PETER SAID TO JESUS,

"MASTER, IT IS GOOD THAT WE ARE HERE;

LET US MAKE THREE TENTS,

ONE FOR YOU, ONE FOR MOSES, AND ONE FOR ELIJAH."

LUKE 9:33

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 13, 2022

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5:00 pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am,
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OUR MISSION: TO LIVE AS JESUS TEACHES

Clergy Corner

Dear St. Joseph Family,

As we watch the invasion of Ukraine unfold, we continue to pray for peace. Pope Francis has asked us to pray and especially fast for peace in Ukraine. One of the main messages our Lady shared with the shepherd children in Fatima was her desire for the conversion of Russia. Our Lady warned us then that, unless Russia was consecrated to her, peace would not be attained. That was in 1917. Obviously, our Lady's request went

her, peace would not be attained. That was in 1917. Obviously, our Lady's request went unheeded. Last Friday, I was listening to a program on the Catholic radio station, Relevant Radio (1260 AM), called "Trending with Timmerie." Timmerie is a young mother who offers insightful commentary on current events. She was talking about Ukraine and made a very compelling argument for why the Russian invasion is taking place. Here is the link to the 10 minute clip that I happened to hear: https://relevantradio.com/listen/trending-with-timmerie/

If you scroll down to March 5, click on the link entitled, "Abortion's Role in the Russia-Ukraine Crisis and China's." You read that right, abortion's role. In a nutshell, Timmerie argues that Russian's widespread use of abortion during Soviet rule has led to a "demographic winter," which means that the rate of procreation is below the rate of replacement, meaning, children are not replacing their parents. This has happened in China as well, which is known for its 1 child policy (recently repealed), which resulted in untold forced abortions. During the 1960's in Russia, 3 out of 4 (75%) children lost their lives to abortion. In the 1980s, 2 out of 3 (66%) were victims of abortion. In places that have experienced this "demographic winter," where there aren't enough people, where there aren't enough women for the men to marry, history has shown us that war is a typical outcome. Ultimately, Timmerie concludes that Russia is invading Ukraine because "Russia needs people."

Timmerie says that the issue is a three-prong ideological problem that we must learn from and fight against. In places like Russia and China, (1) the dignity of the human person has been rejected, the result of a denial of God, which is a tenant of Socialism/Communism. (2) These Socialist societies have rejected the family and parents' role in educating their children, resulting in the State's authoritarian interventions, which (3) promote the widespread acceptance of abortion and contraception. Timmerie noted a staggering statistic, that in 1960, the worldwide average of children per mother was 5; now the worldwide average is 2.4. Some people argue that there are too many people on the Earth. The actions of Russia seem to point to a conflicting reality, there aren't enough people. Whether this is correct, I do not know, but she makes a compelling argument.

I bring this up (perhaps a little late if you're reading this on Sunday) because there is a shared ministry between the Catholic Churches in Alameda that is standing up for the God-given dignity of the unborn and against the proliferation of abortion. Each second Saturday of the month, this group meets outside of City Hall to protest abortion generally, but also locally, an entity known as Advanced Bioscience Resources, a former government contractor who supplied fetal tissue procured from aborted babies to be used for research. The federal government worked to limit research done on fetal tissue in 2018; these restrictions were undone in 2021. You are invited to join this group in prayer every second Saturday at 9:30 am.

As Timmerie says, "God's vision for the human person, God's vision for marriage, God's vision for our children, is what will protect us from what's happening in Russia, with what's happening in China, and what will help us to be defenders of other nations, and not succumb to the same ideologies and theologies that are destroying people and the world today. This is how we will have peace, by yes, praying and begging for God's help, but also by living out God's vision for the human person."

This is one of the reasons why I wanted to host the men of the parish to watch "Into the Breach", the video series produced by the Knights of Columbus. On Monday, about 20 of us watched the first two videos ("Masculinity" and "Brotherhood"), followed by a good discussion. Catholic men, you are invited to join us for the remainder of the sessions. Your role in your family and the community is critical. As Pope Saint John Paul II once said, "As the family goes, so goes the nation, and so goes the whole world in which we live."

With much love, Fr. Mario

Upcoming Events

St. Joseph Feast Day Celebrations

Please join us on <u>Saturday, March 19</u> (Feast Day of St. Joseph) after the 5 pm Vigil Mass in the Gathering Space, or <u>Sunday, March 20</u> after the Noon Mass, at the High School Quad, to celebrate the Feast Day of our Patron Saint.

Christian Initiation Update: Prayer Request and Sunday Readings

This coming Saturday Liza Nguyen Heald and Lilyana Casanova, who have been preparing for Baptism for over a year on Zoom and in person,



will be named "Elect" by Bishop Barber in the Rite of Election at the Cathedral. They ask your prayers during this time of final preparation. On the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent, they and all those throughout the world to be baptized at the Easter Vigil celebrate the Scrutinies "to deliver the Elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ...." (RCIA 141) When a Scrutiny is celebrated, the Church instructs us to use the readings from Cycle A regardless of the year, so be prepared for those alternate readings the next three weekends.

Lenten Outreach Project

St. Vincent DePaul as part of the Lenten Outreach Project, will be collecting children and baby clothes and shoes. These items will be given out at the SVdP Family room in downtown Oakland. New and gently used (clean) clothing and shoes for



babies through 5 year-olds are requested. There will be baskets available by the door to the Gathering Space for you to drop off the items **starting on March 19 and ending April 3**.



Young Ladies Institute (YLI) -A Catholic Women's Organization Membership Drive, March 20

The YLI organization was founded in San Francisco in 1887 by three women. It is

a Catholic organization dedicated to Christian principles of unity, love, protection and promoting moral, mental and social advancement for all. YLI will run a membership drive after the 12 pm Mass at the Gathering Space. Contact Liza Marie Flores at 510.381.6390 for more information.

Can you use a little peace?



Join us for Taize on Friday, March 25, 8 pm, Basilica

Taizé is an ecumenical, candlelit service of music, prayer, scripture and silent worship. It is offered as a witness to peace and reconciliation for which we gather each month. All are welcome! Follow us on www.facebook.com/TaizeOnThelsland

Mission San Jose 225th Anniversary

Founded on June 11, 1797, the establishment of Mission San Jose is arguably the most significant event in the history of the East Bay.

During this landmark year, the Mission of San Jose invites the faithful of the Diocese of Oakland, to visit and draw grace, renewal, and indulgence from the treasury of the Church. At the Mission San Jose Church, there will be daily Mass at 8:00 am, First Wednesday Mass at 7:00 pm in honor of St. Joseph, Adoration in the Eucharistic Chapel from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm, Sacrament of Confession celebrated 30 minutes before all Masses, First Friday and Saturday Mass at 8:00 am, Sunday Masses at 5:30 pm (Sat), 8:00 am, 3:00 (Vietnamese), 5:00 (Chinese) and 7:00 pm. Mission San Jose is a testimony to both the diverse people who came before us and to those of us fortunate enough to live here today.

Please also mark your calendars for June 11-12, 2022. There will be a celebration of the founding of the Mission with fun festivities and solemn liturgies. For more information, please visit the website: https://



mission225.org.

Note: Bishop Barber has issued a Decree granting Partial Indulgence to the Faithful who visit the Mission San Jose which is a pilgrimage site. For more details of the Decree, visit Diocese website: https://www.oakdiocese.org/, and search for 'Mission San Jose'.

Get Involved

Parish Ministries

- All God's Children Prayer Group (In-person: Mondays, 9-11:00 am, Parish Center)
- Bible Study Thursday Morning Scripture: <u>ebmcgaffey@gmail.com</u> (Virtual)
- Community Outreach Ministry: sjbasilica.outreach@gmail.com
- CRS Chapters spippen@msjdominicans.org
- Grief Ministry: <u>billkueppers@gmail.com</u>
- Knights of Colmbus:(2nd Thursday, 7-8:30 pm, Parish Center)
- Legion of Mary: <u>terecitadeandentist@gmail.com</u> (4th Fridays, 7-8:30 pm, Parish Center)
- Our Lady of Guadalupe: <u>mlopezox@gmail.com</u> (1st Thursdays, 7-8 pm, Parish Center)
- Pastoral Care Ministry: <u>sunil@sjbalameda.org</u> (1st Saturdays, Parish Center)
- Christian Initiation (for those interested in becoming Catholic): Contact Anne Marie: <u>afourre@sjbalameda.org</u>
- St. Vincent de Paul Hotline: (510) 995-9471
- St. Vincent de Paul Ministry: louisea.svdp@gmail.com (4th Saturdays, 9-10:30 am, Parish Center)
- Special Needs Inclusion Ministry (ZOOM): <u>drmaponce@yahoo.com</u> or <u>jdowcooper@gmail.com</u>
- Taize: (4th Fridays, 8-9 pm, Basilica. Note: November & December on 3rd Fridays)
- Welcome The Stranger: <u>amrossi1238@aol.com</u> (Virtual, 2nd Tuesdays. Contact Anna Rossi for details)
- Young Adults Ministry: <u>AlamedaYAG@gmail.com</u> (Inperson & Virtual options, 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 8-9pm, Parish Center)

CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Marriage: Preparation for registered, active parishioners should begin at least six months in advance of the proposed wedding date. Please contact Fr. Mario Rizzo directly to begin the process. Call 510. 995.9421 or email: frmario@sjbalameda.org

Sacrament of Baptism:

- For infant baptism (6 or younger) contact Sherley Lim 510.995.9420, or email: secretary@sjbalameda.org
- For adults or children over age 6, please contact Anne Marie, 510.995.9409, or email: <u>afourre@sjbalameda.org</u>

Christian Burial: Funerals and the Rite of Christian Burial are made in conjunction with the Mortuary of your choosing. Please contact the Mortuary first.

Note: For Funeral Mass scheduling, please contact the Parish Office 510.522.0181

Faith Formation News:

Today (Sunday) our teens in Second Year Confirmation are on retreat as they draw closer to their celebration of Confirmation this May. Please keep them in your prayers.

Last month's Parish Family Activity offered a

Mardi Gras ("Fat Tuesday") celebration on a Sunday morning. All ages were able to create festive masks or make crafts to prepare for the Lenten season. Check out our photos on



Facebook and find Lenten activities to do at home at https://sjbalameda.org/family-activity. Plan to join our next Parish Family Activity on March 27.

Give Alms through Catholic Relief Services' (CRS) Lenten Rice Bowls

Many parishioners stopped by the CRS Rice Bowl table after Masses on Feb. 27th. They picked up Rice Bowls and also enjoyed South Sudanese cookies and videos of lively Sudanese Masses. If you have not picked up a CRS Rice Bowls, please pick one up from the Basilica or Rectory front porch. Your support will aid our brothers and sisters who are in need. For Lenten resources or inspirations, visit website: https://www.crs.org/

CRS Responds to the Ukrainian Crisis

The Russian invasion of Ukraine from the north, east and south, which began on February 24th, has targeted several of the countries largest cities including the capital, Kyiv, and caused a major humanitarian crisis. As of March 3rd, the rapidly

climbing civilian death toll topped 2,000.

Financial contributions are welcomed for CRS to continue



its relief efforts as the crisis increases. To donate and to learn more about CRS' Ukraine response, visit their crisis watch page https://www.crs.org/orcontact the diocesan CRS office at mmckimmey@cceb.org.

Praying Together

	Mass Intentions
	Saturday, March 12
8:30 am	Chris Alegre - Birthday
5:00 pm	People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
	Sunday, March 13
7:30 am	†Homer Dimaano
9:30 am	†Wieslaw Mnich
12:00 pm	1)†Felix L. Camerino Sr. 2)†Patricia & Fortunato Zamora
7:00 pm	1)†Donna Gonzalez & Donna Turner
7.00 pm	2)†Robert Tucker
	Monday, March 14
8:30am	1)†Olivia & Patricia Gomez
	2)†Lance Hansford
	Tuesday, March 15
8:30 am	Elina Claire Laguicao - Birthday
	Wednesday, March 16
8:30 am	†Monte McEntee
	Thursday, March 17
8:30 am	†Luisa Valdesancho
	Friday, March 18
8:30 am	1)All Professional Cleaners & Custodians
	2)Tran Trinh - for healing
8:30 am	Saturday, March 19 "In honor of St. Joseph"
5:00 pm	†Maurice Harnett - Birthday Remembrance
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7:30 am	Sunday, March 20 People of the Parish - Living and Deceased
9:30 am	1)Ester Awayan - Birthday thanksgiving
J.00 dill	2)†Angelo Raymundo
12:00 pm	Living & Deceased Members of YLI
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7:00 pm	1)†Dolores Novicky

Devotions

Rosary

8:10 am, Basilica, Monday - Saturday

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesdays, after Daily Mass

First Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration In Vietnamese (starting April, 2022)

6:00 - 6:45 pm, Basilica

Fridays Eucharistic Adoration during Lent

1:00 - 6:00 pm, Basilica

March Infant Baptisms:

Congratulations and welcome:



Olivia Hana

Minamidani Llora & Stella Alice Marie Zamora-Ramirez

into our community of faith in Jesus Christ. Please keep the children, their parents and godparents in your prayers. (Communal Infant baptism is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month at all the Masses. For more information, please visit our website: https://sibalameda.org/baptism

Recent Passing Timoteo Quinones & Sebastian Baldassarre

Roberta Wallis

(passed away on May 15, 2021)

May our Lord Bless and Comfort the Families during this time of grief, Rest In Peace.

Sanctuary Lamp Sponsor

The Sanctuary Lamp for week of March 12/13 is sponsored by anonymous for the deceased members of the Parish Community.

Please Pray For The Sick & The Suffering In Our Community

Lady Tirona Bautista, Lhiza H. Brown, Jane

Burgelin, Ronald M Bautista, Romelita Bautista, Nia Loralei Cain, Mary Cronin, Jack & Bonnie Dailey, Rino Gacad,

Patrick Noel & Eiko Kyne, Richard Kelley, Amelia Miguel, Jack Nelson, Dalmacio Quinto, Mary Rocca, Nory A. Reyes, Michael Ricica and Ramon N. Tirona.



The List is refreshed monthly. If you like a name added to the Sick List, please email: secretary@sjbalameda.org or call (510) 995 9420.

Living The Faith

5 signs you are hearing God's voice (and not your ego) in prayer

Excerpted from the book:

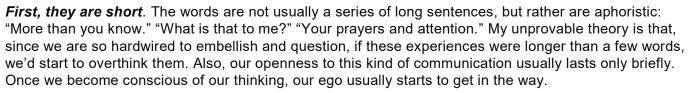
Learning to Pray: A Guide for Everyone

By Rev. James Martin, S.J. (Jesuit priest, author and editor at

large: https://www.americamagazine.org/faithinfocus)

How can we be sure that these words are coming from God and are not simply something we have manufactured? Well, we can never be 100 percent sure. But in my experience as a

spiritual director these words or phrases often share certain characteristics. Think of these more as guidelines than as rules:



Second, they are surprising. They nearly always catch us unaware. When I was standing before the Sea of Galilee, I wasn't expecting anything. I did not say in my prayer, "Jesus, talk to me." These moments surprise not only in timing, but in content. Perhaps the most noticeable attribute is that these words do not seem to come from us. "There is no way," people often say, "that I could have come up with something like that." There is a sense that they come from outside of you; there is an otherness about them.

Third, they make sense. The words fit your situation, the question that you have been asking God, or your needs at the moment. If someone else had heard the words I heard, "What is that to me?", they would have said, "Huh?" Granted, sometimes prayer is mysterious, but in the case of "felt" words, they usually make sense. And they are also true. My problems *are* nothing compared to my vocation. God *does* love my mother more than she knows. And God *does* want my friend's prayer and attention. They are both tailored to the situation and true. In short, they make sense.

Fourth, they get to the point. A few years ago, I was praying with the passage in which Jesus is reading from the Scriptures in the synagogue at Nazareth. In essence, Jesus tells all who are assembled that he is the Messiah. In response, the infuriated townspeople boot him out of the synagogue, drive him to the brow of a nearby hill and try to throw him off.

In my prayer, I was wondering how Jesus could proclaim his words so boldly to all the people in his hometown, when he could probably anticipate that they would find his words offensive. Were it me, I would be worried about what people might think. So how was Jesus able to be so free?

Suddenly, I felt him say, clearly, "Must everyone like you?"

Generally, words that come in prayer go to the heart of the matter. In fact, in their directness, you could say that these words sound like Jesus. Now, the way Jesus "sounds" varies considerably throughout the Gospels. In the Gospels of Mark, Matthew and Luke, Jesus often speaks in punchy sayings or simple parables, while in John's Gospel he often talks in long-winded, oracular and sometimes repetitive sentences. But often the directness of the words intuited in prayer puts one in mind of Jesus' short, pithy responses.

Fifth, they leave their mark. If they are authentic, they strike your soul in such a way as to make an indelible impression. I have been thinking about the words "Must everyone like you?" for the last few years. It was probably the same with the disciples around Jesus, who never would have forgotten his words.

When hearing or feeling or intuiting words, these characteristics are helpful ways to discern if they are coming from God, or from you.

(Source: https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2022/02/07/james-martin-learning-pray-242342)





Monday Nights Video series and discussion for Men:

Into The Breach

Dates: March 7, 14, 21, & April 4, 11 and 18

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Elementary School's Learning Center

Contact Fr. Mario for more information: frmario@sibalameda.org, 510.995.9421

In-person Thursday Nights Scripture Reflection

Dates: March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, and April 7

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Elementary **School Learning Center**

Visit website for more information: https:// sibalameda.org/thursday -nights-scripture-

Note: Zoom option

available.

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Friday Eucharistic Adoration

Dates: March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1 & 8 **Time**: 1:00 - 6:00 pm Location: Basilica

Stations of the Cross

- an invitation to walk with Christ

Immediately after **Eucharistic Adoration** during Lent

Communal Reconciliation Service & Individual Confessions

Monday, March 28, 6:30 pm, Basilica

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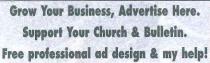


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