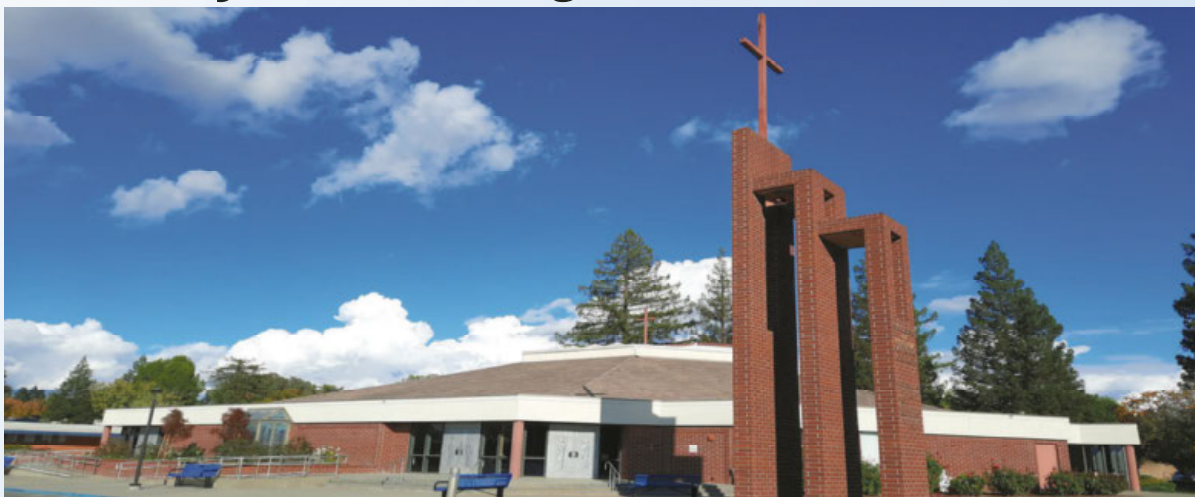


# St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church



May 14, 2023

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

St. John the Evangelist Parish is a welcoming and responsive faith community, nourished by the Word of God and the Eucharistic Table. We are open and trusting in the love of Jesus Christ to advance the power of the Holy Spirit, within the Parish and beyond, by living the Gospel.

### PARISH INFORMATION

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--PARISH OFFICE HOURS - 9:30 AM - 4 PM--  
**CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION**  
SATURDAYS from 3:45 PM to 4:45 PM



### SCHEDULE OF MASSES

#### SUNDAY MASS:

SATURDAY VIGIL: 5 PM  
SUNDAY: 8 AM, 10 AM & 5 PM

#### DAILY MASS:

6:30 AM & 8:30 AM (MON-FRI)  
8:30 AM (SATURDAY)

#### HOLY DAYS:

6:30 AM & 8:30 AM; 7:00 PM

#### HEALING MASS:

1:30 PM - 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

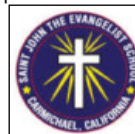
### PARISH CLERGY AND STAFF

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SJE Parish Secretary  
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Director of Music & Liturgy  
SJE Pastoral Council Chairperson  
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*Thank you, THANK YOU, SJE Parishioner JOE ROMANAZZI for writing your Article on our BLESSED MOTHER MARY for the month of May while I pack up for my "first" move into our new Mercy Hall Parish Office. —God bless, Father Bernardin MUGABO*

By: Joe Romanazzi,  
SJE Guest Columnist

### "The Queen of May"



The Month of May is special for us as Catholics because it is dedicated to honoring "The Queen of May," the **BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**. The entire month is filled with special observances and devotions to Jesus' Mother and Our Spiritual Mother. These honors may include multiple bouquets of flowers placed in front of statues or pictures of **Our Blessed Mother**, the singing of Marian hymns, and the praying of the Holy Rosary. Parishes, especially those with schools, traditionally have processions culminating in the placing of a crown made of beautiful May flowers on the head of a statue of Mary. These events offer the Church a chance to reflect on Mary's role in the history of salvation.

In 2001, Pope John Paul II added the **Wedding Feast at Cana (John 2:1-11)** as the Second Luminous Mystery to the Rosary. This decade of the Rosary involves the mysterious changing of water into wine at Cana, a small town in Galilee. What took place there is still talked about today, more than 2,000 years later. Mary and Jesus were invited wedding guests at Cana, along with Jesus' disciples who went along to join in the singing, dancing and drinking of the *fruit of the vine*. In those days, wedding celebrations lasted a week or more, not for a day or less like we are accustomed to now. Mary demonstrated her motherly social graces to save the panicked wedding couple and their hosts embarrassment when the wine ran out. Mother Mary turned to her Son, Jesus, to save the day. She said, *"They have no wine."* (**John 2:3**) and interceded and pleaded for Jesus to rectify the situation. She told the staff, *"Do whatever He tells you"*. Jesus changed six large stone vessels used for Jewish purification ceremonies that were filled to the brim with water into what the stewards announced was "good" wine. Jesus did not just provide a little wine; He found six of the biggest water jars available (holding 20-30 gallons each) and mysteriously changed the water into about 150 gallons of wine. This miraculous sign was the first public demonstration of Jesus' divinity. It enabled His Glory to appear and let His disciples believe in Him. Besides keeping the party going a little while longer, the abundance of "good" wine also made clear the abundance of God's blessings and the infinite bounty of His compassion. In the end, Jesus' presence and participation at Cana also sanctified not only marriage but also festive celebrations and togetherness.

Mary was confident that Jesus could save the party, even though she had never seen Him perform a miracle before. She was not afraid to prod Him into action, even when He seemed reluctant to act at first. It was as if Mary knew what He was capable of doing and got Him to do it through encouragement and persistence, much like our moms do or did to us. Her request for help exhibited a mother's courage, empathy and kindness and a tremendous faith in her Son's ability to fix the problem. She clearly demonstrated to us that if we have issues we need to talk to Jesus about; ask Mary to tell Jesus because He listens to her. It also showed Mary's trust in the Word of God because She is the first person in John's Gospel to reveal her total trust. Mary serves as a model Christian for us when she says, *"Do whatever He tells you"*. When Mary says, *"Do whatever He tells you"*, we see our Spiritual Mother's importance as our intercessor, advocating on our behalf at the throne of Our Lord. Interestingly, Mary does not speak again in John's Gospel or anywhere else in the **Bible**. *"Do whatever He tells you"*, are her last recorded words.

My Brothers and Sisters, let us always ask Mary to help us to do whatever Jesus tells us and to recognize that when we honor her, we honor her Son, Jesus Christ. Mary intervened to lend a hand at the wedding feast in Cana and continues to advocate on our behalf to lead us to her Son, Jesus.

As St. Padre Pio said, "Always stay close to this Heavenly Mother, because she is the sea to be crossed to reach the shores of Eternal Splendor."



**KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS:**

In two more weeks, we will celebrate the feast of Pentecost that ends the 50 days of the Easter season. Jesus is preparing His Apostles and all His followers to continue His mission all over the world after Him.

In **Mt 28, 16 – 20**: “All power in Heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

The disciples carried on the work of Jesus by preaching and healing. **Philip** began ministering to the people of Samaria. The crowds were impressed with the spiritual and physical healing that occurred following Philip's preaching.

Philip's work is a continuation of Jesus' ministry: Philip frees peoples of the unclean spirits that cry out in a loud voice just as they did when Jesus cast them out. Like Jesus, Philip heals people from all sorts of physical limitations (paralyzed and crippled, exemplifying what the Power of God can do). Because of these signs, there was great joy in that city. Many people accepted the word of God. They were baptized and confirmed.

**People may ask why it is that today, when people receive the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, the Holy Spirit does not prove His presence in them by any external signs or miracles?**

St. Augustine answered that very question centuries ago. He said: when one plants a young tree, one waters it regularly and stakes it firmly, but as soon as the tree has taken firm root, it needs no further care. So, it is with the Church. In its infancy, it needed miracles and signs to convince those who believed and to convert those who had not yet believed. But, when the Church had taken firm root, there was no further need for the special intervention of God. The ordinary graces of the Holy Spirit were sufficient.

**Every devout Christian is like an apostle.** His very way of living, as well as his daily conversation in the home and outside of it, is light that illumine all around him. Persecutions can come from everywhere, even in the place you least expect. Your parents, relatives, friends, even partners might turn against you. The history of the Church is rich in persecutions and martyrs. Christ Himself suffered in the same way.

Peter, in the Second Reading, says: “it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be the will of God, than for doing evil”. To stay on the track of righteousness, you **have to keep the Commandments**, said Jesus in the Gospel. Commandments, rules, lists of do's and don'ts, are highly needed today more than ever. The more people there are, the more troubles there are, and the more rules are needed. We see how a football match quickly degenerates into a brawl if the rules are disregarded. We see continuing slaughter on our roads because people will not observe the rules. We see the spread of injustice and violence in our society when people decide to take the law into their own hands.

At least four times during the Last Supper, Christ said these or similar words: **“if you love Me, keep My Commandments”**. How can we call ourselves His followers if we do not take seriously the things He urged His followers to do, and the things He urged them to avoid? For example, “Do not return evil for evil. Nothing is achieved by retaliation, except to pile darkness upon darkness.”

**God's laws were given to us out of love**; keep those laws. You will be happy; you will make your goal in this life and in the life to come.

**OUR THREE BELOVED PRIESTS “ARE ON THE LOOSE”...EFFECTIVE 7/1/2023**

**Effective July 1, 2023, BISHOP JAIME SOTO has made the following canonical appointments:**

**FATHER BERNARDIN MUGABO** (as the new Pastor) and **FATHER ALBAN UBA** (in residence, still as Mercy San Juan Hospital Chaplain) will be transferring to Presentation Parish in Sacramento.



**FATHER DOMINIC SAVIO, SMFS**, will be our new Pastor. He will be joined by another priest (name unknown at this time) coming from their missionary order in India.



**FATHER ABRAHAM CHIU** (as Parochial Vicar) will be transferring to Good Shepherd Parish in Elk Grove.

We have been so very blessed with their wonderful spiritual guidance during their years with us and they will be greatly missed. More information, as we receive it, to follow.



**O God Who speaks to the peoples, we present our needs to You this day with one heart and voice. Hear us and grant us these prayers according to Your Holy Will.**

For the Church: that we may grow in our awareness that Christ is in us and see the hand of God in the people, the events in our lives and in the created world around us. Let us pray to the Lord.

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER**

For the unity of all Christians: that the Spirit of God will heal the misunderstandings and wounds in the Body of Christ and lead us to a greater unity of mind and action as we confront evil and work to ease human suffering. Let us pray to the Lord.

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER**

For government and business leaders: that God will inspire them to develop policies to protect the health and well-being of the human family and promote the renewal of the economy. Let us pray to the Lord.

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER**

For all mothers; birth mothers, godmothers, grandmothers, adoptive mothers, foster mothers, spiritual mothers and those who mother in any way: that they may be supported and encouraged in their special vocation of love. Let us pray to the Lord.

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER**

For all who are struggling economically: that God will calm their fears, guide them to resources that will sustain them, and help them to be open to others who wish to support them. Let us pray to the Lord.

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER**

For mothers who mourn the loss of a child: that they may find peace and in the hope of eternal life. Let us pray to the Lord.

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER**

For all our deceased Parishioners, relatives and friends: that our merciful God may give them eternal rest. Let us pray to the Lord.

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER**

For these intentions, the intentions shared by this community during the week that we bring to the Altar, and for the intentions that we hold in the silence of our heart. Let us pray to the Lord.

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER**

**God Who unites nations, we offer these prayers to You with the sure hope and confidence that You will answer them according to Your Will. Hear us and bless us. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.**

### SJE WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

<u>Weekend of:</u>	<u>Actual (Week):</u>	<u>Budget (Week):</u>	<u>Surplus/ (Deficit):</u>
May 7, 2023	\$ 13,656	\$10,365	\$3,291

*Many thanks for your ongoing generosity to St. John's Church!!*

### NEXT WEEK'S SPECIAL COLLECTION

**May 20/21, 2023 - CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN**

50% WILL REMAIN IN OUR DIOCESE TO HELP SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNICATION EFFORTS

### PARISHIONER UPDATE INFORMATION

**We ♥ love**  
having you as part of our flock

**Keep in touch**  
with us via  
email & text

- Choose to get updates from groups you're interested in
- Unsubscribe anytime, no spam we promise

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address, phone  
number and  
email address.

### WEEKLY ADORATION



Fr. Bernardin invites you to spend an hour/  
some private time with Jesus on Wednesdays  
& Fridays from 9 am to 5 pm.

Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Rosary are  
prayed aloud beginning at 4:10 pm.

Benediction at 5:00 pm. God bless.

### CHAPEL KEYPAD NOTICE

**SJE BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL** is accessible Monday through  
Friday from 9 am to 5 pm.

Please call SJE Office (916) 483-8454 for code or admittance.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

**Please Note: BAPTISMS ARE SCHEDULED MONTHLY.**

For more information and instructions, please visit our  
website, [www.sjecarmichael.org](http://www.sjecarmichael.org) to download and  
complete our **Baptismal Registration Form** or  
contact **DEACON JACK** or **DEACON KEITH** through  
our "[baptisms@sjecarmichael.org](mailto:baptisms@sjecarmichael.org)" email address  
for Baptism and Baptism Class Schedules.





## IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the repose of the soul of longtime SJE Parishioner **MICHAEL PROFUMO**, husband of Judy, who passed away recently. His Rosary Vigil will be held on Monday, May 22nd from 5 pm to 7 pm in **ST. JOHN'S CHURCH**. His funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, May 23rd at 10:00 am at **CALVARY FUNERAL CENTER CHAPEL, BISHOP SOTO** officiating. May GOD grant him eternal rest and strengthen and comfort his family. May he rest in peace.



## MONTHLY HEALING MASS

## ST. JOHN'S HEALING MASS

Our Monthly "Healing Mass" is celebrated next SUNDAY, May 21st at 1:30 pm in our **CHURCH**. Confessions from 12:30 pm to 1:25 pm



## LECTIO EUCHARIST BIBLE STUDY ON ZOOM

Come dive into scripture with us and find out how God weaved this gift of love through our Salvation History so that everyone who believed can have food for their souls as they journey through life. This eye opening Bible study will leave you feeling thoroughly loved and awed. The study will be offered through zoom, so get your family and friends, near and far to join us as we discover God's incredible gift to each of us.

Starting on May 24, 2023 and for 10 weeks, we will embark on a journey through Salvation History with an emphasis on the Holy Eucharist. Sessions will be every Wednesday evening at 7pm.

For questions or to sign up, please call or text **ANGELA** at (916)-342-3368 or by emailing [REcatechists60@gmail.com](mailto:REcatechists60@gmail.com).

## GRIEF &amp; CONSOLATION MINISTRY MEETING

Our next **GRIEF AND CONSOLATION MINISTRY** monthly **SUPPORT GROUP MEETING** is

**TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023**

from 10 am until 11:30 am in **St. James Hall**.

Please contact **TERRIN HENDERSON** or **PAM JOHNSON** at [griefsupport@sjecarmichael.org](mailto:griefsupport@sjecarmichael.org). We welcome all.

SJE PARISH OFFICE HAS **MOVED**

**ST. JOHN'S Parish Office** has **RELOCATED** from the Parish Rectory to **MERCY HALL** (the old Convent) effective **Monday, May 15th**.

To reach us, park in our main Church Parking Lot and walk through Holy Family Patio and by the SJE School Office, entering the wrought iron gate and ramp to the SJE Office front door. Our Office hours are the same; 9:30am - 4pm Monday-Friday

SJE CHOIR REHEARSAL ~ **WEDNESDAY**

**PLEASE JOIN US for SINGING!!**

Our next **Choir Rehearsal** is **BACK** on Wednesday, May 17th, at 7pm

For Choir updates and more information please email

**BILL BECKER, SJE Choir Director** at [music@sjecarmichael.org](mailto:music@sjecarmichael.org)



## 'LIVE IT' BIBLE STUDY RETURNS

**Live it BIBLE STUDY GROUP** - every **Sunday** from **9:10 am to 9:45 am** in **St. Catherine's Room** (off St. James Hall). We show a 15-20 minute video, then discuss. This is a great way to increase your knowledge of Scripture and grow closer to God. **DEAN TORMEY**, Leader

## EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL SUPPORT PERSON



Our Parish is starting a new program this year called **CHRIST PRESENT IN THE EUCHARIST (CPITE)**, and the Parish is looking for a parishioner volunteer willing to provide administrative support for the **CPITE** program. The program is part of the American Bishops' "National Eucharistic Revival" to help Catholics renew their faith priorities. The program consists of four, once-a-week, parish-based discussion sessions designed to encourage "faith sharing".

The administrative support volunteer tasks/activities include:

- collecting materials from the Diocese and distributing them to the **CPITE** team members;
- maintaining and publishing the program calendar of events and activities;
- publishing **CPITE** promotional materials for our parish website, bulletins, posters, and signs;
- working with team members to schedule and coordinate sessions;
- distributing discussion session materials to the **CPITE** program leader, session leaders, facilitators and note takers
- distributing and collecting evaluation forms for **CPITE** participants and program team members; and
- collecting and compiling notes from sessions and submit them to the **CPITE** program leadership.

The administrative support volunteer tasks/activities do not include:

- making speeches;
- recruiting **CPITE** program team members; or
- conducting discussion sessions.

If you are seeking a way to offer your time and talent to help your Parish, please consider volunteering for this challenging and rewarding opportunity.

Please contact **TOM ENNIS** at (916) 214-8004 or email at [pastoral.council@sjecarmichael.org](mailto:pastoral.council@sjecarmichael.org).

## SJE PRAYER LIST

**Please Pray for our sick and their caregivers:** Andrea Armstrong, Patrick Bagley, Hazel Balthrop, Melissa Dean Beard, Richard Michael Blalock, Bob Bodem, Nancy Born, Robert Burns, Chuck Carly, John Carroll, Geoff Carter, Joseph Carter, Melanie Casperson, Ollie Claussen, Alicia Cortez, Sue, Heather & Eric Crawford, Corrine Davidson, Bill & Judy Davis, Russ Davis, Melissa Duran, Brenda Elazier, Kate Ellis, Karen Emmons, Madeline Endres, Debbie Erichs, Teri Erickson, Velia Ecalante, James Espinoza, Juanita Estrellas, Ernie Frehe, Anthony Gabriele, Bob Gibbs, Ella Gomes, Jimi Grant, Alice Guerrero, Steve Guerrero, Nolan Gunn, Donna Harris, Tom Harvey, Shelley Hjellum, Margaret Hollatz, Gabe Howser, Jacqueline Huesing, Mary Jeffries, Eduardo Jimenez, Yelena Kanavalchuk, Tom Karras, Hossain Kian, Janice & Jacob Landeros, Dalice Lee, Ray Lloyd, Monique Lopez, Dylan Mandell, Cheryl Martin, Arielle McLeskey, Pat Minnard, Manuel Molina, Carla Moore, Marie Murillo, Tony Nolasco, Dylan Ochoa, Gilles Ouellet, Mary Pai, Lynn Parry, Julie Paul, Martha Perez, Mike Peterson, Alex Quiroz, Noreen Rademacher, Jeff Reynolds, Sarah Rizzardo, Jeremy Robinson, Ray Rodgers, Aida Saca, Ruth Salazar, Monique Sandoval, Kim Schultz, Christopher Scott, Paul Scurti, Aurora Simental, Lili Simic, Carol Smith, Joan Smith, Dolores Stafford, Hank Thompson, Inge Toner, Bob Walker, Katie Walker, Kay Webb, Theresa West, Jacqueline Whittle, Deacon Jack Wilson, Frank & Kay Wolniak, Amanda Young.



May 14, 2023

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH****RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/CCD/CFE****Grades: Kindergarten through Junior High****Phone: 916-483-4628 Email: [ccd@sjecarmichael.org](mailto:ccd@sjecarmichael.org)**

Our CCD students and our SJE school students received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 6. This First Holy Communion Mass was truly inspiring. Together our first Communicants prayed, sang, and were spiritually touched and enriched by the Eucharist. **St. Mary Bernard Butler** (St. Maria Bernarda Butler) our saint of the Week's Feast Day will be celebrated on Friday, May 19. Actually, St. Mary Bernard lived by the grace of God, which poured out through the Eucharist bringing this love in the most sensitive way to the people around her.

It was on May 28, 1848, that St. Mary Bernard (Verena Butler) was born in Auw, in the Canton of Argovia, Switzerland. Verena was the fourth of eight children born to Henry and Catherine Butler. This exemplary and modest couple from the country educated their children in the love of God and neighbor. On the same day that Verena was born, she was also baptized, and she received her First Holy Communion on April 16, 1860. Her devotion to the Eucharist was the foundation of her Christianity.

At the age of fourteen, Verena completed her elementary education, and then she dedicated herself to farm work. Although she fell in love with a worthy young man, Verena was totally motivated by the calling of God, so she broke off her engagement in order to turn completely to the Lord. It was especially during this period of her life that Verena felt the grace of enjoying the presence of God, and she said, "To explain this state of my soul to someone who has never experienced anything similar is extremely difficult, if not impossible". Later on, she also commented, "The Holy Spirit taught me to adore, praise, bless, and give thanks to Jesus in the tabernacle at all times, even at work and in real life."

Drawn by this love, Verena, at the age of eighteen, entered the convent in her own area, but this convent was not the best place for Verena, and the Lord was calling her, so Verena returned home. Her pastor then suggested that Verena enter the Franciscan Monastery of Mary Help of Sinners in Altstätten. On May 4, 1868, Verena assumed the Franciscan habit taking on the name of Sister Mary Bernard of the Heart of Mary, because Verena was always devoted to the Virgin Mother of the Lord. Then on October 4, 1869, Sister Mary Bernard made her Religious Profession with the firm proposal of serving the Lord until death in this contemplative life. Very soon, Sister Mary Bernard was elected Mistress of Novices and Superior of the Community.

After nine years, Sister Mary Bernard's zeal and love for the Kingdom of God encouraged her to become a missionary. The Bishop of Portoviejo in Ecuador, Msgr. Peter Schumacher, asked Sister Mary Bernard to come to his diocese due to the precarious situation of his people. Sister Mary Bernard saw this request to be the will of God calling her to be an announcer of the Gospel in this far away country. Thereafter, Sister Mary Bernard and six of her companions left for Ecuador on June 19, 1888. Eventually, Sister Mary Bernard became the foundress of a new Religious Congregation, the Franciscan Sisters of Mary Help of Sinners.

This Bishop entrusted Sister Mary Bernard to the community of Chone, which totally lacked priests. Sister Mary Bernard became "everything to everyone" placing prayer, poverty, fidelity to the Church, and constant exercise of the works of mercy to be the base of her missionary work. With her sisters, they deepened their knowledge of the native language, and of the culture of the people in their area. It was then that the Christian life of the native people blossomed. Her community submitted to absolute poverty, torrid heat, health risks, and difficulties of every kind. With heroic fortitude and silence, Sister Mary Bernard endured these stressors, always praying from her heart for those who were suffering.

Unfortunately, it was in the summer of 1895 due to violent persecution from forces hostile to the Church, that Sister Mary Bernard and fourteen of her Sisters fled from Ecuador without knowing where to go. After an invitation to join the Diocese of Cartagena from Msgr. Eugene Biffi, on August 2, 1895, these exiled Sisters arrived in Cartagena and were received paternally by the Bishop. Here the Sisters found hospitality in a female hospital, which was commonly called "Pious Work."

In 1924, Mother Mary Bernard was struck with piercing hypo-gastric pains while working at Pious Work. As she quietly went to sleep on May 19, 1924, Mother Mary Bernard died. The Pastor of the Cathedral announced her passing away saying, "A saint has died in this city, this morning, the reverend Mother Bernard! The ardour of charity and apostolic zeal of Mother Mary Bernard are being re-lived today in the Church in various countries on three continents. Her hallmark was enculturation, the adopting of Faith to the language, customs, and lifestyle of local people. Her guide, her star, was the Gospel. On October 12, 2008, the Holy Father Benedict XVI inscribed St. Mary Bernard in the register of Saints.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of  
May 15-20, 2023****Monday:** *St. Isidore, the Farmer***6:30 am** Intentions of the Blessed Virgin Mary**8:30 am** Will Cooney †**Tuesday:** *EASTER Weekday***6:30 am** John Mendonza †**8:30 am** John Lubecki †**Wednesday:** *EASTER Weekday***6:30 am** SOULS IN PURGATORY**8:30 am** Jonathan Cleofe †**Thursday:** *St. John I, Pope and Martyr***6:30 am** SOULS IN PURGATORY**8:30 am** Pascal Anthony Gerard †**Friday:** *EASTER Weekday***6:30 am** SOULS IN PURGATORY**8:30 am** Georgia Royal †**Saturday:** *St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest***8:30 am** Gerald † and Arlis † Bragg

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26--16:4a**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11**Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22--18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15**Thursday:** Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-7, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20**Friday:** Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-10, 12; Jn 16:16-20**Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28**Sunday:** Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a or Jn 17:1-11a; or (for Ascension) Acts 1:11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

## HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK PROCEDURE

For those who bring the Holy Eucharist to our homebound brothers and sisters after Mass, **please place your open Pyx with the unconsecrated Host inside on the Altar prior to the beginning of Mass.**

If you are unable to place the Pyx on the Altar before Mass, please do not approach the Altar once Mass begins. After Mass, you can approach either the Priest or Deacon to obtain our precious Lord, Who will journey with you to be received by our homebound brothers and sisters as soon as possible.

## JOKE OF THE WEEK

A laywoman was driving down the street in a sweat because she had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking place.

Looking up towards Heaven, she said, "Lord, take pity on me. If You find me a parking place, I'll go to Mass every Sunday for the rest of my life and give up drinking wine."

Miraculously, a parking place opened up right in front of her destination.

The woman looked up to Heaven again and said, "Never mind, Lord; I found one on my own..."

## SJE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CON'T)

**OUR PRAYER:** LORD, YOU GAVE LIGHT TO THE WORLD THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF ST. MARY BERNARD. MAY YOUR LIGHT ALSO SHINE FOR ALL OF US TO SEE. AMEN

Yours in Christ,

MRS. JOANNE GIFFARD, SJE Religious Education Coordinator

[ccd@sjecarmichael.org](mailto:ccd@sjecarmichael.org)[jkoeckgiffard@aol.com](mailto:jkoeckgiffard@aol.com)



(John 14:6-14)

What does Jesus mean by saying "I am the way, the truth, and the life" but he is going to leave his disciples very soon?

Jesus alone is the surest way to God. Jesus is the "Way" because he is the visible manifestation in human form of all that his Father is. However, his way to God is the narrow way of the cross. It is the least-traveled way of humble, loving, and self-giving service to others. To follow the Way of Jesus is to become a person whose whole being reflects the truth and the life that Jesus reveals to us.

Jesus is the truth because he is the only one who accurately reveals to us the whole truth about God. Truth here is that complete integrity and harmony which Jesus himself revealed, not only in what he said and did, but in the total manifestation of his life and person.

As God, Jesus has eternal life in himself. The term "life" (zōē) means eternal life in John's gospel. The eternal denotes a status that death is never unable to destroy the eternal life of the faithful. Those who are one with Jesus never die because they are possessed of the source of life. By sharing in God's life, death only means the death of earthly life. Additionally, Jesus is the one who gives us his life-giving Holy Spirit that animates every moment of our lives. In short, to be fully alive is to be in God.

Since Jesus is our way, truth, and life, he can ascertain us by saying "Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me." (John 14:1) What he promised is not only comforting words but also the assurance of our eternal life. When we tell others not to let their hearts be troubled, we must give them adequate support, both physically and spiritually.  
--Fr. Abraham Chiu



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(Deacon Jack)

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