

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 29, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)

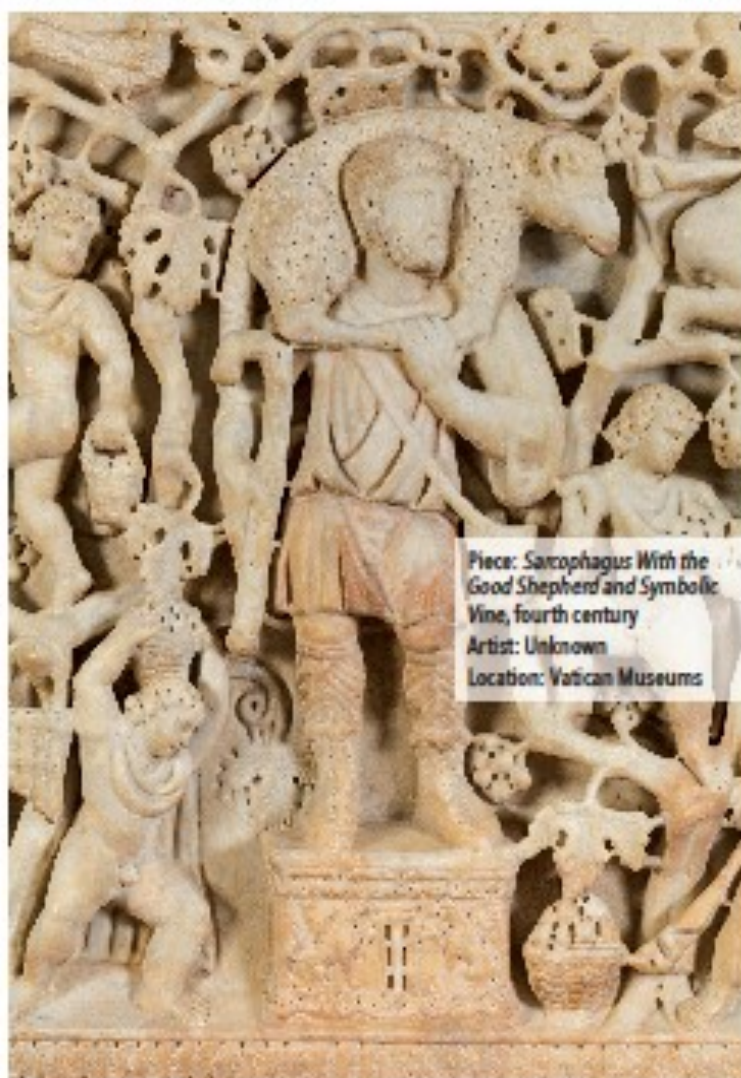
Acts 9:26-31

1 Jn 3:18-24

Jn 15:1-8

The Vine and the Branches Become One

Jesus himself picked the image of the vine to describe the reality of our being united to him and the Father. And this was not lost on early Christians. One of the first images they used to mark their graves was the vine and branches.



Piece: Sarcophagus With the Good Shepherd and Symbolic Vine, fourth century
Artist: Unknown
Location: Vatican Museums

An amazing thing about a vine and its branches is that you can't tell the difference between them. Look at a grapevine and try to determine which is the branch and which is the vine or trunk. You can't, since it appears as one seamless reality. Jesus invites us to be

so close to him that we appear to be just like him—"other Christs," as our name Christian suggests!

Second, the sap that springs from the vine, runs through the branches, and matures in the fruit is all the same. The life in Jesus and the life in us as Christians are the same. He has given us the same Spirit that animated him, the Holy Spirit.

This is why Jesus can guarantee that, if we remain in him by listening to his word and following his Spirit, we will definitely bear much fruit. His word and Spirit cannot remain sterile in us.

The most important result of being united to Jesus and bearing fruit is that not only will we be united to him in this life, but this friendship will last for all eternity. That's why early Christians put vines on their tombs.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Do I find ways to regularly read and hear the word of God?

What symbols would sincerely represent the way I live my life?

*The Church...was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord,
and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.*

Acts 9:31

Mass for the Intentions Week

		Intention	Requested by
Saturday, Apr. 28	5 p.m.	Thanksgiving	Isabelita Cruz
Sunday, Apr. 29	8 a.m.	Joseph Kittisak Hunchareonchai †	Supalak Kittisakvanit
	9:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
	11 a.m.	Josefina Co †	Ched Aragon
	12:30 p.m.	Gazaway Patrick, Jr. †	Mildred Gardner
	6 p.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Monday, Apr. 30	8 a.m.	Josefina Co †	De la Vega Family
Tuesday, May. 1	8 a.m.	Winifred Franz †	Keller Family
Wednesday, May. 2	8 a.m.	Gesira Matteucci †	Gina Lencioni
Thursday, May. 3	8 a.m.	Teresita Taguiam †	De la Vega Family
Friday, May. 4	8 a.m.	Priscila Manasan †	Fely Sabares
Saturday, May. 5	8 a.m.	Personal Intentions of Ancelle Nguyen	Ancelle Nguyen


Stewardship

Envelopes & EFT, April 22, 2018	\$ 5,898
Loose Donations	\$ 1,357

Thank you for your generosity.

Let Us Pray for the Sick

Rodolfo Abesamis, Virginia Alday
 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, Domingo de Gregorio, 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.



You are invited for Coffee & Cookies on May 6th

Our first 11:30 AM Mass is on Sunday, May 6th. Please join us after Mass for coffee, tea, and cookies in the Conference Room.

Children's Religious Education


Seventeen children enrolled at the church's religious education will receive their first Confession (Sacrament of Reconciliation) this coming weekend, Saturday, May 5 at 9:30am. The children will receive their First Holy Communion on May 12, Saturday at 11am. Prayers and gratitude to Lynne Evans, the catechists, and parents.

Upcoming Pre-Baptism Classes


May 6,13, June 3,10, July 8,15, Aug 5,12, Sep 9, 16, Oct 7, 14, Nov 4, 11, Dec 9, 16. Meets Sundays after 9:30 am Mass at the Church Office.

Flores de Mayo

The annual Flores de Mayo will be celebrated at the 5pm Vigil Mass on May6. Begins with Rosary at 4:30pm. Followed by a procession of flowers for Our Lady and crowning with flowers at the entrance hymn of the Mass.



Uniting children with their mothers and fathers in prison



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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

In today's Gospel, Jesus says that God is glorified when a disciple, grafted in Christ, produces abundantly and bears much fruit. The disciple must then be a good steward of that abundance.

This Week's Service Schedule

Sunday Readings: Acts 9:26-31, 1Jn 3:18-24, Jn 15:1-8.

Monday Readings: Acts 14:5-18, Jn 14:21-26. Or 1Cor 4:1-5, Jn 21:15-17.

Tuesday Readings: Acts 14:19-28, Jn 14:27-31a. Or Gen 1:26-2:3 Or Colm3:14-15, 17, 23-24, Mt 13:54-58.

Feastday: St. Joseph the Worker, Pray for Us.

Wednesday Readings: Acts 15:1-6, Jn 15:1-8. Or 1Jn 5:1-5, Mt 10:22-25.

Thursday Readings: 1Cor 15:1-8, Jn 14:6-14.

Friday Readings: Acts 15:22-31, Jn 15:12-17.

Saturday Readings: Acts 16:1-10, Jn 15:18-21.

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.

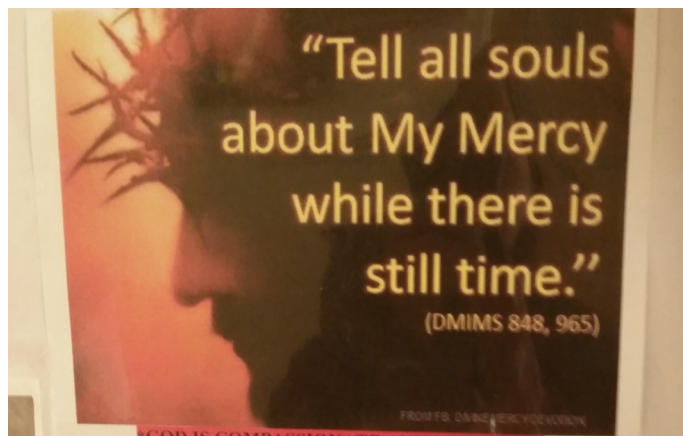
Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Fri., 6pm at the Chapel.

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

Adoration and Benediction, Fri., 8:30am

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

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



Youth and Confirmation Ministry

Students at our confirmation class attended a weekend retreat at the diocese retreat house in Lafayette. The class headed by Gina de la Torre and volunteers will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation

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 copy(s) of certificates to the Rectory.

For questions, please call the Rectory or the Safe Environment, Diocese c/o Diana Bitz 267-8315.

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

The "Footsteps of St. Paul" Pilgrimage

This pilgrimage from Sep. 20-Oct. 3 to Greece and Turkey accompanied by Fr. Thuong H. Nguyen as the Spiritual Director will visit the House of the Blessed Mother in Ephesus and Daily Mass. Contact Group Leader, Linfa Belisario, @ (510) 599-4210.

Vacation Bible Day Camp, June 25-29



For "Early Bird" Discount!

Questions? Call Pam Vincent

at 510-507-8694 or email pam@sjtbc.us

Oakland Symphony Chorus Italian Tour 2018

Travel with the Oakland Symphony Chorus to Rome, Venice, Florence, and Pisa from June 21 to July 1, 2018. log on: [www.oaklandsymphony.org/about-us/chorus/International Tours](http://www.oaklandsymphony.org/about-us/chorus/International%20Tours) Next Stop: June 21-July 1, 2018

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Come for this unforgettable Trip to the Home Land of Jesus with Fr. Joseph Tran from Dec. 3-13, 2018.

Visit www.polandmej.com OR

Contact: Victoria Tannady (510) 847-7773

email: beatitudes8@rocketmail.com OR

Luvi Lumibao (510) 918-5825

email: livilumibao@aol.com

From Cross Catholic Outreach

Cross Catholic Outreach wishes to thank you for the welcome you extended to Fr. Martin on our recent visit to your parish. On behalf of the poorest of the poor, we thank you for having shared in their lives. May our Lord continue to bless all of you for your love and support. Yours in Christ, Jim Cavnar -President



Gera Assefa

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Discover a more intimate God-filled relationship. - Call Joe & Sue Talarico // Diocese of Oakland // 925.680.7767 // Joe.Sue.Talarico@wwme.org

Pope Francis Publishes 'Guide to Living in the 21st Century'

Pope Francis released an [apostolic exhortation](#) this week calling all to holiness in a culture that does not value spirituality.

Published April 9, [Gaudete et exsultate](#), or "Rejoice and Be Glad - The call to holiness in today's world," is Francis' third apostolic exhortation

The 44-page exhortation explains that holiness is the mission of every Christian, and gives practical advice for living out the call to holiness in ordinary, daily life, encouraging the practice of the Beatitudes and performing works of mercy.

"To be holy does not require being a bishop, a priest or a religious. We are frequently tempted to think that holiness is only for those who can withdraw from ordinary affairs to spend much time in prayer. That is not the case. We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves," Pope Francis writes.

In the piece, the Holy Father, in a very Jesuit way, calls the faithful to find the path God lays out for them:

"The important thing is that each believer discern his or her own path, that they bring out the very best of themselves, the most personal gifts that God has placed in their hearts, rather than hopelessly trying to imitate something not meant for them."

Read [Gaudete et exsultate](#) here.

Hospice Volunteers Needed in Our Area

Thorough training will be provided to help volunteers. Contact Laurie Herbert at Kindred Hospice at 925 737-0203 or Laurie.Herbert@Gentiva.com.

Diocesan Catechetical Congress

Open to the public, Aug. 11, 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Bishop O'Dowd High School. Speakers: Life Teen VP, Exec. Dir. of Courage Intl, Miami Archdiocese Dir. Of Evangelization, and Parish Life and Bishop Barber. Contact: pcollyer@oakdiocese.org.

May 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**

<p>6 <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i> New Mass Sched: 8a, 9:30a, 11:30a, and 6p (Brazilian) 9:30a CRE 10:30a Pre-Baptism Class</p>	<p>7 <i>St. John of Beverley</i> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours-CH 8a Mass / Rosary-CH 7:30p Prayer Service (Brazilian)-CC2</p>	<p>8 <i>St. Victor, Martyr</i> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours-CH 8a Mass / Rosary /Divine Mercy 7:30p Prayer Service (Brazilian)-CC2</p>	<p>9 <i>St. George Preca</i> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass/Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet-CH 12n Women's Covenant-CC 7:30a Scripture Study-CR</p>	<p>10 <i>St. Damien of Molokai</i> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass /Rosary /Divine Mercy Chaplet-CH 10a EC Royale Mass 7p Youth Ministry-CC2</p>	<p>11 <i>St. Fabius</i> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary-CH 6p Sacred Heart Novena-DM 7:30p Holy Spirit Novena-DM</p>	<p>12 <i>St. Pancras, Martyr, Sts. Nereus & Achilleus</i> 8a Mass 9:30a Liturgy Meeting-CR 11a First Communion-CH 4p Confessions-CH 5p Vigil Mass 7:30p Holy Spirit Novena-DM</p>
<p>13 <i>The Ascension of Our Lord</i> 10:30a Pre-Baptism Class-DR 6p Fatima Rosary Procession-DM 7:30p Holy Spirit Novena-DM Mother's Day</p>	<p>14 <i>St. Matthias, Apostle</i> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass / Rosary 7:30p Prayer Service (Brazilian)-CC2 7:30p Holy Spirit Novena-DM</p>	<p>15 <i>St. Isidore the Farmer</i> 16 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours-CH 8a Mass / Rosary-CH 9a Senior Program-CC 7:30p Holy Spirit Novena-DM</p>	<p>16 <i>St. Brendan</i> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours-CH 8a, 7:30p Mass-CH 8:30a Rosary-CH 12n Women's Covenant-CC 7:30p Scripture Study-CR 7:30p Holy Spirit Novena-DM</p>	<p>17 <i>St. Paschal Baylon</i> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours-CH 8a Mass /Rosary-CH 7p Youth Ministry-CC2 7:30p Holy Spirit Novena-DM</p>	<p>18 <i>St. John I, Pope & Martyr</i> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass/Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet-CH 6p Sacred Heart Novena-DM 7:30p Holy Spirit Novena-DM</p>	<p>19 <i>St. Dunstan, Archbishop</i> 8a Mass 9a Opus Dei Meeting-DM 10a Food Distribution SVdP 4p Confession-CH 5p Vigil Mass 7:30p Holy Spirit Novena-DM</p>
<p>20 <i>Pentecost</i> 10:30a Pre-Baptism Class-DR</p>	<p>21 <i>St. Christopher Magallanes, Martyr</i> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass /Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet-CH 7:30p Prayer Service (Brazilian)-CC2</p>	<p>22 <i>St. Rita of Cascia</i> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours-CH 8a Mass/Rosary 9a Senior Program-CC</p>	<p>23 <i>St. William of Rochester</i> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass /Rosary-CH 12n Women's Covenant-CC 7:30a Scripture Study-CR</p>	<p>24 <i>Our Lady, Help of Christians</i> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours-CH 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary-CH 7p Youth Ministry-CC2</p>	<p>25 <i>St. Bede, Doctor St. Gregory II St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi</i> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass / Rosary-CH 6p Sacred Heart Novena-DM</p>	<p>26 <i>St. Philip Neri</i> 8a Mass 4p Confessions-CH 5p Vigil Mass</p>
<p>27 <i>The Most Holy Trinity</i></p>	<p>28 <i>St. Bernard of Montfoux</i> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet-CH 7:30p Prayer Service (Brazilian)-CC2 Memorial Day</p>	<p>29 <i>St. Maximinus of Trier</i> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours-CH 8a Mass/Rosary 9a Senior Program-CC</p>	<p>30 <i>St. Joan of Arc</i> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass/Rosary-CH 12n Women's Covenant-CC 7:30p Scripture Study-CR</p>	<p>31 <i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass/Rosary-CH 7p Youth Ministry-CC2</p>		