

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

February 4/5, 2012

DAILY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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| 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 & 7:00 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.

PARISH OFFICES

Mon. & Tues. 8 A.M. - 7:30 P.M.;
Wed. & Thurs 8 A.M. to 4 PM; **Friday** Closed
Phone: 925-830-0600
Fax: 925-830-5059
Email: ParishOffice@sjasr.org

YOUTH MINISTRY OFFICE

Grades 7-12

Phone: 925-830-4720
Fax: 925-830-5059
Email: YouthOffice@sjasr.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

Pre-School-Gr. 6

Mon. – Thurs. 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Phone: 925-830-4710
Fax: 925-830-5059
Email: REOffice@sjasr.org

CYO OFFICE

Basketball: stjoancyo@aol.com
Track: www.stistjcyotrackclubspaces.com
Website: www.stjoancyo.com



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 5th Mass Intentions

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| SAT: | 5:30 AM | Members of our Parish |
| SUN: | 7:30 AM | Ruth Dyniewicz + |
| | 9:00 AM | Mary Inzerilla + |
| | 10:30 AM | Robert Bitanga + |
| | 12:00 PM | Baldomero & Justina Rodriguez + |
| MON: | 9:00 AM | Ruth Dyniewicz + |
| TUES: | 9:00 AM | Ruth Dyniewicz + |
| WED: | 9:00 AM | Declan Deane + |
| THURS: | 9:00 AM | John McCarrick + |
| FRI: | 9:00 AM | Ralph & Fran Mitchell + |
| SAT: | 9:00 AM | Communion Service |

Pray for those who are sick or suffering:

Elfi Ashouri, Stanley Zielezienski, Clare Dowling, Roberta Ambrose Sotelo, Janet Bertolero, Ann Otis, Mary Roberts, Danny Whalen, Pavlic Khoudian, Sharon Boursaw, Patricia Frick, Nicholas Policar, Odette Oliveira, Honorato Ramos, Christine Covington, Janice Collum, Aster Perez

Pray for our deceased ~ John Hallatt, Nolita Montera, Francisca Tionson, Elizabeth "Betty" Boucher

Please contact the parish office to have a loved one placed on the Prayer List for the sick or suffering. Names will appear for one month. If their condition continues to warrant our prayers, please call the Office and we will gladly include them in one-month increments as long as necessary.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| Monday: | 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56 |
| Tuesday: | 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13 |
| Wednesday: | 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23 |
| Thursday: | 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30 |
| Friday: | 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37 |
| Saturday: | 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10 |
| Sunday: | Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45 |



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Questions of the Week:

Question for Adults: "When have you felt the sadness of Job? When have you felt the joy of those who witnessed the healing works of Jesus?"

Question for Children: "What could you do this week to comfort someone who is sad?"

Weekly goal: \$28,000

January 29nd Collection:

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| Envelope Users | \$ 13,972.11 |
| Loose Checks | \$ 2,948.00 |
| Loose Cash | \$ 2,688.50 |
| OTHER* | \$ 5,430.00 |
| Total Sunday Collection | \$ 25,038.61 |
| Excess (Shortfall) | \$ (2,961.39) |
| Other includes EFT, Employee Giving Campaign, On-Line Banking | |

SAVE THE DATE! March 8,9 and 10



You are invited to be a part of St. Joan of Arc's upcoming **Parish Retreat "Living with Christ"**. The retreat will take place at the parish during Lent on March 8, 9, and 10 – Thursday and Friday evening and Saturday morning. Fr. Ray and the Pastoral Council envisioned this retreat as a priority for the parish community.

Why?

- *To draw closer to the heart of the Lord*
- *To allow Christ to grow within*
- *To intentionally open our lives to the action of the Spirit.*

Come join us on this journey of faith!

Registration forms are available in the parish office or by contacting:

Anna Humaydan @ annamd@gmail.com
Stephanie Baker @ sjibaker@gmail.com

**The cost of the retreat is \$ 50.00.
Deadline to register is February 20th.**



Religious Education

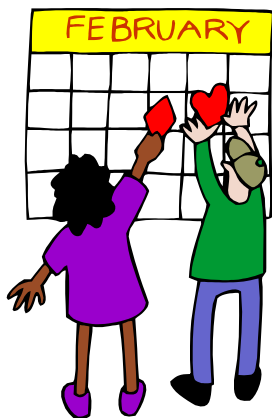
Telephone: 830-4710—Email: REOffice@sjasr.org



VBS Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars for this year's VBS.
We will be Flying through the SKY finding out that
Everything is Possible with GOD
from **June 25 to June 29.**

Watch the bulletin for more information and future meetings.



CIC

CIC family meeting is next
Sunday, February 12
from 11:30 to 1:00.



The ROCK meets
this Thursday,
February 9
6:30 to 8:00
in the
Multi Purpose
Room

LIVESCAN

If you work with children in any of our programs and you missed the livescan session that we had at the parish last Sunday, you will have to go to the local police station or Diocese of Oakland to have your livescan completed. This is mandatory for any volunteer who works with children in the diocese. Please check with the RE Office to pick up a form before you go to have this done.

Tiny Treasures

Parents and Grandparents
can enjoy talking to one another while
interacting with their child or grandchild.



Thursdays 10:00 a.m.
in Classroom 3


Questions: Call Sabrina at 456-0569

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|  | <p>YOUTH MINISTRY OFFICE 925-830-4720 YouthOffice@sjasr.org</p> | <p>Next Youth Mass Sunday, February 12 at 5:30</p> |
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EDGE is sponsoring their Annual Bake Sale the weekend of February 11 - 12th.

Coming soon to the St. Joan of Arc "Theatre"
The 8th Annual Youth Ministry Musical!
The Wiz—a modern fun, funky version of the Wizard of Oz.



Performances on:
March 16, 17 and 18.
March 23, 24 and 25.

Tickets go on sale after all masses starting February

Feb. 17th - 19th
8th Grade Hands & Feet Retreat

EDGE spent last semester learning about Social Justice - continue to explore what it means to be the hands and feet of Christ. This retreat is a wonderful first retreat experience for the 8th graders in our programs! **Contact Gina for information.**






We will
no longer be serving dinner
 after Youth Mass.

It has been a pleasure building community and sharing a meal with those who have been able to attend.

Do not be overcome with hunger, overcome hunger with love!
30 Hour Famine High School Retreat
Feb. 24th -25th

Come get a taste of hunger and thirst for God while going without food for 30 hours! Learn about hunger, poverty and injustice, and be given the chance to help save lives by raising money to feed and care for hungry kids. **Find out more contact the Youth Center**



STEWARDSHIP

February 5, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Like St. Paul in the second reading, the good steward can say, "I do all that I do for the sake of the Gospel in the hope of having a share in its blessings."

"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.'" - Mark 1:35, 38

Through today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to doing all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. **Yet Jesus also makes time to be alone in prayer. It is only through prayer, through spending time with God, that any of us can find the strength to do all that God wishes us to do.** As Christ's disciples, it is our purpose and our mission to proclaim the Word of God to the world today. We are, in effect, the hands and feet of Christ, and He calls each one of us to continue His ministry of proclaiming the good news. In fact, that is why He established the Church - to call all men to Himself.

We have the poignant hymn we sing, "Christ has no body here but ours. No hands no feet, but ours."

"Later in Mark's gospel, when Jesus tells the apostles, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation," (Mk. 16:15), He was speaking to the whole Church. **Let us take ownership of our call.** May we all use our God-given gifts, our time, our talent, and our treasure - to proclaim the good news: Christ has come to save all and He offers everyone life everlasting. It is a wonderfully hope-filled message. May our lives reflect its truth!"

Living Our Lives as Stewards

DONATION STATEMENTS

The Parish Office has mailed the End of the Year Donation Letters to all parishioners who currently use ENVELOPS, EFT, Employee Giving and/or On-Line Banking. It is important to understand that if you are donating cash or loose checks we do not have those records. If you are registered and would like to begin using envelopes, please contact the parish office at 830-0600. If you are new to St. Joan of Arc and would like to become a registered parishioner, we invite you to fill out a Pre-Registration Form found in the vestibules of the church or on our website at www.sjasr.org. Turn in the completed form to the office and we will be in touch with you to invite you to our Monthly Welcome Gathering for new parishioners. If you should find a discrepancy in your donation totals please send a detailed email to our bookkeeper at wbankson@sjasr.org ~ Thank you.



Free Medical Clinic Physician/Pharmacist Open House!

How valuable is 3 hours of your time per month? The value to our local community is priceless.

As a volunteer physician and/or pharmacist for the RotaCare Pittsburg Free Clinic at St. Vincent de Paul, you can help provide free medical care to unemployed and uninsured members of our community that are most in need. Without access to RotaCare, patients will seek help only in crisis, frequently in emergency rooms at an exorbitant cost to taxpayers.

Your assistance has never been needed more! The RotaCare Pittsburg Free Clinic has been serving underserved members of our community for a year, and we have treated about 750 patients already! The demand for clinic services has significantly increased due to the economic crisis, leaving individuals and families without access the most basic of healthcare.

The clinic is in urgent need for your assistance one Wednesday evening — just 3 hours a month

We invite you to learn more about this valuable volunteer opportunity that we are sure you would find to be both rewarding and enjoyable.

Please join us, February 15, 2012 for an “Introduction to RotaCare Pittsburg Open House”, 4-7 pm RotaCare Pittsburg Free Medical Clinic at St. Vincent de Paul 2210 Gladstone Drive Pittsburg, CA 94565. To RSVP or for more information, contact Katie at 925 439-2009 or emailing katiem@rotacarebayarea.org
Thank you in advance for your considering this most important volunteer opportunity.

***St. Joan of Arc’s Grief Ministry
Is offering Bi-Monthly Drop-In Sessions
(Doors Open at 6:30 for Registration)
Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.***

The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Grieving people need time and space to honor their grief. We welcome anyone who has had a loss, be it recent or long ago... We all heal at our own pace... This is a unique fellowship of wounded hearts.

Let us accompany you on your healing journey.

Location: St. Joan of Arc Parish
Church Conference Room
2601 San Ramon Valley Blvd.
San Ramon, CA 94583

Dates & Topics:
February 7, 2012 Dealing with the Holidays, Anniversaries & Other Special Days
February 21, 2012 Dealing with Family and Friends
March 6, 2012 Biggest Myths about Grieving

No pre-registration necessary. Just drop in!

For more information: Call Kathy at (805)338-5320
Or Susan at (925)830-1737

These sessions are open to all, regardless of religious affiliation.

THE EARLY TIMERS



Are celebrating St. Valentine's Day with a Potluck Diner. If you are 55+ years old and would like to join us, please call 735-1545 to reserve a seat.

**Friday, February 10
5:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room**

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

- A-D Main Dish
- E-L Desert or Fruit
- M-P Hors d'oeuvres
- Q-Z Vegetable or salad

We look forward to seeing you!



Knights of Columbus Crab & Pasta Feed



Make your Reservations NOW!!
February 18, 2012

To benefit:
Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano
and
St. Joan of Arc Parish

In the St. Joan of Arc parish gymnasium
No-host social hour @ 6:00 PM / dinner @ 7:15 PM

\$45 per person or \$400 for a table of 10

Reserve early! This event has sold out for several years – a great value and great food!

To make a reservation please go to www.kofc9206.org
Or call Knights of Columbus 925-263-1776



MINISTRY OF MOTHERS SHARING M.O.M.S GROUP IS FORMING

“Come together, share your stories, bond with other Mothers”

New Group starting in the Spring.

To register for the session or to sign up as a member of the new planning team,
Contact **Jamie Ingrassia** in Religious Education
phone 830-0600 ext. 232 or email jingrassia@sjasr.org

FACILITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Parishioners are invited to one of the following meetings to give their input into present and future needs when it comes to our parish facilities. These meetings will be held in the Church Conference Room, and will last about one hour.

Needs Assessment Meeting Dates and Times

February 7th – 10:30 am

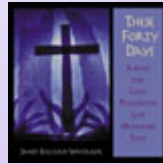
February 16th – 7:00 pm

February 19th – After the 9:00 am Mass

**On Saturday night, March 3rd
the St Joan of Arc Music Ministry Presents:**

THESE FORTY DAYS

the Lenten music of Janèt Sullivan Whitaker



**Janèt is both our music director
and a renowned composer of music for the Catholic church.
The concert begins at 7:15 in the church.
Come and support the work of our music ministry,
while sharing in this time of prayerful music of the season.**

Why Do We Canonize Saints?

Canonization is the declaration by the pope that a person is worthy of veneration as a saint because he or she lived a life of heroic virtue or remained faithful to God through martyrdom and is now in Heaven with God. The process of canonization is lengthy. After a person dies, supporters can introduce a cause for sainthood on his or her behalf. A thorough investigation of the candidate is performed which includes examining all writings and hearing the testimony of witnesses who knew the individual. If it's decided that he or she did live a life of heroic virtue, the person is declared Venerable. Before the candidate can achieve the next step, Beatification, a miracle must be attributed to the person's intercession with God. The miracle must be a suspension of the natural law, such as a healing that can't be explained. The candidate is then known as Blessed. The final step is canonization, which requires a second confirmed miracle.



ST. JOAN OF ARC BOOK CLUB

Reading Jesus: A Writer's Encounter with the Gospels is Mary Gordon's

personal response to her contemplation of Jesus as a storyteller and as a character in the gospel narratives. The book group invites you to join them in reading this thoughtful and thought-provoking work.

You can join us to share your insights on the gospels and on Mary Gordon's interpretations on **Thursday, February 16, at 9:30 a.m. in Classroom 1.**

Please call Meg Monaghan at 803-8830
or email her at mmonaghan@pacbell.net



St. Joan of Arc will sponsor St. Mary's Dinner for Seniors On Sunday, February 12

The dinner menu and sign ups for volunteers are posted in the vestibules of the church.

St. Mary's Shelter is in need of toiletry items such as shampoo, soap, shaving cream etc. Donations may be dropped off in the parish office or the parish kitchen by February 12 at 11:00 a.m.

Thank you for your continued support.!