

## Spreading Seeds

The kingdom of God has an inward power, an effervescence with which it is equipped, that makes it a force of growth and multiplication. Jesus compares the kingdom with a seed. You plant it in favorable soil and, you know not how, it springs up into a little plant and then eventually into a full-grown tree. Its life principle is not given by the soil—although that helps it grow—but rather it has power of itself to expand.

The Christian life and the kingdom are very much like this. At baptism we have received supernatural grace in our souls. And if given suitable support, that faith will grow and become the transformative element of our lives. It will drive us toward a life of faith, hope, and love. It will lead us to forgive others, improve society, and transform everything for good.

The same can be said of the Church, Christ's kingdom of love. Christ planted the seed of faith in his apostles and that seed spread and thrived all across Europe. Their faith multiplied and grew until all throughout the world the fruits of their faith are on display as a veritable kingdom of charity: hospitals, universities, soup kitchens, AIDS hospices, shelters for the battered and homeless, retreat centers, chapels, churches, museums, research and rehabilitation centers, religious orders, lay associations, volunteer



Piece: *Chevet de Notre-Dame*, 1912

Artist: Anselmo Bucci

Location: Vatican Museums

groups, and the list could and does continue on and on. There is a force in faith and love that cannot be contained!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### *For Reflection*

*Do I let the force of my faith multiply into acts of love and service?*

*[Jesus said,] "But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches."*

*Mark 4:32*

# Mass for the Intentions Week

	<b>Intention</b>		<b>Requested by</b>
<i>Father's Day</i>			
Saturday, Jun. 16	5 p.m.	Dick Nelson †	Karen Stevens
Sunday, Jun. 17	8 a.m.	Luis Torres †	Torres Family
	9:30 a.m.	Ramon Regalado †	Regalado Family
	11:30 a.m.	Madaline Gaines †	GRIP Soup Kitchen
	6 p.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Monday, Jun. 18	8 a.m.	Joseph Conwill-Blessings of Good Health Josefina Co †	St. John Friends Gerri Hampton
Tuesday, Jun. 19	8 a.m.	Joselito Asuncion †	Ferreros Family
Wednesday, Jun. 20	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
Thursday, Jun. 21	8 a.m.	Bruce McPhee †	Jennifer McPhee
Friday, Jun. 22	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving	Janet Ramirez
Saturday, Jun. 23	8 a.m.	Doan Van Hue-Birthday	Ancelle Nguyen



St. Joseph, Protector and Model, Pray for Us.

**Stewardship**

This week's Second Collection is for Father's Day.  
Next week's Second Collection is for Peter's Pence.

Bulletins of Jun 10, 17, 24 are early editions. Check the parish bulletin in the church for the collection amounts of Jun 3, 10 and 17.

*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, 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 & Mau-  
rice Haynes, Sherry Highlander, Tamaya Hunt, Ann  
Jones, Tom Kennedy, Maria Impang Lozada, Maria  
Lozano, Bernice Lockett, Marian &  
Michael Luoma, Nancy McVey, Francis Mondragon,  
Ester Oppus, Judith Padilla. Theresa Parella, Angelina  
Patacsil, Pam Paun, Victoria Payless, Floyd Renty,  
Jovita Santos, Claudette Schnarz, Linda Schneider,  
Dimitri Smith, Salvador Tejero, Rose Texara, Pat Tilley,  
Isaac Tiongson, Jr., Joseph Vidal, Sarah Vidal, Evodio  
Walle, Winston Williams, Jan Williamson



**The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for the Month of June**

**UNIVERSAL: Social Networks**  
That social networks may work towards that  
inclusiveness which respects others for their  
differences.

### Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Like the sower in today's Gospel, I scatter as seed my gifts of time, talent, and resources; and I trust that, by God's grace and in God's time, these small gifts of myself may grow and flourish and help to bring about the kingdom of God.

#### This Week's Service Schedule

**Sunday Readings:** Ez 17:22-24. 2Cor 5:6-10.  
Mk 4:26-34.

**Monday Readings:** 1Kings 21:1-16. Mt 5:38-42.

**Tuesday Readings:** 1Kings 21:17-29. Mt 5:43-48.  
Or Phil 3:8-14. Lk 14:25-33.

**Wednesday Readings:** 2Kings 2:1, 6-14.  
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18.

**Thursday Readings:** Sir 48:1-14. Mt 6:7-15.  
Or 1Jn 5:1-5. Mt 22:34-40.

**Friday Readings:** 2Kings 11:1-4, 9-18, 20.  
Mt 6:19-23. Or 2Cor 8:9-15. Lk 12:32-34.  
Or 1Peter 4:12-19, Mt 10:34-39.

**Saturday Readings:** 2Chro 24:17-25. Mt 6:24-34.

**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.

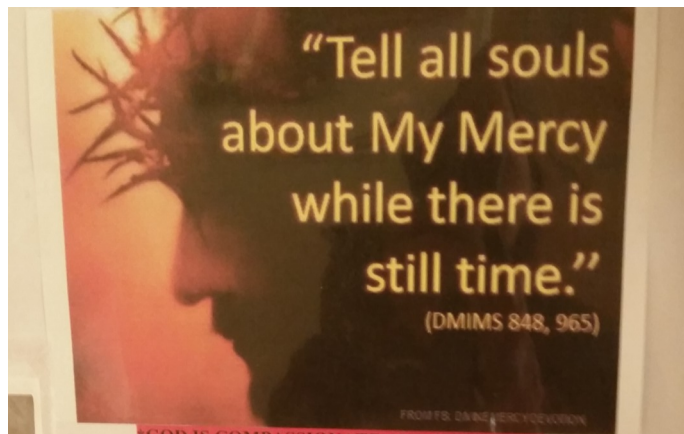
**Holy Infant of Prague Novena, Thu.** at 8:30am  
at Church.

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

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

#### Bishop's Appeal of 2018

Every gift counts. Your gift supports to increase vocations, fund catechesis, care for elderly religious and priests, provide social services for the poor, the sick, and unemployed in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.



#### Protecting God's Children

All volunteers and church employees must obtain a certificate at [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org).

If you are a volunteer who work with minors or vulnerable adults or a church employee, you are required to be certified at [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org) and livescanned/fingerprinted.

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



#### 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](http://oaklandwwme.org)

**Holy Land Pilgrimage**  
**December 3-13 (10 Days)**  
**\$3,200 (Double occupancy)**  
**With Fr. Joseph Tran**

**Book Now!**  
**Deadline**  
**due soon**

**Come and walk in the footsteps of Jesus, Mary, Joseph and the apostles!**

Includes: Round-trip airfare from USA, hotel, daily breakfast, dinner and daily Mass.

**HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:** - Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. - Church of the Annunciation. - Cana of Galilee where will be a renewal of wedding vows. - City of Nazareth. - Take a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee. - Mount of the Beatitudes. - Jordan River to renew your baptismal vows. - Walk along the Fourteen Stations of the Via Dolorosa and much more.

For more information please visit the web at [www.polandmej.com](http://www.polandmej.com)

Local contact persons: Luvi Lumibao (510) 918-5825 or Victoria Tannady (510) 847-7773

» Pilgrimage balance of \$3000 is due by Jul 13.    » Add'l Charges on Late Registration

**Gaudete Et Exsultate**

Pope Francis' 3rd apostolic exhortation gives us a guide of living in the 21st century. It is a call to holiness in today's world bringing the very best of themselves, the most personal gifts that God has placed in one's hearts .

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.

**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.

## 17th Annual Vacation Bible Day



Skye, the eagle, is one of our camp buddies.

**This is the last minute to get the**

### Early Bird special

Skye, our eagle, wants to remind you to take advantage of our "Early Bird" Discount!

Register your kids now to our 17th annual Vacation Bible Day Camp, "**Avalanche Ranch.**" It's the "**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](mailto: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.

Early drop off 8 a.m.

## Who

**Prairie Dog Pre-School** 3-5yrs, (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 above for full details. Free tee shirt and early (8a.m.) drop off

## Where

St. John the Baptist School Gym [Map](#)

## 33 Days to Morning Glory

You are invited to participate in a total Consecration to Jesus through Mary. Best described by Saint Maximiliano Kolbe who said: Marian consecration is "The surest, easiest, shortest, and the most perfect means" to becoming a saint.

We will use Father Michel Gaitley's book, 33 Days to Morning Glory. Father Gaitley chose four Marian giants: Saint Luis de Montfort, Saint Maximiliano Kolbe, Saint Teresa de Calcutta and Saint John Paul II, to lead us through an updated De Montfort consecration. Each week we will study one of these Marian giants and discover the impact consecration made in their lives.

Join us for an information night and distribution of materials on June 25.

We will meet Mondays, July 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th and August the 6th from 7 to 8:30 p.m. In the conference room

Consecration is on August 15th

The Assumption of Mary (Solemnity), Saint John the Baptist Church at 7 p.m.

For more information, call Elizabeth Martinez at (510) 384-9800 or Maria Isabel Jiménez at (510) 508-3438.

## 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.