentle Touch Church cleaning. Connie Lagerstrom 916-635-3865

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

Music Ministry: English Rouselle Ekwall music2@sjvparish.com
Bill Githens music@sjvparish.com Spanish Guadalupe Rangel musica@sjvparish.com Rosa Duenas sjv-coro@sjvparish.com

Parish Advocate for Annulment: Ross Viray, rv.sjvparish.adv@gmail.com

Rancho Cordova Food Locker: 916-837-5431 carrie@ranchocordovafoodlocker.org

St. Vincent de Paul: Rosa Duenas 916-469-1975, sjvconference@gmail.com

SVDP Religious Goods Store: Manalita Holcomb 916-363-4570

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

Youth Ministry: Martin Wong youthministry@sjvparish.com



PREGNANT? WORRIED? NEED HELP?

You are not alone. We can help.

The Gabriel Project

Call: 1-800-910-0919

Faith Formation

Classes start this week!

This week's Schedule:

Homework for Children under 12 years old

Please complete the worksheet for 12/24/23

No Class this week Merry Christmas

Did you know? That January 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation. Must come to Sunday Mass and again to Monday Mass. See you at Mass.

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

No clases esta semana Feliz Navidad

Sabias Que? Enero 1ero es día de Obligación. Hay que venir a misa de Domingo y también a Misa el Lunes. Aquí nos vemos .

Horas de Oficina:

Martes y Jueves: 1pm-5pm

Para más información favor de contactar a Leomi Ebalobo, 916-369-8669

faithformation@sjvparish.com

Sacramental Info

Annointing 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.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)

Prophecy of the Mother

In this **third Week of Advent**, Isaiah tells us about who the Mother of Jesus will be. And read here what he said: **“Behold, a virgin will conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel”**. Immanuel means **“God with Us”**. Isaiah was predicting the Incarnation of Jesus. We with the whole church are preparing ourselves for the celebration of the Birth of Jesus or the **Nativity of our Lord, Jesus**. This third week, we light up the **pink candle** because we are full of joy, we are happily awaiting the big **celebration of the Nativity**. Let's get ready for this celebration by doing some simple, good things for others. Let's spread joy, let us love our neighbor as Jesus loves us.



OCIA Adult Faith Formation

Rites of Acceptance and Welcoming—December 3

Congratulations to those who attended the Rites of Acceptance and Welcoming at the 10am Sunday Mass.



Andre & Teresa

Hilary & Philomena

Victor & Mita



Vatican News

By Hannah Brockhaus, Vatican City, Dec 6, 2023

5 things to know and share about St. Nicholas

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

3. Jolly ol' St. Nicholas?

Because of his popularity among Orthodox Christians, St. Nicholas is a favorite subject in iconography.

But don't be surprised if, among the hundreds of icons depicting him, you don't see any merry dimples or a "round little belly." He does have a white beard, though.

4. Patron saint of unmarried people, fishermen, pawnbrokers, and the falsely accused

One of the most popular legends about Nicholas is that the saint, who is said to have come from a wealthy family, secretly helped a poor man with three daughters.

The father could not provide proper dowries for the girls to marry, and without husbands to support them, they might have been forced to turn to prostitution.

After learning about the situation, Nicholas secretly slipped a bag of gold coins through the family's window while they were sleeping. He later left a second bag of coins, and likewise, another bag for the third daughter, at which point, the legend says, the father, who had waited up all night, "caught" Nicholas red-handed in his gift-giving. But Nicholas made him promise to keep the secret.

In artworks referencing this legend, the three bags of coins are often depicted as three golden balls. Images of gold balls were also used to mark the shops of pawnbrokers, which is probably how Nicholas came to be their patron saint, too.

One of many miracles attributed to St. Nicholas happened at sea as he traveled aboard a boat to the Holy Land. Nicholas is a patron saint of sailors and travelers because he calmed the stormy waters that threatened their lives.

(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. 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@scd.org Steve Do 916-733-0151 sdo@scd.org

Rachel's Vineyard Healing Retreat

February 16-18, 2024

Those who choose abortion are our daughters, sons, husbands, wives, sisters, brothers, relatives, friends & members of our parish communities. The impact and pain of abortion hurts - even years after the experience. If you, or a loved one have been hurt by abortion, this weekend is for you! Come and experience God's healing love and forgiveness in a safe, nonjudgmental environment. Open to men and women. For more info, please call (916) 733-0161 or email projectrachel@scd.org. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

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 SJV WINTER ROSE PRUNING 2024

9am, Saturday, January 6

Volunteers needed for the annual winter rose pruning of the over 320 bushes in our beautiful SJV yard. We will gather in the front of Church at 9am for hot coffee and fellowship, before heading out with a partner; families and interested beginners are encouraged. Please dress for the weather, with heavy gloves, and with cutters and loppers; some will be provided if needed. The date is always the first full weekend Saturday in January. January 6, 2024, with a rain date of January 13, 2024. Call Connie and Lloyd Lagerstrom with any questions, 916-635-3865, God Bless you all and thank you!



CHRIST THE KING RETREAT

2024 Theme "The Kingdom of God is at Hand"

The most loving Christmas gift for you and your loved one is the annual weekend of blessed quiet and spiritual renewal in our Lord and Savior's arms. Surrounded by the Passionist Retreat Priests, and other dynamic speakers, you will increase your Catholic journey.

SJV women's weekend retreat : January 19 – 21, 2024 .

Contact coordinator Connie Lagerstrom, 916-635-3865, for more info.

SJV men's weekend retreat : March 1-3, 2024 .

Contact coordinator Mark Raus, 916-715-0326 for info.

Register at Christ the King Retreat Center, 916-725-4702 or at christthekingretreatcenter.org. It is located on Van Marian in Citrus Heights, CA.



The Parish Office will be closed on Dec. 25 in observance of Christmas and Dec. 29—Jan. 1 for the New Year holiday.

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!



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.

CHURCH CARPET CLEANING

December 26, 2023

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



Sunday Bulletin Date

Deadline for Article Submission

(No later than 12NOON)

January 7, 2024

December 21, 2023

January 14, 2024

December 28, 2023

January 21, 2024

January 4, 2023

PARISHIONERS REGISTRATION

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

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