

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:
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

The Source of All Forgiveness

In his 1622 painting *The Penitent St. Mary Magdalene*, Giovanni Francesco Barbieri, known as Guercino, portrays Mary Magdalene with shoulders uncovered and disheveled hair. These details remind us of her shameful past without defining her present. Rather, it is her humble, penitent spirit from which her heroic love for Jesus springs. The sinful Mary, who had been forgiven so much, is also one who has loved much.

One angel holds out before her the symbols of the passion to remind Magdalene of the ransom her Beloved paid to set her free from sin. A second angel pointing to heaven reminds her that these nails no longer bind him. Or as the angel would tell Mary Magdalene in the garden, "He is not here, he has risen."

Many mistakenly conflate Mary Magdalene with the unknown woman from Luke 7:36-50. The woman offers an act of humility by breaking into the dinner party of Simon and sobbing over the feet of Jesus. She bathes his feet with tears of repentance and dries them with her lovely hair. Despite the confusion, we admire this woman's and Mary's humility. Neither were too proud to repent.

For Reflection

Am I humble enough to admit my faults to myself and others?

How often do I ask forgiveness from my loved ones and in confession?

The painting is called *The Penitent St. Mary Magdalene* because Mary looks purposely like a person kneeling in confession. Speaking with head downcast, she admits her failures. And as in confession, the representative of God sits on the other side encouraging her to consider Jesus' passion, love, and mercy. The angel in the center reminds Mary to whom she is really confessing. By pointing to heaven we are all reminded of the source from whom all forgiveness comes.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Piece: *The Penitent St. Mary Magdalene*, 1622
Artist: Giovanni Francesco Barbieri
Location: Vatican Museums



*His heart was moved with pity for them,
for they were like sheep without a shepherd.*

Mark 6:34

Mass Intentions for the Week



		Intention	Requested by
Saturday, Jul. 21	5 p.m.	St. John the Baptist Portuguese Community	St. John the Baptist Portuguese Community
Sunday, Jul. 22	8 a.m.	Renaldo Marin †	Marin Family
	9:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for the Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
	11:30 a.m.	Joseph Kittisak Hunchareonchai †	Supalak Kittisakvanit
	6 p.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Monday, Jul. 23	8 a.m.	Diane Marin-Good Health	St. John Friends
Tuesday, Jul. 24	8 a.m.	Marcelo Caasi †	Mila Vargas
Wednesday, Jul. 25	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for the Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
		Gebre Kristos Mersie-Hazen †	Kristos-Vaughn Family
Thursday, Jul. 26	8 a.m.	Mary Hehir †	Eugene O'Driscoll
Friday, Jul. 27	8 a.m.	Norman David †	Mila Vargas

Stewardship

Check the parish bulletin at the church for the collection report of July 15, 2018. This report will appear on the website next week.

Next week's Second Collection is for Parish Charities (GRIP/St. Vincent DePaul Program).

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 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, Fely Sabares, Jovita Santos, Rosa Maria Santos, Claudette Schnarz, Linda Schneider, Dimitri Smith, Salvador Tejero, Rose Texara, Pat Tilley, Isaac Tionson, Jr., Joseph Vidal, Sarah Vidal, Evodio Walle, Winston Williams, Jan Williamson



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

Evangelization: Priests and their Pastoral Ministry

That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, Jesus had planned to slip away from the crowds for a few moments of peace and a little rest. When He saw the people gathered, however, He put His needs aside to meet the needs of others. Sometimes, as good stewards, we are called to do the same.

This Week's Service Schedule

Sunday Readings: Jer 23:1-6, Eph 2:13-18, Mk 6:30-34.

Monday Readings: Micah 6:1-4, 6-8. Mt 12:38-42. Or Gal 2:19-20, Jn 15:1-8.

Tuesday Readings: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20. Mt 12:46-50. Or Sir 3:17-24. Mt 19:27-29.

Wednesday Readings: 2Cor 4:7-15. Mt 20:20-28.

Thursday Readings: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13. Mt 13:10-17. Or Sir 44:1, 10-15. Mt 13:16-17.

Friday Readings: Jer 3:14-17, Mt 13:18-23.

Saturday Readings: Jer 7:1-11, Mt 13:24-30.

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.

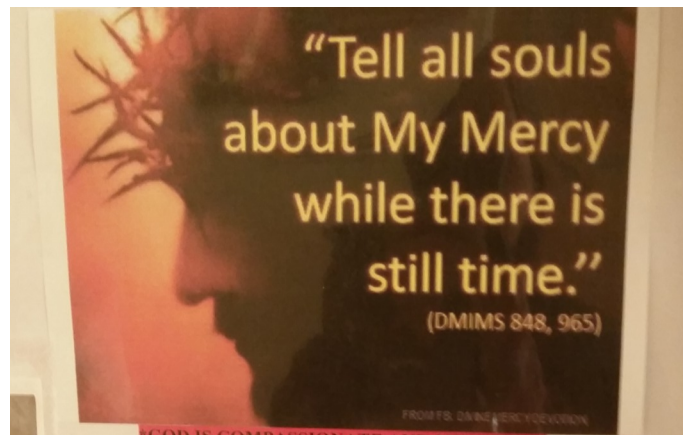
Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Mon.- Sat., 8:30am at Church; Daily, 3pm, 9pm, and 10pm (Spanish) and Wed., 7:30pm (Spanish), Chapel.

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., 4pm. Or at an appointed time.

24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration, Daily at the Chapel.



Protecting God's Children

All volunteers and church employees' certification at virtusonline.org is valid for 3 years.

Volunteers and church employees, who mentor minors, or administer to 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@parish.org) her.

Catechetical Congress

Come and be enriched and inspired by many nationally known speakers as well as some of our own ministry leaders on August 11, 2018, Saturday, from 8am to 4 pm at The Bishop O’Dowd High School, 9500 Stearns Avenue, Oakland, Ca. Registration fee is \$40. Register online: www.oakdiocese.org/ Congress. There will be no onsite registration. Last day of registration is August 6, 2018. For more information, contact: PCollier@oakdiocese.org



“ 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.

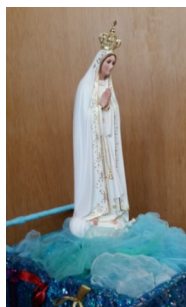
Join us for an information night and distribution of materials on June 25.

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

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.

Natural Family Planning Classes

An introduction to Natural Family Planning, a form of family planning which conforms to Catholic teaching, is being offered Sept. 8. The session is from 1 to 4 p.m. and will be offered at Real Options Obria Medical Clinic at Union City, 33523 Western Ave., Union City. The session is free and open to engaged or married couples, clergy and religious. For more information, call 510.271.1936. The Weekly July 9, 2018 A Chancery publication for the employees, parish staff, clergy and religious of the Diocese of Oakland.

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.

Thanksgiving Mass for Healthcare Providers

The annual thanksgiving celebration is Sept. 29, 2018 at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison Street, Oakland. We encourage all who provide healthcare services, direct and administrative, to attend this multicultural Mass as we celebrate your energy, dedication, and generosity.

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

Calls for Help & Hope

The Contra Costa Crisis Center has provided a lifeline of help and hope for 55 years.
 Call 1-800-833-2900

Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Ave

Jul. 24, Know about Affordable Housing with Aissia Ashoori / 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.