

Sunday Mass Change

Attendance at St. John the Baptist Church Sunday Mass has slowly decreased over the past decade. Every October, our ushers count attendance at all Sunday Masses. These counts are reported to the diocese each year. They show St. John's Mass attendance is less than half of what it was 15 years ago. Long-term parishioners have noticed that this drop in attendance has occurred at all our Sunday Masses. This drop in attendance is not unique to St. John's, either.

The rosters of our lay ministries, i.e. Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers, Lectors and Altar Servers, are wearing thin. We may face the day when we will have only one priest at St. John's. Currently, I am the only one assigned to our parish. Fr. Joe Tran is temporarily assigned with our parish. And Fr. Joe Thang is in residence while he is in school. So consolidation of our Masses seems to be prudent at this time.

If we have one less Sunday Mass, we will then have more people at our other Sunday Masses. More people at Mass will help us celebrate the Mass as a more complete body of parishioners.

I have asked the Pastoral Council, the Liturgy Committee, and the Finance Committee to consider a number of suggestions on what our Mass times would be like with one less Mass. The recommendation is to keep the 5 p.m., 8 a.m., and 9:30 a.m. and combining the present 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Masses into a new time, either at 11:30 a.m. or 12 Noon.

Next week we will pass out a survey for you to help decide the times of the Masses that our parish will keep. I appreciate your understanding and solicit for your support.

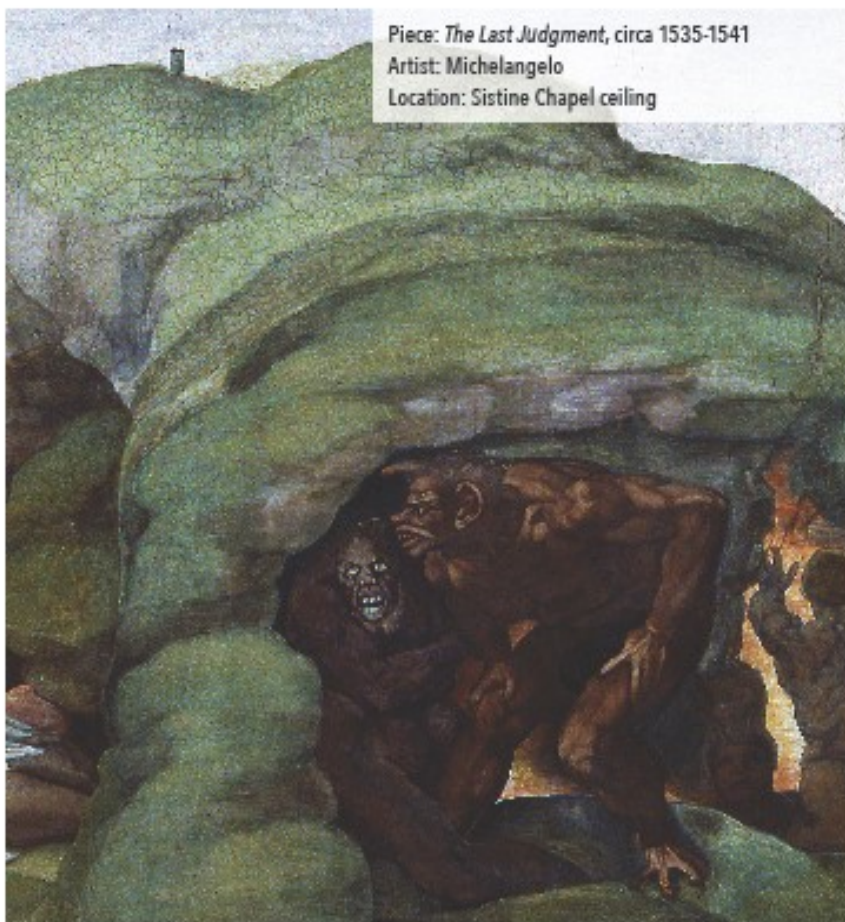
Fr. Thuong

Progress Isn't Always Easy

Jesus' miracles and preaching were part of what convinced people that he was the Son of God. He spoke like no other and then backed up his words with amazing and wonderful actions. For example, he confronted evil spirits and cast them out. The people were amazed and saw this as evidence of his divinity, because no one had absolute power over evil—except God himself. This is a power the Church continues to practice today through the ministry of healing and exorcism.

Jesus did not want to see people suffer under the power of Satan but rather wanted them to live full and happy lives. "I came that they might have life and have it abundantly," Jesus said in John 10:10. This strong desire of Jesus to heal and save drove him to tirelessly preach and do good. And because of this combination of goodness and power in his person, his fame spread. Yet the message he preached was challenging and demanding. Eventually many preferred to silence that good, powerful, but demanding voice.

Today, like Jesus, the Church still longs for nothing less than humanity's complete health and happiness. Yet, at times, the path to that human progress is not the easiest. Like temperamental children are chided by loving parents to eat healthy food rather than just what they like, so the good and powerful voice and



Piece: *The Last Judgment*, circa 1535-1541

Artist: Michelangelo

Location: Sistine Chapel ceiling

actions of the Church are challenged.

We find our full flourishing as human beings and as Catholics by embracing Jesus' words and desires for us.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Am I letting myself be tricked into eating any moral junk food that isn't healthy for my long-term spiritual and moral flourishing?

*Jesus...said, "Quiet! Come out of him!"
He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him.
(Mark 1:25, 27)*

Mass Intentions for the Week

		Intention	Requested by
Saturday, Jan. 27	5 p.m.	Jim Hickey †	Keller Family
Sunday, Jan. 28	8 a.m.	Joseph Lewis, Jr.	Joe Lewis
	9:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
	11 a.m.	Pastor Dy	Praxy Calbes
	12:30 p.m.	St. Joseph Vaz	Community of St. Joseph Vaz
	6 p.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Monday, Jan. 29	8 a.m.	Joseph Conwill	Friends at St. John
Tuesday, Jan. 30	8 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory	Guy Kamdem
Wednesday, Jan. 31	8 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory	Guy Kamdem
Thursday, Feb. 1	8 a.m.	Grace Santos-Healing	Alex and Cherrie Martija
Friday, Feb. 2	8 a.m.	Generosa Bautista Galang †	Panganiban Family
Saturday, Feb. 3	8 a.m.	Marina San Jose-Feliciano †	Marie Martija

Stewardship

Envelopes & EFT, January 21, 2017 \$ 6,047
 Loose Donations \$ 1,676

Next week's Second Collection is for Parish Development and School Tuition Assistance Program.

Thank you for your generosity.

We welcome All at St. John's

We have had a number of incidents of parishioners losing personal items at Mass and at the Divine Mercy Chapel. We welcome everyone who comes to church, even the thief.

Please safeguard your valuables particularly at Communion time and at Coffee Hour.

-Richard Keller/Olivia Wong

Vacation Bible Day Camp

St. John The Baptist Church 17th Annual Vacation Bible Day Camp will be held June 25-29th, 2018. Our School Gym will be transformed into a Country Western Ranch Experience for "A Wild Ride at Avalanche Ranch".

On-line registration will be available in March: www.sjtbc.us/vbdc.html. Questions: Pam Vincent [email:pam@sjtbc.us](mailto:pam@sjtbc.us)

Let Us Pray for the Sick

Rodolfo Abesamis, Virginia Alday, Gera Assefa
 Evelyn Baker, Niani Barber, Pearl & Patrick Batiste, Paul Batist,
 Irene Blair, Robert Britto, Richard Calapini, Evelyn Canepa, Jeff Chavez, Bernadine Clark, Brenna Clark, Jennette Cleadenger
 Betty Cooper, Linda Crittendon
 Cora Dongon, Joann Douglas, Pablo de la Vega, Mary Dong, Tami Duncan, Juanita Estrellas, Filomena Giese, Mike Giovannini, Joseph Golinveau, Domingos deGregorio, Andy Gutierrez, James Gutierrez, Ruben Gutierrez, Maydelle Halligan, Joanne, Marvin & Maurice Haynes, Sherry Highlander, Tamaya Hunt, Pat Jeffrey, Ann Jones, Tom Kennedy, Robin Laws, Maria Impang Lozada, Bernice Lockett, Marian & Michael Luoma, Nancy McVey. Francis Mondragon, Ester Oppus, Judith Padilla, Theresa Parella, Angelina Patacsil, Victoria Payless, Fely Sabares, Jovita Santos, Linda Schneider, Salvador Tejero, Rose Texara, Pat Tilley, James Vaughn, Joseph Vidal, Sarah Vidal, Evodio Walle, Jan Williamson



Katherine Avila-Pike
 Anna Scheving

Senior Center Event

Jan. 30, Tuesday: Guest Speaker at 11:30am/
 Lunch at 12:30pm. Call: 237-3808 (Tuesdays).

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Moses told the people, “The Lord will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own kinsmen.” God still provides among His people the gifts and talents necessary to continue the work of His Church. What gifts are yours to share? -Deuteronomy 18:15

This Week’s Service Schedule

Sunday Readings: Deut 18:15-10, 20, 1Cor 7:32-35, Mk 1:21-28.

Monday Readings: 2Sam 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13
Mk 5: 1-20.

Tuesday Readings: 2Sam 18:9-10,14b, 24-25a,30-19:3, Mk 5:21-43.

Wednesday Readings: 2Sam 24:2,9-17, Mk6:1-6.
Or Phil 4:4-9, Mt 18:1-5.

Thursday Readings: 1Kings2:1-4, 10-12, Mk 6:7-13.

Friday Readings: Mal 3:1-4, Heb 2:14-18, Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32.

Saturday Readings: 1Kings 3:4-13, Mk 6:30-34.
Or Rom 5:1-5, Mk 16:15-20. Or Is 52:7-10, Mk 1:14-20.

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

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

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

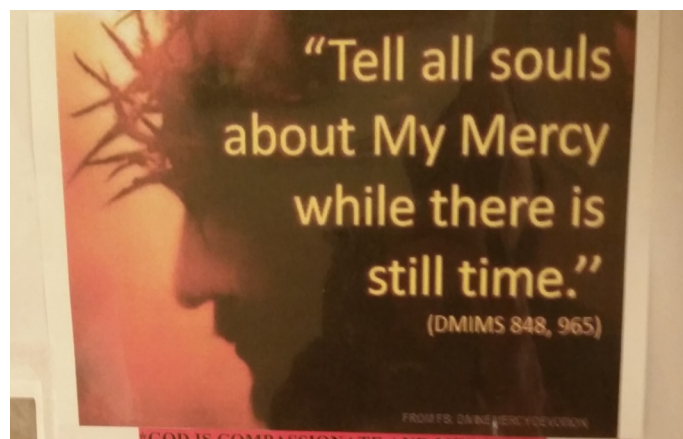
Confession, Sat., at 4pm or at an appointed time.

Adoration and Benediction, Fri., 8:30am

Anointing of the Sick, Sat., 8:30am

Blessing of the Throat, Sat., 8:00am

First Saturday Charismatic Service, Adoration, Benediction and Healing, Sat., 7:00pm



Anna Scheving Remembered

The parish community joins in prayer with Fr. Joseph who offered his Mass last Tuesday, Jan. 23 at 8am for the repose of the soul of Anna Scheving, a parishioner. Kaitlin Gray, her granddaughter, informed the parish of her passing last Sunday. Please include Anna and her family in your prayers.

Protecting God’s Children

All volunteers and church employees must be certified thru virtusonline.org.

Volunteers and church employees, who mentor minors, or administer the Eucharist at homes or visit vulnerable adults need to be livescanned/ fingerprinted.

Send the Rectory copy(s) to keep on file. For questions, please call the Rectory or the Safe Environment, Diocese c/o Diana Bitz 267-8315.



with Silent and Live Auction

February 2018

CC – Community Center CC2 – Community Center Upstairs CH – Church CR – Conference Room DR – Dining Room MR – Music Room DM – Divine Mercy

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7:40a Morning Prayer/ 8a Mass /Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet /Infant of Prague Novena 7p Youth Ministry-CC 7:30p 12:30ChoirPrac-MR 7:45p 11amChoirPrac-CH	2 Presentation of the Lord 7:40a Morning Prayer 8a Mass/Adoration Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet 6p Sacred Heart Novena-DM	3 St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr 8a Mass / Blessing of the Throat/Anointing of the Sick 9:30a Pastoral Council Meet 10a St. Vincent Pantry 11a Youth Choir 4p Confessions 5p Vigil Mass 7p Charismatic Service/Adoration
4 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses: 8a / 9:30a / 11a/ 12:30p / 6p (Brazilian) 9:30a CRE 10:30a Hospitality-CR	5 St. Agatha 7:40a Morning Prayer 8a Mass /Rosary / Divine Mercy Chaplet 7:30p Prayer Service (Brazilian)-CC2	6 St. Paul Miki and Companions 7:40a Morning Prayer/ 8a Mass /Rosary / Divine Mercy Chaplet 9a Senior Program-CC 6:30p CharismaticChoirPrac-MR 7:30p RCIA-CC2	7 7:40a Morning Prayer 8a Mass/Perpetual Help Novena/Rosary / Divine MercyChaplet 12n Women's Covenant-CC 6:30p 8amChoirPrac-MR 7:30a Scripture Study-CR	8 7:40a Morning Prayer / 8a Mass /Rosary / Divine Mercy Chaplet / Infant of Prague Novena 10a EC Royale Mass 7p Youth Ministry-CC 7:30p 12:30ChoirPrac-MR 7:45p 11amChoirPrac-CH	9 7:40a Morning Prayer/ 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet 6p Sacred Heart Novena-DM	10 St. Scholastica 8a Mass 9:30a Liturgy Meeting 11a Youth Choir 4p Confessions 5p Vigil Mass
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