

# 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

November 11, 2018

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

1 Kgs 17:10-16

Heb 9:24-28

Mk 12:38-44 or Mk 12:41-44

## God Notices Our Acts of Generosity

**E**lijah is quite bold. He finds this poor woman collecting sticks to make her “last supper” on earth. She has run out of money, food, and energy. Even so, the prophet asks her to prepare him a cake and, in exchange for her hospitality, he promises she will not run out until God sends rain again. In her faith and humility, she says yes, and gives away all that she had to live on. God blesses her generosity! Jesus observes something similar. A poor widow willingly gives all she has when, without anyone noticing, she drops her coins in the donation basket. God always notices our acts of generosity and multiplies them into eternity.



Piece: *St. Stephen Distributing Alms*, 1447-1449

Artist: Fra Angelico

Location: Niccoline Chapel, Vatican Palace

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The first part of the Gospel stands in contrast with these two mighty widows. It shows us how *not* to be apostles.

Jesus chastises the scribes and teachers of the law for three defects in their religious practice: pride, greed, and showing off. They love public greetings and special seating at church and parties. Jesus goes even further by saying they use their authority to devour widow’s houses. Could Jesus’ irony be any starker? While the widow is giving her last coins, the priest is using it to devour her livelihood.

We may never see in this life how God blesses our small or large acts of love, prayer, and generosity. Yet, we should keep doing them, not to be seen or rewarded, but because we love God, and to love is always the right thing. God sees, and a great reward awaits us.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### *For Reflection*

*Am I doing what I can do to help the poor and protect them?*

*Is my piety and religiosity also expressed in charity and service?*

*[Jesus said,] “They have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she...has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood.”*

*Mark 12:44*

*Mass Intentions for the Week*



		<b>Intention</b>	<b>Requested by</b>
Saturday, Nov. 10	5 p.m.	Jaynie Klatt †	Kathy Klatt
Sunday, Nov. 11	8 a.m.	Renaldo Marin †	Marin Family
		Ramon Regalado †	Panganiban Family
	9:30 a.m.	For the Deceased Members of the Woo and Dong Families	John and Nancy Woo
	11:30 a.m.	Catherine Robertson †	Robertson Family
	6 p.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Monday, Nov. 12	8 a.m.	Fannie Rawls †	Renty Family
Tuesday, Nov. 13	8 a.m.	Alice Lin †	Bessie Lai
Wednesday, Nov. 14	8 a.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Thursday, Nov. 15	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
Friday, Nov. 16	8 a.m.	Helen Nelson †	Karen Stevens
Saturday, Nov. 17	8 a.m.	Erlinda de las Armas	Bernie Juat

**Stewardship**

Envelopes & EFT, Nov. 4, 2018	\$ 5,604.
Loose Donations	\$ 1,228.80
All Saints Day, Nov. 1	\$ 1,322.
All Souls Day, Nov. 2	\$1,374.
Charismatic Service, Nov. 3	\$ 371.31
Next week's Second Collection is for the Campaign for Human Development.	

*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  
 Patrick Gutierrez, Ruben Gutierrez, Maydelle Halligan  
 Joanne, Marvin & Maurice Haynes, Sherry Highlander  
 Tamaya Hunt, Ann Jones, Avelina Juat, 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, 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



**Veteran's Day Holiday**

St. John School and Church Office are closed  
on Monday, Nov. 12.

## Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Both widows in today's readings gave all they had to the work of the Lord, one using all her remaining food to feed Elijah and the other offering her two copper coins to the temple treasury. Faithful stewards give all that is asked and trust the Lord to be faithful to His promises.

### This Week's Service Schedule

**Sunday Readings:** 1 Kings 17:10-16. Heb 9:24-28.  
Mk 12:38-44 Or 12:41-44.

**Monday Readings:** Titus 1:1-9. Lk 17:1-6.

**Tuesday Readings:** Titus 2:1-8, 11-14.  
Lk 17:7-10.

**Wednesday Readings:** Titus 3:1-7. Lk 17:11-19.

**Thursday Readings:** Philemon 7-20. Lk 17:20-25.  
Or Sir 15:1-6. Mt 13:47-52.

**Friday Readings:** 2 Jn 4-9. Lk 17:26-37.  
Or Is 58:6-11. Jn 15:9-17. Or Eph 3:14-19. Jn  
15:1-8.

**Saturday Readings:** 3 Jn 5-8. Lk 18:1-8.  
Or 1 Jn 3:14-18. Lk 6:27-38.

**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.

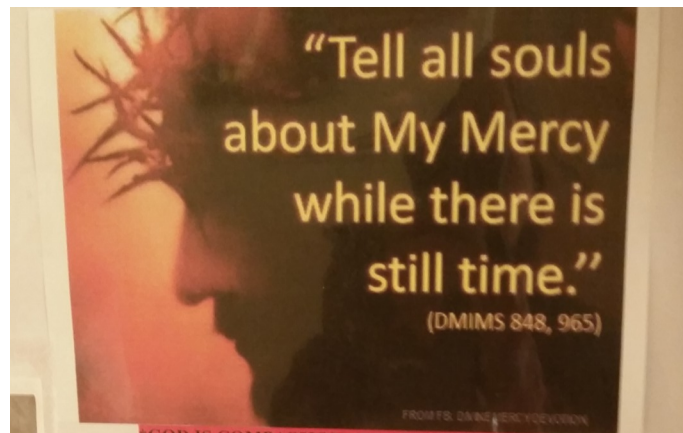
**Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Mon.-**  
Sat., 8:30am at Church; Daily, 3pm, 9pm, and  
10pm (Spanish) and Wed., 7:30pm (Spanish),

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

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

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

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



### 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.

*Mercy is a "bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness."*

*-Pope Francis*

### Protecting God's Children

All volunteers and church employees must complete 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.

**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).

**Rosary Crusade**

Host Our Lady's Pilgrim Statue of Fatima in your own home with the Rosary, the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and Our Lady's message at Fatima (Spanish/English). Please call: Enrique Sanchez, (510) 237-8873.

**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

**Calls for Help & Hope**

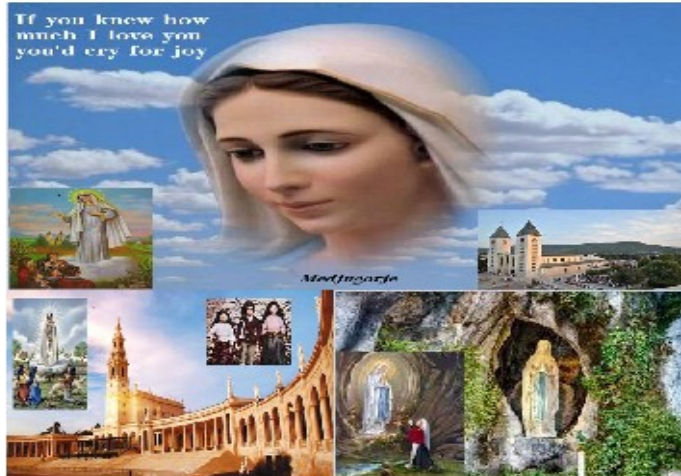
The Contra Costa Crisis Center has provided a lifeline of help and hope for 55 years. Call 1-800-833-2900

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat**

Nov. 16-18. Located in Danville. For details, contact Gloria Maldonado. (510) 485-2574. [afterthechoice@oakdiadmin.org](mailto:afterthechoice@oakdiadmin.org). Visit [www.afterthechoice.org](http://www.afterthechoice.org)

**Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Ave**

Nov. 13: Learn about changes in Medicare. Lunch at 12:30pm. Tracy, 707-400-8526



A Special invitation to an incredible 15-Day pilgrimage!

**Marian Shrines of Europe  
Fatima, Spain, Lourdes, and Medjugorje**

**With Fr. Thuong H. Nguyen**

October 10 - 24, 2019 \$4,499 per person dbl. occupancy

Includes round-trip airfare from U.S. Major Airports, hotels, breakfast, dinner, and daily Mass.

For more information please visit our web at [www.polandmej.com](http://www.polandmej.com)

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

Victoria Tannady (510) 847-7773

**Bishop's Appeal of 2018**

Your gift supports vocations, catechesis, care for elderly religious and priests, social services for the hungry, homeless, the sick and unemployed in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

**Join The Parish Email List**

Besides the bulletin, the parish also uses email to disseminate information. Weekly, we email a link to the bulletin on the parish website. We also email about some of our upcoming events.

If you are not getting these emails you can sign up to start receiving them. You can sign up on the parish website: [StJohnElCerrito.org](http://StJohnElCerrito.org).

On the home page, in the recent emails section, you will find a link to the email signup page. You can also go directly to the page which is:

[StJohnElCerrito.org/email/email-signup](http://StJohnElCerrito.org/email/email-signup). Your email address and name are all that is required.



# CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS

- **LEARN** about those living in poverty. • **ACT** and spread the word about poverty by passing along this flier.
- **CONNECT** with the work of CCHD by supporting the collection. • **PRAY** for those who benefit from this collection.

Too many people in our country find themselves living in poverty, and the barriers to breaking this cycle can sometimes feel impossibly large. But when people join together to work for more just communities, change can happen. Our faith calls us to walk with our brothers and sisters who find themselves on the margins of society and empower them to create change in their communities. With your support to the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), this kind of lasting change becomes possible. When you support the CCHD Collection, 75 percent goes to national projects that address the root causes of poverty and 25 percent stays here in our diocese to empower our local brothers and sisters living on the margins.

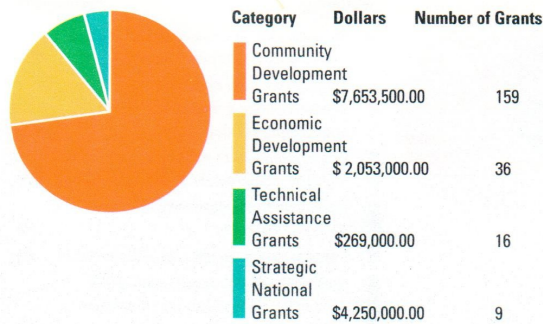
Stable housing is often one of the first steps for someone trying to break out of the cycle of poverty. In Portland, Oregon, the cost to rent an apartment or buy a property has increased beyond what is possible for low and moderate income families. This has created a housing crisis leaving many people unable to find an affordable place to live. But with your support, working families can afford to live in their community and their homes

can remain affordable for generations to come. Through homebuyer support provided by CCHD funded groups, over 330 low and moderate income people now have homes and financial stability, bringing lasting change to their lives. In addition, your support provides training for people to gain tools for community organizing and opportunities for leaders to bring these issues to the public arena. With your help, residents have advocated for tenant protections and increased housing availability in their community.

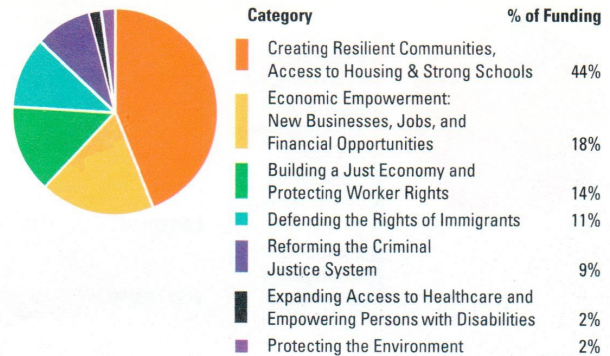
To learn more about the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, visit [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/cchd/collection).

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) allocates funds to community projects that promote the mission and vision of CCHD while adhering to the moral and social teachings of the Catholic Church. Please visit [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd) to view funding criteria and see a detailed list of our most recent grants and annual report.

## 2016-2017 GRANTS



## COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS



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