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de San Joaquín

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Feb. 26,
2023

First Sunday of Lent



MASS SCHEDULES

Sunday Mass in English

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM & 12:15 PM

Daily Mass in English

8:30 AM Monday—Saturday

Misas en Español

Miércoles 7 PM

Misas Dominicales en Español

Sábado 6 PM, Domingo 2 & 6 PM

Mass Location

All masses inside the Church

Reconciliation

Saturday 3-4 PM, Wednesday 6-7 PM

Reconciliación

Miércoles 6-7 PM

Adoration ~ Benediction/ Adoracion ~ Bendición

Friday—9 AM till 1 PM

United in faith and guided by the Holy Spirit

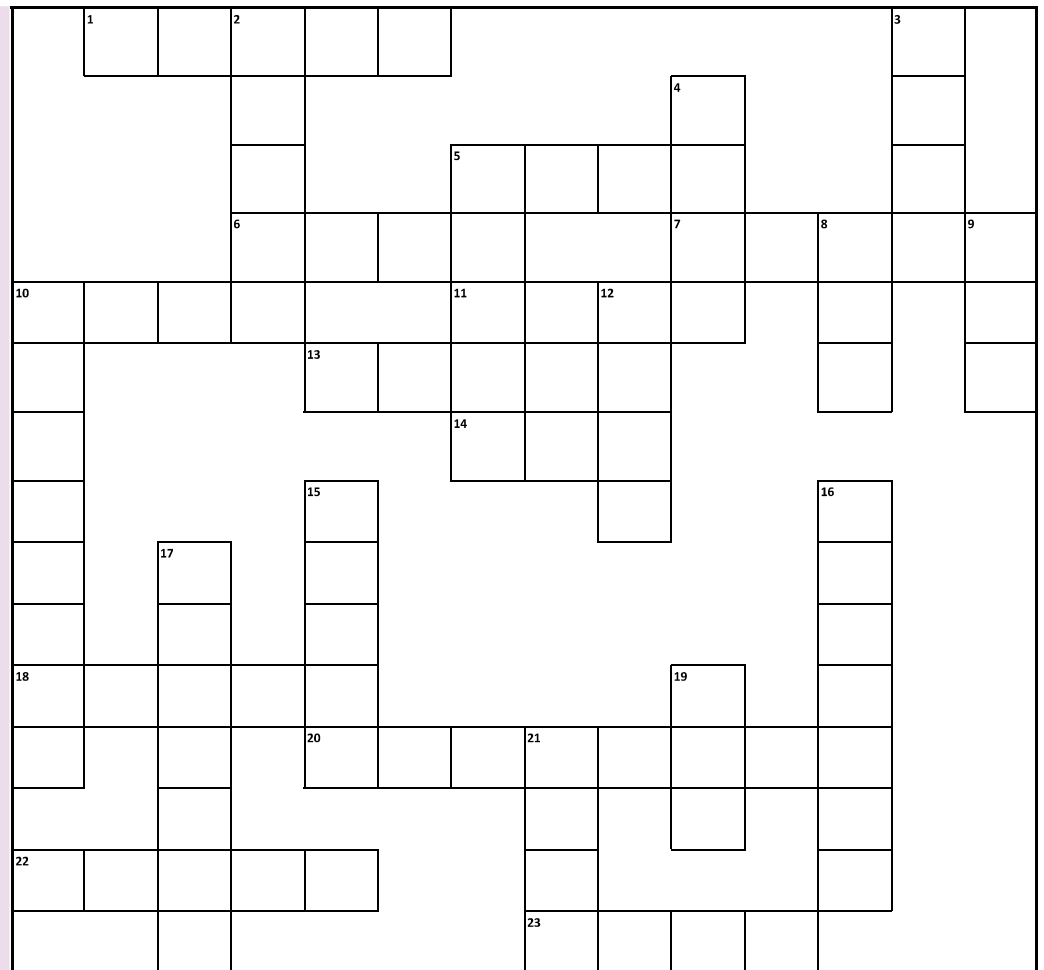
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TIME

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## GENESIS

### 1-11



### ACROSS

1. Number of nights and days it rained.
5. Son of Adam
6. First place
7. number of people on the ark
10. He killed his brother
11. First Man
13. What Noah built
14. First Woman
18. The dove returned to Noah with this kind of branch
20. This was confused by God at Babel.
22. Major weather event in Gen 1-11
23. Noah knew there was land after he sent out this bird.

### DOWN

2. This bird couldn't find land
3. He was saved from the flood
4. Son of Noah
5. This animal tempted Adam and Eve
8. In Genesis 1, humans were made in the image of \_\_\_\_\_
9. Noah took on the ark this number of every kind of animal.
10. Opening event of the Bible.
12. Son of Adam who was a keeper of flocks
15. The tower spot
16. Son of Noah
17. Sign of God's covenant after the flood
19. Son of Noah
21. God's word for creation

*Answers next week*

## WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week  
of February 26, 2023

### Sun/Dom:

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17  
(see 3a)/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/  
Mt 4:1-11

### Mon/Lunes:

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/  
Mt 25:31-46

### Tues/Martes:

Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/  
Mt 6:7-15

### Wed/Mier:

Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/  
Lk 11:29-32

### Thurs/Juev:

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab,  
2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

### Fri/Vier:

Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 507a, 7bc-8/  
Mt 5:20-26

### Sat/Sab:

Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/  
Mt 5:43-48

### Next Sun./Dom:

Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (22)/  
2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Thursday March 2nd

7:00 PM Rosary in the Church

### Friday March 3rd

7:00 PM Bilingual Stations of the Cross

## OFFICE INFORMATION

### Parish Office

510-783-2766

### Parish Fax

510-783-2760

### Parish Email

office@saintjoachim.net

### Parish Office Hours

Monday & Friday (*lunes y viernes*)

11:00 AM— 7:00 PM

Tuesday & Thursday (*martes y jueves*)

— 11:00 AM—5:00 PM

Wednesday (*miercoles*)

—1:00 PM— 7:00 PM

Bilingual available Mon., Wed, Fri

(*lunes, miercoles y viernes*)

— 3:00 PM— 7:00 PM

### Rev. Henry Noga, SVD

Pastor

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday

10 AM to 12 PM

5 PM to 8 PM (*with appointment*)

*lunes, martes, miércoles, y viernes*

10 AM a 12 PM

5 PM a 8 PM (*con cita*)

### Rev. Emilio Reyes, SVD

Parochial Vicar

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

5 PM a 8 PM (*with appointment*)

*lunes, miércoles, jueves y viernes*

10:00 AM a 12:00 PM

5 PM a 8 PM (*con cita*)

### Ariel Mayormita

Music Director/Director de Música

Phone Ext. #223

stjoachimmusic1@gmail.com

### Flor Herce

Bookkeeper

### Pat Ludwig

Secretary

### Fabiola Ordaz

Bilingual Receptionist

### St. Vincent de Paul

510-783-0344

### Office hours

1:00-2:30 PM ONLY

Monday-Friday

Gary Enos, President

### Faith Formation Office

Oficina de Formación de Fe

### Faith Formation Office Hours

Currently no regular office hours

### Confirmation Coordinator

Gabriela Perez

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### St. Joachim School

Escuela de San Joaquín

510-783-3177

### Armond Seishas

Principal

### Sandra Garzon

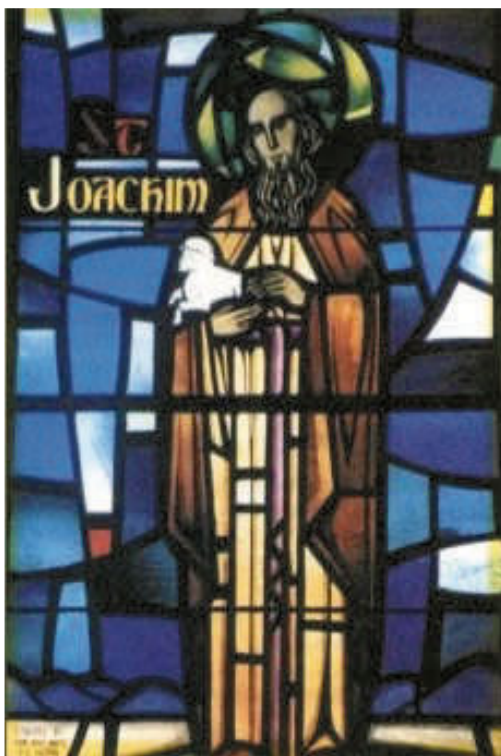
School Secretary

### St. Joachim Pre-School

510-783-0604

### Marisa Melgarejo

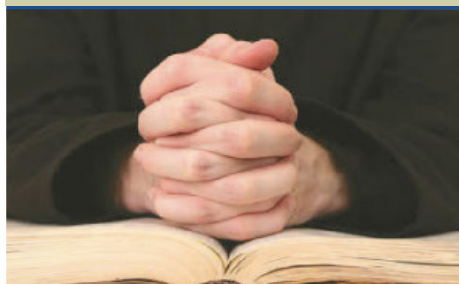
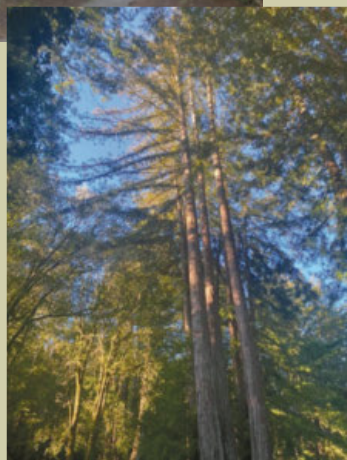
Director





# Confirmation Weekend Retreat 2023

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## **PRAY FOR**

Kinh Tran  
Tom Prado  
Melia Perrizo  
Manuela Nabong  
Carmelita Jante  
Paul F. Hennessey  
Rosario Valentin  
Adrienne Amaya  
Delia Cerna  
Leonor Enrique  
Dory Secoquian  
Elaine Duarte  
Teresita Marinas  
Francis Carlo Salta  
Mary Hennessey  
Carlos de las casas Noriega  
Mari Losno  
Porfirio Loza

## **DONATIONS**

### **St Vincent de Paul**

offering for next week:

Chili , Chef Boyardee Pasta Meals

*Chili, comidas de pasta Chef Boyardee*

Donations are very much appreciated—but please no expired food. ~ Thank You

## **CONTRIBUTIONS CONTRIBUCIONES**

COLLECTION FOR  
February 19, 2023

1st Collection

**\$ 7,851.00**

EFT Collection

**\$ N/A**

On Line Giving

**\$ 1,196.00**

**1st Collection TOTAL**

**\$ 9,047.00**

2nd Collection—Church Maintenance

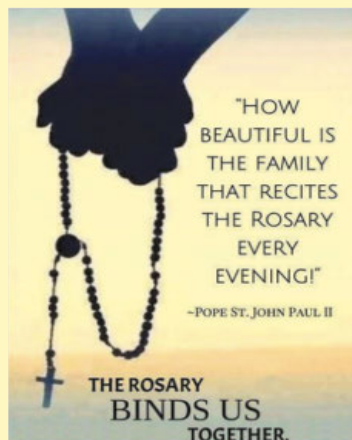
**\$ 2,542.00**

of Sudan, South Sudan became the world's youngest nation and Africa's 55th country when it gained independence from Sudan in 2011 after 20 years of guerrilla warfare. At least 1.5 million people were killed and more than four million displaced by that civil war. A 2005 agreement brought independence but did not bring conflict to an end. The country is one of the most diverse in Africa with over 60 different major ethnic groups. Roughly half the people are under 18 years of age. The country is ranked the lowest on the Human Development index. The majority of the inhabitants adhere to Christianity or various indigenous faiths. It is a country prone to severe droughts and floods which have a devastating impact on people's lives. In 2012 disagreements with Sudan over oil production erupted into fighting, then a peace deal with the creation of a demilitarized zone. Civil war in South Sudan broke out when president Salva Kiir fired the cabinet and accused Vice-President Riek Machar of planning a failed coup. About 400,000 people were killed; there was severe famine; and 4 million people displaced. In 2018 the two opposing leaders agreed to a peace deal. In 2019, a retreat was held at the Vatican, where the two leaders were brought together for 24 hours of prayer and preaching in the attempt to heal their bitter division. Others who attended the retreat were Justin Welby, spiritual leader of the worldwide Anglican community, as well as the leader of the Church of Scotland and other Catholic and Presbyterian Church leaders from Africa. Pope Francis kissed the shoes of President Salva Kiir and Riek Machar the rebel leader who both signed a commitment to an armistice and to form a new unified government. Despite the official end of the civil war, violence between armed militia groups continued at a high level and in many cases fueled by the leadership. The first democratic elections in South Sudan were postponed. In early February, 2023, Pope Francis visited South Sudan along with Justin Welby, and the leader of the Church of Scotland, the same spiritual leaders present at the Vatican at 2019 retreat. Despite the dismal living conditions, desperate poverty and a seeming lack of future, the people of South Sudan appeared incredibly joyful to see Francis and the two other religious leaders. But as Miklos Gosztonyi, a political analyst and humanitarian expert said, "If the political élite in South Sudan thought that they would encounter a frail Pope without getting involved in some of the toughest part of politics, they were absolutely wrong." Gosztonyi said he felt that Pope Francis "thought this trip as a way of holding leaders accountable for not having lived up to the commitments they made to him when they visited the Vatican in 2019 and he kissed their feet". In an Ecumenical Prayer where the entire political leadership of the country was present, Pope Francis said "Those who choose Christ choose peace, always, those who unleash war and violence betray the Lord and deny his Gospel." Analyst Gosztonyi said that the Pope was telling them "they are not living a moral Christian life." He said saying that was huge, not only for the leaders but for everybody else in South Sudan who think that, and who are usually not able to say anything resembling that due to political repression. Gosztonyi also made a point that having the other two spiritual leaders there and who sent "exactly the same message" was extremely important, having a very clear message resonated across the different branches of Christianity made a very powerful and very unique occasion.



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Come pray the rosary with your  
Parish community.

We pray a multi-lingual rosary on Thursday at 7:00  
PM in the church —

All are invited to come pray together.

The rosary is led by the Knights of Columbus.



## MASS INTENTIONS

February 25-March 4, 2023

### Saturday 4:30 PM

Magdelina Martinez † (1st anniversary)

### Saturday 6:00 PM

Anita Platero †  
Agripina Lopez †

### Sunday 7:30 AM

Paul Loc Kieu & Maria Ngai Do †

### Sunday 9:00 AM

Aries Dacir (thanksgiving)  
Edward Libunao (thanksgiving)  
Jasmine Libunao (thanksgiving)  
Francis Carlo Salta (healing)  
David Tayco †  
Uriel Dacir †  
Edgar Delos Angeles †  
JoJo De La Fuente †

### Sunday 10:30 AM

Maria Silveira († birthday)  
Rafael Valderrama Jr. †  
Emma Fresquez †

### Sunday 12:15 PM

Paul Franklin Estavila (birthday)  
Orlando Ebalo Jr. (healing)  
Jose Alberto Gonzales †  
Edwin Ventura †

### Sunday 2:00 PM

Carolina, Letecia & Hector Manuel Cruz  
(intencion especial)  
Juan & Nallely Ponce †  
Aurora, Rafael & Juvenal Torres †

### Sunday 6:00 PM

Mario Ochoa (salud)  
Roberto Lopez Hernandez †

### Monday 8:30 AM

Robert Boles † (10th anniversary)

### Tuesday 8:30 AM

Emmanuel & Cecille Cabigao  
(wedding anniversary)  
Helen Estrada († birthday)  
Jericho Cuayzon † (anniversary)

### Wednesday 8 :30 AM

The Community of St. Joachim

### Wednesday 7:00 PM

Manuel, Paula & David Cruz †  
Salvador Saavedra †

### Thursday 8:30 AM

Helen Estrada † (1st anniversary)

### Friday 8:30 AM

Amy Reodica †  
Connie Camacho †

### Saturday 8:30 AM

The Community of St. Joachim

## Everyday Stewardship

Can you believe Lent is here already? It seems like not that long ago I was decorating a Christmas tree! Time waits for no one and that is why it is important to make a mindful commitment now to not let this Lenten season pass you by. It is a great time to focus on growing as an everyday steward. The temptations are always there to procrastinate or to give in to spiritual laziness, but the Church's observation of Lent offers us so many tools to help us get on track. Increased devotions such as Stations of the Cross, various parish missions, or Lenten-focused literature are all gifts that your parish may be offering to assist you in this season.

With the Passion being the focus of Lent, it is easy to contemplate the value of true generosity. How could someone give more than Jesus? He gave until his life was spent on a cross. When contemplating how we can increase our generosity in all aspects of our life, we only need to look to the cross. Of course, this also brings home to us that more may be asked of us than we bargained. The temptation is to not give too much, out of fear that we might face persecution or worse. But we take solace in the fact that we are disciples of One who had the same temptations. He overcame those temptations. He rejected the easy way out. His love and generosity could not be contained. He gave it all so that you and I have the chance to do the same. This Lent, look to the greatest example of stewardship that ever lived. Jesus will show us the way to observe a Lent that will soon bring forth great Easter fruit. Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © Liturgical Publications Inc

Please join us

Every Friday

During Lent

For the  
Bilingual  
Stations  
Of the  
Cross

At

7:00PM

Inside the  
Church

March 3rd

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March 31st



Dear St. Joachim Parish Community,

After 36 years as a Catholic school educator, the last 25 as principal of St. Joachim School, the time has come for me to announce my retirement at the end of this school year. Words cannot express the love, gratitude and support I have felt for and from this wonderful community. It has been my honor to be a part of it and has been second home for so long. It is with mixed emotions that I bring this part of my life to a close; sadness that such an important part of my life will now change but also eagerly awaiting its next chapter.

When I began my teaching career in Catholic education I had a true commitment to it as a ministry, a vocation. I believed that as a Catholic school educator I would be able to best live the Gospel by nurturing the faith and academic growth of the young people I would serve. I always have subscribed to the belief that young people are not merely the future of the church, but they are an integral part of the church today. Nothing has changed my feelings about this over the years. I have been blessed to know, care, and love thousands of students over the course of my career. I thank God for the gift of each one of them.

God willing, I intend to continue in music ministry at the parish as the 10:30 choir director. It is a love of mine. I feel blest to be able to bring prayer through song to the assembly each week. I look forward to continue in ministry with the 10:30 choir members as well as our excellent music director, Ariel Mayormita. St. Joachim Church will continue to be my faith community.

With Love and Gratitude,

Armond Seishas

Principal, St. Joachim School



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