

# 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 16, 2018

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 50:5-9a

Jas 2:14-18

Mk 8:27-35

## Changing Our Mentality

Jesus presents a different way of seeing, hearing, and judging. It takes some getting used to!

Peter, as a good friend, wants to protect Jesus from the cross he is announcing. Yet Jesus doesn't want protection from the will of the Father—rather he wants

support. He invites Peter to change his mentality.

Jesus knew what was coming; he must suffer and be rejected. Suffering and rejection are not absolute evils. Our goal in life can't be to avoid suffering and to be accepted by everyone. If we pursue good and follow Jesus, we will also experience rejection. When Jesus tells us that following him means taking up our

cross, it shouldn't surprise us when a cross is planted in our path with a sign saying, "Pick me up."

In the first reading, the prophet says he opened his ear and didn't rebel. When the consequences of this faith were abuse and rejection, he didn't shield his body and face. He could do so because, like Jesus, he was rooted in love and not fear. He didn't fear their arguments, ideas, and insults. He didn't fear what they could do to his body, for they couldn't touch his soul, his heart, his freedom.

When we know we are loved, and are following what is right, we have a confidence and a strength that the world knows not. It is a different way of seeing, hearing, and judging. It is of a higher order, a deeper source, and brings total peace. And it takes some getting used to!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *The Deposition*, 1746  
Artist: Sebastiano Conca  
Location: Vatican Museums

### *For Reflection*

*When amidst situations of opposition, do I find my peace in Jesus and the truth? What might steal my peace? Talk to Jesus about it and look for a solution in his gospel of the cross.*

*[Jesus said,] "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."*

*Mark 8:33*

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

		<b>Intention</b>	<b>Requested by</b>
Saturday, Sep. 15	5 p.m.	Lloyd Williams †	Angie Williams
Sunday, Sep. 16	8 a.m.	Florentina Benavides	Mila Vargas
	9:30 a.m.	Rose Miller †	Keller Family
	11:30 a.m.	Evelyn Baker †	Mary Dong
	6 p.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Monday, Sep. 17	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children	Ana Prindle and Children
		For Blessings of Good Health	Rosalinda Estaniel
		Johnny Sia-3rd Year Death Anniversary	Alice Barce and Family
Tuesday, Sep. 18	8 a.m.	Rogelio Barce †	Mila Vargas
Wednesday, Sep. 19	8 a.m.	Joshua Ichoa Vargas-Birthday	Noreen Shaughnessy
Thursday, Sep. 20	8 a.m.	Joseph Conwill †	Martija Family
Friday, Sep. 21	8 a.m.	Jose G. Santos †	Martija Family
Saturday, Sep. 22	8 a.m.	Jose G. Santos, Sr. †	

**Stewardship**

Sep. 9, 2018 : Envelopes/EFT	\$ 3,488
Loose Donations	\$ 926
Second Collection: Diocesan Priests' Retirement Benefit Fund	\$ 821
Charismatic Service, Sep 8	\$286

*Thank you for your generosity.*

**Protecting God's Children**

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

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

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

**Cathedral Mass for Wedding Anniversaries**

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

**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,  
 Eric Ewen, Filomena Giese,  
 Mike Giovannini, Joseph  
 Golinveau, Domingo 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,  
 Ester Oppus, Judith Padilla, Theresa Parella, Angelina  
 Patacsil, Pam Paun  
 Victoria Payless, 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



**Bishop's Appeal of 2018**

Your gift supports social services for the hungry, homeless, the sick and unemployed in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

## Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Second Reading today, St. James has harsh words for those who do not put their faith into action. May we be such good stewards of God's gifts to us that we can never be accused of having "faith that does nothing in practice."

### This Week's Service Schedule

**Sunday Readings:** Is 50:4c-9a. James 2:14-18.  
Mk 8:27-35.

**Monday Readings:** 1 Cor 11:17-26. Lk 7:1-10. Or  
Wis 7:7-10, 15-16. Mt 7:21-29..

**Tuesday Readings:** 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a.  
Lk 7:11-17.

**Wednesday Readings:** 1 Cor 12:31-13:13.  
Lk 7:31-35. Or Heb 10:32-36. Jn 12:24-26.

**Thursday Readings:** 1 Cor 15:1-11. Lk 7:36-50.  
Or Wis 3:1-9.or Rom 8:31b-39. Lk 9:23-26.

**Friday Readings:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13.  
Mt 9:9-13 .

**Saturday Readings:** 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49.  
Lk 8:4-15.

**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.

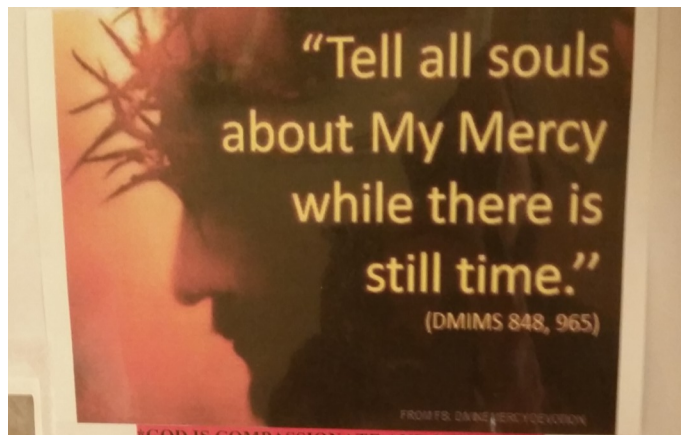
**Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Mon.-**  
Sat., 8:30am at Church; Daily, 3pm, 9pm, and  
10pm (Spanish) and Wed., 7:30pm (Spanish),

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

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

**Confession, Sat., 4pm.** Or at an appointed time.

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



### 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.



Harry Abel  
Margaret Palumbo

**2018 Weekly Festival Raffle Winner**



Mildred Gardner holds a “I Am A Raffle Winner of \$500” Certificate last Sep 2. It was the first of four cash prizes given each week to festival raffle winners. Our second raffle prize winner of Sep 9 was parishioner Simaima Sekona. She received the \$600 raffle prize.

**Diocesan Retired Priests Fund Donation**

Thank you for your gift of \$821 toward the needs of our retired priests.

**Centennial Rosary Crusade**

Host the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady in your own home (Spanish/English). Please call: Enrique Sanchez, (510) 237-8873.

**Salvation Army Holiday Dinner And Toy Distribution**

From Oct 1-Nov 8. Please call ahead regarding required documentations. (510) 262-0500.

**Evangelization in the Philippines, 1521-2021**

All are welcomed at the Symposium held at St Isidore Church, Danville on Sep 29, 930a-3p. Pls. call (925) 525-6821. Volunteers needed.

**More 2018 Weekly Festival Cash Prizes**

Sep 16 at the 11:30am Mass - Prize \$700  
 Sep 23 at the end of the festival - Grand Prize of \$1,800.  
 If you do not have tickets yet, they will be sold after every Sunday Mass through Sep 23.

**Catholic Charities on Immigration**

Bi-monthly Know Your Rights presentations, Aug 14, 28, Sep 11, 25, Oct 9, 23, Nov 13, 27, Dec 11. Pls. call Deanna Salazar, (925) 771-8524.

**Danza Guadalupana Azteca: 2018 Festival Entertainment Feature**

Performing Sep 23, Sunday at 1pm.



**Healthcare Providers Mass at Cathedral**

Sep 29, Saturday at 10 am. Reception and health fair follows.

**Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Ave**

Sep. 18: Know about Berkeley Patients Group. Lunch-\$4.  
 Director, Tracy Mc Crossin (707) 400-8526.

**Thank You to Our 2018 Festival Donors**

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**Friends of the Poor Walk-2018**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society will participate in the annual Friends of the Poor Walk on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM at Fernandez Park, 595 Tennent Ave. in Pinole. This is your chance to ‘Walk a Mile in the Shoes of the Poor’, or any distance you choose, to raise funds for our ministry to serve 60 to 90 families 24 times per year at our food pantry, and to help about 25 families per year with rent, utilities and other needs. In 2017 we raised \$2200, enough for five pantry dates or help for six families. This year, we invite you to walk or sponsor a walker and help us raise even more. Registration brochures and forms for walkers are aSt. John the Baptist-SVDP”). Thank you for your help!

**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.

**"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.

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

**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

**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.

**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.

**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  
925.680.7767 or oaklandwwme.org