

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

July 30, 2017

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12

Rom 8:28-30

Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

## Rags to Riches

The richly decorated portrait *The Vision of Saint Helena* by Paolo Veronese is immediately impressive. Helena, a woman of humble origins, became the wife of Constantius Chlorus (Rome's emperor from 293-306). An innkeeper's daughter in an outback town, her beauty caught the eye of the most powerful man on earth. She went from rags to riches.

Here she wears lush, Eastern fabrics with woven prints and royal colors. The gold and blue details of her dress and the valour of her crimson cape broached under her chin denote the wealth her position afforded. She rests on a high-back leather throne: an elegant textile wall covering provides a background from floor to ceiling.

The softly flowing fabrics and her serene posture exude calm and focus our attention on her tranquil face and spirit of contemplation. No matter the power, wealth, and beauty of the world surrounding her, Helena has forsaken all to pursue the true treasure she possesses as a Christian and values more than the rest. Helena traveled from Rome to Jerusalem to bring back the relics of Christ's passion. These reminders of Jesus' love for sinners became the most important treasures of Christendom.

Veronese wants to convince us that through prayer we come to understand our treasure is not found in wealth but in the glorious vestment of baptismal faith. As adopted sons and daughters of the king, we become like St. Helena: poor commoners raised to royalty! Thank God for his gift of life in Christ and allow your heart to follow the inspirations he shares with you.

Fr. Mark Haydu, I.C.

Piece: *The Vision of Saint Helena*. 1580  
Artist: Paolo Veronese  
Location: Pinacoteca, Vatican Museums



### For Reflection

*Saint Helena left the comfort of her home to search for the cross of Christ. What are you searching for? What are you willing to give up for it? Are there riches or treasures that have a stronger hold on your heart than the kingdom of God?*

*“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field” (Matthew 13:44).*

*Mass Intentions*  *for the Week*

**July 29 - August 5, 2017**

		<b>Intention</b>	<b>Requested by</b>
Saturday, Jul. 29	5 p.m.	Dr. Robert Stollone	Gina Lencioni
Sunday, Jul. 30	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle
	9:30 a.m.	Charles Murray - Healing	Victoria Tannady
	11 a.m.	Tom Kennedy, Jr.	Kennedy Family
	12:30 p.m.	Guillermo Vistan	Elmer and Tessy Jabson Family
	6 p.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Monday, Jul. 31	8 a.m.	Ignacia Sabares †	Fely Sabares
Tuesday, Aug. 1	8 a.m.	Richard Nelson †	Debi Mendoza
Wednesday, Aug. 2	8 a.m.	Elena Quijano Santos †	Priscilla Flores
Thursday, Aug. 3	8 a.m.	Fr. Saturnino Lajo-60th Anniversary	Kathy Klatt
Friday, Aug. 4	8 a.m.	Blessed Virgin Mary Intentions	Elaine LeCrom
Saturday, Aug. 5	8 a.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish

**Stewardship**

Envelopes & EFT, July 23, 2017	\$ 2,785
Loose Donations	<u>1,356</u>
Total Regular Collection	\$ 4,141

The second collection for this week will support Parish Charities (St. Vincent de Paul Pantry and GRIP).

*Thank you for your generosity.*

**The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for the Month of July**

Lapsed Christians. That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

**Let Us Pray for the Sick**

Rodolfo Abesamis, Virginia Alday, Gera Assefa  
 Jade Austin, Evelyn Baker, Pearl & Patrick Batiste, Paul Batist, Irene Blair, Robert Britto, Richard Calapini  
 Evelyn Canepa, Jeff Chavez  
 Bernadine Clark, Brenna Clark  
 Jennette Cleadenger, Betty Cooper  
 Linda Crittondon, Ernesto P. Cruz  
 Pablo de la Vega, Mary Dong, Tami Duncan  
 Juanita Estrellas, Philomena Giese, Mike Giovannini  
 Joseph Golinveau, Domingo Gregorio, Andy Gutierrez  
 Ruben Gutierrez, Maydelle Halligan, Joanne, Marvin & Maurice Haynes, Sherry Highlander, Tamaya Hunt  
 Pat Jeffre, Ann Jones, Tom Kennedy, Robin Laws  
 Maria Impang Lozada, Bernice Lockett, Marian & Michael Luoma, Nancy McVey, Francis Mondragon  
 Eiji Nakamura, Ester Oppus, Judith Padilla, Theresa Parella, Angelina Patacsil, Victoria Payless, Fely Sabares, Linda Schneider, Esther Esmilla Taylor  
 Salvador Tejero, Rose Texara, Pat Tilley, James Vaughn, Joseph Vidal, Sarah Vidal, Evodio Walle  
 Jan Williamson



**Fourth Apparition in August**

The children, Lucia dos Santos, Francisco and Jacinta Marto, were summoned to court regarding accounts of the apparitions. Lucia feared she would be killed. Jacinta had felt the same way and cried.

Our Lady had spoken to the children and had said to continue coming to Cova da Iria, to pray the rosary every day, that some of the sick will be healed, to pray a great deal, to use the money left at the Cova to build a chapel, to make sacrifices for sinners for many souls go to Hell for there were no one to pray for them, and about the miracle that will take place in October.

To commemorate the centenary of the miracle of Our Lady of Fatima, a rosary procession will be held, beginning at the Chapel, on August 13, Sunday at 6:30pm.

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The law of your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces,” says the psalmist today. Does the amount of my offering suggest that I could honestly say the same? - See Psalm 119

### Braveheart’s Corner

#### New Parish Web Address

The parish has set up a new parish website. It is no longer [www.sjtbc.us](http://www.sjtbc.us). Its’ new address is:

**StJohnElCerrito.org** (This address is not case-sensitive. It is only written for ease in reading.)

If you wish to announce upcoming events or news about your ministry(s), send the parish an email via: [stjohns@sjtbc.us](mailto:stjohns@sjtbc.us) or bring a printed copy to the Office. The Office will ensure that the information will get to the team that maintains the website and to the various social media sites.

If you notice problems with the website or would like to suggest improvements, please email: [stjohns@sjtbc.us](mailto:stjohns@sjtbc.us).

A parish email has been set up where anyone can participate. To add yourself to the parish email, register at: [StJohnElCerrito.org/about-us/email/email-signup](http://StJohnElCerrito.org/about-us/email/email-signup) or go to the home page and select: About Us>Email>Parish Email Sign-up.

-Richard Keller

### This Week’s Service Schedule

**Sunday Readings:** 1Kings 3:5, 7-12, Rom 8:28-30, Mt 13:44-52.

**Monday Readings:** Ex 32:15-24, 30-34, Mt 13:31-35. Or 1Cor 10:31-11:1, Lk 14:25-33.

**Tuesday Readings:** Ex 33:7-11, 34:5b-9, 28, Mt 13:36-43. Or Rom 8:1-4, Mt 5:13-19

**Wednesday Readings:** Ex 34:29-35, 9-15, Mt 13:44-46. Or 1Jn 5:1-5, Mt 5:1-12a. Or Acts 4:32-35, Jn 15:1-8.

**Thursday Readings:** Ex 40:16-21, 34-38, Mt 13:47-53.

**Friday Readings:** Lev 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37, Mt 13:54-58. Or Ez 3:17-21, Mt 9:35, 10:1.

**Saturday Readings:** Lev 25:1, 8-17, Mt 14:1-12. Or Rev 21:1-5a, Lk 11:27-28.

**Liturgy of the Hours, Mon.- Fri.** at 7:40am.

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena, Wed.,** 8:30am at the Church and 6pm at the Chapel.

**Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet, Mon.- Fri.,** 8:30am at Church; Daily, 3pm, 9pm, and 10pm (Spanish) and Wed., 7:30pm (Spanish) at the Chapel.

**Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Fri.,** 6pm at the Chapel.

**Visit to the Blessed Sacrament, 24-Hour Daily** at the Chapel.

**Charismatic Prayer and Praise and Rosary, Thu.,** 7pm at the Chapel.

**Holy Infant of Prague Novena, Thu.** at 8:30am.

**Prayer Service (Brazilian), Mon.,** 7:30pm, CommunityCenter2Fl

**First Saturday Charismatic Praise And Worship/Healing, Adoration and Benediction,** 7pm at Church.

**Mass and Confessions, (Check Bulletin Cover)**

### School Year, 2018

On our first day of school, there will be a PTG Welcome Coffee for all parents and friends in the gym following the 8:00am morning welcome and prayer. Dismissal on Wednesday, August 23rd is at 12:00 noon and the PTG will be sponsoring a welcome Ice Cream Social for the students after the 12noon bell. Eagle's Nest will be open for afternoon care from 12noon - 6:00pm.

-Dina Trombetta, Principal



#### *Divine Mercy Chapel*

*Jesus said, “Tell All Souls About My Mercy While There is Still Time.”*

*Jesus, your special friend, is waiting for you in the Blessed Sacrament at Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel, next door to the Church.*

### Calls for Help & Hope

The Contra Costa Crisis Center has provided a lifeline of help and hope for 42 years.  
Call 1-800-833-2900.

### Children’s Religious Education

CRE needs 2 volunteers to teach the children about the sacraments of Reconciliation (Penance) and Holy Communion (Eucharist).

Classes begin September 10 from 9:30am-12noon. Registration forms are available at church. Or call Lynne at 510-501-4894.

Celebrate the 2017 Fall Season with us at  
**St. John the Baptist Church , El Cerrito CA**

## ANNUAL FESTIVAL WEEKEND

St. John the Baptist Church and School's Annual



***BBQ Dinner:*** SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2017  
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

***GAMES &*** SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017  
***FOOD FAIR:*** 10:30 AM - 4:00 PM

COME WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS and ENJOY

- o DELICIOUS MULT-CULTURAL FOODS
- o FUN GAMES AND PRIZES FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY
- o DAZZLING ENTERTAINMENT
- o FACE PAINTING, CAKE WALK, KIDS STORY TIME
- o COUNTRY STORE, BOOK FAIR
- o RAFFLE Grand Prize Drawing
- o And MANY MANY MORE !!!!

DONATIONS TAX DEDUCTIBLE

CONTACT: 510-232-5659 (Church Rectory) or  
510-234-2244 (School Office)  
11150 SAN PABLO AVENUE , EL CERRITO CA 95640  
(Corner of Potrero Avenue and Kearney St. )

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>6</b> <i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i> Masses: 8a / 9:30a / 11a / 12:30p / 6p (Brazilian) 10:30a Hospitality-CR</p>	<p><b>7</b> <i>St. Sixtus II and Companions</i> 7:40a Morning Prayer / Mass / 8:30a Rosary / Divine Mercy Chaplet 7:30 Prayer Service (Brazilian)- CC2</p>	<p><b>1</b> <i>St. Alphonsus Liguori</i> 7:40a Morning Prayer / 8:00a Mass / Rosary / Divine Mercy Chaplet 9a Senior Program-CC 6:30p Charismatic Choir-MR</p>	<p><b>2</b> <i>St. Eusebius of Vercelli St. Peter Julian Eymard</i> 7:40a Morning Prayer / Mass 8:30a Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena / Rosary / Divine Mercy Chaplet 12n Women's Covenant-CC 6:30p 8amChoir-MR</p>	<p><b>3</b> 7:40a Morning Prayer / Mass / 8:30a Rosary / Divine Mercy Chaplet / Holy Infant of Prague Novena 7p Charismatic Prayers and Praise &amp; Rosary-DM 7:30p 12:30Choir-MR 7:45p 11am Choir</p>	<p><b>4</b> <i>First Friday St. John Vianney</i> 7:40a Morning Prayer / Mass / Adoration and Benediction / Rosary / Divine Mercy Chaplet 12n Senior Crafts</p>	<p><b>5</b> <i>First Saturday/The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major</i> 8a Mass / Anointing of the Sick 9:30a Pastoral Council Meeting 10a St Vincent Pantry 4p Confessions-CH 5p Vigil, Mass 7p Charismatic Praise and Worship/ Benediction/Adoration</p>
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<p><b>13</b> <i>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Masses: 8a / 9:30a / 11a / 12:30p / 6p (Brazilian) 10:30a Hospitality-CR 6:30p Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Procession -DM</p>	<p><b>14</b> <i>St. Maximilian Kolbe</i> 7:40a Morning Prayer / 8a Mass / Rosary / Divine Mercy Chaplet 7:30p Prayer Service (Brazilian)-CC2</p>	<p><b>15</b> <i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 7:40a Morning Prayer / 8a Mass / Rosary / Divine Mercy Chaplet 9a Senior Program-CC 6:30p Charismatic Choir-MR 7:30p Mass</p>	<p><b>16</b> <i>St. Stephen of Hungary</i> 7:40a Morning Prayer / Mass 8:30a Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena / Rosary / Divine Mercy Chaplet 12n Women's Covenant-CC 6:30p 8amChoir-MR</p>	<p><b>17</b> 7:40a Morning Prayer / Mass / 8:30a Rosary / Divine Mercy Chaplet / Holy Infant of Prague Novena 10a EC Royale Mass 7p Charismatic Prayers and Praise &amp; Rosary-DM 7:30p 12:30Choir-MR 7:45p 11amChoir-CH</p>	<p><b>18</b> 7:40a Morning Prayer / Mass / 8:30a Rosary / Divine Mercy Chaplet 12n Senior Crafts</p>	<p><b>19</b> <i>St. John Eudes</i> 8a Mass 9a Opus Dei Meeting-DM 9:30a St. Vincent Pantry 4p Confessions-CH 5p Vigil Mass</p>
<p><b>20</b> <i>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Masses: 8a / 9:30a / 11a / 12:30p / 6p (Brazilian) 10:30a Hospitality-CR 12:30p Secular Discalced Meeting-DM</p>	<p><b>21</b> <i>St. Pius X</i> 7:40a Morning Prayer / 8a Mass / Rosary / Divine Mercy Chaplet 7:30p Prayer Service (Brazilian)-CC2</p>	<p><b>22</b> <i>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 7:40a Morning Prayer / 8a Mass / Rosary / Divine Mercy Chaplet 9a Senior Program-CC 6:30p Charismatic Choir-MR</p>	<p><b>23</b> <i>St. Rose of Lima</i> 7:40a Morning Prayer / Mass / 8:30a Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena / Rosary / Divine Mercy Chaplet 12n Women's Covenant-CC 6:30p 8amChoir-MR</p>	<p><b>24</b> <i>St. Bartholomew</i> 7:40a Morning Prayer / Mass 8:30a Rosary / Divine Mercy Chaplet / Holy Infant of Prague Novena 7p Charismatic Prayers and Praise and Rosary-DM 7:30p 12:30Choir-MR 7:45p 11am Choir-CH</p>	<p><b>25</b> <i>St. Louis St. Joseph Calasanz</i> 7:40a Morning Prayer / 8:00a Mass / Rosary / Divine Mercy Chaplet 12n Senior Crafts</p>	<p><b>26</b> 8a Mass 9a Protecting Our Children-CR 4p Confessions-CH 5p Vigil Mass</p>
<p><b>27</b> <i>Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time</i> Masses: 8a / 9:30a / 11a / 12:30p / 6p (Brazilian) 10:30a Hospitality-CR</p>	<p><b>28</b> <i>St. Augustine</i> 7:40a Morning Prayer / 8:00a Mass / Rosary / Divine Mercy Chaplet 7:30p Prayer Service (Brazilian)-CC2</p>	<p><b>29</b> <i>The Passion of John the Baptist</i> 7:40a Morning Prayer / 8:00a Mass / Rosary / Divine Mercy Chaplet 9a Senior Program-CC 6:30p Charismatic Choir-MR</p>	<p><b>30</b> 7:40a Morning Prayer / Mass 8:30a Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena / Rosary / Divine Mercy Chaplet 12n Women's Covenant-CC 6:30p 8amChoir</p>	<p><b>31</b> 7:40a Morning Prayer / Mass 8:30a Rosary / Divine Mercy Chaplet / Holy Infant of Prague Novena 7p Charismatic Prayers and Praise and Rosary-DM 7:30p 12:30Choir-MR 7:45p 11am Choir-CH</p>		