

# St. John the Baptist Church

11150 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530 • Phone (510) 232-5659 • Fax (510) 236-0960  
www.StJohnElCerrito.org • e-mail: stjohns@sjtbc.us

## 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:  
• 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)-653-4920  
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

May 13, 2018

*Seventh Sunday of Easter (B)/  
Ascension of the Lord*

**Seventh Sunday:** Acts 1:15–17, 20a, 20c–26;  
1 Jn 4:11–16; Jn 17:11b–19

**Ascension:** Acts 1:1–11; Eph 1:17–23 or  
Eph 4:1–13 or 4:1–7, 11–13; Mk 16:15–20

## Sent to be Missionaries

The beginning of the Book of Acts presents a summary of the life of Christ and how he called and taught the apostles in the Holy Spirit. After his resurrection, Christ kept the apostles in Jerusalem, where they prayed together with the Virgin and awaited the coming of the Holy Spirit which would give them power to witness to him beyond the city and into the outlying countries and regions, just as the Gospel reading commands.

This Spirit given to them by Christ is a spirit of mission and witness. When Jesus was finished speaking, when his revelation had finished, he was taken to heaven. And the apostles were left standing there, looking up after him.

That looking up can be interpreted as a longing for Jesus' presence that was no longer in human form. Things had radically changed. Jesus' mission had finished, and now theirs was beginning. Their situation is the same as ours. We are sent on a mission!

An essential element of being Christian is to understand that we are sent into the world to build Christ's kingdom. We are his missionaries, his representatives. He counts on us to go into the world and bring his message to all his beloved children just as he did—with preaching, testimony, and love. Jesus doesn't send us to be comfortable, professionally successful, and wealthy. He sends us to be missionaries!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Piece: *The Holy Trinity and the Apostles*, 1507-1508

Artist: Pietro Perugino

Location: Vatican Museums



### *For Reflection*

*Do I live as if I am Christ's presence on earth, aware that I am his missionary?*

*If Jesus were in my family, social, and professional situations, what would he do?*

*When he had said this, as they were looking on,  
he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.*

*Acts 1:9*

## *Mass for the Intentions Week*

	<b>Intention</b>		<b>Requested by</b>
Saturday, May 12	<i>Mother's Day</i>		
	5 p.m.	Fannie Rawls †	Renty Family
Sunday, May 13	8 a.m.	Luis Torres †	Torres Family
	9:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health And Birthday & Thanksgiving of Benedict Tannady	Ana Prindle and Children
	11:30 p.m.	Deceased Members of the Woo and Dong Families	Victoria Tannady John and Nancy Woo
	6 p.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Monday, May 14	8 a.m.	Joseph Kittisak Hunchareonchai †	Supalak Kittisakvanit
Tuesday, May 15	8 a.m.	Concepcion Antonio †	Rosario Samson
Wednesday, May 16	8 a.m.	Fr. Joe Tran-Anniversary	St. John Parish
Thursday, May 17	8 a.m.	Erlinda Benavides Miranda †	Mila Vargas
Friday, May 18	8 a.m.	Helen Stubbs	Kathy Klatt
Saturday, May 19	8 a.m.	Joselito Asuncion †	Ferreros Family



### Celebrating the Miracle at Fatima

Today, May 13 at 7pm, the parish invites everyone to celebrate and honor Our Lady of Fatima with a procession and Rosary that opens at the Chapel.

### 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, 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, Winston Williams, Jan Williamson, Jacinto Yamzon, Jr.



### Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord

Jesus ascended into heaven, blessing His disciples and promising that they would soon receive the power of the Holy Spirit. We who have received that promised gift of the spirit are now empowered to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth - to use our time and talents to spread the good news of salvation.

#### This Week's Service Schedule

**Ascension:** Acts 1:1-11. Eph 1:17-23. Or Eph 4:1-13 Or 4:1-7, 11-13. Mk 16:15-20.

**Sunday Readings:** Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26. 1Jn 4:11-16. Jn 17:11b-19.

**Monday Readings:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26. Jn 15:9-17.

**Tuesday Readings:** Acts 20:17-27, Jn 17:1-11a.

**Wednesday Readings:** Acts 20:28-38, Jn 17:11b-19.

**Thursday Readings:** Acts 22:30;23:6-11. Jn 17:20-26.

**Friday Readings:** Acts 25:13b-21. Jn 21:15-19. Or Rev 3:14b, 20-22. Lk 22:24-30.

**Saturday Readings:** Acts 28:16-20, 30,31. Jn 21:20-25.

**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.

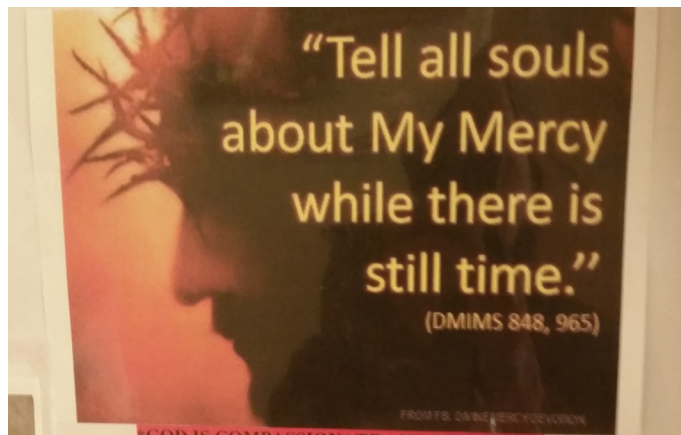
**Holy Infant of Prague Novena, Thu.** at 8:30am at Church.

**24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration, Daily** at the Chapel.

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

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

**Holy Spirit Novena, Rosary, Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, Adoration, Reflection, Benediction, Hymns, Divine Praises, Sun.- Sat.,** 7:30pm at the Chapel.



#### Stewardship

Envelopes & EFT, May 5, 2018	\$ 7,321
Loose Donations	\$ 1,513
Charismatic Service, May 4, 2018	\$ 264
Second Collection: Parish Development and School Tuition Assistance Program	\$ 1,103

This week's Second Collection is for Mother's Day. Next week's Second Collection, June 20, is for Catholic Charities.

*Thank you for your generosity.*

#### Attention: All Volunteers and Workers

All volunteers and church employees are required to complete the training 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.

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

### Vacation Bible Day Camp, Jun 25-29

Register your kids Now;  
"Avalanche Ranch Adventure" for the Wildest Week  
of Summer!



We are bringing back one of our favorites from 10 years ago!

Fun for all ages; Morning or All Day Camp at 'Prairie-Dog Pre-School' for 3-5 year olds that haven't started kinder or 'Ranch Camp' for Completed Kinder to completed 6th grade.

We still have space in our Community Leadership Program for Crew Members starting at completed 7th grade through College / Adult.



Kids will have mountains of fun at Sing & Play Stampede Skits & Songs, Wild Bible Adventures, creating in Cowpoke Crafts & Science, seeing Chadder the Chipmunk, lots of horsin' around in Horseplay Games and tasty treats in Chuck Wagon Chow, plus Special Guests, Service Projects & making new friends.

Details & On-line registration with Early Bird Discount: [www.sjtbc.us/vbdc.html](http://www.sjtbc.us/vbdc.html)

Questions, Email: Pam Vincent [pam@sjtbc.us](mailto:pam@sjtbc.us)

### Senior Center Event

Apr. 15, Tuesday: Miriam-Cyclist Extraordinaire at 11:30am/Lunch at 12:30pm. 6500 Gladys Ave 237-3808. (Tuesdays).

# happy mother's day!



*Our Newly Baptized*  
**Isabela Rodriguez**  
*Welcome to the Faith*

## Mass in Celebration of 20 years



### of the Brazilian Community in El Cerrito



## 1998 - 2018

Sunday  
May 20 - 6:00pm

**St. John the Baptist Church**  
11150 San Pablo Ave  
El Cerrito, CA

**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](http://www.polandmej.com)  
 Contact: Victoria Tannady (510) 847-7773 email: [beatitudes8@rocketmail.com](mailto:beatitudes8@rocketmail.com)  
 or Luvi Lumibao (510) 918-5825 email: [livilumibao@aol.com](mailto:livilumibao@aol.com)

**31st Annual Catholic Charismatic Convention**  
 Northern California Renewal Coalition

All are Welcome. Bring the Family. May 25, 26, 27, 2018 at the Santa Clara Convention Center.  
**“Thy Kingdom Come. Thy Will Be Done.”**  
**-Mt 6:10**

Masses & Evening Events. Open to the Public. English Seminars for Adults. Teen Conference, Children’s Program. And Vietnamese and Hispanic Conferences. Main Celebrant and Featured Speaker, Bishop Emeritus Sam G. Jacobs, Bishop Richard J. Garcia, Bishop Mylo Vergara, D.D., Sister Linda Koontz, SNJM, Rev. Gary Thomas, Rev. Martin Njoalu, Rev. Jay Nuthulapati, C.PP.S.  
[NCRCSpirit.org](http://NCRCSpirit.org) 650-261-0825

**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

**Bishop’s Appeal of 2018**

Make a pledge or send your contribution to this year’s 2018 Lighting The Way. Your gift supports to increase vocations, fund catechesis, care for elderly religious and priests, and provide social services for the poor, the sick and the unemployed in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

**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. Due to high demand, 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.

**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