

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

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Principal: Dina Trombetta
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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

Jesus' Cleansing Love

The Master of Fossa, a painter of unknown name, traveled the Umbrian region, creating works of Franciscan spirituality. This panel interprets the scenes of the passion and death of Christ as an act of service to poor sinners. The souls of his brothers and sisters were dirty. And yet he comes down from heaven, bends over our iniquity, and gently takes us into his hands while nursing us back to cleanliness and life.

Christ's greatness is revealed in his service. "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all" (Mark 9:35). Jesus didn't wish to be first; he merely wished to be faithful. His goal was to love the Father and win us back, and that meant service and the cross.

In this detail of the painting, Peter is on his papal throne while Jesus kneels in front of him. What a role reversal! Peter should be washing Jesus' feet, but no. Even Peter tried to reject this act of service, but Jesus insisted or else Peter could have no part in his reign.

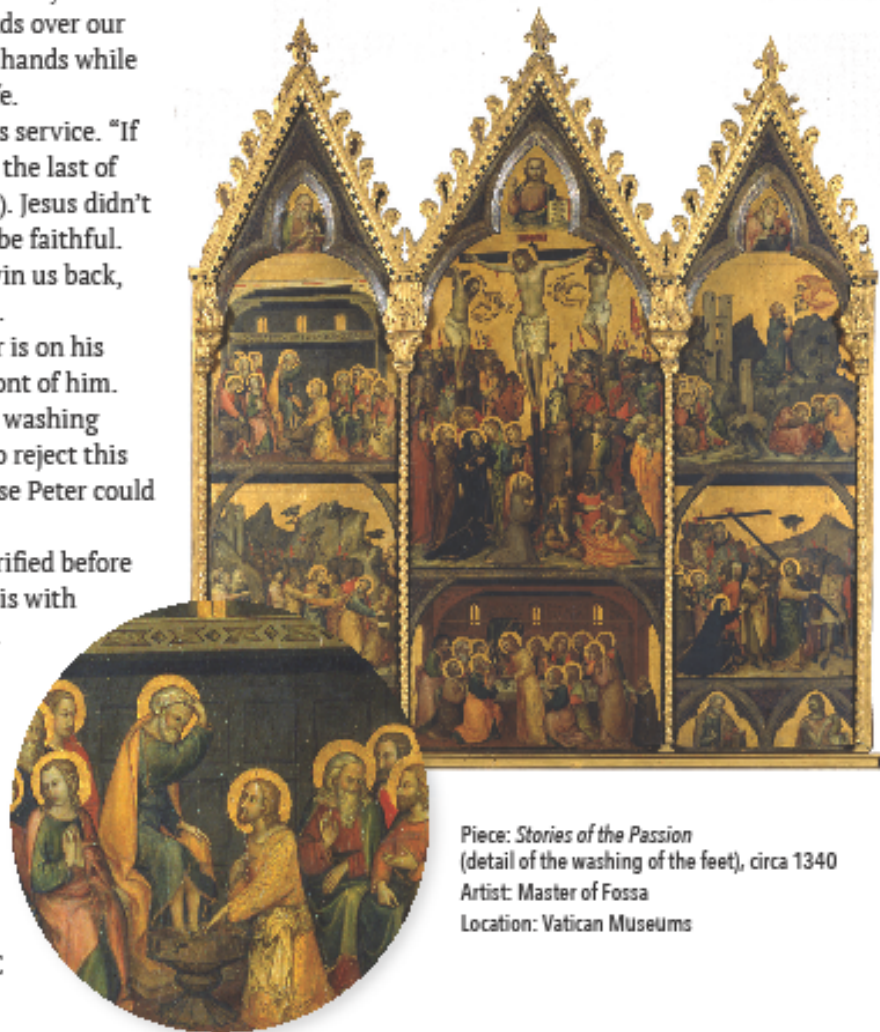
Peter needed to be washed and purified before serving and sanctifying others. So it is with us. During this Mass, allow your soul to be taken into Jesus' hands. Feel him cleanse you, pouring his warm grace over your wounds. Accept his gentle, loving attention as he caresses, dries, and restores you. Only when you have known his mercy and love can you then be an agent of that love to others.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Do I take the time to place myself in Jesus' presence and receive his healing touch?

The sacrament of reconciliation is a privileged moment of healing. Do I take advantage of this grace?



Piece: *Stories of the Passion*
(detail of the washing of the feet), circa 1340
Artist: Master of Fossa
Location: Vatican Museums

*[Jesus said,] "Whoever receives one child
such as this in my name, receives me."*

Mark 9:37

Mass for the Intentions Week

		Intention	Requested by
Saturday, Sep. 22	5 p.m.	Clarita J. Cruz †	Manuzon Family
Sunday, Sep. 23	8 a.m.	Paula Jean Setnicky	Joe Lewis
	9:30 a.m.	Deceased Family Members of Mary and Prasad Pollayil	Mary and Prasad Pollayil
	11:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
	6 p.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Monday, Sep. 24	8 a.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Tuesday, Sep. 25	8 a.m.	Joseph Conwill †	Mary Dong
Wednesday, Sep. 26	8 a.m.	Ike Tiongson - Healing	Mary Dong
Thursday, Sep. 27	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving	Murphy Family
Friday, Sep. 28	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
Saturday, Sep. 29	8 a.m.	Jonas Cruz - Personal Intentions	Manuzon Family

Stewardship

Envelopes & EFT, Sep. 16, 2018	\$ 4,642
Loose Donations	\$ 1,496

Thank you for your generosity.

cont., Stewardship

This week's Second Collection is for the Propagation of Faith & Mission in India

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!!

Let Us Pray for the Sick

Rodolfo Abesamis, Virginia Alday,
Gera Assefa
Evelyn Baker, Niani Barber, Pearl
& Patrick Batiste, Irene Blair
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Golinveau, Domingo Gregorio, Andy Gutierrez,
James Gutierrez, Ruben Gutierrez, Maydelle Halligan
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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
Ike Tiongson, Jr., Joseph Vidal, Sarah Vidal, Evodio
Walle, Winston Williams, Jan Williamson



Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's second reading warns that a heart consumed with avarice and envy leads to jealousy, strife, conflicts, and disputes. A giving heart, in contrast, can sing instead with the psalmist, "Freely will I offer you sacrifice; I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness.

This Week's Service Schedule

Sunday Readings: Wis 2:12, 17-20. James 3:16-4:3.
2 Thes 2:14.

Monday Readings: Prov 3:27-34. Lk 8:16-18.

Tuesday Readings: Prov 21:1-6, 10-13.
Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday Readings: Prov 30:5-9. Lk 9:1-6.
Or Wis 3:1-9. Mt 10:28-33.

Thursday Readings: Eccles 1:2-11. Lk 9:7-9. Or 1
Cor 1:26-31. Mt 9:35-38.

Friday Readings: Eccles 3:1-11. Lk 9:18-22. Or
1 Peter 3:14-17. Mt 10:34-39. Or
2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14. Jn 15:18-21.

Saturday Readings: Dan 7:9-10, 13-14. Or
Rev 12:7-12ab. Jn 1:47-51.

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.

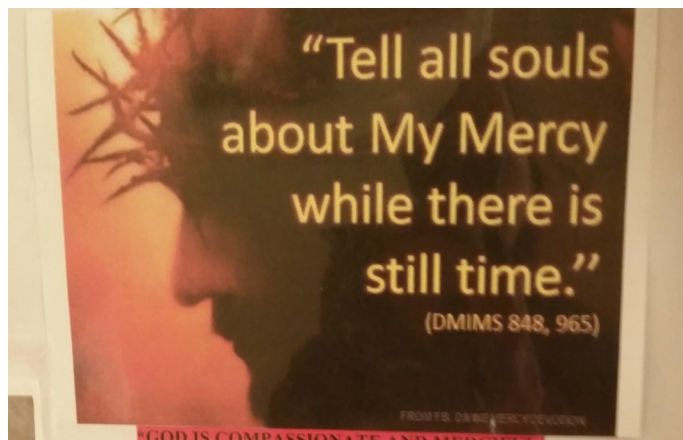
Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Mon.-
Sat., 8:30am at Church; Daily, 3pm, 9pm, and
10pm (Spanish) and Wed., 7:30pm (Spanish),
Chapel.

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.



Sacrament of Confirmation Program

Classes begin September 26, Wednesday, 7pm
at the Community Center. Please contact
Gina de la Torre, (510) 815-0050.

Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Ave

Sep. 25: Birthdays and Bingo. Lunch at
12:30pm. Tracy McCrossin, (707) 400-8526

Protecting God's Children

All school and church volunteers and employ-
ees are required to sign in at virtusonline.org. and
complete the training session on Protecting Our
Children.

Volunteers and employees, who mentor minors,
or administer to vulnerable adults are required to 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 September

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



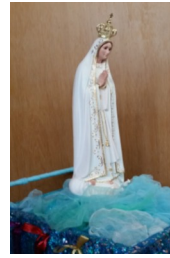
James Fast

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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.

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- Elizabeth Brown
- John/Judy Baker
- Carol/Tanya Quinney
- Jose/Maria Pena
- Jay/Pam Clark
- Bessie Lai
- Myrna Engalla
- Robert Collins
- Lata-I (Lataivailala)
- Rodena Tan-Torres
- Regina Speir
- Jocelyn Limos

2018 Weekly Festival Raffle Winners

- Sep 2. Mildred Gardner -\$500
- Sep 9 Simaima Sekona -\$600
- Sep 16 Eric Ewen -\$700
- Sep 23 (will be drawn at end of festival for \$1800 cash)

Our Lady of Aparecida

October 12: Our Lady of Aparecida, Patroness of Brazil



One morning in 1717, three fishermen in Brazil poled their boat into the Parahyba River which flowed along the outskirts of their village. Their luck was bad for hours they cast their nets but caught no fish. They decided to give up for the day; then for some reason, they wanted to make one more try. One of the fishermen named Alves threw out his net and slowly pulled it in. There was something in it – not a fish, but something that looked like a chunk of wood. When he lifted it from the net, it turned out to be a headless statue of the Blessed Virgin.

The fisherman cast his net into the water again. When he pulled it into his boat, he found that this time it held a roundish piece of wood – the head from the very same statue. He picked up both pieces and found that they fitted perfectly together.

Obedying an impulse, Alves lowered his net one more time. When Alves began to pull the net back in, he found he could hardly lift the net because it was bulging with fish. His companions threw out their nets and they had the same luck. A few more casts and their boats were filled with fish.

The next day they fastened the head to the body of the statue, cleaned it, and one of them set it up in his humble dwelling. The story of the statue and the immense catch of fish spread and every evening people came to pay homage to the Blessed Virgin. They gave it the name Aparecida, “She who appeared.” Soon a little chapel was erected – the crowds were too big for the humble cottage; then a larger chapel was built. Our Lady well repaid those who honored her, for numerous cures and even extraordinary miracles took place at her shrine.

In 1846, work began on the construction of a new church, completed in 1888, and the statue was transferred to it. In 1904 by order of

the Holy Father, the image was solemnly crowned. In 1909 the church was raised to the level of a minor basilica; in 1930 Pope Pius XI promoted it to a Basilica and officially declared Our Lady of Aparecida, the Patroness of Brazil.

Our Lady of Aparecida has been vandalized on several occasions. Thanks to the great effort, skill and devotion of many talented artisans the statue has always been repaired.

Parish constructs its Lady of Aparecida shrine. Please donate!

Several months ago the Parish Council and the Finance Committee approved the construction of a shrine dedicated to our Blessed Mother under the title of Our Lady of Aparecida. The shrine is well under way but to continue construction we need your support! Please prayerfully consider giving generously to the September 30th Second Collection, all of which will go toward the completion of the shrine.

If you have not seen the work in progress, it is in the courtyard between the church and the school. In addition, the courtyard includes the fountain that the late Fr. Ken Russell had built to honor his parents; and the lovely rose that was planted by the Parish on Divine Mercy Sunday to commemorate the canonization of Popes John XXIII and John Paul II (April 27, 2014). St. Pope John Paul II blessed the original statue of Our Lady of Aparecida on July 4, 1980.

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 29th 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 are a St. John the Baptist-SVDP. Thank you for your help!