

Christian Faith . . .

Dear Friend of St. John Eudes Parish,

The call of Jesus our Lord to follow him brings us together as a Catholic community of faith. We believe in the plan of God to make present the Church of Christ in this world and in our neighborhood. We believe in our Church as the living presence of the life of Jesus here and now, and as a place where we can encourage one another in the challenges that our discipleship brings to us.

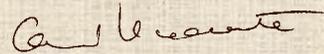
With all that God gives us – our talents and energies, in the resources available to us with our time and our possessions – we are asked by Jesus to make the most of what we have in order to bring the kingdom of God alive among us. God sees in each of us the potential of bringing much good into this world so that his plans for the happiness and eternal benefit of all can be accomplished. We learn in the parables of Jesus of the accounting that we will one day give to the living God.

This brochure is offered to help you plan a way of making your stewardship be effective, taking into account the needs that you have to

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be a giving person and the needs that we have in our parish to be alive and effective among our people. We have many activities at St. John Eudes parish that need your support. We are outlining these in a way to help you to see what we do and allow you to respond in a way that you feel is a response to your care and interest. These are separated into different areas and are classified as “restricted funds”, so that donations are understood and obligated to be directed to a particular fund and to no other.

Planned giving, bequests, donations of stocks and financial instruments, are ways that many people find beneficial to their circumstances. We hope that you can consider some form of giving according to your means and as the opportunity arises. The parish office is happy to assist you in finding the expertise needed to assure that your wishes are carried out in the way that you have designated.



Fr. Gérard Lecomte, CJM – Pastor

To make a gift to St. John Eudes Church please contact the Pastor or Business Manager to discuss your donation or special contribution.

Donations may also be made online through the Online Giving link on our parish website. Credit cards, debit cards, or your bank account may be used for Online Giving.

Memorial giving opportunities are available.

Gifts given to a specific ministry will be allocated exclusively to support that ministry.

Donations to St. John Eudes Church are tax deductible.

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**50 Years of Dedication to Continuing
the Mission of Christ**

St. John Eudes Catholic Church Chatsworth, California



Giving Guide

**Information About Parish Ministries
and Programs to Help Guide You
in Personal Stewardship Gifting**

*“Provide purses for yourselves
that will not wear out, a treasure in
heaven that will not be exhausted . . .
For where your treasure is,
there your heart will also be.”*

Luke 12:33-34



Liturgy

The parish life of worship is the culmination of all that we are and do; the praise and thanksgiving we give to the Lord deserve the best that we have. Constant attention is required for the needs of our church building, the sound and light systems, the liturgical vestments and adornments. Seasonal decorations and enhancements provide an additional focus and depth to our liturgical celebrations. A memorial dedication can be made for any of these elements of our worship.

Music Ministry

Our faith is shared in music and song, lifting our hearts to God. The inspiration provided by the Music Ministry of St. John Eudes takes many forms. Our Children's Choir is comprised of youngsters from St. John Eudes School and our Children's Ministry participants. Our adult choir brings sacred music to our 11:00 am weekly Sunday liturgy and presents concerts throughout the year, on festive and on more light-hearted occasions. Cantors also lead the faithful in song at Sunday liturgies. And contemporary, Filipino, and Spanish music groups serve the varied needs that we have in our parish.

Outreach Ministries

The Lord asks us to see in every needy person the neighbor whom we should love. The Outreach Ministries of St. John Eudes offer us opportunities to fulfill our apostolic vision and to bring that love to where it is needed most. Through our St. Vincent de Paul parish conference many families are helped throughout the year with food, housing, and other forms of aid in time of emergencies. A monthly Sandwich Sunday brings many parishioners together to help in preparing and providing food for the homeless in our area. The OASIS program offers assistance to those who are homebound in their practical day-to-day needs. The Outreach Committee has also set social justice as an important goal, studying and implementing the Church's social doctrine in many varieties of human life and dignity issues through our Social Justice Committee. The Mission Circle supports special projects in underdeveloped areas around the world.



St. John Eudes School

Our school continues to develop and achieve an exceptional quality education for our young people in its K thru 8 program. With a strong sense of Catholic identity, and with the addition of technology and professional upgrading that are available for us, we place great hope in what our school can continue to accomplish. Our Adopt-A Student program offers the possibility to our lower income Catholic families to bring their children the advantages of a Catholic education. The Annual Fund Campaign works to meet current funding needs for a number of projects including capital and technological improvements. The School Endowment, now in place for several years, assures the life of our school into the future. Our Parish School Board gives us a broader base for consultation and participation on the part of parents, parishioners and others who bring their own expertise to school planning and operation.

Building Fund

We strive to keep and maintain our buildings and facilities to provide a safe, functional, and welcoming environment for our parishioners and guests. Moreover, capital improvements are often made to meet the growing and changing needs of our ministries and groups. The physical presence of our parish structures is a very real sign of our ministry and mission in our community. Our Building Fund is essential to maintaining this presence, meeting the needs related to our facilities, and also to the strategic plans of parish plant development, renovation, and expansion.

Together In Mission

Together In Mission keeps many of the needy parishes and schools in our Archdiocese open to serve their communities and fulfill the important mission of the Church. Without the aid provided by Together In Mission, many churches and schools in underprivileged areas would need to close. We must assure that all people of our Archdiocese are able to receive the message and love of Christ, "especially the poorest and most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters."



Children's Ministry

St. John Eudes believes in children! A great variety of opportunities are available for our children from infants to 8th grade to share in the joys of our faith: Sunday nursery, sacramental preparation, classes following first communion, a drama group and children's choir, family learning days, summer events such as Vacation Bible School and the summer day camp. Our catechetical program also reaches out to the Hispanic community with bilingual classes and family days.

Youth Ministry

Our youth need us to guide them in the adventuresome years they are passing through. St. John Eudes has been developing this ministry so that we support our youth and help them in their life's challenges in a realistic and dynamic way. Our One Eight sacramental program brings them to full initiation in the Church through Confirmation. Our Edge and Life Teen programs add a new dimension to our outreach bringing a spirit of excitement to their experience of an ancient, yet always new, Catholic faith tradition.

Vocations

Vocations must be fostered and supported in order to assure the vitality and continuation of the mission of our faith. And so, as an apostolic community, we work to promote vocations to the consecrated religious life. For this reason, our parish hosts seminarians and other religious of *The Congregation of Jesus and Mary* (or *Eudists*), the religious order founded by our patron saint and which guides and administers our parish. Our guest seminarians study at nearby schools, participate in parish life, and assist our priests and staff in various duties. *The Sisters of the Pious Schools*, St. John Eudes School's founding religious order, continue to be active today educating our school children and supporting religious education programs. *The Sacred Heart Sisters* maintain a novitiate within the parish and are involved with various ministries and in community work. Support for these groups, by providing assistance for their vocational efforts, is an important element of our parish mission.

