

# St. John the Baptist Church

11150 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530 • Phone (510) 232-5659 • Fax (510) 236-0960  
www.StJohnElCerrito.org • e-mail: stjohns@sjtbc.us

## 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

## Developing the Strength of a Prophet

The consoling words from the prophet Jeremiah give comfort to all of us. God told him that he, like each of us, was known even in his mother's womb. It was this knowledge of being known and loved that gave Jeremiah the strength to stand before his people and prophesy some very strong and harsh words. He was set as a strong pillar, a wall of brass, a fortified city. He was rooted in love, because he needed to be so as not to be crushed by the anger and resentment stirred up by his prophetic words.

Jesus faces the same ire when visiting his hometown. At first the Nazarenes praise him, but soon, as if they had some entitlement, they presumptuously demand that he perform miracles to satisfy their vanity—not to change their hearts. When Jesus challenges them, their response is to want to throw him off a cliff!

As Christians, we all have a prophetic mission. We're called to preach the truths of the gospel, and at times this isn't popular. In the public square, the Church and Christians are often praised for their charitable work but asked to silence their religious voice when morality is discussed. We need the strength and conviction of prophets as well as the love that drives them.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### *For Reflection*

*Do I have the serenity and moral courage to share the gospel truth in love?*

*Do I always show my faith in charitable thoughts and actions, and then in words when appropriate?*



*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born  
I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you.*

*Jeremiah 1:5*

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Intention**

**Requested by**

Saturday, Feb. 2	5 p.m.	Tony Wong-Blessings & Good Health	Kathy Klatt
Sunday, Feb. 3	8 a.m.	Diane and Renaldo Marin †	Marin Family
	9:30 a.m.	Llana and Rick Santos-Birthday	Cindy Santos
	11:30 a.m.	Lisa Austin †	YLI-Mother of Perpetual Help
		Josefa F. Marcelino †	Lyn Gauna
	6 p.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Monday, Feb. 4	8 a.m.	Al Carlson-Blessings & Good Health	Friends at St. John
Tuesday, Feb. 5	8 a.m.	Pedro A. Benavides, Sr.	Mila Vargas
Wednesday, Feb. 6	8 a.m.	Tita Ong-Birthday	Ong Family
Thursday, Feb. 7	8 a.m.	Angela Rapella †	Janet Chavez
Friday, Feb. 8	8 a.m.	Pedro Benavides, Jr.- Birthday	Mila Vargas
Saturday, Feb. 9	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children For Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children

**Stewardship**

Jan 27, Envelopes/EFT \$2,613.00  
Loose Collection \$1,234.66

*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, 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 Tamaya Hunt,  
Ann Jones, Avelina Juat, Tom Kennedy, Marija Limon,  
Maria Impang Lozada, Bernice Luckett, Marian &  
Michael Luoma, Mary Agnes, 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



**Braveheart's Corner**

Totus Tuus (Totally Thine) met Monday, January 14 at 7:30pm in the conference room. We discussed our Advent retreat book, Rejoice. We agreed the book enriched our Advent experience and deepened our knowledge of and love for Mary. Elizabeth Gabre-Kristos was inspired to read True Devotion to Mary by Saint Louis de Montfort and joined her. Join us as we continue our discussion on the reading at our February 11 meeting.

We prayed the Rosary keeping our needs and intentions in mind. Please pray for us. We are praying for you. -Elizabeth Martinez

**CHP "Age Well, Drive Smart"**

For drivers age 55 or over: Free Presentation to drive longer and safer and earn a mature driver discount on insurance cost. Reserve a seat by Feb 19. Call Tracy 707-400-8526.

**Calls for Help & Hope**

The Contra Costa Crisis Center has provided a lifeline of help and hope for 55 years.  
Call 1-800-833-2900

### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah declares that the Lord knew him before he was born, and dedicated and appointed him to his role as prophet even before he drew breath. We, too, are known and sent by the Lord, What deeds of love and service are mine to perform.

#### This Week's Service Schedule

**Sunday Readings:** Jer 1:4-5,17-19.  
1Cor 12:31-13:13 Or 13:4-13. Lk 4:21-30.  
**Monday Readings:** Heb 11:32-40. Mk 5:1-20.  
**Tuesday Readings:** Heb 12:1-4. Mk 5:21-43. Or  
1Cor 1:26-31.Lk 9:23-26.  
**Wednesday Readings:** Heb 12:4-7, 11-15.  
Mk 6:1-6. Or Gal 2:19-20. Mt 28:16-20.  
**Thursday Readings:** Heb 12:18-19, 21-24. Mk 6:7-13.  
**Friday Readings:** Heb 13:1-8. Mk 6:14-29. Or  
Tobit 12:6-13. Mk 10:17-30 Or 10:17-27. Or 1Cor  
7:25-35. Mt 25:1-13.  
**Saturday Readings:** Heb 13:15-17, 20-21. Mk  
6:30-34.

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

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

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

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

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

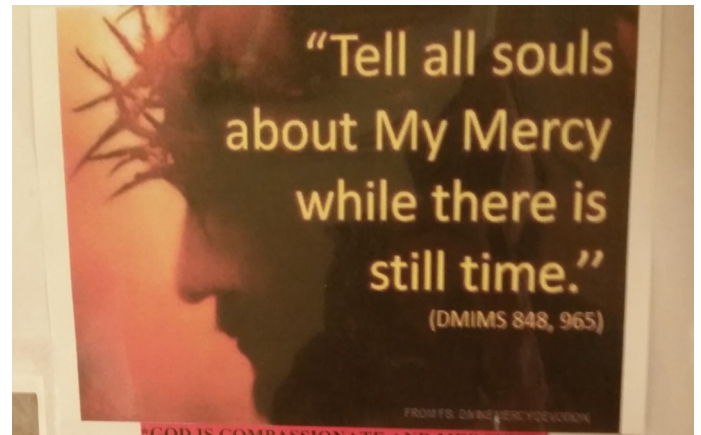
**Confessions,**

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

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

#### Remembering Virginia Randall

Virginia Randall, a longtime parishioner passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Jan. 29. Virginia and her family were volunteers to ministries at Church.



#### 33 Days to Morning Glory

Everyone is welcomed at meetings on Mondays from 10-11:30am at the Conference Room. Consecration Mass on Feb. 4 will be held at Saint John the Baptist Church. For more information, Contact: Elizabeth Martínez at (510) 384-9800 or Maria Isabel Jiménez at (510) 508-3438.

#### Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Ave

Feb. 5: Blood Pressure Check.  
Members' Meeting. 12:30pm, Lunch (\$4).  
Tracy (707) 400-8526.

#### Class of '68 Reunion, Oct 26



If you're a former student from the Class of 1968 or know of someone who was in this class, please share your contact information with Laurie Gaeta.  
[gaetalaurie1968@gmail.com](mailto:gaetalaurie1968@gmail.com)

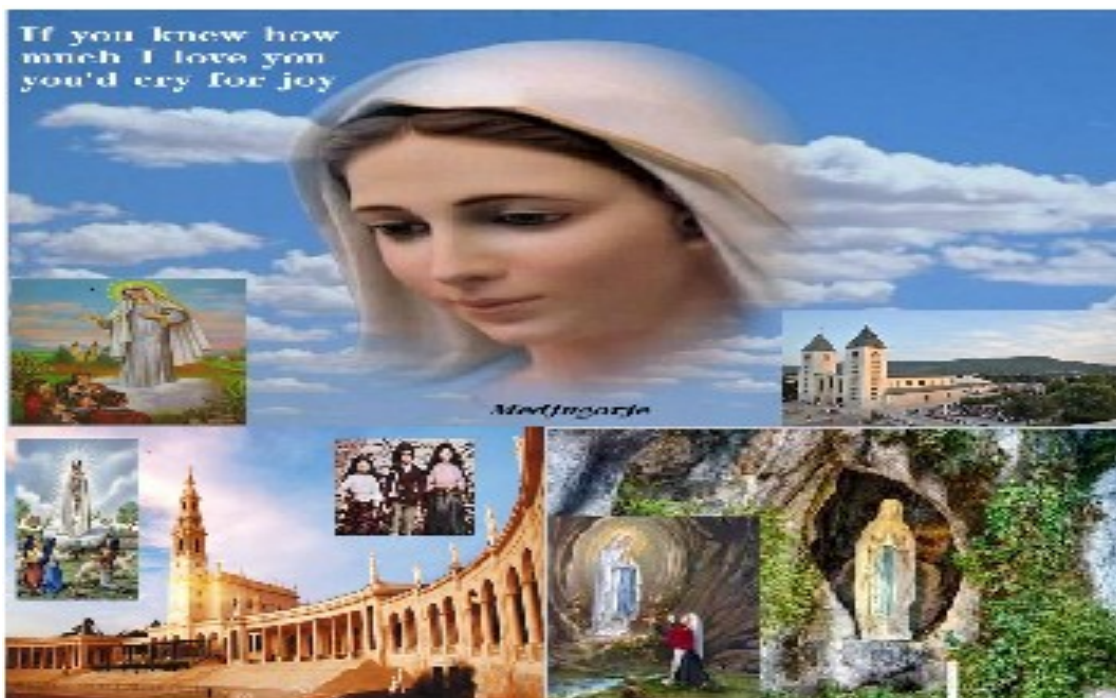


# St. John the Baptist School ANNUAL CRAB FEED & AUCTION

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2019 6:30pm**  
**St. John the Baptist Gym**  
 tickets 510-234-2244 or visit us at [stjohnec.org](http://stjohnec.org)




### 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 [ww.polandmej.com](http://ww.polandmej.com) Local Contact Persons: Luvi Lumibao (510) 918- 5825, Victoria Tannady (510) 847-7773.

St. John the Baptist Church Community  
11150 San Pablo Ave. El Cerrito, CA 94530 (510) 232-5659  
**17<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Day Camp**



**Join us for a Week That**  
**Oozes**  
**with Fun!**  
**June 24-28**

- ⇒ **Sonic Songs & Fusion Finale**
  - ⇒ **Hyper Speed Games**
  - ⇒ **Test Tub Treats**
- ⇒ **Wacky Works Crafts & Outreach**
  - ⇒ **Bible Blast**
  - ⇒ **Power Up Dance Lab**
  - ⇒ **Surprise Guests**
- ⇒ **Computer & Science Funology**

**Morning only – 9am-12:30pm, \$70**

**All Day Camp -9am-5pm, \$170**

**Pre-K to 6<sup>th</sup> grade (Completed)**

***FREE CAMP T-SHIRT – Free Early Drop Off at 8:00 a.m.***

**Squeaky Beakers Pre-School**  
(3-5yrs, haven't gone to Kindergarten yet)

**Jr. High, High School & College Community Leadership Program**

- ❖ **Become a "Funologist" who can help our next generation in discovering the Miracles hidden in Science.**
- ❖ **Build your work & college resume through community outreach alongside your friends and fellow "Funologists"!**

**Registration, February : [www.sjtbc.us/vbdc.html](http://www.sjtbc.us/vbdc.html)  
Pam Vincent- (510)507-8694, [pam@sjtbc.us](mailto:pam@sjtbc.us)**