

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

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St. John's Elementary School

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St. John's Community Center

6500 Gladys Ave.
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St. John's Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel

11152 San Pablo Ave.

Sisters of Mercy Convent

(510)-233-6769



Protect Life

The tapestry scene may not seem to have much to do with the readings, yet it does. Let me explain: This wall-size work of art depicts the murder decreed by Herod of all the children two years and under. It was his desperate effort to extinguish any possibility that the Messiah might eventually contest his throne.

The reading of James could very well be applied to the greedy and avaricious Herod. “You have lived on earth in luxury and pleasure; you have fattened your hearts for the day of [your own] slaughter” (James 5:5). All the wealth, authority, and success he had only led him to be more grasping and insecure. Anyone who sees a threat to his own well-being in the birth of a child reveals his own internal poverty of spirit.

Rather than remove the little ones from our lives, we should do all we can to edify and maintain their faith. Jesus, as well as James, has harsh words for anyone who would lead a little one to sin.

Herod was the first who needed to hear the words of the Messiah he was trying to silence. If anything causes you to sin, even something as precious as a hand or foot, it’s better to cut it off and live physically impaired rather than maintain apparent wholeness while spiritually rotting from within. The life of our souls and that of the little ones is of paramount importance, and no material security should be placed ahead of it.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *Slaughter of the Innocents*, 1524-1531

Artist: Pieter van Aelst

Location: Vatican Museums

For Reflection

*Do I protect life as a gift from the Father, from conception to natural death?
How do I help the little ones in my life come to know Jesus?*

*[Jesus said,] “It is better for you to enter into life maimed than
with two hands to go into Gehenna.”*

Mark 9:43

Mass Intentions for the Week

	Intention	Requested by
Saturday, Sep. 29	5 p.m. Ruth Bonner †	Kathy Klatt
Sunday, Sep. 30	8 a.m. Renaldo Marin †	Marin Family
	9:30 a.m. Joseph Conwill †	Marin Family
	11:30 a.m. Angie Williams-Birthday & Thanksgiving	Lynn Nguyen
	6 p.m. Humberto Mario Baldissarella - Death Anniversary	Emilde, Sasha, Luigi, Francesco Didonenico
Monday, Oct. 1	8 a.m. Greg Valencerina † Aida and Arvind Joshi †	Rosie Murphy Alice Barce
Tuesday, Oct. 2	8 a.m. Leon Sioc Cheng †	Rosie Murphy
Wednesday, Oct. 3	8 a.m. Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children For Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
Thursday, Oct. 4	8 a.m. Carlos Go †	Rosie Murphy
Friday, Oct. 5	8 a.m. Onofre Valdenor †	Aurea Valdenor
Saturday, Oct. 6	8 a.m. St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish

Stewardship

Collection information of Sep 23, 2018 will be available at the Sep. 30 issue of the bulletin.

Thank you for your generosity.

Totus Tuus Study Group

Totus Tuus will meet on Monday, October 8, at 7:00 in the conference room. Please join us as we learn about Our Blessed Mother, her role in our lives and in the life of the church. Our group study ends at 8:00, after which, we pray the Rosary.

-Elizabeth Martinez



Tuesday, Nov. 6

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, Domingos deGregorio,
Andy Gutierrez, James Gutierrez, Ruben Gutierrez,
Maydelle Halligan, Joanne, Marvin & Maurice Haynes,
Sherry Highlander, Tamaya Hunt, Ann Jones, Tom Ken-
nedey, 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

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. James warns in today's Second Reading that those who hoard their wealth and live only for themselves will be condemned. But in the Gospel, Jesus assures us that all who give of themselves for His sake will be rewarded.

This Week's Service Schedule

Sunday Readings: Num 11:25-19. James 5:1-6.
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48.

Monday Readings: Job 1:6-22. Lk 9:46-50. Or
Is 66:10-14c. Mt 18:1-4.

Tuesday Readings: Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23.
Mt 18:1-5, 10. Or Ex 23:20-23. Mt 18:1-5, 10.

Wednesday Readings: Job 9:1-12, 14-16.
Lk 9:57-62

Thursday Readings: Job 19:21-27. Lk 10:1-12.
Or Gal 6:14-18. Mt 11:25-30.

Friday Readings: Job 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5.
Lk 10:13-16.

Saturday Readings: Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17.
Lk 10:17-24. Or Phil 3:8-14, Lk 9:57-62.

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

Anointing of the Sick, Sat. at 8:30am.

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.

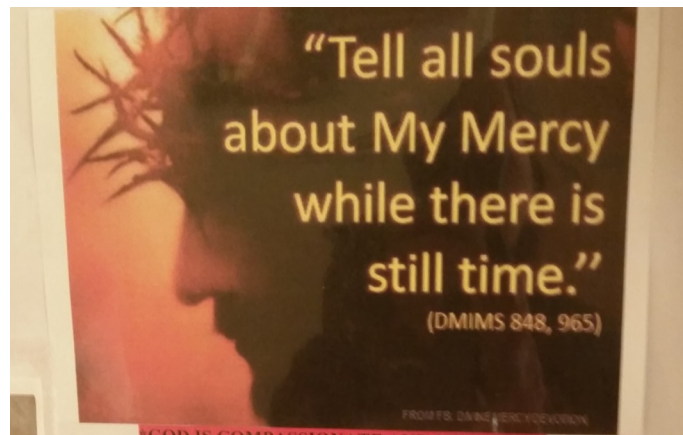
Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,
Fri., 6pm at the Chapel.

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

Holy Hour, Fri., 8:30am.

24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration, Daily at the
Chapel.

Charismatic Service, Sat., 7pm.



Protecting God's Children

All volunteers and church employees are required to complete the training session on Protecting God's Children at virtusonline.org.

Volunteers and church 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 October

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.

2018 Festival Raffle Winners

Sep 2. Mildred Gardner -\$500

Sep 9 Simaima Sekona -\$600

Sep 16 Eric Ewen -\$700

Sep 23 Ike Tiongson - \$1800

Marissa Bautista, Jesse Renty, and Rosie Collins-
(3) Gift Certificate Winners

Thank You, from Fr. Thuong

As your first time to chair our 2018 Parish and School Festival, Ricardo and Susan Gonzalez, you have excelled as numerous of your predecessors had been in orchestrating a wholesome two-day family event. The support of committee heads was exemplary. Parishioners, parents, teachers, volunteers, entertainers and friends, as well, poured in so much energy, love, and dedication to this church and school event. Countless praise I have to all for you have always shared your time, talent and treasure. May our dear Lord reward you abundantly.

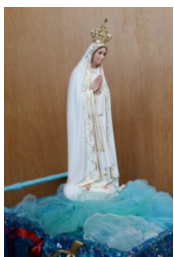
Quincentennial Anniversary of the Catholic Faith in the Philippines

Commemorating St Lorenzo Ruiz, St. Isidore Church, Danville, Sep. 29, 2018, 9:30am-3pm. All Are Invited. Volunteers Needed.

Centennial Rosary Crusade

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

Honoring Our Lady of Fatima



The Miracle of the Sun, the Unique Miracle in world's history, and a spectacular phenomenon performed by the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1917, in Fatima, Portugal.

*****TWO IMPORTANT EVENTS ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2018**

1. To Remind Us about the Miracle of the Sun, performed by Our Lady of Fatima, on October 13, 1917

*We will hold a:

* Public Square Rosary

In front of Saint John's Divine Mercy Chapel at 12pm.

(Organized by America Needs Fatima)

2. *Saturday, October 13, 2018:

The Last Procession of Our Lady of Fatima with fresh Roses and Mass

At Saint John's Church, At 7pm.

* Please come and join us.

2018 Festival Features

Katie's Dance Studio



Danzig Aztecs



Butterfly Story Time

Kiana Panganiban and Larry Mundy



Brazilian Clown



Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Ave

Oct. 2, Members' Meeting. Get your blood pressure check. Lunch, 12:30pm. Tracy (707) 400-8526

Welcome, Our New Parishioner

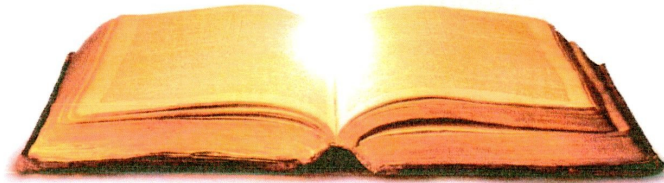
Lois Pavelka

October 2018

CC – Community Center CC2 – Community Center Upstairs CH – Church CR – Conference Room RE – Rectory MR – Music Room DM – Divine Mercy Chapel

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 <i>Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 9:30a CRE 10:30a Pre Baptism-RE	1 <i>St. Therese of Lisieux, Virgin and Doctor</i> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours/ Mass/ Rosary/ Chant of the Divine Mercy 4:30a Choir Rehears-MR 7:30p Brazilian Prayer Service-CC	2 <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours- CH 8a Mass / Rosary/Divine Mercy Chant 9a Seniors' Meeting/Blood Pressure Check-CC	3 <i>St. Gerald</i> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours/Mass/Perpetual Help Novena/Rosary/Chant of the Divine Mercy-CH 12n Women's Covenant-CC 6p Perpetual Help Novena-DM 6:30p Choir Prac-MR	4 <i>St. Francis of Assisi</i> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass /Infant Jesus Novena/Rosary/Divine Mercy Chant-CH 7p Youth/Confirmation-CC 7:30 Choir Rehears-CH/MR	5 <i>First Friday/ St. Francis Xavier, Seelos/ St. Mary Faustina Kowalska</i> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours/ Mass/Holy Hour Rosary/Chant of the Divine Mercy- CH 6p Sacred Heart Novena-DM 7:30p Brazilian Prayer Service-CR	6 <i>First Saturday/Blessed Virgin Mary St. Bruno/ St. Marie Rose Duracher</i> 8a Mass /Anointing of the Sick 9:30a Pastoral Council Meet 10a St Vincent Pantry 4p Confessions 5p Vigil Mass 7p Charismatic Service Adoration	13 <i>Blessed Virgin Mary St. Edward the Confessor</i> 8a Mass 8-4p Garage Sale-CC 9:30a Liturgy Meeting-CR 4p Confessions 5p Vigil Mass 7p Our Lady of Fatima Procession/Mass- CH
14 <i>Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 9:30a CRE 10:30a Pre Baptism-RE	8 <i>St. Pelagia the Penitent</i> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours/ Mass / Rosary/Divine Mercy Chant-CH 4:30p Choir Rehears-MR 7p Lotus Tuus Study Group-CR 7:30p Prayer Service (Brazilian) - CC Columbus Day Holiday	9 <i>St. Denis and Companions St. John Leonardi</i> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours-CH 8a Mass / Rosary / Chant of the Divine Mercy 9a SeniorPrep Garage Sale-CC 7:30p Brazilian Choir Prac-CH	10 <i>St. Paulinus of York, Bishop</i> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours-CH 8a Mass/Perpetual Help Novena/Rosary/Divine Mercy Chant-CH 12n Women's Covenant-CC 6p Perpetual Help Novena-DM 6:30p Choir Prac-MR	11 <i>Pope St. John XXIII</i> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass /Infant Jesus Novena/Rosary/Divine Mercy Chap- let-CH 10a EC Royale Mass 7p Youth/Confirmation-CC 7:30 Choir Rehears-CH/MR	12 <i>St. Wilfred</i> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours/ Mass/Rosary/ Chant of the Divine Mercy-CH 6p Sacred Heart Novena-DM 7:30p Brazilian Prayer Service-CR	19 <i>St. John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues and Companions</i> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours Mass/Rosary/Divine Mercy Chant-CH 6p Sacred Heart Novena-DM 7:30p Brazilian Prayer Service-CR	20 <i>St. Paul of the Cross Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 8a Mass 9a Opus Dei Meeting-DM 9:30a Finance Meeting 10a St Vincent Pantry 4p Confessions 5p Vigil Mass
21 <i>Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 9:30a CRE	15 <i>St. Teresa of Jesus</i> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours/ Mass / Rosary/Divine Mercy Chant-CH 4:30p Choir Rehears-MR 7:30p Prayer Service (Brazilian)-CC	16 <i>St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin/ St. Hedwig</i> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours/Mass/Rosary 9a Seniors' Program: On League of Women Voters-CC	17 <i>St. Ignatius of Antioch</i> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours/Mass/Perpetual Help Novena/Rosary/Divine Mercy Chant-CH 12n Women's Covenant-CC 6p Perpetual Help Novena-DM 6:30p Choir Prac-MR	18 <i>St. Luke, Evangelist</i> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass /Infant Jesus Novena/Rosary/Divine Mercy Chant-CH 7p Youth /Confirmation-CC 7:30 Choir Rehears-CH/MR	25 <i>Forty Martyrs of England, Wales</i> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours/ Mass/Infant Jesus Novena/Rosary/Divine Mercy Chant 7p Youth/Confirmation-CC 7:30 Choir Rehears-CH/MR	26 <i>St. Alfred the Great</i> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours/ Mass/Rosary/Divine Mercy Chant-CH 6p Sacred Heart Novena-DM 7:30p Brazilian Prayer Service- CR	27 <i>Blessed Virgin Mary St. Otteran</i> 8a Mass 4p Confessions 5p Vigil Mass
28 <i>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 9:30a CRE	22 <i>Pope St. John Paul II</i> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours/ Mass / Rosary/Divine Mercy Chant 7:30p Prayer Service (Brazilian)- CC	23 <i>St. John of Capistrano</i> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass/Rosary 9a Seniors' Program: Service Dogs for Diabetic Patients-CC 7:30p Brazilian Choir Re- hearsal-CH	24 <i>St. Anthony Mary Claret</i> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass /Perpetual Help Novena/Rosary/Divine Mercy Chant-CH 12n Women's Covenant-CC 6p Perpetual Help Novena-DM 6:30p Choir Rehears-MR	25 <i>St. Anthony Mary Claret</i> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass /Perpetual Help Novena/Rosary/Divine Mercy Chant-CH 12n Women's Covenant-CC 6p Perpetual Help Novena-DM 6:30p Choir Rehears-MR	26 <i>St. Quentin, Martyr</i> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours/Mass/Perpetual Help Novena/Rosary/Chant of the Divine Mercy-CH 12n Women's Covenant-CC 6p Perpetual Help Novena- DM 6:30p Choir Rehears-MR	29 <i>St. Narcissus of Jerusalem</i> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours -CH 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary 4:30P Choir Rehears-MR 7:30p Prayer Service (Brazilian)- CC	

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