



St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, Dec 19th

School Christmas Program

Friday, Dec 20th

Junior High Social

TK-5th Grade Class Parties

Noon Dismissal NO SEP

Dec 23rd – Jan 3rd

Winter Break

Monday, Dec 6th

School Resumes

Wednesday, Jan 8th

Root School Meeting for

Teachers

Noon Dismissal

Wednesday, Jan 15th

Diocesan-Wide Catechetical In-

service for Teachers

Noon Dismissal

Student Intent to return forms go home

Friday, Jan 17th

Elementary Staff Day

No School

Monday, Jan 20th

No School

Martin Luther King Day

Dear Shamrock Family,

This third week of Advent begins with “Gaudete Sunday.” *Gaudete* meaning “rejoice” in Latin. **Joy** is the theme of this third week in Advent, as we are called to rejoice in knowing the celebration of the birth of the Lord is near!

I for one experience **joy** when witnessing our students sing Christmas songs, create Christmas cards, and complete Christmas projects. I am proud to see students working together in classrooms to prepare for our Christmas Program. The school halls beam with the true meaning of the season, as students share gifts of gratitude with one another. The energy of the final week before a holiday break, namely that of the Christmas break, can be a busy and hectic time, but I choose to embrace the craze of the week while being mindful of the reason for the energy, which is the anticipation of Christmas.

What brings you **joy**? It is important to take some time, among the whirlwind of the holiday season, to reflect on all of our blessings. Who is a gift in your life? How can we be gifts to each other? In what ways can we be Jesus in the lives of others? May these final Advent days offer you some time for peace and reflection. May you know true **joy** and readily share it with others during the holiday season and throughout the new year. I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas!

Advent Blessings,
Ms. Child

School Mantra

We live our faith

We serve others

We are life-long learners

We are people of integrity

We are Shamrocks!

Announcements

REMINDER

NO SEP on 12/20

BELL SCHEDULE

10:05 -10:25 K-2 Recess

10:40 -10:55 3-8 Recess

11:50 - 12:30 K-2 Recess

12:10-12:30 K-2 Lunch

12:15- 12:30 3-8 Lunch

12:30 – 12:55 3-8 Recess

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Please visit our school website to access the school calendar.

<http://www.stjohncatholicseehool.org/calendar.html>

If you would like to subscribe to/ add our calendar to a device just add this link

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/ch3o3n0fpm4v0tpth3ntm38lq4%40group.calendar.google.com/public/basic.ics>

SEP SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Exciting new Enrichment

**Fridays coming to SEP
starting the New Year!**

**Fun new learning
experiences & activities
are planned!**

**Be on the lookout for more
details to come in the New
Year**

Thank you School Families!

The Golden Age Dinner was on December 7, and it was a great event! We thank you so much for donating so many gifts for the guests who attended. Everyone got a nice gift after they are a delicious Turkey Dinner. We appreciate your help, and because you were so generous we have given many extra socks and other items to the St. Vincent group to give to the homeless people who come needing help. We also have enough gifts to give to the people in the nursing homes who were not able to attend our event. Thanks to you, many people were given joy!

God bless you, from the
Golden Age Committee

School Only Weekly Mass Beginning in January

After some safety concerns have been raised by parents regarding students being in attendance for Wednesday morning mass with the larger parish community, the school administration has decided to make the shift to having school-only weekly Wednesday mass beginning in the New Year. This will mean that school students and staff will be the only people permitted to enter the church and be in attendance at school weekly masses. Students and supervising staff will enter the church through one door and that door will be closed and remain locked for the duration of mass. Student safety is the primary concern, alongside maintaining Catholic Identity, and the school administration is highly dedicated to both. Parent support and partnership is appreciated.

Catechists Needed

Our parish community is in desperate need of volunteers to be catechists for our parish confirmation classes. The 6:30pm Thursday confirmation class is low on leaders and would benefit greatly from faith-filled community members to guide young-adult confirmation students. If you are interested in giving an hour or so of your time each week to share your faith with the youth of our community, please email **Marriann Galang** @ marri.galang@gmail.com Up to 10 school service hours honored for volunteering!

Parish Christmas Concert

The 2nd annual St. John Catholic Church Christmas Concert will take place On Wednesday, December 18th at 7pm in the church. We invite our school families to attend. Our very own school choir and first grade class will be performing at this concert, so it would be wonderful to have the school community in attendance to support these participants. Come and enjoy music and ministry to prepare yourself for the Christmas holiday!

School Christmas Program

The St. John Catholic School Christmas Program will take place on Thursday, December 19th at 6:30pm in the church. Students are asked to be dressed in Christmas best attire and are to be dropped off at their homeroom classrooms at 6pm. From there, parents may head to the church to take their seats and teachers will escort classes over to the church prior to the 6:30pm start. We look very forward to celebrating the talent of our students along with the spirit of the Christmas season!

Simbang Gabi

Please note that our St. John Parish celebration of Simbang Gabi will be from December 15-23, 2019 with Mass at 5:30 am.

WHAT'S LOST CAN BE FOUND! /SERVICE HOURS OPPORTUNITY

Our Lost and Found bin, located just outside the school's science lab, is overflowing with jackets and sweatshirts, lunch pails, notebooks, and more. If you have any items "missing," please check the bin. Parents/students are requested to check the lost and found before December 19th. After the 19th, all remaining clothes will be washed and placed in uniform exchange. Thank you for your cooperation in returning items to the rightful

Christmas Eve Mass

School students grades K-8 are invited to take part in the Christmas Eve Mass at 4:30pm on December 24th. If your child might be interested, please see the participation form included below.

St. John Parish Christmas Eve Family Mass

Our Christmas Eve Family Mass will again be celebrated at 4:30 pm on Tuesday, December 24, 2019. Children from kindergarten through 8th grade are invited to take an active role in this liturgy. Participation can be in non-speaking acting roles in the Christmas Gospel drama, by singing in the choir, or as readers.

All who wish to participate must attend a required rehearsal on Saturday, December 21, in the church: at 9:30 a.m.

Parents are needed at both the rehearsal and the Mass to help guide the children who will be in the Gospel drama. Some simple costumes will be provided but most children will wear regular clothing.

Mass on Christmas Eve begins at 4:30 pm. All actors, readers and choir members must be in church by 4:00 pm.

Please fill out the form below and return the bottom portion of this page to school by Friday, December 13.

Keep this upper portion of the page for your own reference. Return the bottom part.

Christmas Eve Mass Children's Participation Form

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent Name: _____ Phone: _____

Please check only one category for the child's preference:

_____ Actor roles, (non-speaking) The parts of Mary, Joseph, angels and shepherds will be determined on the day of the rehearsal.

_____ Choir

_____ Readers (must be 5th grade or older, with some experience reading at Mass)

_____ Parents - Can you help during the rehearsal and the Mass? _____ Yes _____ No

Advent and Christmas Reflection

Reflexión de Adviento y Navidad



**All are invited to an Evening of
Reflection about Advent
and Christmas**

**Friday, December 20, 2019
From 7– 9 p.m. in the Church**

***Todos están invitados a una Noche de
Reflexión sobre Adviento y Navidad
Viernes 20 de diciembre del 2019
De 7 a 9 p.m. en la Iglesia***



Please spread the word!!

Reflection will be Bilingual

**English Facilitator Deacon Mac
Spanish Facilitator Fr. Sergio Lopez**

St. John the Baptist Parish, 264 E. Lewelling, Blvd. San Lorenzo Ca 94580

E-mail Scam

Please be aware of an ongoing phishing scam that involves emails purportedly from Father Sergio. An actual sample is shown below. These are not from Father Sergio and he is in no way associated with these emails. Father would never ask you to email him so that he could ask you for a favor. It appears that the sender is phishing for valid email addresses and if you respond, the sender will follow up with a request for some sort of monetary assistance. In at least one instance, a request was made for gift cards. It's truly unfortunate that cyber criminals will attempt to exploit the generous nature of our community. There are common sense ways to avoid being scammed. If an e-mail contains an unusual request, contact the company (in this case, Father Sergio Lopez or the parish office) directly. **Do not use any phone number provided in the e-mail or click on any links in the email.** In many, but not all cases, grammatical errors are present. For more information on phishing scams and email security, you can google (or search for) "RECOGNIZING PHISHING EMAILS." The FBI website address to file an online Internet crime complaint: <https://www.ic3.gov>

Fr. Sergio Lopez < lopesergio88@gmail.com >

To: [your email address]

Feb 19 at 3:26 PM

Hi, how are you doing?

I need a favor from you, email me as soon as you get this message.

God Bless,

Fr. Sergio Lopez



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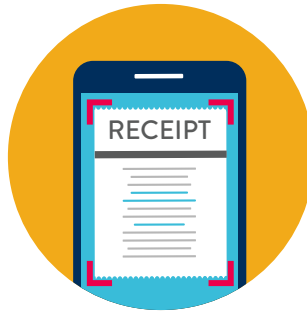


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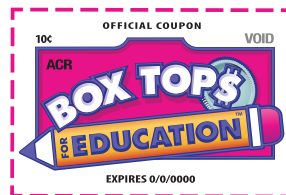
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Every valid Box Tops clip is worth 10¢ for your school. Make sure each one has a clearly visible product acronym and expiration date.

** All valid Box Tops clips submitted per the Program Rules by a Coordinator(s) of (an) eligible, enrolled school(s) will be honored.*

THE NEW BOX TOPS LABELS



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If you see this label, use the new Box Tops app to scan your receipt. **Box Tops are still worth 10¢ each for your school.** The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to your school's earnings online.