

# 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

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### Parish Office

Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Bulletin Editor:** Ed Bautista

**Accountant/Bookkeeper:**  
Arthur De Leon

### Children's Religious Education

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Gina DeLaTorre: (510)-815-0050

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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

## God's Greatest Commandments

Today's first reading recalls the most sacred text in Judaism, the Shema Israel: "Hear, [O] Israel." These words are so sacred for Jews, they are prayed in the most important moments of peril or supreme holiness. Jews don't take these words lightly because they express the essence of their religion and relationship to God.

As Catholics, we fully agree with our Jewish brothers and sisters on this matter. Jesus himself answered the question of what was the first, greatest commandment—it was the Shema Israel. Why is it so important? Because it declares the unity of God: "The LORD is our God, the LORD alone!" (Deuteronomy 6:4). He is one supreme God, not a multitude of divinities as in the Greek and Roman polytheistic religions, or even today in Hinduism and Buddhism.

This belief in one God makes the monotheistic religions of Judaism and Christianity unique. Second, this supreme God deserves our love and obedience. "You shall love the Lord your God..." Our role as creatures called and saved by him is to offer loving obedience.

The Second Commandment flows from the first: If we love God above all, then we need to love our brothers, sisters, and ourselves.

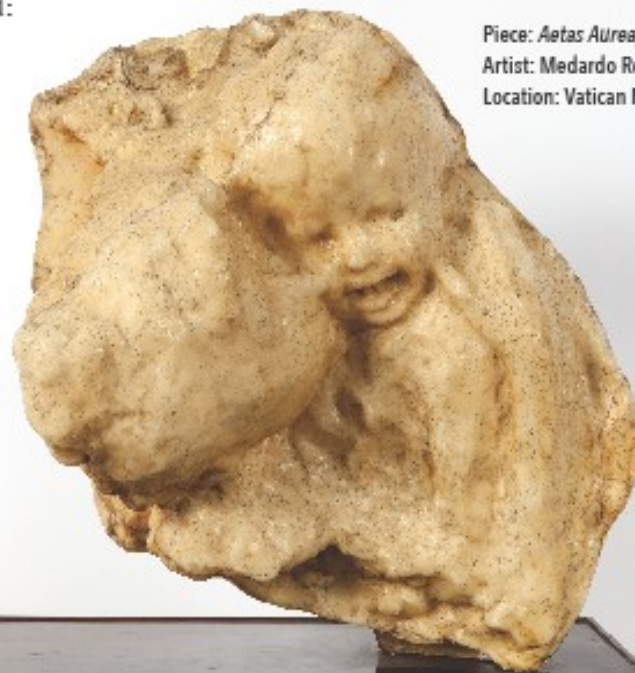
What better icon is there of this love for God and neighbor than the love of a mother for her child, as shown in this wax sculpture? As the piece shows, our love should be reverent, tender, compassionate, and unique. Only you can give him your kind of love. There should be a constant flow of affection and union between us—no separation between him and us.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### *For Reflection*

*How can I express greater reverence for God?*

*How can I express greater tenderness toward my loving Father?*



Piece: *Aetas Aurea*, 1886–1887

Artist: Medardo Rosso

Location: Vatican Museums

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*Hear then, Israel, and be careful to observe [the commandments],  
that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly.*

*Deuteronomy 6:3*

*Mass Intentions for the Week*



		<b>Intention</b>	<b>Requested by</b>
Saturday, Nov. 3	5 p.m.	Zenaida Jones † Alice Escobar	McStravick Family
Sunday, Nov. 4	8 a.m.	Peter Vietti †	Vietti Family
	9:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health Menci Ferreros	Ana Prindle and Children Asuncion Family
	11:30 p.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
	6 p.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Monday, Nov. 5	8 a.m.	Ale and Cristina Enemecio †	Noli Martinez
Tuesday, Nov. 6	8 a.m.	Roehl Enemecio †	Noli Martinez
Wednesday, Nov. 7	8 a.m.	Miguel Santos Flores †	Santos Family
Thursday, Nov. 8	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health Eric Ewen - Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children Al and Katie Carlson
Friday, Nov. 9	8 a.m.	Bienvenido and Estela Bulaong †	Rosie Murphy
Saturday, Nov. 10	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children

**Stewardship**

Envelopes & EFT, Oct 28, 2018      \$ 2,553  
Loose Donations                              \$ 1,246.72

This week's Second Collection is for the Parish Development and the School's Tuition Assistance Program.

*Thank you for your generosity.*

**Let Us Pray for the Sick**

Rodolfo Abesamis, Virginia Alday, Lisa Austin  
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  
Patrick Gutierrez, Ruben Gutierrez, Maydelle Halligan  
Joanne, Marvin & Maurice Haynes, Sherry Highlander  
Tamaya Hunt, Ann Jones, Avelina Juat, 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, Joseph Vidal  
Sarah Vidal, Evodio Walle, Winston Williams  
Jan Williamson



**Totus Tuus**

Our parish's newest small group study, Totus Tuus, is meeting on the second Monday of every month. Please join us on Monday, November 12, at 7:00 in the conference room to pray the Rosary and learn about Our Blessed Mother. Everyone is welcome. -Elizabeth Martinez

## Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

What percentage does God ask of me as a good steward? All of my heart, all of my soul, all of my mind, and all of my strength!

### This Week's Service Schedule

**Sunday Readings:** Deut 6:2-6. Heb 7:23-28.  
Mk 12:28b-34.

**Monday Readings:** Phil 2:1-4. Lk 14:12-14.

**Tuesday Readings:** Phil 2:5-11. Lk 14:15-24.

**Wednesday Readings:** Phil 2:12-18. Lk 14:25-33.

**Thursday Readings:** Phil 3:3-8a. Lk 15:1-10.

**Friday Readings:** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12.  
1Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17. Jn 2:13-22.

**Saturday Readings:** Phil 4:10-19. Lk 16:9-15. Or  
Sir 39:6-10. Mt 16:13-19.

**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.

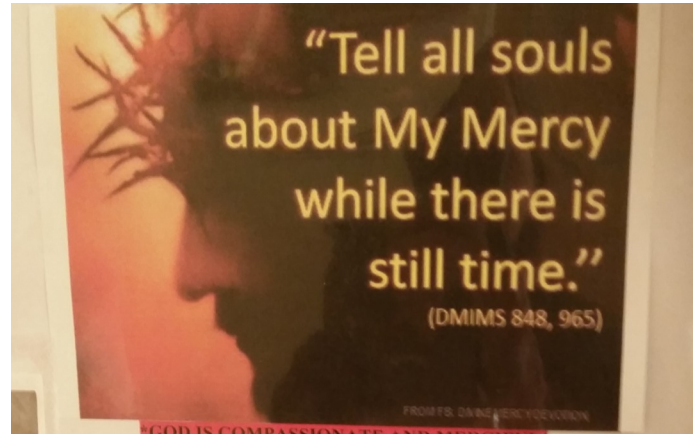
**Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Mon.- Sat.,**  
8:30am at Church; Daily, 3pm, 9pm, and 10pm  
(Spanish) and Wed., 7:30pm (Spanish), Chapel.

**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.



### Building A Safe Environment

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

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

#### Universal: In the Service of Peace

That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

**National Vocation Awareness Week,  
Nov. 4-10**

“Keep watch over yourselves and over the whole flock...I know that after my departure savage wolves will come among you, and they will not spare the flock. And from your own group, men will come forward perverting the truth to draw the disciples away after them. So be vigilant. Remember that for three years, night and day, I unceasingly admonished each of you with tears.” Acts 20:28-32.

Figuring out one’s vocation is rarely easy. The most essential element of discernment is forming a loving relationship with God through prayer. Recently ordained priests revealed a rich and diverse prayer life before they entered the seminary—a prayer life of Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, Prayer Group, Bible Study, High School Retreats, College Retreats, Lectio Divina, a Meditative Silent Prayer on Bible Verse(s). This prayer life intensifies when men enter the seminary through daily Mass and praying together the Liturgy of the Hours, Holy Hour. Seminarians have a spiritual director helping them in their prayer life and spiritual formation.

The phenomenon of discernment groups has become widespread in recent years because of their effectiveness in supporting young people. For those who cannot join in person, there are two new Facebook groups: The Collar for men and The Veil for women. Just message to join where you will find Facebook live videos, group chat and more. All help men and women figure out God’s call.

Cloistered Life. Many cloistered communities are unknown to the world, and even unfamiliar to Catholics. A stunning new website brings exposure to the powerful “hidden” vocation of nuns and monks. [cloisteredlife.com](http://cloisteredlife.com)

[melchizedekproject.com](http://melchizedekproject.com) also present the priesthood for men.

[discernavow.com](http://discernavow.com) present the religious life for women.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

It offers married couples an opportunity to know of a loving communication that will last lifetime. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends at San Damiano Retreat Center. For more information, contact: Joe and Sue Talarico, Diocese of Oakland, (925) 680-7767. [Joe.Sue.Talarico@wwme.org](mailto:Joe.Sue.Talarico@wwme.org). Or Mike and Jeanne, (925) 672-2016.

**Bishop’s Appeal of 2018**

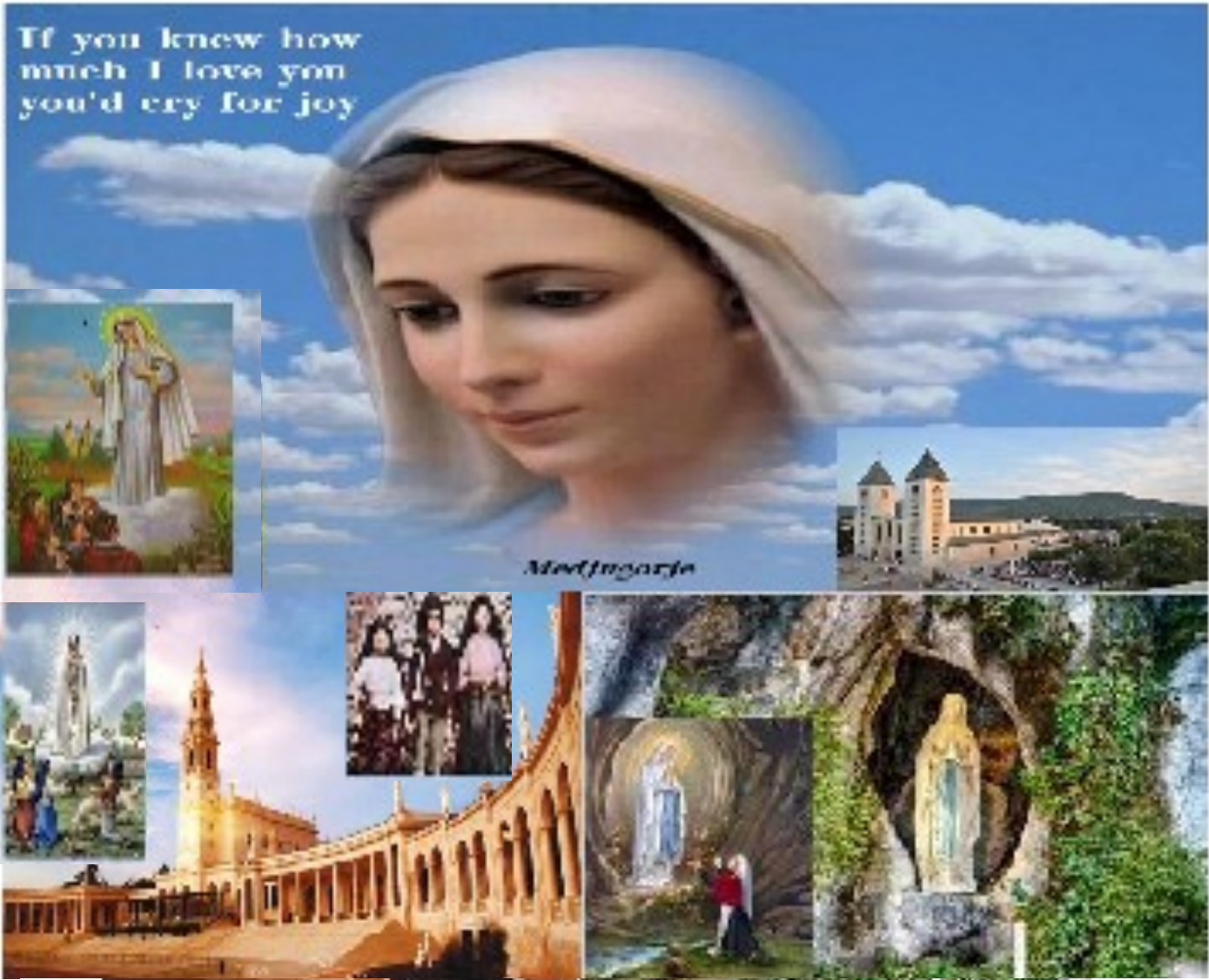
Make a pledge or send your contributions to the 2018 Bishop’s Appeal. and every gift supports priestly and religious vocations, expand catechesis, care for elderly religious and priests, social services for the hungry, homeless, the sick and unemployed in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

**SVdP Thanksgiving Program**

"Our St. Vincent de Paul Society is collecting turkeys to distribute to families at our food pantry for Thanksgiving. In the past, the St. John's community has generously provided about 70 turkeys and we hope you can help out again.

To donate, please bring your 15-lb turkey to the parish office or see any St. Vincent de Paul member to make arrangements. You can also donate funds to purchase turkeys and sides. Please donate by Thursday, November 15, 2018. If you have any questions, please e-mail or call Eric & Sharon Ewen. [saewen50@hotmail.com](mailto:saewen50@hotmail.com) OR 510-412-9761).

Thank you for your generous response!"



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Local Contact Persons : Luvi Lumibao (510) 918-5825

Victoria Tannady (510) 847-7773

*Hail Mary, full of Grace  
The Lord is with Thee  
Blessed are you amongst women  
and Blessed is the Fruit of Thy Womb, Jesus.*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God  
Pray for us, sinners  
Now and at the hour of our death,  
Amen.*

