

3/10/23

# THE VOICE

St. John the Baptist Catholic School



Dear St. John's Families,

We have many exciting things happening this weekend within our community. Please keep our second graders in your prayers as they make their First Confession on Saturday morning. They are very excited about receiving this very special sacrament for the first time. Thank you to Mrs. McLaughlin, Mr. Reilly & Fr. Damien for preparing them so well. Our Mock Trial team heads to JSerra Catholic High School on Saturday morning to take part in a middle school mock trial competition. They have been working extremely hard to prepare as lawyers and witnesses for this competition. A huge thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Salcido grandparents of the Salcido children), attorney Josh Wood and Mr. U for the time that they have dedicated to helping our students to prepare so well. We look forward to seeing many of our families at JSerra on Saturday evening for the Adelante Festival.

## Parent Teacher Conferences - Reminders

Conferences begin on Monday. You should have scheduled a conference for each of your children. Monday—Thursday are all early dismissal days and Friday is a teacher inservice day - no school for the students.

## Jog-A-Thon 2023

Our JAT campaign is off to a great start this year. Thank you Mrs. Kaustinen and Mrs. Carlson for all of the time they have given to launch our JAT campaign for this year.



The videos have been GREAT! Thank you Mrs. Jennifer Le. We have had our first two Spin 2 Win drawings - always a BIG hit. Our winners for the first 2 weeks are:

Friday 3/3 - James D TK2, Laine G 5A, David H 1A, Daniel R 6A, Ethan A 1B

Friday 3/10 - Joseph S 5B, Maddie K 5B, Nixon K TK1, Bella L 5B and McKinley K 3A

## Annual Afternoon Tea - A Sweet Celebration

Our Annual Afternoon Tea for girls in grades TK-4 was held this past Friday. The girls enjoyed lunch and a movie and created their own work of art. The attendees all looked beautiful in their party dresses! A big thank you to Tiffany Hershelman for arranging the event. Another thank you to Katie Oldham and the junior high girls for all of their help during the event.



## Virtue of the Month for March: Respect

Respect is recognizing the dignity of all people. We can look to St. Damien of Molokai as someone we can model ourselves after as we strive to live a life as a saint here on earth. St. Damien volunteered to serve the lepers in Hawaii who were banned to the island of Molokai. St. Damien built homes, schools and churches for the people of Molokai. He recognized their dignity when no one else would.

Virtue drawing winners for February (Prudence):

Ann D 4A, Gabriel P 7A, Aiden A. 4B, Areli 6B, James H. 6B, and Cherry N 4B

Congratulations to all of our winners!

+Together in Christ  
Mrs. Viles and Father Damien

## CALENDAR

### Monday—Thursday

#### 3/13—3/16

Parent Teacher Conferences

**Early Dismissal All Week**

### Monday 3/13

Spirit Monday

### Wednesday 3/15

First Communion Parent

Meeting 7:00PM in the Hall

### Thursday 3/16

Irish Green and Jeans

\$1 Fundraiser

### Friday 3/17

**No School**

Fish Fry 5:00 — 8:30PM

No Meat

*If today  
you hear  
His voice,  
harden not  
your hearts.*

**Psalms 95:8**

## SJB SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

IN THE NOBLE TRADITION OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION, WITH CHRIST AS TEACHER AND GUIDE, IN PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE AND TRUTH, ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL PREPARES THE WAY FOR STUDENTS TO EMBRACE THE FULLNESS OF GOD'S LOVE IN THIS WORLD AND IN HEAVEN.



# Spirituality

"Service is what prayer looks like when it gets up off its knees and walks around in the world." - Michael J. Graham, S.J.

### 4th Thursday of Lent Morning Decade!

Welcome! Join us Thursday, March 16, immediately after morning announcements! We meet in the grotto with Fr. Damien to pray a quick decade of the Rosary for our students, faculty, families, and any special intentions. If you haven't joined us before this is a perfect time to do it, everyone is welcome!

#### Prayer Basket:

This week let us lift our prayers for the intentions of: Sr. Josephine, Latin Teacher

We pray for God's blessings on the families of:

Myles Pham; Nicole Pham; Ashley Phan; Elaine and Luke Phillips; Mia Piscioti;  
Fernando and Gabriel Preciado Cardenas; Jaelyn and Kai Liam Puangco; Micah Pulido; Matthew Quirimit;  
John Paolo and Leo Ragosa; Matthew and Michael Ramos; Addison Rasch; Conner and Emerson Rauch;  
and Kennedy and Oliver Reedy.

#### Special Intentions:

- We pray for all those in our SJB community who are currently battling cancer.
- We ask for prayers of healing for Mr. Ernie Cunningham.
- We pray also for Ms. Sonia Maldonado and Connor Wisener.
- We pray for our Second Grade SJB students who will be making their First Confession this weekend.
- We pray for all unborn babies and their mothers.
- We also pray for all those special intentions included in our prayer basket and in our hearts.

#### Prayer During Lent

Teach me, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that I do your will. Amen - *St. Ignatius of Loyola*

#### Your Special Intentions

Do you have a special intention you'd like our SJB community to join you in prayer for? If so, please email Suzanne Mello @ [daveandsuz5to2@gmail.com](mailto:daveandsuz5to2@gmail.com) and your request can be added to this Spirituality Insert in the weekly bulletin.



- ♦ Don't Forget to have your child turn in their pledge slips! Not only does your child have an opportunity to win during Friday's Spin to Win but also at the big raffle to close Jog-A-Thon! Parents have an opportunity to win a bottle of wine starting on Wednesday!
- ♦ Register your child online to make gathering pledges easier and to help earn a popsicle party for the whole class! <https://sjbschool.ejoinme.org/2023>
- ♦ The registration link, all of the forms (shout outs, pledge slips, super soakers etc.), and a bunch of other great information can be found on the SJB website [Jog-A-Thon Page](#).
- ♦ Jog-A-Thon Lunch can be ordered/purchased now through Mr. Eric. The order form can be found [HERE](#). Lunch options are cheese quesadilla, cheese pizza or a bean and cheese burrito (you can order a lunch for everyone in the family).
- ♦ Spartan Run will be on May 12th this year. Each student who raises **\$125** will be able participate in the Spartan Run.
- ♦ Please consider sharing our Jog-A-Thon video featuring Fr. Damien when asking family and friends for donations!



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Mater Dei High School's  
2nd Annual Invitational

## MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

**Saturday, April 29, from 9 am to 3 pm**

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

Mater Dei High School's campus  
1202 W. Edinger Avenue, Santa Ana, CA 92707

### **Attention 5th through 8th grade SJB students:**

You're invited to Mater Dei High School's 2nd Annual Invitational Model United Nations (MUN) Conference for middle school students. Represent SJB and experience the entire Model United Nations process from beginning to end.



### WHAT IS MODEL UNITED NATIONS?

Model United Nations, also known as MUN, is an academic simulation of the United Nations where students play the role of delegates from different countries and attempt to solve real-world issues with the policies and perspectives of their assigned country.

No experience or preparation is required to participate in this conference.

Just sign up and show up! We will all learn together. There is no cost.

SJB Adult Chaperone: Cayce Macias (Stella 5B, Deaglan 1B)

QUESTIONS? Jennifer Butscher [jbutscher@sjbschool.net](mailto:jbutscher@sjbschool.net)

REGISTER HERE:



Scan the QR code or click the link to register.

CLICK HERE



## *Latin Phrase of the Month*

March	<i>Ite ad Sancte Joseph!</i>	Go to St. Joseph! .
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### *Ite ad Sancte Joseph!*

The patriarch Joseph, in the Old Testament, saved the people of Egypt from famine. The Pharaoh had put him in charge of the whole kingdom. Whenever someone needed food Pharaoh told them, "Go to Joseph!" We go to *Saint Joseph of the New Testament*, because God has put Him in charge of His Kingdom, the Church. As the Old Testament Joseph gave the people bread, St. Joseph, by interceding for us, gives us the true bread from Heaven, Jesus in the Eucharist. This month, let us *Ite ad Sancte Joseph* with all our needs, certain he will help us.

## 3rd Annual

## SJB Screenless Summer

Week 1: June 26- June 30

Week 2: July 3- July 7

(No school 7/4)

Week 3: July 10- July 14

Times: 8:30am- 12:00pm



**Registration begins**  
**April 17th**

Contact the Front Office for more details!



**SAVE THE DATE**

# PLAY IN SJB's NCAA MARCH MADNESS BRACKET CHALLENGE

**\$10 PER ENTRY, LIMIT 5 BRACKETS.**

**Scan QR Code below to sign up or just log  
back in from last year. Pass Code: sjbkids**

**Opens: Sunday, March 12th at 3:30PM**

**Entry Deadline: Thursday, March 16th at 8AM**

**50% goes to St John the Baptist School**

**1st place 25% | 2nd place 15% |**

**3rd place 10%**

**Venmo Entries:**

**@Casey-Crowder-1 | or scan**



**Any questions: caseyacrowder@gmail.com**

**venmo**

**Hello SJB Family, Students & Faculty!**

**Please join us in our NCAA March Madness SJB Bracket  
Challenge. 50% of proceeds will go to SJB! Here is the LINK to  
join or log in from last year. See all details in the image above.  
Please be sure to venmo Casey for your bracket entries by the  
deadline, Thursday 3/16/23 8:00 AM.**

**We look forward to you joining us in the BIG DANCE!**

## Parochial Athletic League Diocesan Track Meet (Video Link)



Preliminary Races

April 23, 2023

at Mater Dei HS

Grades 1-4 begin at 8am

Grades 5-8 begin at 12pm

Entries are due Friday, March 24th

We encourage ALL of our students (grades 1-8) to participate in this great school spirit-building event! We'll be competing against other Catholic schools in the diocese.

The entry fee is \$35.00 per child and includes a track team t-shirt.

Make check payable to SJB

Questions? Contact Michele Santos [los5santos@yahoo.com](mailto:los5santos@yahoo.com)

### **Order of Events:**

Event	Grade Level
1 mile run	4 - 8
4 X 100 relay	1 - 8
400 m. dash	1 - 8
50 m. dash	1 - 3
100 m. dash	1 - 8
200 m. dash	1 - 8
4 X 400 relay	4 - 8
Long Jump	1 – 8
Softball Throw	1 – 8

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#### General Information

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There is a 3 event maximum per student.

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Sunday, May 21 (grades 5-8) at Aliso Niguel HS**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

T shirt size (circle one) YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL

Gender M F (circle one)

If you have a green SJB track tee from last year, you do not need to buy another and the entry fee is \$15

☐ I do NOT need a track t-shirt.

#### Events:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

(optional:

We must leave by \_\_\_\_\_

We cannot arrive until \_\_\_\_\_)

I give permission for my son / daughter to participate in the Parochial Athletic League track meet. **I understand that I or a designated guardian must be on site throughout the meet.** I certify that my child is in good health and able to compete in this meet with no restrictions.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cellphone #

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email



VIRTUE OF THE MONTH OF MARCH:

# RESPECT



*Saint Damien, be with us  
and remind us to respect  
every person, especially  
those who are sick. Help  
us to be brave like you  
and to reach out to them  
to show them God's love.*

*Amen.*

*Saint Damien of  
Molokai, pray for us.*

## *WHAT IS IT?*

All people are created in the image and likeness of God, with a soul that is able to love and to live forever in heaven. Every single human person has great dignity and deserves our respect. To “re-spect” means to “look again,” since many times we only see what people are like on the outside. This month’s virtue reminds us to look deeper and recognize that all of us are children of God and are loved by Him. “When we look at people from this perspective, we can’t help but respect them. When we see the very poorest, the weakest, or those who think they have no worth, we know that God treasures them individually, and that we are called to meet one another again in heaven. We cannot degrade, harm, manipulate, or take any human life for granted.

## *HOW CAN I PUT IT INTO PRACTICE?*

Sometimes we tease and joke around with our friends to show affection and other times we tease in a way that has a mean edge to it. This month be careful about “teasing.” If a person isn’t your friend, and you “tease” them, it is probably mean, so stop it this month. Or, if you only tease with your friends, take a private moment to ask one of your friends if the way you tease hurts his or her feelings. If they say yes, ask forgiveness.



SJB PARENT AUXILIARY PRESENTS:  
AUTHOR VISIT DAY AND  
LENTEN PARENT RETREAT WITH



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**MARCH 29, 2023**

CLASSROOM VISITS AND STORY TELLING

LENTEN PARENT RETREAT  
7:00pm - 8:30pm SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST HALL

THE SACRED BALANCING ACT:  
BUSY LIVES AND FAMILY SPIRITUALITY

Parent Retreat is **FREE** & open to school and parish families. Refreshments will be served & childcare provided. Please RSVP to [AuxPres@sjbschool.net](mailto:AuxPres@sjbschool.net)







February 22 - April 02  
**40 DAYS FOR LIFE.**  
THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION.

Get involved in a worldwide mobilization through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, that has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results:

Over 20,000 babies saved from abortion

Over 200 abortion workers converted

Over 100 abortion centers closed



**Help save lives in our community here's how:**

Visit website to sign up and pray outside of an abortion center. The Fall campaign starts Wednesday, February 22 and lasts until Sunday, April 2. You may sign up to pray anytime from 6am – 6pm.

Will you pray ONE HOUR for one Dad, one Mom and ONE BABY?

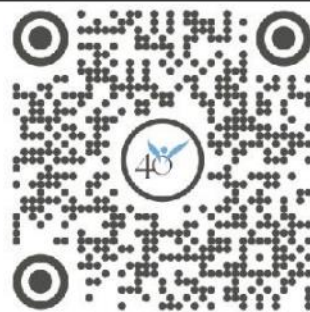
Contact: [40daysCostaMesa@gmail.com](mailto:40daysCostaMesa@gmail.com)

**Opening Prayer Vigil**

**Everyone is invited:**

**Saturday, Feb. 25 at 4pm, say a rosary and other prayers with us and bring a friend.**

**Vigil location:** 1520 Nutmeg Pl, Suite 101 Costa Mesa, CA



**[40daysforlife.com/costamesa](http://40daysforlife.com/costamesa)**