



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



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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 January 12

Communal Anointing of the Sick

1st Saturday of the month, 9 a.m
(No Anointing of Sick in January)

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

January 05 2020



Behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

Matthew 2:9

The Epiphany of the Lord

FOR THE RIDE HOME & INTO THE WEEK: Bring your gifts to the King



Adults: I am sure we've all had a chance to ponder our God-given talents and gifts. If we are aware, we might hear people say to us, "You're so good at..." or "you have the gift of..." How do you put your gifts to use in service of God and for mankind? Is there more you can offer?

Kids: The three Magi were generous with their gifts to God. How can you offer the gift of your time or talent to God in service of Him and others?

OUR CONTACT INFORMATION

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 Confirmation and EDGE (7-8 grade)
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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>Autism and Special Needs Support Sue Walsh sbwjobs1@mac.com</p> <p>Chronic Illness or Ongoing Medical Condition Prayer Group Parish Office 925 830-0600</p> <p>Divorce and Separated Support Sue Pieraccini 925 819-1809 smc9@sbcglobal.net</p> <p>Grief Susan Fusselman 925 830-1737 sunshine_suzy@perrytool.com</p> <p>Financial Needs St. Vincent de Paul Leave message at office: 925 830-0600</p>	<p>General Social Service Needs Addiction, Domestic Violence, Education and more. Pick up the Faith in Action Catholic Social Services Directory in the vestibules or go to faithinactionoakdiocese.org</p> <p>Job Support Rosemarie McKenney 925 830-0600 rmckenney@sjasr.org</p> <p>LGBT (for individuals/family members) Tim Corcoran 925 963-3859 sja.LGBTQ@gmail.com</p> <p>Marriage Trouble - Get Hope HelpOurMarriage.com www.sjasr.org/MARRIAGE</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
- 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 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, January 4:

1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

9:00 AM Communion Service
5:30 PM Members of St. Joan of Arc

Sunday, January 5:

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

7:30 AM John C. Abadesco +
9:00 AM George Tomerlin +
10:30 AM Philomena Egbadon (Birthday)
12:00 PM Santo Niño Devotees

Monday, January 6:

1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

9:00 AM Dr. John R. Walsh +

Tuesday, January 7:

1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

9:00 AM Jack Walsh +

Wednesday, January 8:

1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

9:00 AM Ele Casey +

Thursday, January 9:

1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

9:00 AM Mike Gonzales (Birthday)

Friday, January 10:

1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

9:00 AM Paulus Tjia +

Saturday, January 11:

1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

9:00 AM Communion Service
5:30 PM Ele Casey +

Sunday, January 12:

Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

7:30 AM Members of St. Joan of Arc
9:00 AM Frank Barry +
10:30 AM Marilyn Castellucio +
12:00 PM Egbadon Family (Thanksgiving)

MUSIC FOR THIS WEEKEND**January 4/5, 2020:**

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice (IN DULCI JUBILO)
 Advent Penitential Rite
 Glory to God - Kauffman
 Psalm 128: Blessed Are Those Who Love You (Marty Haugen)
 Alleluia Noel Nouvelet
 No Strangers Here (Janet S. Whitaker)
 Mass of Creation (Marty Haugen)
 The Friendly Beasts (ORIENTES PARTIBUS)
 Angels We Have Heard on High (GLORIA IN EXCELSIS)

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

Mary Ann Adlao	Angela Malit
Danielle Allison	Fernando Manuntang, Sr.
Heston Arroyo	Dorothy Mariscal
Evelyn Asprer	Ed McMillan
Mila Ayuyao	Alex Media
Kathy Barnard	Aurora Mercado
Christy Bartolome	Linda Mertes
Janet Bertolero	Carlos Moralejo
Reyka Best	MaryAnn Moran
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	Janet Richardson
Chris Flood	Bernie Rose
Ron Giblin	Audrey Schumacher
Connie Gleeson	Mehesh Shah
Barbara Gormaly	Charles J. Sickels
Maria T. Grande	June Smith
Barbara Gray	Luke Souza
Reema Hubilla	Trish Sorensen
Rosalina Jazmin	Maricel Soriano
Eric Johannsen	Sadiki Stalo
Alan Johnson	Philip Sullivan
James Johnson	Thomas Sullivan
Stephen Kasa	Kate Tiongson
Gert Kelly	Robert Tornberg
Fawaz Khanachet	Rene Torres
Maricel Kiamzon	Stella Torres
Maureen and Delmar Kolda	Mark Turpin
Mary Lenihan	Bob Vallon
Shum Leung	Raquel Villon
Ted Lim	Mary Vnenscak
Veronica Lim	Elizabeth Voll
Margaret Linderman	Taylor Von
Aurelio Liwag	Peter Wilson
Daryll London	Kelli & Kevin Yamashita
Missy Lutz	Merry Yuhico Lim
Norman Madrilejo	Fr. Ray Zielezienski
Celia Magtoto	

LOVED ONES WHO ARE DECEASED:**SERY MANALO RAZO****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. 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@sjar.org

A message from Music Director Janèt Sullivan Whitaker



Dear St. Joan of Arc Parish Family,

I am writing to let you know that, as of January 12, 2020, I will be stepping down as director of music ministries for St Joan of Arc Parish.

My ministry has included four decades of service in four parishes of our diocese, with the last 10 of those years here in San Ramon. My desire is to continue serving the church in freelance ministries as a composer, liturgist, teacher, and pastoral musician. I humbly ask your prayers for me and my family as I discern the path God intends for me.

It has been my privilege to sing, play, and serve in this faith community. I pray that God will continue to bless you, and that your good works will continue to accompany you on your way to the kingdom of our God.

Your sister in Christ,

Janèt Sullivan Whitaker



They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Matt. 2:11b

Light of the World

Epiphany can be understood as an extension of the Nativity of the Lord that we celebrate on December 25. While at Christmas we celebrate Jesus' coming as the long-awaited king and Messiah of the Jewish people, on Epiphany we celebrate the revelation that Jesus is the Savior and Light of all nations—Jews, Gentiles, and all people.

The star shines so brightly that it attracts magi who come from far distant countries to worship Jesus. They are not Jews, yet they are drawn to the Light of the world. The letter to the Ephesians reveals that the Light of the world was for the Gentiles as well as the Jews—Christ gathers all people into the light of his love. The reading from Isaiah also describes a gathering of diverse peoples, but this time it is to the light that emanates from the people of God.

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Thank you for sharing in "The Gift"

A special thanks to the generous parishioner who donated the seed money for the "Law of the Gift" initiative. If you recall, in November Fr. Ray distributed 10 envelopes with \$100 at each Mass. The money was to be used in any way - no strings attached.

Last weekend, Fr. Ray recounted many of the moving stories about how that money was shared and "paid forward" to other ministries, charitable organizations and individuals. You captured the spirit of the Christmas season, and again embodied our church mission, "To Be Christ for others as Christ is for us."



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
CRAB & PASTA FEED

Saturday, February 8, 2020
in the St. Joan of Arc parish gymnasium

DINNER SOLD OUT

Thank you for your support!



Giving Tree Chair expresses gratitude...

With over 2,000 ornaments adorning our Giving Trees this year, our parish answered the call to generously help and serve nine agencies. You have lived up to our parish mission, **"To be Christ for others, as Christ is for us."** Your generosity will allow 600 children (St. Mary's Center, Bay Area Crisis Nursery, Hosanna Homes, and Toys for Tots) to have gifts to open on Christmas morning. We collected approximately \$7000 which will be used to purchase Christmas dinner for the 150 families we support through St. Mary's Center. You've guaranteed that the Senior Citizens at St. Mary's Center (approx. 100) will have something to keep them warm and dry in the winter and food to eat. St. Vincent de Paul will be able to help the families they serve with the \$6960 (cash and gift cards) collected. Tri Valley Haven and Hosanna Homes will share the \$3000 of Target, Walmart, and Safeway gift cards. In addition, Monument Crisis Center, will have much needed essentials to support them in their service of helping those who are in desperate need, along with \$1135 of Safeway gift cards. Shepherd's Gate will receive approximately \$1800 of gift cards to help with their work with the needy. Last, but not least, 10 patients at Danville Rehabilitation can expect a holiday visitor and a blanket to keep them warm. On behalf of all those who will benefit from your generosity, thank you!

I would also like to sincerely thank all the volunteers who make this ministry possible by giving of your, time, talent, and treasure. You are all true stewards. None of this could happen without you.

I wish you all a very blessed Christmas season and a Happy New Year.

God bless you,
Kathy Barnard, Giving Tree Chairperson

Join CYO Track and Field

The **2020 CYO Track & Field** season will begin February 9, 2020 and run until May 9, 2020. We offer a full range of Track (running) and Field (High Jump, Long Jump, Softball Throw and Shot Put) events for Grades 3rd through 8th (2nd Grade with parent participation).

Online registration opens Sunday, February 2, 2020, after the Superbowl and runs until February 28, 2020 or until we reach 275 athletes, so please sign-up early.

For more information, and dates / times / locations for required **Parent Meetings**, please go to our website (new) at www.sisjatrack.com, which will go live on January 1 or contact us at sisjatrack@gmail.com.

If you would be interested in joining our coaching staff, please contact us!

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (January 4)

Though her liturgical designation is "Religious," Elizabeth Seton, her feast-day prayer reminds us, was also wife, mother, educator, foundress. Born into a wealthy Episcopalian family, Elizabeth married William Seton, whose untimely death in Italy where the young family sought healing for William's tuberculosis, left her, at twenty-nine, a widow with five children. Inspired by the faith and charity of the Italian family with whom they stayed, Elizabeth embraced Catholicism despite her family's disowning her and ceasing financial support.

This woman of many firsts (and several vocations!) opened the first free Catholic school, beginning the American Catholic educational system, and founded the first American religious community for women, the Sisters of Charity. The tuberculosis that claimed her husband took also her oldest and youngest daughters and, finally, at just forty-seven, Elizabeth herself. Another first: in 1975 she was canonized the first native-born American saint. Once asked to summarize her spirituality, she replied: "Faith lifts the staggering soul on one side, hope supports it on the other, experience says it must be, and love says let it be!"

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Special Observances and Saints

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;
National Migration Week
Monday: St. André Bessette
Tuesday: St. Raymond of Penyafort;
Julian Calendar Christmas

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, 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.

Calling all pre-school-aged children!

St. Isidore School is now accepting applications for TK and Kindergarten for the 2020–2021 school year. **Children must be four by September 1st for TK and five by September 1st for kindergarten.** Applications can be found on their website at www.stisidore.org. You're invited to their annual TK/K information meeting on Friday, January 10th at 10 am.

SENIOR ADULTS!

Join our monthly gatherings:

Need a ride to these activities?

St. Joan has partnered with the Mobility Matters organization to provide transportation for our seniors. Several St. Joan parishioners have registered with Mobility Matters and have been screened and trained so that we can offer seniors in need rides to Mass and other activities at St. Joan of Arc. Rides to doctor's appointments may also be available. For more information and to apply for rides, contact :

Elaine@MobilityMattersCC.com, 925 284-2207



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Our Conversation Team is here to reach out to those parishioners who are home alone and would like a prayer partner, friend or pal to call once a week or so. Request/Authorization forms are in the vestibules.

Contact: TerriBonn@gmail.com



EARLY TIMERS NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY:

Friday, Jan 10, 5:30pm
in the Multi-Purpose Room

Join us! Early Timers is for everyone 55 and over.

PLEASE RSVP:

RosemaryWeigel@comcast.net

SAM SENIOR LUNCH GATHERING

Tuesday, February 11 at 11:30 in the Church Conference Room. Bring your own lunch and join us for conversation and community.



Contact: phyllis9@comcast.net

HELP US MAKE GIFT HAPPEN!



Many volunteers will be needed to produce our annual GIFT (Growing in Faith Together) experience. To learn more and to sign up to VOLUNTEER, go to: bit.ly/SJAGIFTVolunteers or write to RMcKenney@sjasr.org

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

RESUMING AFTER GIFT (Jan 12-26)

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 Jan 7: Centering Prayer, 7pm CI 1

Fri., Jan 10: Early Timers Dinner, 5:30pm MPR

Sat Jan 11: Adult Faith Formation Retreat, 10am MPR

Sun Jan 12: GIFT Speaker Series begins!

Sun Jan 26: Alpha Information Lunch (Sun. lunch film series)

Tues Jan 28: Immigration Mtg, 7pm CI .

Tues Feb 11: SAM Lunch, 11:30am CCR

Sun Feb 16: Prayer and Pathways, 4:30pm church

Thur Feb 20: B.R.E.A.D., 9:30am LCR

Thur Feb 20: Gospel Justice Mtg, 7pm PCR



to the Parenting Room!

Tips of the Week

- **Come** to Mass every Sunday so little ones know the routine (even when on vacation)
- **Bring** a "church kit" that little ones only get to see when they go to Mass: small prayer book, children's bible, cross and/or children's rosary (not toys or food)
- **Before** Mass, talk about how we act in church
- **Begin** Mass in the church and help your little ones get settled for the service ... consider sitting in front where little ones can see
- **During** Mass, encourage little ones to join in song, gestures and even our responses and prayers



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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
RMcKenney@sjasr.org 925 830-0600, x248

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



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR GIFT SPEAKER SERIES

22 KEYNOTES AND WORKSHOPS FROM JAN 12-26

Program booklets with descriptions and speaker bios are in the pews and main vestibules

IMPORTANT LINKS

ONLINE PROGRAM at [Sjasr.org/GIFT](https://www.sjasr.org/GIFT)

REGISTER at [bit.ly/SJA GIFT](https://bit.ly/SJAGIFT)

VOLUNTEER at bit.ly/SJAGIFTVolunteers

KEYNOTE MESSAGES

Fr. Vince Scott

Mystery & Myth: Their Role in our Faith

Fr. Wayne Campbell

The Journey to God: Fear and Desire

Fr. Mark Wiesner

Becoming a Person of Mercy

Fr. Ray Sacca

The Rite of Reconciliation

Fr. Jim Sullivan

Discerning God's Will

Fr. Greg Boyle

Save the World ... or Savor It?

WORKSHOPS

Carrie Rehak, Ph.D.

Restorative Practices

Kathy Coffey

The Real Mary Magdalene
Prayer in Chaos

Jan Stegner, MTS, MFMC

Walking with Mary

Mary Machi

Church History: not so boring

Michele Walsh

Animating the Laity

Susan Caldera

Prayer: a Kaleidoscope of God

David Tomcik

Heavenly Estate Planning

Michele Walsh

Having Difficult Conversations

Fr. Rusty Shaunessy, et al

Footsteps of St. Francis

Steve Wilcox / Jim Peterson

Christianity in the Holy Land

Kathy Moore / Jenifer Zetlan

Building Bridges through Story

Fr. Marco Tavanti

U.N. Sustainable Development Goals



Our next **Alpha Information Lunch** will be on **Sunday, January 26 at 1:30**. *Come and See* what Alpha is all about.
Doors will open at 1:15. RSVP: RMcKenney@sjasr.org

JOIN US!

For our 2020 Adult Faith Formation Kick-off Retreat

Eat, Pray, Love and Plan ... on Saturday, January 11 from 10am to 2pm in the MPR

RSVP: RMcKenney@sjasr.org

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:
January 12th at
5:30 pm



Upcoming Retreats

Upcoming Service



Hands & Feet

For 8th graders: Jan. 31st - Feb 2nd
Registration deadline is Jan. 17th.

An opportunity for 8th graders to experience a weekend of learning about compassion and our call to be the Hands & Feet of Christ, the mission of St. Joan of Arc!

Forms available on our website or in the EDGE Realm parent group. For more information, contact Gina at gcamp@sjasr.org or 925-830-4720

Prayer Shawl Ministry - EDGE 7th & 8th graders
January 10th and 24th from 3:30-5:00pm
Sign up at bit.ly/EDGEservice



EDGE teens will support Monument Crisis Center during January with a SOCK DRIVE

LIGHT High School Teens

Mark you calendar for our Spring Service Days
MARCH 14th and MARCH 28th

30 Hour Famine

LIGHT Teens: Feb. 28th-29th

Help overcome hunger by going without food so others don't have to!

TO SIGN UP YOU MUST FIRST ATTEND A BRIEF MEETING ABOUT THE FAMINE

On Monday, January 13, 8:30 - 8:45pm
following LIGHT

If you can't make this meeting, but want to attend, contact Mary at mmachi@sjasr.org or 925-830-4720

Prayer Suggestions

- ⇒ Visit our serene chapel 24/7
- ⇒ Prepare for mass each week by previewing the upcoming readings. (www.usccb.org/readings)
- ⇒ Listen to Christian or uplifting music.
- ⇒ Pray for our Confirmation Candidates.
- ⇒ Praise God throughout the day, no matter your circumstances.
- ⇒ Pray for those who need healing.
- ⇒ Attend mass regularly.



Youth Ministry Weekly Faith Formation sessions will resume as follows

Confirmation: Sunday, Jan 12th @ 3:30—6:30 pm

LIGHT & DONUTS: GIFT night WITH parents, Monday, Jan 13th @ 6:50 - 8:30 pm

EDGE: Wednesday, Jan 8th @ 6:50 - 8:30 pm

DONUTS: Sunday, Jan 26th @ 10:00—11:15 am

Youth Mass
All are welcome!

Please mark your calendars for next Sunday, January 12th and join us for the Youth Mass at 5:30 pm.

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



The Faith Formation offices will be closed on Monday, January 20th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Faith Formation Programs will not be held for the first 3 weeks of January to celebrate GIFT: Growing in Faith Together. A series of workshops on a wide variety of topics to help adults grow in faith.

To learn more about the workshops and to register, please visit bit.ly/SJAGIFT



If you have questions, please contact GIFT@sjasr.org

Regular Faith Formation program schedule will resume on the week January 27th. (Family Faith, ROCK, EDGE and LIGHT)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Vacation Bible School June 15 - 19, 2020



Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.

Family Connection



The tradition of giving gifts at Christmas is thought by some to be rooted in the gift giving of the Magi. In many cultures, gifts are not exchanged at Christmas, but rather on the feast of the Epiphany. Whenever you exchange your Christmas gifts, take some time to reflect on this tradition of gift giving at Christmas. Think of the best gift you have received. What was it? What made it special? Was it the gift itself, the thought that went into it, or the person who gave it to you?

Read today's Gospel, Matthew 2:1-12. The gifts of the Magi—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—have come to be understood as symbols of Christ's royalty, divinity, and eventual suffering and death. They are special because in giving them, the Magi acknowledge who Jesus was to be; our Savior. We pray that we will acknowledge Jesus as Savior in all that we do and say. Conclude by singing together "We Three Kings."



Members of the Bible Study group gather for their annual Christmas luncheon.

Submit photos from your church ministries and activities to bulletin@sjasr.org