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Our Mission...
To Be Christ for Others
As Christ is for Us
“Learn it, Live it”

St. Joan of Arc Parish
2601 San Ramon Valley Blvd. • San Ramon, CA 94583-1630
October 3, 2010

DAILY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sacrament of Reconciliation – Saturday, 4:30 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. or by appointment
Saturday Evening Mass (Vigil of Sunday) – 5:30 P.M.
Sunday Masses – 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 A.M. & 12:00 Noon
Daily Masses: Monday through Friday – 9:00 A.M.
Communion Service: Saturday mornings – 9:00 A.M.
Anointing of the Sick:1st Saturday of the month -- 9:00 A.M.
Holy Day Masses – 6:00, 9:00 A.M., 12:10 & 7:30 P.M.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 7:00 p.m. First Friday of each month
(unless otherwise noted)

REGISTRATION:
Pre-registration Forms can be found on the vestibule counters.
You may drop them at the parish office or in the collection basket.

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Some Christians seem to think that faith is an all or nothing experience. Either you have faith in God or you don’t. But Jesus recognized that faith, like hope and love, is a matter of degrees. Our faith can be strong or weak, great or small. Our faith can increase or decrease over time.

In our first reading, the prophet Habakkuk went through a spiritual drought when his prayers went unanswered and his faith wavered. But God told him to hold on to the vision of peace and prosperity that he had promised his people. Live in the faith that his promises will surely come true.

In our second reading, the apostle Paul wrote to his disciple Timothy to rekindle his faith. Over time, Timothy had grown cool in his passion for the Gospel. Paul urges him to “stir into flame the gift of God” that had been bestowed on him. Faith, life fire, needs the breath of life to burn strong.

In our Gospel the disciples of Jesus asked him to increase their own faith. But he threw the ball back in their court. He told them that they had to increase their faith by putting their faith into action. The smallest faith can grow in strength and size by being exercised.

Blessings, Fr. Ray
Twenty Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time
Mass Intentions
October 3rd, 2010

SAT: 5:30 PM Members of our Parish
SUN: 7:30 AM Amparo P. Mendioro +
       9:00 AM Rose Mara +
       10:30 AM Benjamin Nery + and Gracelyn Nery +
       12:00 PM Atanacio Mardo +
MON: 9:00 AM Frances Mitchell +
TUES: 9:00 AM Ann Mather +
WED: 9:00 AM Ann Kremer +
THURS: 9:00 AM Ed Mathias +
FRI: 9:00 AM Esther Cadena +
SAT: 9:00 AM Communion Service

Pray for those who are sick or suffering:
Elfi Ashouri, Bill Finnegan, Stanley Zielezenski,
Father Declan Deane, Clare Dowling, Heinz Miller,
Roberta Ambrose Sotelo, Sam Gilchrist, Tom Pult,
Ann Otis, Lillian Baker, Bob and Ann Grau, Honey Giblin,
Nicholas Policar, Janet Bertolero, Michael Sweet,
Marie Island, Gerry Sharkey, Marylou Cisneros,
Michael Buitrago, Sabrina Franklin, John Moran, Mike Theriault,
Anthony Yazurlo, Evelyn Maita, Sabrina Franklin,
Ralph Fritz, Marisa Lynne, Mary Roberts,
Joyce Davis, Harry Leung, Br. David Brennan, F.S.C.,
Bill McGullam, Nadine Durant, Marie Enea, Patricia Monteilh

Pray for our deceased: Evelyn Vattuone (mother of Evelyn Maita), Sean Burns, Benedicto Bigornia,
Cipriano Alcantra, Felipe & Rosy Paez,

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

TOWARDS A MATURE FAITH

Last week we left off our reflections on the Pontifical Biblical Commission (herein after PBC) by reviewing Fr. James Bretzke’s initial thoughts on Scripture and morality. In the next section of the article, Fr. Bretzke presents us with six methodological criteria that the PBC indicates as means of helping us reconcile biblical morality into everyday life.

The first of these criteria, the “criterion of convergence,” states that by its very nature “a truly biblical morality will also necessarily be universal.” This means, in Fr. Bretzke’s view, that Scripture is essential to our Catholic moral theology. The second criterion, the “criterion of opposition,” it seems to me, emphasizes ‘What we ought to do’ rather than what we do. Fr. Bretzke describes it as being a situation in which “…cultural values that are incompatible with deeper Gospel values have to be purified and corrected.” (pp. 212 -213) Since all humanity was taken up in the Incarnation, a truly “human morality” would coincide precisely with any biblical ethics…. (p. 211). The “criterion of progress” addresses our need to continually refine our human conscience in order to develop a deeper commitment to the Kingdom of God. This is not done alone, as the fourth criterion “the criterion of community” makes clear. It is only through participation of the entire community of disciples that we avoid the trap of subjective and individual moral decisions. The fifth criterion, the “criterion of finality” as Fr. Bretzke explains requires us to “be open to the absolute future of the world and of history that enables us to mark out clearly the guiding vision or ideal that in turn will help shape concrete strategies and goals that will help us along the way” (p. 213). The final criterion, the “criterion of discernment” guides us on our journey by assisting us in determining how we “can best follow Jesus’ command to ‘go and do likewise.’” (Ibid.).

Peace,
Deacon Charlie

“THE OCTOBER COUNT”

Every October, parishes across the Diocese obtain a head count at all Sunday Masses to submit statistical records to the Diocese. Our Ushers here at St. Joan’s will be participating in this endeavor by manually counting all those who attend Sunday Mass.
Religious Education
Telephone: 830-4710—Email: REOffice@sjasr.org

Religious Ed Classes are off to a great start. Many thanks to all the catechists, children and parents for helping with this ministry. God is alive and working hard at St. Joan of Arc where we are learning and living our mission TO BE CHRIST FOR OTHERS AS CHRIST IS FOR US.

CIC meets this Sunday October 3 from 11:30 to 1:00 in the Multi Purpose Room.

There is one more Safe Environment Training for all volunteers in the parish on Saturday October 9 at 10:00 am in the church.

Hey 6th Graders...BLAST KICKOFF NIGHT is this Thursday, October 7 from 6:30-8 in the MPR!

We will celebrate with the music of NELSON!

Come and bring your families for a fun filled, faith filled evening!!

Contact liz Mooring at 830-4710 lmooring@sjasr.org for more info.

Tiny Treasures Play Group...

Parents and Children meet Thursdays 10:00 to 11:30 am in Classroom 2 & 3 (unless otherwise noted)

Questions: Call Sabrina at 456-0569
LIGHT kick-off:
Monday, Oct. 4
7-8:30 p.m. in the MPR

LIGHT and EDGE Leaders:

EDGE 7th and 8th Graders
MEETS WEDNESDAYS 6:50 – 8:30 IN THE GYM

Wednesday, October 6th: Stop It!
Sunday, October 10th: 5:30 Youth Mass and a Meal
Wednesday, October 13th: Friends
Wednesday, October 20th: The Sower/ Good Samaritan
Saturday, October 23rd: Corn Maze Social
Wednesday, October 27th: EDGEstravaganza – Halloween

~ Fun Night ~
Parish Stewardship

The Word

When will I have given enough – of my income, of my time, of my talents? Today’s Gospel suggests that only total stewardship will do: "When you have done all you have been commanded to do, say 'We are useless servants. We have done no more than our duty.'" What is my duty towards the unborn?

For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control."
- 2 Timothy 1:7

A good steward cannot be a coward. It takes strength, love and self-control to put God first in our lives. St. Paul assures us that we have been given the courage we need to do God’s work.

Living Our Lives as Stewards

We invite you to remember St. Joan of Arc Church in your will and estate planning. Thank you!

Treasure

Weekly Goal: $28,000

September 25/26, 2010 Collections
Envelope Users $10,833.00
Loose Checks $3,410.50
Loose Cash $2,556.00
OTHER* $5,200.00
Total Sunday Collection: $21,999.50

Excess/(Shortfall) $(6,000.50)

*Other includes EFT, Employee Giving Campaign, On-Line Banking

Today is Catholic Voice Sunday. This second collection is the annual request to support the paper which is the only regular source of Catholic news and information delivered to all parishioners in the diocese. A $20 donation pays your share of The Voice’s costs for a full year. Please make your check payable to St. Joan of Arc; it will help defray the parish’s assessment for The Voice.
**St. Joan of Arc Book Club**

Ron Hanson’s novel *Exiles* explores the creation of Gerard Manley Hopkins’ monumental poem *The Wreck of the Deutschland*. It examines the lives of the five Franciscan sisters who died in that shipwreck and the life of the innovative Jesuit poet Hopkins.

Please join the book group on Thursday, October 14th at 9:30 a.m. in Classroom 1, to share your thoughts about exile and the purpose of life.

You can call Meg Monaghan at 803-8830, or email her at mmonaghan@pacbell.net if you have any questions.

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**Dinners for Homeless Families**

**OCTOBER 4 through OCTOBER 8, 2010**

Mountain View Home, Martinez

St. Joan of Arc will be providing dinner each evening, Monday through Friday, for the families living at the shelter in Martinez.

Prepared meals are brought to St. Joan’s each day at 4 PM. We then carpool to the shelter to serve the meal. Two or three people are needed to help serve and clean-up.

For more information and to help, please call:

Jeanne Durand, 648-3521  
Monica Wnuk, 829-5356

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**Attention Altar Servers!**

There is a mandatory training for those interested in becoming an altar server (child or adult)

- October 5th @ 7 pm in the church  
- October 10th @ 3 pm in the church

Please pick one to come to! We look forward to seeing you there!

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**Married Couples:** Treat yourself to a bountiful harvest! Give one another - the gift of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! This is an incredible opportunity to ‘get away from it all’ and focus on just the two of you! Become a beacon of light and love to all those around you. Please join us for our upcoming WWME weekend November 19 - 21.

For more information call Frank & Edith @ 925.831.2875 now or go to [www.rekindleyourmarriage.org](http://www.rekindleyourmarriage.org)

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Are you “between jobs”, looking for work? There are many faith-based networking groups in the area that can give you assistance during this time in your life:

**St. Joan of Arc:** Thriving Between Jobs  
contact rosemarie.t.mckenney@comcast.net;  
http://tinyurl.com/ThrivingBetweenJobs

**St. Isidore:** S.I.N.G.  
http://www.st-isidore-danville.org/index.htm

**St. Raymond:** JobLink  
http://finance.groups.yahoo.com/group/StRayJobLink

**CPC (Community Presbyterian Church):**  
Job Connections  
www.JobConnections.org  
See also: http://www.puttingthebaytowork.com/Job_Support_.html

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**Rosary to Our Lady of Fatima**

Saturday, October 16th  
12 noon in the church.

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**St. Joan of Arc**  
will sponsor the St. Mary’s Dinner for Seniors on Sunday, October 10  
The dinner menu and sign ups for volunteers are posted in the vestibules of the church.
PEOPLE OF LIFE

How good it is, how pleasant, for God’s people to live in unity. It is like the precious oil running down from Aaron’s head and beard, down to the collar of his robes. It is like the dew on Mount Hermon falling on the hills of Zion. For there Yahweh has promised a blessing, life that never ends.

Psalm 133

"Our" Gabriel baby girl is exquisite! Her mom is full of grace, humility and gratitude for the prayers and for the gifts. We, as a community, are so blessed to have this opportunity to help sustain a precious life. Donations, no matter how small, are still appreciated.

Monetary Donations: Checks (payable to St. Joan of Arc), cash and gift cards should be brought to the parish office.

Baby Items: If you have "items" to donate, please contact Karen Barry 828-7033.

CONFIRMED? ADULT!

Are you an Adult (18 years or older) but not yet Confirmed Catholic?

Our Adult Confirmation Program begins October 5th at 7 p.m.

If you are interested in attending this program and wish to be confirmed next January, please contact Deacon Charlie at the Parish Office or by email at cstanton@sjasr.org.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

St. Paul tells us that we must grow in our faith. Not only in our feelings about our faith, but also in knowledge.

St. Joan of Arc’s ADULT FAITH FORMATION programs are getting ready to begin this year’s schedule and hopes to give all adults on their faith journey a better understanding and commitment to our faith. Please join us for one or more of these programs during the coming year.

Adult Confirmation – Tuesday evenings October 5 through December 7; Confirmation on January 29 at the Cathedral of Christ the Light

Catholics Coming Home – October 2010

Stewardship – 3rd Tuesday, September – April

Order of Christian Funerals – Fr. Ray – Oct.26—7 p.m.

Revisiting Vatican II—Rev. Andrew Kirschman Nov 16 – 7 PM

Advent Program – An Evening with Dan Schutte – November 30, 2010 – 7 p.m.

Small Faith Communities – On-going

Christmas Brunch – Dec. 4, Women’s Retreat – Feb. 5 and Morning with Mary – May 14

Catholics at Work – September through December and February through May

Feminist Theology – Maureen Day—May 2011

Men’s Retreat – Saturday - Date to be determined

Catholic Social Teaching – Dates to be determined

Introduction to Scripture Studies – Deacon Charlie and Renee Bhatia -- Spring

Lenten Program – Date to be determined

St. Augustine’s Confessions – 6-week class with Renee Bhatia -- Dates to be determined

Introduction to Biblical Studies -- 6-week class Dates to be determined

INTERCESSORY PRAYER TEAM

"Lord Jesus, Help us to find time each day, if only for a few minutes, to be close to you. Teach us to pray as we ought so that filled with your Spirit we may reach out to the hunger of those around us."

Mother Teresa

All are welcome to gather for prayer, sharing, nurturing, updates and feedback on this thriving ministry. Friday, October 8 in the Church Conference Room @ 7pm

Catholics coming Home

Questions about the Church?

Inactive with your faith?

Away from the Church, hurt, confused or angry because of your experience? Please consider our invitation to come and talk with us.

St Joan of Arc in San Ramon invites you to an 8 week series that can answer your questions, and help you with your journey of faith. Learn about our Loving and Forgiving God. Starts October, Tuesday evenings, 7-8:30pm, St Joan of Arc Parish, San Ramon, CA 2601 Camino Ramon, CA 94583. Contact: Deacon Charlie (925) 830-0600, cstanton@sjasr.org or Renee at rmbhatia@aol.com
Early Timers
(55+ Group)
Old and New Friends
are invited to a
Halloween Potluck Dinner

Date: Friday, October 8
Time: 5:30 PM
Place: Multipurpose Room
Note: Halloween Costumes Optional

Please bring the following dish if your last name starts with:

A-D  hors d’oeuvres
E-L  Vegetable or Salad
M-P  Main Dish
Q-Z  Dessert or Fruit

If you are planning to attend please call Rosemary at 735-1545

Will be available for purchase after all masses today, Sunday, October 3rd!

T-Shirts $15
Sweatshirts $35

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either one of us. We look forward to seeing you then!

Peace, Hock and Kim

Special gathering for...
Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick and Homebound

Friday, October 22nd
7:00 PM
Church Conference Room

Please plan on sharing your experiences ministering to the sick and homebound, as well as any questions you may have about your ministry. Either Fr. Ian or Fr. Ray will be joining us for prayer.

Light refreshments will be served.

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While Supplies Last!