



# Saint John Vianney Catholic Church

To know and love Jesus  
and follow Christ in compassionate service.

November 5th, 2017 The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Pastor's Corner

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We're all familiar with the saying "Time and tide wait for none". There's nothing that we can do to slow down the flow of time or stop the changing of seasons. They are beyond our control. Yet, the simple act of adjusting the time, setting clock forward or backward depending on the season seems to give some of us the false notion that we can somehow control the passage of time. How interesting!

Yet, November comes once a year giving us an opportunity and creating that sacred space in which to remember, celebrate and pray for our loved ones who have died. Our Church has good traditions in the way she provides for various seasons of life. It is necessary that we cherish the memory of our beloved dead as they're a huge part of who we are and who we are becoming. Even Jesus invited us to remember him, and as we celebrate the Eucharist, are we not heeding His call: "Do this in memory of me"?

The *altarcito* in the vestibule that holds the portraits of our beloved dead, put up by our Parish Youth, serves as a constant reminder to us that we grieve but not without hope. We have loved and therefore, we need to grieve. We have loved and we need to walk through the pain with like-minded-people who respect the grief journey that we go through. So, walk this journey with love, painful though it may be. I believe that the best way out of this difficulty is through it.

Rabindranath Tagore, an Indian poet said: "Death is not the extinguishing of the lamp for want of oil; rather it is the putting out of the flame because dawn has finally come". It's for this reason that I love that German proverb that says, "Those who believe in the Lord never see their loved one for the last time". For us believers, death is but for the weekend. Hence, even as mourn the loss of our loved ones and pray for the repose of their souls, we remind ourselves that what a caterpillar calls death, God calls butterfly and what we call 'death', He calls 'eternal life'. May all our loved ones rest in peace!

Prayers, wishes and blessings!

Rev. William Rosario



## WELCOME

Saint John Vianney Parish is a community of faith, hope and love. We strive to foster our spiritual growth and share the gifts God has given to us all.

You are invited to join Saint John Vianney Parish, registration forms are in the back of the church, on our website [www.sjvianney.org](http://www.sjvianney.org) or stop by the Parish Office. You can drop off a form in the collection baskets in church.

You are invited to share your gifts with our St. John Vianney community. Is God calling you to become a part of this important work of the people of God?

## Mass Schedule

Mon.–Saturday: 8:30am  
Sat. Evening: 5:00pm  
Sun: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00, 5:00pm  
Holy days 8:30 am, Noon, 7:00pm  
Reconciliation : Saturdays 4– 4:30 pm

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**Our Facilities Are Greener – We Are Conserving Energy and Saving Money  
We Have Replaced Incandescent and Halogen Bulbs with LED Bulbs**

In the church building alone, bulb replacement reduced the use of electricity by 25,100 kwh over the past 12 months, saving \$6,200 on electrical charges. The payback for the change-out was less than one year.

The expected life of an LED bulb is 6 to 10 times longer than an incandescent bulb, about 10 to 15 years. We expect to save \$3,700 in replacement labor and \$6,900 in replacement bulb costs over the expected life of the LED bulbs.

Your Facilities Management Group has been evaluating the illumination of the interior of our church for several years. The goal has been to insure uniform lighting in the Nave with brighter lighting levels in the Sanctuary Area, Altar Table, Ambo and the Choir Area. Replacing all the recessed ceiling fixtures was cost prohibitive. We needed a bulb to replace the high wattage Halogen bulbs that were the original design. We tried different bulbs, with different light output. Finally a LED bulb with about the light output required was introduced to the market. We installed these a year ago. [Lighting fixtures in other areas of the church were replaced with energy efficient fluorescent lighting a few years ago]

During the last two years more efficient lighting has been installed around the campus. The “lolly- pop” lamps in the parking lots were retrofitted with LED bulbs as were the three monument signs. Where practical lighting fixtures in the office, faith formation building and the rectory were retrofitted with LED bulbs or replaced.

The energy conserving, cost saving project will continue as technology evolves.

**St. John Vianney Intentional Giving**

The greatest among you will be the one who serves the rest, “Jesus says in today’s Gospel. What wonderful good news for those who give of their time in service to others! See Matthew 23:11

**Campus Clearance Day**

Our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to the Facility Maintenance Group and all those that collaborated with them on Campus Clearance Day on Saturday, October 28th.



May God bless you for your generosity!

**Collection on October 28 & 29, 2017**

Plate Collections including mailed checks:	\$12,222.50
Online Donations:	\$ 1,025.00
Total Collection:	\$13,247.50
Weekly Goal:	\$19,608.00
Shortfall:	\$ (6,360.50)
YTD Shortfall	\$ (72,205.63)
Fire Victims Collections	\$ 3,984.00

**Office Closed**

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Friday, November 10th, in observance of Veterans Day

**Parish Office & Staff Contact Information**

Parish & Faith Formation Office: Monday– Friday, 8:30am - 4:30pm Closed 12:00pm -1:00pm  
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WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, November 6, 2017**

8:00- 8:25 am Rosary Group Church  
 9:30-11:30 am Yoga Cmns Vista

**Tuesday, November 7, 2017**

8:00-8:25 am Rosary Group Church  
 10:00-11:00 am Contemplative Prayer Rectory Parlor  
 7:00-8:00 pm Baptism Parent Preparation Session Cmns Vista  
 7:00-9:00 pm Lectors of the week Office Conf.  
 7:00-8:30 pm Family Faith Formation FF Hall  
 7:30-9:00 pm Divorce and Separated Group Cmns Library

**Wednesday, November 8, 2017**

8:00-8:25 am Rosary Group Church  
 2:30-3:30 pm Liturgy Committee Cmns Conf 3  
 4:00-5:00 pm Children's Choir Church  
 6:00-7:00 pm Handbells Music Ministry Church  
 7:00-9:00 pm Adult Choir Church  
 7:00-9:00 pm Alpha Cmns Vista  
 7:00-9:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Cmns Conf 3

**Thursday, November 9, 2017**

8:00-8:25 am Rosary Group Church

**Friday, November 10, 2017**

8:00-8:25 am Rosary Group Church  
 11:30-1:00 pm AA FF Rms ABC

**Saturday, November 11, 2017**

8:00-8:25 am Rosary Group Church  
 4:00-4:30 pm Parish Reconciliation Church  
 4:30-5:00 pm Music Ministry Church

**Sunday, November 12, 2017**

9:00 & 11:00 am Children's Lit. of the Word Cmns Vista  
 9:00-10:00 am PreK & Kindergarten Faith Formation Cmns Conf 1,2,3  
 12:00-2:00 pm Family Faith Formation Cmns Vista  
 3:00-5:00 pm Confirmation Group FF Hall  
 3:30-4:30 pm Choir practice - Youth Church  
 6:00-8:30 pm HS Faith Formation FF Hall

**Monday, November 6, 2017**

8:30 am + Chris Salgadoe

**Tuesday, November 7, 2017**

8:30 am + Maria S. Ozaeta

**Wednesday, November 8, 2017**

8:30 am + Mr. & Mrs. Jean Laborde

**Thursday, November 9, 2017**

8:30 am + Courtney Borrecco

**Friday, November 10, 2017**

8:30 am + Taihee Dewes

**Saturday, November 11, 2017**

8:30 am + Richard Sorensen

5:00 pm + Peter Bennett

**Sunday, November 12, 2017**

9:00 am + Jill Garcia Brit

11:00 am Ramon Llenado

5:00 pm + Richard Sorensen

+ denotes deceased

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday:	Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31,33-34,36; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday:	Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde,2,3; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday:	Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2,4-5,9; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday:	Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12; Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11,16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Friday:	Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1,2-3ab,3cd-4; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday:	Rom 16:3-9,16,22-27; Ps 145:2-3,4-5,10-11; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday:	Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2,3-4,5-6,7-8(2b); 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14; Mt 25:1-13

**Pray, always pray.**

Your prayers are needed.  
 The Rosary is recited daily, Mon-Sat 8am  
 in the Church before Mass.  
 This week, lets pray for victims of the West Coast Fires.



**Contemplative Prayer**

Parish Parlor, every Tuesday from 10:00 – 11:00 am

A contemplative is one who has chosen the "inner way" as her/his journey into a fuller life. It is a quest for praying and living from the heart. At St. John Vianney, our contemplative practice consists of centering prayer and lectio divina.

**Centering prayer** is a silent, receptive consent to God's presence and action within us. Father Keating, a Benedictine monk, says, "Centering prayer is resting in God beyond words, emotions and thoughts like two friends sitting in silence, just being in each other's presence."

**Lectio divina** is a contemplative way to read short passages of sacred text and discover its deeper meaning. Our desire is to have a word come alive in us and to learn to respond to life with the "mind of Christ."



### Pray for the Sick

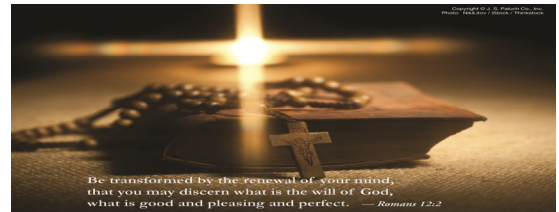
May those who are in need of our prayers, place their trust and faith in the comforting presence of the Lord.

Evelyn Alvarado	Pamela Ferrill	Ann Narloch
Anita Alvarez	Michael Galotola	Mary Schaub
Larry & Judy Balbierz	Michael Jansen	William Donald Smith
Marianna Bechold	Mark & Norm Jokerst	Phillipe Sorenson
Chuck Bobinecz	Fr. Brian Joyce	Mercedes Tellez
Doris Cherian	Joseph Klaczynski	Claire Trifon
Daniel Cruz	Dexter Maclang Nguyen	Karen Thiess
Bill & Anita Dennis	Richard Maihofer	Maria Urrea
Jennifer DiSalvo	Bob Mason	Jack & Sharla Vohs
Joyce Fellows	Bob Matula	

### Pray for the Deceased

Let us remember those from our parish family who have died recently and returned to the Lord. We give thanks for their lives and offer comfort to their families.

Dale Escobar	Stephanie Rivers
Fr. Tony Herrera	Bob Pogue
Larry Ladra	Ben Zuppan
Lupe Morrell	

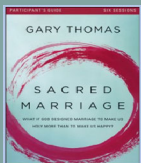


## Family Life Ministry

## Faith Formation

### Moms Ministry Fall Series

Join us as we explore *Sacred Marriage*, by Gary Thomas, to draw us closer to our Lord and in turn, to help create greater closeness between husband and wife. Gain insight from practical ideas to enrich and deepen our relationships by nourishing our spirits first. Feel free to join the discussion even if you have not done the reading.



**Children are always welcome.  
Bring a friend!**

We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month from 9:30-11am in the Lower Commons. Dates: Nov 5, Dec 6. Sign up at [www.sjvianney.org](http://www.sjvianney.org) or by calling the Parish Office at 925-939-7911. For more information contact: [sjvmomsministry@gmail.com](mailto:sjvmomsministry@gmail.com).

### Adult Confirmation

Are you an adult who is an active participant in the church but has never received the Sacrament of Confirmation? Confirmation, together with Baptism and First Eucharist, is one of the Sacraments of Initiation. Its reception completes the grace of Baptism and binds one more perfectly to the Church. Confirmation celebrates the gifts of the Holy Spirit (wisdom, understanding, right judgment, courage, knowledge, reverence and awe in God's presence) and enriches one with a special strength to spread and defend the faith by word and deed. Like Baptism it is given only once.

We are beginning a series of 4 sessions, just for adults who wish to be confirmed by the Bishop at a ceremony in January. We will meet Wednesday nights from December 6 through December 20 at 7 pm. We will follow up with one meeting prior to the celebration of the sacrament in early January. To register, or for more information:

Liz Rogers, (925) 939-7911 x125 [lrogers@sjvianney.org](mailto:lrogers@sjvianney.org).

### Senior Social

The November Senior Social is scheduled for November 17th, 11:30 – 2:30 pm in Mullen Commons. Come hang out, socialize, and meet new people. This is also a great opportunity to renew and invigorate old friendships. Singles, widows, widowers, divorced, separated, and couples are all welcome. The cost is \$5 and includes lunch. You can sign up at [www.SJVianney.org](http://www.SJVianney.org) or by calling the office at 925-939-7911.

### Small Christian Communities (SCC)

Our SCC groups meet each Fall and Spring Many SCCs are looking for new members. This fall SCCs are studying what it means to be Church; sessions explore **five images** used in Scripture to explain the nature and mission of the Church and, thus of all those who belong to her.

Sign up tables will be in Mullen Commons Vista the weekend of October 14/15. Representatives will be at the table to answer questions.

Small Christian Communities have been an important part of SJV for many years. These groups consist of 8 to 12 adults who meet to connect faith (church teachings and scripture) and everyday life. Groups pray, talk and support one another's effort to live the gospel message. Meetings last about **one hour and a half**.

If you have questions, please contact Liz Rogers 925-939-7911 X125.

## November is Homelessness Awareness Month!

During the month of November, Contra Costa will join national efforts to increase awareness and promote solutions to ending homelessness. Last year over 6,100 homeless men, women, and children in Contra Costa County used homeless services. We each play a part in ending homelessness in our community.

As Catholic Christians, every day should be a day we are aware of and actively helping our homeless brothers and sisters. Pope Francis has given us a great example of that, not only by his words but also especially by his deeds. So how can we do that here in our own backyard?

Here are a couple of ideas:

- Consider getting involved in ministries that reach out to the poor and the homeless, such as St. Vincent de Paul, Habitat for Humanity and Loaves & Fishes to name just a few.
- Sign up to help with Winter Nights during the week of Dec. 4-10.
- Advocate at City Council meetings and/or write letters to Council members for affordable housing and homeless services. For example two current items being discussed are the Habitat for Humanity new development being proposed near the Pleasant Hill Bart station and the temporary relocation for Trinity Center while the St. Paul Commons project is being built.

Another concrete way to help is by donating to the Contra Costa Housing Security Fund at <http://tinyurl.com/HousingSecurityFund>. This is a county-wide community fund that covers costs that can prevent many people, including seniors, veterans and families from getting back into housing; for instance, it can provide resources for potential renters such as credit checks, application fees, utility deposits, etc. This fund also protects participating property owners who offer these screened renters an opportunity; for instance, it can provide resources to landlords for damages to units, past-due rents, increased security deposits, etc.

The Contra Costa Council on Homelessness, on behalf of the Homeless Continuum of Care, has developed a Homeless Awareness Toolkit to promote events happening in the month of November and connect individuals with ways to become educated about homelessness, become involved in activism and find volunteer opportunities. Here is a link to that toolkit which has a wealth of information: <http://cchealth.org/h3/coc/pdf/Homeless-Awarenes-Toolkit.pdf>



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

### Fundraiser for People with Intellectual Disabilities

The Annual State-wide Fund Raising Drive for People with Intellectual Disabilities will be conducted by the Knights of Columbus Saturday & Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>.

3 out of every 10 people in the US have some form of intellectual disability, and there are over 1,000 people in our county alone. Those with want to be just like us, to play sports and live normal lives. The funds you donate support programs in our own community that make a difference such as the St. Bernard Parish Special Education Program and Special Olympics.

The Knights will be outside after Mass to accept your donation to support these people. Look for those bright yellow designer aprons.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.



### Eight-Week Social Justice Module offered by SJV Adult Faith Formation: *Exploring Migration - A Faith Journey*

Migration is a complex issue that is reshaping the cultural, economic and political landscape of the planet. This new module offers the opportunity for prayer, reading and reflection as well as discussion and discovery related to this critical and controversial issue of our day.

This eight-week course, running Tuesday evenings, January 23, 2018 through March 13, 2018 from 7 – 9 pm, provides participants a chance to find common ground and to discover more about themselves, their values, our God, and the millions of people who are on the move in every part of the world. The sessions will be held in Lower Mullen Commons.

Registration begins November 18/19 following all the masses. Registration and questions, contact Carol Addison at (925) 935-4388 and Dick Chaffee at (925) 932-5087.

parishioners, please email Nancy Williams at [nawms@aol.com](mailto:nawms@aol.com).

## Twelve Gardens of Stewardship: The Garden of Money

Being good stewards includes recognizing God's gifts in every area of our lives, using these gifts responsibly and sharing them with love and justice. The Garden of Money is the focus for this month.



The Bible contains 500 verses on prayer, fewer than 500 verses on faith, but more than 2,500 verses on money and possessions. Fifteen percent of everything Jesus said had to do with it. The Lord said a lot about money because he loves and cares deeply for us. He realizes that from time to time all of us will experience financial challenges, and He wants us to handle money in a way that pleases Him and is the smart way for us. He dealt with money matters because money does matter.

*"If then you have not been faithful in handling worldly wealth, how can you be trusted with true wealth?" Luke 16:11*

In this verse Jesus equates how we handle our money with the quality of our spiritual life. If we handle our money properly accordingly to the principal of Scripture, our relationship with Christ will grow stronger. However, if we manage our money unfaithfully, our relationship with him will suffer.

During your normal week how much time do you spend earning money in your job, making decisions on how to spend money, thinking about how to save and invest money or praying about your giving? Fortunately God has prepared us adequately for these tasks by giving us the Bible and his blueprint for handling money. There are two basic alternatives: the Bible and the answers people devise. The way most people handle money is in sharp contrast to God's financial principals.

*"For my thoughts are not yours thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, declared the Lord." Isaiah 55:8*

*"Everything in heaven and earth is yours, and you are my king, supreme ruler over all. All richer and wealth come from you; you rule everything by your strength and power; and you are able to make anyone great and strong." 1 Corinthians 29:11-12*

Recognizing God's ownership is critical in allowing Jesus Christ to become the Lord of our money and possessions. If we are going to be genuine followers of Christ, we must transfer the ownership of our possessions to the Lord. "... None of you can be my disciple unless you give up everything you have"

Luke 14:33

When we acknowledge God's ownership, every spending decision becomes a spiritual decision. No longer do we ask, "Lord, what do You want me to do with my money?" The question is restated, "Lord what do you want me to do with Your money?" When we have this perspective, spending and saving decisions are equally as spiritual as giving decisions.

Money, most common of temporal things, involves uncommon and external consequences. Even though it may be done quite unconsciously, money molds people---in the process of getting it, of saving it, or using it, of accounting for it. Depending how it is handled, it provides a blessing or a curse to its possessor; either the person becomes a master of the money, or the money becomes master of the person.

As we apply the principals of God's economy, we will begin to spend more wisely, save for our future goals, and give even more to the work of Christ. In subsequent weeks of this month we will explore the principals of, budgeting, giving and children: the value of money.

Excerpt: "Your Money Counts": Howard Dean, Jon & Evelyn Bean

## Weekly Humor

Three boys are in the schoolyard bragging about their fathers. The first boy says, "My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, they give him \$50." The second boy says, "That's nothing. My dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a song, they give him \$100." The third boy says, "I've got you both beat. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect all the money!" - Ed Burkart

**Wishing you all a week that is full of laughter.**