

# 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:  
• 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

August 12, 2018

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:4-8

Eph 4:30-5:2

Jn 6:41-51

## Jesus' Coming Down Among Us

Marc Chagall, a painter in the late last century and one of the favorites of Pope Francis, shows Jesus' crucifixion as a global mystery. It is not just an event in the past. Jesus is still coming down among the throngs of needy souls of the modern day, laying down his life and accompanying them in their sufferings.

The Gospel of John uses this term of "coming down" to take up the theme of the Incarnation. Jesus left his heavenly home and came down among us. He lowered himself to dirty his feet along the tortuous routes on which humanity travels. He is not unapproachable, far from the sufferings of his followers, but has become like them in all things but sin. He knows the hunger and needs of his people.

This is nothing new for God. He came down to walk in the Garden with Adam and Eve. He came down to see the people building the Tower of Babel. He came down to Moses in the burning bush and in giving the Ten Commandments. And he came down to console and feed Elijah, who was despairing of his life. He gave Elijah food for his journey, strengthening him to travel in the desert.

In the Eucharist, Jesus comes down to you today to carry your

*For Reflection*  
*Jesus comes down to be with me. Am I available in my heart to be with him?*

burdens and give you his life. He urges us to get up, eat. He is the Living Bread come down from heaven that, if we unite with him in holy Communion, he will give us his divine force and we will live eternally with him.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *The Martyr*, 1970  
Artist: Marc Chagall  
Location: Vatican Museums

*[Jesus said,] "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever."*

*John 6:51*

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

		Intention	Requested by
Saturday, Aug. 11	5 p.m.	Steven Tipping †	Tipping Family
Sunday, Aug. 12	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
	9:30 a.m.	For the Deceased Members of the Woo and Dong Families	John and Nancy Woo
	11:30 a.m.	St. John the Baptist Portuguese Community	St. John the Baptist Portuguese Community
	6 p.m.	St. John the Baptist Parishioners	St. John Parish
Monday, Aug. 13	8 a.m.	Maria Fatima Gregorio †	Mom and Dad
	7 p.m.	Our Lady of Fatima Devotees	Ancelle Nguyen
Tuesday, Aug. 14	8 a.m.	Minda Sabares †	Fely Sabares
Wednesday, Aug. 15		Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady	
	8 a.m.	Aladina and Pasquale Matteucci †	Gina Lencioni
	7:30 p.m.	Salvation of Souls	Parishioner
Thursday, Aug. 16	8 a.m.	Esther Taylor †	Taylor Family
Friday, Aug. 17	8 a.m.	Erlinda D. de las Armas †	Bernie Juat
Saturday, Aug. 18	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving	Victoria Tannady

**Stewardship**

Envelopes & EFT, Aug 5, 2018      \$ 5,668  
 Loose Donations                      \$ 1,090  
 Second Collection: Parish Development  
 and the School Tuition Assistance Program \$ 1,393  
 Charismatic Service, Sat., Aug. 4      \$ 298  
 This week's Second Collection is for the Food  
 For The Poor Ministry.

*Thank you for your generosity.*

**Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady**

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

**Evelyn Baker Remembered**

Anne Sowinski and Matthew Baker, niece and son of Evelyn Baker and Family expressed sincerest gratitude to St. John the Baptist parish toward the church service and the community prayers and fellowship held last Aug.3 for a dear, longtime parishioner and friend, Evelyn Baker.

**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  
 Crittendon, 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 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, Linda Schneider,  
 Salvador Tejero, Rose Texara, Pat Tilley, Isaac  
 Tionsgon, Jr., Joseph Vidal, Sarah Vidal, Evodio Walle,  
 Winston Williams, Jan Williamson



## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The gifts of God that the angel brought to Elijah - food, water, rest, and encouragement - were given, not for his own good alone, but to strengthen him for service. How am I using my gifts to serve others?

### This Week's Service Schedule

**Sunday Readings:** 1 Kings 19:4-8, Eph 4:30-5:2.  
Jn 6:41-51.

**Monday Readings:** Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c. Mt 17:22-27. Or 1 Peter 4:12-19. Jn 15:18-21

**Tuesday Readings:** Ez 2:8-3:4. Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14. Or Wis 3:1-9. Or 1 Jn 3:14-18.  
Jn 15:12-16.

### Feast of the Assumption/Wednesday

**Readings/** Rev 11:10a, 12:1-6a, 10ab.  
1 Cor 15:20-27. Lk 1:39-56.

(A Holy Day of Obligation)

**Thursday Readings:** Ez 12:1-12. Mt 18:21-19:1.  
Or Deut 6:3-9. Mt 25:14-30 Or 25:14-23.

**Friday Readings:** Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63.  
Or 16:59-63. Mt 19:3-12.

**Saturday Readings:** Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32.  
Mt 19:13-15.

**Our Lady of Fatima Procession and Mass,** Mon.  
7pm Church.

**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.

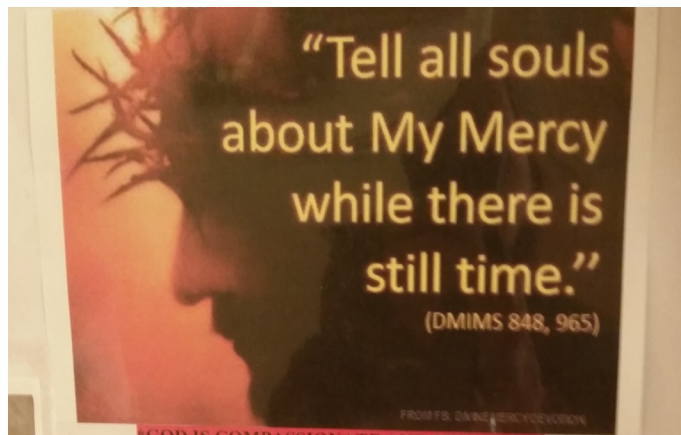
**Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet,** Mon.-  
Sat., 8:30am at Church; Daily, 3pm, 9pm, and  
10pm (Spanish) and Wed., 7:30pm (Spanish),

**Holy Infant of Prague Novena,** Thu. at 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.



### 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 to vulnerable adults must be livescanned/fingerprinted.

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

### 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 Penance and Holy Communion. Classes for this year 2018-2019 starts on Sep. 9 and ends May 11. For more information, please call Lynne at (510) 501-4894.

### Centennial Rosary Crusade

Host the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady in your own home with the Rosary, the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, and Her Message at Fatima. (Spanish/English). Please call: Enrique Sanchez, (510) 237-8873.

**Quincentennial Anniversary of Catholicism in the Philippines**

LIVE CHRIST, SHARE CHRIST. Looking Forward to Our Five Hundredth. *Go and make disciples... (Mt. 28:19).* We look forward with gratitude and joy to March 16, 2021, the fifth centenary of the coming of Christianity to our beloved land. We remember with thanksgiving the first Mass celebrated in Limasawa Island on Easter Sunday March 31 that same blessed year. We remember the baptism of Rajah Humabon who was given his Christian name Carlos and his wife Hara Amihan who was baptized Juana in 1521. Our eyes gaze on the Santo Niño de Cebu, the oldest religious icon in the Philippines, gift of Ferdinand Magellan to the first Filipino Catholics that same year. Indeed the year 2021 will be a year of great jubilee for the Church in the Philippines. For the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines: + JOSE S. PALMA, D.D. Archbishop of Cebu President July 9, 2012 (Excerpts)

**Catholic Charities on Immigration**

Bi-monthly Know Your Rights presentations about recent changes and individuals' rights are held on Aug 14, 28, Sep 11, 25, Oct 9, 23, Nov 13, 27, Dec 11. Please call Deanna Salazar, (925) 771-8524.

**St. John Elementary School**

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

**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

**2018 Parish & School Festival, Sep 22, 23**

Raffle tickets at \$10 for 1, \$25 for 3, \$50 for 6 and \$100 for 12. Cash and gift prizes on Winner Tickets and 4 Raffle Drawing Dates.

**Cathedral Mass for Wedding Anniversaries**

Register at [www.oakdiocese.org/anniversary](http://www.oakdiocese.org/anniversary) or call Laura at (510) 267-8395. Oct 21 at 10am.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a chance to look deeply into a relationship between husband and wife and with God. It offers married couples an opportunity to learn a loving communication to last a lifetime.

Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends at San Damiano Retreat Center. Contact Joe & Sue Talarico, Diocese of Oakland, (925) 680-7767, Joe.Sue.Talarico@wwme.org. Or Mike & Jeanne, (925)-672-2016.

**Bishop's Appeal of 2018**

Your gift supports religious vocations.

**Thanksgiving Mass for Healthcare Providers**

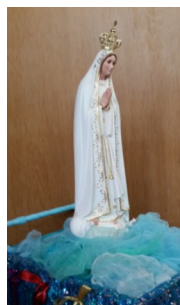
The annual thanksgiving celebration is on Sep. 29, 10am at the Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison Street, Oakland. A reception and mental health resources fair will follow the Mass.

**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. This is a free seminar open to engaged or married couples, clergy and religious.

**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.

**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

**Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Ave**

Aug. 14: Know about government benefits and education for seniors from the North American Senior Benefits Association. Lunch at 12:30pm.

**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:keller@stjohnsbaptist.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, Wednesday at 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.



*Welcome to the Faith*  
 Loretta Oliveira  
*Our Newly Baptized*