



Saint John Vianney Catholic Church

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

November 19th, 2017 The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Pastor's Corner

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Thanksgiving is just around the corner; it's time to "stop, look and give thanks". A time when we exclaim, "Thanks for all that has been." It's that time of the year when we realize that everything we have is a gift; that so much of what we value in life has been given to us, and freely: our body, our breath and life, our family, our friends and our faith. We have so much to be grateful for!

David Steindl-Rast, a Benedictine lay brother says: "It's not happiness that makes you grateful but gratefulness that makes you happy". He argues that it's not happy people that are grateful but grateful people that are happy. When we realize that we've been given something and that that something is valuable and a gift, gratefulness spontaneously happens in us; happiness arises in our heart.

Our readings this week call us to remember that each gift should be capitalized on. All gifts should be used for the good of the community, the growth of returning value and passion and grace to the Master who has trusted us with so much. This is true gratitude. If we truly feel gifted, blessed, as we are reminded to do in this month of Thanksgiving and remembering, then we cannot experience gratefulness only occasionally. Nor can we stand idle in that gratitude, for this is what it means to be a light in the world.

Gratitude is the memory of the heart, and memory is a special faculty. We should be people who live out our days in thankfulness. Learning to transform our days into a continuous act of thanksgiving, and living out of that space, we can arrive at a stage when our whole life is lived out in gratefulness. Grateful people are indeed happy people!

What are the gifts that you've been blessed with during the past year; the gifts that you're most grateful for as individuals and as members of a family? It's always a good day to say a big "Thank You" to God for His blessings to us and our family. Having a grateful heart can make everyday a Thanksgiving Day.

Even as I write these few lines, I'm aware of some who suffered the loss of good health or a job or a relationship or a loved one. Some of us may have had a not-so-good-a- year. I pray that they may find comfort and consolation; that heart within and God overhead, you'll be able to rebuild your life once again. I pray that you find small kindnesses to litter your path, so that even in the midst of pain and hurting, you find consolation and gratitude. We may not be able to thank God for all things but we can be thankful to God in all things!

Prayers, wishes and blessings!

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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St. Vincent de Paul thanks you!

Thank you for your generous donations to our St. Vincent de Paul ministry on the 5th Sunday collection at the end of October; the collection totaled over \$10,000. These funds enable our parish to help many low-income families and individuals in our community with food, gas, rent & utility assistance and other essentials. They also provide the additional funding needed for our Angel Tree program, which will give gifts, books, and food to many families during this Christmas season.

So on behalf of our less fortunate brothers and sisters who receive assistance because of your generosity, we thank you and pray for God's blessings on you!

If you have a heart for reaching out to those in need, we invite you to consider joining this ministry. Please contact Mark MacMahon at mjmacmahon@hotmail.com for more

Advent Decorating

The Environment committee is setting up the Church for Advent Saturday morning December 2nd at 9:30 am. No experience needed. Please come and lend a hand, give an hour of your time and meet our dedicated



committee members. Bring greenery you would like to see in the Advent Wreath. We meet in front of the Sanctuary. Questions?...call Joanna Mechler (925) 963-6170.



ADVENT FAIRE Join Us In Mullen Commons

November 26th
After all Masses.

Faith Formation is hosting an Advent Faire. Enjoy dioramas of various Advent traditions and pick up Advent resources to use in your home. Also, San Damiano Gift Shop will be on hand with Advent and Christmas gifts to purchase.

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, The supply is limited, so don't miss out!



Breakfast With Saint Nick: Sunday, December 3rd, 2017

After the 7:30 & 9:00AM Masses, Mullen Commons Vista Please come and enjoy a warm Breakfast made with love by our HS Faith Formation Teens

Also St. Nick and his elves will be there for a family Picture
Tickets sales will be on November 26th during Advent Faire

Price

Adults: \$8.00 Children (5-10): \$5.00 Children 4 & under free

Breakfast Includes

Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage & Unlimited Juice,
Coffee & Hot Cocoa

Parish Office & Staff Contact Information

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WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE

Monday, November 20, 2017
 8:00- 8:25 am Rosary Group Church
 9:30-11:30 am Yoga Cmns Vista

Tuesday, November 21, 2017
 8:00-8:25 am Rosary Group Church
 10:00-11:00 am Contemplative Prayer Rectory Parlor
 7:00-9:00 pm Lectors of the week Office Conf.
 7:30-9:00 pm Divorced & Separated Group Cmns Library

Wednesday, November 22, 2017
 8:00-8:25 am Rosary Group Church

Thursday, November 23, 2017
 All Day Office Closed
 8:00-8:25 am Rosary Group Church

Friday, November 24, 2017
 All Day Office Closed
 8:00-8:25 am Rosary Group Church
 11:30-1:00 pm AA FF Rms ABC

Saturday, November 25, 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 26, 2017
 9:00 & 11:00 am Children's Lit. of the Word Cmns Vista
 3:30-4:30 pm Choir practice - Youth Church

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 20 8:30 am Ed Umali
Tuesday, November 21 8:30 am + Gil Wright
Wednesday, November 22 8:30 am + Glenn Mackie
Thursday, November 23 8:30 am Thanksgiving
Friday, November 24 8:30 am + Justa Umali
Saturday, November 25 8:30 am + Marian Alexis DeLos Santos
 5:00 pm + Josephine Castro
Sunday, November 26 7:30 am + Russell Honsowetz
 9:00 am + Mary Ellen Mawer
 + denotes deceased 5:00 pm + Antonio A. Pablo


WEEKLY READINGS

Monday	1 Mc 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63; Ps 119:53,61,134,150,155,158; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday	2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-3,4-5,6-7; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday	2 Mc 7:1,20-31; Ps 17:1bcd,5-6,8b,15; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday	1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2,5-6,14-15; Lk 19:41-44
Friday	1 Mc 4:36-37,52-59; I Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc,11d-12a,12bcd; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday	1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-3,4,6,16,19; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday	Ez 34:11-12,15-17; Ps 23:1-2,2-3,5-6(1); 1 Cor 15:20-26,28; Mt 25:31-46

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



With grateful hearts, we come together as a community to celebrate on Thanksgiving Day at 10am. There will be no daily 8:30am Mass, but there will be a special blessing of wine and bread for your Thanksgiving Table! Bring your best to be blessed!

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	Barbara Martini
Thonas Hewett	Sean McMullan
Larry Ladra	Ben Zuppan
Josepina Marino	

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 deceased.

Financial Update

The table below shows the financial status of Weekly plate collections and unrestricted income (income that can be used for daily operations) collections with the offsetting General & Administrative plus Unrestricted Expenses through October business, normalized for the year. Weekly Collections continue to be lower than budgeted except as affected by a significant Bequest received earlier in the year. (Bequest will be used with consideration of the family's wishes and for significant expenses i.e. roof or other). Normal operating expenses for the remainder of the year may bring revenue and expenses closer to budgeted levels. One significant project (AV for church) is coming to completion. However due to shortfall in weekly revenue this out-of-balance projection will cause the parish to reach into savings before year end.

In view of potential budget shortcoming for the year your Holiday offering will be critical to the parish closing the gap to budget. Your consideration for generous giving over Christmas is appreciated.

The graphs below of revenue and expense display an additional view of how your contributions are distributed.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our parish office or any one of the Parish Finance Council Members.

REVENUE: YTD 10/31

- Plate
- Bequests
- Other Gifts
- Fundraising
- Pgms/Ministries
- Other Income

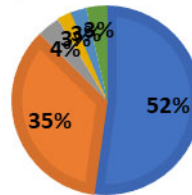


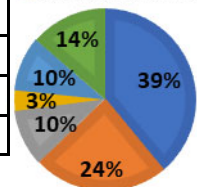
Plate	\$ 852,885
Bequests	\$ 577,296
Other Gifts	\$ 63,322
Fundraising	\$ 42,054
Pgms/Ministries	\$ 42,573
Other Income	\$ 55,800

- Note**
1. Includes 2017 Christmas Budget \$130,000 - Amortized
 2. Excludes Restricted Accounts
 3. Fundraising includes Diocesan Capital Campaign and Golf

EXPENSES: YTD 10/31

- General&Admin
- Occupancy & Maint
- Liturgy & Music
- Faith Formation
- Youth Ministry
- Other Ministries

General & Admin	\$ 428,431
Occupancy & Maint	\$ 264,318
Liturgy & Music	\$ 109,736
Faith Formation	\$ 40,014
Youth Ministry	\$ 106,480
Other Ministries	\$ 150,773



- Note**
1. Excludes Restricted Accounts
 2. AVV Project Expense of \$44M Pending

YTD FINANCIAL REPORT THRU OCTOBER			
Class	YTD Summary	YTD Budget ¹	Difference
Revenue	\$ 1,633,931	\$ 1,194,958	\$ 438,972
Expense	\$ 1,099,752	\$ 1,181,117	\$ (81,364)
Net	\$ 534,178	\$ 13,842	\$ 520,337

¹ Includes 2017 Christmas Budget \$130,000 - Amortized

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) 935-4833 and Dick Chaffee at (925) 932-5087. parishioners, please email Nancy Williams at nawms@aol.com.

Preparing for the season of Advent with Fr. Tom Bonacci:

Come hear Fr. Tom Bonacci speak on the powerful message that *The Incarnation as the First Reconciliation* November 29th from 7pm-8:30pm in the Faith Formation Building at the bottom of the hill.

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 for household items.

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



Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow

Litany of Gratitude

All of us have personal things to be thankful for in the privacy of our hearts. We also have family things to be thankful for around the table. And around this Table of the Lord, we have communal things to be thankful for. During this Thanksgiving, consider the following and respond with

“We thank you, Lord.”

For the beauty of the earth
 For the majestic mountains, rolling plains, fertile valleys
 For the thundering waterfalls and meandering streams
 For brilliant leaves, sparkling snow and green grass
 For the stars, planets, galaxies and the glorious cosmos
 For the birds and cats and pandas and zebras
 For dandelions and roses and ivy and lilies
 For the sun that gives life to all things
 For the moon that makes night bearable
 For human life from embryo to old age
 For families to nurture our growing up
 For friends to share good times and bad
 For spouses to help us learn how to love
 For children to teach us how to serve
 For a country to keep us sage
 For a culture to civilize our passions
 For a political system that secures our freedom
 For a judiciary system that keep our lives from chaos
 For a church that is an outpost of God's Kingdom
 For scripture that narrates God's dealings with us
 For the gospels that make Jesus a living presence
 For the mass that keeps Jesus alive among us
 For baptism that grafts us onto the body of Christ
 For reconciliation that binds up our wounds
 For matrimony that divinizes our human love

For confirmation that unleashes the Holy Spirit
 For priesthood that continues the ministry of the apostles
 For the anointing that mixes our pain with God's own suffering
 For language that enables us to talk with each other
 For prose that gives sequence and sense to our lives
 For poetry that distills truth into meaningful terms
 For music that gives rhythm and best to our lives
 For dance that gives grace to our movements
 For drawing that is the skeleton of all things
 For painting that adds flesh and tone to our lives
 For sculpture that lends substance and contour to life
 For architecture that beautifies our environment
 For photographs that freeze our frantic activity
 For movies that enlarge our private lives
 For television that expands our vision on all channels
 For technology that eases the burden of life
 For science that searches the depths of matter
 For the humanities that ennoble our understanding
 For theology that gives us insight into God
 For worship that situates us rightly in God's presence
 For the gift of health and lessons of suffering
 For food and clothes and homes
 For the chance to serve you in this world and live with you
 in the life to come
 For all your innumerable gifts

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—Giving

The Old and New Testaments place a great deal of emphasis on giving. In fact, there are more verses related to giving than any other subject on money. There are commands, practical suggestions, examples and exhortations concerning the facet of stewardship. Everywhere in the Bible covetousness and greed are condemned and generosity and charity are encouraged. Giving with the proper attitude is crucial.

"If I give away everything I own (to feed the poor) but do not have love, I gain nothing."
Corinthians 13:3

It is hard to imagine anything more commendable than giving everything to the poor. But if it is done with the wrong attitude, without love, it is no benefit to the giver. The Lord sets the example of giving motivated by love.

"God loved the world so much, that he gave his only son." John 3:16

Above all else, giving directs our attention and hearts to Christ.

"For our hearts will always be where our riches are." Matthew 6:21

This is why it is necessary to go through the process of consciously giving each gift to the person of Jesus Christ. When you give your gift to him, your heart will automatically be drawn to the Lord.

Our heavenly Father wants us as his children to be conformed to the image of his Son. One of the key ways our character becomes conformed to Christ is by habitual giving. "Giving is not God's way of raising money; it is God's way of raising people into the likeness of his son." The Lord understands that for us to develop into the people he wants us to be, we must learn how to share our possessions freely. If we don't, our inbred selfishness will grow and dominate us. Many people have a hard time believing that giving results in blessing flowing to the giver.

"Some people spend their money freely and still grow rich. Others are cautious, and yet grow poorer, Be generous." Proverbs 11:24-25

In the New Testament, the tithe is neither specifically rejected or specifically recommended. It does teach us to give in proportion to the material blessing we have received, and it especially commends sacrificial giving. What is good about tithing or fixed percentage of giving is that it is systematic, and the amount of the gift is easy to compute. The danger of tithing is that it can be treated simply as another bill to be paid. By not giving out of a heart of love, you place yourself in a position where you can't receive the blessing the Lord has designated for a giver.

How much should I give? First give yourself to the Lord. Submit yourself to him. Earnestly seek His will for you concerning giving. Ask Him to help you obey Christ's teaching. As disciples of Jesus, we have a responsibility to support the Church and our brothers and sisters, and contribute generously to building up the Body of Christ. Our emphasis shouldn't be on tithing, but on giving according to our means, using the tithe as our starting point. This can be a far more challenging norm, as it focuses not on how much we give away, but what we do with all our resources.

How much do I have to give? I am sure that this thought has crossed your mind. The answer is that you don't have to give anything. As a good steward you should be asking the question, "How much do I want to give?" The blessing that we have as good stewards is that we are free to give as much as we want. The whole question of giving shouldn't revolve around the "minimum" gift, but on the: "maximum" gift. Our gift should come from our heart and should be an indication of our faith.

Stewardship in the Gospel

In today's Gospel, Jesus delivers the parable of the talents; using the example of money rather than abilities or skills. It's a story about investments, risks and returns. Stewards understand that God has given them an abundance of spiritual gifts. They know God doesn't want them to simply receive these blessings and bury them in fear, but to multiply them; to use these gifts to serve Him and others; to spread Christ's Good News; to go and make disciples of others. Good stewards invest what God has given them in the service of others and are prepared to render an account when the Lord returns. Reflect this week on how you are returning your own God-given gifts back to God with increase.