



St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish

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March 23, 2016

Letter from the Principal

This Sunday is Easter, the greatest feast in the Christian calendar. On this Sunday, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Easter is a day of celebration because it represents the fulfillment of our faith as Christians.

St. Paul wrote that, unless Christ rose from the dead, our faith is in vain (1 Corinthians 15:17). Through his death, Christ saved mankind from sin, and He destroyed the hold that death has on all of us; but it is His Resurrection that gives us the promise of new life, both in this world and the next.

That new life began on Easter Sunday. In the Lord's Prayer, we pray "Thy Kingdom come, on earth as it is in Heaven." And Christ told His disciples that some of them would not die until they saw the Kingdom of God "coming in power" (Mark 9:1). Easter is the fulfillment of that promise. With the resurrection of Christ, God's Kingdom is established on earth, in the form of the Church.

Celebrate with your family and loved ones, for God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. (John 3:16)

Blessings,
Mrs. Rachel Gonsalves



Now Accepting Applications for the 2016-2017 School Year

Please share the good news about St. John Catholic School with your friends and family! We are accepting applications now for grades PreK-7 for the 2016-2017 school year. Applications are available in the office.

Easter Children's Mass Reminder

Thank you to all of the children and families who signed up to participate in the St. John the Baptist Easter Children's Mass. This is a great way for our active parishioners to get involved, and a special way to reinforce the importance of Sunday and holiday liturgy to our children.

Parent volunteers are also needed, and adults can earn SJCS parent hours for supporting this special liturgy for our children. **Don't forget to attend the required rehearsal on Saturday, March 26 at 11 a.m. in the gym.**



Happy Easter!
No school March 24-April 2
School resumes April 4



Mary of Nazareth Movie at St. John

The St. John Catholic School community is invited to attend the movie *Mary of Nazareth* on March 28, 29, 30 & 31 at 10 a.m. in the gym. General admission is \$5 per

person, and tickets can be purchased at the school office during regular office hours. A portion of the proceeds from the film's showing will be donated to St. John Catholic School.

Are You Up-to-Date?!

Registration packets will be available to our families who are up-to-date with their tuition and fee payments. Please make sure that you are in good financial standing with the school. If you have any questions about your status, please contact Mrs. McClintock, our school bookkeeper, M-F 8 a.m.-3p.m. at 510-276-6632.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Thank you St. John Catholic School families and friends for supporting our school's First Annual Fun Run!

What's this for? Tuition alone does not cover the full cost of providing a quality Catholic education for your children. To keep tuition increases as low as possible, families are asked to participate in fundraising events each year to help offset the school's operating expenses.

If you have any questions about this fundraiser, please contact Mr. Enos at 510-276-6632 or at denos@csdo.org.

Welcome Mrs. de Young!

We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Terry de Young to SJCS as our long-term substitute teacher in 5th grade. Mrs. de Young is a recently retired teacher from St. Raymond School in Dublin, and she is excited to share her expertise, passion, and faith with us for the rest of the school year. Please give a warm Shamrock welcome to Mrs. de Young!

Summer School at St. John

St. John Catholic School will not be able to offer summer school on our campus this year. For those students who are required to attend summer school or for families who wish to enroll their children for enrichment, some of our neighboring Catholic elementary schools in San Leandro and Hayward will be offering summer school this year. We will share that information with you as soon as it becomes available from those school sites.

Sharing God's Mercy – 2016 Bishop's Appeal

We continue to support the annual Bishop's Appeal. Our parish goal is \$28,500. If you were unable to contribute and pledge, you can pick up a Bishop's Appeal envelope in the Rectory. You can mail your contribution directly to the address given – please make sure to mark your donation from St. John the Baptist San Lorenzo so it's credited to our parish. For more information, please visit: <http://www.oakdiocese.org/giving/bishops-appeal-2016>

Service Hour and Fundraising Statements

Each family has recently received their service hour and fundraising statements for the 2015-2016 school year. Per tuition contracts, each family is expected to complete 20 service hours and raise \$300 in fundraising through eScrip, fall fundraiser, See's Easter Candy Sale, and the FunRun. Remember that all service hours must be completed by May 1, 2016 for this current school year.

Hours completed after this time are credited to the 2016-2017 school year.

St. John Catholic School is Going Green (Environmentally!)

We have some great GREEN news to share! Beginning in the 2016-2017 school year, St. John Catholic School's Wednesday Newsletter will be distributed electronically! Electronic communications are more eco-friendly (aka GREEN). In addition, we have wonderful technology resources for our students, and now the school will model efficient and appropriate ways to communicate using these 21st century tools! You'll want to make sure we have the most current contact information for you so you don't miss a minute of the great things happening at St. John Catholic School! You can check out the Wednesday Newsletter, flyers, and attachment archives for this year on our website: <http://www.stjohncatholicschool.org>



Cesar Chavez Prayer Service
Wednesday, March 23, 2:10 p.m.

MUSE Band Concert
Wednesday, March 23, 4 p.m.

Easter Break
March 24-April 1
School resumes April 4



6th Grade to Caritas Creek
April 4-8, 2016

School Board Meeting
April 7, 6:30 p.m.

Student of the Month Awards
April 12

**St. John Catholic School
Family Dance and Mini Auction**
April 16, 6-9 p.m. in the gym

**St. John Catholic School Spring Music
Concert**
Wednesday, April 27, 6 p.m. in the gym

Holy Week Services 2016

No morning Mass Thursday, Friday, or
Saturday

Holy Thursday – March 24
Bilingual Mass of the Last Supper – 7 p.m.
Adoration of the Blessed Eucharist (until
12 a.m.)

Good Friday – March 25
Stations of the Cross – 12 p.m.
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion – 1 p.m.
Stations of the Cross – 3 p.m. (Spanish)
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion – (Spanish)

Easter Vigil – Saturday – March 26
Bilingual Mass – 7:30 p.m.
(no 4:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. mass)

Easter Sunday Masses – March 27
English – 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.
Children's Mass (Gym) – 9:30 a.m.
Spanish – 2 p.m.