

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



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The Joyful Family

Mancini paints the realistic details that make this scene as ordinary as any family playing with their child in a park. Mary has a bowl of water in her hand, perhaps ready to offer a drink to Jesus after he tastes the strawberry or to clean his stained fingers. A silver bowl of food for the baby rests on a white baby blanket. Perhaps it was just placed there by Joseph, for Jesus has finished his vegetables and now Dad offers dessert! A traveling basket sits in front of a water jug. These instruments show that they are a pilgrim family, and the Egyptian obelisk in the background indicates their destination.

The circumstances are precarious yet joyful, even playful, in their following of God's path. This was just one of the trying times for the Holy Family, which would eventually include losing the Child Jesus in the temple. As their whole focus in this painting is on Jesus, imagine their fear when they can no longer find the heart of their family.

This is a fantastic image of the joys and challenges of family life. There is joy in having Jesus in our midst, and no sacrifice is too great when he is present. But when he is lost from the center, fears and anxieties enter.

The words of Colossians sum up this attitude, making one think that Paul had a good idea of what virtues family life require! Let's work in our families to have Jesus at the center, and once he is there, to "put on" all the virtues that his presence inspires.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *Rest on the Flight into Egypt, The Holy Family*, 1725
Artist: Francesco Mancini
Location: Vatican Museums

For Reflection

Does one of the virtues mentioned by St. Paul catch my attention?

Should I pray for and practice that virtue a little more?

And Jesus advanced [in] wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

Luke 2:52

Mass Intentions for the Week



		Intention	Requested by
Saturday, Dec. 29	5 p.m.	Lisa Austin†	Mary Dong
Sunday, Dec. 30	8 a.m.	Parishioners	St. John Parish
	9:30 a.m.	Ernesto Cruz – Death Anniversary	Nemesia Peralta
	11:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children For Blessings of Good Health Richard and Kathleen Keller -Wedding Anniversary	Ana Prindle and Children
	6 p.m.	St. John Parishioners	Christine Hickey St. John Parish
Monday, Dec. 31	8 a.m.	Dick, Helen, and Richard Nelson†	Karen Stevens
	7:30 p.m.	Joel Jabson † Ancelle Nguyen-Personal Intentions	Jabson Family Ancelle Nguyen
Tuesday, Jan. 1	8 a.m.	Luis Torres †	Torres Family
	10 a.m.	Ancelle Nguyen	Ancelle Nguyen
Wednesday, Jan. 2	8 a.m.	Ramon Regalado †	Panganiban Family
Thursday, Jan. 3	8 a.m.	Ambrose Loyola and Family Memebers †	Tipping Family
Friday, Jan. 4	8 a.m.	Fr. Ray Ogbemure-Birthday	Kathy and Helen
Saturday, Jan. 5	8 a.m.	Patrick Gutierrez-Prayers	Gutierrez Family

Stewardship

This issue is an early holiday edition. Collection figures will be available in the coming issue.

Thank you for your generosity.

**Mass Schedule for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
A Holy Day of Obligation**

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

New Year's Vigil Service at Chapel

Living Our Baptismal Vows / Rejecting the Works of Satan. Dec. 31, 9pm-11pm. (English/Spanish). Everyone is welcomed.
Food will be Served.

Let Us Pray for the Sick

Rodolfo Abesamis, Virginia Alday,
Niani Barber, Pearl & Patrick
Batiste, Irene Blair, Robert Britto,
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, 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



Feast of The Holy Family

The first reading today provides a challenging blueprint for the good stewardship of our family relationships. How do I measure up?

This Week's Service Schedule

Sunday Readings: 1Sam 1:20-22, 24-28. 1Jn 3:1-2, 21-24. Lk 2:41-52.

Monday Readings: 1Jn 2:18-21. Jn 1:1-18. Or Ez 34:11-16. Mt 16:13-19.

Tuesday Readings: Num 6:22-27. Gal 4:4-7. Lk 2:16-21. Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

Wednesday Readings: 1Jn 2:22-28. Jn 1:19-28. Or Eph 4:1-7, 11-13. Mt 23:8-12.

Thursday Readings: 1Jn 2:29-3:6. Jn 1:29-34. Or Phil 2:1-11. Lk 2:21-24.

Friday Readings: 1Jn 3:7-10. Jn 1:35-42.

Saturday Readings: 1Jn 3:11-21. Jn 1:43-51.

Holy Hour, Fri. 8:30am.

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

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

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena, Wed., 8:30am at the Church and 6pm at the Chapel.

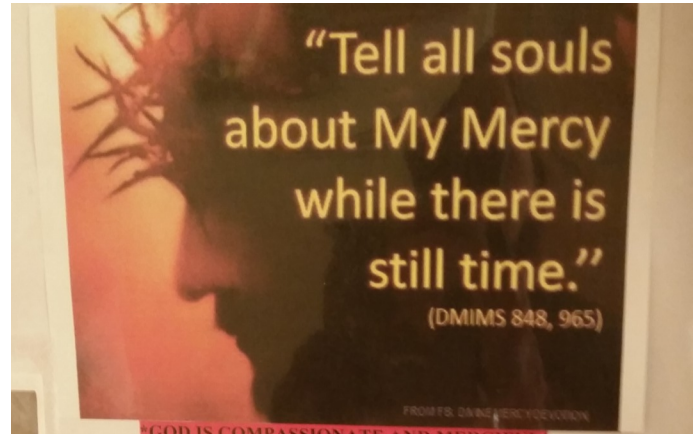
Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Mon.- Sat., 8:30am at Church; Daily, 3pm, 9pm, and 10pm (Spanish) and Wed., 7:30pm (Spanish), Chapel.

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.



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, *33Days 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 7th** Introduction to Marina consecration and distribution of materials.

January 14th *St. Luis de Montfort,*

21st *St. Maximiliano Kolbe,*

28th *St. Teresa of Calcutta,*

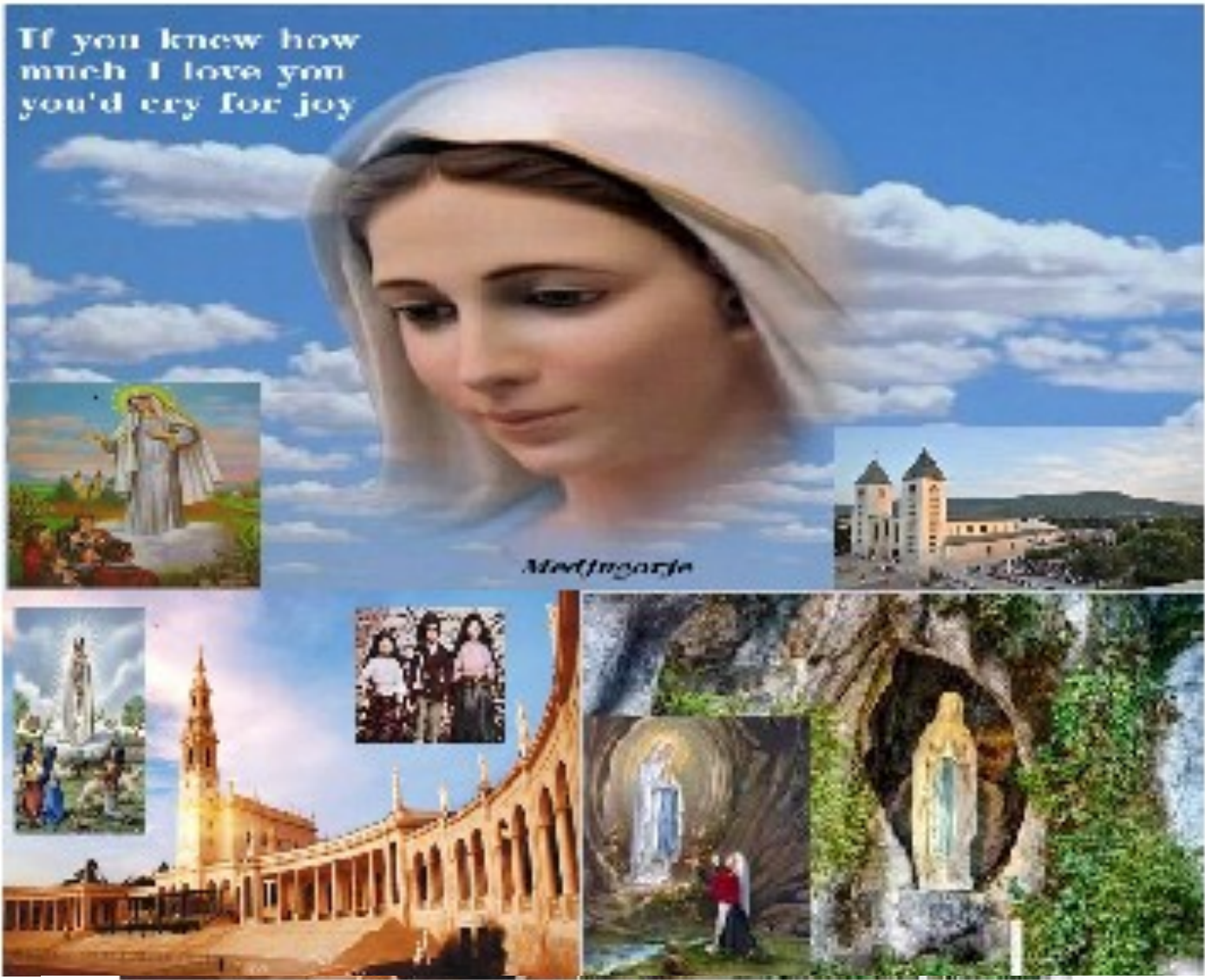
February 4th *St. John Paul II* and Consecration **February 11th** *Living Your Consecration*

For more information contact Elizabeth Martínez at (510) 384-9800 or Maria Isabel Jiménez at (510) 508-3438.

January 2019

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
6 Epiphany 9:30a Mass/CRE	7 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours/Mass / Rosary 7:30p Prayer Service (Brazilian)-CC2	1 <i>Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God</i> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours/ Mass/Rosary 9a Senior Program-CC 10a Mass	2 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours/ Mass/ Rosary 7:30p Scripture Study	3 <i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours/ Mass/ Rosary 7p Youth Ministry-CC	4 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30 Holy Hour	5 8a Mass / Anointing of the Sick 9:30a Pastoral Council Meeting-CR 10a Food Distribution-SVdP 4p Confessions 5p Vigil Mass 7p Charismatic Service/Adoration
13 Baptism of the Lord 9:30a Mass/CRE 10:30a Baptism Classes-RE	14 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours/Mass / Rosary 7p Totus Tuus 7:30p Prayer Service (Brazilian)-CC2	8 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours/ Mass / Rosary 9a Senior Program-CC	9 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours / Mass/Rosary 12n Women's Covenant-CC 7:30p Scripture Study-CR	10 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours/ Mass /Rosary 10a EC Royale Mass 7p Youth Ministry-CC	11 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours/ Mass/ Rosary 6p Sacred Heart Novena	12 8a Mass 9:30a Liturgy Meeting-CR 4p Confessions 5p Vigil Mass
20 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:30a Mass/ CRE 10:30a Baptism Class-RE	21 St Agnes 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours/ Mass / Rosary 7:30p Prayer Service (Brazilian)-CC2	15 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours/Mass / Rosary 9a Senior Program-CC	16 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours/Mass/ Rosary 12n Women's Covenant-CC 7:30p Scripture Study-CR	17 St Anthony, Abbot 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours/ Mass /Rosary 7p Youth Ministry-CC	18 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary 6p Sacred Heart Novena-DM	19 8a Mass 9a Opus Dei Meeting-DM 9:30a Finance Meeting-CR 10a Food Distribution-SVdP 4p Confessions 5p Vigil Mass
27 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:30a Mass/CRE	28 St Thomas Aquinas 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours / Mass/Rosary 7:30p Prayer Service (Brazilian)-CC2	22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours/ Mass/Rosary 9a Senior Program-CC	23 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours/Mass /Rosary 12n Women's Covenant-CC 7:30p Scripture Study-CR	24 St. Francis the Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours/ Mass/Rosary 7p Youth Ministry-CC	25 Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours Mass / Rosary 6p Sacred Heart Novena-DM	26 Sts Timothy and Titus 8a Mass 4p Confessions 5p Vigil Mass



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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,*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God
 Pray for us, sinners
 Now and at the hour of our death,
 Amen.*

