



Saint John Vianney Catholic Church

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

October 15, 2017 The Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Pastor's Corner

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Would you be surprised if I tell you that "William" is not my name? Well, it's true! To my family and friends, I'm Rosario; that's the name that I grew up with. Rosario is my first name. As a matter of fact, when I go home to my family and friends, I'm just their "Rosario".

Now, that may explain why I'd like to share with you this weekend about my devotion to Our Lady and commitment to the recitation of the Holy Rosary.

The Rosary has been, and is, our family prayer that was prayed by my mother and father long before I was born. In fact, my parents would attribute my birth to the power of the Rosary; I was born five years after my parents were married but not without much fasting and prayer, and numerous pilgrimages and visits to holy shrines. Because of the daily family Rosary, I tend to consider my home as a cradle, a school and most of all a little church. My family taught me that the family that prays together stays together.

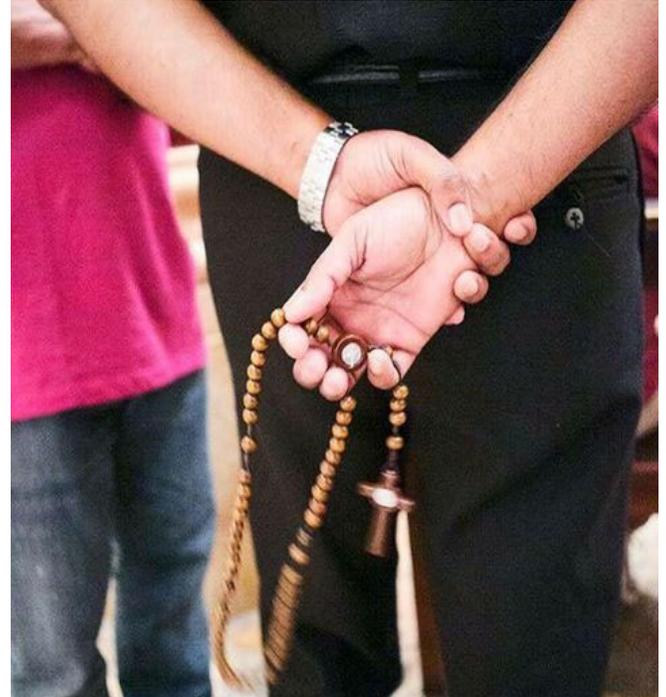
When I was a teenager, the Rosary saw me safely through the trials and traumas of adolescence. The Rosary was my constant companion that reminded me of the spiritual and moral values as I grew up to be a youth. The Rosary led me into and through the seminary, and then through a crisis of vocation. I'm convinced that it was Our Blessed Mother who prevented me from running away from the seminary. (That's a story for another day.)

Eventually, it led me to the priesthood and to a lifetime of constant praying and lifting in prayer of those that I've ministered to, over these 27 years of priesthood. Thus, the Rosary has always been and is an integral part of my life. It's therefore, no coincidence that my parents named me "Rosario".

The Rosary does come to us through the centuries but that doesn't make it old fashioned.

The "Our Father" and the first part of the "Hail Mary" that the Rosary consists of are scriptural prayers. So are the 20 Mysteries that we contemplate on, as we pray the Rosary. Meditating on the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious

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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

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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Mysteries leads us into the four essential experiences of our own lives – the human drama of joy, light, sorrow and victory. The recitation of the Rosary, if prayed faithfully, can help us be centered on Christ and lead our lives as God wants us to.

Hence, I invite you to trust in Mary our Blessed Mother and pray the Rosary daily. Trust in Mary and you'll see what miracles are.

With prayers and blessings,

Fr. William Rosario

Faith Formation

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.

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 those effected by the fires in Northern California



Scripture Reflection

Our readings continue to be rich in imagery about God, what God is like, what God does for us, and how God invites us. The images are ancient, but they still speak to those of us with these questions: Why are we here? What do we seek from God? What are our beliefs? What do we have in common with our ancestors? What does it mean to be called? As we reflect on these readings, notice that there are wonderful questions to challenge us as well as answers to deepen our faith.

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.

Parish Office & Staff Contact Information

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WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE

Monday, October 16, 2017

8:00- 8:25 am Rosary Group Church
 9:30-11:30 am Yoga Commons Vista
 7:00-9:00 pm POWR Cmns Conf 3

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

8:00-8:25 am Rosary Group Church
 10:00-11:00 am Contemplative Prayer Rectory Parlor
 7:00-9:00 pm Catechist Meeting - Middle School FF Hall
 7:00-9:00 pm Lectors of the week Office Conf.
 7:30-9:00 pm Divorced/Separated Commons Library

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

8:00-8:25 am Rosary Group Church
 9:00 am-Noon Bridge Club Commons Vista
 9:30-11:00 am MOMS Prayer Group Cmns Conf 3
 4:00-5:00 pm Choir practice - Children's Church
 5:15-6:45 pm Liturgy Committee Cmns Conf 3
 7:00-9:00 pm Alpha Commons Vista
 7:00-8:00 pm Men's Club Cmns Conf 2
 7:30-9:00 pm Choir practice - Adult Church

Thursday, October 19, 2017

8:00-8:25 am Rosary Group Church
 6:00-8:30 pm Family Faith Formation FF Hall
 6:00-9:00 pm Faith in Action Potluck Commons Vista

Friday, October 20, 2017

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

Saturday, October 21, 2017

8:00-8:25 am Rosary Group Church
 9:00 am-4:00 ALPHA Retreat FF Hall
 4:00-4:30 pm Parish Reconciliation Church
 4:30-5:00 pm Music Ministry Church

Sunday, October 22, 2017

9:00 & 11:00 am Children's Lit. of the Word Commons Vista
 9:00-10:00 am PreK & Kindergarten Faith For- Comns Conf 1,2,3
 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

St. John Vianney Intentional Giving

In today's second reading, St. Paul thanks the Philippians for being willing to share in his hardships and promises that God, in turn, will fully supply all their needs. Our God truly cannot be outdone in generosity!

Collection on October 7 & 8, 2017

Plate Collections including mailed checks:	\$18,224.00
Online Donations:	\$ 8,932.00
Total Collection:	\$27,156.00
Weekly Goal:	\$19,608.00
Excess:	\$ 7,548.00
YTD Shortfall	\$ (60,394.63)

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 16 8:30 am + Josephine Lyman
Tuesday, October 17 8:30 am + Nethy Thung
Wednesday, October 18 8:30 am + Salud M. Santiago
Thursday, October 19 8:30 am + Stanley Roche
Friday, October 20 8:30 am + Darrell & Adeline Flaig
Saturday, October 21 8:30 am + Isabel Vizanko
 5:00 pm + Josephine Castro
Sunday, October 22 7:30 am + Carmen Cita Salceng
 9:00 am + Salvatore &
 11:00 am Ramon Llenado
+ denotes deceased

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday:	Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:2-3ab,3cd-4; Lk 2:29-32
Tuesday:	Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-3,4-5; Lk 2:37-41
Wednesday	2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-11,12-13,17-18; Lk 10:1-9
Thursday:	Rom 3:21-31; Ps 130:1b-2,3-4,5-6ab; Lk 2:47-54
Friday:	Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2,5,11; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday:	Rom 4:13,16-18; Ps 105:6-7,8-9,42-43; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday:	Is 45:1,4-6; Ps 96:1,3,4-5,7-8,9-10(7b); 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

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	Bob Dixon	Bob Matula
Larry & Judy Balbierz	Joyce Fellows	Ann Narloch
Marianna Bechold	Pamela Ferrill	Mary Schaub
Chuck Bobinecz	Mark & Norm Jokerst	Karen Thiess
Doris Cherian	Fr. Brian Joyce	Maria Urrea
Daniel Cruz	Dexter Maclang Nguyen	Jack & Sharla Vohs
Bill Dennis	Richard Maihofer	Sandy Valente
Jennifer DiSalvo	Bob Mason	Nancy Wallace

Pray for the Deceased

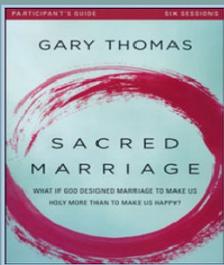
Let us remember those from our parish family who have died recently and returned to the Lord. We give thanks for their lives and offer comfort to their families.

Dale Escobar	Lupe Morrell
Bob Pogue	Stephanie Rivers



Family Life Ministry

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.

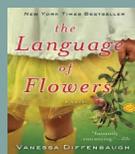
Children are always welcome. Bring a friend!

We meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 9:30-11am in the Lower Commons. Dates: Oct 4, 18, Nov 1, 15, Dec 6. Sign up at www.sjvianney.org or by calling the Parish Office at 925-939-7911. For more information contact: sjvmomsministry@gmail.com.

SENIOR SOCIAL:

The October Senior Social is scheduled for October 27th, 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 the Holiday Senior Social scheduled for November 17.

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 October is - "The Language of Flowers" by Vanessa Diffenbaugh.

Saint John Vianney Adopt-a-Family

Would you like to help children and families in need at Christmas? Then the SJV Adopt-a-Family program invites you to join them this holiday season. Families are from our Sister Parish, St. Elizabeth in Oakland. We ask that you purchase clothing, shoes, a jacket and a toy for each child - guaranteed to create smiles and happy hearts for them and for you.

Sign-ups will be at all Masses October 14/15 and October 21/22. Thank you for making this a wonderful Christmas tradition at St. John Vianney Church.

For questions please contact Marie Walton- mwalton@sjvianney.org.



On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines. Is 25:6





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 4th & 5th.

3 out of every 10 people in the US have some form of intellectual disability. These people 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.

Hurricane Relief

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus Charities, we wish to thank the parish and SJV council 18207 for their generous contribution of over \$1,600 to provide humanitarian relief to victims of this year's devastating hurricanes.



Alpha Continues

Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. No pressure. No follow up. No charge. Alpha runs in churches, coffee bars, shops and homes all over the world.

St. John Vianney has begun running the Alpha course Wednesday evenings and will continue through November 15. The sessions will be held in Mullen Commons (behind the church) and will begin with a free dinner at 7 pm. The sessions should last until 9 pm. Please feel free to join us for any or all of the sessions.

If you've found your curiosity is piqued, please drop in any Wednesday evening.

Questions, contact Liz Rogers, lrogers@sjvianney.org or call (925) 939-7911 ext. 125



Photos of the Blessing of the Animals on October 7th are now available on the website.

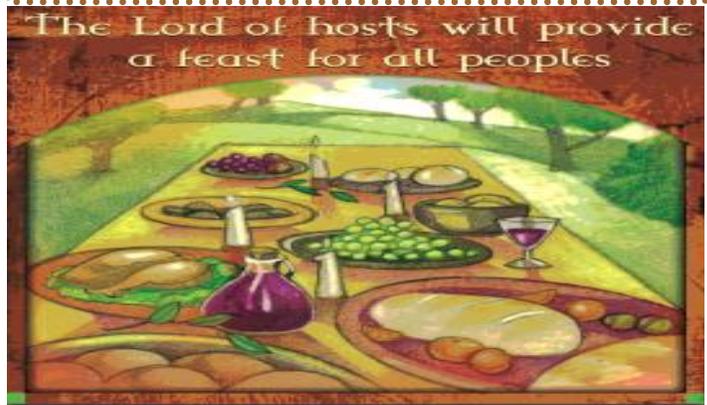
What is a Christian to do now? Recent Challenges in Light of our Faith

Pax Christi Northern California is hosting an assembly to address the Christian response to the critical issues of immigration, racism, nuclear war, non-violence, and the death penalty. There will be a knowledgeable facilitator on each topic and an opportunity for small, open-ended roundtable discussions.

This event is Sat., Oct. 28, from 9:30 – 12:15 p.m. in the St. Leander's Parish Office Building at 475 W. Estudillo Ave., across from the San Leandro BART station.

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. Free-will offering. Continental breakfast.

For more info., contact Dennise at dcburgess1@juno.com or Pat at 510-471-5963.



Open House



CARONDELET HIGH SCHOOL

Carondelet High School's Open House for interested 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls and their parents/guardians, will be held on Sunday, November 5 from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. at 1133 Winton Drive (corner of Treat Blvd.) in Concord. To register for this event, please visit www.carondeleths.org/admissions.



A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER for October

Gracious and Loving God

We give you thanks
for this time of year;
a time of transformation
that reveals the awe-inspiring
gift of your creation.

Teach us how
to be good stewards
of all the gifts
you have given us;
and show us how
we may share
those gifts generously,
especially with those
most in need
of your loving care.

Give us the strength
to be good stewards
of the Gospel,
to love others as we
love ourselves,
and to follow in your Son's
footsteps, until we
find our way home to you.

We pray this through your Son,
Jesus Christ,
Who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

Amen

Stewardship in the Gospel

There are certain Bible verses Christian stewards have memorized. One of them is in Saint Paul's letter to the Philippians found in today's second reading— "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (4:13). Most people define themselves either by their problems or their possibilities. Fearful people wake up each morning ensnared by their problems. Christian stewards wake up reflecting on their possibilities with confidence and hope. Some stewardship reflection questions for the week: What challenges do you back away from because you doubt that you are up to them? What would you attempt tomorrow if you were sure God would help you?

World Mission Sunday October 22nd



October 22 is World Mission Sunday! Every year, this Sunday in October celebrates and encourages our efforts to proclaim the Gospel in both word and deed.

Last year, a parish in Louisiana marked the occasion by offering a glimpse into the Church's global solidarity. Students representing the cultural diversity of the parish processed, readings and songs were offered in various languages, and a feast offering ethnic dishes followed the liturgy.

That Sunday, parishioners enjoyed an intimate connection to the legacy of missionary support that can be traced back nearly two centuries.

North America was "mission territory" in the early 1800s when Pauline Jaricot gathered small groups in her family's mill in Lyon, France to offer prayers and sacrificial giving to support missionary work in North America and China. Her effort grew to become the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, which continues to promote the global mission of the Church.

By the early 1920s, the United States was no longer a primary focus of missionary activity. But there was concern that Catholics in the United States, who focused primarily on their local Church, lacked an understanding of the Church's global and mission outreach. In 1926, Church leaders designated the second to last Sunday in October as World Mission Sunday to broaden the understanding of the Church's global mission.

Every parish is asked to raise awareness of the worldwide evangelizing efforts of the Church. Parishes also take up a collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith to be used for the missions. Worldwide efforts like World Mission Sunday support more than 1,000 missionary dioceses.

In the 1960s, the Second Vatican Council, echoing the missionary credo found in the words of the Gospel of Mathew (28:18), emphasized that the Church is missionary by nature, and every baptized Catholic is called to missionary work through good works and setting a good example.

The new understanding of 'mission' is focused on the life and ministry of Jesus Christ and his proclamation of the Kingdom of God. St. Paul maintained that the Kingdom of God is peace, justice, joy and life in the Holy Spirit. If we understand 'mission' as this spreading of the Kingdom of God, then we work for peace and justice. We celebrate life as gift from God lived joyfully in the Spirit.

