

# St. John the Baptist Church

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## Welcome!

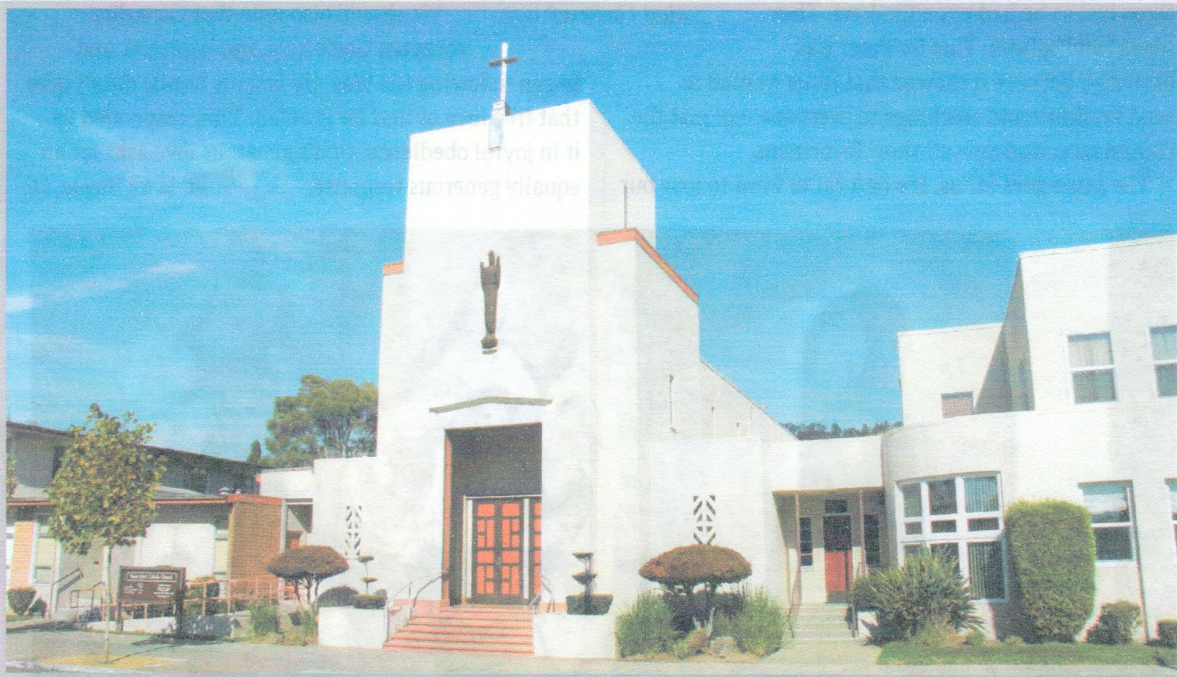
*Our warmest welcome to all who worship with us,  
whether a long-time parishioner or newly arrived in the parish.  
As Catholic Christians, we are committed to knowing,  
loving and serving God by obeying His commandments  
and serving our brothers and sisters with love and respect.*

### 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

Lynne Castro-Evans: (510)-501-4894

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### St. Vincent de Paul Society

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### St. John's Elementary School

Principal: Dina Trombetta  
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### 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



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

December 9, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent (C)

Bar 5:1-9

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Lk 3:1-6



Piece: *Virgin and Child Surrounded by Saints*  
(detail), 1537

Artist: Marco Palmezzano  
Location: Vatican Museums

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## The Time Is Right

Saint Luke loves to be precise in his Gospel, so he documents the exact time and place of the appearance of John the Baptist, the precursor to Jesus. Tiberius was the second emperor of Rome, and the fifteenth year of his reign corresponds to AD 27. Pontius Pilate was prefect from the years 26 to 36. Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great, ruled in Galilee until his death in the year 39 and is the Herod who had John the Baptist beheaded. On the Jewish side, Caiaphas was high priest, and his influential father-in-law Annas was considered a leader of Jewish religious life.

These historical dates align with Luke's explanation, as well as other events described in his Gospel. Ours is a faith based on real people and events. No doubt there is a great appreciation for the supernatural in our faith, but it is never *against* nature, just *beyond* it.

Jesus praised John the Baptist (see Matthew 11:2-9) for his strong will and dedication. Humility, austerity, courage, and a spirit of prayer are also a large part of the testimony John left us. Palmezzano dresses him in the martyr's red and camel skin to accent his supreme virtue. So dedicated and heroic was he in his fulfillment of the mission entrusted to him, Jesus acclaimed "among those born of women there has been none greater" (Matthew 11:11). "He was a burning and shining lamp" (John 5:35) to illuminate the path toward the true light who was coming into the world. Once that divine light arrived, John receded into the shadows.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### *For Reflection*

*Do I lead people to Jesus through my dedicated testimony?*

*Do I speak easily and naturally of Jesus with colleagues, family, or friends?*

*He went throughout [the] whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.*

*Luke 3:3*

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

		<b>Intention</b>	<b>Requested by</b>
Saturday, Dec. 8	5 p.m.	Fr. Ray Ogbemure-Anniversary Theresa Parella - Birthday	Kathy and Helen Christine Hickey
Sunday, Dec. 9	8 a.m.	John Paul Setnický †	Joe Lewis
	9:30 a.m.	For the Deceased Members of the Woo and Dong Families	John and Nancy Woo
	11:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children For Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
	6 p.m.	Mary Ann Pinguelo †	Jose Pinguelo
Monday, Dec. 10	8 a.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Tuesday, Dec. 11	8 a.m.	Aladina Matteucci †	Gina Lencioni
Wednesday, Dec. 12	8 a.m.	Luis Torres †	Torres Family
Thursday, Dec. 13	8 a.m.	Phillip Millspaugh †	Debi Merndoza
Friday, Dec. 14	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children For Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
		Jose Estaniel †	Panganiban Family

**Stewardship**

Envelopes & EFT, Nov. 25, 2018	\$ 2,087.
Loose Donations	\$ 1,235.50
Thanksgiving Day	\$ 1,611.
Envelopes & EFT, Dec. 2, 2018	\$ 6,537.
Loose Donations	\$ 2,447.33
Second Collection: Parish Development and the School Tuition Assistance Programs	\$1,414.
Charismatic Service, Dec. 1, 2018	\$113.

*Thank you for your generosity.*

**New Year's Vigil Service at Chapel**

Living Our Baptismal Vows/Rejecting the Works of Satan, Dec 31, 9-11p. (Food will be served.)

**December's Totus Tuus Meeting**

As we make our Advent journey with Mary, you are invited to study and pray with us as we deepen our faith through Our Blessed Mother. Come to our meeting Monday, December 10 at 7:00 P.M.

“Some people are so foolish that they think they can go through life without the help of the Blessed Mother. Love the Madonna and pray the rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother.” -St. Padre Pio

**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  
Lockett, Marian & Michael Luoma, Nancy McVey,  
Cecilia Mendiola, 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



**The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Mother of God, Mass Schedule**

Dec. 31, Monday, 7:30pm  
Jan. 1, Tuesday, 8am, 10am

## Second Sunday of Advent

Good stewards believe that God, who has begun this good work in them, will carry it through to completion. In words and deeds, they can sing with the psalmist, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

### This Week's Service Schedule

**Sunday Readings:** Baruch 5:1-9. Phil 1:4-6, 8-11. Lk 3:1-6.

**Monday Readings:** Is 35:1-10. Lk 5:17-26.

**Tuesday Readings:** Is 40:1-11, Mt 18:12-14. Or Acts 20:17-18a, 28-32, 36. Jn 15:9-17

**Wednesday Readings:** Rev 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab. Lk 1:39-47.

**Thursday Readings:** Is 41:13-20. Mt 11:11-15. Or 2 Cor 10:17-11:2. Mt 25:1-13.

**Friday Readings:** Is 48:17-19. Mt 11:16-19. Or 1 Cor 2:1-10a. Lk 14:25-33.

**Saturday Readings:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11. Mt 17:9a, 10-13.

**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.

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

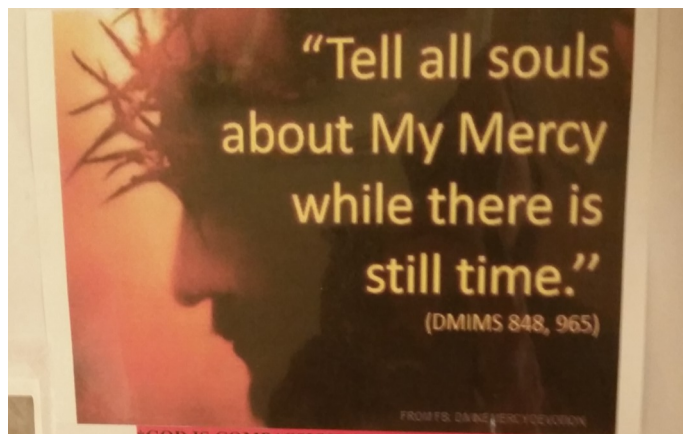
**Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**, Fri., 6pm at the Chapel.

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

### Simbang Gabi/Advent's Novena Mass

Dec. 15, Sat. at 5pm. Dec. 16, Sun. at 6pm, Fr. Hugo. Dec. 17, Mon. at 7pm, Fr. Leo. Dec. 18, Tue, at 7pm, Fr. Bart. Dec. 19, Wed. at 7pm, Fr. Ray. Dec. 20, Thu. at 7pm. Dec. 21, Fri. at 7pm, Fr. Cortez. Dec. 22 at 5pm. Dec. 23, Sun. at 7:30pm.

Need volunteers for Hospitality. Please contact Bernie Juat at 510-526-5828 or 510-610-4702.



### Mass Schedule for Christmas

Dec. 24, Monday, 5pm and 9pm.

Dec. 25, Tuesday, 8am, 9:30am, 11:30am, 6pm (Brazilian).

### 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

Dec 11: Holiday Jewelry Sale, 10-2pm. Lunch, 12:30pm.

**Simbang Gabi / Advent Novena Mass**

Date;Time	Celebrant	Hospitality Provided by
Dec 15, Saturday, 5pm	Fr. Thuong	Parish Christmas Party
Dec 16, Sunday, 6pm	Fr. Hugo	Brazilian Community, Jabson, Cosio, Vistan Families
Dec 17, Monday, 7pm	Fr. Leo	Cayetano, Waxman, Flores Families
Dec 18, Tuesday, 7pm	Fr. Bart	Peralta, Cruz Families
Dec 19, Wednesday, 7pm	Fr. Ray	Conway, Campos, Africa, Campana, Tai, Punsalan Families
Dec 20, Thursday, 7pm	Fr. Joseph	
Dec 21, Friday, 7pm	Fr. Fernando	Abesamis, Lucas, McStravick, Poitier, Ramiriez, Venson Families
Dec 22, Saturday, 5pm	Fr. Thang	5PM Vigil Choir, Murphy, Dolorfino Families
Dec 23, Sunday, 7:30pm	Fr. Thuong	San Lorenzo Community, Randall, Engalla, del Rosario, Phillips Families