THE SON OF MAN MUST BE LIFTED UP
Events & News

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JESUS Revealed
The Tuesday night Scripture Study Group is pleased to announce a new series starting April 3 at 7pm called "Jesus Revealed: Encountering Christ in Biblical Names." This enlightening new 19-part study features stunning videos, dynamic materials, and beautiful full-color Study Guides, while retaining the depth for which Catholic Scripture Study is known. Each session includes a powerful Teaching Video and Life Application Video, along with comprehensive biblical commentary and reflection questions in the Study Guide. The additional Living It Out element elevates this from the usual bible study to another level: a spiritually life-changing experience.

April 3rd is registration and information night in St Joseph Parish Center at 1119 Lafayette Street, with the actual course starting on April 10th. The cost of the study guide is $40.00.

Please contact Dr. PJ Dobbins or Monica Young at dobbinschiropractic@gmail.com or 510-747-1600 for more information and to sign-up.

Autobiography: Fr. Tom Uzhunnalil
Fr. Tom was the focus of world media attention when he was captured by ISIS terrorists in war-torn Yemen and held for 557 days and again when he was released on September 12, 2017. His autobiography titled ‘By The Grace of God’, recounting his captivity, will be available soon to all parishioners at a cost of $8.00. Please call Susan (510) 521-0881 or email: sg@sjbalameda.org to order a copy.

God Bless Our Newly Baptized babies...
Edison Hajime Angeles Kamo, William John Casey and Lily James Herrick. Please keep the babies, their parents and godparents in your prayers.

Passage to India
As announced two weeks ago at all Masses, Fr. George will be leading a pilgrimage to India starting mid-November for roughly two weeks. Spaces are limited and it will be first-come-first-serve basis. There will be an orientation meeting on March 25, 1:00 – 2:00pm at Notre Dame Hall to determine the main interests of the group. The trip will include visits to Agra (Taj Mahal), New Delhi (capital), Maharaja palaces, tea plantations, Fr. George’s home town, Fr. Tom and the Salesian mission. The cost of the pilgrimage can be known only after the group decides if the majority are interested in going to such places as Saint Mother Teresa’s tomb, River Ganges, birth places of Hinduism and Buddhism. Please email Fr. George: galengadan@sjbalameda.org for more information.

RCIA Update:
The Second Scrutiny
On the Fourth Sunday of Lent, the Elect (those throughout the world preparing for Baptism this Easter) celebrate the Second Scrutiny. At any Mass where Elect are celebrating the Scrutinies, the Church uses the Cycle A readings due to their meaningfulness in this final period of preparation for the sacraments. Therefore at the 9:30 Mass today we hear of the man born blind, who in spite of his physical blindness was able to see that Jesus was the One who could help him. *Is our vision as good? What are we unable or unwilling to see?*

St. Joseph Notre Dame
‘Best Private High School Contest’
Thanks to our amazing community’s support, SJND has advanced to the final round of voting in Oakland Magazine’s “Best of Oakland and the East Bay” contest. Stay tune for the final results in upcoming bulletin.
In his famous work “Confessions”, St. Augustine addresses God as “you” and wrote, “You were within me, yet I had gone outside to seek you.”

Our lives are busy: we have things to do, places to go, and people to see. Too often, God gets squeezed, minimized, or maybe even neglected. Lent is a time to step back, seek God, reflect on our relationship with God, and contemplate how we incorporate God in our lives. Following the wisdom of St. Augustine, Lent is a time to reflect on our own image and our image of God. Lent is a time for us to scrutinize our lives, to find the God within us.

On the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays in Lent, we participate in the Scrutinies. The Scrutinies are based on readings from the Gospel of John and are read at every Sunday Mass during Cycle A in the liturgical calendar. Moreover, they are read every year at the particular Sunday Masses in Lent where the elect, those who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil, are present to listen to the Gospel before they are dismissed to reflect on the Word. The Scrutinies provide a framework for the elect and for all of us to reflect on our lives and God’s presence in it.

Deacon Mario wrote last week about the Gospel for the first Scrutiny where Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at the well. Jesus tells the woman that if she drinks the water that he gives her she will never thirst. The water is a symbol for God’s grace, the God that is within us if we are open to accepting His grace.

In the reading for the second Scrutiny, Jesus mixes his saliva with the dirt on the ground to make clay, and then rubs it on the eyes of a blind man allowing him to see. The imagery is striking. Impediments we put in our own lives prevent us from seeing God clearly. We expect to see God in the big things while we take care of the little things. But more often we see God in the simple things. We can’t help a blind man see by using our saliva, but we can share our presence with others who need our support. We can be God’s presence only when we see God within us.

Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead in the Gospel reading for the third Scrutiny. Jesus raises all of us from the death that is sin. Mary, the sister of Martha, says to Jesus that if he had been there, Lazarus would not have died. We will not die to sin if Christ is there, if we see the God that is in us.

All three of these Gospel readings are rich in symbols and images with many layers of meaning. We have barely scratched the surface but no matter how deep we go, there is always more. Lent is a time to go deeper, to scrutinize our lives, reflect on the Gospel and search out the many layers. Lent is the time to find the God that is within.

*A Lenten Prayer*

God of all people,
We offer you our Lenten journey.
May we learn to walk as one human family,
remembering in a special way those who are poorest and most in need.
Bless our prayers, our fasting and our Lenten gifts.
Through these actions, we show our love for your Son, Jesus, and answer your call to love one another.
Amen.
Mass Intentions

**Saturday, March 10**
8:00 am  Thuy Nguyen - Special Intention
5:00 pm  †Mario Teixeira
         †Matt Gabel

**Sunday, March 11**
7:30 am  †Mr & Mrs Domingo D’Lima
9:30 am  Harnett Family
11:30 am †Jennifer Ann Stahl
7:00 pm  Mary Miron - 100th Birthday

**Monday, March 12**
8:00 am  †Timmie Boyland

**Tuesday, March 13**
8:00 am  †Grace Virginia McDonnell

**Wednesday, March 14**
8:00 am  Vicente Sarmiento - Thanksgiving
         †Francis John Boyland
         †Louise Medulan-Froelich

**Thursday, March 15**
8:00 am  †Elizabeth E. Clair

**Friday, March 16**
8:00 am  †Frank Patrick Boyland

**Saturday, March 17**
8:00 am  Fr. Matthew Murray
5:00 pm  †Sally Gallagher

**Sunday, March 18**
7:30 am  †Ceasar Teixeira
9:30 am  †Genevieve Avila
         †Cipriano Gabriel
11:30 am †Louis Rodrigues
7:00 pm  †Louis Proulx

Pray for the Sick
Louise Astle, Ronald Bautista, Romelita Bautista, Thomas Bachicha, Violet Cary, Isabel Crisostomo, Frances Corral, Mary Cronin, Jamal Downs, Elizabeth Downs, Lee Corral, Michael James Witte Degan, Mrs Filomena B. Estrada, Mary & Jim Ferrell, Maria Lourdes, David McGaffey, Joanne Miller, Amelia Miguel, Corazon Orille, Herb Robles, Ramon Tirona, Peter Joseph Saad, Marilyn Silva, Patricia Reis, Dr. Benjamin Reyes, William Padilla, Lorrie Proctor, Deacon Dave Young.

We started our new sick list in February. Please let the Parish Office know if you want prayers for a loved one and their names on the sick list, by emailing to secretary@sjbalamed.org, or call the Parish Office.

Need Anointing of the Sick?
Please notify the Parish Office immediately if a member of your family is sick or if you learn that a parishioner is ill or hospitalized, and in need of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick or a pastoral visit from a priest or minister.

**Let Us Remember**
All those who have died, especially Leonila Javier and Marion Texier
As a Community of faith, we offer our prayers and support to their families and friends.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

DEVOTIONS
Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Mon.- Sat., 7:30am

First Friday Adoration
8:45am - 1:00pm & 7:00 - 10:00pm

First Tuesday Adoration - Vietnamese
7:00pm - 9:00pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wednesday after 8:00am Mass

Anointing of the Sick
First Saturdays after 8am Mass

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday through Friday: 8:30am - 5:00pm
Office Closed for lunch: Noon to 1:00pm

VOLUNTEER OFFICE COVERAGE
Sat. 8:30am - 12:30pm
Sun. 8:30am - 1:00pm

Please remember to include St. Joseph Basilica in your will.
St. Joseph Family Day
Sunday, March 18

Don’t miss St. Joseph Family Day next week! 11:30am Mass with Bishop Barber followed by an International Food Faire at Kelly Gym. Do you have a favorite dish you would like to share? Contact Eric: ebertelsen@sjbalameda.org

Native attire are encouraged and get ready to help us celebrate the feast of our patron saint!

Lenten Soup Meals

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for hosting the event on March 2nd. Thanks to all who donated generously to the event each week! All proceeds collected from the Lenten Soup Meals are donated to the Salesians Mission and Saint Mother Teresa Nuns, with whom Fr. Tom Uzhunnalil worked closely with.

Help Celebrate The Newly Baptized

Everyone is invited to a reception in Notre Dame Hall immediately after the Easter Vigil on March 31, to congratulate and welcome Charlie and Kimberly who are baptized that night. Donations of cookies, sparkling cider or champagne are welcome! Also volunteers to help set up or serve. Contact Anne Marie at 995-9409.

St. Joseph Basilica Wine Scored “91”
By Wine Spectator Magazine

Our Zinfadel 2015 wine from Jesse’s Vineyard in Contra Costa County just got a “91” rating from the foremost wine review team of Wine Spectator. The review describes our wine as: “Supple and lively, with black cherry and jalapeño aromas and sleek notes of pepper and sweet anise that linger on the finish. Drink now through 2023.” Available in the Parish Office for a $20 donation. A perfect gift for Easter, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day & other occasions.

Easter Flowers

Donation envelopes for the Easter Season and environment are in the pews. As in past years, you may list the names of individuals (living or deceased) in whose honor you are making the donation. Please drop the envelopes in the collection basket or you can bring them to the Parish Office. Thank you in advance for your help with our Easter environment.

**LENTEN SCHEDULE**

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICES
With Individual Confession at Basilica
Saturday, March 24 at 10:00am (Family Friendly)
Monday, March 26 at 7:00pm

LENTEN SOUP MEALS every Thursday at 6:00pm
In Notre Dame Hall

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Every Friday: 8:45 - 1:00pm and 8:00 - 10:00pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Every Friday during Lent: 7:00pm

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Thank you for your time, talent and treasure and continued support of St. Joseph parish. Please help your parish to meet the weekly goal.
Preparation for registered, active parishioners should begin at least six months in advance of the proposed wedding date. Please contact Fr. George, 510-995-9421.

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Sacrament of Marriage

Preparation for registered, active parishioners should begin at least six months in advance of the proposed wedding date. Please contact Fr. George, 510-995-9421.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please stop by the Parish office or check our website under “Sacraments” for information.

- For infant baptism (6 or younger) contact Susan Gahan at 510-522-0181
- For adults or children over age 6 please contact Anne Marie, 510 995-9409

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St. Joseph Basilica Ministries

All God’s Children  
Mondays, 7:00-9:00pm  
BAS

Prayer Group  
BAS

Basilica Choir rehearsal  
Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00pm  
BAS

Bible Study  
Thursdays, 10:00-11:30am  
RDR

Girl Scouts #33367  
1st Wednesday, 7:00pm  
SJR

Cub Scouts  
1st Monday, 6:45-8:00pm  
SJR

Children’s Choir  
Thursdays, 3:30-5:15pm  
BAS

Grief Support Ministry  
2nd Thursday, 6:30 - 8:30pm  
DR

Knights of Columbus  
2nd Thursday, 7:00-8:30pm  
SJR

Legion of Mary  
Saturdays, 8:30-10:30am  
RR

Legion of Mary (QoDM)  
Saturdays, 3:00-4:45pm  
SJR

Pastoral Care Team  
1st Saturday, 8:45-9:30am  
SJR

Rite of Christian Initiation  
Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00pm  
MTR

Scripture Reflection  
(Starting April)

St. Vincent DePaul Society  
4th Thursdays, 7:00-8:30pm  
SJR

Taize Prayer Service  
4th Friday, 8:00-9:00pm  
BAS

Teen Confirmation  
1st Sunday, 9:30-10:30am  
SJR

Spirit Ensemble rehearsal  
Thursdays, 7:00-9:30pm  
BAS

Young Adult  
Wednesdays, 7:30pm  
DR

Young Families  
2nd Sunday, 10:30am  
SJR
Being and Becoming:

Spirituality and the Pastoral Care Ministry

Following is an excerpt from a presentation recently given by parishioner Pamela Prime to our Pastoral Care Ministry, the people who visit and bring Eucharist to the sick and homebound. Its message is one that is relevant to all of us.

What does it mean to be spiritual? Most of us probably think that we have to do something to be spiritual. Yet to be spiritual means just to ‘be’, for the Holy Spirit is at the core of who we are, closer to us than our very breath. Indeed, the Latin word for breath is *spiritus*, from which we get the English word spirit. Just to breathe means to be one in spirit. We can easily see the spiritual nature of an infant, but we have a far more difficult time seeing this same sacred nature in ourselves even though we know that we too were once infants. So to be spiritual in the larger sense means to become aware that all of God’s creation is filled with the Breath of God. Spirituality, in this light, means, that since we are created by God, we are created from love and we naturally long to live a life of love. It is in taking time to be that we find God and our true selves.

Being who we are is an art. We are God’s beloved creation and God’s delight, God’s art. It takes courage to enter into the state of being—to take time to pray and reflection on our lives, our choices and our inner world of emotions. Prayerful reflection helps us to understand where we are being as God created us to be and where our choices are not in harmony with our deepest nature, that of love and compassion.

In the pastoral care ministry, the people to whom we minister are mirrors for us. They reflect our goodness and challenge us to see our weaknesses. God works to refine us through everything we do but especially in our ministries. It is God’s grace that propels us to reflect on our lives and God’s love that embraces and guides us as we do. This type of reflection is a purifying experience that leads to deeper oneness with God. God knows we are broken, and guides us toward full awareness that we are all God’s beloved. Our Spiritual growth depends on this: to know we are moving from being broken yet loved into becoming love itself!

Pamela Prime and Bill Kueppers lead St. Joseph’s Embracing Grief Ministry

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St. Joseph Elementary School Update

Living Stewardship for Lent!

Students prepared tote bags of supplies for people within Operation Dignity, a service for homeless veterans.
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