

# 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

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### St. John's Elementary School

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### St. John's Community Center

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### St. John's Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel

11152 San Pablo Ave.

### Sisters of Mercy Convent

(510)-233-6769

## Feeble, Fleeting Human Glory

Lorenzo Sabbatini painted this amazing Christ the King ascended in heavenly glory. Have you heard of the artist? He and his art were sought after by the wealthiest, most powerful people of his day—so famous then, but unknown today. Thus is the feeble nature of human glory.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is in chains at the mercy of Pontius Pilate. The Roman procurator failed to recognize him. Thus is the feeble nature of human recognition.

Pilate had before him the King of Kings, the author of all authority in heaven and on earth, his maker and judge. It appeared that Pilate was the powerful one, but Jesus knew all power really came from his

Father. Thus the feeble nature of vision without faith.

This ceiling scene painted by Sabbatini is what we should always keep in mind—Jesus taken up into the clouds as he blesses us. Cherubs dance and celebrate the return of the King, their fearless leader, who

faced all the forces of hell and emerged victorious. He was taking his

rightful throne and they are rejoicing at having him back.

He still reigns from there today.

He has opened the gates of heaven so all

his beloved can now enter and populate the mansions prepared for them

from the dawn of time. We may often

feel like victims of circumstances

or totally limited by our failures, health, or

enemies. Yet, we are more than conquerors if we allow

ourselves to be set free by the truth of Christ's kingship.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *Overview of the Vault, St. Lawrence Chapel* (circa eighteenth century)

Artist: Lorenzo Sabbatini

Location: Vatican Museums

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### *For Reflection*

*Do I judge people superficially or with a vision enlightened by the gospel?*

*How can I truthfully and faithfully judge situations, and help others do the same?*

*Jesus answered [Pilate], "You say I am a king.  
For this I was born and for this I came into the world."*

*John 18:37*

## *Mass Intentions for the Week*

		<b>Intention</b>	<b>Requested by</b>
Saturday, Nov. 24	5 p.m.	Thanksgiving	Victoria Tannady
Sunday, Nov. 25	8 a.m.	Richard Tatom, Sr. †	Joe Lewis
	9:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
	11:30 a.m.	Esther Esmilla Taylor †	Christina Taylor
	6 p.m.	Louis Tannady-Healing	St. John Parish
Monday, Nov. 26	8 a.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Tuesday, Nov. 27	8 a.m.	Romeo Batle Estrella †	Rosie Murphy
Wednesday, Nov. 28	8 a.m.	Percy Manasan	Cecile Ong
Thursday, Nov. 29	8 a.m.	Rogelio de Leon †	Rosie Murphy
Friday, Nov. 30	8 a.m.	Frank Revak †	Kathy Klatt
		Joel Jabson †	Fr. Ray Ogbemure
Saturday, Dec. 1	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Jabson Family
			Ana Prindle and Children

### Stewardship

This copy of the bulletin is an advance holiday edition. Collection figures will appear in the next issue.

*Thank you for your generosity.*

### Advent Penance Service

December 13, Thursday at 7:30pm

### Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 8. Mass at 8am. Not A Holy Day of Obligation.

### Simbang Gabi/Advent Novena Mass Schedule

December 15-23, at 7pm. Except on Saturdays at 5pm and Sundays at 6pm (Brazilian). For hospitality, please call Bernie Juat, 526-5828.

### YLI Bake & Knick Knack Sale

YLI Mother of Perpetual Help's annual institute fundraiser (Bake Sale & Knick Knack Sale) is at St. Jerome's Rohan Hall, 308 Carmel, El Cerrito, Saturday, 12/1, 6PM and Sunday, 12/2, 7AM-12:30PM. Beautiful creative handmade items by the St. Jerome's Crafters will also be featured. Please come out and support YLI and the Crafters.

### 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  
 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



### Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Ave

Nov. 27: Birthdays and Bingo. Lunch at 12:30pm. Tracy, (707) 400-8526.

## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Today's Second Reading reminds us that the sacrifice of Christ frees us from sin and makes us a royal nation of priests in the service of God. How am I using my gifts to serve God and others.

### This Week's Service Schedule

**Sunday Readings:** Dan 7:13-14. Rev 1:5-8.  
Jn 18:33b-37.

**Monday Readings:** Rev 14:1-3, 4b-5. Lk 21:1-4.

**Tuesday Readings:** Rev 14:14-19. Lk 21:5-11.

**Wednesday Readings:** Rev 15:1-4. Lk 21:12-19.

**Thursday Readings:** Rev 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9a.  
Lk 21:20-28.

**Friday Readings:** Rom 10:9-18. Mt 4:18-22.

**Saturday Readings:** Rev 22:1-7. Lk 21:34-36.

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

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

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

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

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

**Charismatic Service,** Sat., 7pm. At Church.

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

**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.

### Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

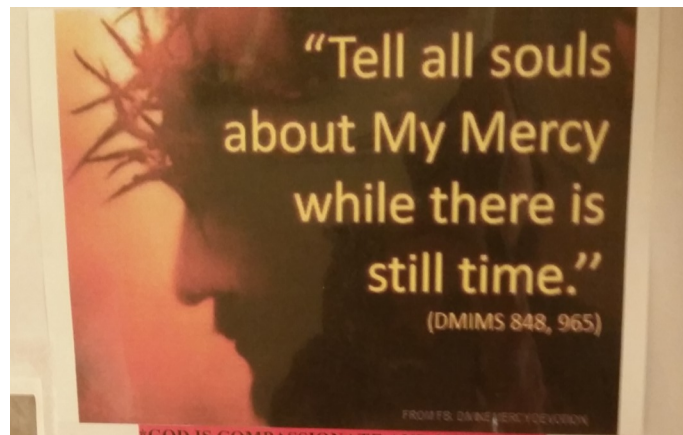
Mass on Dec 9, Sunday, 11:30am. Tamale lunch follows at the conference room, 12:30pm. All are invited.

### Put Christ In Christmas

Dec. 1, Saturday, 12noon, Chapel. Pray the Rosary: English/Spanish. Food will be served.

### Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Dec. 8, Saturday, 8am. ReConsecrate California to Mary. Mass and Rosary.



### St. Vincent dePaul Christmas Gift Drive

Dear Parishioners, it's that time of year again. Our St. Vincent de Paul Pantry will be gathering gifts for our pantry children. Beginning the weekend of December 1 and 2 we will have signups after every Mass, where you can choose a child and bring a new, wrapped gift for us to distribute. We're asking that gifts be brought in by December 8 and 9 for distribution at our December 15 pantry. As ever, we are heartily thankful for your generosity and prayerful support. We wish everyone a blessed and joyful Christmas! -Sharon

### St Vincent dePaul Thanksgiving Donations

Thank you, St. John's parishioners and schoolchildren for your most generous response to the St. Vincent de Paul pantry's request for Thanksgiving donations. Because of you we distributed 75 turkeys and traditional side dishes including stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy and cranberry sauce. Yours was truly an amazing response for which we are most grateful. Your brothers and sisters in need are also very appreciative. To feed the hungry is a corporal work of mercy. Many thanks! -Sharon



Mary Nguyen Thi Peng  
Angela Rapelli



# *Rejoice!*

## *Advent Meditations with Mary*

DECEMBER

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During this Advent season are you **preparing for a day**, December 25? Or are you **preparing for a person**, Jesus Christ? The parish invites you during this Advent to **prepare for Jesus by accompanying Mary** through her Advent. Imagine having an Advent

that is more peaceful, more joyful, and more meaningful than ever before. The [\*Rejoice! Advent Meditations with Mary\*](#) Journal lets you walk beside Mary during the first Advent as you get to know her in a way you haven't before.

The Journal offers more than insights and information about Mary's life - it offers an opportunity for you to encounter Mary in the quiet of your heart. Each day, in a few short pages,

### **Fr. Toups provides you with aids to help guide your prayer:**

- **A Word** - Focus on a single word each day to draw out the details, the specifics of who Our Lady is.
- **A Reflection** - Learn more about Mary, the culture in which she was raised, and the world in which she lived.
- **A Psalm** - Each day, you're given a Psalm to pray (just as Mary herself would have prayed) to help you enter into prayer.
- **A Reading** - In reading Scripture, you find the Word of God, bringing you closer to Mary, who carried the Word in her body.



On the **First Sunday of Advent, December 2**, after all the Masses we will be showing a video of the Blessed Mother's first Advent. We will also be selling the Journal to help you accompany Mary through Advent to all who are interested. You can also sign up to receive a link to a short weekly video to aid you on your journey.

# December 2018

CC - Community Center 1st Flr CC2 - Community Center 2d Flr CH - Church CR - Conference Room RE - Rectory MR - Music Room DM - Divine Mercy Chapel

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>2 First Sunday of Advent</b> Second Collection: Parish and School Development</p>	<p><b>3 St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions</b> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass / Rosary 4:30p Choir Prac-CH/MR 7p 33Days to Morning Glory-CR 7:30p Prayer Service (Brazilian) -CH</p>	<p><b>4</b> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass / Rosary 9a Senior Program-CC</p>	<p><b>5 St. Benedict</b> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass/Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet 12n Women's Covenant-CC 6:30p Choir Prac.-MR</p>	<p><b>6</b> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass/Rosary 7p Choir Prac.-CH 7:45p Choir Prac.-CH</p>	<p><b>7 St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor</b> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass/Holy Hour / Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet 6p Sacred Heart Novena 7p Our Lady of Fatima Mass &amp; Rosary Procession-CH 7:30p Brazilian Prayer Service-</p>	<p><b>1 First Saturday Blessed Virgin Mary</b> 8a Mass / Anointing of the Sick 9:30a Pastoral Council Meet 10a St Vincent Pantry 4p Confessions 5p Vigil Mass 7p Charismatic Service</p>
<p><b>9 Second Sunday of Advent</b> 8a, 9:30a, 11:30a Mass, 6p Mass (Brazilian) 10:30aBaptism Classes-RE 12:30p Guadalupeana Tamale Reception-CR</p>	<p><b>10 Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass / Rosary 4:30p Choir Prac-MR/CH 7p 33Days to Morning Glory-CR</p>	<p><b>11 Advent</b> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass / Rosary 9a Senior Program-CC 7:30p Brazilian Choir Prac.-CH</p>	<p><b>12 Our Lady of Guadalupe</b> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary 12n Women's Covenant-CC 6:30p Choir Prac.-MR</p>	<p><b>13 St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr</b> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass /Rosary 10a EC Royale Mass 7p Choir Prac.-CH 7:30p Penance Service</p>	<p><b>14 St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor</b> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary 6p Sacred Heart Novena-DM 7:30p Brazilian Prayer CR</p>	<p><b>15 Advent</b> 8a Mass 9a Opus Dei Meeting-DM 9:30a Finance Meeting 10a St Vincent Pantry 4p Confession 5p Vigil Mass/Simbang Gabi 6p Parish Christmas Party</p>
<p><b>16 Third Sunday of Advent</b> 8a, 9:30a, 11:30a Mass 10:30a Baptism Class-RE 6p Mass/Simbang Gabi (Brazilian)</p>	<p><b>17 Advent</b> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass / Rosary 4:30p Choir Prac-MR/CH 7p Mass/Simbang Gabi 7:30p Prayer Service</p>	<p><b>18 Advent</b> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass/Rosary 9a Senior Program-CC 7p Mass/Simbang Gabi</p>	<p><b>19 Advent</b> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hour 8a Mass /Rosary 12n Women's Covenant-CC 7p Mass/Simbang Gabi 6:30p Choir Prac-MR</p>	<p><b>20 Advent</b> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary 7p Mass/Simbang Gabi CH 7:45p Choir Prac.-CH</p>	<p><b>21 Advent</b> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass / Rosary 6p Sacred Heart Novena-DM 7p Mass/Simbang Gabi CH 7:30p Brazilian Prayer</p>	<p><b>22 Advent</b> 8a Mass 4p Confessions 5p Vigil Mass/ Simbang Gabi/</p>
<p><b>23 Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> 6p Mass/Simbang Gabi (Brazilian)</p>	<p><b>24 Advent</b> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass/Rosary 5p Christmas Vigil Youth Mass, 9p Christmas Evening Mass 7:30p Prayer Service (Brazilian) -CH</p>	<p><b>25 Christmas</b> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hour Mass at 8a, 9:30a, 11:30a, 6p (Brazilian) 8:30a Rosary 9a Senior Center-Closed</p>	<p><b>26 St. Stephen</b> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours/ Mass/ 6:30p Choir Prac-MR</p>	<p><b>27 St. John, Apostle</b> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours/Mass 7:45p Choir Prac-CH</p>	<p><b>28 The Holy Innocents</b> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours/Mass 7:30p Prayer Service (Brazilian)-CR</p>	<p><b>29 5th Octave of Nativity of our Lord</b> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours/Mass</p>
<p><b>30 Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</b> Second Collection:Parish Charities</p>	<p><b>31 Seventh Day Octave of the Nativity of the Lord /Mary, Mother of God</b> St. Sylvester I, Pope 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours/Mass 7:30p Mass-Vigil</p>					