

12/9/22

THE VOICE

St. John the Baptist Catholic School



Dear St. John's Community,

We have had a very special week here at St. John's. Our third, fourth and fifth grade students went to confession. Our sixth graders attended a NET Retreat at JSerra High School and our school and parish parents gathered on Wednesday evening to take some time to prepare spiritually for Christmas during this Advent season. Fr. Brendan and Sr. Gemma spoke about how we can prepare for a good Advent. We thank our auxiliary parents for arranging the evening! We were able to celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on Thursday.



Christmas Programs

Mrs. Itano and our students in grades TK-4, our children's choir and drama students have been putting in many, many hours this week preparing for our annual Christmas program. A reminder to parents:

Tuesday, December 13 - TK1 and TK2, K1, 1A, 2A, 3A, and 4A will perform

Thursday, December 15 - K2, 1B, 2B, 3B, and 4B will perform.

Choir and drama will perform both evenings

The Clover Choir will sponsor a concession stand before the performances both evenings. Students should be in their classrooms by 6:45 PM.

The names of our deceased loved ones from the Christmas Tree Memorial Lights will be read at the end of the program both evenings. After the reading and the final song students should be picked up at the lunch benches (grades 1-4) or their classrooms (TK and K)

Other Reminders (from Mrs. Itano) Please wear nice clothes (Christmas colors). Please no Christmas accessories including no light-up headbands or hats, no jingle bells, nothing that makes noise etc.) Clothes should not have words on them.

Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) - Congratulations!

Our sixth graders entered the annual DAR essay contest this fall. The contest is open to all schools public and private in the Newport Mesa area. We send a big CONGRATULATIONS to our SJB students who came in 1st, 2nd and 3rd! Well done!

First place - Natalie P (6A)

Second place - Micah P (6A)

Third place - Colin C (6B)

Natalie's essay has now been submitted to the DAR District contest. Again congratulations to our sixth graders and good luck to Natalie as she continues on to the next level.

+Together in Christ,
Mrs. Viles and Fr. Damien

And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior. For he looked upon his handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed. The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name". Luke 1:46-49

CALENDAR

Monday 12/12

Spirit Monday

Tuesday 12/13

Christmas Program (TK-4)

'A' Classes 7:00PM

Wednesday 12/14

Smoothies at the Gate \$5

(Last sale before Christmas Break)

Thursday 12/15

Christmas Program (K-4)

'B' Classes 7:00PM

Friday 12/16

Benediction 1:45pm

SAVE THE DATES

12/23 — 1/8

Christmas Vacation!



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.



****ADMISSIONS EVENT****

VISIT DAY

Wednesday, December 14th at 7:45 am

Join us at our Morning Prayer Assembly to see how we start each day. Then enjoy coffee & pastries and meet with current SJB Families and our Administration. Campus Tours will also be available.

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Latin Phrase of the Month

December	O Sapientia... veni!!	O Wisdom, come!
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"O" – When you finally find something you've been searching for...When someone does something kind and sweet...when you have a "lightbulb" moment and really understand... then we say "O!" And this is what is happening in Advent. Jesus is coming, and it's so amazing that we just say "O!"

Sapientia= Wisdom

Jesus is the Word of God. The Bible calls Him "The Wisdom of God." The Truth has a Name and a face– Jesus. He comes to teach us the true Wisdom of God.

Veni = Come

Advent comes from the words *Ad* (to, towards) and *Veni*. We want Jesus to come to us to set us free from our sins and show us God's love! During Advent we wait and pray for His coming.



Counselors' Corner

As we go through the hustle and bustle of the season, many people are sitting in grief and trying to understand how to navigate a roller coaster of emotions. This is the most busy season of my private practice and one of the top reasons, is grief. As we all pray for families who are currently experiencing this, know that teaching our children how to cope with the sadness that comes with grief is incredibly difficult. So, here are a few tips I spoke about with the students to help them understand this particular journey and ways that parents can hold a safe space for them.

1. Let everyone have the freedom to process things at their pace. It doesn't have to be hurried, nor does everyone need to cry right away. It is ok to learn how to just accept the situation.
2. Don't project your own feelings on them. It is ok to be transparent with how you feel; however, others do not have to have the same feelings you have at the same time you do.
3. Let people experience the calm of the quiet despite its discomfort.
4. Anger is normal. It is to be expected, but with our children, the behavior manifested from anger is not to be excused. Give ourselves and our children alternative ways to process.
5. Lastly, sometimes words are not necessary. Do not feel like you have to verbalize anything. Many people simply want your presence.

Much Blessings this year!

Charise Casiano, LMFT





9th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

December 13th and December 15th as
part of the Christmas Program

Join us at the Christmas Program on the 13th for 'A'
Classes and the 15th for 'B' Classes

We will bless the tree and the memorial lights
and remember our loved ones in prayer

Each purchased memorial light comes
with a certificate and an ornament

Bake Sale and Concessions hosted
by the Clover Choir



Christmas Tree Memorial Light Order Form



Please light _____ candles on the Christmas Tree in memory of:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Christmas tree candle lights are \$10.00 each. You purchase 1 light in honor of each person. A certificate will be issued to your family with the person's name on it. You will also receive a keepsake ornament to take home.

Family Name: _____

Oldest Child's Name & Grade: _____

_____ candles at \$10.00 = _____ (payable to SJB)

SUPPORT SJB'S NEW PLAYGROUND, SAINT CITY!

THE NEW PLAYGROUND WILL HAVE A BEAUTIFUL BRICK ENTRYWAY!
YOU MAY PURCHASE A 4x8" BRICK ENGRAVED
WITH ONE INDIVIDUAL NAME FOR \$150
OR AN 8x8" BRICK ENGRAVED WITH A FAMILY,
COMPANY OR MINISTRY NAME FOR \$500.



**BRICK SALES
CLOSE
DECEMBER 22nd!**

TO PLACE YOUR ORDER, SCAN BELOW OR
VISIT OUR WEBSITE: WWW.SJBSCHOOL.NET



QUESTIONS?
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VIRTUE OF THE MONTH OF DECEMBER:

PURITY



What Is It?

God calls us to have pure hearts, hearts that are totally for God and for love; hearts that are free from sin and selfishness. To have pure hearts, we must set our hearts totally on God and not let them become contaminated by the impurity of sin. Sometimes this means being counter-cultural in our choices of movies, music, and dress, because we do not want to allow anything sinful to enter our minds and hearts.

Saint Who Exemplified Purity

St. Maria Goretti is known as a martyr because she chose to die rather than commit a sin against purity and then she forgave her attacker.

How Do I Put It Into Practice?

- **Be confident!** Someone who is confident in God's love does not need to do what is wrong in order to seek the approval of others. Never lower your standards, but surround yourself with friends who seek purity, and glorify God in all you say and do.
- **Avoid Laziness.** Another huge opening for the devil of impurity is the capital sin of sloth or laziness. Idleness (laziness) is the workshop of the devil.
- **Turn to the most pure and Immaculate Heart of Mary** and beg for purity of mind, heart, body, soul and even intention. Ask her for the grace to live out the Beatitude that Jesus taught us: "Blessed are the pure of heart for they will see God." (Mt. 5:8)