

# St. John the Baptist Church

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## Welcome!

*Our warmest welcome to all who worship with us,  
whether a long-time parishioner or newly arrived in the parish.  
As Catholic Christians, we are committed to knowing,  
loving and serving God by obeying His commandments  
and serving our brothers and sisters with love and respect.*

### Schedule of Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5 p.m.  
Sunday: 8, 9:30, 11 & 12:30  
Brazilian: 6 p.m. Sunday  
Weekdays: 8 a.m.  
Holy Days: 8 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

### Sacraments

Reconciliation: 4 p.m. Saturday  
Anointing of the Sick:  
• 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday after 8 a.m. Mass  
• or by individual arrangement  
Baptism & Marriage: Contact office



### Priests

Rev. Thuong Hoai Nguyen, Pastor  
Rev. Joseph Tran, In Residence

### Deacons

Thom McGowan: (707)-557-4039  
Loch Sekona: (510)-837-1052

### Parish Office

Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Bulletin Editor:** Ed Bautista

**Accountant/Bookkeeper:**  
Arthur De Leon

### Children's Religious Education

Lynne Castro-Evans: (510)-501-4894

### Confirmation – Youth Ministry

Gina DeLaTorre: (510)-815-0050

### Adult Inquiry – RCIA

Christine Hickey: (510)-815-6022

### Pastoral Council

Dan Hughes: (510)-253-8127

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

Leave a message at (510)-232-5659

### St. John's Elementary School

Principal: Dina Trombetta  
(510)-234-2244 • www.stjohnec.org

### St. John's Community Center

6500 Gladys Ave.  
Tuesdays: (510)-237-3808

### St. John's Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel

11152 San Pablo Ave.

### Sisters of Mercy Convent

(510)-233-6769



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 15, 2018

Third Sunday of Easter (B)

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

1 Jn 2:1-5a

Lk 24:35-48

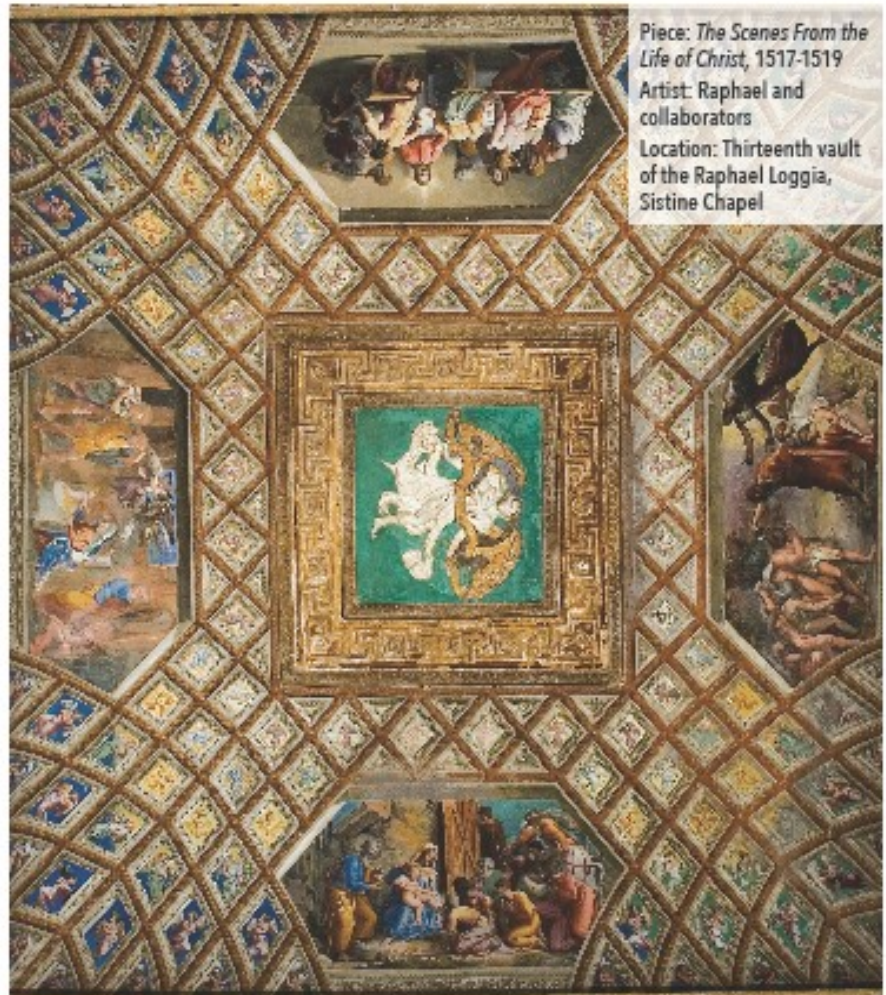
## Sharing Our Wounds

The glorified Jesus is not easy for the apostles to recognize. There is a deep truth here. The Twelve are startled and terrified to see Jesus again. In fact, they even think they are seeing a ghost. Their fear and lack of faith makes it impossible to see him for who he is—their resurrected Savior. Before they can truly see, they need to first accept him and believe.

And how does Jesus prove his identity to them? He shows them his wounds, the signs of his suffering and crucifixion. We often want to hide our wounds. We are ashamed of them and afraid of how others will react if they really knew. But Jesus, unashamed, shows his wounds and uses them as signs of who he is.

There is a message for us here. We need to allow our brokenness to find fullness and resurrection in Christ. It is at that point that the love of God is perfected in us. First we need to acknowledge our wounds and not bury or hide them. Then we need to admit our need for healing. Finally, through prayer, confession, and help from those who love us, we allow Jesus' redemptive love to wash over our wounds and give us renewal, rebirth, and healing.

As a result, like Jesus, we will no longer be ashamed



Piece: *The Scenes From the Life of Christ*, 1517-1519  
Artist: Raphael and collaborators  
Location: Thirteenth vault of the Raphael Loggia, Sistine Chapel

of our wounds, but rather we will share them as evidence of the power of Jesus Christ.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

*For Reflection* Is there an area of my heart and life where I need Jesus' healing?  
Am I confident in God's power to raise me up out of my weakness?

*The author of life you put to death,  
but God raised him from death; of this we are witnesses.*  
Acts 3:15

*Mass for the Intentions Week*

	<b>Intention</b>	<b>Requested by</b>
Saturday, Apr. 14	5 p.m. Gabriela Tannady-Birthday Blessings	Victoria Tannady
Sunday, Apr. 15	8 a.m. Peter Vietti †	Vietti Family
	9:30 a.m. Diane Marin-Blessings of Good Health	St. John Friends
	11 a.m. Henry Moran	GRIP Soup Kitchen
	12:30 p.m. Joseph Kittisak Hunchareonchai †	Supalak Kittisakvanit
	6 p.m. Mass for the People	St. John Parish
Monday, Apr. 16	8 a.m. Rene Marasigan †	Minda Rivera
Tuesday, Apr. 17	8 a.m. Gazaway Patrick, Jr. †	Mary Dong
Wednesday, Apr. 18	8 a.m. Esther Taylor †	Taylor Family
Thursday, Apr. 19	8 a.m. Jackie Mueller †	Debi Mendoza and Family
	Josie Co †	Gerri Hampton
Friday, Apr. 20	8 a.m. Go Tiong An †	Rosie Murphy
Saturday, Apr. 21	8 a.m. Sr. Marie Dominique-Personal Intentions	Ancelle Nguyen

**Stewardship**

Envelopes & EFT, April 10, 2018	\$ 3,294
Loose Donations	\$ 1,956
Second Collection: Parish Dev & School	
School Tuition Assistance Program	\$ 84
Rice Bowl	\$ 267
Holy Week & Easter	\$ 73

*Thank you for your generosity.*

**God Bless Pablo de la Vega**

Pablo de la Vega, father of Eric and Felicia de la Vega, parishioners and usher to the 12:30pm Mass at St. John, died peacefully at their home in Manila on Good Friday. He was 90 years old.

**New Mass Schedule**

**Reminder:** Our new Mass time of **11:30 a.m.** will begin on **Sunday, May 6**. This Mass will replace both 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 a.m. Masses. Please, mark your calendars!

**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, Brenna Clark,  
 Jennette Cleadenger, Betty Cooper, Linda Crittendon  
 Cora Dongon  
 Joann Douglas, Mary Dong, Tami  
 Duncan, Juanita Estrellas, Eric Ewen,  
 Filomena Giese, Mike Giovannini,  
 Joseph Golinveau  
 Domingos deGregorio, Andy  
 Gutierrez, James Gutierrez, Ruben  
 Gutierrez, Maydelle Halligan, Joanne, Marvin & Maurice  
 Haynes, Sherry Highlander, Tamaya Hunt, Ann Jones,  
 Tom Kennedy, Robin Laws, Maria Impang Lozada,  
 Bernice Luckett, Marian & Michael Luoma, Nancy  
 McVey, Francis Mondragon, Ester Oppus, Judith Padilla,  
 Theresa Parella, Angelina Patacsil, Victoria Payless, Fely  
 Sabares, Jovita Santos, Claudette Schnarz, Linda  
 Schneider, Salvador Tejero, Rose Texara, Pat Tilley,  
 James Vaughn, Joseph Vidal, Sarah Vidal, Evodio Walle,  
 Jan Williamson



**Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Ave**

Alayne Balke on Fall Prevention  
 Apr. 17, 11:30am. Lunch at 12:30pm

### Third Sunday of Easter

The disciples in today's Gospel came to know Jesus in the breaking of the bread. When we share what we have with those who are in need, we, too, will discover Jesus in our midst.

#### This Week's Service Schedule

**Sunday Readings:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19, 1Jn 2:1-5a, Lk 24:35-48.

**Monday Readings:** Acts 6:8-15, Jn 6:22-29.

**Tuesday Readings:** Acts 7:51-8:1a, Jn 6:30-35.

**Wednesday Readings:** Acts 8:1b-8, Jn 6:35-40.

**Thursday Readings:** Acts 8:26-40, Jn 6:44-51.

**Friday Readings:** Acts 9:1-20, Jn 6:52-59.

**Saturday Readings:** Acts 9:31-42, Jn 6:60-69. Or Eph 3:14=19, Mt 7:21-29.

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

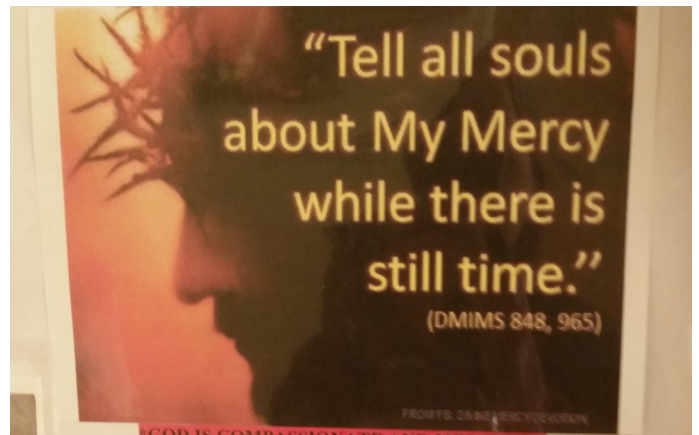
**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena, Wed.,** 8:30am at the Church and 6pm at the Chapel.

**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.



#### Building A Safe Environment

All volunteers and church employees must be certified at [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org).

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

Provide the Rectory copy(s) of these certificates. For questions, please call the Rectory or the Safe Environment, Diocese c/o Diana Bitz 267-8315.



#### *Welcome to the Faith*

Zoey Etienne Senido  
Anna Clara Rocha  
Gabriel Ewbank Rocha

#### *Our Newly Baptized*

#### The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for the Month of April

#### **UNIVERSAL: For Those Who Have Responsibility in Economic Matters.**

That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

#### 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

**Oakland Symphony Chorus  
Italian Tour 2018**

Sing with the Oakland Symphony Chorus in some of the finest cities and concert venues in historic Italy. You will be traveling to Rome, Venice, Florence, and Pisa from June 21 to July 1, 2018.

Join parishioners Bernie Juat and Cynthia Webb -Beckford singing in Rome and Florence.

For more information, log on:

[www.oaklandsymphony.org/about-us/chorus/](http://www.oaklandsymphony.org/about-us/chorus/)  
International Tours Next Stop: June 21-July 1, 2018

**Vacation Bible Day Camp**



Meet one of our Camp buddies, Skye our eagle, he will teach us how to soar!

He wants to remind you to take advantage of our "Early Bird" Discount!

Register now through June 1 for extra discount for our 17th Annual Vacation Bible Day Camp, "Avalanche Ranch" for your kids 'wildest week of summer'!

Fun with drama, games, snacks, crafts & experiments, surprise guests and Friends.

Register and get details Now: [www.sjtbc.us/vbds.html](http://www.sjtbc.us/vbds.html)

Questions? contact Pam Vincent- 510-507-8694, [pam@sjtbc.us](mailto:pam@sjtbc.us)

**The "Footsteps of St. Paul" Pilgrimage**

This pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey will visit the House of the Blessed Mother in Ephesus. Mass will be celebrated daily during the 14-Day Pilgrimage.

The pilgrimage includes seven cruise trips to different Greek Islands. The cost is \$4,599 for a roundtrip airfare from San Francisco, hotel accommodations, meals, cruise and island short excursions. Please make your reservation early for this of September 20 to October 3, 2018. The pilgrimage will be accompanied by Fr. Thuong H. Nguyen as the Spiritual Director. For more information, contact Group Leader, Linfa Belisario, @ (510) 599-4210.

**National Crime Victims' Week**

Catholic dioceses in California offered special prayers and Masses in observation of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, an annual event established in 1981 to draw attention to the people and families whose lives have been affected by violent crime. California Catholic Restorative Justice Committee: No one can learn to hope on their own, because Christian hope needs to be "embodied" in a community of mutual support and loving concern. - Pope Francis "Many California dioceses have an Office of Restorative Justice formed to provide a safe space for all of those affected by crime and the criminal justice system's response.

**Church Bells Toll to Commemorate the Life of Martin Luther King, Jr.**

Bells tolled around the country this past Wednesday, April 4, paying homage to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his legacy of fighting racial inequality with non-violent resistance.

Catholic churches and cathedrals throughout the country joined in the commemoration, ringing cathedral and church bells 39 times to represent the number of years that Dr. King was alive. The bells rang out at 4:05pm, the exact time that Dr. King was assassinated 50 years ago while speaking to a crowd in Memphis, TN.

In an address to Congress in 2015, Pope Francis praised Dr. King's life's work and encouraged the continuation of his legacy, reminding that "Building a nation calls us to recognize that we must constantly relate to others, rejecting a mindset of hostility in order to adopt one of reciprocal subsidiarity, in a constant effort to do our best."

**Vocation Discernment**

Daughters of Charity invites single women, 18-40 years for a weekend retreat at Los Altos from Apr. 20-22. For more information, contact Sister Lisa Laguna, D.C., 26000 Altamont Road, Los Altos Hills, Ca. 650-949-8890 or 213-210-9903 or [srlagfuna@doc1633.org](mailto:srllagfuna@doc1633.org). or [DaughtersOfCharity.com](http://DaughtersOfCharity.com)

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

The mission is to proclaim the value of Marriage and Holy Orders in the church and the world! - Joe & Sue Talarico, Diocese of Oakland

Jeanne @ 925.672.2016 or Joe & Sue @ 925.680.7767 now or go to [oaklandwwme.org](http://oaklandwwme.org)

### Centennial Rosary Crusade

Celebrate the Fatima Centennial by hosting Our Lady's Pilgrim Statue of Fatima in your own home with the Rosary, the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, and Our Lady's Message at Fatima. (Spanish/English).

Please call: Enrique Sanchez, (510) 237-8873.

### Church Linen Ministers Wanted

The parish is looking for several additional people to join the Church Linen Ministry. The church linens ministry prepares all of the linens we use at Mass. The linens are the purificators which are used to keep our communion cups clean, the corporals which are on the altar to catch any little pieces of the host that may fall, and hand towels which are used when to priest washes his hands during Mass. Weekly one minister picks up, launders, irons, and returns the linens used that week in the celebrations of the Eucharist.

With a full complement of ministers, each person will be responsible for the linens every six to eight weeks. Thank you for considering joining. If you are willing to serve, please call Kathleen Keller at 510-734-1267 or [email](#) her.

### Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

At Christmas Season

Come and Join this Extraordinary unforgettable Trip to the Home Land of Jesus

With Fr. Joseph Tran

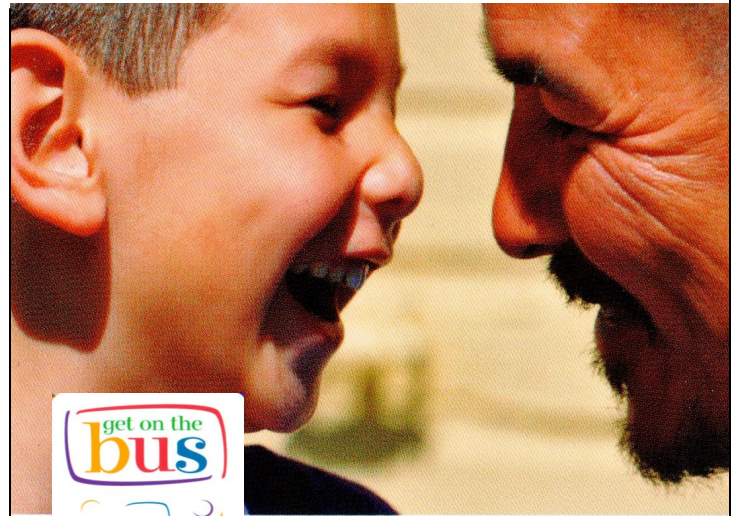
December 3-13, 2018 \$3,200/person

-Round Trip from USA

-Breakfast / Dinner Daily -Mass, Daily  
Hotel Included

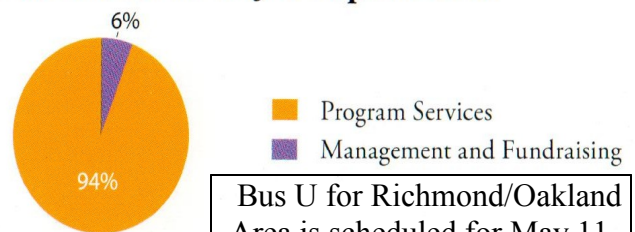


For more Information, Visit [www.polandmej.com](http://www.polandmej.com)  
Contact: Victoria Tannady (510) 847-7773  
email: [beatitudes8@rocketmail.com](mailto:beatitudes8@rocketmail.com) OR  
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- More than 1.5 million children across America have a parent in prison.
- 1 in five of these children have witnessed his or her parent's arrest
- Nationwide, half of children whose mothers are incarcerated are under age ten and are at high risk for entering foster care systems
- **50% of Get On The Bus mothers and 40% of Get On The Bus fathers report that they would never see their children without Get on the Bus**

### Distribution of CRJW Expenditures



**Bus U for Richmond/Oakland Area is scheduled for May 11**

Get On The Bus is a program of the *Center for Restorative Justice Works (CRJW)*, a nonprofit organization that unites children, families and communities separated by crime and the criminal justice system.

Citations:

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