

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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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

Do Everything Well

This huge fresco behind the Sistine Chapel altar may be the greatest representation of the coming of Christ at the end of time. The centerpiece of the composition is Christ the judge with the Virgin at his side represented in a halo, surrounded by a crowd of apostles, prophets, patriarchs, Old Testament heroines, martyrs, and saints who form a double crown of swirling bodies. Michelangelo painted hundreds of figures, all with exquisite attention to detail.

Just think, when Michelangelo was painting, his work in the chapel was destined to be seen by very few—the pope, his court, a few visiting kings and diplomats at most. The Sistine Chapel would receive less foot traffic in Michelangelo's time than a medium- to small-sized parish today. Yet, Michelangelo painted with the same eye to perfection as if he knew his work would be seen by millions. He was not painting for the multitudes but for God and his patron, the pope.

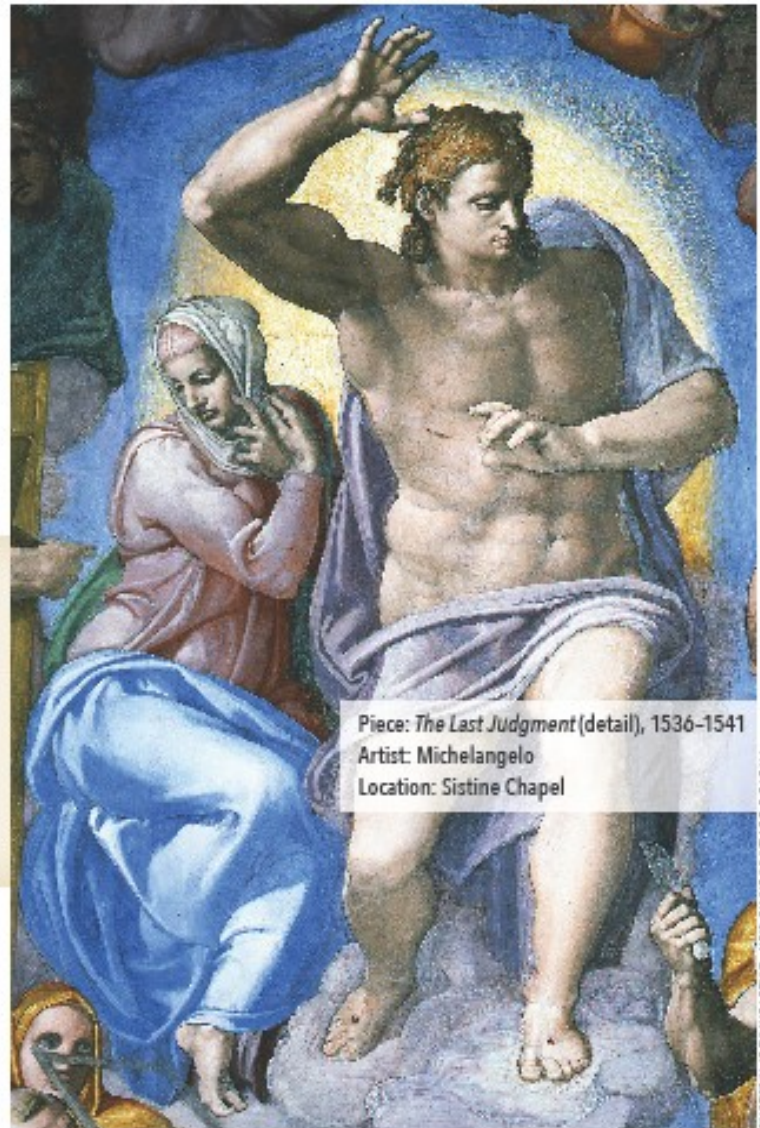
Similarly, if we act with generosity and love, whether observed by millions or no one, we will follow the path to true freedom and love. We do what is right, not to be seen, but because we want to be true to God, ourselves, and others. Living like this, we will have no reason to fear the Last Judgment.

More than six million people annually see *The Last*

For Reflection

Do I worry too much about being seen by others?

Do I console myself knowing that no good deed goes unrewarded?



Piece: *The Last Judgment* (detail), 1536-1541
Artist: Michelangelo
Location: Sistine Chapel

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Judgment in person, and countless more via broadcasts and social media. So do everything well, since it is seen by God and yourself—and maybe some day, by more eyes than you ever imagined!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

[Jesus said,] "And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory."

Mark 13:26

Mass for the Intentions Week

| | | Intention | Requested by |
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| Saturday, Nov. 17 | 5 p.m. | Thanksgiving-Manuzon Family | Manuzon Family |
| Sunday, Nov. 18 | 8 a.m. | Renaldo Marin † | Marin Family |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Leroy Sellers † | GRIP Soup Kitchen |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Deacon Loch-Anniversary | St. John Parishioners |
| | 6 p.m. | St. John Parishioners | St. John Parish |
| Monday, Nov. 19 | 8 a.m. | Joselito Asuncion † | Ferreros Family |
| Tuesday, Nov. 20 | 8 a.m. | Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health | Ana Prindle and Children |
| | | Enzo Lencioni † | Gina Lencioni |
| Wednesday, Nov. 21 | 8 a.m. | Thanksgiving Day | |
| Thursday, Nov. 22 | 10 a.m. | Luis Torres † | Torres Family |
| | | Henry Ong and Cassie Posner † | Ong Family |
| Friday, Nov. 23 | 8 a.m. | Laurencio Cruz-Birthday | Nemesia Peralta |
| Saturday, Nov. 24 | 8 a.m. | Dick, Helen, and Richard Nelson † | Karen Stevens |

Stewardship

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| Envelopes & EFT, Nov. 11, 2018 | \$ 2,812. |
| Loose Donations | \$ 1,208.50 |
| All Souls | \$7. |

This 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 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, Rose Anne, Fely Sabares, Jovita Santos Linda Schneider, Dimitri Smith Salvador Tejero, Rose Texara, Pat Tilley, Joseph Vidal Sarah Vidal, Evodio Walle, Winston Williams, Jan Williamson



Merry Christmas, St. John's Parishioners!

We're having a Christmas party and you're invited!

On Saturday, December 15, St. John's will host a parish Christmas dinner in the gym. This date is also the first night of our annual Simbang Gabi celebration, so we will be combining the 2 events.

We'll have food, sing along Christmas carols, and most importantly....you! The dinner will be catered. Wine and bottled water will also be available. Tickets are \$10 per person, \$5 for children in grades K-8 (pre-K and under free!), and \$30 for families. Reserved tables seating 10 people will be available for \$100.

Seating will be first come/first served so be sure to get there early. Tickets will be on sale outside the conference room after all weekend Masses until Sunday, December 9.

Please join us for food, fun, and fellowship as we await the birth of our Savior.

Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Ave

Nov. 20: Senior Members' Meeting. Thanksgiving Lunch at 12:30pm. Tracy, 707-400-8526

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The readings today speak of the end of the world and the coming of the kingdom. The bishops' pastoral on stewardship says clearly that "that 'life to come' is in continuity with this present life through the human goods, the worthy human purposes, which people foster now." May our good stewardship help us to be numbered among the chosen on the last day.

This Week's Service Schedule

Sunday Readings: Dan 12:1-3. Heb 10:11-14, 18. Mk 13:24-32.

Monday Readings: Rev 1:1-4, 2:1-5 Lk 18:35-43.

Tuesday Readings: Rev 3:1-6, 14-22. Lk 19:1-10 .

Wednesday Readings: Rev 4:1-11. Lk 19:11-28. Or Zech 2:14-17, Mt 12:46-50.

Thanksgiving Day/Thursday Readings: Sir 50:22-24. 1 Cor 1:3-9. Lk 17:11-19.

Friday Readings: Rev 10:8-11. Lk 19:45-48. Or 1 Peter 5:1-4. Mt 16:13-19. Or Is 52:7-10. Lk 9:57-62.

Saturday Readings: Rev 11:4-12. Lk 20:27-40. Or Wis 3:1-9. Mt 10:17-22.

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.

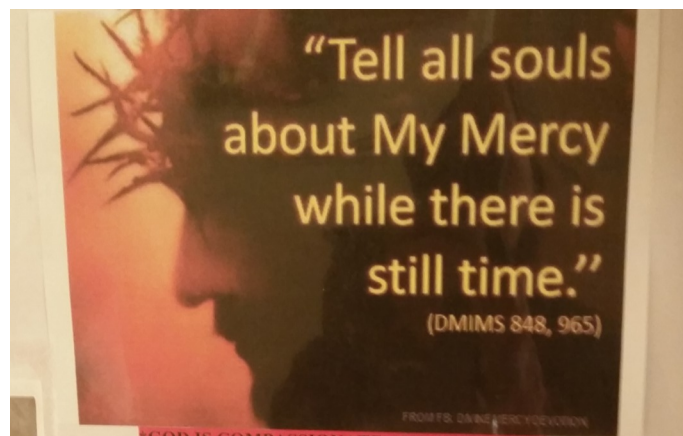


Lisa Austin

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention

Universal: In the Service of Peace

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



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). Enrique Sanchez, (510) 237-8873.

Pilgrimage to Marian Shrines of Europe

Oct 10-24, 2019. www.polandmej.com
Luvi, 510-918-5825. Victoria, 510-847-7773.

Protecting God's Children

All volunteers and church employees must complete a training on Protecting God's Children at 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.

All Are Welcome

Sign up for the parish website:
StJohnElCerrito.org. Or
StJohnElCerrito.org/email/email-signup.

Mass Schedule on Thanksgiving Day

Nov. 22, Thursday, 10 am

Braveheart's Corner

Thankful for knowing Jesus.



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.

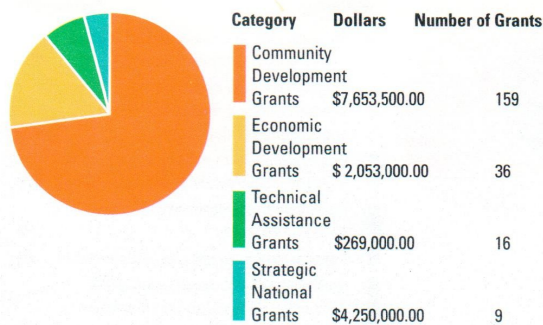
Stable housing is often one of the first steps for someone trying to break out of the cycle of poverty. In Portland, Oregon, the cost to rent an apartment or buy a property has increased beyond what is possible for low and moderate income families. This has created a housing crisis leaving many people 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.

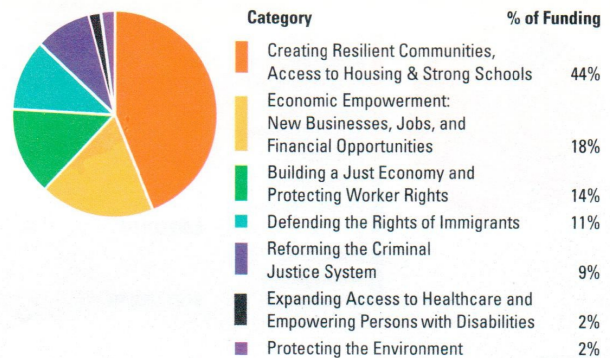
To learn more about the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, visit www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

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 to view funding criteria and see a detailed list of our most recent grants and annual report.

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