



Saint John Vianney Catholic Church

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

February 18th, 2018 The First Sunday of Lent



Pastor's Corner

Dear sisters and brothers,

Each year I approach Lent and the practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving with an eye to what I can do to transform myself, and I guess that it's the same with you. What if we approached it, rather, with an eye to what God wants to transform us into?

My observation is that many of us approach Lent as though it were a series of New Year's resolutions: to give up a particular bad habit or share more with the poor, or be more faithful to prayer. Yet, is Lent merely about self-improvement or is it something more? Isn't Lent a time of conversion in which God is in charge of our conversion and not us?

Lent is not a project of self-improvement but time of allowing God to transform us. Lent is a time of intentional cooperation with the grace of God that is at work in on us. Here God leads and we follow, like a good dance partner. We can choose to follow or not, but God is always in the lead.

So then, what might this look like in practice? The answer will be unique for each one of us, and so a Lent of following God's lead must be grounded in prayer. It may be that you want to resume the tradition of family prayer or saying the grace before meals. Or you may want to join the Rosary group in the daily recitation of the Rosary. Or you may want to sit in contemplation on Tuesday mornings with our Contemplative Prayer Group. On Fridays, we have the opportunity to participate in the Stations of the Cross, the Soup supper and the "Back to Basics" series.

Perhaps as we contribute to the poor, God may be calling us to undertake service work where we build relationships with a community of people outside our comfortable social circles. The many outreach programs of our Parish rooted, as they are, in Social Justice may offer you a possibility to venture into something new.

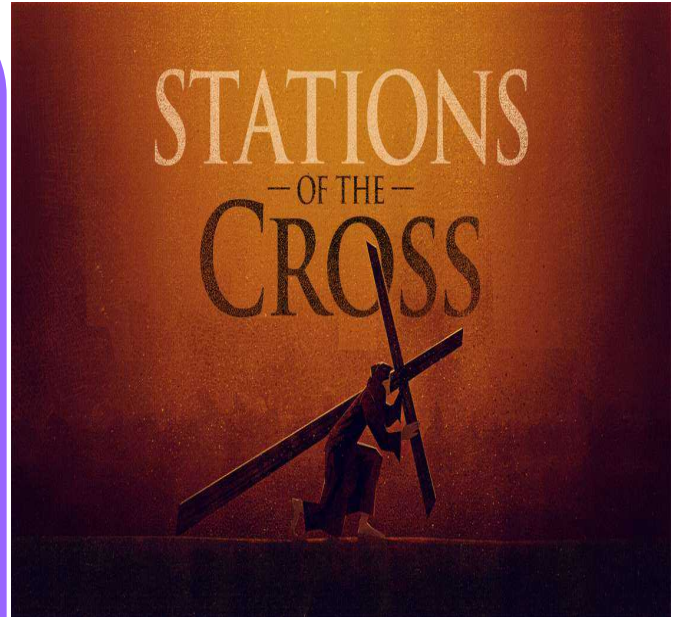
Or maybe fasting this year means not only the obligatory fasts, but also fasting from judgment when I do not know the inner workings of another's heart.

We can listen for the voice of God and let ourselves be surprised by what the call in Lent might be.

Or perhaps we will feel the call of God out of the blue in Lent to follow God into some new place. Are we open to letting this Lent be God's and not our own?

United with you in prayer and penance,

Fr. 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 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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**Fr. Bill Watson
Ignatian Spirituality Talk**

Thursday, February 22th 9am
Mullen Commons Vista

Father Bill Watson, SJ from the Sacred Story Institute will be visiting St. John Vianney Parish on Thursday, February 22nd, from 9:00 am to Noon.



Father Watson is a prolific and author of Sacred Story: An Ignatian Examen for the Third Millennium and is giving a presentation entitled **“Forming Engaged, missionary disciples with Ignatian spirituality for a parish built to last”**

The session is free, but for those who are interested in participating, please register as hospitality will be provided during the event. Everybody is welcome to register at:

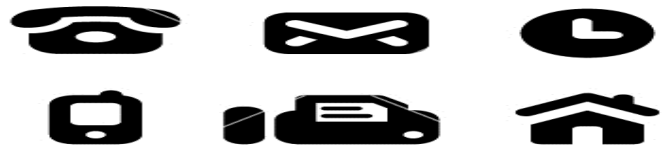
<https://www.eastbaycatholic.com/data/view.php?id=60892>

St. John Vianney Intentional Giving

The waters of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the bishops’ pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that “there is a fundamental obligation arising from the Sacrament of Baptism... that people place their gifts, their resources—their selves—at God’s service in and through the Church”.

Collection on February 10 & 11, 2018

Plate Collections including mailed checks:	\$ 8,050.75
Online Donations:	\$ 3,932.00
Total Collection:	\$11,982.75
Weekly Goal:	\$18,750.00
(Shortfall):	(\$ 6,767.25)
YTD Excess:	\$ 3,875.25



Faith in Action Meeting & Potluck

Monday, February 26th 6pm
Mullen Commons Vista

You are invited to join St. John Vianney’s Faith in action in the next potluck and meeting where we will hear the compelling story from a local high school student who is a refugee from Myanmar. We will watch a video on migration and discuss this complex issue that is affecting many nations worldwide.



Parish Envelopes

If you normally receive envelopes and didn’t get them for March or you no longer receive envelopes and got them in error for March please contact Maryanne in the Parish Office. Either by phone 939-7911 x0 or email mrichards@sjvianney.org It appears we had an error in our reporting to the envelope company and I am working to correct the problem. Thank you for your patience.

Parish Office & Staff Contact Information

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Closed 12:00pm -1:00pm
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WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 19, 2018

8:00- 8:25 am Rosary Group Church
 7:00-9:00 pm POWR Cmns Conf 3

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

8:00-8:25 am Rosary Group Church
 9:30-10:30 am Contemplative Prayer Rectory Parlor
 9:30-11:30 am Yoga Cmns Vista
 6:00-8:00 pm FMG Committee Cmns Conf. 3
 7:00-8:30 pm MS Faith Formation FF Hall
 7:00-9:00 pm JustFaith Cmns Conf. 1 & 2
 7:00-9:00 pm Lectors of the week Office Conf.

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

8:00-8:25 am Rosary Group Church
 9:30-11:00 am MOM's Ministry Church
 4:00-5:00 pm Children's Choir Church
 6:00-7:00 pm Handbells Music Ministry Church
 7:00-9:00 pm Adult Confirmation Cmns Conf 1
 7:00-9:00 pm ALPHA Cmns Vista
 7:30-9:00 pm Adult Choir Church

Thursday, February 22, 2018

8:00-8:25 am Rosary Group Church
 7:00-9:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Cmns Conf 3

Friday, February 23, 2018

8:00-8:25 am Rosary Group Church
 11:30-1:00 pm AA FF Rms ABC
 11:30-2:30 pm Senior Social Cmns Vista
 6:30-7:00 pm Stations of the Cross Church
 7:00-9:00 pm Soup Suppers & Back Basics Series Cmns Vista

Saturday, February 24, 2018

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, February 25, 2018

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, February 19 8:30 am + Ed Scharff
Tuesday, February 20 8:30 am + Irene & Pete Pistoresi
Wednesday, February 21 8:30 am + Vivian & John Dondero
Thursday, February 22 8:30 am + Carrie Segotta
Friday, February 23 8:30 am + Oscar Bonnevie
Saturday, February 24 8:30 am Earlene Dutton
 5:00 pm + Anne Schuler Hughes
Sunday, February 25 9:00 am + Josefina Peregrin
 11:00 am + Porfirio L. Saldana
 + denotes deceased 5:00 pm James Michael Tobin

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday	Lv 19:1-2,11-18; Ps 19:8,9,10,15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5,6-7,16-17,18-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4,12-13,18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday	1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a,4,5,6; Mt 16:13-19
Friday	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2,3-4,5-7a,7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2,4-5,7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday	Gn 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18; Ps 116:10,15,16-17,18-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

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.

Jim Altomare	Tim Dorr	Jack Morgan
Evelyn Alvarado	Joyce Fellows	Ann Narloch
Larry & Judy Balbierz	Pamela Ferrill	Hunter Paalman
Marianna Bechold	Doris Hernandez	Raquel Paguinto
Rowan Burton	Marie Hill	Mike Pollard
Jack Calloway	Judy Jarvis	Bill Raymundo
Doris Cherian	Mark & Norm Jokerst	James Michael Tobin
Eva Cuculich	Fr. Brian Joyce	Fr. Terry Tompkins
Daniel Cruz	Richard Maihofer	Maria Urrea
Dan De La Cruz	Bob Mason	Jack & Sharla Vohs
Bill & Anita Dennis	Carolyn Mayer	
Jennifer DiSalvo	Fr. Jim McGee	

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.

Reed Bagnes	Lucille Irish	Kathy Scanlan
Chuck Bobinecz	Ken Miller	Betty Smith
Margaret B. Campos	James O'Kelly	Margie Wedin
Kathy Dorr		

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 the Lenten Back to Basics Series



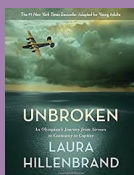
Family Life Ministry

SENIOR SOCIAL:

Senior Social: The February Senior Social is scheduled for February 23rd, 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 or by calling the office at 925-939-7911. Also, mark your calendars for all the following dates: March 23rd, April 13th, May 25th, No June social, July 27th.

SENIOR BOOK CLUB:

The Senior Social sponsors a Senior Book Club that meets for an hour after lunch at each social. To join you just read the book of the month and show up. The books for early 2018 are: February - Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand; March - Lilac Girl by Martha Hall Kelly.



Alpha has returned!

Last Fall we launched the first-ever Alpha Course at St. John Vianney and it was a success! 75 parishioners gathered to explore some of life's big questions; questions that we rarely have enough time to think about such as: Why am I here? What's my purpose? Where am I heading? Is there more to life than this? Many made new friends and some of those 'new' friends continue to meet in each other's homes to share faith and hospitality.

If you crave a deeper connection with God and others, try Alpha. Alpha is a rare opportunity to explore questions of life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. No pressure. No charge. No follow up.

Alpha runs in churches, homes, coffee shops, and bars all over the world. It typically includes a meal, a video and time afterwards for sharing your thoughts. Alpha is open to all people, whether you're a regular parishioner who's just curious about what this new program might be or you're interested in learning more about Christianity, you are welcome to attend! Join our next Alpha Course **Wednesday Evenings at 7 pm in Mullen Commons.**

Or, if you have questions, contact Liz Rogers at

lrogers@sjvianney.org



ST. JOHN VIANNEY SUMMER CAMPOUT:

Save the date for the SJV Family Life Ministry Summer Campout that will be held from the evening of July 27th through 11 am of July 29th.

You can sign up at www.sjvianney.org or by calling the parish office at (925) 939-7911.

If you have questions you can reach out to Jerry Mellin at jerryfmellin@gmail.com or at (925) 787-8865.



MOMS MINISTRY LENTEN SERIES:

Join us as we meditate the Stations of the Cross.

February 21: Mothering with Virtue and Scripture

March 7: Passing on the Faith

March 21: Putting our Faith in action through the eyes of a child

Wednesdays, 9:30-11:00, Meet at Church for Stations of the Cross, followed by discussion. Sign up on the website, or

sjvmomsministry@gmail.com **Children are always welcome!**



PARENT/TEEN NIGHT ON DRUG & SUICIDE PREVENTION:

High School February 25th 6:30pm
Middle School February 25th 7:00pm

This evening will be devoted to Diocesan Safe Environment training. Nancy Juracka, a St. John Vianney parishioner and a leading authority on drug and suicide prevention will share "Talking to Your Kids about Drug Abuse". We hope you will make room on your family calendar for this important event.



God of mercy,
You have given us this special time
to reflect on our lives,
embrace the Good News
and draw closer to You.

During this season of Lent,
help us use this time
to fast and pray,
be more generous
and show others
how to live in Christ.

Let us see each day of this season
as a new opportunity
to renew our lives
and gain a deeper appreciation
of Your active presence
in our hearts and our community
of faith.

Give us the grace to see
Your face in others,
especially the poor
and those who suffer.

And through your Spirit,
enkindle in us the fire of Your love
so that we may be better stewards
of Your redeeming work
throughout the world.

We ask this through Jesus, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You and
the Holy Spirit, One God, forever
and ever.
Amen.



The Gift of Stewardship

By Leisa Anslinger

Often, our focus in forming people as stewards is to help them recognize that everything is a gift from God. Our lives, talents, resources, faith — all are gifts that are entrusted to us, which we are called to steward well. We may not always be aware of it, but stewardship itself is a gift. Growing as stewards is a gift in the lives of individual people and the life of the parish. That is the essence of what so many people share as they offer stewardship witness talks, or as they speak of how their lives have been changed as a result of being introduced to the concept of stewardship as a way of life.

Think about this from your own experience. What would your life be if you had never been introduced to stewardship? Certainly your faith would have shaped your life. You would likely have still given time in ministry and money to the parish and other charities. You might have sacrificed to a certain extent, acknowledging that Jesus sacrificed everything for our salvation. But without the understanding of your giving and sacrificing as stewardship, it would likely not have had the same meaning or impact in your life.

When we consider it in this manner, our ministry as stewardship leaders is a true gift for our people and our parish or diocese. And like all gifts, this, too, must be shared! With whom might you share the good news of stewardship? Perhaps a parish friend who does not seem familiar with stewardship or who is not supportive of the parish's stewardship efforts. Maybe a colleague at a neighboring parish or diocese. You might share your own personal stewardship witness in an article for your diocesan newspaper or website, or offer your insights into the impact of stewardship on your faith community with others in your region or ecumenical circle.

For the gift of stewardship, we thank you, Lord, and praise you!

Stewardship in the Gospel

In today's Gospel, Jesus urges his listeners to do two things: to believe in the Good News and to repent. The steward is called to repent: to acquire an openness to begin anew, to change existing attitudes and habits, and to act with faith in the Gospel. In this season of Lent, now is the time to ask ourselves whether or not we truly believe in the Gospel; and if we do, to what extent are we willing to change our prevailing habits and be more faithful to the Gospel?



Stewardship
a way of life



LENT

Wednesday, February 14 - Thursday, March 29, 2018

Project Ricebowl: Encounter Majd

In Iraq, we encounter Majd and his family, people forced to flee violence, searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent beginning at 6:30 PM in the Church.

The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step Catholic devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. The 14 devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as the individual moves from station to station. At each station, the individual recalls and meditates on a specific event from Christ's last day. Specific prayers are recited, then the individual moves to the next station until all 14 are complete.

Various ministries in the parish will be hosting Stations of the Cross.

On **March 2**, there will be a brand-new Stations of the Cross experience for Children. **Interactive Stations of the Cross for Children**, allows kids to taste the bitter-herbed drink that was given to Jesus while he hung on the cross, or hammer nails into the cross, or throw dice, like the Roman soldiers, for Jesus' cloak.

Other groups such as the high school youth group, the Men's Club, Knights of Columbus, etc., will also host stations.



Simple Soup Suppers

Fridays during Lent following the Stations of the Cross, everyone is invited to walk over to Mullen Commons at 7:00 pm for soup and the Back to Basics Series

Lenten Faire

Please stop by the Mullen Commons this weekend, February 10th & 11th after all Masses for our Lent Faire. Pick up Lenten resources to use and share.

Back to Basics Series With Fr. William & Liz Rogers

I Believe! – What Makes Us Catholic?

This six-week series, hosted by Fr. William, will look at the foundational beliefs of our faith. We will explore the heart of our faith through the lens of The Creed. I Believe!-What Makes Us Catholic? will take place during Friday Soup Suppers in the Mullen Commons Vista immediately following the Stations of the Cross. Below is a list of the topics we will explore...

Friday, February 23, 2018 7:00pm

True God and True Man: Who is Jesus Christ?

Friday, March 2, 2018 7:00pm

He proceeds from the Father and the Son:

Who is the Holy Spirit?

Friday, March 9, 2018 7:00pm

Meal, Sacrifice, Real Presence: What is the Eucharist?

Friday, March 16, 2018 7:00pm

Theotokos: Who is Mary?

Friday, March 23, 2018 7:00pm

Members of the Body of Christ: Who are We?