

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. - Mk 1:44-45b

MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday 9:00 am Saturday: 9 AM Mass; 4:30 PM Mass, 6 PM (Spanish) Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 5:00 PM First Friday: 7:30pm Mass adoration until 10pm

Reconciliation Saturday 3:00 to 4:00 pm PRIEST & DEACON & PARISH STAFF

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Pastor's Message

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY: BEING WITH CHRIST IN THE DESERT!

My dear friends in Christ,

Today the 49ers are playing in the Super Bowl! Go Niners!

Thank you to the 49ers for a wonderful season.

Now that the FOOTBALL SEASON is over, it is time for us to focus on our Lenten journey: BEING WITH CHRIST IN DESERT!

During Lent, our emphasis in our liturgies and our celebrations through music, words, and actions will be about bringing awareness to the many temptations that all of us will face in the desert. We all know that the desert is a dry and lonely place. So, we wonder why Jesus decided to stay in the desert and be tempted by the devil? Perhaps because the desert was "an ideal training ground where Jesus could claim and own his identity and mission!"

There is no question that we have our desert where we face our temptations. Our desert can make us lonely, frustrated, depressed, hurt or even broken and SLAVE to sin. Amidst these human conditions, we too might succumb to the sins of materialism, bitterness, and hatred. The forces of darkness will be there in many forms to take us away from the path of transformation and FREEDOM. There will be a lot of temptations along the journey. We are reminded in the gospel of Mark this coming first Sunday of Lent that the prince of darkness will do everything to take us away from God.

He does not want us to succeed as children of God. He will be very active in his manipulative ways. That is why we need to be strong and to really have focus. Remember temptations happen not because we are sinners, but because we are good. Yes, we are capable of being good------ but we can also compromise our dignity. But at the end, we are given the blessed opportunity to decide in God's favor!

The season of Lent is a time of turning back to God, a time of repentance, a time of transformation. But for these things to happen, we need to be renewed, we need to change. The season of Lent challenges us to put our "LIFE IN ORDER!"

So, I invite you to fully participate in the many Lenten activities we have prepared for you. This coming Wednesday is ASH WEDNESDAY! Our Masses are as follows: 7:30am, 9am (with children from the school), 12nn, 4:30pm with children from the Faith Formation), 6pm Spanish and then our last Mass at 7:30pm.

On Fridays of Lent,

I invite you to a different experience of hope, forgiveness, and reconciliation by participating in the Stations of the Cross with Taize music 7pm. This is a very powerful meditation on the God's love. As I said before, I created this different kind of Stations of the Cross when I was at St. Augustine's Parish in Pleasanton.

I hope that you consider being here every Friday during Lent for this unique and uplifting Stations of the Cross. This is my Lenten gift to all of you!

Remember that Lent is not what we give up, but it is about replacing our comfortable environment and favored activities with things that will draw us closer to God: increased prayer, faithfulness to the gospel, meditation, and reflection. In the Jewish tradition, these are the signs of holiness.

Let us journey together during this season of Lent, BEING WITH JESUS IN DESERT, with a "humble heart" to the beauty of Easter! Together we will celebrate the coming of the new dawn! Do not be SLAVED to the sins and worries of the world but be FREE in God's LOVE and MERCY!

May God bless you! Always, Fr. Geoffrey

CHILDREN, YOUTH & ADULT FAITH FORMATION; PARISH EVENTS



FAITH FORMATION CORNER

Please pray for our candidates on their journey for First Holy Communion.

They are now preparing for this important sacrament. Please keep their catechists in mind as well so that they can guide these students to a faithful and fruitful journey.

Feb. 3, Saturday, 10:00-11:00am All FC classes of Ms. Reyna, Ms. Leticia, Ms. Louanne, Ms. Kit & Ms. Leamy (SJS) must attend this Saturday's class geared for all candidates for first communion & baptism. parents are required to accompany their child & must attend the

Pls. note date-Correction Feb. 10, Saturday. 4:30pm 2nd Saturday Faith Formation Family. Mandatory Attendance for all students & families. Catechists will take attendance.

Feb. 14 is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lenten season. All Students and parents/guardians are required to attend the family mass at 4:30pm. Teachers will take attendance for Bilingual & English classes.

COMING UP ... for Grades 7th to 12th:

** EMMAUS PEER MINISTRY Shadow opportunity: We are now inviting former and current Youth Ministry students, ages high school, college or young adults, to participate in our peer ministry shadowing opportunity. Arrange a one month commitment ahead of time and come help peer ministers in small groups on Mondays. This volunteer opportunity ends in mid April since our last classes are in May. To sign up or ask questions, please contact Teena Posas, Youth Ministry Director at 510-741-4900 extension 1010 or send an email to tp.sjcpinole@gmail.com.

** MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY (7th & 8th) -

Thank you for coming to the rescheduled studentparent retreat meeting on February 7. Please choose an Ash Wednesday Mass to attend as a family. We do not have class on February 14 (Ash Wednesday), or 21 (President's week). We will contact Ms. Denise's class about meeting on February 28. Reminder - the mandatory day retreat is on Sunday March 3. It starts at 11:00 AM, ends at 4:30 PM and includes families going to the 5:00 PM Mass. Contact your teacher with questions or about attendance. Bring your book bag to every class. ** FCYOUTH (7th & up) - Thank you for coming to the rescheduled student-parent retreat meeting on February 7. Please choose an Ash Wednesday Mass to attend as a family. We do not have class on February 7, 14 (Ash Wednesday), or 21 (President's week). Ms. Cecilia's class meets with the other First Communion classes on Wednesday, February 28 at 5:00 PM in the PAR-ISH HALL for the Seder Meal. Reminder - the mandatory day retreat is on Sunday March 3. It starts at 11:00 AM, ends at 4:30 PM and includes families going to the 5:00 PM Mass. Contact your teacher with questions or about attendance. Bring your book bag to every class. ** YOUTH MINISTRY (9th to 12th, 1st year) - We meet at the St. Joseph gym on Monday February 12, from 6:30 to 8:10 PM. Questions or for attendance, contact Teena Posas, Youth Ministry Director, please use Remind with code @sjymc; call her at 510-741-4900

extension 1010 or send an email to tp.sicpinole@gmail.com.

** CONFIRMATION (10th to 12th, 2nd year) - ** TIME CHANGE **

This class meets on Sunday February 11 at the school from 12:00 to 2:00 PM (12 PM is for Feb. 11 only). Families must attend the weekend Mass of your choice. ** Many candidates still have to take care of their Works of Mercy projects with the deadline of March 1. Please look over the assigned chapter and deadlines for class. Please contact your teachers for attendance or questions.



RCIA: Date correction: Due to the Diocese schedule, all catechumen and RCIA candidates will hold the RITE OF ELECTION on Feb18,2024, at 4:00pm Sunday. This is the last ritual before per-

formed by the bishop Barber, before they finally receive the SACRAMENT of INITIATION on FOR Easter Vigil Mar.30 &/or May 4, 2024. Please keep them in your prayers.

Remembrance Candles

November is the traditional month of remembrance of our loved ones who have gone before us. Candles can be renewed for the next yearly period (November 1, 2023 to October 31, 2024)by visiting the

Parish Center and submitting your dedication.

Ash Wednesday Masses February 14th 7:30 & 9:00 (School Mass) AM, 12, 4:30 (Faith Formation Mass), 6 (Spanish), 7:30 PM Ashes will be distributed at all services.

Today's Readings

First Reading: "As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp." (Lv 13:8)

Psalm: I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation. (Ps 32)

Second Reading: Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. (1Cor 10:31)

Gospel: Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. (Mk 1:41-42)

Readings for the week of February 11, 2024

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25 Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32 Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Prayers for our Military Service Members & Families

Air Force- Gino Dela Rosa, Niko Dela Rosa, Jenna Keomany, Maxine Lucas, Alan Serrano, Chris Trias, Julian Trias, Fr. Peter Son Vo

• Army- Angel Caliz, Shawn Bets Chart, Matthew Fontejon, Darryl Jason Garcia, Jack Moneymaker, Justine RB Sangui, Benjamin Serrano, Army Branch, Darren Espeleta

Coast Guard- Meagan Toomey

- · Navy-Terrence Bauer, Austin Bressler, Leslie Lag Damen, Carlo Evangelista, Dean Trias, Jasmin Trias
- · National Guard- Rebecca Sabatini,
- Marines- Carlos Aguilera, Richard Antonucci, Joseph Belman, Julian Chan, Carlo Spampinato, Pedro Mazar Egos, Jacob Rudis

Prayers for the Sick

Ron Acuna, Sally Aguilera, Harper Ananyev, Dan Aquino, Kristal Librato Baughn, Gil Bautista, Larry Burkhart, Diane Butson, Dee Calbeck, Dennis Chattell, Pamela Chong, Tomas Citagawa, Kevin Coughlin, Erin Curry, Ludelia Datlag, Jack Lam, Mary Louise Duhart, Denise Elias, Elizabeth Espanola, Aurora Fronda, Wayne Geiss, Rich Gill, Alexandra Gorgoletis, Elam & Claire Goundar, Alicia Guzman, Bill Harper, Rowena Hutchinson, Dianna Jiminian, Fran Jones, Tony Lagasca, Jack Lam, Fumiko Leamy, Stephen Lew, Paulette Lemmon, Joseph Magaoay, Imelda F. Magat, Nida Monzon, Jaime Ocampo, Severina Olivito, Claudette Peters, Melina Peters, Leticia F. Poblete, Patricia Rangel, Rogelio Ramos, Deborah Reyna, Jim Richards, Flo Rodich, Efren Rogue, Lee Rondeau, Ligaya Santos, Lolita Santos, Leo Sendaydiego, Tim & Tom Taliaferro, Jeffrey Tayag, Yolanda Tayag, Abraham Trinidad, Bernard F. Trinidad, Roberto S. Villeda, Susan Word

MASS INTENTION

Saturday, February 10, 2024

9:00am Fred Villafana

Raul Litonjua, Jr. 7

4:30pm Diane Anderson ♥

6:00pm Lourdes Prieto 🕏

Sunday, February 11, 2024

8:00am Parishioners of St. Joseph

10:00am Jose & Lourdes Barrios ♥

12:00pm Raceli T. Camins (88th B-D)

5:00pm Maria Sena 🕆

Monday, February 12, 2024

9:00am Leonisa Faulve Viloria 🕈

Noel Frias 🕈

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

9:00am Jaime Villacorte 🕆

Edward A. Bragado, Jr. 7

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

7:30am Stephen A. Vinnacombe

Aida Torres

9:00am Taylor Family (Wed. Anniv.)

Joseph Osborn (Special Int.)

12:00pm Leonida Florendo (103 B-D)

Pat Hedstrom **†**

4:30pm Ashley James (Spec. Int.)

6:00pm Jhony Sanchez (Spec Int.)

7:30pm Office Staff

Thursday, February 15, 2024

9:00am Teofilo Arroyo 🕏

Lawrence Cohen 🕈

Friday, February 16, 2024

9:00am Roman Subeda 🕏

Rebecca Gomez (95 yrs. Old)

Saturday February 17, 2024

9:00am Raul Sanchez 🕈

Felix Gomez 🕆

4:30pm Domenica Yonke 🕈

6:00pm Carlos D. Sagastume 🕆

PARISH EVENTS & FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP



What is going on at St. Joseph School

This past Friday, February 9th the students and staff celebrated our 100th day of school for the 2023-2024 school year.

Thank you for supporting our 13th Annual Crab Feed. We enjoyed eating crab, breaking bread and dancing the night away with our parents, friends, parishioners and families.

The school will be **observing Black History Month** by celebrating the contributions of our African American brothers and sisters and how we can learn from their strength and talents. The Diversity Matters Crew (DMC) has organized a poetry slam performance, door decorating contest and movie night and projects and presentations in between.

Additionally, we will be celebrating the Lunar New Year and the Year of the Dragon.

Chinese New Year Greetings - Kung Hei Fat Choi (gōng xǐ fā cái) meaning: Congratulations and best wishes for a prosperous New Year! From everyone at St. Joseph School.

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GRIEF SUPPORT: AN EVENING WITH SANDY

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Repeats every Tuesday, Location: Virtual Event The grief support is called An Evening with Sandy. It is on Tuesday evening from 7.00pm to 8.00 PM. It is a peer ministry and drop in session. That means that we are group of people sharing our experience of grief along with each other. Sandy Heinisch is a grief trainer with the Diocese of Oakland who is also going through the grief process. Being a drop in session means you can come when you can if you are not able to make it one week that's okay. You can come the next week or when you can. Here is the link there is no password necessary. Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83978676350

Observances for the week of February 11, 2024

Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage

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Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Valentine's Day

Saturday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent

Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 11 de febrero de 2024

Domingo: 6º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario, Día mundial del matrimonio

Miércoles: Miércoles de Ceniza; Día de San Valentín Sábado: Los siete santos fundadores de la orden de los servitas

Domingo siguiente: 1er Domingo de Cuaresma

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR

THE WEEK

It was pity that moved the heart of Jesus to heal the leper. He worked this miracle because the leper, in his faith, boldly asked him to. Have that same courage in approaching God with your needs. Have that same faith in His power to heal.

VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

Fue la compasión la que movió el corazón de Jesús para curar al leproso. Obró este milagro porque el leproso, en su fe, se lo pidió con valentía. Ten ese mismo valor al acercarte a Dios con tus necesidades. Ten esa misma fe en Su poder para sanar.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Saint Vs. Blessed

Question:

What is the difference between a "Saint" and a "Blessed"?

Answer:

The process of proclaiming someone as a saint in the Catholic Church has evolved over the course of many centuries. In the beginning, those honored as saints were almost exclusively biblical figures or martyrs. However, after the legalization of Christianity in the fourth century, new holy women and men came to be honored as saints, and this was often done by popular acclaim or by the local bishop or abbot.

It was Pope Gregory IX (who was pope from 1227 to 1241) who officially proclaimed that only the pope had the authority to add someone to the official list (the "canon") of saints. This is the meaning of the word "canonization."

Today, the saint-making process includes several steps, including detailed studies of the person's life and a

recognition that they died as a martyr or lived a life of "heroic virtue." Once someone is recognized as a martyr or if a miracle is attributed to their intercession, they will be



beatified and honored as "Blessed." This means that they can be celebrated by Catholics in a particular country or region or by the members of certain religious community. If another miracle occurs and is approved, then the "Blessed" is canonized and honored with the title "Saint," meaning that they are now officially recognized as a universal model of holiness and an intercessor.

¿POR QUÉ HACEMOS ESO? - VIDA CATÓLICA EXPLICADA

El Santo vs El Beato

Pregunta:

¿Qué diferencia hay entre un "Santo" y un "Beato"?

Respuesta:

En la Iglesia Católica el proceso de proclamar a alguien como santo ha evolucionado a lo largo de muchos siglos. Al principio, los honrados como santos eran casi exclusivamente figuras bíblicas o mártires. Sin embargo, después de la legalización del cristianismo en el siglo IV, mujeres y hombres santos llegaron a ser honrados como Santos, y a menudo esto se hizo por aclamación popular o por el obispo o abad local.

El Papa Gregorio IX (que sirvió como Papa desde 1227 hasta 1241) declaró oficialmente que sólo el Papa tiene la autoridad para añadir a alguien a la lista oficial (el "canon") de los santos. Por eso tenemos el significado de la palabra "canonización."

Hoy, el proceso de proclamar a alguien como santo incluye muchos pasos, incluidos estudios detallados de la vida de la persona y un reconocimiento de que él o ella murió como mártir o vivió una vida de "virtud heroica." Tan pronto como alguien se reconoce como mártir o si se atribuye un milagro a su intercesión, será beatificado y honrado como "Beato." Esto significa que la persona se puede ser celebrada por los católicos en un país o región en particular, o por los miembros de cierta comunidad religiosa. Si ocurre otro milagro y es aprobado, entonces el "Beato" es canonizado y honrado con el título de "Santo," lo que significa que ahora son reconocidos oficialmente como un modelo universal de santidad e intercesor.





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- Thursday mornings from 10 AM - 11:30 AM, on May 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30.

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