

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
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Parish Office

Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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St. Vincent de Paul Society

Leave a message at (510)-232-5659

St. John's Elementary School

Principal: Dina Trombetta
(510)-234-2244 • www.stjohne.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

Finding Strength in the Cross

Arturo Mari, the photographer who followed St. John Paul II from the first to the last day of his pontificate, was once asked which of the millions of photos he took of the pope captured him best. He cited the ones of the pope holding his crozier, resting his head on it as he prayed during so many Masses around the world. This silver pastoral cross accompanied St. John Paul everywhere (at right) and was his constant companion in all of his sufferings.

It shows Jesus hanging from a cross that is literally bowing under the weight of his body. You can feel the pull of gravity drawing the victim down in desperation. The photos show St. John Paul resting his forehead on the back of the cross, lost in prayer.

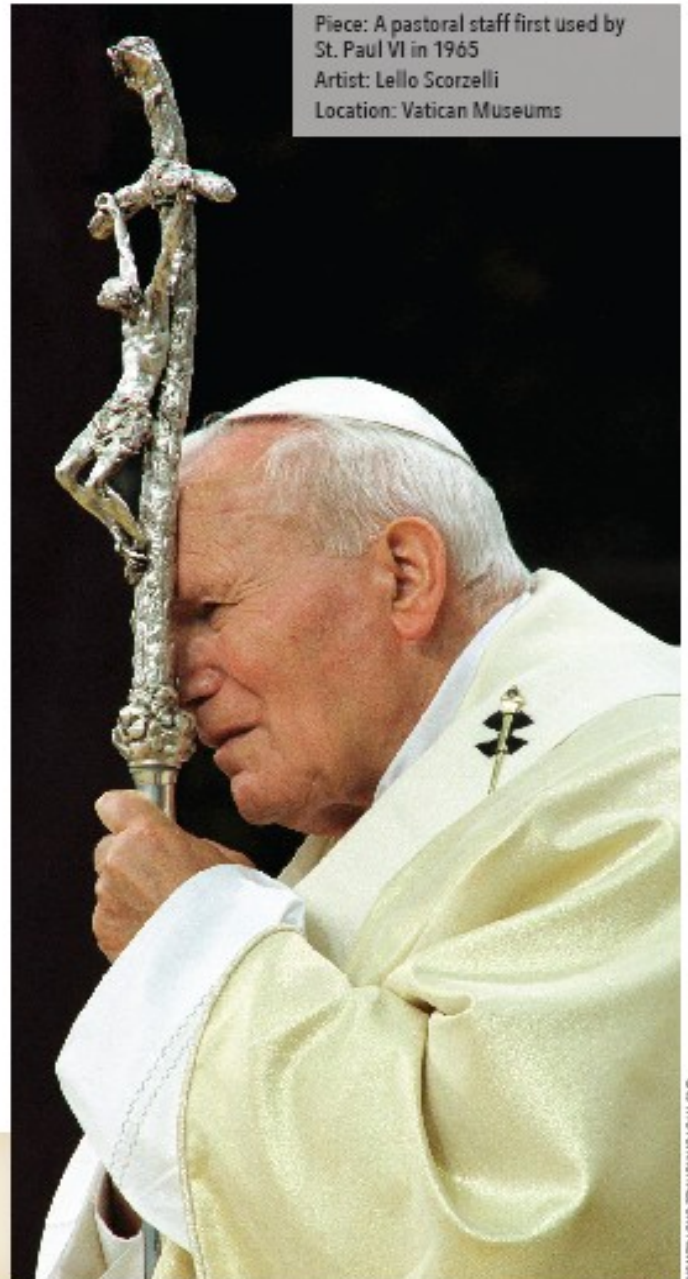
The papal photographer said this image more than any other summed up the pontiff because, before becoming a public figure who changed world history, he was a man of prayer, deeply loving Jesus. He was a man immersed in prayer who spent hours on his knees in order to have the strength to stand with and for those who most needed him.

This is a lesson for us. In order to live the beatitudes, we need to lean on Jesus and find our strength in him. Resting ourselves on the empty side of the crucifix is the best place to learn to love like him and be strong like him.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Do I believe in the patience and love of Christ on the cross as the best show of strength?



Piece: A pastoral staff first used by St. Paul VI in 1965
Artist: Lello Scorzelli
Location: Vatican Museums

[Jesus said,] "Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back."

Luke 6:30

Mass Intentions for the Week

Intention

Requested by

Saturday, Feb. 23	5 p.m.	Gracie Palomo †	Maria Lozano
Sunday, Feb. 24	8 a.m.	Ben Emmanuel †	Esmilla, Ruth and Taylor Family
	9:30 a.m.	Asuncion Africa †	Africa Family
	11:30 a.m.	Joel Jabson †	Jabson Family
	6 p.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Monday, Feb. 25	8 a.m.	Louis S. Tannady - Healing	Tannady Family
Tuesday, Feb. 26	8 a.m.	Abby Huliganga-Personal Intentions	Martija Family
Wednesday, Feb. 27	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children For Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
Thursday, Feb. 28	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children For Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
Friday, Mar. 1	8 a.m.	Jannette Floresca - Birthday	Gloria Mirza
	11 a.m.	Virginia Randall †	John Randall and Family
Saturday, Mar. 2	8 a.m.	Vincent Nguyen and Family	Ancelle Nguyen

Stewardship

Feb 17, Envelopes/EFT \$ 5,661.00
 Loose Collection \$ 1,072.96
 Second Collection: Youth Ministry \$ 418.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Ave

Feb. 26: Bingo and Birthdays. 12:30pm, Lunch (\$4). Tracy (707) 400-8526.

Mar 5, 10:15-12:15pm CHP Age Well, Drive Smart Free Presentation Certificate of Attendance may obtain discount for drivers aged 55 over offset increase in insurance cost.

Remembering Frank Caramagno

Our longtime parishioner, Frank Caramagno passed away peacefully last Monday, February 18. Funeral service will be held at St. John Church on Thursday, Feb. 28, with a visitation at 11am, followed by the Rosary and a Mass.

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, DomingoGregorio, 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 Lockett Marian & Michael Luoma, Mary Agnes Nancy McVey, Cecilia Mendiola Francis Mondragon, Ester Oppus, Judith Padilla Theresa Parella, Angelina Patacsil Pam Paun, Victoria Payless Marlen Pineda and Friends, 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



St. John 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 contact Laurie Gaeta. gaetalaurie1968@gmail.com

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel has encouraging words for good stewards - "Give and it shall be given to you. For the measure you measure with will be measured back to you." What encouragement to give generously of the resources entrusted to our care. Luke 6:38

This Week's Service Schedule

Sunday Readings: 1Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23. 1Cor 15:45-49. Lk 6:27-38.

Monday Readings: Sir 1:1-10. Mk 9:14-29.

Tuesday Readings: Sir 2:1-11. Mk 9:30-37.

Wednesday Readings: Sir 4:11-19. Mk 9:38-40.

Thursday Readings: Sir 5:1-8. Mk 9:41-50.

Friday Readings: Sir 6:5-17. Mk 10:1-12.

Saturday Readings: Sir 17:1-15. Mk 10:13-16.

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.

Holy Hour

Fri., 8:30am at Church.

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

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.

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

Holy Infant of Prague Novena,

Thu. at 8:30am at Church.

Charismatic Service. Sat., 7pm at Church

Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

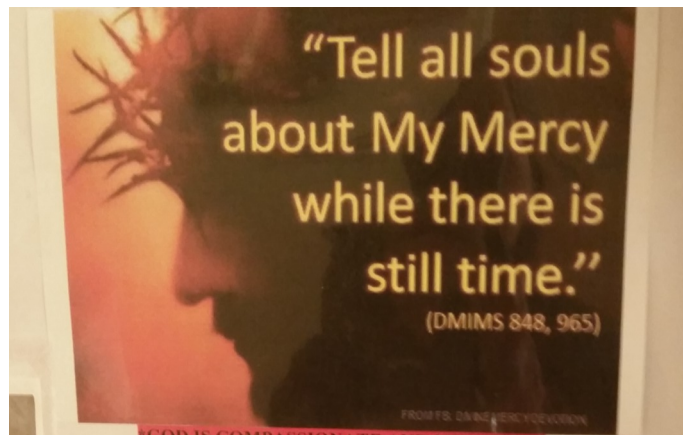
Fri., 6pm at the Chapel.

Funeral Mass for Virginia Randall,

Fri., 11am.

Funeral Mass for Frank Caramagno,

Thu., 12noon. Visitation and Rosary at 11am.



**SAINT JOHN'S DIVINE MERCY ADORATION CHAPEL
IMPORTANT DATES AND UPCOMING
EVENTS 2019**

1. First Mini-Retreat: Friday, March 08, 2019, Theme : Prayers (7pm-9pm) Chapel
 2. Second Mini-Retreat: Friday, March 15, 2019, Theme: Fasting (7pm-9pm) Chapel
 3. Third Mini-Retreat: Friday, March 22, 2019, Theme: Almsgiving (7pm-9pm) Chapel
- ***BILINGUAL : ENGLISH - SPANISH.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

***SAINT JOSEPH INVITES YOU TO COME TO A PUBLIC ROSARY FOR GOD'S MARRIAGE, ON SATURDAY, MARCH 23rd, AT NOON (12pm) IN FRONT OF THE CHAPEL. LUNCH WILL BE SERVED. EVERYONE IS WELCOME. BILINGUAL: ENGLISH-SPANISH



Teresa Brignone

Baptism Classes

Every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the Month, starting with the Mass at 9:30am followed by catechism at the Rectory. Parents and godparents are invited to attend.



Welcome to the Faith

Kailen Revai

Our Newly Baptized

Schedule of Our Lenten And Easter Services

Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019

A Day of Fast and Abstinence

Mass at 8am, 9:30am (School), 7:30pm.

Distribution of Ashes at every Mass.

Continuing Lenten Observance, March 7-April 13, 2019

Fridays are Days of Abstinence.

Daily Mass at 8am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Every Friday evening, before and after the Stations of the Cross and Benediction at 7:30pm. And Every Saturday from 4pm-5pm.

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday at 8:30am.

Stations of the Cross and Benediction: Every Friday at 7:30pm.

Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019

Palms will be distributed and blessed at all the Masses.

Processions before the 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass, 9:30am, and 11:30am Masses.

Monday to Wednesday of Holy Week, April 15-17, 2019

Morning Prayer at 7:40am.

Mass at 8am.

The Rosary and the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy Prayer at 8:30am.

Holy Thursday, April 18, 2019

Morning Prayer at 8am.

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30pm. Washing of the Disciples' Feet and Procession to the Altar of Repose at the Divine Mercy Chapel.

Good Friday, April 19, 2019

Morning Prayer at 8am.

Sacred Music at 12 Noon.

Solemn Stations of the Cross and Good Friday Service at 12:30pm.

Good Friday Service (Brazilian) at 3pm.

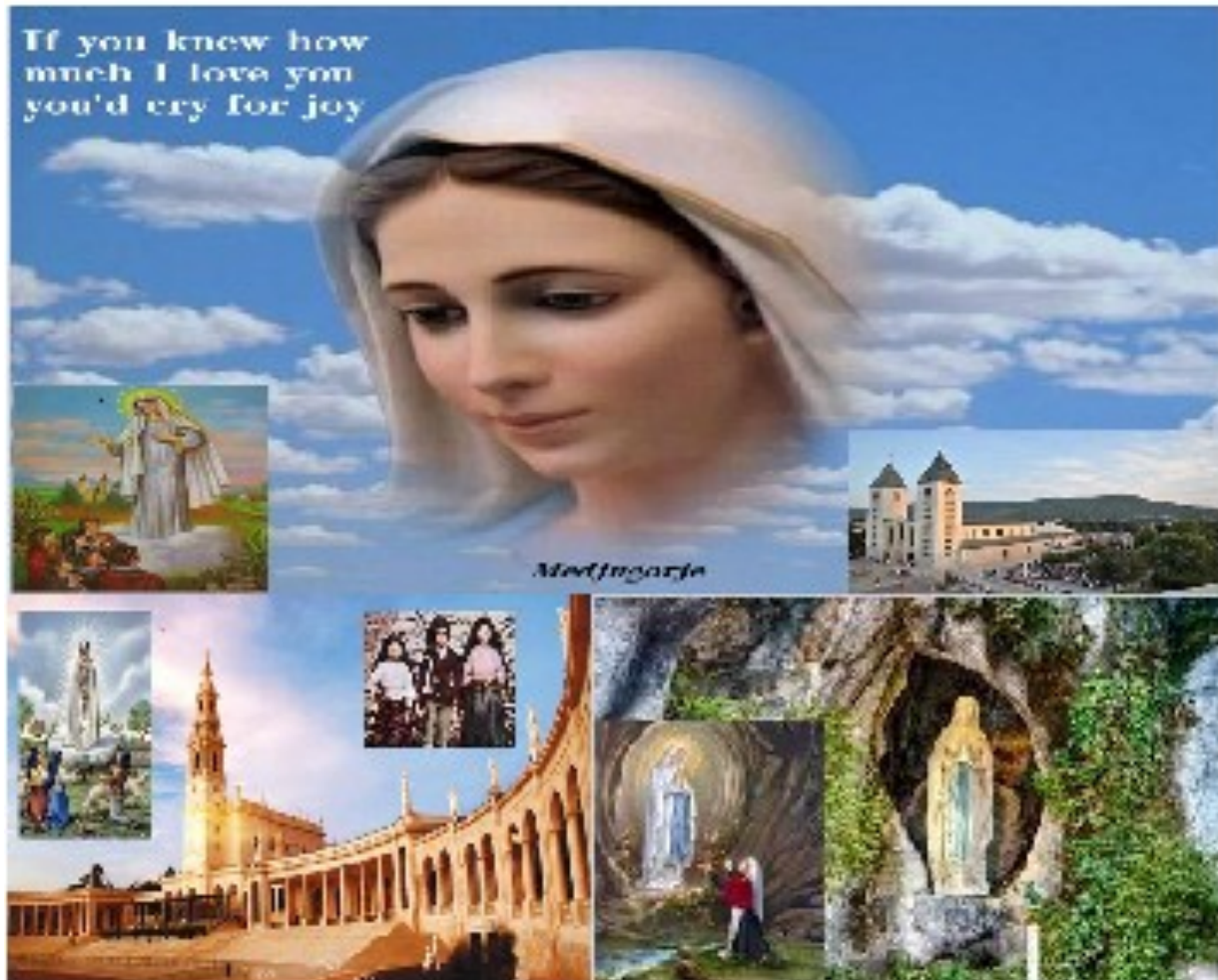
Easter Vigil, April 20, 2019

Mass of the Resurrection at 9pm. Blessing of the Fire and the Preparation of the Candle. Readings from the Law and Prophets. Baptism and Confirmation.

Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019

Mass at 8am, 9:30am, 11:30am, 6pm (Brazilian).

**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

Local Contact Persons: Luvi Lumibao (510) 918- 5825,
Victoria Tannady (510) 847-7773.

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.



March 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
3 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:30a Mass/CRE/Baptism Class	4 St Casimir 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours/Mass/Rosary 10a St John Paul II-CR 7p Morning Glory-CR 7:30p Prayer Service (Brazilian)-CC2	5 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours/Mass/Rosary 9a Senior Program-CC 7p RCIA-CC	6 Ash Wednesday/A Day of Fast and Abstinence 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours / Mass/Rosary 9:30a Mass (School) 7:30p Mass 12n Women's Covenant-CC 7:30p Scripture Study-CR	7 Sts Perpetua and Felicity 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours/ Mass /Rosary 10a EC Royale Mass 7p Youth Ministry-CC	1 First Friday/ A Day of Abstinence 8a Mass / Holy Hour Rosary/ Divine Mercy Chaplet 6p Devotion to the Sacred Heart	2 First Saturday 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
10 First Sunday of Lent <i>Daylight Savings Time</i> 9:30a Mass/CRE	11 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours/Mass/Rosary 10a Consecration-CR 7p Morning Glory-CR 7:30p Prayer Service (Brazilian)-CC2	12 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours/Mass/Rosary 9a Senior Program-CC 7p RCIA-CC	13 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours/Mass/Rosary 12n Women's Covenant-CC 7:30p Scripture Study-CR	14 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours/ Mass /Rosary 7p Youth Ministry-CC	15 A Day of Abstinence 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary 6p Sacred Heart Novena-DM	16 8a Mass 9a Opus Dei Meeting-DM 9:30a Finance Meeting-CR 10a Food Distribution-SVdP 4p Confessions 5p Vigil Mass
17 Second Sunday of Lent/St Patrick 9:30a Mass/ CRE Baptism Class	18 St Cyril 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours/ Mass / Rosary 7:30p Prayer Service (Brazilian)-CC2	19 St Joseph 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours/ Mass/Rosary 9a Senior Program-CC 7p RCIA-CC	20 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours/Mass/Rosary 12n Women's Covenant-CC 7:30p Scripture Study-CR	21 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours/ Mass/Rosary 7p Youth Ministry-CC	22 A Day of Abstinence 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours Mass / Rosary 6p Sacred Heart Novena-DM	23 St Turibius 8a Mass 4p Confessions 5p Vigil Mass
24 Third Sunday of Lent 9:30a Mass/CRE	25 The Annunciation 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours / Mass/Rosary 7:30p Prayer Service (Brazilian)-CC2	26 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours /Mass/Rosary 9a Senior Program-CC 7p RCIA-CC	27 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours / Mass 12n Women's Covenant-CC 7:30p Scripture Study-CR	28 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours/ Mass 7p Youth Ministry-CC	29 A Day of Abstinence 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours Mass / Rosary 6p Devotion to the Sacred Heart-DM	30 8a Mass 4p Confessions 5p Vigil Mass
31 Fourth Sunday of Lent 9:30a Mass/CRE						

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___ 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: \$ _____

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Signature

Date

Telephone Number

Please complete and send this form to: St. John the Baptist Church
11150 San Pablo Avenue
El Cerrito, CA 94530

Prayer & Song Retreat Fundraiser



**March 9th, 2019 at 6:00 pm
St. John's School Gym**

Tickets • Adult \$20 • Child \$10

Come support the fundraiser for the upcoming **Prayer & Song Retreat** with Grammy-nominated Sarah Hart. The retreat benefits our Youth Choir and our Youth Ministry/Confirmation program by providing a fun, engaging day, youth mass and concert, that is open to youth from various parishes.

The evening will include a live auction with items from the S.F. Giants, Oakland A's, Golden State Warriors, and a raffle of various themed baskets.

Contact: Andy Gutierrez • (510) 703-1076 • andyg@sjtbc.us

www.prayerandsongretreat.org

Prayer & Song Retreat Dinner Fundraiser

On Saturday, March 9th St. John's Youth is hosting a spaghetti dinner fundraiser for the upcoming Prayer & Song Retreat. The evening will include a live auction with items from the S.F. Giants, Oakland A's, Golden State Warriors, and a raffle of various themed baskets.

The dinner will be held at the school gym at 6:00 pm. Tickets are on sale after mass or online at www.prayerandsongretreat.org.

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