

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.

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Accountant/Bookkeeper:
Arthur De Leon

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

Confirmation – Youth Ministry

Gina DeLaTorre: (510)-815-0050

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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

Quit Grumbling!

Grumbling is terrible. It spreads discontent, discouragement, a negative spirit. It tells others you are unhappy and tries to drag them down. The Israelites grumbled against Moses and, indirectly, against God. He had taken them from slavery, yes, but led them into the desert with poor food and continual wanderings. At least as slaves they had food to eat and knew where they were. The devil can also trick us into believing that Jesus has done us no favors in saving us from the slavery of sin and feeding us with the gospel as we wander after his will.

Jesus faces this shortsightedness. After he multiplies the bread and feeds the people, they follow him—but not because they want to convert and begin living the life of generosity. They follow him because they got their fill. They want a God that satisfies and takes care of them. They want a credit-card God, an unending source of funds to bail them out—not a God who offers salvation through conversion and generosity.

It is common to want a God who obeys us and not the other way around. Saint Jerome went into the desert, just like the Egyptians, to learn this lesson of humble obedience. Rather than grumble, he prayed for conversion. He learned that there is no doubt Jesus gives us all we could need, but we must expand our hearts and minds to receive it. Conversion is stretching our limits to the bountiful measure of God rather than grumbling and shrinking him to our miserly standards.

For Reflection

Do I need a bit more time praying with God to learn and enjoy his ways?

How can I accept all the good God gives me, and desire his will above my own?

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



[Jesus said,] “You are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled.”

John 6:26

Mass Intentions for the Week



		Intention	Requested by
Saturday, Aug. 4	5 p.m.	St. John the Baptist Portuguese Community	St. John the Baptist Portuguese Community
Sunday, Aug. 5	8 a.m.	Peter Vietti †	Vietti Family
	9:30 a.m.	Joseph Conwill †	Alice Barce
	11:30 a.m.	Esther Taylor †	Taylor Family
	6 p.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Monday, Aug. 6	8 a.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Tuesday, Aug. 7	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
Wednesday, Aug. 8	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
Thursday, Aug. 9	8 a.m.	Sr. Marie Dominique, D.C. †	Joanne Harbour
Friday, Aug. 10	8 a.m.	St. John the Baptist Portuguese Community	St. John the Baptist Portuguese Community
Saturday, Aug. 11	8 a.m.	Donna Patterson-Good Health	Kathy Klatt

Stewardship

Envelopes & EFT, Jul 29, 2018 \$ 2,735
 Loose Donations \$ 1,151
 Second Collection: Parish Charities \$2,010
 This week's Second Collection is for Parish Development and The School Tuition Assistance Program.
 Next week's Second Collection is for the Food for the Poor Ministry.

Thank you for your generosity.

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

Universal: The treasure of Families
 That any far reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

Children's Religious Education-CRE

The two-year program to prepare children to receive their first sacrament of reconciliation/confession and holy communion starts on Sep. 9 and ends May 11. (510) 501-4894

Let Us Pray for the Sick

Rodolfo Abesamis, Virginia Alday, Gera Assefa
 Niani Barber, Pearl & Patrick
 Batiste, Paul Batist, Irene Blair,
 Robert Britto, Richard
 Calapini, Evelyn Canepa, Jeff
 Chavez, Brenna Clark, Jennette
 Cleadenger, Betty Cooper, Linda
 Crittondon, Cora Dongon, Mary
 Dong, Tami Duncan, Juanita
 Estrellas, Eric Ewen, Filomena Giese,
 Mike Giovannini, Joseph Golinveau
 Domingos deGregorio, Andy Gutierrez, James Gutierrez,
 Ruben Gutierrez, Maydelle Halligan, Joanne, Marvin &
 Maurice Haynes, Sherry Highlander, Tamaya Hunt, Ann
 Jones, Tom Kennedy, Maria Impang Lozada, Bernice
 Lockett, 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, Linda
 Schneider, Salvador Tejero, Rose Texara, Pat Tilley,
 Isaac Tiongson, Jr., Joseph Vidal, Sarah Vidal, Evodio
 Walle, Winston Williams, Jan Williamson



Baptism Classes for Parents

Classes are held at the rectory after the children's Mass of 9:30am, Sundays. Aug. 5, 12, Sep. 9, 16, Oct. 7, 14, Nov. 4, 11, Dec. 9, 16.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The crowd in today's Gospel demanded a sign from Jesus. May our faithful stewardship be a sign to others that we, like the Ephesians in the second reading, have laid aside our former way of life and acquired a "fresh, spiritual way of thinking" in Christ.

This Week's Service Schedule

Sunday Readings: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15.
Eph 4:17, 20-24. Jn 6:24-35.

Monday Readings: Dan 7:9-10, 13-14,
2 Peter 1:16-19. Mk 9:2-10.

Tuesday Readings: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22.
Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14. Or Wis 3:1-9.
Mt 10:28-33. Or Sir 2:7-11. Lk 12:32-34.

Wednesday Readings: Jer 31:1-7. Mt 15:21-28.
Or 1Cor 2:1-10a. Lk 9:57-62.

Thursday Readings: Jer 31:31-34. Mt 16:13-23.
Or Hos 2:16bc, 17cd, 21-22. Mt 25:1-13.

Friday Readings: 2Cor 9:6-10. Jn 12:24-26.

Saturday Readings: Habakkuk 1:12-2:4.
Mt 17:14-20. Or Phil 3:8-14. Mt 19:27-29

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),

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

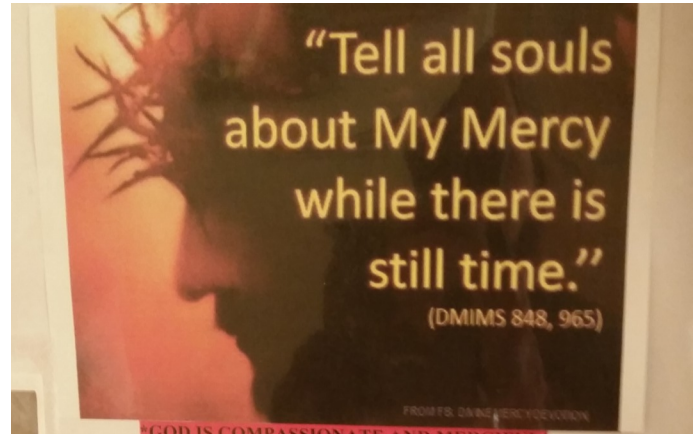
Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,
Fri., 6pm at the Chapel.

Confessions, Sat., 4pm. Or at an Appointed time.

24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration,
Daily at the Chapel.

St. John Elementary School

Please keep in your prayers our preschool to 8th grade children, parents and teachers who will begin the schoolyear on Aug 22, Wednesday.



Protecting God's Children

All volunteers and church employees must be certified at virtusonline.org.

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@diocese.org) her.

2018 Parish & School Festival

Slated for Sep. 22, 23 with Family Dinner on Saturday and day festivities on Sunday.

Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Join Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ and other anniversary celebrants, families and friends celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of Christ the Light on October 21, Sunday, 10am.

Register at www.oakdiocese.org/anniversary or call Laura at (510) 267-8395. \$25 for anniversary couple and \$10 for each guest. Reception for registered guests.

“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.



Help keep our church clean.

Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady

A Holy Day of Obligation, Aug. 15, Wednesday. Mass at 8am & 7:30pm.

Anniversary Celebration of the Catholic Faith in the Philippines, 1521-2021

Dedicating 2018 to St. Lorenzo Ruiz at St. Isidore, Danville, Sep. 22, Saturday, 9:30am-3pm. All are welcome.

Employment Opportunity

Sandwich Preparer at Angelo’s Gourmet Deli, 12025 San Pablo Ave., Richmond, (510) 234-2485. Call Mon.-Fri. after 2pm.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The mission is to proclaim the value of Marriage and Holy Orders in the church and the world! - Joe & Sue Talarico, Diocese of Oakland

Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends, San Damiano Retreat Center. Call Joe & Sue,

925-680-7767 or oaklandwwme.org or Mike & Jeanne 925-672-2016.

Bishop’s Appeal of 2018

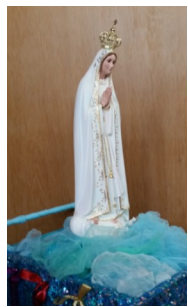
Your gift supports vocations, catechesis, care for elderly religious and priests, social services for the hungry, homeless, the sick and unemployed in Alameda and Contra Costa counties .

Catechetical Congress, Aug. 11

Register by Aug. 6, Monday at PCollier@oakdiocese.org
Venue: Bishop O’Dowd High School, 8-4pm.

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.

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

Electronic Fund Transfer-EFT

Sign Up for Electronic Donations – They’re Simple, Safe and Convenient –

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

Natural Family Planning Classes

The class is an introduction to family planning which conforms to Catholic teaching. The session is offered on Sept. 8 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Real Options Obria Medical Clinic-Union City, 33523 Western Ave., Union City. Admission is free. Open to engaged or married couples, clergy, and religious.

For more information, call 510-271-1936.

Food For The Poor

Permanent Deacon Albert Williams from the Archdiocese of St Louis will speak on Aug 11 weekend of a ministry that provides direct relief to the poor in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Witness of Food for the Poor attests living the Gospel mandate to love one another. Please welcome Deacon Williams.

Centennial Rosary Crusade

Celebrate the Fatima Centennial by hosting Our Lady's Pilgrim Statue of Fatima in your own home with the Rosary, the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, and Our Lady's Message at Fatima. (Spanish/English).

Please call: Enrique Sanchez, (510) 237-8873.

Thanksgiving Mass for Healthcare Providers

The annual Thanksgiving Mass for Healthcare Providers will be celebrated Sept. 29 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. A reception and mental health resources fair will follow the Mass. You may use these flyers, in English and Spanish, to promote the event.

Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Ave

Aug. 7: Get your blood pressure checked. Senior Members' Meeting. Lunch at 12:30pm.