**Pastor’s Corner**

Giacomo Puccini, the composer of Madame Butterfly, was writing the score for an opera called Turandot. However, because of age and ill health, he knew that he was not going to complete the work. He called his pupils around him, and explained his predicament, and asked them, should he fail to complete the task, that they should accept responsibility for finishing the work. Puccini died before the work was completed. His pupils took what had been written, and studied it at great length. They got a feel for what the composer was about, they captured the spirit of the work, they imbied the inspiration of the maestro, and they set about finishing the score.

At a later date, in the La Scala Opera House in Milan, Arturo Toscanini, one of his pupils conducted the orchestra in the first public performance of the work. It was sheer brilliance, the audience was being swept along with its power and genius. Suddenly, Toscanini stopped the orchestra, turned to the audience, and said, "And it was here that the master died; but his pupils took up his work, and continued it to the end", and he turned to the orchestra and continued the performance. At the end it was greeted with enthusiastic acclaim, and is reckoned to be one of Puccini's greatest master-pieces.

It is said that it is impossible to distinguish where the master stopped, and where his disciples took over.

As He ascended to his Father, Jesus gave us the great mandate: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." He has given us the work of continuing his mission on earth.

The Lord counts on us. Who we are matters to God and what we do does bring about a difference in the world. It’s both a privilege and a responsibility at the same to continue the mission of Christ. Having reflected on the meaning of the Stewardship of Faith, let’s choose to be good stewards. Let’s join hands with Christ and bear his burden and pull his load.

How do you score for the opera started by our compassionate Lord? Are you doing your share to build up God’s Kingdom in our neighborhood? If you’re not signed up for a ministry yet, this is a good week to think about it. Isn’t it mind blowing to know that God wants and needs our participation in his work? Come join hands with us and sign up for a ministry.

Prayerful wishes and blessings,

Fr. William Rosario

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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](http://www.sjvianney.org) or stop by the Parish Office. For your convenience you may drop off a completed 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?

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**Mass Schedule**

- Monday–Saturday: 8:30am
- Sat: Vigil 5:00pm
- Sun: 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am, 5:00pm
- Children’s Liturgy of the Word 9am & 11am Masses

For Elementary age children, younger children are welcome when accompanied by a parent.

Holy days 8:30 am, Noon, 7:00pm

Reconciliation: Saturdays 4– 4:30 pm

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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.


First Friday Rosary

The Rosary will be recited following the 8:30am Mass on Friday September 6 for the First Friday Devotion
### Weekly Meeting Schedule

#### Monday, September 2, 2019
- 8:00-8:25 am Rosary Group Church
- 8:30am-4:30pm Parish Office Closed
- 7:30-9:00pm Grief Ministry Divorced/Separated Cmns Library

#### Tuesday, September 3, 2019
- 8:00-8:25am Rosary Group Church
- 9:30-10:30am Contemplative Prayer Rectory Parlor
- 7:00-9:00pm RCIA Cmns Rm. 2

#### Wednesday, September 4, 2019
- 8:00-8:25am Rosary Group Church
- 6:00-7:00pm Novena Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
- 6:30-8:30pm Alpha for Teens FF Hall
- 7:00-9:00pm Lectors of the Week Office
- 7:00-9:00pm Music Ministry Church
- 7:00-9:00pm Alpha Vista

#### Thursday, September 5 2019
- 8:00-8:25 am Rosary Group Church

#### Friday, September 6, 2019
- 8:00-8:25 am Rosary Group Church
- 9:00-9:30am First Friday Rosary Church
- 11:30am-1:00pm AA FF Rms. ABC

#### Saturday, September 7, 2019
- 8:00-8:25 am Rosary Group Church
- 9:00am-12:00pm Eucharistic Adoration Church
- 4:00-4:30pm Parish Reconciliation Church
- 4:15-4:55pm Cantor/Choir Rehearsal Church
- 6:00-7:00pm Ministry Fair Vista
- 6:00-6:30pm Rosary Garden Statue

#### Sunday, September 8, 2019
- 8:00am-7:00pm Ministry Fair (after all Masses) Vista
- 9:00 & 11:00am Children’s Liturgy of the Word Vista Annex
- 3:30-4:45pm Contemporary Choir Rehearsal Church
- 6:30-8:00pm High School Youth Group FF Building

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### Mass Schedule

**Sun. September 1, 2019**  
**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

†Sunday Masses: 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am and 5:00pm  

9:00am In Memory of Charles Burke  
11:00am In Memory of Jerry Richards  
5:00pm In Memory of Joseph Pasion

**Mon. September 2, 2019**  
†Daily Mass: 8:30am  
Readings: 1 Thes 4:13-18 / Lk 4:16-30  
8:30am In Memory of Celsa M. Santiago

**Tues. September 3, 2019 †St. Gregory the Great**  
†Daily Mass: 8:30am  
Readings: 1 Thes 5:1-6,9-11 / Lk 4:31-37  
8:30am In Memory of Joyce Lavin

**Wed. September 4, 2019**  
†Daily Mass: 8:30am  
Readings: Col 1:1-8 / Lk 4:38-44  
8:30: In Memory of Joseph Emanuel

**Thurs. September 5, 2019**  
†Daily Mass 8:30am  
Readings: Col 1:9-14 / Lk 5:1-11  
8:30: In Memory of Taihee Dewes

**Fri. September 6, 2019**  
†Daily Mass 8:30am  
Readings: Col 1:15-20 / Lk 5:33-39  
8:30: In Memory of Jack Vohs

**Sat. September 7, 2019**  
†Daily Mass: 8:30am  
Readings: Col 1:21-23 / Lk 6:1-5  
8:30 In Memory of Jose Alvaro Colindres

†Sunday Vigil Liturgy: 5:00  
5:00 In Memory of Scott Sievers

**Sun. September 8, 2019**  
**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Sunday Masses: 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am and 5:00pm

Readings: Wis 9:13-18b / Phlm 9-10,12-17 / Lk 14:25-33  
7:30am In Memory of Clarence & Mildred Klein  
9:00am In Memory of Esther Melcher  
11:00am In Memory of Angelo Dimech

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**Eucharistic Adoration**  
Saturday Morning

Eucharistic Adoration begins immediately after each 8:30am Saturday Mass with Prayers, Reflections and Meditations by the priest or deacon followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacraments. Silent Adoration continues until 12:00 noon, closing with a hymn of Praise and the beautiful Angelus prayer. Please join us in the Church on Saturdays for this special morning of prayer.
Register now for Fall Faith Formation

Registration is open for our Fall Faith Formation programs. Starting in September, we will have monthly interactive gatherings for families with young children as well as weekly sessions for youth group for Middle School and High School students.

Registration forms as well as the required Diocese of Oakland Medical Permission form are on the Forms page of the website.

You can visit with the staff on Walk In Registration days: Wednesday August 21 10:00am to 2:00pm and Thursday, August 22 3:00pm-7:00pm in the Faith Formation Hall.

Have questions? Contact Shannon Rogers for Family Based Faith Formation and First Eucharist at (925) 939-7911 x109 srogers@sjvianney.org or Marlene Lee for Middle School, High School and Confirmation at (925) 939-7911 x108 mlee@sjvianney.org

Curious About the Catholic Religion?

♦ Are you drawn to Mass
♦ Do you like what Pope Francis says about mercy?
♦ Are you unbaptized and recognize a need for spiritual dimension in your life?
♦ Were you baptized in another Christian tradition and want to explore the Catholic Church?
♦ Are you married to a Catholic and attend Mass but don’t know what the next step is to become a Catholic yourself?
♦ Are you an adult Baptized Catholic who has never received First Eucharist and Confirmation? Or
♦ Do you just need adult Confirmation?

Programs begin in October. Please contact Liz Rogers for more information, (925) 939-7911 x 125 or lrogers@sjvianney.org

Alpha

New Session Begins September 4, Wednesdays 7-9pm In Mullen Commons Vista

If you crave a deeper connection with God and others, try Alpha. Alpha which is part of our Stewardship of Faith offerings, 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!

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

Celebrating 10 years of ON FIRE!

Calling all High School Youth. On Saturday September 14, 2019 at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom in Vallejo, CA join us for the 10th Anniversary Event.
One Church, ON FIRE, featuring Jamie Grace, Fr. Rob Galea, Ansel Augustine, Will Hince and others.

Contact Marlene Lee mlee@sjvianney.org for more information.

Faith Café Genesis to Jesus

Join us Mondays from September 30 thru November 25 at 7:00pm in the Faith Formation Hall for 8 events of food, fun and fellowship!

This Bible study group will help deepen your knowledge of Scripture. Learn where the Bible comes from and how we as Catholics can better understand it. In this 8-week series, we will view 12 videos featuring Roman Catholic theologian, Dr. Scott Hahn.

Walk ins are welcome, and signups are appreciated. For more information or to sign up, contact: Mary Ann Casey at emay5@aol.com or Liz Rogers lrogers@sjvianney.org or phone (925) 939-7911 x125
Family Life Ministry

Senior Social: Upcoming Senior Socials are September 20, October 18 and November 15 from 11:30am to 2:30pm in the Mullen Commons Vista.


Loaves and Fishes Request
Do you have an abundance of coffee cups or mugs just looking for a new home. Loaves and Fishes is working to replenish their cup/mug supply in the Martinez dining room. No disposable mugs or cups please. We will have a box in the back of Church the weekend of September 7 and 8 to collect mugs and cups. Please contact Maryanne in the Parish Office if you have any questions (925) 939-7911 x0

Grief Workshops NEW DAY
You cannot grieve alone. Grief shared is grief diminished. Come and grieve in a safe environment where people truly understand. Grief Workshops are on the second and fourth Mondays at 7:30pm in the Mullen Commons Vista. The next grief workshop is Monday September 9. For more information call Eileen at (925) 939-8149. All are welcome.

“Grief, I’ve learned, is really just love. It’s all the love you want to give, but cannot. All that unspent love gathers up in the corners of your eyes, the lump in your throat, and in that hollow part of your chest. Grief is just love with no place to go.” — Jamie Anderson

Assistance Requested
Do you have expertise in the location and installation of security cameras? Please contact Debbie Mellin at (925) 939-7911 x103 or email dmellin@sjvianney.org

St. John Vianney Parish will be hosting Winter Nights in our Commons Vista from September 23rd through October 7th. The first week we will be taking care of our guests needs, and the next week they will stay here, but St. Stephen’s Episcopal who we have been partnering with now for many years will take care of their needs.

You may signup online thru our SJV website, except during Mass times where we will have signups in the back of church. Opportunities include helping set up or take down the day they come or leave, to cook, to clean, to tutor the children, to help with weekend activities, to set out breakfast for them early on weekdays and clean up when they leave, and to stay overnight or do activities with them on the weekend. We will be taking signups for volunteers as well as for food this weekend August 31/September 1. If you are not able to spend some time supporting these families or bringing food, please consider a donation to Winter Nights which will be used to support them as they stay here and then the funds remaining will be given to the Shelter to help support their full-time staff.

Annual Winter Nights Rolling Duffle Bag Drive
The Contra Costa Interfaith Council (CCIC) Winter Nights program begins its season in September. Homeless families with children will be given shelter in churches and temples throughout Contra Costa County.

The families have unique needs because they move to a different “hosting congregation” every two weeks. For many years our parish has collected and donated rolling duffle bags for the families. In addition, the Winter Nights shelter program has a “Wish List” of items that would help ease the challenges faced by the families. Items include: Rolling suitcases/duffle bags (no backpacks or hard side luggage), new standard size pillows, new sleeping bags (rated 35° or warmer), baby wipes, printer ink - HP #62 or #63, and gift cards for Target, Walmart, Safeway and Food Maxx.

SJV will collect these items at all Masses the weekend of September 21 & 22. Please contact Gina Drakes if you have any questions quackers@pacbell.net or (925) 831-3993.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who called for, donated, prepared food, served and or worked on the clean-up crew for the recent Bereavement Hospitality Reception for Andrew Narloch. Your time, talents and service are greatly appreciated.
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Growing Your Faith
God has dealt to every person a measure of faith (Romans 12:3). But as a Christian full of faith, God doesn’t want you to grow stagnant. He wants you to grow in Him! Growing in Him means to growing from faith to faith (Romans 1:17). It means getting to know Him better, and getting to know Him more this week than last week, and more today than yesterday. Below are three ways you can grow in faith.

Grow Through Hearing the Word
“So than faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Romans 10:17). If you want to grow in your faith, it starts by hearing, and that means feeding yourself with God’s word. When you hear God’s word, it changes you. It affects your worldview and alters the way you think.

We want to see things the way God sees them, and we want to think the way He thinks. The good news is there is an entire book filled with the way God thinks: the Bible. Open the Bible and start to read. Get an audio recording of the Bible, and listen to it as you go to sleep, as you get ready in the morning, or as you drive your car. Get audio and video teachings from the Bible teachers you can trust. There are hundreds of teaching and media resources available.

Grow Through Taking God’s Word
Once you hear God’s word and make the decision to believe it, you need to make the decision to take it. Take hold of the truth and never let it go.

Taking it means putting God’s word before your eyes and keeping it before your eyes, Every day, speak the truth. When you want to receive healing, search through God’s words and find the verse after verse how God wants to heal you. Highlight those words. Print them out. Tape them to your mirror. Speak them every day.

When you take God’s word, don’t let go of that truth. Read it, believe it, take it and never let it go no matter what comes your way.

Grow Through Acting on God’s Word
“Faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead….Show me your faith without works, and I will show you my works” (James 2:17-18)

It’s one thing to read, believe and take hold of something. It’s another to act as though you believe it.

When you know that God has healed you - because that’s the loving God He is - it’s time to act like it. Wake up in the morning and thank God for your healing. You may feel sick; you may feel like not moving a muscle. But don’t let your feelings stop you from acting on God’s word. Some it takes time to get the natural in line with the supernatural. As you act upon God’s word daily, you are allowing it to grow in you, settle in you, become active and strong in your life.

Hearing, taking and acting. When you listen to the Lord, believe what he says, take Him at His word, and act on it, you will find yourself growing in your faith like never before. Then God’s Word will be working in your life in a way like nothing else can. It’ll be working in a life full of faith.

Ministry Fair
The Stewardship Committee is responsible for enabling and encouraging our parishioners to make “Stewardship a Way of Life” by giving back through time, talent and treasure those gifts God has given us. One major opportunity to give back and make “Stewardship a Way of Life” is through the various Ministries offered at SJV.

On September 7-8 in the Vista we will execute our annual Ministry Faire after each Mass. This is opportunity for all parishioners to explore the many Ministries available and to find one that fits your talent and time available to get involved. In preparation for the Faire we ask that you take home a Ministry Directory, discuss as a family or with friends and decide which Ministry(s) you might want to explore and possibly join.

We are very thankful to all those that do such a great job in the many Ministries in our Parish. Without your help we simply could not do what is necessary to give the spiritual care needed in our parish and community.

One must do all one can for everybody, expecting no return save from God only. 
St. John Vianney

Celebrate & Welcome
We joyfully welcome into our Church family those baptized this weekend, September 1

Aidan Edward Amaro
son of Ryan and Dorota

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