

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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St. John's Elementary School

Principal: Dina Trombettas
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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

Renewal by the Holy Spirit

We have all received baptism, but why don't the amazing fruits and graces received then always show themselves powerfully in our lives?

Titus tells us what has already happened for us in baptism. We were saved "through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the holy Spirit" (3:5). Yet this renewal accomplished by the Spirit needs to be fully embraced by us for it to reach its potential. We know we have been renewed, but how do we keep renewing? This happens by prayerful contact with the Holy Spirit.

In Titus, Spirit is capitalized because it's the Spirit of God. Renewal by the Holy Spirit is a renewal in which God, not man, is the principal protagonist. "Behold, I" (not you) "make all things new" (Revelation 21:5).

We often think that to be renewed and grow, we have to do something. God tells us it is something he does. "I, the LORD, make you holy" (Leviticus 20:8). We have to give him back the power he already has. Or better yet, we need to recognize God's power and let him use it in us.

A revolution needs to happen in our minds and hearts where we recognize that without the Holy Spirit we can do nothing. So ask the Holy Spirit to come upon you in a real baptism of fire. Then all those baptismal gifts will spark into a flame and help you set the world ablaze with his love!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

*When was the last time I prayed to the Holy Spirit?
He is a real divine person; talk to him.*

*Am I courageous enough to ask the Holy Spirit to
come down and touch my soul with his fire?*



Piece: Baptism of Jesus, 1956
Artist: Publio Morbiducci
Location: Vatican Museums

*[John said,] "I am baptizing you with water,
but...he will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire."*

Luke 3:16

Mass for the Intentions Week

		Intention	Requested by
Saturday, Jan. 12	5 p.m.	Jose G. Lozano-Birthday	Maria Lozano
Sunday, Jan. 13	8 a.m.	Henry Ong †	Ong Family
	9:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children For Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
	11:30 a.m.	Esther Taylor †	Christina Taylor
Monday, Jan. 14	6 p.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
	8 a.m.	Enzo Lencioni †	Gina Lencioni
Tuesday, Jan. 15	8 a.m.	Maria Assis †	Tereza Willis
Wednesday, Jan. 16	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children For Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
		All Souls	Tereza Willis
Thursday, Jan. 17	8 a.m.	Mary Nguyen Thi Yeng †	Kathy Klatt
Friday, Jan. 18	8 a.m.	Richard Calapini and Deceased Family Members †	Lilia Calapini

Stewardship

Dec 23, Envelopes/EFT	\$ 2,896.
Loose Collection	\$ 1,018.
Christmas	\$ 7,816.29
Dec 30, Envelopes/EFT	\$ 2,675.
Loose Collection	\$ 982.64
Second Collection: Parish Charities	\$ 1,936.
Christmas	\$ 1,105.
Jan. 1, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	\$ 4,679.50

Collection figures of Jan. 6 will be available at the coming bulletin.

Thank you for your generosity.

Let Us Pray for the Sick

Rodolfo Abesamis, Virginia Alday Niani Barber, Pearl & Patrick Batiste, Irene Blair, Robert Britto, Evelyn Canepa, Al Carlson, Jeff Chavez, Brenna Clark, Jennette Cleadenger, Linda Crittendon, Cora Dongon, Mary Dong, Tami Duncan, Mer Engalla, Juanita Estrellas, Eric Ewen, Filomena Giese, Mike Giovannini, Joseph Golinveau, Domingo Gregorio, Andy Gutierrez, James Gutierrez, Ruben Gutierrez, Maydelle Halligan, Joanne, Marvin & Maurice Haynes, Sherry Highlander, Tony Hu, Tamaya Hunt, Ann Jones, Avelina Juat, TomKennedy 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



Best Wishes and Thanksgiving

Brian & Raquel Leary, Richard & Theresa Ventin

on Your New Homes.

Baptism Class for Parents

Conducted every first and third Sunday of the month. Starts with Mass at 9:30am, followed by a class at the rectory.

2019 World Youth Day

Panama, Jan. 20-27

Walk for Life-SF/Priests for Life

Jan. 26, 8-9:30am Planned Parenthood Protest, 1650 Valencia St. with Fr. Frank Pavone.

Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Ave

Jan. 15: Guest Speaker, Floyd Sam of AARP on Tax Changes in 2019. Lunch (\$4), 12:30pm. Tracy (707) 400-8526.

The Baptism of the Lord

Jesus, whom God called “my Beloved Son” is also the “servant” of whom Isaiah speaks in the first reading. We who are baptized in Christ must follow His example and use our time and resources in the service of God and neighbor.

This Week’s Service Schedule

Sunday Readings: Is 40:1-5, 9-11. Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7.

Monday Readings: Heb 1:1-6. Mk 1:14-20.

Tuesday Readings: Heb 2:5-12, Mk 1:21-28.

Wednesday Readings: Heb 2:14-18.
Mk 1:29-39.

Thursday Readings: Heb 3:7-14. Mk 1:40-45.

Friday Readings: Heb 4:1-5, 11. Mk 2:1-12.

Saturday Readings: Heb 4:12-16. Mk 2:13-17.

24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration,
Daily at the Chapel.

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

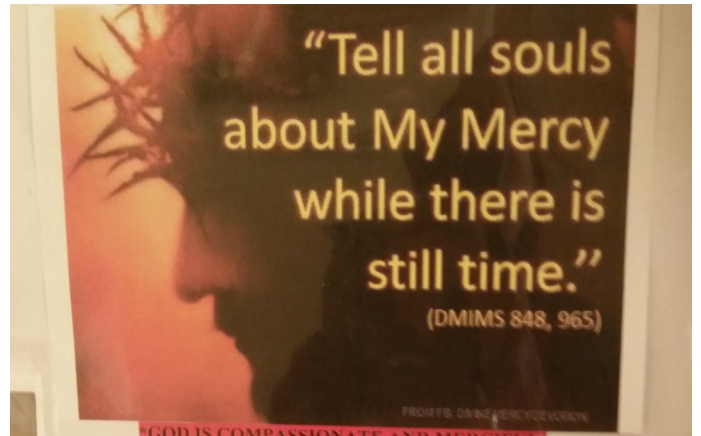
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena
Wed.8:30am at the Church and 6pm at the Chapel.

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.



**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
30th Year Anniversary**

Two-day event celebration,

Jan 20, Sunday, Movie Screening at 4pm
“Cracking the Code,” The Racial Inequality, held
at El Cerrito High School Performing Arts Thea-
ter.

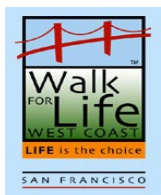
Jan 21, Monday, The Rally at 8:30am and
Parade at 9:30am, covering at El Cerrito City Hall
to The Celebratory Program at El Cerrito High
School Performing Arts Theatre at 11am.
elcerritomlkcelebration@gmail.com

Braveheart’s Corner

It is with heavy heart that we announce the passing of Charles Culbreth. Charles passed away unexpectedly on September 27, 2018 at his home in Visalia, Ca. Charles was music minister at St Johns’ during the mid 1980s. Charles directed the adult choirs while his wife, Wendy, led the children’s choir. Charles, Wendy and their 3 young daughters moved to Visalia in 1987. Charles continued to direct church choirs, sing, play and compose liturgical music. In addition, he taught music in both the Visalia public and Catholic school systems. You can view his obituary at www.SalserAndDillard.com. May he and all the faithful departed rest in Peace....



Richard Calapini
Josefina Hernandez
Patrick Gutierrez
Charles Culbreth
Diane Marin



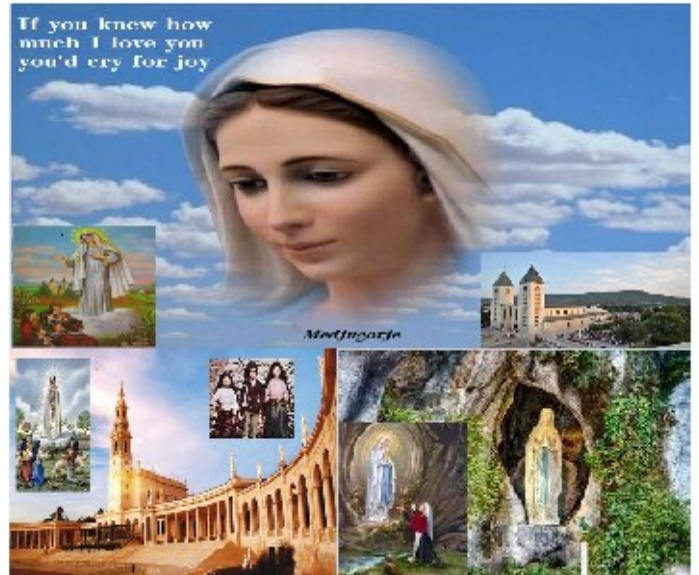
Walk for Life, Jan. 26
8am. Concelebrated Mass with
Archbishop Cordileone at St Mary
Cathedral, Gough and Geary Sts. A
Rally and the Walk follow at Civic
Center to Market St./Embarcadero.



Shown above is our priest, Fr. Joseph, celebrating a Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Sepulcher during the HolyLand pilgrimage of Dec. 3-13. He described that this Mass was, actually, inside a cave.

Remembering Diane Marin

Diane is a longtime parishioner who devoted her life to the Faith. A funeral Mass is at St. Joseph Cemetery Chapel, San Pablo, on Jan. 19, Saturday at 10:30am with a viewing from 9-10am.



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

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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: St. Louis de Monfort, Saint Maximiliano Kolbe, Saint Teresa de Calcutta and SAINT John Paul II, to lead us through an updated De Monfort consecration. Each week we will study one of these Marian saints and discover the impact consecration 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 Marian consecration and distribution of materials.

January 14th St. Luis de Monfort

21st St. Maximilano Kolbe

28th St. Teresa of Calcutta

Consecration **February 11th** St. John Paul II

For more information, contact Elizabeth Martinez 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 thru 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?