Pastor’s Corner

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

There is a billboard that is displayed along a highway that reads: “You aren’t stuck in traffic. You are traffic!” Good wit, good insight! How glibly we distance ourselves from a problem, whether it is our politics, our churches, the ecological problems on our planet, homelessness in our cities or most anything else.

Likewise, for our churches: we aren’t stuck in churches that are too self-serving and not faithful enough to the teachings of Jesus. Rather we are Christians who too often, ourselves, out of self-interest compromise the teachings of Jesus. We aren’t stuck in our churches, we comprise those churches.

But on this most beautiful day, I’d like to commend you for your participation in the Ministry Faire last weekend. You didn’t give the impression of being stuck in a church but rather exuded the joy your being an integral part of our Parish Community of St. John Vianney. What a joy it was to see so many of you flock to Mullen Commons after each of the five masses to learn about ministries or just to sit and connect with fellow parishioners!

The weeks of planning by the Stewardship Leadership Council and our Staff paid rich dividends. True; coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress and ministering together is success. You did well! You aren’t part of St. John Vianney Parish; you are St. John Vianney Parish.

As some of you signed up for ministries for the first time, there were others, a good number of you who committed yourself to serve in new ministries. This is our Parish; this is our home, and we are family. It’s those who roll up their sleeves and do the dishes that truly belong. Thank you for your sense of belonging!

Our thanks to the members of the Stewardship Leadership Council and the Staff Council who planned for the Ministry Faire for weeks and executed it so well. Our gratitude to the Heads of Ministries who cooperated to get the word out, manned the Ministry Tables and shared info about their respective ministries.

I’m glad to inform you that the Heads of Ministries will have connected with you by now through email or phone if you signed up last weekend for any ministry. If for any reason you didn’t hear from them, please feel free to contact the parish office or call me. My phone number is 925.939-7911 Ext. 105.

We value your participation in ministries and believe that lay participation is the way to go when it comes to ministries. May God bless you for your generous response to the call of ministry.

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. 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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Kindly allow me to say a word of thanks to Jim Jones, John Rooney and Debbie Mellin who contributed in a substantial way by their leadership and physical presence. I know of many more ministries and staff who made the Ministry Faire to turn out the way it did. May God bless them all!

I would like to invite those who are still to sign up for ministries to do so. If you are one of those who have not registered with our Parish yet for some reason, it’s about time that you registered yourself and make your belonging to the Parish official. We want you and we welcome you!

Let us, as the Parish Community of St. John Vianney, continue to “know and love Jesus and follow Christ in compassionate service”.

With prayerful wishes and blessings,
Fr. William Rosario

Pray, Always Pray.

Your prayers are needed. The Rosary is recited daily, Monday - Saturday at 8am in the Church before Mass.

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Closed 12:00pm -1:00pm
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Debbie, Jennifer, Maryanne & Indira as a group

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, Larry Babierz, Jack & Kay Calloway,
Priscilo Castro, Jack & Doris Cherian, Rosemary Click,
Robert Clark, Stephen Coghlan, CeCe Coulter,
Cassandra Cruz, Barbara Quevedo Davis, Frank DeLia,
Anita & Bill Dennis, Irma DiLiegro, Joyce Fellows,
Tom Flaherty, Theresa Flora, Albert Fritzsche,
Asha Gorman, Melissa Heitkamp, George Heuga,
Tom Hickey, Marie Hill, Kevin Huang,
Norm & Mark Jeros, Kelly Jones, Jim Kiss,
Candida Rosa Lezama, Ramon Llenado, Lauren Loftin,
Bob Mason, Lou Meylan, Emma Mendlochson,
Nancy Mitchell, Ray Nann, Ann Narloch, Betsy Noga,
Dwight Ockert, Pete & Daisy Pedersen,
Peter Michael Pedersen, Sofia Pella, John Quintana,
Henry Reynoso, Wendy Rowan, Alberta Sorensen,
Barrett Lee Scott, Patricia Scott, Dona Smith,
Janette Starke, Terry Tanner, Virginia Taylor,
Mariana Tumelty, Marlene Urbaniak, Shara Vohs,
Bob Volpi, Richard Watson, Jim Weatherby, Emily West,
Stephanie Ziesel

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.

Bill Hendershot, Kathleen Hogan, Lorraine McCue,
Jeanne O’Hara, Ted Sciacqua,

God looks neither at long nor beautiful prayers, but at those that come from the heart.

St. John Vianney

St. John Vianney Intentional Giving
We can hear God speaking to us today in the words of the father to his elder son: “You are with me always, and everything I have is yours.” What is my response to such remarkable generosity? Do I give joyfully and generously as God gives to me? See Luke 15:31

Collection on September 7 - 8, 2019
Plate Collections including mailed checks $ 15,110.00
Online Donations $ 9,707.00
Total Collections $24,817.00
Weekly Goal $19,608.00
Excess $ 5,209.00
Year to date shortfall 2019 $ (40,072.06)
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| Monday, September 16, 2019 | 8:00-8:25 am Rosary Group Church  
9:00-10:00am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Meet and Greet with new families FF Hall  
9:30-11:30am Yoga Vista  
7:00-8:30pm Finance Council Office  
7:30-9:00pm Grief Ministry Divorce/Separate Cmns Library | Sunny September 15, 2019 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday Masses: 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am and 5:00pm  
Readings: Ex 32:7-11,13-14 / 1 Tm 1:12-17 / Lk 15:1-32  
9:00am In Memory of Tammy Juennemann  
11:00am In Memory of The Ding Family Albert, May, Stan & Ron  
5:00pm In Memory of Regina Borchers |
| Tuesday, September 17, 2019 | 8:00-8:25am Rosary Group Church  
9:30-10:30am Contemplative Prayer Rectory Parlor  
11:45am-2:15pm DLS Moms in Prayer Cmns Library  
7:00-9:00pm RCIA Cmns Rm. 2  
7:00-8:30pm Middle School Youth Ministry FF Building | Mon. September 16, 2019 †Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian  
†Daily Mass: 8:30am  
Readings: 1 Tim 2:1-8 / Lk 7:1-10  
8:30am In Memory of Austin Lemak |
| Wednesday, September 18, 2019 | 8:00-8:25am Rosary Group Church  
9:30am-1:30pm Bridge Club Vista  
4:00-5:00pm Children’s Choir 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  
7:00-9:00pm Men’s Club Cmns Library | Tues. September 17, 2019 †St. Robert Bellarmine  
†Daily Mass: 8:30am  
Readings: 1 Tim 3:1-13 / Lk 7:11-17  
8:30: Special Intention of Olivia Plaza |
| Thursday, September 19, 2019 | 8:00-8:25am Rosary Group Church  
10:30-11:30am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Meet and Greet with new families FF Hall  
4:00-5:00pm Alpha for Teens FF Hall  
7:00-9:00pm Men’s Club Cmns Library | Wed. September 18, 2019 †St. Januarius  
†Daily Mass: 8:30am  
Readings: 1 Tm 6:2c-12 / Lk 8:1-3  
8:30: In Memory of Dorothy & John Aiello |
| Friday, September 20, 2019 | 8:00-8:25am Rosary Group Church  
11:30am-2:00pm Senior Social Vista  
11:30am-1:00pm AA FF Rms. ABC  
9:00am Eucharistic Adoration Church  
9:00am-11:00am Men’s Club Breakfast Vista  
4:00-4:30pm Parish Reconciliation Church  
4:15-4:55pm Cantor/Choir Rehearsal Church  
6:00-6:30pm Rosary Garden Statue  
Saturday, September 21, 2019 | Fri. September 20, 2019 †St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon and St. Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions  
†Daily Mass: 8:30am  
Readings: 1 Tm 4:1-7 / Mt 9:9-13 / Mt 9:9-13  
8:30: In Memory of Guillermo Ramirez |
| Saturday, September 21, 2019 | 8:00-8:25 am Rosary Group Church  
8:30am-3:30pm Alpha Teen Retreat FF Hall  
9:00am Eucharistic Adoration Church  
9:00am-11:00am Men’s Club Breakfast Vista  
4:00-4:30pm Parish Reconciliation Church  
4:15-4:55pm Cantor/Choir Rehearsal Church  
6:00-6:30pm Rosary Garden Statue  
Sunday, September 22, 2019 | Sat. September 21, 2019 †St. Matthew the Apostle  
†Daily Mass: 8:30am  
Readings: Eph 4:1-7 / Mt 9:9-13 / Mt 9:9-13  
8:30 In Memory of Joe Ratto  
Sunday Vigil Liturgy: 5:00  
5:00 Special Intention of Chris & Karen Jones  
20th Wedding Anniversary |
| Sunday September 22, 2019 | 9:00 & 11:00am Children’s Liturgy of the Word Vista Annex  
12:00-1:00pm Parent Info Gathering, Family FF FF Hall  
3:30-4:45pm Contemporary Choir Rehearsal Church  
6:30-8:00pm High School Choir Rehearsal FF Building | Sun. September 22, 2019 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday Masses: 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am and 5:00pm  
Readings: Am 8:4-7 / 1 Tim 2:1-8 / Lk 16:1-13  
9:00am In Memory of Marie Schild  
11:00am In Memory of Viviana Silano  
5:00pm In Memory of Daniel Cruz |

† Nightly Novena at the Pilgrim Cross  
There will be a nightly Novena in the Church while the Pilgrim Cross is at SJV. Please join us at 6pm Sept 15 thru Sept 26.
Join us for Teen Alpha
Wednesdays thru October 16, at 6:30pm
Alpha for Teens meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm in the Faith Formation Hall, and includes food, film and fellowship.
Alpha for Teens runs through Wednesday, October 16th. High School teens may sign up online on the SJV website or in person at Faith Formation. Please bring your friends of any faith to join us in this journey of discovery. Please contact Marlene Lee with questions mlee@sjvianney.org

St. John Vianney Supports Special Olympics
Over the weekend of August 24-25, the Oakland Chapter of the Knights of Columbus sponsored a Special Olympics Softball Tournament at Heather Farm Park. SJV graciously provided the temporary dry stores storage and refrigeration support needed to provide lunches for the more than 450 Special Olympics athletes and volunteers participating in the event. SJV Council 8207 provided security and distribution coordination of these supplies from SJV as well as volunteers for lunch prep and cleanup for the event.

Loaves and Fishes Coffee Cups & Mugs
Our Cup Runneth Over!
Thank you for your generous support for the coffee cup/mug drive for the Loaves and Fishes Martinez Dining Room last weekend. The outpouring of support is heartwarming and there is now a fresh cup choice for everyone person dining. God Bless.

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 at SJV
Wednesdays 7-9pm In Mullen Commons Vista
Join us for Alpha which is part of our Stewardship of Faith offerings. This is an 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 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

Holy Chaos
Come be affirmed, encouraged and inspired in the most important job we have as parents. Gain practical tools to bring faith and family life together. Holy Chaos will take place on Sunday September 29 1:30pm to 6pm at St. Joan of Arc Parish in San Ramon.
Featuring Mark Hart the “Catholic Bible Geek”, nationally acclaimed speaker and author and other fabulous local speakers.
Breakout sessions on being a Catholic Dad, being a Catholic Mom, praying with your children, balancing faith and busy life, helping your kids appreciate Mass, identify stress/anxiety in our kids, talking to teens about relationships and MORE!
You must register in advance by September 23. Register online at: oakdiocese.org/holychaos. Cost: $25 for one parent, $40 for both parents. Child care also available for $10 per child (advance reservation only and space is limited.)
Christian Yoga & Meditation

Got Stress? Feel tight? Always wanted to try yoga? Come join us on Monday morning at 9:30am in the Vista Room or Monday evenings at 7:15pm at Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church (MDUUC). We do very gentle stretching yoga, breath exercises, and laughter yoga. From 11am to 11:30am join us for a guided meditation based on the Week's scripture which includes a prayer for world peace. Make a difference in your life and the world. Come for one part or both. Relax and deepen your experience of God.

We will begin meeting again on September 9. Please contact Sharon Lawrence with any questions. (925) 938-8349.

Upcoming Blanket Drive

With winter weather ahead, Contra Costa Interfaith Coalition and St. John Vianney are having a Blanket Drive for our brothers and sisters in our community.

New or clean, gently used twin, full & queen size blankets or comforters are needed. Please NO king sizes. This year sheets are requested as well.

Please bring these items to the Church vestibule the weekends of September 28/29 or October 5/6 and we will deliver them to those in need.

God Bless

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.

As part of our Stewardship of Faith journey, the SJV FilAm Ministry Group cordially invites everyone to the 500th Anniversary of Catholic Evangelization in the Philippines with a Visititation of the Pilgrim Cross at St. John Vianney Church from September 13 to September 27.

This Pilgrim Cross (a replica of the original Cross Magellan and the explorers planted in Cebu, Philippines in 1521) will visit all 84 Oakland Diocese Churches from March 2018 thru 2021 to celebrate the Jubilee Year.

Mass & Novena schedule Sept 13-Sept 20:

Sept 13, 9:30am Santo Nino
Sept 14, 5pm Welcome Mass with Reception in the Vista
Sept 15, 6pm San Lorenzo Ruiz
Sept 16, 6pm Our Lady of Manaog
Sept 17, 6pm San Pedro Calungsod
Sept 18, 6pm Mother of Perpetual Help
Sept 19, 6pm Saint Jude
Sept 20, 6pm Sacred Heart of Jesus

Please contact Jovita Umali or Josie Otto with any questions. Jovita - jovitau83@gmail.com
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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 23.

For more information please call Eileen at (925) 939-8149.

All are welcome.

Grow Your Faith

The Bible lists nine fruits of the Spirit. Each one can help us grow in our relationship with God. “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control; against such things there is no law.” Galatians 5:22-23

When we accept Jesus as our Savior, the Bible says we received supernatural help from the Holy Spirit. Because of that help, we can become more like Jesus, showing some key characteristics, the fruits of the Spirit, in our daily lives. Last week we discussed Love, Joy and Peace, three more of these fruits are:

Patience Living in this fast-paced world can give you a short fuse. Still, impatience isn’t something you want to brush off as a minor personality flaw. If you find yourself getting annoyed, worried or intolerant while waiting on people, imagine how much more those negative emotions can escalate while you’re waiting on the Lord. Don’t think you have what it takes to be a patient person? All the more reason to submit this tough area to God. God exercises more patience than we ever could. No matter how many times you mess up, God won’t run out of patience with you.

Kindness Philippians 2:3-4 says, “count others more significant than yourselves” and “look to the interests of others.” Kindness is about more than being cordial. It’s an intentional act that required effort and genuine concern. These reminders can help you become a kinder person. Make room to be kind to others, give compliments, talk to strangers beyond saying, “Hello”. Make an extra effort this week to recognize opportunities to demonstrate kindness, and then follow through. Take note of how it impacts you and others. When you totally give your life to Christ, your old ways no longer matter. With the help of God, you can embody the attributes of a kind person.

Faithfulness Do you have someone to turn to with the most important things in life? Someone who sticks close by through the ups and downs? A loyal friend isn’t to be taken for granted. You can be that kind of person too. God is faithful. Are you faithful back? He wants us to be good stewards with what He’s given us - time, talents, money, relationships. Can He trust you to treat or use these things wisely?

Next Senior Social is Friday September 20 from 11:30 - 2:30. Please call the Parish Office to sign up (925) 939-7911 x0

Ministry Fair

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank everyone who made our Ministry Fair a success last weekend. It was wonderful to see so many parishioners connecting with one another in the Vista and signing up for ministry.

If you are still considering a ministry it is not too late to sign up. We will have ministry directories and cards in the church that you can complete and drop off in the basket.

Parish Picnic Sunday September 15 at Noon

Youth Ministry and Family Faith Formation Classes are beginning, our Fall Alpha programs have begun and Faith Café is just around the corner! Let’s celebrate with a Parish Picnic!

Everyone of ALL AGES is invited to join us for food and festivities beginning at Noon on Sunday September 15. We will have FREE Mexican Food, drinks and beer as well as games for kids/adults of all ages.

Join us at the Vista after the 11am Mass so we can all begin this Faith Formation year in celebration together!

Diocesan Priest Retirement Collection

The special collection for the Diocesan Priest Retirement Benefit Trust is this weekend, September 14 & 15. This collection allows us to express gratitude and support for our retired and soon-to-be retired priests, many of whom are still “laboring in the vineyard” in service to the faithful. They now face retirement with minimal government assistance. Please prayerfully consider how you can match their generosity to the Church by contributing to the Retirement Fund.

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