

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 a.m., 9:30 a.m., & 11:30 a.m.
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)-653-4920
Loch Sekona: (510)-837-1052

Parish Office

Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Bulletin Editor: Ed Bautista

Accountant/Bookkeeper:
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Children's Religious Education

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

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Pastoral Council

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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

May 6, 2018

Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)

Acts 10:25–26, 34–35, 44–48

1 Jn 4:7–10 or 1 Jn 4:11–16

Jn 15:9–17 or Jn 17:11b–19

God's Generous Love

Our painting by Aldo Carpi (1886–1973) shows the Virgin Mary bringing the Baby Jesus to visit the poor. She doesn't make distinctions. Mary understood that Jesus didn't come just for the rich and powerful but for everyone.

Peter learns this lesson when speaking to Cornelius and his household. Until this time, the apostles were preaching to the Jewish people, but when Peter speaks to these Romans, the Holy Spirit comes upon them just as he had upon the Jews. They repent and believe. This for Peter was essential, because it showed that Jesus wanted to send his Spirit and teachings to everyone, not just the chosen race. God doesn't show favoritism.

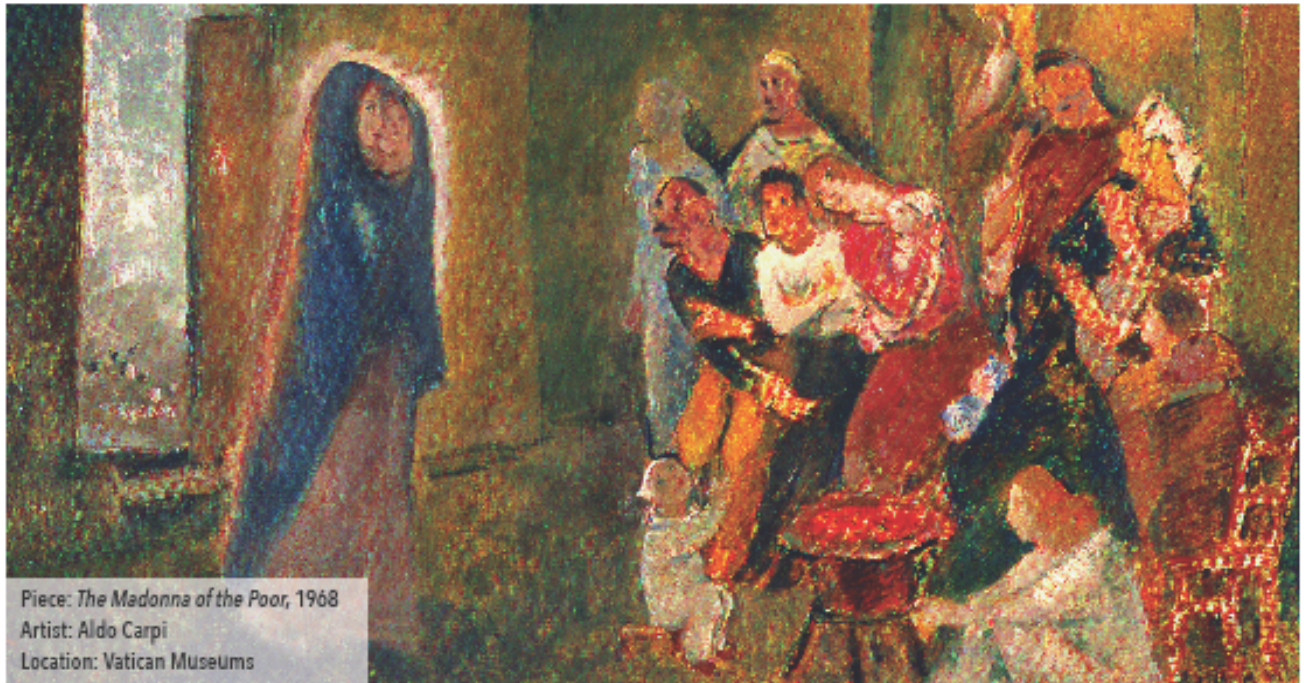
The same goes for us. It's natural to want to love our

own: our family and those sharing our social status, political party, club, school, or parish. But our love has to spread to all peoples, especially those in the most moral, material, and spiritual need. God is love, and those who love show they come from God.

Another element of love is that it is free, wanting nothing in return. Recently, while sitting at an outdoor café, a woman walked up and gave me a small wrapped gift. "I like to give gifts to complete strangers, just to make their day," she said. What a beautiful gesture.

We should also note that Cornelius accepted God's love, was baptized, and began following the Way. He and his family didn't take that free love of God for granted. They responded to it in joyful obedience. God's generous love asks for an equally generous response. —Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection
*How often do I help
or love someone who
disagrees with me,
or doesn't believe
what I believe?*



Piece: *The Madonna of the Poor*, 1968
Artist: Aldo Carpi
Location: Vatican Museums

*Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God;
everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.*

1 John 4:7

Mass for the Intentions Week

		Intention	Requested by
Saturday, May 5	5 p.m.	Emilia Palomo Flores †	Maria Lozano
Sunday, May 6	8 a.m.	Peter Vietti †	Vietti Family
	9:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
	11:30 a.m.	Esther Taylor † Deceased Members of the Woo and Dong Families †	Taylor Family John & Nancy Woo
Monday, May 7	6 p.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Tuesday, May 8	8 a.m.	Eric Ewen-Blessings of Good Health	Kathy Klatt
Wednesday, May 9	8 a.m.	Eladia Cruz †	Nemesia Peralta
Thursday, May 10	8 a.m.	Guillermo Caberio †	Mila Vargas
Friday, May 11	8 a.m.	Sylvestre Antonio †	Rosario Samson
Saturday, May 12	8 a.m.	Joseph Kittisak Hunchareonchai †	Supalak Kittisakvanit
	8 a.m.	Helen Nelson †	Karen Stevens

Stewardship

Envelopes & EFT, April 29, 2018	\$ 2,049
Loose Donation	\$ 1,317
Second Collection: Parish Charity	\$ 1,745

Our Second Collection for this week is for Parish Development and the School Tuition Assistance Program.

Thank you for your generosity.

Feast of the Ascension

The solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord will be observed on Sunday, May 13.



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.

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

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, 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.



Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Ave
 May 8: Jean Paul Valjean Variety Act,
 11:30am. Luncheon at 12:30pm.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Jesus' commandment is that His disciples love one another, even to the point of laying down their lives, if necessary. What gifts of myself - my skills and talents, my time and resources-will best demonstrate my love for God's people?

This Week's Service Schedule

Sunday Readings: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48.
1Jn 4:7-10. Jn 15:9-17.

Monday Readings: Acts 16:11-15. Jn 15:26-16:4a.

Tuesday Readings: Acts 16:22-34. Jn 16:5-11.

Wednesday Readings: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1. Jn 16:12-15.

Thursday Readings: Acts 18:1-8. Jn 16:16-20.

Friday Readings: Acts 18:9-18. Jn 16:20-23.

Saturday Readings: Acts 18:23-28. Jn 16:23b-28.
Or Rev 7:9-17. Mt 10:17-22. Or Rev 19:1, 5-9a.
Mt 11:25-30.

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.

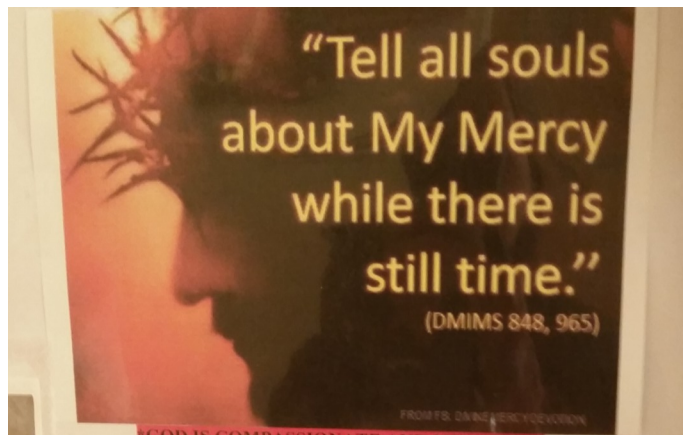
Holy Infant of Prague Novena, Thu. at 8:30am
at Church.

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

Confession, Sat., 4-5pm or At an appointed time.

Holy Spirit Novena, Rosary, Chaplet of the
Divine Mercy, Fri., Sat., 7:30pm at the Chapel.

24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration, Daily at the
Chapel.



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.

Send copy(s) of the certificates to the Rectory.

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

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for the Month of May

Evangelization: **The Mission of the Laity**
That the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

Remembering Clark MacKenzie

A memorial Mass dedicated to a beloved parishioner, Clark McKenzie, will be celebrated at St. John Church on May 11, Friday at 12pm. Denise, his wife, has served many years as an usher at Mass.

Reception will follow at the conference room.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

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

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. Flyers are available at the vestibule and at the St. John the Baptist Office.

Please make your reservation early for this pilgrimage from September 20 to October 3, 2018. The pilgrimage will be accompanied by Fr. Thuong H. Nguyen as the Spiritual Director. For reservation and for more information, contact Group Leader, Linfa Belisario, @ (510) 599-4210.

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 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.

MR. WALTON'S RETIREMENT CELEBRATION MARK YOUR CALENDARS & SPREAD THE WORD!

Thank You for
32 Amazing Years at St. John's!



File photo of 1986

Join Our Community to Honor
and Celebrate Mr. Walton's Service
Sunday, June 10
St. John the Baptist Church
11:30am Liturgy
Reception to Follow

Gaudete Et Exsultate

"Rejoice and Be Glad" is Pope Francis' message of his 3rd apostolic exhortation. It is also known as the guide to living in the 21st century and it is a call to holiness in today's world.

The Pope writes that we are called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves. And that each believer discerns his or her own path, to bring the very best of themselves, the most personal gifts that God has placed in one's hearts rather than hopelessly trying to imitate something not meant for one's self.

Children's Religious Education

Seventeen children enrolled at the church's religious education will receive their first Holy Communion on May 12, Saturday at 2pm and 5pm. Last day of class is on May 6, Sunday.



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
 -Round Trip from USA
 Hotel Included

December 3-13, 2018
 -Breakfast and Dinner Daily

\$3,200/person
 -Mass Daily

For more information visit: www.polandmej.com
 Contact: Victoria Tannady (510) 847-7773 email: beatitudes8@rocketmail.com
 or Luvi Lumibao (510) 918-5825 email: luvilumibao@aol.com

Holy Spirit Novena

The parish invites everyone in prayer at the Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel at 7:30pm from May 11-19 for reflection, rosary, the Divine Mercy chaplet, Benediction, the Divine Praises, and hymns before the feast of the Pentecost on May 20.

Reflection on each of the gifts of the Spirit on each evening: May 11th-The Holy Spirit, 12th-Fear of the Lord, 13th-Piety, 14th-Fortitude, 15th-Knowledge, 16th-Understanding, 17th-Counsel, 18th-Wisdom, 19th-Fruits of the Spirit.

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

Bishop's Appeal of 2018

Make a pledge or send a contribution to the 2018 Bishop's Appeal.

Every gift counts in support to increase in vocations, catechesis, care for elderly religious and priests, social services for the hungry, homeless, the sick and unemployed in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

17th Annual Vacation Bible Day



Early bird sign up

Skye, our eagle at the "Avalanche Ranch" wants to remind you to take advantage of our "Early Bird" Discount of \$10 if you register now thru June 1.

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

From June 25-29

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

All Day Program: 9a.m.-5 p.m.

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 are welcomed.

Morning Only \$70, All Day \$170

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

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