

June 24, 2018

Nativity of St. John the Baptist (B)

Is 49:1-6

Acts 13:22-26

Lk 1:57-66, 80

## God's Mission for Us

When an artist begins a painting, she or he has the end result in mind. The final result, the inspiration, is what sets the artist in motion. Aristotle called this ideal the "final cause" because it was the first thing in mind (the inspiration) and the last to be realized (the final product).

When God gives life to a human at the moment of conception, he does so with a final mission in mind for that child. He gives life freely, but not without a plan.

You and I are not the result of a coincidence or a chain of chemical reactions. We began at the heart of a loving, purposeful God. God willed you and wants you! You are who you are because of God's infinite love. He created you as a unique and divinely designed human being. His purposeful hand reached out and lifted you into existence just the way you are.

Yet your creation is not merely in the past but a reality that touches you now. God holds you and keeps you in every moment of your life. With every breath and movement, God is sustaining you. Your life is a loving project of God today.

Like St. John the Baptist who was created and called to be Jesus' cousin and prepare the way for him, so you have a call to prepare the way for Jesus to enter your world. How you do that in your lifetime as well as how you do that today is something unique to you. Your life has a mission! What is it? —Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### *For Reflection*

*Do I have a strong sense of God's mission for my life?*

*What might be some of the elements?*

*How have I benefited from other people who have been generous with their own mission?*



Piece: *The Baptism of Christ*,  
circa 1482  
Artist: Pietro Vannucci  
Location: Sistine Chapel

*Before birth the LORD called me,  
from my mother's womb he gave me my name.*

*Isaiah 49:1*

*Mass Intentions for the Week*



Intention			Requested by
Saturday, Jun. 23	5 p.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Sunday, Jun. 24	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
	9:30 a.m.	Pablo de la Vega †	De la Vega Family
	11:30 a.m.	St. John the Baptist Portuguese Brotherhood	St. John the Baptist Portuguese Brotherhood
Monday, Jun. 25	8 a.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Tuesday, Jun. 26	8 a.m.	Maria Lozano-Good Health	St John Parishioners
Wednesday, Jun. 27	8 a.m.	Bruce McPhee †	Jennifer McPhee
Thursday, Jun. 28	8 a.m.	Teresa Brignone-100th Birthday	Brignone Family
Friday, Jun. 29	8 a.m.	Uga Juan Sabares †	Fely Sabares
Saturday, Jun. 30	8 a.m.	Leong Sioc Cheng †	Rosie Murphy

**Stewardship**

The bulletin of Jun 24 is an advance edition. It will not contain the collection amounts for June 17. Check the parish bulletin in the church for the collection amounts of this date.

This week's Second Collection is for Peter's Pence.

Next week's Second Collection is for Parish Development and for the School's Tuition Assistance Program.

*Thank you for your generosity.*

**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

**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 & Maurice Haynes, Sherry Highlander, Tamaya Hunt, Ann Jones, Tom Kennedy, Maria Impang Lozada, Maria Lozano, Bernice Luckett, 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



## Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Paul reminds us in the second reading that Christ died “so that those who live might live no longer for themselves.” What we give to and do for others, we give to and do for Jesus!

### This Week's Service Schedule

**Sunday Readings:** Is49:1-6, Acts 13:22-26, Lk 1:57-66, 80

**Monday Readings:** . 2Kings 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18. Mt 7:1-5

**Tuesday Readings:** 2Kings 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36. Mt 7:6, 12-14.

**Wednesday Readings:** . 2Kings 22:8-13, 23:1-3. Mt 7:15-20. Or 2Tim 4:1-5. Mt 5:13-19.

**Thursday Readings:** . 2Kings 24:8-17. Mt 7:21-29. Or 2Tim 2:22b-26. Jn 17:20-26. Or Acts 3:1-10, Gal 1:11-20. Jn 21:15-19

**Friday Readings:** . Acts 12:1-11. 2Tim 4:6-8, 17-18. Mt 16:13-19.

**Saturday Readings:** . Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19. Mt 8:5-17. Or Rom 8:31b-39. Mt 24:4-13.

**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.

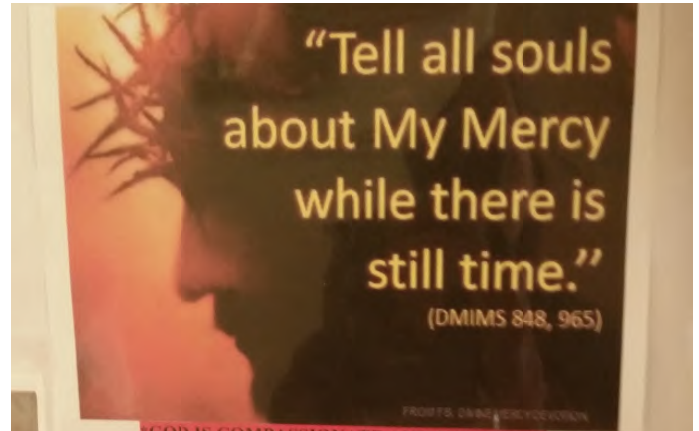
**Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Mon.- Sat.,** 8:30am at Church; Daily, 3pm, 9pm, and 10pm (Spanish) and Wed., 7:30pm (Spanish), Chapel.

**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.,** 4pm. Or at an appointed time.

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



### Protecting God's Children

All volunteers and church employees must be certified 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.

### 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](mailto:kathleen.keller@dioceseofphiladelphia.org) her.

### 33 Days to Morning Glory

You are invited to participate in a total Consecration to Jesus through Mary. We will use Father Michael Gaitley's book, 33 Days to Morning Glory.

Each week, we will study a saint who was consecrated to Mary 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.

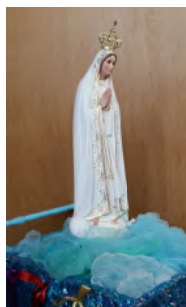
Consecration is on August 15th.

(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.

### Celebrating Our Lady of Fatima



A Mass and a Rosary procession will be held each month to commemorate the apparition of Our Lady on those dates 101 years ago. Sunday, May 13, 2018 at 7pm at the Chapel (Rosary procession Only). Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 7pm at Saint John Church.

Friday, July 13, 2018 at 7pm at St. John Church.

Monday, August 13, 2018 at 7pm at St. John Church.

Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 7pm at St. John Church.

Saturday, October 13, 2018 at 7pm at St. John Church with Rose flower offering.

### Bishop's Appeal of 2018

Your gift to the 2018 Bishop's Appeal's "Lighting The Way" supports to increase vocations, fund catechesis, care for elderly religious and priests, provide social services to the hungry, homeless, the sick and unemployed in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

### Vacation Bible Day Camp



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](#)

**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

**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

**Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Ave**

Jun. 26, Birthday Celebration & Sing Along at 11:30am/Lunch at 12:30pm.

**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, Joe.Sue.Talarico@wwme.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. 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.