



# Saint Joan of Arc CATHOLIC CHURCH

*"To be Christ for Others as Christ is for Us."... Learn it, Live it!*

2601 San Ramon Valley Blvd. San Ramon, CA 94583



## PASTOR

Rev. Raymond Sacca

## DEACON

Rev. Mr. John Durden

## PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Bob Cummings

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Low gluten hosts are available. Stand in the priest's communion line and as you approach, let him know you would like a low gluten host.

### Weekday Mass

9:00 AM

### Communion Service

Saturday mornings, 9:00 AM

### Vigil Liturgy

Saturday, 5:30 PM

### Weekend Masses

Sunday, 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM and 12:00 PM

### Next Youth Mass

5:30 PM on December 8

### Communal Anointing of the Sick

## EUCCHARIST

### TO THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

If you or someone you know would like to receive the Eucharist at home, contact the Parish Office.

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 4:00 - 5:00 PM or by appt.

## BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

Open 24 hours

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursdays from noon to 1:30 PM with devotional music and silent meditation. Adoration also on the First Friday of the month at 7 PM

## PRAY THE ROSARY

Monday - Friday after the 9 AM Mass

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed.*

LUKE 21:17-18



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## FOR THE RIDE HOME & INTO THE WEEK: OVERCOMING DIFFICULTIES

Jesus said, "You will be hated by all because of My name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls." (Luke 21:17-19)



Adults: When bad things happen, how do you deal with them?

Kids: Have you ever worried about something that might happen? What can help you worry less?

**OUR CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION**

If your contact information changes please notify the Parish Office.

**RESOURCES TO ASSIST YOU WITH A STRUGGLE YOU MAY BE CURRENTLY EXPERIENCING**

<p><b>Autism and Special Needs Support</b> Sue Walsh sbwjobs1@mac.com</p> <p><b>Chronic Illness or Ongoing Medical Condition Prayer Group</b> Parish Office 925 830-0600</p> <p><b>Divorce and Separated Support</b> Sue Pieraccini 925 819-1809 smc9@sbcglobal.net</p> <p><b>Grief</b> Susan Fusselman 925 830-1737 sunshine_suzy@perrytool.com</p> <p><b>Financial Needs</b> St. Vincent de Paul Leave message at office: 925 830-0600</p>	<p><b>General Social Service Needs</b> Addiction, Domestic Violence, Education and more. Pick up the Faith in Action Catholic Social Services Directory in the vestibules or go to <a href="http://faithinactionoakdiocese.org">faithinactionoakdiocese.org</a></p> <p><b>Job Support</b> Rosemarie McKenney 925 830-0600 rmckenney@sjasr.org</p> <p><b>LGBT (for individuals/family members)</b> Tim Corcoran 925 963-3859 sja.LGBTQ@gmail.com</p> <p><b>Marriage Trouble - Get Hope</b> HelpOurMarriage.com <a href="http://www.sjasr.org/MARRIAGE">www.sjasr.org/MARRIAGE</a></p>
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**SACRAMENTS**


**BAPTISM** Held Sundays. Please allow 8 weeks for preparation. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

**CONFIRMATION** Preparation for teens begins in grade nine. Contact the Youth Ministry Office. Adults, over 18, contact Maureen Tiffany at 830-0600.

**MARRIAGE** The bride, the groom or their parents must be registered parishioners of St. Joan of Arc. The couple must also meet with a priest at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK** For anyone experiencing chronic illness or preparing for medical treatment, surgery, long-term care, etc., please call the Parish Office to arrange an appointment with a priest. Anointing is also celebrated in the communal form on the 1st Saturday of each month at 9 AM Mass.

**CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.)**  
 For individuals interested in becoming Catholic, and for adult Catholics who have not received Eucharist or Confirmation, contact the Parish Office.



**"The Sacraments are the manifestation of the Father's tenderness and love towards each of us."**  
*Pope Francis*

**PREPARE FOR MASS**

**Read the readings before you come to Mass.** The daily readings can be found in many places, including:

- page three of the bulletin
- online at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)
- on the Catholic phone app **Laudate**

**RESOURCES FOR YOU**

**SJASR.FORMED.ORG** - free Catholic movies and books.



Join Realm, our parish communication system for the latest parish news, group and ministry updates, and service opportunities. If you'd like to join Realm, please contact Ministry and Communications Coordinator Raymond Figueroa at [rfigueroa@sjasr.org](mailto:rfigueroa@sjasr.org) or send your request via the parish website.

**MASS SCHEDULE, READINGS AND INTENTIONS**

*We strive to accurately record the names for the Mass intentions. We apologize for any errors. In addition, due to the various liturgical observances, Feast Days, and visiting clergy, it is not always possible to announce the Mass intention. However, be assured that the presiding priest is aware of the Mass intention and remembers them during the Liturgy of the Eucharist.*

**Saturday, November 16:**

Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8

**9:00 AM**                      **Communion service**  
**5:30 PM**                      **Trisha Souza +**

**Sunday, November 17:**

Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5-9; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

**7:30 AM**                      **Members of St Joan of Arc**  
**9:00 AM**                      **Jack Walsh +**  
**10:30 AM**                     **Jesus De Leon +**  
**12:00 PM**                     **Chris Cristobal +**

**Monday, November 18:**

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33

**9:00 AM**                      **Judy McKenney +**

**Tuesday, November 19:**

2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10

**9:00 AM**                      **Thomas O'Sullivan**

**Wednesday, November 20:**

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28

**9:00 AM:**                      **Trevor D'Souza +**

**Thursday, November 21:**

1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44

**9:00 AM:**                      **Judy McKenney +**

**Friday, November 22:**

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48

**9:00 AM**                      **Julie Disch +**

**Saturday, November 23:**

1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40

**9:00 AM**                      **Communion Service**  
**5:30 PM**                      **Julie Disch +**

**Sunday, November 24:**

2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

**7:30 AM**                      **Members of St Joan of Arc**  
**9:00 AM**                      **Jack Walsh +**  
**10:30 AM**                     **Sylvester Ong+**  
**12:00 PM**                     **Peter C. Gleeson +**

**ARE YOU OR SOMEONE ELSE IN NEED OF PRAYER?**

+ **Submit a prayer request** through the prayer boxes in each vestibule or send an email to [PrayStJoan@yahoo.com](mailto:PrayStJoan@yahoo.com). If desired, a card can also be sent telling of our prayers for your friend or loved one.

+ **Request a Prayer Shawl** Request forms available in vestibules or contact Gina at 830-4720 or [gmcormick@sjasr.org](mailto:gmcormick@sjasr.org)

**MUSIC FOR THIS WEEKEND****November 16,17, 2019; 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Blest Be the Lord - Dan Schutte  
Glory to God - St Meinrad, Mode 6  
Psalm 98: The Lord Comes to Rule the Earth - Whitaker  
Taizé Alleluia - Jacques Berthier  
Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending - HELMSLEY  
Mass of Renewal - Curtis Stephan  
King of My Heart - Greg Walton  
Divine Praises  
Soon and Very Soon - Andrae Crouch

**PRAYERS****LOVED ONES WHO ARE SICK** *Those added this week are in red.*

Mary Ann Adlao	Fernando Manuntang, Sr.
Danielle Allison	Dorothy Mariscal
Heston Arroyo	<b>Ed McMillan</b>
Evelyn Asprer	Alex Media
Kathy Barnard	Aurora Mercado
<b>Janet Bertolero</b>	Linda Mertes
Reyka Best	Carlos Moralejo
Rosendo Cagara	MaryAnn Moran
Penny Candelaria	Ruby Morgan
William Chin	Greg Morris
John Cryer	Joseph Nguyen
Lisa Davis	Robert Otto
Vivian Eng	Todd and Verla Ann Pelley
Armando Fernandez	Mary Pham
Larry Fisher	Judy Quadraccia
Ron Giblin	Janet Richardson
Connie Gleeson	Audrey Schumacher
Barbara Gormaly	Mehesh Shah
Maria T. Grande	Charles J. Sickels
Barbara Gray	June Smith
Gina Hajduch	Luke Souza
Rosalina Jazmin	Trish Sorensen
Eric Johannsen	Maricel Soriano
Alan Johnson	Sadiki Stalo
Stephen Kasa	Betsy Jurewicz Sullivan
Maureen Kolda	Philip Sullivan
Kathy Knox	Thomas Sullivan
Mary Lenihan	Kate Tiongson
Shum Leung	Robert Tornberg
Ted Lim	Rene Torres
Merry Yuhico Lim	Stella Torres
Veronica Lim	Mark Turpin
Margaret Linderman	Bob Vallon
Aurelio Liwag	Raquel Villon
Daryll London	Mary Vnenscak
Missy Lutz	Peter Wilson
Norman Madrilejo	Kelli & Kevin Yamashita
Jesse Magallanes	Merry Yuhico Lim
Celia Magtoto	Fr. Ray Zielezienski
Angela Malit	

**LOVED ONES WHO ARE DECEASED:**

**BILL CASEY**





**Thursday, November 28, 2019**

10:30 a.m. (one Mass)

There will be a **Blessing of the Food** (you may bring your bread and wine) after Mass.

### ***Rite of Acceptance Next Sunday***

We invite you to join us on **Sunday, November 24 at the 12 Noon Mass** for the *Rite of Acceptance*, when RCIA inquirers become catechumens, and are officially welcomed by the Church and congregation as disciples.

### ***Food For Friends collection this weekend***



Thank you to all who donated during the October collection. 65 bags of food were generously donated. We are collecting nonperishable food and cleaning items this weekend for *Food for Friends*. Thank you for your generosity.

### **Pray for the recently baptized**



On Sunday, November 10, we welcomed to our parish community newly baptized:

Harper Torrissi

We ask the that you pray for Harper and the parents as they grow in faith together.

### ***Giving Tree Update***

If you would like to adopt a family from the *Giving Tree*, please contact Kathy Barnard at: [kfmbarnard19@yahoo.com](mailto:kfmbarnard19@yahoo.com) or 925-548-9105.

### ***Autism and Special Needs meeting***

The next Autism and Special Needs Support Group meeting is on Tuesday, Nov. 26 from 10:30 a.m.-12 noon in Classroom 1 of the Parish Office. For more information, please call Doug or Kay Collins at 925-820-4338.

“The dignity of resembling the Almighty is common to all people; we should then love them all as ourselves, as living images of the Deity. It is in this that we belong to God.”

—St. Francis de Sales

## **Treasures From Our Tradition**

We are faced with strong and disturbing readings today that hold a certain fascination, since they seem at first glance to be blueprints for future inevitable wars and hardship. A fundamentalist interpretation focuses on this aspect. Yet we hear them at our Sunday celebration of the Eucharist, which infuses them with hope and optimism. Rather than dreading the future, today's liturgy assures us that God is with us in all of life's inevitable trials, and that we have a role in shaping the outcome of human history. Occasionally, some Christians have attempted to decode these readings for an exact measure of the world's end, but they have thus far been disappointed.

“Nothing lasts forever” is a lyric from a Broadway show. Stars fall from the sky, leaves wither and fall, mountains wash into the sea, human projects and governments totter and collapse with great regularity. Today's liturgy opposes this idea as incomplete, reminding us that Christ has made a permanent change in human history, and that life in Him is life forever. Rather than inviting us to throw in the towel, today's liturgy strengthens us for acts of goodness and grace in our families, communities, and world.

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## **Campaign for Human Development 2019 Annual Collection**

Next week, our special collection will support the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. More than 46 million people in the United States live in poverty today. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address obstacles as they work to make permanent and positive changes for their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at [www.cchdeastbay.org](http://www.cchdeastbay.org)

## **St. Vincent de Paul Society accepting car donations**

If you have a car that you don't use, and it can pass the smog test, consider donating the vehicle to St. Vincent de Paul. The car will be donated to a needy family who can use it for transportation to work, taking children to school, shopping, running errands or even for a short recreational trip. For more information, please contact Bill Hurley at [wchurley@icloud.com](mailto:wchurley@icloud.com) or 925-389-6505.

## 2019 October Sacrificial Giving



**YTD Goal:**  
**\$1,193,022.00**

**Actual Collections:**  
**\$1,172,818.03**  
**Shortfall**  
**\$-20,203.97**

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:**

**Catholic Voice: \$2,473.00**  
**World Mission Sunday: \$2,468.00**

**Weekly Collections:**

Envelope Users \$41,674.85  
Non-Envelope Users \$21,196.00  
EFT \$20,060.50  
Website and Realm \$17,638.40  
Payment directly f/ bank \$3,755.00  
Employee Giving \$338.00  
Simbang Gabi Fundraiser \$8,274.20  
**Monthly Total Collection \$112,936.95**

### Upcoming Special Collection for Shepherd's Gate



On the weekend of Nov. 30/Dec. 1, we will have a special collection for Shepherd's Gate, one of the five charities our church supports throughout the year.

Shepherd's Gate meets the physical, spiritual and emotional needs of women and children suffering from homelessness, addiction and domestic violence through the love of Jesus Christ, equipping them to lead lives of faith, hope and love. Campuses are located in Livermore and Brentwood. Thank you for your generosity.

### Special Observances and Saints

Sunday: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of SS. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne  
Thursday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Friday: St. Cecilia  
Saturday: St. Clement I; St. Columban; Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro; Blessed Virgin Mary



## St. Raymond School Tours

St. Raymond School in Dublin will be hosting another school tour and *Admission* presentation. This is a great opportunity to learn about their Preschool - 8th grade curriculum, available programs, and to visit their campus. Offered on Tuesday, November 19. Tour begins at 8:15am. Coffee with Principal Deehan will precede the tour. Contact Theresa Young at [tyoung@csdo.org](mailto:tyoung@csdo.org) or call 925-828-4064 for more information. Walk-ins welcome.

### Healing for the Holidays: Grief Retreat

The holidays are a tough time for people mourning loss, working the 12 steps, or living with traumatic past.

The loss of someone you love can change you forever. Whether that loss is through death or divorce, the journey of recovery is long, difficult and unique. This retreat will help you understand the journey, and give you hope, spiritual tools, peace and guidance on this grief path.

Facilitated by Sandy Heinisch. Friday, November 22-Sunday, November 24, 2019. Cost: \$245 private rm; \$215 shared rm. Call 925-837-9141, or go [sandamiano.org](http://sandamiano.org) and click on the *Retreats* tab.

### B.R.E.A.D.



**NEW BOOK: Holy Man of God, Father Damien of Molokai** by Gavan Daws

Come discuss faith and service on Thursday, November 21st, 9:30am, Lower Classroom. For more information, contact: Missy Davey [iris10@comcast.net](mailto:iris10@comcast.net).

### Walk for Life: Saturday, January 25, 2020

**Save the Date:** St. Joan of Arc will again be sending a contingent to the annual *West Coast Walk for Life* on Saturday, January 25, 2020 in San Francisco. If you are interested in joining us, please meet at the St. Joan of Arc statue at 9:30 a.m. For additional information, please contact Vic David at 925-997-8867 or John Vitz at 925-381-0007.



### JOIN US FOR Pasta Dinner Nights

**When:** November 17th, 2019  
**Time:** 4:30 - 6:30 P.M.  
**Where:** San Damiano Retreat  
710 Highland Drive  
Danville, CA  
**Cost:** Adults: \$20 | 12 and Under: \$10

**Purchase tickets:**  
[sandamiano.org](http://sandamiano.org) | (925) 837-9141



### YOUNG ADULTS!

All young adults, **ages 21 to ~35**, single and married, are invited to join the St. Joan's Young Adult group, which is part of the **Tri Valley Young Adult Ministry**.

To learn more, contact:  
Rachel at [ray4bees@gmail.com](mailto:ray4bees@gmail.com)

### SINGLE ADULTS!

Join us for fun with other single Catholics



#### Upcoming Activities:

**Sun, Nov 17:** Dinner at San Damiano, 4:30pm, \$20  
**Sat, Nov 23:** Handicapped, SF, 12 noon

For more information,  
Contact: Dorothy [dorthi\\_cac@hotmail.com](mailto:dorthi_cac@hotmail.com)



### MINISTRY OF MOTHERS (MOMS)

Thursday mornings, 9:45 to 11:45am, Classroom 3

Mothers of all types: You are invited to join Ministry of Mothers (MOMS) to become THE mother God wants us to be. **CHILDREN ARE WELCOME!**

Contact: [awillburn@gmail.com](mailto:awillburn@gmail.com)



Our next **Alpha Information Lunch** will be on **Sunday, January 26**



### MORE REASONS TO USE REALM!

November is here and that means we are gearing up for our annual GIFT speaker series in January. As in past years, we plan to have our program booklets in the pews the first week of Advent ... which begins on December 1.

This year, thanks to the expertise of Michelle Cooke of our Faith Formation team, we will be using Realm for our online registration! If you have an account on Realm, registration will be extra easy!

If you do not yet have an account on Realm, go to [sjasr.org/realm](http://sjasr.org/realm) and click on the big "Invite Me" button.



### SENIOR ADULTS: Join our monthly gatherings!

#### SAM SENIOR LUNCH GATHERING

Tuesday, **Dec 10** at 11:30 in the Church Conference Room. Bring your own lunch and join us for conversation and fun.



Contact: [phyllis9@comcast.net](mailto:phyllis9@comcast.net)



**EARLY TIMERS CHRISTMAS DINNER**  
Thursday, **Dec 12 @ 5:30pm**  
at the **Crow Canyon Country Club**  
*Reservations Required*

RSVP: [RosemaryWeigel@comcast.net](mailto:RosemaryWeigel@comcast.net), 925-735-1545

### NEED A RIDE to these activities? To Mass?



Registered and screened parishioners have been trained so that we can offer seniors rides to Mass and other activities at St. Joan.

Contact: [Elaine@MobilityMattersCC.com](mailto:Elaine@MobilityMattersCC.com), 925 284-2207

### PRAY WITH US

#### DAILY MASS

Mass is said daily, Mondays to Fridays, at 9am. To join our ministry as a Server, Lector or Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist: [RMcKenney@sjasr.org](mailto:RMcKenney@sjasr.org).

#### DAILY ROSARY

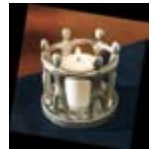
We pray the Rosary every day after the 9am Mass. Find us in the rows at the middle of the Church.

#### THURSDAY ADORATION

We have devotional music and silent meditation on Thursdays from noon to 1:30pm.

#### CENTERING PRAYER

The First Tuesday of each month  
7-8:30 pm in Classroom 1



We gather on the first Tuesday of each month. No experience necessary; we will lovingly guide you. Contact: [SueC18@comcast.net](mailto:SueC18@comcast.net)

#### ALPHA PRAYER TEAM

Join us as we pray for our Alpha culture, our core team and our guests!

Contact: [Sheryl.Wingard@gmail.com](mailto:Sheryl.Wingard@gmail.com) or 925 818-5630



### GO TO SJASR.FORMED.ORG

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# Adult Faith Formation Office

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*Adult Faith Formation's mission: to form joyful disciples who know, love and serve Jesus ... through prayer, learning, community and service*



## DO YOU WANT MORE FROM YOUR ADVENT?

What does your Advent usually look like?  
Busy? Hectic? Noisy?

Of course it does! This is the story for so many of us. With all the busyness leading up to Christmas, all too often we miss out on Advent. We find ourselves on December 26th no different than we were on December 24<sup>th</sup>: Christmas came, Christ came ... and that amazing reality that changed the world **didn't change us**.

But what if this coming Advent could be different? What if, instead of losing track of Advent, you walked through it, day by day with someone? **What if that someone was His father on earth, Joseph?** How would that change things?

Instead of Christmas being a day on your calendar, it would suddenly be something completely different. Advent would no longer be a time when you weren't sure what to do, but rather a time of joyful anticipation of the coming of a Child - **a Person** - of the Lord.

This Advent, we invite you to join us as we journey through Advent with Joseph in *Rejoice! Advent Meditations with Joseph*. You can **experience an Advent that is more peaceful, more joyful, and more meaningful than ever before**.

*Rejoice! Advent Meditations with Joseph* is a new Advent journal that provides a prayer resource with daily meditations that invite us to experience the first Advent with Joseph and Mary, as they await the birth of their Son, the Savior of the world.

Together with the guided meditation videos, this journal calls us daily to see through Joseph's eyes, feel what is in Joseph's heart and read the Scripture that Joseph read, so that we can fully prepare to welcome Jesus into our hearts this Christmas.

You can experience *Rejoice!* as part of the **1:15pm Sunday study group beginning November 24**, with your family or independently. For more information and to receive your journal,

Contact: [Mike\\_Dybis@att.net](mailto:Mike_Dybis@att.net)

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

**Sundays: C.A.F.E. "Catholic Adult Faith Expl,"** 1:15pm CI 1  
**Tuesdays: Revelation Bible Study,** 9:45am LCR  
**Tuesdays: Just Engagement study,** 10:00am CI 4  
**Tuesdays: Peacemakers,** 12:00noon CI 4  
**Wednesdays: Bible Timeline Bible Study,** 9:45am LCR  
**Wednesdays: Women's Bible Study,** 9:45am CI 1  
**Wednesdays: Just Engagement study,** 7:00pm host home  
**Thursdays: MOMS,** 9:45am CI 3  
**Thursdays: Bible Timeline Bible Study,** 7pm LCR  
**Saturdays: Bible Timeline Bible Study** 8:30am LCR  
**Sun Nov 17: Prayer and Pathways,** 4:30pm church  
**Thur Nov 21: B.R.E.A.D.,** 9:30am LCR  
**Thur Nov 21: Gospel Justice Mtg,** 7pm PCR  
**Tues Nov 26: Immigration Mtg,** 7pm CI 2  
**Tues Dec 3: Centering Prayer,** 7pm CI 1  
**Tues Dec 10: SAM Lunch,** 11:30am CCR  
**Thurs Dec 12: Early Timers Dinner,** 5:30pm CCCC  
**Sun Jan 12: GIFT Speaker Series begins!**  
**Sun Jan 26: Alpha** Information Lunch (Sunday lunch film series)

## BIBLE STUDIES AT ST. JOAN

You are warmly welcome to join one of our studies that are underway — join us to learn more!

### Bible Timeline: the Story of Salvation

Wednesday mornings, Thursday evenings  
and Saturday mornings

Contact: Rosemarie at [RMcKenney@sjasr.org](mailto:RMcKenney@sjasr.org)

### Sunday C.A.F.E. ("Catholic Adult Faith Exploration")

Currently studying the Gospel of John

Contact: [Mike\\_Dybis@juno.com](mailto:Mike_Dybis@juno.com)

### Tuesday Morning Study

Currently studying Book of Revelation

Contact: [JudithSteiner@comcast.net](mailto:JudithSteiner@comcast.net)

### Wednesday Women's Bible Study

Currently studying the Gospel of Luke

Contact: Colleen 858-3151 [homolkac@aol.com](mailto:homolkac@aol.com)

# Youth Ministry Office

EDGE Program: Grades 7-8  
Phone: 925-830-4720

LIGHT Program: Grades 9-12  
Email: YouthMinistry@sjasr.org

Confirmation

Next Youth Mass:  
Dec. 8th at  
5:30 pm



**A THEOLOGY OF THE BODY  
RETREAT FOR HIGH SCHOOL  
TEENAGERS**  
FABULOUS KEYNOTE  
SPEAKERS & WORSHIP  
LEADERS!

Friday, January 17 @ 5:30 p.m. until Sunday, January  
19 @ 3:00 p.m. COST: \$225

For retreat location and more information, go to  
echoesofworth.com

**Turn in permission slip and checks to St. Joan Youth  
Ministry office by MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18**



**EDGE, LIGHT, and  
CONFIRMATION teens and  
parents, we need your help!**

Please mark your calendars for  
**Tuesday, Nov 26th** to assemble  
S'mores gift bags between **9:30 am and 12:30 pm**.  
Our S'mores Bags are a tradition here at St. Joan's  
and make wonderful holiday gifts! All proceeds  
benefit the Youth Ministry programs and allow us  
to bring in great speakers, offer awesome retreats  
and youth rallies, and enable us to offer financial  
assistance to families in need so that no teen is  
ever turned away.

**Please sign-up today at: [bit.ly/SJASmores](http://bit.ly/SJASmores)**

**Sales will take place after all Masses the  
weekend of December 7th and 8th!**

## 10 High School Teen Volunteers Needed

to assist SJA St. Vincent de Paul with delivering  
**Holiday Food Boxes** to local families on **Saturday,  
November 23rd** from **9AM to 12 Noon**.

Sign up at [bit.ly/LIGHTservice](http://bit.ly/LIGHTservice)



## NOVEMBER COLLECTION



EDGE is collecting items for Holiday Food Boxes

The following items are needed to complete a family food box.

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Cereal (12-16 oz Box)             | Canned Tomatoes (14-16 oz)   | Instant mashed potatoes           |
| Pasta (1lb)                       | Canned Vegetables (14-16 oz) | Stuffing Mix                      |
| Peanut butter (12-16 oz)          | Canned Tuna (5 oz)           | Canned Cranberry Sauce (10-16 oz) |
| Baking mix (ex. Cake, muffin)     | Canned Beans (14-16 oz)      | Gravy Mix Packet                  |
| Mac and Cheese (7-10 oz)          | Canned Soup (8-16 oz)        | Vegetable Oil (12-16 oz)          |
| Beef ravioli OR Chilli (14-16 oz) | Applesauce (14-16 oz)        | Ground Coffee (1 lb)              |

\$20 Food Gift Cards to Safeway or Grocery Outlet

**NOTE: No Glass Bottles - No perishables - No Candy**

Items can be brought to EDGE on Wednesday nights or dropped off at the youth ministry office.



**Confirmation Time of Reflection  
For Candidates and Their Sponsor**  
November 17, 2019

Please attend the session that is reserved for you  
and your sponsor. Sessions meet in the MPR.

Session 1 meets at 1:00pm until 4:00pm

Session 2 meets at 6:00pm until 9:00pm



Please pray for our teens  
attending the National  
Catholic Youth Conference  
this week. Thank you for your generous donations  
and support of our youths.

*"If we are to reach real peace in the world, we shall  
have to begin with the children."*

Mahatma Gandhi



# Children's Faith Formation Office

Family Faith: Grades 1-5

ROCK: Grades 3-5

BLAST: Grade 6

Phone: 925-830-4710

Email: [CFF@sjasr.org](mailto:CFF@sjasr.org)

**The Faith Formation Offices will be closed on Wednesday, Nov. 27th through Friday, Nov. 29th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.**

## St. Joan of Arc's amazing program for our youngest members of the Church Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW)



Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW) is FREE! CLW is a program we offer for children who are in Kindergarten thru Grade 5 during the 9:00 AM and the 10:30 AM Masses throughout the year.

Children often find it difficult to sit quietly in Mass and can miss the message our Lord is sending them. Prior to the First Reading, children are dismissed from Mass to read the Sunday's reading in a manner that is more child friendly and fun and return to mass during the offertory. For all children from K-5th Grade. **You do not need to register your child for this experience!**

**CLW needs your help! Please consider becoming a presenter.**

**For more information please contact Erin Tulley at [erin.tulley@gmail.com](mailto:erin.tulley@gmail.com)**

## Gospel Reading

Luke 21:5-19

Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and warns his followers that persecution will come before the end time.

## Family Connection



Children, while innocently naïve about most world events, are also profoundly sensitive to the concerns felt by adults. We can help children interpret adult concerns by sharing information about current events in appropriate ways. We can also put these concerns in the light of God's kingdom and the assurance of God's care for us.

Discuss with your children one or more current events or a situation in your family which shows difficulties that may challenge our trust in a God who cares for us. Then read together today's Gospel, Luke 21:5-19. Notice how Jesus said that even when his disciples are persecuted, God would be with them.

Together with your children, talk about ways in which God might bring good out of the difficult events you discussed. Talk together about some actions you might take as a family to make better the situations you discussed. Conclude by praying for the needs of the people involved in the events you named. In prayer, place each of these difficult situations into God's hands.

## GET CONNECTED AND STAY INFORMED



RealmConnect

We are using Realm to connect with parents whose children are enrolled in our programs. Find the latest news, events, signup links and calendars within your Realm account. You can download **RealmConnect** from your app store for easy access.

**Don't have an account yet?** E-mail us at [CFF@sjasr.org](mailto:CFF@sjasr.org) and we'll send you an invitation.

*Photos from our 40th Anniversary Mass and Festival*



*Courtesy of Dominique Ghekiere-Mintz; to see additional photos of the 40th Anniversary, log on to <https://photodominique.smugmug.com/StJoanofArc/SJA-40th-Anniversary-October-2019/>*