

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

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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

Accepting God's Truths

The pursuit of wisdom and knowledge has long been a supreme striving of the human heart. Especially as we age, we hunger to truly understand reality, the human heart, modern culture, its problems and solutions.

The Old Testament offers amazing tips on the



Piece: *The Hand of God*, 1890
Artist: Auguste Rodin
Location: Vatican Museums

pursuit of wisdom. Using the analogy of a woman who prepares a meal and invites others to dine at her table, wisdom is a gift prepared by God and set before humanity to receive. We don't produce the truth. We discover and embrace it. We chew on it, take it in like food, and gain strength from it.

The Jews had a hard time swallowing Jesus' truth about the Eucharist. They argued among themselves, trying to figure out this truth instead of simply accepting this revelation as coming from one they could trust—then once accepted, strive to understand the mystery. Once we accept the world, situations, and revelations offered to us, and strive to understand these gifts, then wisdom can become ours.

Some fundamental attitudes accompany this changed perspective: First, it is right to humbly accept the world, people, and situations as gifts to appreciate rather than problems to be solved. Second, believe God has wisdom to share. Third, build upon truths already known and revealed, accepting that we can't "know it all."

The Rodin sculpture also hides this same truth. God's hand fashions creation, holds it in his palm, and then offers it to us. We accept it as a gift, embrace it, and discover the wisdom of the hand of God hidden therein.

— Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Would the author of Proverbs consider me foolish in the way I live? Read more of the book to find out.

Is there a truth I need to accept and build my life upon to move from foolishness to wisdom?

[Wisdom says,] "To any who lack sense I say, Come, eat of my food, and drink of the wine I have mixed!"

Proverbs 9:4–5

Mass Intentions for the Week

Intention

Requested by

Saturday, Aug. 18	5 p.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Sunday, Aug. 19	8 a.m.	Luis Torres†	Torres Family
	9:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
	11:30 a.m.	Isabella Tannady - Birthday	Victoria Tannady Family
	6 p.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Monday, Aug. 20	8 a.m.	Barbara Kniffin Lapp Erlinda de las Armas †	Mary Kniffin Bernie Juat
Tuesday, Aug. 21	8 a.m.	Catherine Robertson †	Robertson Family
Wednesday, Aug. 22	8 a.m.	Norman Kinsey - Good Health	Jennifer Sylvestri
Thursday, Aug. 23	8 a.m.	Joseph Conwill †	Noreen Shaughnessy
Friday, Aug. 24	8 a.m.	Juan Sabares †	Fely Sabares
Saturday, Aug. 25	8 a.m.	Maria Luisa Salinda - Birthday	Bautista Family

Stewardship

Envelopes & EFT, Aug 12, 2018	\$ 2,756
Loose Donations	\$ 1,092
Food For The Poor	\$ 205

Thank you for your generosity.

St. John Elementary School

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

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.

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.

Let Us Pray for the Sick

Rodolfo Abesamis, Virginia Alday, Gera Assefa
 Niani Barber, Pearl & Patrick
 Batiste, 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 & ichael 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



Celebrate the Fall Season at

St. John the Baptist Church and School's Annual



BBQ DINNER: Saturday, September 22, 2018

6:00 pm to 10:00 pm

St. John the Baptist School Gym

Kearney St (cross street Potrero Ave) El Cerrito, CA 94530

FESTIVAL: Sunday, September 23, 2018

10:30 am to 4:00 pm

St. John the Baptist School Playground and Gym

- * **Multi-Cultural Delicious Foods**
- * **Fun Games for the Entire Family**
- * **Wonderful Entertainment**
- * **Face Painting, Cake Walk, Kids Story Time**
- * **Country Store and Book Fair**

Invite your family and friends!
Can't attend? Sponsor a food or game booth.
or make a donation (tax-deductible).

Call us: (510) 232-5659 (Church Rectory) or

(510) 234-3344 (School Office)

Visit us: StJohnElCerrito.org

Like/Follow us: Facebook, Twitter

See you at the Fall Festival!!

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Even though we are told that if we seek the Lord, we shall not want, in the second reading St. Paul reminds us that, thus blessed by the Lord, the good steward should “give thanks to God the Father always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

This Week's Service Schedule

Sunday Readings: Prov 9:1-6. Eph 5:15-20.
Jn 6:51-58.

Monday Readings: Ez 24:15-24. Mt 19:16-22.
Or Sir 15:1-6. Jn 17:20-26

Tuesday Readings: Ez 28:1-10. Mt 19:23-30.
Or 1 Thes 2:2b-8. Jn 21:15-17.

Wednesday Readings: Ez 34:1-11. Mt 20:1-16.
Or Is 9:1-6. Lk 1:26-38.

Thursday Readings: Ez 36:23-28. Mt 22:1-14.
Or 2 Cor 10:17-11:2. Mt 13:44-46.

Friday Readings: Rev 21:9b-14. Jn 1:45-51.

Saturday Readings: Ez 43:1-7ab. Mt 23:1-12.
Or Is 58:6-11. Mt 22:34-40. Or 1 Cor 12:31-13:13
Or 13:4-13. Mt 18:1-5.

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.

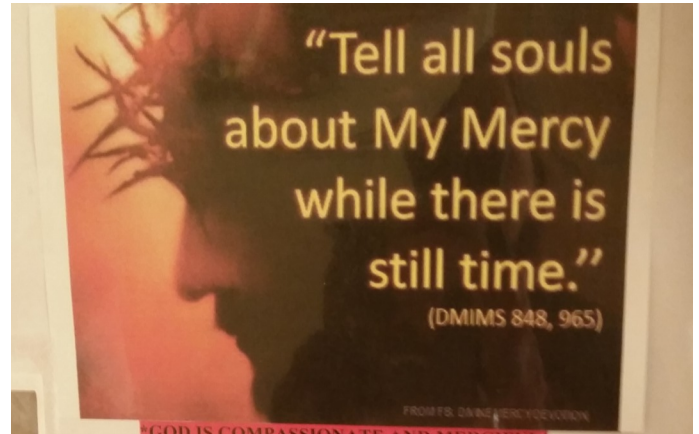
Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Mon.-
Sat., 8:30am at Church; Daily, 3pm, 9pm, and
10pm (Spanish) and Wed., 7:30pm (Spanish),

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 sign in at 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.

"Totus Tuus" At St. John Parish

A new group has been formed at St. John's called "Totus Tuus" (*Totally Yours*). The group came together by way of the preparation of St. Louis De Monfort's "Consecration to Jesus through Mary" using Fr. Michael Gaitley's book "33 Days to Morning Glory".

To continue "*Living Our Consecration*" we'll be meeting on the 2nd Monday of the month [at 7:00 pm](#) in the Fr. John Maxwell Conference Room. The next meeting is [on Monday, September 10th](#). We'll be studying the "Rosary".

All are invited to join us on our continued journey with Our Lady.

Blessings,
María Isabel



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

Immigration Updates

Catholic Charities of the East Bay (Concord) is hosting bi-monthly **Know Your Rights** presentations about recent changes and individuals' rights, regardless of immigrant status.

No registration is required. For more information or to register, contact Deanna Salazar at (925) 771-8524. Upcoming sessions are: Aug. 14, Aug. 28, Sept. 11, .Sept. 25, .Oct. 9, Oct. 23, Nov. 13, Nov. 27, and Dec. 11.

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.



Help keep our church clean.

Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Ave

Aug. 21: Musical hour by the Brook's Ukelele Band. Lunch at 12:30pm.



Paul Batiste

Church Linen Ministry

The ministry has received a full complement of volunteers that each volunteer takes the care of laundering the linens every six to eight weeks. Thank you for considering joining and giving your time, talent, and treasure. .

2018 Festival-Country Store

The festival is coming Sep 22, 23. Please start bringing items for the Country Store, like jewelries, books, kitchenwares, Christmas items, decors, small plants, unused small clothings. For more information, call the Office or email: kathyklatt02@gmail.com