

3/3/23

THE VOICE

St. John the Baptist Catholic School



Dear St. John's Families,

Today we celebrate the feast day of St. Katharine Drexel. She founded the Sister of the Blessed Sacrament in 1913 in Santa Fe, New Mexico. She founded Xavier University in New Orleans, the first United States university for blacks. She founded dozens of schools, mission centers and Indian missions around the western United States. She came from a very wealthy railroad family and chose to use much of her fortune to care for people. As we continue our Lenten journey we can continue to fast, pray and give alms.

Trimester 2 ends Friday, March 3. We will schedule our spring Parent Teacher Conferences this upcoming week as well. Parents will receive hard copies of report cards, as well as the most recent STAR testing reports at their conferences.

Congratulations Fr. Pascal

We send special thanks to Fr. Pascal as he was officially installed as our St. John's pastor. The Mass celebrated by Bishop Fryer was a beautiful celebration. The installation was followed by a celebration! A big thank you to Jen Butscher and the families who helped with the reception!



Gala Winner Mya McCarty "Principal for the Day"



We were very excited to have Miss McCarty leading our school this past week. She helped with morning prayers and made some executive decisions including free dress for her class and no homework for 4B. Miss McCarty also learned how to shred papers and how to run the front desk. She had a special lunch in her office with two of her friends. Thank you for your leadership!

Battle of the Books

We had our first contest in the extracurricular reading program for 4th and 5th graders. We battled against students from East Bluff Elementary. It was a very close battle that ended in a tie. We were very proud of our students and a good time was had by all!



SJB Alumni Return to Perform



Two of our SJB alums returned on Friday with Mater Dei Theatre. Marieke Erhard (Class of '21) & Zolie Pham (Class of '19) returned to perform in MD's tribute to Dr. Seuss. Our students in grades TK-4 attended one of two shows. The performers did short versions of Dr. Seuss classics including *Cat in the Hat*, *Fox in Sox*, *Green Eggs & Ham* and *There's a Wocket in my Pocket*. The show included audience participation and was enjoyed very much!

+Together in Christ,
Mrs. Viles and Father Damien

CALENDAR

Monday 3/6

Spirit Monday

Wednesday 3/8

Recycle Wednesday

Smoothies at the Gate \$5

Friday 3/3

Benediction 1:45

Fish Fry 5:00 — 8:30PM

No Meat

SAVE THE DATES

3/13—3/16

Parent Teacher Conferences

Early Dismissal Monday
through Thursday

3/17

No School

*So humble
yourselves
under the
mighty hand
of God, that
he may exalt
you in due time.*

1 Peter 5:6

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

"Whereas Adam and Eve were the source of evil which was unleashed on the world, Joseph and Mary are the summit from which holiness spreads all over the earth." Pope St. John Paul II

3rd Thursday of Lent Morning Decade!

Welcome, we'd love to have you join us Thursday, March 9, immediately after morning announcements! We meet in the grotto with Fr. Damien for about 10 minutes to pray a 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: Mrs. Apple Jacobs, Second Grade Teachers Aide

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

Claire and Liam Parker; Natalie and Selena Partida; Polo Pena Reyes; Avery and Kaden Perez; Francesca and Violet Perez; Maxwell and Penelope Perez; Noah Perez; Evan Perry; James, Jeremiah, and Odette Peyus; Austin and Mason Pham; Coco Saige Pham; Dominic and Joseph Pham; and Khanh Pham.

Special Intentions:

- We pray for all those in our SJB community who are currently battling cancer.
- We pray for our SJB students who are preparing for their Upcoming First Reconciliation
- 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 to St. Joseph

O Glorious Saint Joseph, you were chosen by God to be the foster father of Jesus, the most pure spouse of Mary, ever Virgin, and the head of the Holy Family. You have been chosen by Christ's Vicar as the heavenly Patron and Protector of the Church founded by Christ. Protect the Sovereign Pontiff and all bishops and priests united with him. Be the protector of all who labour for souls amid the trials and tribulations of this life; and grant that all peoples of the world may be docile to the Church without which there is no salvation. Dear Saint Joseph, accept the offering I make to you. Be my father, protector, and guide in the way of salvation. Obtain for me purity of heart and a love for the spiritual life. After your example, let all my actions be directed to the greater glory of God, in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and your own paternal heart.

Finally, pray for me that I may share in the peace and joy of your holy death. Amen.

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 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!





Counselor's Corner

I would like to thank all the parents who have been attending Coffee with the Counselor. Every month, the discussions prompt more and more questions that parents have. It is so assuring to see the care and love that the parents have for their children at this school. The desire to be more proactive and open to discuss the difficulties and yet, recognize the support of the community, provides hope. Thus, I would like to open up the floor to all parents who have specific questions, concerns, or are interested in hearing more about specific topics. Please email me at charisecasiano@sbcglobal.net if you have any questions or topics that you would like to discuss that I can either incorporate into the Counselor's Corner or at the monthly educational talks.

Much Blessings this year!

Charise Casiano, LMFT



SAVE THE DATE

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**



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!



ATTENTION SJB PARENTS!



Lost and Found is overflowing !

PLEASE LABEL YOUR CHILD'S ITEMS CLEARLY WITH FIRST AND LAST NAMES. IRON-ON LABELS ARE PREFERRED.

LABELED ITEMS WILL BE RETURNED TO STUDENTS.

LOST AND FOUND BOXES ARE LOCATED BY THE LUNCH TABLES.



AT THE END OF THE SECOND TRIMESTER, ALL REMAINING CLOTHING ITEMS WILL BE DONATED TO THE USED UNIFORM SALE.

Questions? Contact Susanne Salcido at soozesalcido@gmail.com or 5628814342



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



**AWARD WINNING
AUTHOR,
SPEAKER &
MISSIONARY
DISCIPLE**

LISA HENDEY

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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



Lisa M Hendey BOOK ORDER FORM

On Wednesday, March 29th, author Lisa Hendey will be visiting classes and giving a parent Lenten retreat. Don't miss out on this chance to purchase personalized autographed copies of her bestselling children's books...

Order deadline extended to MARCH 10th!

Lisa M Hendey is the founder of CatholicMom.com and the bestselling author of *I'm a Saint in the Making* and other titles. Lisa has appeared on EWTN, CatholicTV, serves as the technology contributor for EWTN's *SonRise Morning Show* and is a regular family correspondent on *Relevant Radio*. Her articles have appeared in *Catholic Digest*, *National Catholic Register*, and *Our Sunday Visitor*. lisahendey.com

(PARENT RETREAT SIGN UP HERE) →



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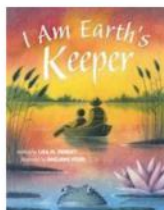
I'm a Saint in the Making

God has a special mission for each of us! By recounting the highlights of the stories of both well-known and newer saints (including John Paul II, Mary MacKillop, Augustus Tolton, Teresa of Calcutta, Juan Diego and Chiara Badano) this book helps readers learn that there is no one single way to live a life of sanctity. Resources for parents included to accompany their young saints in the making. Paperback.

Inscribe to: _____

Price
\$15

Qty



I Am Earth's Keeper

Inspired by St. Francis's song "Canticle of Brother Sun and Sister Moon," this warmhearted book sparks the imagination of young readers to connect more deeply with God's creation and develop an ever-deepening sense of commitment to living in solidarity with nature. The perfect gift for children ages 3-9. Hardcover

Inscribe to: _____

Price
\$18

Qty



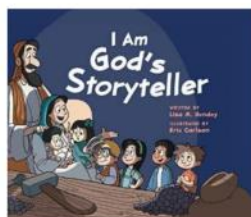
Saints Like Me

Even ordinary people can live amazing lives. That's the message of this book to help the youngest children understand that God has a plan and a purpose for their lives! We don't have to be grownups, and we don't have to do big things. Whenever we do a little thing with great love, we are just like Jesus and the saints! Makes a great gift for toddlers, and preschoolers. Board book.

Inscribe to: _____

Price
\$10

Qty



I Am God's Storyteller

I Am God's Storyteller invites children to use their gifts to shine God's light and share the Gospel. Offering children examples of noted storytellers in Bible history (Sarah, Moses, Deborah, Esther, David, Isaiah, Mary, John the Baptist, and the Evangelists and early Church), this colorful and engaging picture book also looks at how Jesus used storytelling to teach and share his message of faith, hope and love. Ages 4-10. Hardcover.

Inscribe to: _____

Price
\$18

Qty

Cost includes taxes, S&H. Please make checks payable to SJB School. **Total price:** _____

Name of Student: _____ Name of Teacher: _____



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?

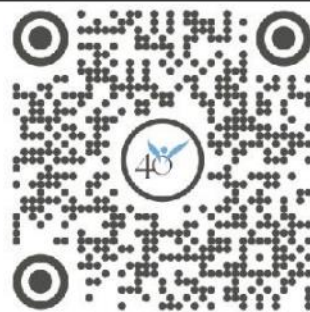
Contact: 40daysCostaMesa@gmail.com

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

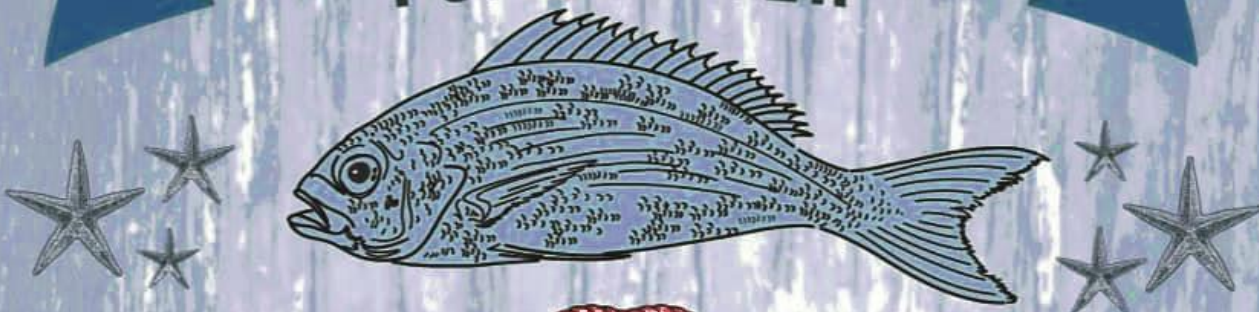


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5 P.M. – 8 P.M.**

 **BEER BATTERED
ALASKAN COD**


 **FISH TACOS**

 **GRILLED SHRIMP
SKEWERS**

 **CLAM CHOWDER**

 **KIDS CHEESE
QUESADILLA**

 **FRIES**

 **DESSERTS**

**FRIDAYS
DURING LENT**

**FEBRUARY 24
MARCH 3, 10, 17,
24 & 31**



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