

#### **MASS TIMES**

10pm

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

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

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Monday-Friday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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- Baptism Marriage
- Rites of Initiation of Adults Contact the Parish Center

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#### Pastor's Message

My dear friends in Christ,

Last September, in our Diocese of Oakland, we gathered for the Eucharistic Congress! The idea behind this was to highlight the importance of the Eucharist. It was a very successful gathering of the faithful in our diocese. In our deanery, we continue to talk about it and how to respond to this wonderful Eucharistic revival!

This Saturday, January 27, 2024, the deanery was supposed to have a Kick-off Mass here at St. Joseph Church to begin a series of talks on the importance, meaning, and power of the Eucharist! Of course, we know that the Sunday gathering is the "high point and the summit of our Christian experience!"

I would like to share with you the meaning of the Eucharist and why the Sunday gathering is very important!

Body of Christ! Blood of Christ! We hear these life-giving words every time we come to the altar to receive the Eucharist. In the context of the Jewish Passover Feast, Jesus before he died, instituted the Eucharist. In Mark's account of the Last Supper, Jesus took bread, blessed, and broke it and said, "This is my body." And after the supper, he took a cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "This is my blood of the covenant which will be shed for many." This moment in our life commemorated the powerful intervention of God who led his people out of slavery. So, every time we gather around the table of the Lord, we gather what he asked his apostles to do, "Do this in remembrance of me!" Doing this we make the past event---- a present reality. His power and his love are made present.

From the earliest days of Christianity, Sunday has been a day set apart. This is the day when the disciples experienced the Risen Christ. It was on Sunday morning that Christ appeared to the disciples and they knew that was not the final chapter in Jesus' life. It was also through this Sunday experience that they came to understand that Jesus' death was not the end of their experience of God through Jesus. Sunday became the day when they would gather in great expectation to meet the Lord. This was the day when they gather in prayer and wait for His coming again in glory. An integral part of this gathering was the sharing of scripture and the breaking of the bread. As their understanding of the experience grew, they came to realize that it was in the gathering of the community, the sharing of the Word, and the breaking of the bread that the Risen Christ was indeed present to them.

Sunday continues to have this meaning for Catholics and (and other) Christians today. Through the same gathering, prayer, sharing of God's word, and remembering the mystery of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection in the breaking of the Bread we come to experience the Risen Christ. It is in this celebration that our lives are brought into the presence of God and are made whole. Through this celebration the community comes together and is healed, energized, remembered, and enlivened in the Spirit. When members of the community are missing, the celebration is lacking. It is not just that I need to go to Mass but rather that the community needs me to be at Mass so that it is complete, whole, and so that the Sunday celebration can be complete. The implications of this understanding are many. This implies that each one of us must not just "attend Mass" but that we must become part of a faith community, which means that not only does it matter where I go to Mass, but that it matters how I participate in the celebration as well.

It is sad to see that many Catholics take the Eucharist for granted. Many of us come to Mass late and leave early. Many of us talk to each other. Many of us would dress in a way we would not dress when we visit a friend. While lining up to receive the Eucharist, our eyes roam around instead of concentrating on the approaching moment when Christ comes into our hearts. The Church reminds that our participation should be "full and active."

As we continue in our journey of faith and life, let us remember that the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ, is the living bread that came down from heaven that transforms us into his Body---called to give and share the life and love of Jesus the Christ. The gift of the Eucharist is a gift of love, broken and blessed by Jesus for us. God bless you all!

And thank you for your great generosity. You have been a "CHEERFUL GIVER!"

In Peace, Fr. Geoffrey

#### CHILDREN, YOUTH & ADULT FAITH FORMATION; PARISH EVENTS



#### FAITH FORMATION CORNER

We ask the community to continue to pray for all those preparing for their FIRST

RECONCILATION this week.

We have a combined total of 93 students preparing to receive one or two of the Sacraments of baptism, reconciliation & eucharist. This includes, students from our St. Joseph School, student in our bilingual classes & Faith formation English classes.

Feb. 14: Ash Wednesday, all students and parents/guardians must attend the Family mass at 4:30pm. After receiving the ashes please do not leave the church and stay till mass is over. There will be no regular classes on Ash Wednesday. Teachers will take attendance. COMING UP ... for Grades 7th to 12th:

\*\* MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY (7th & 8th) - \*\*
UPDATE: We will have the Student-Parent retreat
meeting for Ms. Denise's class on Wednesday January
31 from 6:30 to 7:45 PM at the school. Please contact
her for attendance or questions. Bring your book bag to
every class. PARENTS & FAMILIES: Drop off from
your car is ONLY at the gym front door as a safety
measure.

\*\* FCYOUTH (7th & up) - \*\* UPDATE: We will have the Student-Parent retreat meeting for Ms. Cecilia's class on Wednesday January 31 from 6:30 to 7:45 PM at the school. Please contact her for attendance or questions. Bring your book bag to every class.

\*\* YOUTH MINISTRY (9th to 12th, 1st year) - \*\* LOCATION CHANGE

\*\* This class meets IN THE CHURCH on Monday January 29, 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

(@sjymc; call her at 510-/41-4900 extension 1010 or send an email tp.sjcpinole@gmail.com.

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

\*\* Candidates: Please look over the assigned chapter and deadlines for class. This class meets on Sunday January 28 at the school from 2:15 PM to 4:30 PM, with 5:00 PM Mass to follow. Please contact your teachers for attendance or questions.



RCIA Update: Those who attended the Rite of Welcome last November will be receiving the RITE OF ELECTIONS on Friday Feb.

17 at 11:00am. The Rites will be conducted by our very own Bishop Michael Barber. Names of our candidates & catechumen:

Azmina Beafore, Francisco Buenostro, Arilene Canela, Ma. Inez Canela, Pedro Canela, William Chavez Giselle Garcia, Nancy Melendez, Angelina Molina,

Diego Ramos, Juan Soto, Zarahy Mendoza, Rebeca Nieva, Mairel Sanchez.

Please include them in your prayers as well, for a faithful and inspiring journey.

#### 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.

#### **Mass Offering**

The book for offering Masses over the upcoming year is open. Come to the parish center to pick your Masses. Four Masses per family.

#### From Palms to Ashes

We are gathering your blessed palms from last year for burning and making ashes for Ash Wednesday, February 14th. Please bring them to the Parish Center during weekday hours or to the church by the weekend of January 22nd.

St. Joseph Church welcomes all who are here to worship with our parish family. Please take the time to register your family with this form and put it in the collection basket.

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Address/Direction_			
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City	Zip	Phone	

#### Today's Readings

First Reading: "I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him." (Dt 18:18)

Psalm: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading: An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be Patricia Rangel, Rogelio Ramos, Deborah Reyna, Jim holy in both body and spirit. (1 Cor 7:34)

Richards, Flo Rodich, Efren Rogue, Lee Rondeau,

Gospel: The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. (Mk 1:22)

#### Readings for the week of January 28, 2024

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32 -35/Mk 1:21-28

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

#### 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

#### MASS INTENTION

Saturday, January 27, 2024

9:00am Baudita & Family 🕏

Julie M. Quizon 🕈

4:30pm Jones & Granieri Families 🕈

6:00pm Consuelo Duenas 🕏

Sunday, January 28, 2024

8:00am Donald Rondeau 🕈

10:00am Erlinda Tolentino 🕆

12:00pm Antonio Silva Camins 🕏

5:00pm Jose Mendoza 🕆

Monday, January 29, 2024

9:00am Gerardo H. Susvilla 🕈

George Atienza 🕈

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

9:00am Carolyn Cooper 🕏

John Loague 🕈

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

9:00am Adora Estrel 🕈

Mary Lou Cordova 🕆

Thursday, February 1, 2024

9:00am Martha Rodriguez 🕆

Joseph & Aurora Millado (B-D)

Friday, February 2, 2024

9:00am Judy M,. Escano (B-D)

Jesus Juarez 🕈

7:30pm Josephine & Anthony ♥

Saturday, February 3, 2024

9:00am Maria Cruz (B-D)

Fr. Anthony Obada (B-D)

4:30pm Pat Hedstrom 🕏

6:00pm Parishioners of St. Joseph



#### PARISH EVENTS & FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP





We invite parishioners who are parents and grandparents St. Joseph School Open House on Sunday, January 28, Catholic Schools beginning with a school sponsored mass at 10:00am. The school will host

parishioners and families from 11:00 to 1:30pm.

We want to show off our student's successes to you including the finalists of our Science Fair. During the week we will focus each day on our Catholic teachings. SUNDAY January 28th: Bringing community together in celebration - Discover Your Parish and Alumni Family Celebrating

MONDAY January 29th: Discover Catholic School

Parents – Grandparent - caretakers

TUESDAY January 30th: Vocations

WEDNESDAY January 31st: Discover Catholic School Students

THURSDAY February 1st: Thursday: Celebrating our Earth and service to our planet and one another Community and Responsibility

FRIDAY February 2nd: Discover Catholic School Educators and those who serve - Teacher Appreciation Day Don't miss this delicious and fun event. We will have dinner with all the Crab you can eat, garlic noodles, Caesar salad, fresh Acme bread and dessert. Appetizers will be served along with a no-host bar, a raffle and dancing after dinner. Cost is \$75 per person. Purchase a table for 10 and save! Scan the QR code to purchase tickets.



#### January 13 & 14

Sunday \$ 9,777 Religious Faith Formation \$ 1,032



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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 January 28, 2024

Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Celebrate Catholic

Schools Week

Wednesday: St. John Bosco, Priest

Friday: The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for

Consecrated Life

Saturday: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 28 de enero de concerns about the spiritual wellbeing of someone with

Domingo: 4º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario, Semana de escuelas católicas

Miércoles: San Juan Bosco, sacerdote

Viernes: La Presentación de Jesús, Día mundial de la vida consagrada

Sábado: San Blas, obispo y mártir; San Óscar, obispo Domingo siguiente: 5º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

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

With one swift command, Jesus freed a man from the possession of evil spirits. He has that same power to banish está en pecado mortal. ¿Digo yo al sacerdote esta the shadow of sin from our own lives. Let's invite him into our hearts, asking him to cleanse the darkness he finds there.

#### VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA **SEMANA**

Con una rápida orden, Jesús liberó a un hombre de la posesión de espíritus malignos. Él tiene ese mismo poder para desterrar la sombra del pecado de nuestras propias vidas. Invitémoslo a nuestro corazón, pidiéndole que limpie la oscuridad que allí encuentre.

#### WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE **EXPLAINED**

#### Communion & Mortal Sin **Question:**

I have a friend who receives communion, but who I know for a fact is in a state of mortal sin. Should I tell our priest?

#### Is it my responsibility to say something? Answer:

While we may always want to do what is best for our friends and family members, we have a responsibility to respect their privacy and their conscience. In its reflections on the Eighth Commandment ("You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor"), the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "Respect for the reputation of persons forbids every attitude and word likely to cause them unjust injury. [One] becomes guilt: -of rash judgment who, even tacitly, assumes as true, without sufficient foundation, the moral fault of a neighbor; -of detraction who, without objectively valid reason, discloses another's faults and failings to persons who do not know them; of calumny who, by remarks contrary to the truth, harms the

reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgments concerning them" (no. 2477).

We will never truly know what is in a person's mind, heart, and soul; only God

knows those things. We should, of course, take our concerns to God and entrust the person about whom we are concerned to God's grace and mercy. If we have whom we are close, we should go to the person themselves and talk about our fears and concerns. Unless it is a case of abuse or endangerment (which we have a moral and even legal responsibility to report to the appropriate authorities), we ultimately do not have the freedom to share another's persons faults or sins, however good we think our intentions might be.

#### ¿POR QUÉ HACEMOS ESO? - VIDA CATÓLICA **EXPLICADA**

#### La Comunión y el pecado mortal Pregunta:

Tengo amigo que recibe la Comunión, pero yo sé por cierto información? ¿Es la responsabilidad mía decir algo?

#### Respuesta:

Aunque queremos hacer lo que es mejor para nuestros amigos y familiares, tenemos una responsabilidad al respetar su privacidad y conciencia. Reflexionando sobre el octavo mandamiento ("No darás testimonio falso contra tu prójimo"), el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica expone, "El respeto de la reputación de las personas prohíbe toda actitud y toda palabra susceptibles de causarles un daño injusto. Uno se hace culpable: - de juicio temerario el que, incluso tácitamente, admite como verdadero, sin tener para ello fundamento suficiente, un defecto moral en el prójimo; - de maledicencia el que, sin razón objetivamente válida, manifiesta los defectos y las faltas de otros a personas que los ignoran; - de calumnia el que, mediante palabras contrarias a la verdad, daña la reputación de otros y da ocasión a juicios falsos respecto a ellos" (numero 2477). No sabemos nunca lo que hay en la mente, el corazón, y el alma de otra persona; solamente Dios sabe esas cosas. Claro, debemos llevar nuestras preocupaciones a Dios y encomendar a la persona de quien estamos preocupados a la gracia y misericordia de Dios. Si tenemos preocupaciones sobre el bienestar espiritual de una persona con quien estamos íntimos, debemos hablar directamente con él o ella sobre nuestras preocupaciones. A menos que se trate de un caso de abuso o peligro (que tenemos la responsabilidad moral e incluso legal de informar a las autoridades apropiadas), últimamente no tenemos la libertad de compartir las faltas o los pecados de otra persona, por buenas que creamos que nuestras intenciones puedan ser.



#### SVDP Thank You

The St. Vincent de Paul ministry was overwhelmed by the generosity of our parishioners who donated over \$9000 to the 2023 Christmas Program. 65 families received \$50-\$100 Food Maxx/Lucky's food certificates while 140 children were given \$50 Target gift cards. The families were most appreciative of the gifts as they were able to shop for needed holiday items. Thanks again to Alice Kong and the Aloha Kiss Arthur Kong Memorial Foundation for donating 300 warm handmade beanies which were distributed with the gifts. We are so appreciative of the St. Anne's #78 Young Ladies Grand Institute for adopting two families and providing them with a holiday meal as well as supporting all of the 65 Christmas families with their donations of Andes Mints, boxed cookies, and 71 Kohl's Care stuffed animal toys which were enclosed in the gift bags. If anyone is interested in joining the St. Vincent de Paul ministry, we welcome you to join us on the third Tuesday of each month as we meet at 6:30pm in the parish center. We provide food vouchers and utilities assistance to the needy neighbors residing in our parish boundaries. Our annual events include Bundle Sunday, the Friends of the Poor Walk, the Back to School Program, and the Christmas Program. We thank you for the donations that we receive from the quarterly 5th Sunday of the month second collection which support our ongoing service to those in







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