

# 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



September 9, 2018

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 35:4-7a

Jas 2:1-5

Mk 7:31-37

Piece: Sarcophagus (detail of Jesus healing the blind man), fourth century

Artist: Unknown

Location: Pius-Christian Museum, Vatican



## A Church of and for the Poor

The book of James is one of the hardest hitting in the New Testament. He is a tell-it-like-it-is apostle, warning the early Church not to show partiality to the rich and powerful. This is always a danger, especially in a Church that relies on donations. While gratitude to donors is understandable and proper, it's easy for gratitude to become preference, partiality, and a different moral standard. James warns the Church against this.

Jesus warns us, too. He talks about inviting the poor to a party rather than those who can repay us. He tells us that when we give, that the left hand not know what the right is doing. He warns the rich that the path to heaven is narrow.

Jesus' call to salvation was for all, but his pastoral focus was certainly with the poor. So he dedicated much of his time reaching out to those who could give nothing in return: the blind, deaf, lame, and lepers. And his attention didn't stop at the materially poor but extended to sinners and those thought to be impure.

This love for the weak was a sign of the Messiah as proclaimed by many prophets, including Isaiah. The Anointed of God would come to vindicate the poor, orphaned, widowed, sick, and oppressed.

Jesus did exactly that, and it was this solicitude and miraculous power that began convincing Galileans, and eventually those in Jerusalem, that he was the long-awaited One. Pope Francis said he longed for a Church of the poor, for the poor. It seems Jesus did, too.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### For Reflection

*Do I have a heart for the poor as Jesus did?  
How can I express that real preference in practical ways?*

*My brothers and sisters, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ.*

*James 2:1*

*Mass Intentions for the Week*



			<b>Intention</b>	<b>Requested by</b>
Saturday,	Sep. 8	5 p.m.	Daniel Fleming †	Lorraine Ostrowski
Sunday,	Sep. 9	8 a.m.	Mila Vargas-Birthday	
		9:30 a.m.	For the Deceased Members of The Woo and Dong Families	John and Nancy Woo
		11:30 a.m.	Esther Esmilla Taylor † Thanksgiving	Christina Taylor Victoria Tannady
		6 p.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Monday,	Sep. 10	8 a.m.	Al and Katie Carlson-For Continued Blessings and Good Health	Friends at St. John
Tuesday,	Sep. 11	8 a.m.	Enzo Lencioni †	Gina Lencioni
Wednesday,	Sep. 12	8 a.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Thursday,	Sep. 13	8 a.m.	Beverly Wilkerson † Beverly Wilkerson Family	Kim Martin
			Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Family	Ana Prindle and Children
		7 p.m.	St. John Parishioners and Visitors	
Friday,	Sep. 14	8 a.m.	Henry Ong †	Ong Family
Saturday,	Sep. 8	8 a.m.	Eric and Sharon Ewen's 45th Wedding Anniversary	

**Stewardship**

Envelopes & EFT, Sep. 2, 2018	\$ 6,481
Loose Donations	\$ 1,444
Second Collection: Parish Development and School Tuition Assistance Program (Env/EFT)	\$1,493

This week's Second Collection is for the Diocesan Priest Retirement Benefit Trust.

*Thank you for your generosity.*

**Let Us Pray for the Sick**

Rodolfo Abesamis, Virginia Alday  
Niani Barber, Pearl & Patrick  
Batiste, Irene Blair, Robert Britto,  
Richard, Calapini, Evelyn Canepa,  
Jeff Chavez, Brenna Clark Jennette  
Cleadenger, Linda  
Crittendon, Cora Dongon, Mary  
Dong, Tami Duncan, Juanita  
Estrellas, Filomena Giese, Mike  
Giovannini, Joseph Golinveau,  
Domingo de Gregorio, 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, 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



**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

## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The good steward must not show favoritism. The rich may have many material gifts to share, but St. James reminds us in the second reading that God has chosen the world's poor to be rich in faith and inheritors of God's kingdom.

### This Week's Service Schedule

**Sunday Readings:** Is 35:4-7a. James 2:1-5.  
Mk 7:31-37

**Monday Readings:** 1 Cor 5:1-8. Lk 6:6-11.

**Tuesday Readings:** 1 Cor 6:1-11. Lk 6:12-19.

**Wednesday Readings:** 1Cor 7:25-31.  
Lk 6:20-26. Or Gal 4:4-7. Lk 1:39-47.

**Thursday Readings:** 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13. Lk 6:27-38. Or Eph 4:1-7, 11-13. Mk 4:1-10, 13-20  
Or 4:1-9.

**Friday Readings:** Num 21:4b-9. Phil 2:6-11. Jn 3:13-17.

**Saturday Readings:** 1 Cor 10:14-22. Jn 19:25-27 Or Lk 2:33-35. Or Heb 5:7-9. Jn 19:25-27 Or Lk 2:33-35.

**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.

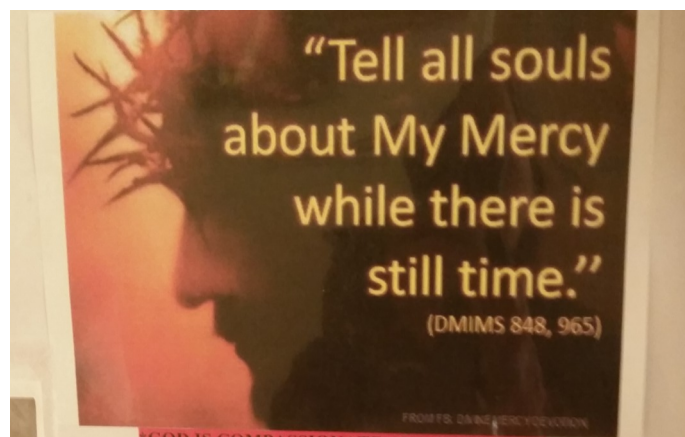
**Confessions, Sat., 4pm.** Or at an Appointed time.

**24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration, Daily** at the  
Chapel.

**Rosary (Brazilian), Fri., 7:30pm.** Conference  
Room.

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

**Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Procession and  
Mass, Thu., 7pm.** At Church.



### Protecting God's Children

All school and church volunteers and employees are required to sign in at [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org). and complete a training on Protecting God's Children.

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

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

### Remembering Margaret Palumbo

Jack Palumbo informed the church that her mother, Margaret, had passed away peacefully last Aug. 29. She was 101 years old. She devotedly attended Mass at the parish and had been a church member for 65 years.

### Holy Land Pilgrimage

Come and walk in the footsteps of Jesus, Mary, Joseph and the Apostles. The pilgrimage is from Dec 3-13. Fr. Joseph Tran accompanies you as a spiritual chaplain.

Please contact Luvi Lumibao at 510-918-5825, Victoria Tannady at 510-847-7773.



*Help keep our church clean.*

**You Can Understand the Bible!**



If you want a better understanding of our faith, and a deeper relationship with God, then you should join us for The Bible Timeline Study, beginning October 3. By being a part of this study, you will not only benefit personally, but you will also help to bring about a profound renewal in our parish as we all grow closer to Christ.

The Bible Timeline is a Catholic Bible study that can help anyone to make sense of the Bible and experience the life-changing power of God’s Word. The study takes you on a journey through the entire Bible and brings you deep into each period of salvation history, so that you can discover the amazing story woven throughout all of Scripture. The Bible Timeline has helped hundreds of thousands of people to have a better understand the Bible and a deeper relationship with Christ, and it will help you too.

The study will include a series of twenty-four videos presented by Jeff Cavins. Each video will be preceded by a lively group discussion. Everyone who participates will receive this color-coded Bible Timeline Chart.

St. John the Baptist will begin The Bible Timeline on October 3 at 7:30 p.m. For more information or to register, contact Richard Keller at 510 734-1268 or [Richard@sjtbc.us](mailto:Richard@sjtbc.us) or the rectory at 510 232-5659. Cost for the study materials is \$50.

**Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Ave**

Sep. 11: Know how to protect your home equity from creditors. Home Ownership Protection for Elders “H.O.P.E.” Program. Lunch at 12:30pm.

**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

**Diocesan Priest Retirement Benefit Trust**

This 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

Did you know that the Diocese anticipates there will be almost 70 retired priests within the next 5-10 years? They have given generously their entire lives in service to our Diocese, and now face retirement with little or no government assistance. Show them your appreciation by offering a donation to the Diocesan Priest Retirement Benefit Trust this weekend, and by remembering them in your prayers.

**Church and School Festival, Sep 22, 23**

Katie's Dance Studio will be performing at 2 pm, on Sunday.



**2018 Festival Country Store**

Your donation of jewelries, kitchenwares, books, new and light clothings or Christmas items is highly appreciated. Pls. call the office or Kathy at 672-7781/ [kathyklatt02@gmail.com](mailto:kathyklatt02@gmail.com)

**2018 Festival Raffle Drawings**

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. Tickets are sold after Sunday Mass.

**Quincentennial Anniversary of the Catholic Faith in the Philippines**

Come. Celebrate. St. Isidore Church, Danville, Sep. 29, 9:30am-3pm. All are invited.

**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 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Youth Group and Confirmation classes will begin on Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. Meetings are held every other Wednesday at the Community Center.

If you have any questions, please contact Gina De La Torre, 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".

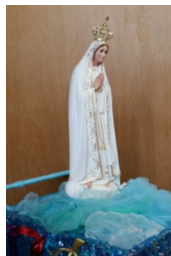
For more information, contact Elizabeth Martinez at 510-384-9800.

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

**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 (510) 501-4894.

**Honoring 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.

**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.