

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:
• 1st 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



April 22, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Easter (B)

Acts 4:8-12

1 Jn 3:1-2

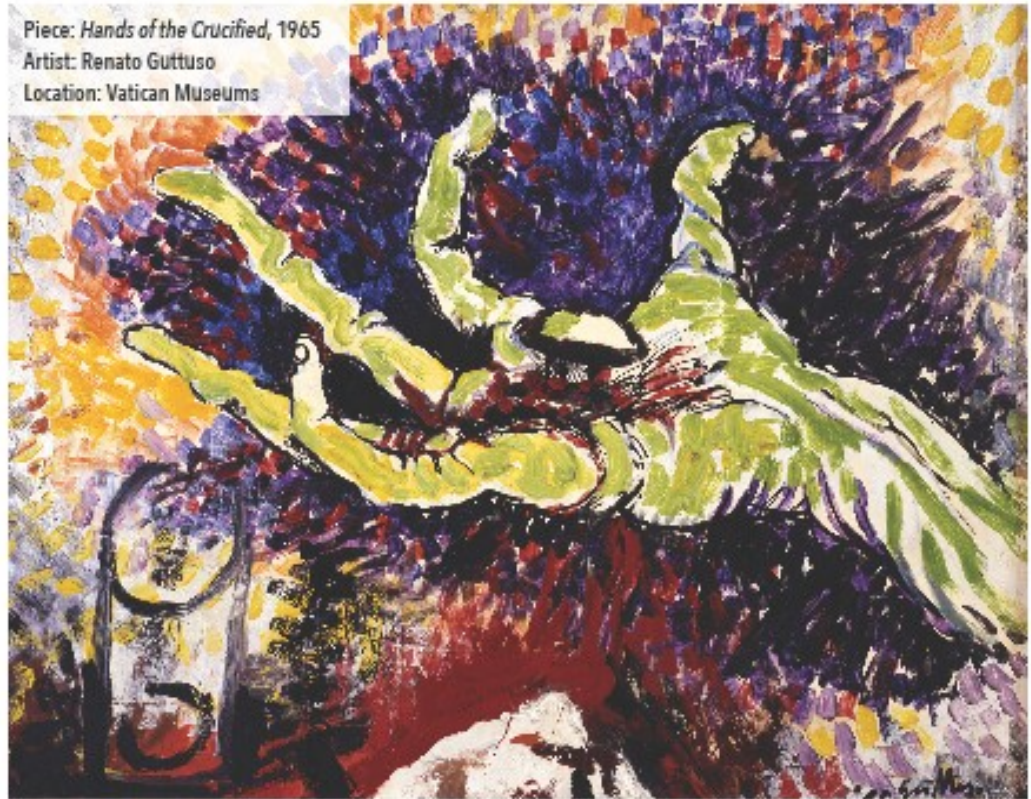
Jn 10:11-18

A Love-Filled Sacrifice

At the center of this painting, Renato Guttuso (1912-1987) places the piercing reality of pain represented by the hand of Jesus. The dark reds, blacks, and blues give way to the brightness of the oranges, yellows, and whites. This choice of palette is purposeful. Death is depicted with the same palate as a sunset, when darkness closes in on the light. But then night gives way to the colors of the sunrise when new life springs forth. The brutal darkness that leads to his death is replaced by the light-giving act of the love of God.

The Good Shepherd also shows the beauty of this love-filled sacrifice. This is why the Father loves Jesus; because he lays down his life for us. He has the power to do so and does it freely. This is because the Shepherd's mission and vocation is centered on the good of the sheep. They are the center of his daily cares and concerns. Jesus tells us that you and I are the utter focus of his heart and life. You are worth it. It is a beautiful thing to be loved by someone. Imagine if this someone is God himself.

Piece: *Hands of the Crucified*, 1965
Artist: Renato Guttuso
Location: Vatican Museums



As modern as this painting looks, the artist honors a traditional symbol. Byzantine art often depicted the blood from Jesus' side falling into a chalice to connect the passion of Jesus with the eucharistic sacrifice. Notice that the artist does the same by showing the blood falling into a simple chalice with a host at its center.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Jesus, how well do I imitate your love by sacrificing for others?

Do I seek salvation, peace, and healing from Jesus?

*[Jesus said,] "I am the good shepherd.
A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."
John 10:11*

Mass Intentions for the Week

	Intention	Requested by
Saturday, Apr. 21	5 p.m. Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
Sunday, Apr. 22	8 a.m. Renaldo Marin †	Marin Family
	9:30 a.m. Anthony Mirabel †	Rosie Murphy
	11 a.m. Joseph Kittisak Hunchareonchai †	Supalak Kittisakvanit
	12:30 p.m. Repose of the Souls Departed	Parishioner
Monday, Apr. 23	6 p.m. St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
	8 a.m. Bernice Stewart †	Diane Marin
Tuesday, Apr. 24	8 a.m. Jaynie Klatt †	Kathy KLatt
Wednesday, Apr. 25	8 a.m. Anthony Mirabel †	Mirabel Family
Thursday, Apr. 26	8 a.m. Anthony Mirabel †	Mirabel Family
Friday, Apr. 27	8 a.m. Thanksgiving	Benedict Cruz
Saturday, Apr. 28	8 a.m. Anthony Mirabel †	Alice Barce & Family

Stewardship

Envelopes & EFT, April 15, 2018	\$ 2,768
Loose Donations	\$ 1,306
Charismatic Service:	\$ 301

Thank you for your generosity.

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 p.m. Masses. Please, mark your calendars!

Flores de Mayo

The annual Flores de Mayo will be celebrated at the 5pm Vigil Mass on May6. Come for Rosary at 4:30pm. The procession of flowers for Our Lady and crowning with flowers will take place at the Mass beginning of the Mass at 5pm.

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 Crittondon
 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, Pam Paun, Victoria Payless
 Jovita Santos, Claudette Schnarz, Linda Schneider
 Salvador Tejero, Rose Texara, Pat Tilley
 Isaac Tiongson, Jr., Joseph Vidal, Sarah Vidal, Evodio Walle, Jan Williamson, Jacinto Yamzon, Jr.



Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Ave

Apr. 24, Tuesday: Birthday Celebration and Sing-Along at 11:30am/Lunch at 12:30pm. Call Judi at 237-7606 or Tracy at 233-2080.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

To be good stewards we must be good shepherds, willing to lay down our lives for those committed to our care, not mere hired hands who run off, “leaving the sheep to be snatched and scattered by the wolf.”
- John 10:12

This Week’s Service Schedule

Sunday Readings: Acts 4:8-12. 1Jn 3:1-2.
Jn 10:11-18.

Monday Readings: Acts 11:1-18, Jn 10:1-10. Or
Rev 21:5-7, Lk 9:23-26. Or 2Cor 6:4-10,
Jn 10:11-16.

Tuesday Readings: Acts 11:19-26, Jn 10:22-30.
Or Col 1:24-29, Jn 17:20-26.

Wednesday Readings: 1 Peter 5:5b-14,
Mk 16:15-20.

Thursday Readings: Acts 13:13-25, Jn 13:16-20.

Friday Readings: Acts 13:26-33, Jn 14:1-6.

Saturday Readings: Acts 13:44-52, Jn 14:7-14.
Or 1 Cor 1:18-25, Mk 1:14-20. Or 1 Cor 1:18-25,
Mt 28:16-20.

Eucharistic Adoration, Daily 24 Hours at the
Chapel.

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

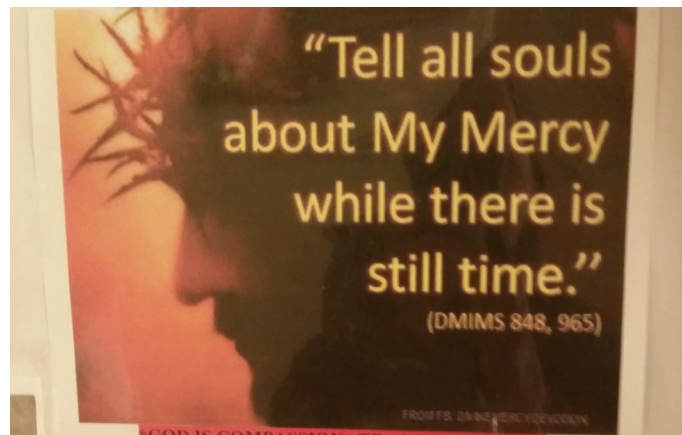
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena, Wed.,
8:30am at the Church and 6pm at the Chapel.

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.



The “Footsteps of St. Paul” Pilgrimage

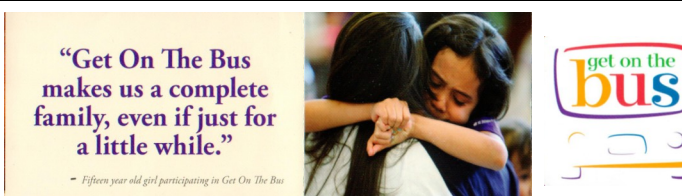
This pilgrimage from Sep. 20-Oct. 3 to Greece and Turkey will visit the House of the Blessed Mother in Ephesus. Mass will be celebrated daily during the 14-Day Pilgrimage.

The pilgrimage includes seven cruise trips to different Greek Islands. The cost is \$4,599 for a round-trip airfare from San Francisco, hotel accommodations, meals, cruise and island short excursions. Please make your reservation early. 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.

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.



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

April is Child Protection Month

Safe Environment training for adults, children and youth is a concrete way we as a church can recognize situations of potential abuse and give our children the tools they need to stay safe and protect themselves from those who would do them harm. Working together we create a culture of protection and healing. Every time a victim is heard, or a survivor flourishes in spite of devastation, we participate in creating an environment that proclaims “never again.” To all of you who coordinate safe environment programs in your parishes and schools, thank you for your incredible work. All children in faith formation, youth ministry and Catholic schools are required to train annually in safe Environment. Please be sure you have submitted the information on those trainings to our office. Diocesan policy requires training every three years for every adult engaged in any ministry, and fingerprinting for those who have direct, ongoing contact with children. All other volunteers (those not required to fingerprint) are screened through Megan’s law annually. Please encourage your ministers to complete their training and keep up the good work! For more information, contact Diana Bitz at 510.267.8315 or dbitz@oakdiocese.org

Protecting God’s Children

All volunteers and church employees must be certified at 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.

Lighting the Way 2018

Of the parish goal, 86% has been reached as of April 5, 2018. Contribution in excess of the goal will go to serve the parish needs.
 Make a pledge or contribute to the Annual Bishop’s Appeal and help increase vocations, care for elderly clergy and religious, feed and shelter the poor, help the unemployed, provide healthcare, support catechesis in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

Honor Your Outstanding Volunteers

The Catholic Voice May 7 issue will recognize some of the diocese's hard-working men and women volunteers. These are parish, organization and school volunteers - not employees - with a record of outstanding performance and meaningful involvement. These people have made a difference in our faith community and have set a standard for others to follow. If you have an unsung hero in your parish (no prior year honorees, please), send the man or woman's name and contact information, a high-resolution photo of the person, and why you think he or she should be recognized, no later than April 25, to news@oakvoice.org, or via regular mail to The Catholic Voice, 2121 Harrison St., Oakland 94612. Please contact Al Paciorini with any questions at 510.893.5339.

**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/
 International Tours Next Stop: June 21-July 1, 2018

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The mission is to proclaim the value of Marriage and Holy Orders in the church and the world! - Call Joe & Sue Talarico, Diocese of Oakland, 925.680.7767 now or go to oaklandwwme.org
 Mike & Jeanne @ 925.672.2016

Holy Spirit Parish/Newman Hall Job Openings

General Administrative Assistant P/T 18-20 hrs
 Receptionist P/T Sun-Fri 3-5hrs
 2700 Dwight Way, Berkeley 510-848-7812

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 the priest washes his hands during Mass. Weekly one minister picks up, launders, irons, and returns the linens used that week in the

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](mailto:kathleen.keller@stjohnsbaptist.org) 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
 Contact: Victoria Tannady (510) 847-7773
 email: beatitudes8@rocketmail.com OR
 Luvi Lumibao (510) 918-5825
 email: lulivilumibao@aol.com

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

Vacation Bible Day Camp

Early bird sign up



Skye, our eagle, 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.

Questions? Call Pam Vincent at 510-507-8694 or email her at pam@sjtbc.us



When

June 25-29

Morning Program: 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

All day program: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Who

Prairie Dog Pre-School 3-5 (haven't gone to Kindergarten yet)

Campers Completed Kindergarten to completed 6th grade

Leaders Jr. High, High School, College, and Adult Leaders welcome.

Cost

Morning only \$70

All day \$170

Multiple child discounts available. Follow the registration link below for full details.

Early bird discount of \$10 if you register before June 1.

Free tee shirt and early (8 a.m.) drop off.

Where

St. John the Baptist School Gym, El Cerrito.

[Map](#)

Braveheart's Corner

There is serenity I experience while I have had the opportunity to accompany music at St. John Church for the 5pm vigil Mass and a sense where one can spend a time for meditation. -Ed V. Combong, Crockett Ca