



Saint John Vianney Catholic Church

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

February 4th, 2018 The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Pastor's Corner

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Most of us have heard this question when we arrive at school, work or home with the blackened cross on our forehead: "What's that on your forehead?" Kindly allow me to share with you a little reflection on the significance and relevance of what we celebrate on Ash Wednesday, and how we could use that occasion to evangelize (share the good news about Jesus Christ) people that come to our Parish Church.

The observance of Ash Wednesday is the most popular weekday celebration in the Catholic Church's liturgical year. During the celebration, children and adults process to the altar to receive ashes on their forehead in the shape of a cross. Ash Wednesday is also a day when people discover how many Catholics there are in their community. It's the third most attended Liturgical celebration during year next only to Christmas and Good Friday. This can nurture in children a greater sense of religious community. And because receiving the ashes is a sign of humility and contrition, children will also see how many people recognize the need for repentance.

Ash Wednesday is always the first Wednesday of the Lenten season and marks the beginning of Lent. The distribution of blessed ashes is typically done before the altar and, depending on the custom of the parish, people will hear the distributor say, "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel" or "Remember, man, you are dust and to dust you will return." The atmosphere in the Church is quiet and the observance solemn. People reflect on how quickly human life can pass. All are reminded of the need for a change of heart, turning away from our sins and returning to God.

The readings for Ash Wednesday offer many important images that help children understand the meaning of this experience. The first reading calls us to repentance but also emphasizes that God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in kindness (Joel 2:13). In the second reading, Paul reminds us that the

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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 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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world sees the presence of Christ in the way we act. So, be reconciled to God today! (2 Corinthians 5:20—6:1). We are called to be the love and change we wish to see in the world. In the third reading, Jesus reminds us that the sacrifices and prayers called for in Lent are between God and us. It is insincere for us to show off contrite actions to win the praise of others—let others only see how our sacrifices and prayers help us love them.

Ash Wednesday begins a wonderful season of reflection and preparation. Receiving the ashes as a member of the church community helps children and adults recognize that they are an important part of the Catholic community and are united with the Church in its Lenten preparation.

Statistics tell us that Ash Wednesday draws many Catholics and non-Catholics to Church. Some of them may be coming for the first time or the first time in a long time. Let's be welcoming and hospitable to them, thereby, paving the way for their encounter with the Lord. If you spot your friends, associates or neighbors, why not talk to them about the Alpha, the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) or Adult Confirmation and gently invite them to "Come and See"?

May the ash that we receive on our forehead truly serve as an external sign of our inner conversion to God and to one another.

United with you in prayer and penance,

Fr. William Rosario



Many thanks to everyone who brought donations for the St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Sunday collection on the weekend of Jan 21. The truck was overflowing with clothes, housewares and other small items; this was an abundant collection and much appreciated. Your generosity will provide quality merchandise for our thrift stores which in

turn will help those in need. May God bless you for your kindness!

Outstanding SJV Community Support

St. John Vianney Council 8207 Knights of Columbus wants to commend and thank the parish for their generosity to essential community service and support programs in Contra Costa County and the Diocese. Your generosity provided \$2200 to the CCC Association for Intellectually Disabled Citizens to continue essential programs and activities to assist the over 1100 CCC citizens affected by this condition. The second fund drive, 'Change for Life', generated over \$6600 to aid families, mothers and children in the diocese via the Bay Area Crisis Nursery, Birthright, Rachel's Garden, and the Gabriel Project programs. Well Done St. John Vianney Parish Community and thank you.

Jim Hart, Grand Knight Council 8207

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



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WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE

Monday, February 5, 2018		
8:00- 8:25 am	Rosary Group	Church
9:30-11:30 am	Yoga	Cmns Vista
Tuesday, February 6, 2018		
8:00-8:25 am	Rosary Group	Church
9:30-10:30 am	Contemplative Prayer	Rectory Parlor
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 7, 2018		
8:00-8:25 am	Rosary Group	Church
4:00-5:00 pm	Children's Choir	Church
6:00-7:00 pm	Handbells Music Ministry	Church
6:30-9:00 pm	HS Faith Formation	FF Hall
7:00-9:00 pm	Adult Confirmation	Cmns Conf 1
7:00-9:00 pm	ALPHA	Cmns Vista
7:00-9:00 pm	Knights of Columbus	Cmns Library
7:30-9:00 pm	Adult Choir	Church
Thursday, February 8, 2018		
8:00-8:25 am	Rosary Group	Church
9:15-11:30 pm	Faith in Action	Cmns Conf 2
Friday, February 9, 2018		
8:00-8:25 am	Rosary Group	Church
11:30-1:00 pm	AA	FF Rms ABC
6:00-9:00 pm	Couple's Valentine's Day Event	Cmns Vista
Saturday, February 10, 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 11, 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
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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 5, 2018	8:30 am	+ Maurice Champagne
Tuesday, February 6, 2018	8:30 am	+ Marciano Zaragoza
Wednesday, February 7, 2018	8:30 am	Kathleen Narloch
Thursday, February 8, 2018	8:30 am	+ Kurt Murck
Friday, February 9, 2018	8:30 am	+ Taihee Dewes
Saturday, February 10, 2018	8:30 am	+ Jose Vergara Sr.
	5:00 pm	Earlene Dutton
Sunday, February 11, 2018	9:00 am	Jovita Umali
	11:00 am	+ Francisca Alvarez
	5:00 pm	+ Josette McCabe

+ denotes deceased

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday	1 Kgs 8:1-7,9-13; Ps 132:6-7,8-10; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday	1 Kgs 8:22-23,27-30; Ps 84:3,4,5,10,11; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday	1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6,30-31,39-40; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday	1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4,35-36,37,40; Mk 7:24-30
Friday	1 Kgs 11:29-32;12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab,12-13,14-15; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday	1 Kgs 12:26-32;13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab,19-20,21-22; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday	Lv 13:1-2,44-46; Ps 32:1-2,5,11, 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk

Prayer Intentions

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	Jennifer DiSalvo	Jack Morgan
Evelyn Alvarado	Tim Dorr	Ann Narloch
Larry & Judy Balbierz	Joyce Fellows	Mike Pollard
Marianna Bechold	Pamela Ferrill	Bill Raymundo
Chuck Bobinecz	Mark & Norm Jokerst	Randy Rudd
Rowan Burton	Fr. Brian Joyce	Betty Smith
Jack Calloway	Dexter Maclang Nguyen	Sandra Sung
Doris Cherian	Riley Maddox	Conway Tan
Eva Cuculich	Richard Maihofer	James Michael Tobin
Daniel Cruz	Barbara Malan	Fr. Terry Tompkins
Dan De La Cruz	Bob Mason	Maria Urrea
Bill & Anita Dennis	Carolyn Mayer	Jack & Sharla Vohs

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.

Kathy Dorr	Kathy Scanlan	Margie Wedin
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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 Men's Club



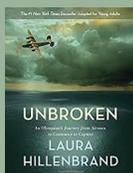
Family Life Ministry

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.



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.



VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATION FOR COUPLES:

An evening of fun, reflection, and celebration for SJV Couples will be celebrated Friday, February 9th, 6:00 – 8:45 pm, in Mullen Commons. Babysitting is available in Faith Formation at a modest cost through our Youth Group's Parent Night Out program and pizza dinner will be provided.

There is no cost for the Couple's Evening. Hearty appetizers will be served beginning at 6:00 pm and the program will start at 6:45 pm (appetizers will be sufficient for those who have not had dinner).

A renewal of vows will be led by Fr. William.

This event is currently full. If you are still interested, please contact the office at (925) 939-7911 and add your names to the waiting list in case their is a cancellation. We are also looking into how we can accommodate a few more couples. If that is possible, we will pull couples from the waiting list and let them know.

For more information contact Jerry Mellin at jerryfmellin@gmail.com or (925) 787-8865.



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



LENT

Wednesday, February 14 - Thursday, March 29, 2018

Ash Wednesday Mass Times

Wednesday, February 14th
 7:30 am
 12:00 Noon
 4:30 pm
 7:00 pm

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 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

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 16, 2018 7:00pm

God is Relationship: Who is God?

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?

Parish Financial Update

What do we need for a successful 2018? We need greater participation. For those of you who may be contemplating why or how to do this please consider that we are all stewards of parish community and have an obligation to assist in whatever way feasible for you in creating a sustainable environment of worship.

The examples of great stewardship in our community are many and we would invite all to participate through gifts of time, talent and treasure. With more families fully participating we will have a much better chance of meeting the demands of our ministries and our income budget. In addition we would respectfully request when setting your family budget for the year please include SJV and include gifts of your time and treasure for Christmas and Easter. Gifts of treasure during these times of the year are a significant part of our income.

We would also ask that you consider monthly Electronic Funds Transfer as you main mode of giving. It's what I do...it's easy and it provides the needed cash flow for the parish, allowing us to meet daily operational needs on a timely basis. Please contact the SJV office for more information on EFT.

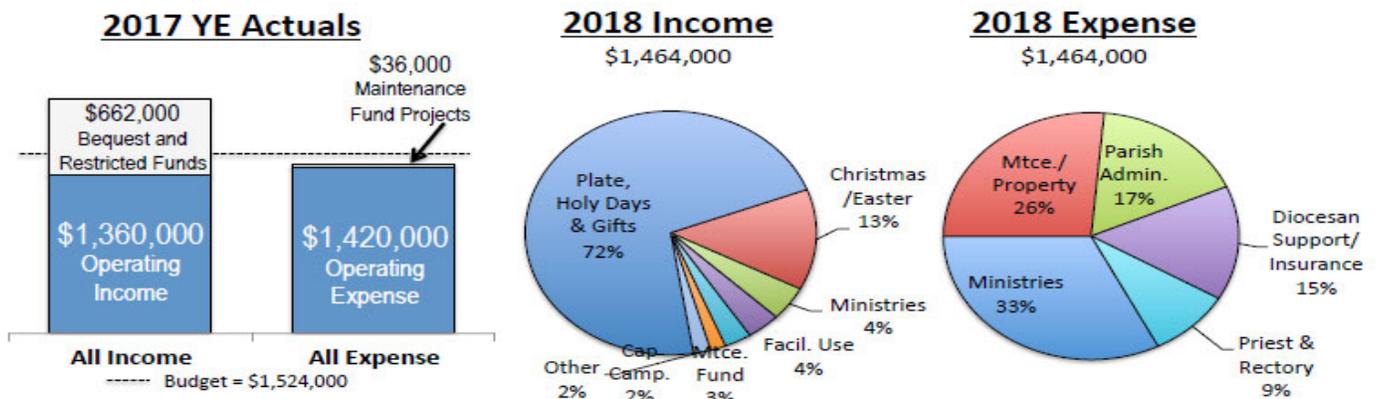
This weekend we are taking up the first of two collections yearly for the Maintenance Fund. This fund is for the purpose of addressing the ongoing and periodic repairs/maintenance of the parish campus. You saw in slide 5 that this takes 26% of our budget. Keeping our campus facilities in great working order is critical to providing the right environment for our parishioners and our staff. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Due to your continued support we have completed a number of key campus improvements this year. The most recent are the church landscaping project and the Audio Visual project. We thank you for your generosity. For 2018 upgrades are planned for lighting around campus.

The Finance Council recognizes talking about money and the parish needs is not comfortable for all. We try to make these talks meaningful. Hopefully the slides provided some more insight. We welcome your feedback on how we can improve our communications to you. We only get about 15 minutes per year to speak directly with you, so we need to get it right. I will be in the back of church after mass or you can always communicate your suggestions to the front office.

Thank you again for your support.

St. John Vianney 2017 Results/2018 Budget



- **Last year our Operating Income was \$74,000 blow budget, driven primarily by lower plate donations which were down \$70,000, or 5.7%, versus our budget. Plate donations were also \$35,000 less than 2016.**
- **Our 2018 budget for plate donations is only 3.5% higher to be able cover cost of living and operating expense increases. Your Christmas and Easter donations are a significant part of our income (~13%) and they allow us to fund many of the projects and services for the parish.**
- **Although lower than budget, our 2017 expenses were higher than income by \$60,000.**
- **We did receive donor directed income of \$662,000 including one large Bequest (\$577,000), as well as Capital Campaign and Maintenance funds.**
- **With more families fully participating we will have a greater chance of meeting our income budget. This will improve our ability to provide all the needed services for our parish.**