

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

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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.

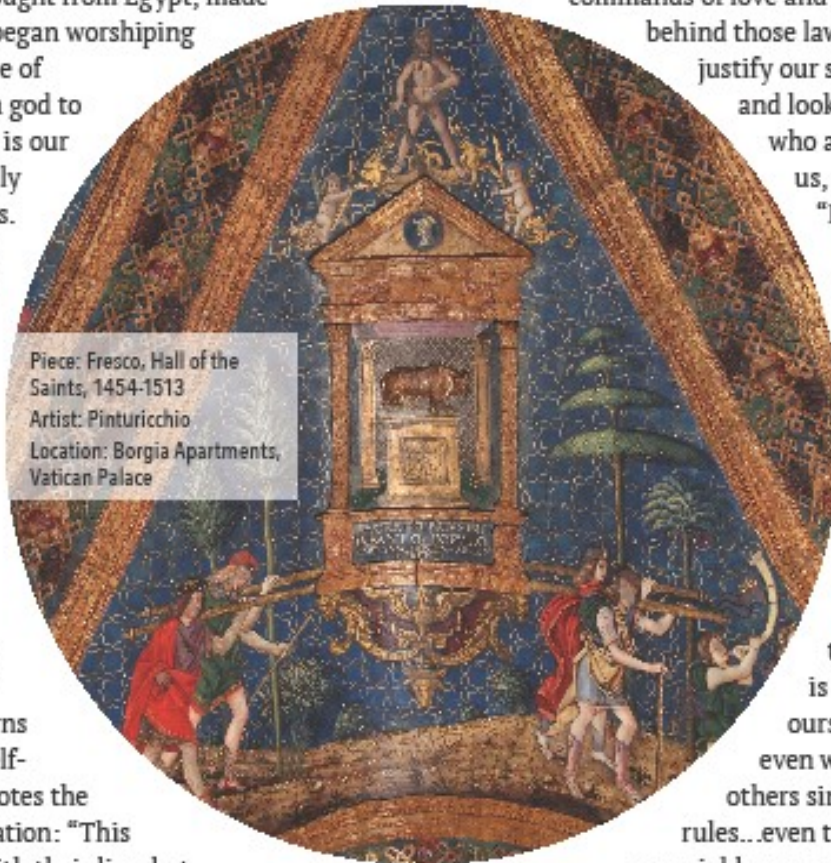
Sisters of Mercy Convent

(510)-233-6769

Human Rules and God's Rule

Today's painting is of the golden calf, produced by the Israelites when Moses disappeared up the mountain to receive God's law. Since Moses delayed, they melted gold brought from Egypt, made their own god, and began worshipping it. This is the essence of idolatry: We create a god to worship, but since it is our creation, we are really worshipping ourselves.

Jesus accused the Pharisees of falling into a similar trap. They slavishly revered human traditions that didn't reflect the heart of God. They hid behind laws created in the name of religion to serve themselves and their desire for power. Jesus overturns the tables of their self-justifications. He quotes the prophet as an accusation: "This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me" (Mark 7:6).



Piece: Fresco, Hall of the Saints, 1454-1513
Artist: Pinturicchio
Location: Borgia Apartments, Vatican Palace

Before pointing an accusatory finger, realize that the same can happen to us. We can cling to human traditions and laws while disregarding God's basic commands of love and mercy. We can hide behind those laws and traditions to justify our self-righteousness and look down on others who are not as pious as us, as noted by James: "Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves" (James 1:22).

Pope Francis makes a special effort to remind the Church, especially the clergy, of this truth: "Dangerous as it was then for the Pharisees, so too is it for us to consider ourselves acceptable or, even worse, better than others simply for observing the rules...even though we do not love our neighbor, we are hard of heart, we are arrogant and proud."

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

*Do I look down on others who are not as generous and faithful as I?
Is there is a subtle division in my heart between those who deserve my love and those who do not?*

[Jesus said,] "You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition."

Mark 7:8

Mass Intentions for the Week

		Intention	Requested by
Saturday, Sep. 1	5 p.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
Sunday, Sep. 2	8 a.m.	Peter Vietti †	Vietti Family
	9:30 a.m.	Dick, Helen, Richard Nelson †	Karen Stevens
	11:30 a.m.	Wesley Tatum-Birthday & Thanksgiving	Jocelyn Limos
	6 p.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Monday, Sep. 3	8 a.m.	Luis Torres †	Torres Family
Tuesday, Sep. 4	8 a.m.	Joseph Conwill †	St. John Parishioners
Wednesday, Sep. 5	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
		Custodio P. Gutierrez-First Year Death Anniversary	Gutierrez Family
Thursday, Sep. 6	8 a.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Friday, Sep. 7	8 a.m.	Henry Ong †	Ong Family
Saturday, Sep. 8	8 a.m.	Daniel Fleming †	Lorraine Ostrowski

Stewardship

Envelopes & EFT, Aug. 26, 2018 \$ 5,986
 Loose Donations \$ 1,270
 Next week's Second Collection is for the Diocesan Priests' Retirement Benefit Trust.
 This week's Second Collection is for Parish Development and the School's Tuition Assistance Program.

Thank you for your generosity.



Welcome to the Faith
 Hayden Sullivan
Our Newly Baptized

Children's Religious Education

Class starts Sept. 9, Sunday. Classes are every Sunday from 9:30am -12 noon. Please pick up Registration Forms now by the church doors or office. For more information, please call Lynne at

Let Us Pray for the Sick

Rodolfo Abesamis, Virginia Alday
 Niani Barber, Pearl & Patrick
 Batist, Irene Blair, Robert Britto, Richard Calapini
 Evelyn Canepa, Jeff Chavez Brenna Clark,
 Jennette Cleadenger, 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, Avelina S. Juat, 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, Wayne Price, Fely Sabares, Jovita Santos Linda Schneider, Dimitri Smith, Salvador Tejero Rose Texara, Pat Tilley, Isaac Tiongson, Jr. Joseph Vidal, Sarah Vidal, Evodio Walle, Winston Williams, Jan Williamson



Labor Day, Sep. 3

This Monday, the Nation observes Labor Day holiday. School and church office will be closed.

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Every worthwhile gift, every genuine benefit, comes from above,” says St. James in the second reading. But, he reminds us, true worship of God involves using those good gifts to benefit the less fortunate. Good stewardship is not optional; it is the hallmark of our faith.! - James 1:17

This Week's Service Schedule

Sunday Readings: Deut 4:1-2, 6-8. James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27. Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday Readings: . 1 Cor 2:1-5. Lk 4:16-30. Or 2 Cor 4:1-2, 5-7. Lk 22:24-30.

Tuesday Readings: 1 Cor 2:10b-16. Lk 4:31-37.

Wednesday Readings: .1 Cor 3:1-9. Lk 4:38-44

Thursday Readings: . 1 Cor 3:18-23. Lk 5:1-11.

Friday Readings: . 1 Cor 4:1-5. Lk 5:33-39.

Saturday Readings: . Micah 5:1-4a Or Rom 8:28-30. Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 Or 1:18-23

Liturgy of the Hours, Mon.- Fri. at 7:40am.

Prayer Service (Brazilian), Mon., 7:30pm., Community Center.

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),

Rosary (Brazilian), Fri., 7:30pm, Conf. Rm. an

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

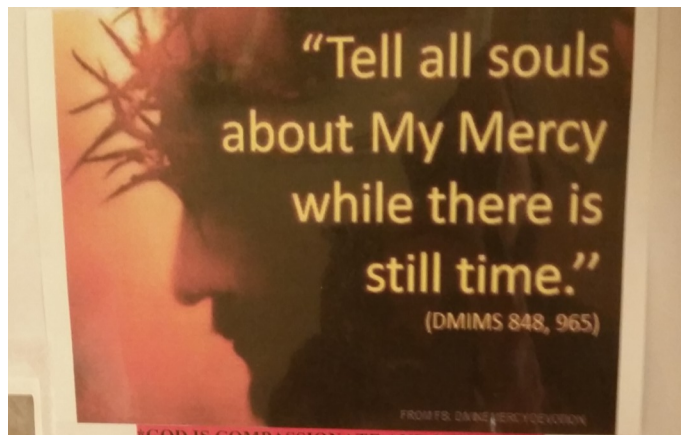
Charismatic Service, Sat., 7pm, at Church.

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

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

Holy Hour, Fri., 8:30am after Mass.

24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration, Daily at the Chapel.



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.

Protecting God's Children

All school and church volunteers and employees are required to obtain a certificate at virtusonline.org.

Volunteers and employees, who mentor minors, or administer to vulnerable adults must be live-scanned/fingerprinted.

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

Diocesan Priest Retirement Benefit Trust

On this Labor Day weekend, let's remember our retired priests. Although they are officially retired, some of the 58 priests in that category are still "laboring in the vineyard" as chaplains, pastor emeriti, spiritual directors and more.

On the weekend of Sept. 9 we will have the opportunity to contribute to the Diocesan Priest Retirement Benefit Trust. Prayerfully consider how you can match their generosity to the Church.

**Catholicism in the Philippines
1521-2021**

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

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.

Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Ave

Sep. 4: Get your blood pressure checked. Members' Meeting/ Lunch at 12:30pm.

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

Universal: Young People in Africa
That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

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!!

Cathedral Mass for Wedding Anniversaries

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

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.

Pope Francis Tells Us to Evangelize, Make Disciples of the Whole World.

A continual theme of Pope Francis' teaching since his election is the need for all of us to evangelize. The mission of all of those in the church is to "go make disciples."

In the parish we have our RCIA program to help all of our evangelization efforts. This program is primarily crafted to form new Catholics. We also use the program to help form those who have not received all of their sacraments or who want to learn more and come back home to the church. The rite provides a lot of education on what it means to be Catholic. It provides an internship so people can experience what it is to be Catholic. It provides a lot of prayer and reflection to enable new and returning Catholics to receive the graces to receive the sacraments worthily.

Evangelize and bring your friends, family, acquaintances, and co-workers to our RCIA information night so then can come in full communion with Christ and His church.

Information night is Sept. 18 at 7:30 PM in the Community center. If you have questions call Christine Hickey 510 815-6022, John Houghton 510 919-8981, or Richard Keller 510 734-1268. If you would prefer us to contact someone, we can do that.

2018 Parish & School Fall Festival

The raffle drawings are on
 September 2 at the 8:00am Mass-Prize \$500 Value.
 September 9 at the 9:30am Mass-Prize \$600 Value.
 September 16 at the 11:30am Mass-Prize \$700 Value.
 September 23 at the end of the Festival-Grand Prize of \$1,800.

2018 Festival Country Store

Bring your donation of any jewelry, kitchenwares, books, new and light clothings or Christmas items (no electronics or shoes). Pls. call the office or Kathy at 672-7781/ kathyklatt02@gmail.com

Job Opportunity

Sandwich Maker. Angelo's Gourmet Delicatessen. Call 510-234-2485 (after 2pm, M-F). 12025 San Pablo Ave./ MacDonalld Ave.

Youth Ministry & Confirmation Program

Through our Youth Ministry & Confirmation Program we seek to empower young people and engage them in the adventure of discipleship by establishing a community for teens which to serve, to share their faith and to grow as followers of Jesus Christ.

If you or someone you know has a teenager interested joining a teen faith community program or receiving the Sacrament of the Rite of Confirmation, registration is now open and registration forms are available at the exits of the church and at the rectory office.

Families interested in registering their teens for the program are required to attend a parent & student meeting at the Community Center on Wednesday, September 12th at 7:00 pm. Youth Group and Confirmation classes will begin on Wednesday, September 26th @ 7:00 p.m. Meetings are held every other Wednesday at the Community Center.

If you have any questions, please contact Gina DeLaTorre, 510-815-0050.

"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 pmin the Fr. John Maxwell Conference Room. The next meeting is on Monday, September 10th. We'll be studying the "Rosary".

For more information, contact Elizabeth Martinez at 510-384-9800.

Next Meeting: **Monday, September 10 at 7:00 pm** in the Conference Room.



Gera Assefa
 Betty Cooper
 Catherine Chung