

# 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.

### St. John's Divine Mercy

Adoration Chapel  
11152 San Pablo Ave.

### Sisters of Mercy Convent

(510)-233-6769

## Herod Was Correct

King Herod, the most powerful man in the region, was greatly troubled to hear about the birth of a king. Why would a reigning king fear a little child? Perhaps because he believed if word spread that a future messiah had been born, the Jews would be harder to control. They were easier to dominate when they were without hope, without a leader.

Herod was correct. Wise men from the East looking for the King of the Jews fulfilled prophecies that foretold all nations would come to Israel looking for a messianic leader.

Herod was also troubled because, if indeed this newborn was a king, he had a pretender and a competitor right under his royal nose. King Herod was correct again.

Although Jesus did not pretend to overthrow the Romans, he did come with authority and would upend the existing order. Jesus would preach to the heart and demand that no one sit on that throne except God his Father.

Pseudo Domenico presents the arrival of the Magi as a procession of vassals showing homage to their king. Kneeling, bowing, and standing erect with gifts in hand, authorities from far away are showing reverence to the newborn royalty who sits on Mother Mary's lap. His royal hall is the hillside, his scepter a baby finger, his royal family is Joseph and Mary.

These Gentile kings were the first to do what all of creation and all of history have been doing since then—bending their knee to the King of the Universe. Herod was right to worry.

— Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Piece: Adoration of the Kings, 1450s  
Artist: Pseudo Domenico di Michelino  
Location: Vatican Museums



### *For Reflection*

*Jesus' reign comes to give security to those who love him. Does his authority and care give me security? Do I seek earthly securities aside from the treasures he offers me: his will, protection, and grace?*

*When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled,  
and all Jerusalem with him.*

*Matthew 2:3*

## Mass for the Intentions *for the Week*

		<b>Intention</b>	<b>Requested by</b>
Saturday, Jan. 5	5 p.m.	Patrick Gutierrez-Healing	Gutierrez Family
Sunday, Jan. 6	8 a.m.	Joseph Lewis, Jr. †	Joe Lewis
	9:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving	Victoria Tannady
	11:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children	Ana Prindle and Children
		For Blessings of Good Health	St. John Parish
	6 p.m.	St. John Parishioners	Mila Vargas
Monday, Jan. 7	8 a.m.	Teddy Benavides-Birthday	Aurea Valdenor
Tuesday, Jan. 8	8 a.m.	Epifania Mordeno	Ana Prindle and Children
Wednesday, Jan. 9	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children	Tereza Willis
		For Blessings of Good Health	Tereza Willis
Thursday, Jan. 10	8 a.m.	Raymond and Maria Assis †	Ana Prindle and Children
Friday, Jan. 11	8 a.m.	Jose and Sebastian Assis †	Ana Prindle and Children
Saturday, Jan. 12	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children	
		For Blessings of Good Health	

### Stewardship

Dec 9, Envelopes/EFT	\$ 1,444.00
Loose Collection	\$ 1,079.22
Second Collection: Religious Retirement Fund	\$ 690.00
Feast of the Immaculate Conception	\$ 1,244.80
Dec 16, Envelopes/EFT	\$5,610.50
Loose Donation	\$1,079.22
Religious Retirement Fund	\$ 30.00
Feast of the Immaculate Conception	\$ 92.50

This issue is an advance holiday edition. Collection figures for Dec 23 and 30 will be available in the next issue.

*Thank you for your generosity.*

### Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Ave

Jan. 8: Tatiana Ryevzina, Speaker on acupuncture. Free blood pressure check. 12:30pm, Lunch (\$4). Tracy (707) 400-8526.

### Let Us Pray for the Sick

Rodolfo Abesamis, Virginia AldayNiani 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, Cecilia Mendiola, 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



### Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!

**Married Couples:** This New Year, make a Resolution to make your marriage the *best it can be* Jun 28-30, 2019 and Nov 15-17, 2019 in DANVILLE, CA. [oaklandwwme.org](http://oaklandwwme.org) at [applications@oaklandwwme.org](mailto:applications@oaklandwwme.org) or 925-849-5466.

## The Epiphany of the Lord

The three kings in today's Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. Mt 2:1-12. How far will I go and what will I offer to do homage to the newborn King and Savior?

### This Week's Service Schedule

**Sunday Readings:** Is 60:1-6. Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6. Mt 2:1-12.

**Monday Readings:** 1 Jn 3:22-4:6. Mt 4:12-17, 23-25. Or 2 Cor 5:14-20. Lk 12:35-40.

**Tuesday Readings:** 1 Jn 4:7-10. Mk 6:34-44.

**Wednesday Readings:** 1 Jn 4:11-18. Mk 6:45-52.

**Thursday Readings:** 1 Jn 4:19-5:4. Lk 4:14-22a.

**Friday Readings:** 1 Jn 5:5-13. Lk 5:12-16.

**Saturday Readings:** 1 Jn 5:14-21. Jn 3:22-30.

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

**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.

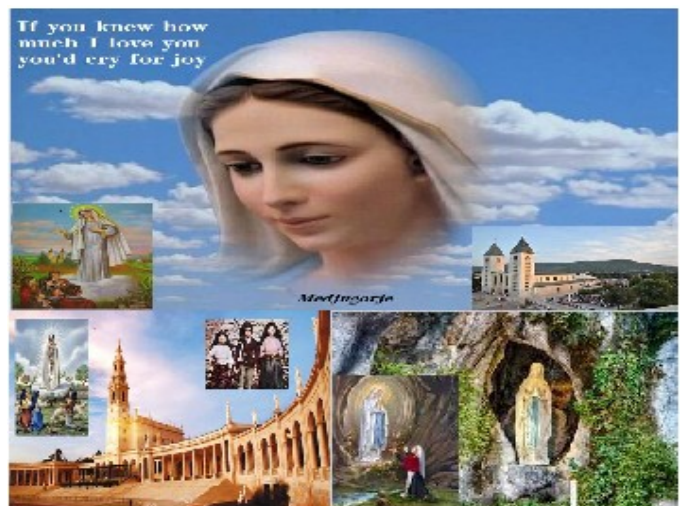
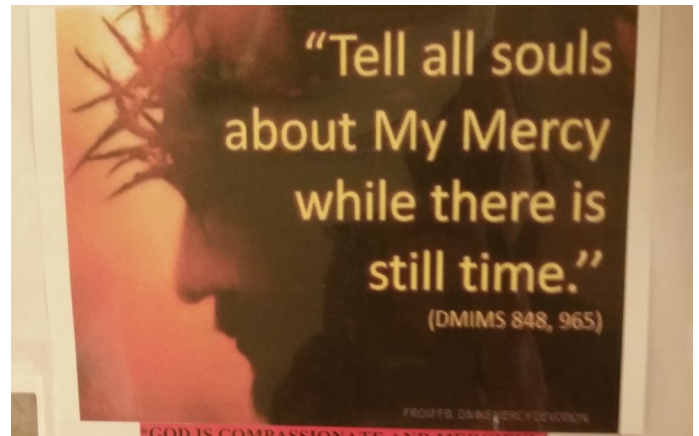
**Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Mon.-**  
Sat., 8:30am at Church; Daily, 3pm, 9pm, and  
10pm (Spanish) and Wed., 7:30pm (Spanish),

**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.

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



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)

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*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.*



## 33 Days to Morning Glory

**You are invited** to participate in a total Consecration to **Jesus** through **Mary**. Best described by Saint Maximiliano Kolbe who said: Marian consecration is “The surest, easiest, shortest, and the most perfect means” to becoming a Saint. We will use Father Michel Gaitley’s book, *33 Days to Morning Glory*.

Father Gaitley chose four Marian giants; Luis de Montfort, Saint Maximiliano Kolbe, Saint Teresa de Calcutta and Saint John Paul II, to lead us through an updated De Montfort consecration. Each week we will study one of these Marian giants and discover the impact consecration made in their lives. Join us.

We will meet **Mondays** from **10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** in the Conference room

**January 7<sup>th</sup>** Introduction to Marina consecration  
and distribution of materials

**January 14<sup>th</sup>** *St. Luis de Montfort,*

*21<sup>th</sup> St. Maximiliano Kolbe,*

*28<sup>rd</sup> St. Teresa of Calcutta,*

**February 4<sup>th</sup>** *St. John Paul II* and

Consecration **February 11<sup>th</sup>** [\*Living Your Consecration\*](#)

For more information contact Elizabeth Martínez at (510) 384-9800

or Maria Isabel Jiménez at (510) 508-3438.

## Totus Tuus ("Totally Thine")

### Mission Statement

To deepen our relationship with our Lord and Savior by consecrating ourselves to our **Blessed Mother** who, by her love, mercy, blessing and intercession, will lead us to **The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus** and to share this mission with others in our parish.

### Consecration Team

Spiritual director

Coordinator Maria Isabel Jiménez

Organization Elizabeth Martínez

Finance Patricia Maya

Team Helpers

Intersección Verónica, Maria de Jesús, Maria del Socorro Moratalla

Decoration

Technician Richard Keller

Host Elizabeth Martínez

### Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

What parish do you belong to? \_\_\_\_\_ Are you active in it? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you participated in this retreat, or another Marian consecration, before? \_\_\_\_\_

How many times? \_\_\_\_\_

### Evaluation Form

Would you like to participate in consecration next year?

Decoration \_\_\_ Intercession \_\_\_ Host \_\_\_ Other

What did you like best about our consecration?

What did you like least?

Comments or suggestions for next consecration?

### Orientation

1. Fellowship (**10 min.**)

Call to order (Elizabeth)

Prayer (Elizabeth)

Introductions (**9 min.**)

*(Elizabeth, Patty and Isabel 2-3 min.)*

2. Material explanation (**5 min.**)

Comments or suggestions for next consecration: \_\_\_\_\_