



# Saint John Vianney Catholic Church

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

November 12th, 2017 The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Pastor's Corner

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Recently, I received an email from a newly registered parishioner of ours. He wrote, "During the first few months of having moved into Walnut Creek, I knew God was directing me to attend church but I still didn't know which one. Each church I visited rolled out the red carpet for prospective parishioners, but one experience stood out from the others.

I entered St. John Vianney that I was attending as a visitor and chose a seat in the far corner of the back row. People filled the remaining seats, opening hymn books and worship aids. A person in front of me turned, introduced herself, and asked where I was from. Just before the director of music launched into her opening remarks of welcome, my new friend said, 'I love it here. I've learned a ton about God, and I've grown so much in my relationship with Him.. You should seriously consider coming here'.

People at every church I visited assured me theirs was the parish I needed to attend. But in this case, the recommendation didn't come from a pastor or member of the staff. It came unprompted from a young parishioner with nothing to gain. That short conversation wasn't the only reason I chose to attend St. John Vianney, but it gave me a glimpse into a culture I wanted to join."

Having visited many churches, I myself have had the experience of the full range of receptions—from feeling invisible to feeling exposed under a spotlight. I've seen prospective parishioners loaded up with gift baskets and program brochures. But no official welcoming strategy—not a volunteer at the door, not a word from the pulpit, not a two-minute greeting time— comes close to the impact of a regular attender engaging a visitor in genuine conversation.

Hence, I invite you to connect with those who're around you in Church. You may never really understand the impact you may make on a visitor who walks into our church. What if each of us at St. John Vianney welcomed people with a warm and genuine smile? Moreover, what if we went beyond being a welcoming church and became an inviting church? Inviting a non-practising Christian or non-believer - friend or family member, would be a good Christmas gift for Christ Jesus!

Who will you bring to our Parish Church this Christmas?

With prayers, wishes and blessings,

Fr. William Rosario

**If one member suffers,  
all suffer together.**

— 1 Cor 12:26 ESV



*Remember in your prayers*  
Our brothers & sisters of First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, TX

## 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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[www.sjvianney.org](http://www.sjvianney.org)

## All Souls Day Volunteers

Thank you to all of the volunteers who served and or worked on the clean-up crew for the recent reception after the All Souls Day Mass. Your time, talents and service are greatly appreciated.



## Knights of Columbus Christmas Cards

St. John Vianney Council 8207 will have "Keep Christ in Christmas" Christmas cards on sale after all masses in the Vista Room, Sunday, November 19. The supply is limited, so don't miss out!

## St. John Vianney Intentional Giving

Like the sensible bridesmaids in today's parable, good stewards make sure that they, and whatever gifts are theirs to share, are ready to serve when the Master calls.

## Laughter for the week

By Ed Burkart

Everybody on earth dies and goes to heaven. God comes and says "I want the men to make two lines. One line for the men that controlled their women on earth and the other line for the men that were controlled by their women. Also, I want all the women to go with St. Peter."

Said and done, the next time God looks the women are gone and there are two lines. The line of the men that were controlled was 100 miles long, on the line of men that women controlled there was only one man.

God got mad and said. "You men should be ashamed of yourselves! I created you in my image, and you were all controlled by your mates. Look at the only one of sons that stood up and made me proud, Learn from him! Tell them my son, how did you manage to be the only one on that line?"

The man said, "I don't know. My wife told me to stand here."



For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. 1 Thes 4:14

### Collection on November 4 and 5, 2017

Plate Collections including mailed checks:	\$18,618.50
Online Donations:	\$ 9,102.00
Total Collection:	\$27,720.50
Weekly Goal:	\$19,608.00
Excess:	\$ 8,112.50
YTD Shortfall	\$ (65,093.13)
All Saints Day	\$ 2,077.00

## 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

<b>Monday, November 13, 2017</b>		
8:00- 8:25 am	Rosary Group	Church
9:30-11:30 am	Yoga	Cmns Vista
<b>Tuesday, November 14, 2017</b>		
8:00-8:25 am	Rosary Group	Church
10:00-11:00 am	Contemplative Prayer	Rectory Parlor
4:00-6:00 pm	Family Faith Formation	FF Hall
7:00-9:00 pm	Lectors of the week	Office Conf.
7:00-8:30 pm	Middle School Faith Formation	FF Hall
7:30-9:00 pm	Grief Ministry	Cmns Vista
<b>Wednesday, November 15, 2017</b>		
8:00-8:25 am	Rosary Group	Church
9:30-11:00 am	MOMS Prayer Group	Cmns Conf 3
4:00-5:00 pm	Children's Choir	Church
6:00-7:00 pm	Handbells Music Ministry	Church
7:00-8:00 pm	Men's Club	Cmns Conf 2
7:00-9:00 pm	Adult Choir	Church
7:00-9:00 pm	Alpha	Cmns Vista
<b>Thursday, November 16, 2017</b>		
8:00-8:25 am	Rosary Group	Church
9:30-11:30 am	Parent/Toddler Play Group	FF Hall
7:00-8:30 pm	Family Faith Formation	Church
<b>Friday, November 17, 2017</b>		
8:00-8:25 am	Rosary Group	Church
11:30-1:00 pm	AA	FF Rms ABC
<b>Saturday, November 18, 2017</b>		
8:00-8:25 am	Rosary Group	Church
9:00 am-1:00 pm	Liturgy Committee	Cmns Vista
4:00-4:30 pm	Parish Reconciliation	Church
4:30-5:00 pm	Music Ministry	Church
<b>Sunday, November 19, 2017</b>		
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

<b>Monday, November 13</b>	8:30 am	+ Edmund Malboeuf
<b>Tuesday, November 14</b>	8:30 am	+ Salvatore & Maria Isabella Durante
<b>Wednesday, November 15</b>	8:30 am	+ Glenn Mackie
<b>Thursday, November 16</b>	8:30 am	Genia Pauplis
<b>Friday, November 17</b>	8:30 am	+ Bert Mayr
<b>Saturday, November 18</b>	8:30 am	+ Mike Ferrigno
	5:00 pm	+ Bienvenido Bunyi Sr.
<b>Sunday, November 19</b>	9:00 am	+ Richard Lawlor
	11:00 am	+ Vito Curreri
	5:00 pm	+ Consolacion M. Bordon

*+ denotes deceased*

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday	Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-3,4-6,7-8,9-10; Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday	Wis 2:23-3:9; Ps 324:2-3,16-17,18-19; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday	Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4,6-7; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday	Wis 7:22b-8:1; Ps 119:89,90,91,130,135,175; Lk 17:20-25
Friday	Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-3,4-5ab; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday	Wis 18:14-16;19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3,36-37,42-43; Lk 18:1-8; Acts 28:11-16,30-31; Mt 14:22-33
Sunday	Prv 31:10-13,19-20,30-31; Ps 128:1-2,3,4-5; 1 thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15,19-21

**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 peace



The **Facilities Management Group** will be meeting for their scheduled monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 14 at 6 PM in Mullen Commons Conference Room 3.

On the agenda will be a discussion of plans to install hand rails for access to the Sanctuary. The FMG is interested in hearing from parishioners concerning placement and style of hand rails leading up to the Sanctuary.

You are welcome to attend.

Live Each Day as  
 though it were  
 your last.

### 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
Larry & Judy Balbierz	Michael Jansen	Mary Schaub
Marianna Bechold	Mark & Norm Jokerst	William Donald Smith
Chuck Bobinecz	Fr. Brian Joyce	Phillipe Sorenson
Doris Cherian	Joseph Klaczynski	Mercedes Tellez
Daniel Cruz	Dexter Maclang Nguyen	Karen Thiess
Bill & Anita Dennis	Richard Maihofer	Claire Trifon
Jennifer DiSalvo	Barbara Martini	Maria Urrea
Adrian D'Souza	Bob Mason	Jack & Sharla Vohs
Joyce Fellows	Bob Matula	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.

Fr. Tony Herrera | Larry Ladra | Ben Zuppan

### Family Life Ministry

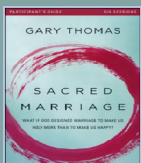
#### Moms Ministry Fall Series

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!

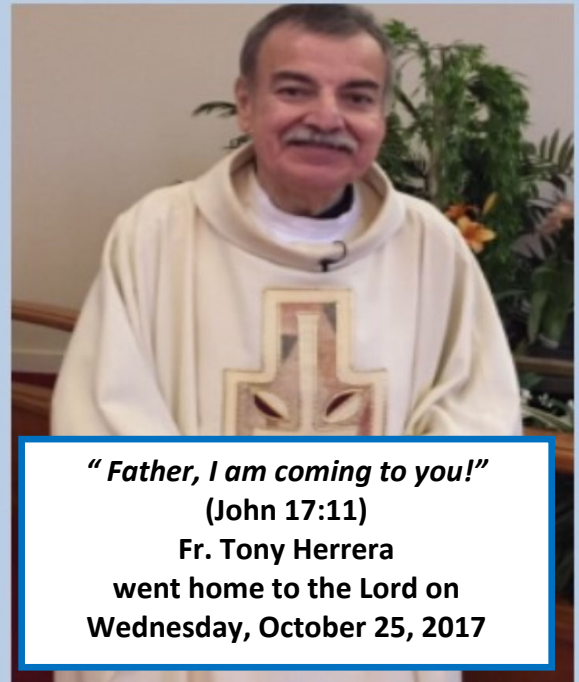
We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month from 9:30-11am in the Lower Commons. Dates: Nov 15 & Dec 6. Sign up at [www.sjvianney.org](http://www.sjvianney.org) or by calling the Parish Office at 925-939-7911. For more information contact:



#### 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.



**“Father, I am coming to you!”  
(John 17:11)**

**Fr. Tony Herrera  
went home to the Lord on  
Wednesday, October 25, 2017**

### Faith Formation

#### 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>

## Refugee Family News: Our Second Family

Our parish is sponsoring a new family from Afghanistan. In order to make their arrival comfortable we will be collecting household items for them. Items such as living room and bedroom furnishings, kitchen and bath items, and linens will be accepted.

Please contact Marie Noble at [mnoble@astound.net](mailto:mnoble@astound.net) for household items.

If you wish to purchase groceries, cleaning supplies or personal hygiene products, please contact David or Carol Williams ([dpwcaw@gmail.com](mailto:dpwcaw@gmail.com) or [cawdpw@gmail.com](mailto:cawdpw@gmail.com)).

Thank you for your generous support.



## 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).

## A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER for November

Gracious and loving God,  
as the autumn season continues its transformation;  
and the days become shorter, the earth cooler;  
as we anticipate joining family and friends  
in joyful celebration on Thanksgiving Day,  
we pause to give You thanks and praise  
for the abundant blessings You have bestowed upon us:

For life and health, safety and comfort,  
food and nourishment, we are sincerely grateful.  
Through your Spirit, open our hearts  
so that we may be even better stewards  
of these rich and unmerited gifts.

Show us how to be a blessing for the poor,  
sick, lonely and all who suffer.

And help us nurture the gift of faith,  
revealed to us by your Son, Jesus Christ,  
our greatest gift,  
who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God forever and ever.

Amen.



## Twelve Gardens of Stewardship: The Garden of Money—Budgeting

When we acknowledge God's ownership, every budgeting 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?" We have this perspective when preparing our budget.

Budgeting is not always fun, but it is the only way to follow through and apply what has been learned about getting out of debt, savings, and giving. Regardless of income most of us have difficulty making ends meet unless there is a plan for spending. It seems that there is "too much month at the end of the money" unless a planned and disciplined approach to spending is followed.

*"Budgeting provides an opportunity to pray about spending decisions."*

A successful budget should be a team affair. It is a good communication tool for the husband and wife to use. A budget can also help a family get full value for its money without losing sight of the things its members want most.

A budget is useful only if it is used. It should be a plan tailor-made for managing your finances, not someone else. Some people are more comfortable using a handwritten process, while others prefer using budget software or an online budget.

Developing a budget must begin with the current situation. Determine how much money is earned and spent. Most people do not know what they are actually earning and spending. For this reason it is essential to keep a record of what you spend for a month so you can get an accurate picture in order to complete an estimated budget. Armed with this information, you can complete the Estimated Monthly Budget.

Below is a link to a "[Budgeting Spreadsheet](http://compasscatholic.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/Estimated-Spending-Plan-V4.xls)" that can assist in preparing your budget. Copy this link to your internet browser and download the spreadsheet.

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### Five Budgeting Hints

- Reconcile your bank statement each month.
- Make a separate savings account where you can deposit the monthly allocation for the bills that do not come each month.
- We are trained to think monthly. To better understand the impact of an expense, calculate the yearly cost.
- Control impulse spending.
- Families should include personal allowances in the budget.

Remember a budget is simply a plan for spending your money. It will not work by itself. Every area of your budget should be reviewed to keep a rein on spending.

*"By wisdom a house is built, by understanding it is made firm, and by knowledge its rooms are filled with every precious and pleasing possession." Proverbs 24:3-4*

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

## Stewardship in the Gospel

Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven with ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were prudent. The foolish did not prepare for the wait, they brought no extra oil to keep their flames burning bright. The prudent bridesmaids brought extra oil, just in case the wait was longer than they had expected. And the wait was long. Some of those who were supposed to be waiting were not prepared for the wait, with disastrous consequences. Good stewards heed Jesus' warning: Be prepared to wait for the Lord's return. Is your faith strong enough to endure the wait? Will the "flames" of passion for the Lord endure? What are you doing to keep your passion for the Lord from burning out?