

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

Thom McGowan: (707)-653-4920
Loch Sekona: (510)-837-1052

Parish Office

Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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Accountant/Bookkeeper:
Arthur De Leon

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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

Pursuing a Higher Moral Standard

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus offers a rather radical call to holiness. Many of us have a hard time accepting that we are all called to such levels of morality. Yet, read to whom Jesus is speaking here. The Gospel says his audience is everyone: his apostles, his disciples, and a large number of other people from around the region. The Second Vatican Council offers a reminder when it says, "Fortified by so many and such powerful means of salvation, all the faithful, whatever their condition or state, are called by the Lord, each in his own way, to that perfect holiness whereby the Father himself is perfect" (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church [*Lumen Gentium*], 11).

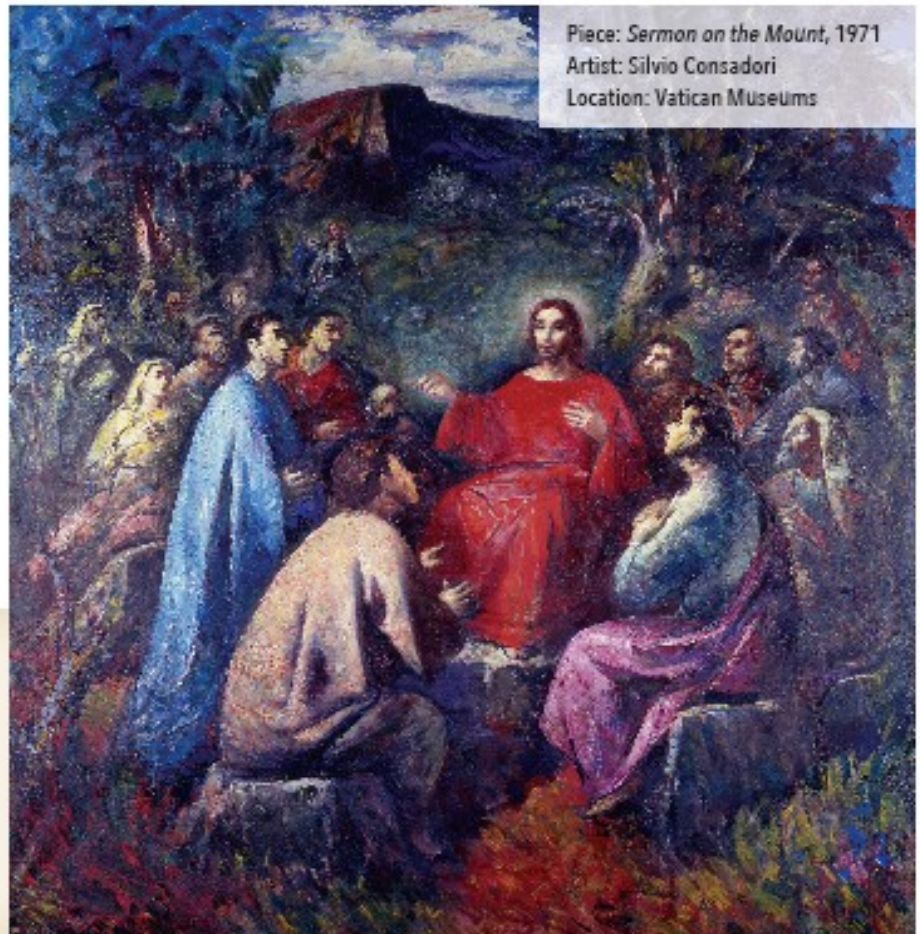
A key to progress in any personal area is keeping hungry, never being fully satisfied. The same goes for our faith and relationship with our Lord. If our goal is to be comfortable, to follow the path of least resistance, then mediocrity is our goal. Jesus is

anything but mediocre. He proposes to us a high moral standard that isn't reached by coasting.

Our souls are hungry by design. They are never fully satisfied in this life because we desire the Infinite—we desire God.

Luckily, our Lord not only proposes a high moral ideal of holiness, but he also gives us his very Spirit so we can reach the heights he proposes. And so we can pray with St. Augustine, "Give me what you command, and command what you will."

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *Sermon on the Mount*, 1971
Artist: Silvio Consadori
Location: Vatican Museums

For Reflection

Do I consider myself a Catholic who is tending and working toward holiness?

Would Jesus consider me a Catholic who is tending and working toward holiness?

*And raising his eyes toward his disciples [Jesus] said:
"Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours."*

Luke 6:20

Mass Intentions for the Week



	Intention	Requested by
Saturday, Feb. 16	5 p.m. Sheila B. Schnitger †	Mila Vargas
Sunday, Feb. 17	8 a.m. Angelique Spragan-Nelson †	Joe Lewis
	9:30 a.m. Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children For Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
	11:30 a.m. Jesus V. Marcelino †	Erlinda Gauna
	6 p.m. St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Monday, Feb. 18	8 a.m. Ruth Bronner-23rd Death Anniversary	Kathy Klatt
Tuesday, Feb. 19	8 a.m. Joselito Asuncion †	Asuncion Family
	Fannie Rawls †	Renty Family
Wednesday, Feb. 20	8 a.m. David Bailey-Blessings & Good Health	Helen & Kathy
Thursday, Feb. 21	8 a.m. Bunny Walton †	GRIP Soup Kitchen
Friday, Feb. 22	8 a.m. Angelo Matteucci †	Gina Lencioni
Saturday, Feb. 23	8 a.m. Ben Emmanuel †	Alma Garganta Lyons and Family

Stewardship

Feb 10, Envelopes/EFT \$2,450.00
 Loose Collection \$1,421.75
 Second Collection, Feb. 17: Youth Ministry

Thank you for your generosity.

Presidents' Day, Feb. 18

The School and Church Office are closed Monday for the holiday.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Prepare for Easter in a special way this year that will help you enjoy life with a new closeness to each other and God. Jun 28-30 and Nov 15-17, 2019 in Danville, Ca. oaklandwwme.org or contact Chuck and Annie, (925) 849-5466 or applications@oaklandwwme.org

Let Us Pray for the Sick

Rodolfo Abesamis, Virginia Alday, Niani Barber, Pearl & Patrick Batiste, Irene Blair, Robert Britto, Gustavo Caceres and Friends, 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, Donna Patterson, Pam Paun, Victoria Payless, Marlen Pineda and Friends, Wayne Price, Virginia Randall, 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



Calls for Help & Hope

The Contra Costa Crisis Center has provided a lifeline of help and hope for 56 years. Call 1-800-833-2900

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The words of the psalmist echo the theme of all of today's readings. "Blessed are they who hope in the Lord." As good stewards, firmly grounded in that hope, may we bear fruit in due season - assisting the poor, feeding the hungry, and consoling the sorrowful whenever we have the chance. Psalm 1

This Week's Service Schedule

Sunday Readings: Jer 17:5-8. 1Cor 15:12,16-20. Lk 6:17, 20-26.

Monday Readings: Gen 4:1-15, 25. Mk 8:11-13.

Tuesday Readings: Gen 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10. Mk 8:14-21.

Wednesday Readings: Gen 8:6-13, 20-22. Mk 8:22-26.

Thursday Readings: Gen 9:1-13. Mk 8:27-33. Or 2Tm 4:1-5. Jn 15:1-8.

Friday Readings: 1Pt 5:1-4. Mt 16:13-19.

Saturday Readings: Heb 11:1-7. Mk 9:2-13. Or Rev 2:8-11. Jn 15:18-21.

Liturgy of the Hours,

Mon.- Fri. at 7:40am.

24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration,

Daily 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.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena,

Weds, 8:30am at Church and 6pm at the Chapel.

Holy Infant of Prague Novena,

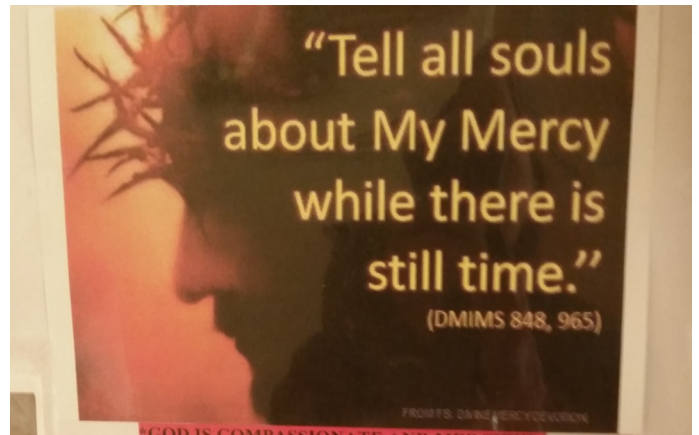
Thu. at 8:30am at Church.

Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Fri., 6pm at the Chapel.

Confessions,

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



RISE for Lent

RISE is the perfect tool for you to use to awaken and strengthen men in a new and profound way. Please visit MenRiseUp.org to learn more. -Chris Stefanick, EWTN's Real Life Catholic & Bill Donaghy, Theology of the Body Institute, John Edwards, Leader Support Specialist. "RISE is precisely what is needed today... If every man took the challenge, we'd see a transformation in our homes and parishes." -Archbishop Charles J. Chaput

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

Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Ave

Feb. 19: Closed for Presidents' Day Holiday. Tracy (707) 400-8526.

Magnificat Prayer Breakfast

Guest Barbara Harrington, PhD of Act One, a nonprofit organization mentoring Christians for Hollywood careers. Mar. 9, 9:30am-12:30pm, Crowne Plaza, Concord. Kim (925) 683-8220. Email: Magnificatsotirsvp@gmail.com

Rosary Crusade

Celebrate and host Our Lady's Pilgrim Statue of Fatima in your own home with the Rosary, the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, and Our Lady's Message at Fatima. (Spanish/English). Please call: Enrique Sanchez, (510) 237-8873.

St. John the Baptist Church Community
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17th 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 6th 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
Pam Vincent- (510)507-8694, pam@sjtbc.us

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– They’re Simple, Safe and Convenient –**

I (We) hereby authorize **The Church of St. John the Baptist, El Cerrito** to initiate debit entries to my (our) account indicated below at the depository financial institution known as **Mechanics Bank** to collect my church donations and, if necessary, adjustments for any entries in error to my account indicated below to credit and/or debit the same to such account. I (we) acknowledge that the origination of EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) transactions to my (our) account must comply with the provisions of U.S. law.

PLEASE ATTACH A VOIDED CHECK FROM THE ACCOUNT YOU WISH TO DRAW FROM

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:

WEEKLY (Deducted Every Monday) OR MONTHLY ON THE 2ND OR MONTHLY ON THE 17TH AMOUNT: \$ _____

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

PARISH & SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT (Every 1st Sunday of the Month) AMOUNT: \$ _____
 PARISH CHARITY (Every 5th Sunday of the Month, approx 4 times/year) AMOUNT: \$ _____
 DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL (Specify, 2nd or 17th of the Month) AMOUNT: \$ _____

DATE OF DONATION(S) TO BEGIN: _____

This authority is to remain in full force and effect until **The Church of St. John the Baptist, El Cerrito**, has received a written notification from me of its termination in such time and in such manner as to afford **The Church of St. John the Baptist** and **Mechanics Bank** a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

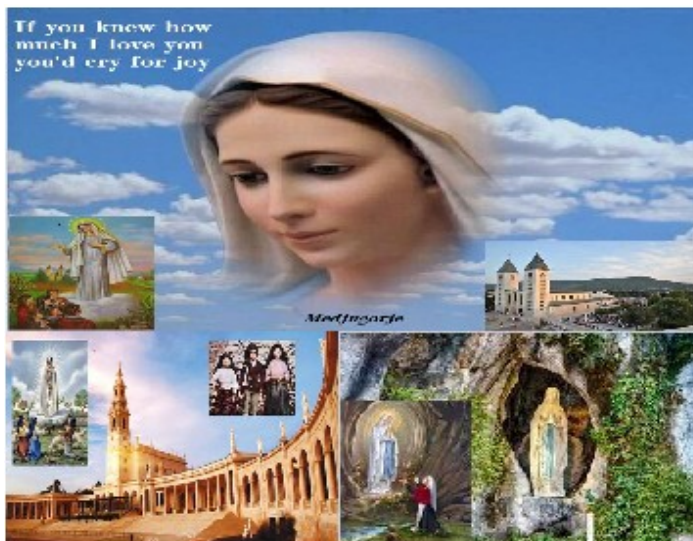
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Signature

Date

Telephone Number

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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. Please visit our web at www.polandmej.com Contact: Luvi Lumibao (510) 918 - 5825, Victoria Tannady (510) 847-7773.

**The 2019 Catholic Immigrant
Integration Initiative Conference**

The Center for Migration Studies, and the Diocese of San Jose invite you to the 2019 Catholic Immigrant Integration Initiative Conference from March 11-13, 2019 in Santa Clara Law School, Santa Clara, California to understand, expand, and strengthen the work of Catholic institutions with immigrant communities.

The Most Rev. Oscar Cantú, S.T.D., Coadjutor Bishop for the Diocese of San Jose, and the Most Rev. Salvatore J. Cordileone, Archbishop of San Francisco will provide key-note addresses.

<http://cmsny.org/event/2019-ciii/>.

To request a fee discount or waiver, please email cms@cmsny.org or J. Rachel Reyes (212) 337-3080 x. 7012 reyes@cmsny.org or www.cmsny.org