



# 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

## EUCHARISTIC 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

1st Saturday of the month, 9 a.m.

## EUCHARIST

### 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

December 1, 2019

## FIRST SUNDAY

# of Advent

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**You must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect,  
the Son of Man will come.**

Matthew 24:44

## FOR THE RIDE HOME & INTO THE WEEK: STAY AWAKE!

Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Matthew 24:42)



Adults: How do you keep yourself spiritually awake? What special prayers, devotions, spiritual reading, or corporal acts of mercy will you do this Advent?

Kids: How are you going to prepare yourself for Christmas during this Advent season? Are there "good works" that you can offer to the coming Christ child?"

**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> <a href="http://HelpOurMarriage.com">HelpOurMarriage.com</a> <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 30:**

Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22  
**9:00 AM Communion Service**  
**5:30 PM Rita Giancaterino +**

**Sunday, December 1:**

Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44  
**7:30 AM Marylin Y. Hynan +**  
**9:00 AM Frank Berry +**  
**10:30 AM Members of St Joan of Arc**  
**12:00 PM Judy Mc Kenney +**

**Monday, December 2:**

Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11  
**9:00 AM Lydia Pantig +**

**Tuesday, December 3:**

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24  
**9:00 AM Eudia Autor +**

**Wednesday, December 4:**

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37  
**9:00 AM Thelma Mamaid +**

**Thursday, December 5:**

Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27  
**9:00 AM For the intentions of David Keith**

**Friday, December 6:**

Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31  
**9:00 AM Mike Rabin +**

**Saturday, December 7:**

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35-10:1  
**9:00 AM Anointing of the sick**  
**5:30 PM Ana Olsen +**

**Sunday, December 8:**

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12  
**7:30 AM Julie Disch +**  
**9:00 AM Jack Walsh +**  
**10:30 AM For the intentions of Lily**  
**12:00 PM Members of St Joan of Arc**

**MUSIC FOR THIS WEEKEND**

***November 30/December 1, 2019; 1st Week of Advent***

God of Day and God of Darkness - BEACH SPRING  
 Psalm 122: Let Us Go Rejoicing - Janèt Whitaker  
 Alleluia NOEL NOUVELET  
 Creator of the Stars of Night - CONDITOR ALME  
 SIDERUM  
 Mass of a Creation - Marty Haugen  
 This is Our Cry - Janèt Whitaker  
 O Come, O Come Emmanuel - VENI EMMANUEL  
 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending - HELMSLEY



**PRAYERS**

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

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Mary Ann Adlao                  | Fernando Manuntang, Sr.   |
| Danielle Allison                | Dorothy Mariscal          |
| Heston Arroyo                   | Ed McMillan               |
| Evelyn Asprer                   | Alex Media                |
| Roger Avery                     | Aurora Mercado            |
| Kathy Barnard                   | Linda Mertes              |
| Christy Bartolome               | Carlos Moralejo           |
| Janet Bertolero                 | MaryAnn Moran             |
| Reyka Best                      | Ruby Morgan               |
| Rosendo Cagara                  | Greg Morris               |
| Penny Candelaria                | Joseph Nguyen             |
| John Cryer                      | Robert Otto               |
| Lisa Davis                      | Todd and Verla Ann Pelley |
| Vivian Eng                      | Mary Pham                 |
| Armando Fernandez               | Judy Quadraccia           |
| Larry Fisher                    | Larry Quinn               |
| 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              |
| James Johnson                   | Betsy Jurewicz Sullivan   |
| Stephen Kasa                    | Philip Sullivan           |
| <b>Maureen and Delmar Kolda</b> | Thomas Sullivan           |
| Kathy Knox                      | Kate Tionson              |
| Mary Lenihan                    | Robert Tornberg           |
| Shum Leung                      | Rene Torres               |
| Ted Lim                         | Stella Torres             |
| Merry Yuhico Lim                | Mark Turpin               |
| Veronica Lim                    | Bob Vallon                |
| Margaret Linderman              | Raquel Villon             |
| Aurelio Liwag                   | Mary Vnenscak             |
| Daryll London                   | Elizabeth Voll            |
| Missy Lutz                      | Peter Wilson              |
| Norman Madrilejo                | Kelli & Kevin Yamashita   |
| Jesse Magallanes                | Merry Yuhico Lim          |
| Celia Magtoto                   | Fr. Ray Zielezienski      |
| Angela Malit                    |                           |

**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)

**LOVED ONES WHO ARE DECEASED:**  
**ZELDA BARBARA BINGENHEIMER**

**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 9:**

**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (not a Holy Day of Obligation) 9:00 AM**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10**

**Communal Reconciliation Service at 7:00 PM**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15**

**Giving Tree Collection of Gifts and Distribution**

All gifts should be brought to the church by 12:00 PM and will be sorted and distributed that afternoon.

**SIMBANG GABI MASSES (MISA DE GALLO)**

A traditional Filipino nine day novena to usher in the birth of Christ.

**December 16-23, 7:00 PM Mass**

Receptions follow each Mass in the MPR

**December 24, 5:30 AM Mass**

Reception in the MPR

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24**

**Christmas Eve\***

3:00 PM Family Mass

5:00 PM Family Mass

6:30 PM Mass

8:00 PM Mass

10:00 PM Mass

\*Because of Simbang Gabi Mass, there is no 9am Mass. Additionally, there is no Midnight Mass option.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25**

**Christmas Day**

Masses: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 12:00 PM

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1: Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God: Holy Day of Obligation**

Masses: Vigil: Tuesday, Dec. 31, 5:30 PM

New Year's Day: 9 and 10:30 AM

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 4: Journey of the Magi**

7:15 p.m. Featuring Music of Christmastide with Parish Choirs and Cantors

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 5: Santo Nino Feast Day**

12:00 PM Mass

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

St. Joan of Arc will again be sending a contingent to the annual **West Coast Walk for Life**. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Vic David at 925-997-8867 or John Vitz at 925-381-0007.

**Special Collection this week for Shepherd's Gate**



This week's special collection is 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.

**Pray for the recently baptized**



On Sunday, November 24, we welcomed to our parish community newly baptized:

Sophia Limarzi

We ask that you pray for Sophia and her parents as they grow in faith together.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
CRAB & PASTA FEED**

to benefit the Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano and St. Joan of Arc Parish

**Saturday, February 8, 2020**

in the St. Joan of Arc parish gymnasium

Tickets: \$55 or table of 10 for \$550

**Tickets are going quickly so make your reservation now!**

Register on line at: [www.knightscrabfeed.org](http://www.knightscrabfeed.org)

**Parish Contact:** Larry Carilli 925 548-2618

**St. Mary's dedicates new Adoration Chapel**

After many years, St. Mary Parish in Walnut Creek will celebrate the completion and dedication of their new Adoration Chapel with Bishop Michael Barber on **Sunday, December 8**, at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

Beginning in January 2020, the chapel will be open 7 a.m. - 9 p.m. M-F, and 9a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday.

We invite our friends in our neighboring parishes to see our beautiful chapel, and we welcome new adorers who can commit to one hour of Adoration each week. If you are interested, call the parish office at 925-891-8900, or email Cecil D'Souza at [cecildsouza@hotmail.com](mailto:cecildsouza@hotmail.com).



## 2019 Advent Giving Tree Commitment List

*Trees are in each vestibule.*



**Return item with ornament attached by noon on Dec. 15**

**Please contact Kathy Barnard if you have any questions. [Kfmbarnard19@aol.com](mailto:Kfmbarnard19@aol.com) 925-548-9105**

Organization(Ornament Shape)	Commitment
St. Mary's of Oakland Gift for family <i>Book (Blue)</i>	\$25 or check for purchase of food (check payable to St. Joan of Arc). Return with this ornament by noon on Dec. 15.
St. Mary's of Oakland Gift for a boy <i>Crown (Orange)</i>	Purchase an age appropriate, \$20 gift for a boy. Please wrap and return with this ornament by noon on Dec. 15.
St. Mary's of Oakland Gift for a girl <i>Angel (Dark Blue)</i>	Purchase an age appropriate, \$20 gift for a girl. Please wrap and return with this ornament by noon on Dec. 15.
St. Mary's of Oakland Gift for senior citizen <i>Apple (Red)</i>	Bring new gift requested on this ornament (\$20 suggested) wrapped and tagged by noon on Dec. 15.
St. Vincent de Paul Gift for family <i>Star (Yellow)</i>	Cash donation for perishable food. Return with the ornament by noon on Dec. 15.
St. Vincent de Paul Gift for family <i>Scroll (Black)</i>	Purchase a \$20 gift certificate from Safeway for turkey or ham. Please DO NOT WRAP. Return by noon on Dec. 15.
Bay Area Crisis Nursery <i>Coat (Dark Green)</i>	Purchase a \$20, age appropriate gift within category listed on ornament. Please DO NOT WRAP. Return by noon on Dec. 15.
Tri Valley Haven <i>Whale (Blue)</i>	Purchase a \$20 Gift Certificate from Safeway or Target. Return with this ornament attached noon on Dec. 15.
Danville Rehabilitation <i>Flower (White)</i>	Purchase gift listed on this ornament and visit resident between hours of 10 AM - 7 PM. Do not call but just sign in.
Monument Crisis Center <i>Candle (Orange)</i>	Purchase Men's & Women socks; women's panties, sizes 5-10, men's boxers, sizes M,L, & XL; men's briefs, 32-36; men's tee shirts M,L, & XL; hats and gloves, hygiene products (disposable razors, deodorant, shave cream, soap, skin cream, lotion, toothbrushes & toothpaste) or \$20 Safeway gift card. DO NOT WRAP. Bring items in bag from store with this ornament by noon on Dec. 15.
Toys For Tots: Prison ministries <i>Heart (pink)</i>	Purchase a \$20 age appropriate gift for a Girl or Boy. Please DO NOT WRAP. Return with this ornament by noon on Dec. 15.
Hosanna Homes Boys & Girls <i>Donkey (Brown)</i>	Purchase a \$20 Gift Card from Wal-Mart or Target. Please return with this ornament by noon on Dec. 15.
Shepherd's Gate <i>Bell (Purple)</i>	Purchase a \$20 gift card from Target, Walmart, Safeway, Lucky, Lowe's, Costco, Gas, Phone, or Home Depot. Return with this ornament attached by noon on Dec. 15.

### SAVE THE DATE!

For our 2020 Adult Faith Formation Kick-off Retreat  
Saturday, January 11 from 10am to 2pm

We will pray and eat together, look at the year behind and plan the year ahead. All are encouraged to join us.

Alpha, Bible Study, Gospel Justice/Mission Focus and Small Christian Community ministries are especially asked to attend.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

- Sundays: C.A.F.E. "Catholic Adult Faith Expl," 1:15pm LCR*
- 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*
- Tues Dec 3: Centering Prayer, 7pm CI 1*
- Tues Dec 10: SAM Lunch, 11:30am CCR*
- Wed Dec 11: Early Timers Dinner, 5:30pm CCCC*
- Thur Dec 19: B.R.E.A.D., 9:30am LCR*
- Thur Dec 19: Gospel Justice Mtg, 7pm PCR*
- Sat Jan 11: Adult Faith Formation Retreat, 10am MPR*
- Sun Jan 12: GIFT Speaker Series begins!*
- Sun Jan 19: Prayer and Pathways, 4:30pm church*
- Sun Jan 26: Alpha Information Lunch (Sunday lunch film series)*
- Tues Jan 28: Immigration Mtg, 7pm CI 2*
- Thur Feb 27: PRISM LGBTQ Mtg, 7pm CI 4*

### SINGLE ADULTS!

Join us for fun with other single Catholics

Call Dorothy for Upcoming Activities:

For more information,

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



**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

Wednesday, Dec 11 @ 5:30pm  
at the Crow Canyon Country Club

Reservations Required



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



Our next **Alpha Information Lunch** will be on **Sunday, January 26**. Over the holidays, invite your family and friends to join you for lunch with us!



### 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)

### 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 *Rejoice!* Advent Meditations

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

#### Tuesday Morning Study

Currently studying St. Peter

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)

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

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



### GO TO SJASR.FORMED.ORG

FOR FREE MOVIES, AUDIO BOOKS, E-BOOKS, ,TALKS, STUDIES AND MORE! FEATURED MOVIES: *Mother Teresa, Clare & Francis, Padre Pio, Pope John Paul II, Joan of Arc, Bakhita and Joseph.*

# Adult Faith Formation Office

Programs and Services : Rosemarie McKenney  
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Adult Sacraments: Maureen Tiffany  
MTiffany@sjasr.org, 925 830-0600, x222

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

## START NOW TO MAKE THIS YOUR BEST ADVENT YET!

Take advantage of these resources to make your Advent season as meaningful and fulfilling as you can.

### ADVENT INSPIRATION FROM FORMED.ORG



Just by reading this bulletin, you are a beloved member of our St. Joan community and have free access to wonderful movies, books and studies on Formed.org.

To get access, simply go to [sjasr.formed.org](http://sjasr.formed.org), create an account and find jewels like these:

- Children's videos like Br. Francis' *The Days of Advent*
- The 1-hour *Journey through Advent* with Bshp Barron
- Beautiful studies like *The Footprints of God*
- Movies like *Mary of Nazareth* or *Joseph of Nazareth*
- Audiocasts like Fr Mike Schmitz' *Jesus Is* and Scott Hahn's *Prepare the Way of the King*
- And so much more...

### PICK UP YOUR DAILY REFLECTIONS IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULES!



This year's Advent Reflection booklet, *Joyful Hope – Daily reflections for Advent & Christmas*, can be found in the church vestibules. You can pick up your copy now.

(A \$2 donation is requested.)

### GIFT PROGRAM BOOKLETS WILL BE HERE NEXT WEEKEND!



Advent will begin next weekend and that means our program booklets will be out! GIFT stands for *Growing in Faith Together*. It is two weeks in January filled with 22 wonderful keynote talks and workshops ... all brought to you by St. Joan as our gift to you.



### BEGIN YOUR ADVENT JOURNEY THIS SUNDAY!

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

Of course it does! This is the case 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 26<sup>th</sup> no different than we were on December 24<sup>th</sup>: Christmas came, Christ came ... and that amazing reality that changed the world **did not 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 year, we invite you to join us as we journey through Advent with *Rejoice! Advent Meditations with Joseph*. You can **experience an Advent that is more peaceful, more joyful, and more meaningful than ever before**. *Rejoice!* is a new Advent journal that includes 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 in the lower Conference Room**, with your family or independently. For more information and to receive your journal, **Contact: [Mike\\_Dybis@att.net](mailto:Mike_Dybis@att.net)**

# 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

## HANDS & FEET RETREAT FOR 8TH GRADE TEENS

Friday, January 31st @ 6:45 pm until Sunday,  
February 2nd @ 12:30 pm

At the beautiful Lafayette Retreat Center.

COST: \$150, due by January 17, 2020

Forms available on-line or on the Realm EDGE  
Parent Group. Space is limited so register early.

QUESTIONS? Call Gina Camp at 925-830-4720 or  
email [gcamp@sjasr.org](mailto:gcamp@sjasr.org)

## EDGE Annual Stocking Drive for Monument Crisis Center

- \* Toiletries (enclosed in a Ziploc bag)
- \* Toothbrush and toothpaste
- \* Candy — a small treat
- \* White athletic socks
- \* Mittens / Gloves
- \* Deck of Cards
- \* Scarf / hat



Donations can be brought to the youth ministry  
office Monday through Thursday, 9:30am to 5:00pm  
or to any Wednesday night EDGE until Dec 11th.

# S'mores \$10

## S'mores Brownie Mix Gift Bags

On sale after all masses next weekend,  
December 7th and 8th

A perfect gift for friends, teachers, babysitters,  
hostesses, neighbors, and family members

Please sign-up to sell after a mass at:  
[bit.ly/SJASmores](http://bit.ly/SJASmores)



December 1st—DONUTS  
resumes at 10am and  
Confirmation resumes at 6pm

December 2nd—LIGHT resumes at 6:50pm

December 4th—EDGE resumes at 6:50pm

December 6th—EDGE prayer shawl ministry from  
3:30pm to 5:00pm. Sign up at [bit.ly/EDGEservice](http://bit.ly/EDGEservice)

December 7th—Service day for LIGHT Teens—go to  
[bit.ly/LIGHTservice](http://bit.ly/LIGHTservice) to sign up.

December 10th—Parish Advent Reconciliation  
Service.



Join us for youth mass on Sunday, December 8th at 5:30pm.



# 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

## Faith Formation Adopt-a-Family Christmas Project



Thank you to all our St. Joan families who supported our Adopt-a-Family project this year. We will be collecting all the wrapped gifts on Thursday, December 5th. Please bring them in the Children's Faith Formation office by 5:00 p.m.

## Prayers for Lighting the Advent Wreath Candles

By William G. Storey

### First Week of Advent



All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at His coming and call us to His side in the kingdom of heaven, where He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, forever and ever. AMEN.

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus tells His disciples that the coming of the Son of Man will catch many people unprepared. Jesus tells His disciples that they are to always be ready for the day of the Lord.

## Family Connection



Many of us feel the pressure early in the holiday season to be ready for Christmas. But today's Gospel challenges us to be ready for something other than the gift-giving of Christmas.

Read together today's Gospel reading. As a family, talk about what it means to be ready for the day of the Lord. One of the roles of the family, the domestic church, is to be a school of faith leading one another to salvation. Reflect together as a family on how your family helps one another to be better Christians. Commit to one thing that your family will do this Advent season to help one another be better Christians. You might choose to write this commitment down and post it in a prominent place in your home, perhaps near your family's Advent wreath.

Pray together that God will help you in this Advent commitment. Pray together the Lord's Prayer or today's Psalm.



*Fr. Ray distributes "Gift of the Law" money to parishioners*

**St Joan of Arc Parish invites you to**

# *Simbang Gabi 2019*

*December 16-23 at 7:00pm & December 24 at 5:30am*



Please join our nine-day novena to the Blessed Virgin to usher the birth of Christ. Fellowship and refreshments follow after each Mass at the MPR.



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