

# 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

## Men, Women, and God's Creative Plan

On the Sistine Chapel's ceiling, inspired by today's passage from the first reading, Michelangelo painted the amazing moment when God creates woman out of the side of man. He depicts her standing beside the slumbering Adam, almost arguing with God. Perhaps it represents the eternal discussion about the relationship of man and woman. Or perhaps it recalls the perpetual scene of a man asleep on the couch while the woman wonders, "What's wrong with him?" The good thing is that Eve asks the only one who has the answer: God himself.

In fact, Jesus does the same thing in Mark's Gospel. When the Pharisees question him on divorce, Jesus refers them to God's original plan, "But from the beginning of creation..." (10:6). Jesus finds the answer to this challenging question by looking back at God's creative plan for humanity. God has given man and woman to one another as a mutual gift. It is not good that man should be alone, but only God in eternity definitively satisfies the original loneliness found in everyone's heart.

When spousal love breaks down, we would be wise to follow Jesus' advice and refer to God's original plan. Saint John Paul II did that when,

in contemplating married love, he dedicated the first years of his Wednesday audiences to reflect on the first three chapters of Genesis.

Those God has placed alongside us, especially our spouses, are meant to wonderfully (but only partially) satisfy that deep longing to be totally accompanied. Mutual self-giving and self-sacrifice in love is the solution to our inherent isolation and loneliness.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### Reflection

*Do I look for others to satisfy a part of me that only God can satisfy?*

*Do I celebrate all the good things my spouse or loved ones offer me? Do I thank them?*



Piece: *The Creation of Eve*, 1508-1512  
Artist: Michelangelo  
Location: Sistine Chapel ceiling

*[Jesus said,] "But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female....So they are no longer two but one flesh."*

*Mark 10:6, 8*

*Mass Intentions for the Week*



			<b>Intention</b>	<b>Requested by</b>
Saturday,	Oct. 6	5 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory	Maria Lozano
Sunday,	Oct. 7	8 a.m.	Peter Vietti †	Vietti Family
		9:30 a.m.	Olga Torres-Birthday	Maria Lozano
		11:30 a.m.	James and Shirley Robertson-Continued	
			Good Health and Blessings	Kathy
			Joseph Tung Nguyen †	Lynn Nguyen
		6 p.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Monday,	Oct. 8	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
			Josefina Co †	Hampton Family
Tuesday,	Oct. 9	8 a.m.	Greg Valencerina †	Rosie Murphy
Wednesday,	Oct. 10	8 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory	Maria Lozano
Thursday,	Oct. 11	8 a.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Friday,	Oct. 12	8 a.m.	Judith Calunga-Birthday	Maria Lozano
Saturday,	Oct. 13	8 a.m.	Pope John Paul II †	Virginia Rodrigues
		5 p.m.	Lorraine Sue †	Rosie Murphy
		7 p.m.	Our Lady of Fatima Devotees	Ancelle Nguyen

**Stewardship**

Envelopes & EFT, Sep. 23	\$ 2,948
Loose Donations	\$ 1,068
Second Collection: Propagation of the Faith/World Missions	\$ 2,041
Envelopes & EFT, Sep. 30	\$ 5,156
Loose Donations	\$ 1,091
Second Collection: Parish Charities	\$ 1,739

*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, 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 Kennedy, Maria Impang Lozada, Bernice Lockett,  
 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, Ike Tiongson, Jr., Joseph Vidal, Sarah Vidal,  
 Evodio Walle, Winston Williams, Jan Williamson



**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

**Annual Respect Life Gathering**

Cathedral Parish Hall, Saturday, Nov. 3, 8:30 a.m. RSVP by Oct. 26. oakdiocese.org/respectlife

**Columbus Day, Monday, Oct 8**

Parish Office and School are closed.

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The phrase in today's psalm, "May you see your children's children," is really a prayer for a long life. The good steward knows that every day is a gift from God, to be lived with joy and thanksgiving. "May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives!"

**This Week's Service Schedule**

**Sunday Readings:** Gen 2:18-24. Heb 2:9-11.  
Mk 10:2-16 Or 10:2-12.

**Monday Readings:** Gal 1:6-12. Lk 10:25-37.

**Tuesday Readings:** Gal 1:13-24. Lk 10:38-42.  
Or 2 Cor 6:4-10. Mt 5: 13-16. Or  
2 Cor 4:1-2, 5-7.

**Wednesday Readings:** Gal 2:1-2, 7-14.  
Lk 11:1-4.

**Thursday Readings:** Gal 3:1-5. Lk 11:5-13.  
Or Ez 34:11-16. Jn 21:15-17.

**Friday Readings:** Gal 3:7-14. Lk 11:15-26.

**Saturday Readings:** Gal 3:22-29. Lk 11:27-28.

**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.

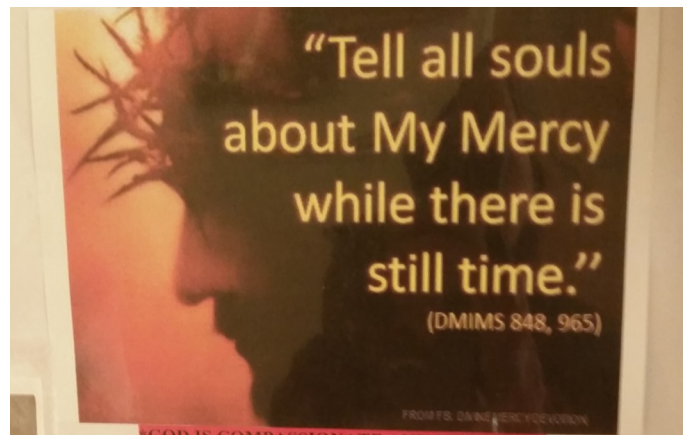
**Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,**  
Fri., 6pm at the Chapel.

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

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

**Our Lady of Fatima Public Rosary,** Sat., 12n at  
Chapel Doorsteps.

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



**Parish Constructs Its Lady of Aparecida Shrine**

The construction of the shrine dedicated to our Blessed Mother under the title of Our Lady of Aparecida is well under way but to continue construction we need your support. Please prayerfully consider giving generously. If you have not seen the work in progress, it is in the courtyard between the church and the school where a fountain that had been built as a memorial to the parents of the late Fr. Ken Russell and a rose planted at that Divine Mercy Sunday canonization of Popes John XXIII and John Paul II. St. John Paul II blessed the original statue of Our Lady of Aparecida.

**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.



Bernardo Bautista

**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.

**Centennial Rosary Crusade**

Host the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady in your own home. Enrique Sanchez, (510) 237-8873.

**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land**

at Christmas Season  
Come and Join this Extraordinary  
unforgettable Trip to the  
Home Land of Jesus

With Fr. Joseph Tran  
December 3-13, 2018 \$3,200/person  
-Round Trip from USA  
-Breakfast / Dinner Daily -Mass, Daily  
Hotel Included



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**Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Ave**

Oct. 9, Prep for Garage Sale. Tracy/707-400-8526.

Oct. 13, Saturday, 9-4p. Garage Sale. Jewelry, household goods, tools, toys, succulents and more. Come and support that benefit our Seniors.

**Building A Safe Environment**

All volunteers and church employees must complete the training session on Protecting God's Children at [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org).

Volunteers and church employees, who mentor minors, or administer the Eucharist at homes or visit vulnerable adults must be livescanned/fingerprinted.

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

**Carondelet HS Open House**

For 6th-8th grade families, come hear the top tips on how to prepare for the competitive high school admissions process, Wednesday, Oct. 10 at 6:30 p.m. RSVP online. [carondeleths.org](http://carondeleths.org)

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

The mission is to proclaim the value of Marriage and Holy Orders in the church and the world! For more information: Contact Joe and Sue Talarico, Diocese of Oakland at (925) 680-

7767 or [Joe.Sue.Talarico@wwme.org](mailto:Joe.Sue.Talarico@wwme.org)  
Or Mike & Jeanne at (925) 672-2016

**Catholic Charities on Immigration**

Bi-monthly *Know Your Rights* presentations, Oct 9, 23, Nov 13, 27, Dec 11.

Pls. call Deanna Salazar, (925) 771-8524.

**Salvation Army Holiday Dinner And Toy Distribution**

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

**Bishop's Appeal of 2018**

Every gift supports programs for vocations, catechesis, care for elderly religious and priests, social services for the hungry, homeless, the sick and unemployed in Alameda and Contra

**Honoring Our Lady of Fatima**



The Miracle of the Sun, the Unique Miracle in world's history, 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)

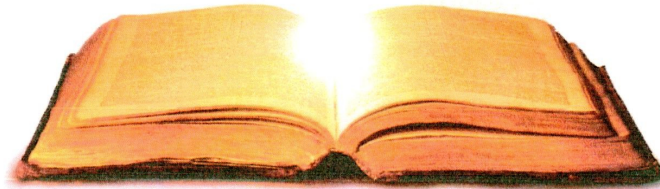
2. \*Saturday, October 13, 2018:

The Last Procession for this year of Our Lady of Fatima with the offering of fresh Roses and Mass At Saint John's Church, At 7pm.

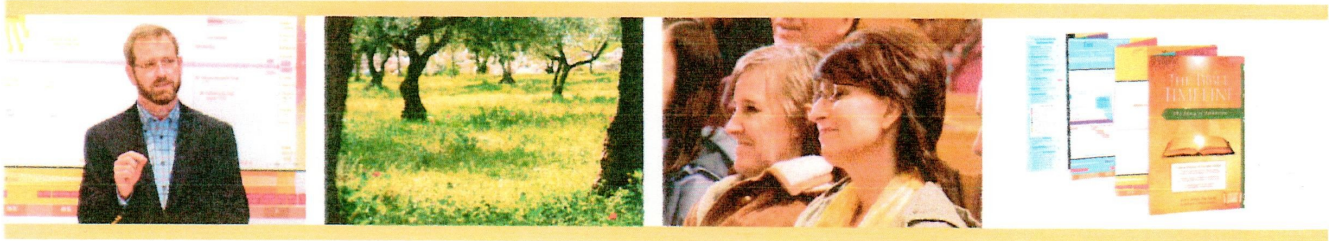
\* Please come and join us.

Jesus and Virgin Mary are waiting for you.

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Wednesdays 7:30 - 9:00 PM  
Starting Oct 3  
In the Fr. John Maxwell Conference room

## Cost/Registration

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If you are interested, call Richard Keller at 510 734 1268

## For More Information

*The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation* is a fascinating Bible study that will take you on a journey through the entire Bible.

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—Kyley Drach



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