

St. John the Baptist Church

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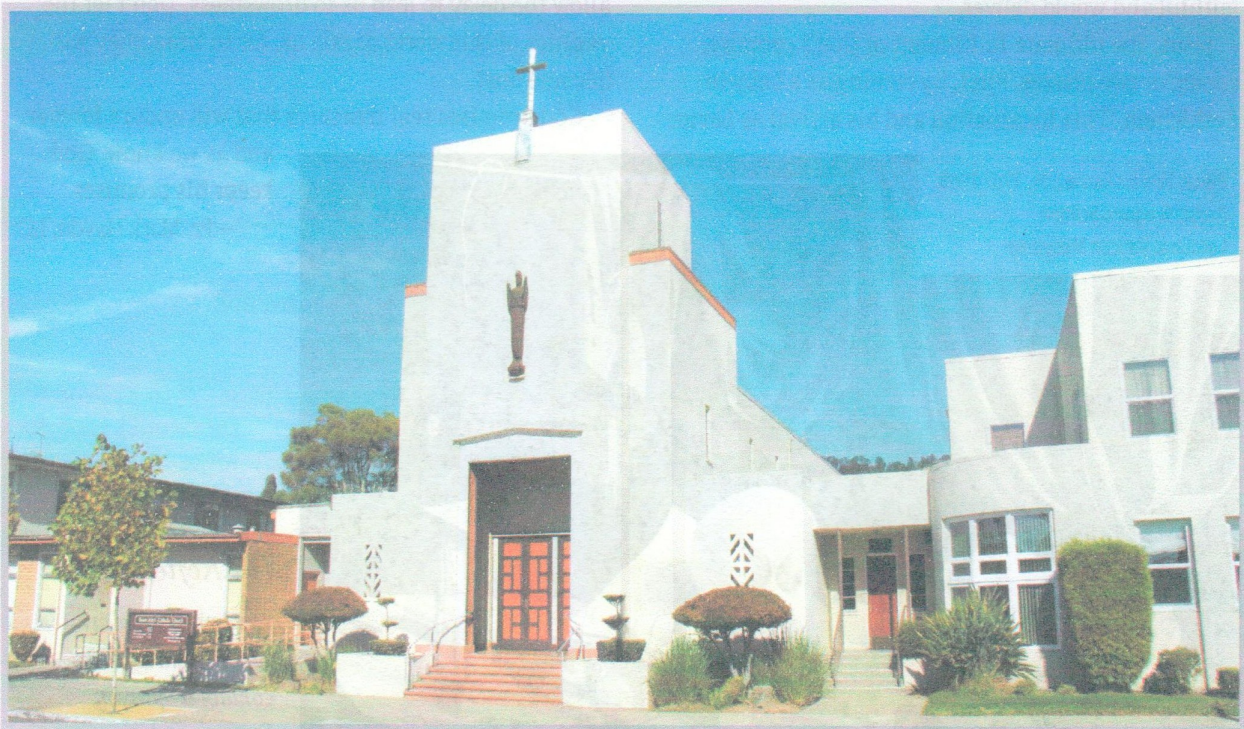
*Our warmest welcome to all who worship with us,
whether a long-time parishioner or newly arrived in the parish.
As Catholic Christians, we are committed to knowing,
loving and serving God by obeying His commandments
and serving our brothers and sisters with love and respect.*

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

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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



March 3, 2019

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Sir 27:4-7

1 Cor 15:54-58

Lk 6:39-45

Piece: *Silence*

Artist: Paris Nogari (1536-1601)

Location: Vatican Museums



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Silence Regenerates Our Inner Sanctuary

Silence. This fresco where the Swiss Guards stand outside the pope's residence reminds us of an important virtue that is often absent in modern times: the capacity to be silent. "Be still and know that I am God!" (Psalm 46:11).

The figure in the fresco holds a finger over his mouth, indicating that silence starts with us. Speak less! Then we should muffle the background noise, represented by the stork with a stone in its bill to stifle its squawk.

How often do we have times of silence in our lives—and not just moments when there doesn't happen to be a radio or TV on? I mean purposeful, intentional periods of quiet to be alone with God and ourselves.

Regular times of quiet offer many benefits. They help us reflect, order our thoughts, and contemplate what's happening inside our hearts and minds. Silence is regenerative and gives us new energy, clarity, and serenity. If we add to this quietude an internal dialogue with ourselves and our Lord, it can take our inner sanctuary to a new level. One will not only find strength but also purpose and focus. Silence is the natural habitat of a flourishing soul, yet we often lock out our inner self in the mayhem of the external world, never allowing it to take in what gives it life—silence.

How about taking an hour without phones, radios, TVs, and computers to dedicate yourself to some meditative work or recreation? Or better yet, take a moment and go to a local perpetual adoration chapel to quietly sit with our Lord.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

*Is there a daily moment when I can enjoy some silence?
What will I find in those moments? In my frenetic activity, am I running from something that I should otherwise confront?*

When a sieve is shaken, the husks appear; so do people's faults when they speak....

The test of a person is in conversation.

Sirach 27:4-5

Mass Intentions for the Week



		Intention	Requested by
Saturday, Mar. 2	5 p.m.	Gloria Missaggia †	Gina Brusatori
Sunday, Mar. 3	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children For Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
	9:30 a.m.	Malik Tandianus †	Victoria Tannady
	11:30 a.m.	Madalena & Elisa Santos †	Alda Goncalves & Daughters
	6 p.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Monday, Mar. 4	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children For Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
Tuesday, Mar. 5	8 a.m.	Fr. Thuong-Blessings and Thanksgiving	St. John Parishioners
Wednesday, Mar. 6	8 a.m.	Mary Nguyen †	Mildred Gardner
	9:30 a.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
	7:30 p.m.	Virginia Randall †	Al and Katie
Thursday, Mar. 7	8 a.m.	Richard Calapini & Family Members †	Grace G. Calapini
Friday, Mar. 8	8 a.m.	Maria Garcia	Aurea Valdenor
Saturday, Mar. 9	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children For Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children

Stewardship

Feb 24, Envelopes/EFT \$2,190.00
Loose Collection \$1,074.44
This week's Second Collection is for Parish Improvements and Development and the School's Tuition Assistance Program.

Thank you for your generosity.

Ash Wednesday, Mar. 6

A Day of Fast and Abstinence. Mass times are 8am, 9:30am (School), 7:30pm. Ashes will be given at every Mass.

Daylight Savings Time

Starting March 10, time changes from 12am to 1am.

Free Books

We have left a selection of books, mainly spiritual, prayer, etc. in the conference room. Please feel to browse, you may take any you want, for FREE. These are books that will be available to us in the convents to which we are going. -Sisters of Mercy

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 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



March 8-9, 2019, 5pm to 5pm. During the 24 hours adoration and confession, visit one of these participating churches: Holy Spirit, Fremont Immaculate Heart of Mary, Brentwood St. Bonaventure, Concord St. Catherine of Siena, Martinez St. Joan of Arc, San Ramon St. John Vianney, Walnut Creek St. Mark, Richmond St. Michael, Livermore St. Patrick, Rodeo.

SOS...SOS...SOS

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

I wish you and I are OK. We have tried our best to cope with whatever situation that we are facing with... However, I feel deeply in my heart and I looked at the Chart and the financial report this weekend and I have to cry out, **SOS, SOS** and **SOS**.

According to the definition of **SOS** in English: “An international code signal of extreme distress, used especially by ships at sea. They put out an SOS that they were on fire.” We can think or apply to our current situation at our Parish, St. John the Baptist. Perhaps, I must say: “We are in **SOS**. We are in jeopardy. And we are going to face the future danger, not on fire, but on lacking people and financial support. It might cause danger and harm toward the next generation financially and spiritually.

In order to prevent these scenarios, I would like to suggest few simple solutions: First and foremost, we, each one of us, try to get involved in our Parish activities, such as suggesting new ideas; building up more community bond; inviting friends and relatives to “Come and See”, etc. etc. etc. Secondly, when we come to Church, we should donate or offer double the usual financial amount. Just think this way: One dollar bill cannot buy anything now. Why should I give to the Church on Sunday??? Finally, we should keep praying harder and harder for God has a way to protect and sustain us physically, emotionally, psychologically and spiritually.

I like to commit myself to God and to you for the better future. I also like to ask you to do the same so that we together will build up our Community of St. John stronger, firmer and better in every ways of lives. Through the intercession of our Mother Mary, May God empower us with His courage, love and mercy.

With love and all respect,

Fr. Thuong Hoai Nguyen
Pastor

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

All of today's readings remind us that our works reflect what is in our hearts. Do my words and actions reveal a heart that is grateful for - and generous in sharing - the abundance God has poured into my life

This Week's Service Schedule

Sunday Readings: Sir 27:4-7. 1Cor 15:54-58. Lk 6:39-45.

Monday Readings: Sir 17:20-24. Mk 10:17-27.

Tuesday Readings: Sir 35:1-12. Mk 10:28-31.

Wednesday Readings/Ash Wednesday: Joel 2:12-18. 2Cor 5:20-6:2. Mt 6:1-6, 16-18.

Thursday Readings: Dt 30:15-20. Lk 9:22-25.

Friday Readings: Is 58:1-9a. Mt 9:14-15.

Saturday Readings: Is 58:9b-14. Lk 5:27-32.

Stations of the Cross.

Fri., 8:30am. Fri., 7:30pm (with Benediction).

Confessions.

Fri., 6:30pm-7:30pm, 8:30pm-9:30pm. Sat., 4pm-5pm. Or Call 9am-5:30pm, Mon.-Fri.

Ash Wednesday, A Day of Fast and Abstinence.

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

24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration.

Daily at the Chapel.

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

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena.

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

Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

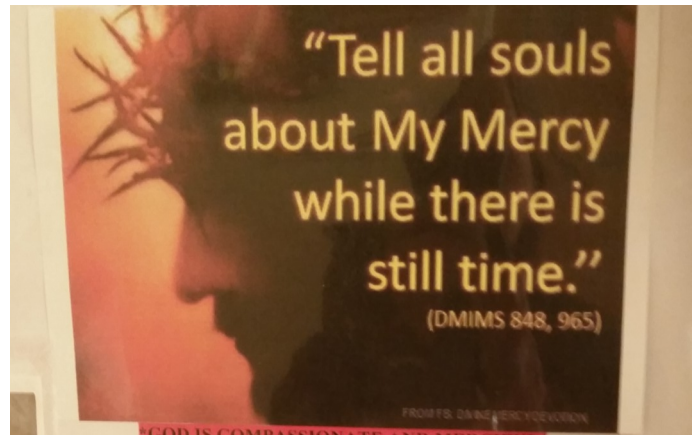
Mon.-Thu., Sat., 8:30am, Fri., 9am at Church. Daily, 3pm, 9pm, and 10pm (Spanish) and Wed., 7:30pm (Spanish) at the Chapel.

Holy Infant of Prague Novena.

Thu. at 8:30am at Church.

Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Fri., 6pm at the Chapel.



Saint John's Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel's Important Dates And Upcoming Events 2019

*1st mini-retreat

Saturday, March 9, 2019 from 7pm to 9pm
In the Chapel. Theme: Prayer

*2nd mini-retreat

Saturday, March 16, 2019 from 7pm to 9pm
In the Chapel. Theme: Fasting

*3rd mini-retreat

Saturday, March 23, 2019 from 7pm to 9pm
In the Chapel. Theme: Almsgiving

*Public Rosary:

Saturday, March 23, 2019 At 12pm
In front of the Chapel.

Theme: God's Marriage : 1 Man + 1 Woman
Organized by America Needs Fatima.

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 share your contact information with Laurie Gaeta. gaetalaurie1968@gmail.com

Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Ave

Mar. 5: CHP "Age Well, Drive Smart", 10:15am-12:15pm. Blood Pressure Check. Members' Meeting. 12:30pm, Lunch (\$4). Tracy (707) 400-8526.



Tulani Cain

Micah Cain

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday's emphasis on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving is an invitation to take a closer look at our stewardship. It is a time to reassess how we are using the gifts God has entrusted to us and to resolve anew to use our time and resources in the service of His Kingdom.

*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.

For more information or if you would like to donate an item for auction contact Andy Gutierrez • (510) 703-1076 • andyg@sjtbc.us.

A Helping Hand to Uninsureds

St. Vincent de Paul's Family Resource Center, 2210 Gladstone Drive, Pittsburg, CA, (925) 439-5060. visit www.svdp-cc.org or send an email to info@svdp-cc.org.

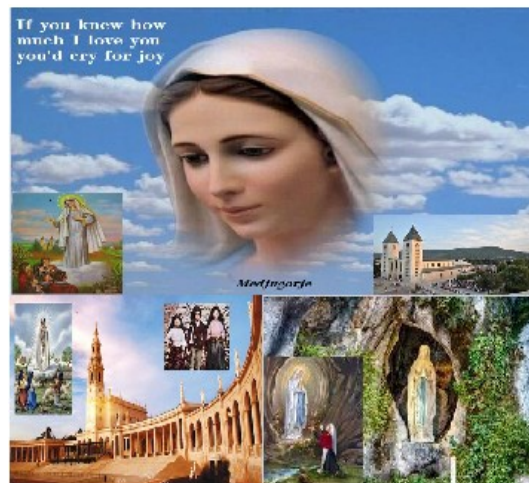
YLI-MOPH Tea & Raffle

Sunday, March 3 and Sunday, March 10. We are a really small group now (less than 40 members with only 6 or 7 who are active). This fundraiser is really important to us. Appreciate your attention to it.

Afternoon Tea Delight

On Saturday, March 16, 12:30PM-2:30PM, YLI Mother of Perpetual Help will have its fundraiser, Afternoon Tea Delight, at St. Jerome's Rohan Hall, 308 Carmel St., El Cerrito. Tea will be served with a delicious assortment of sandwiches and sweets. There will be a silent raffle with great prizes - proceeds from the raffle will go to our Grand President's Program supporting the American Heart Association. Cost for the tea: \$25.00/person. Raffle tickets: \$1 for 1 ticket, \$5 for 6 tickets. Sent advance payment to Alia Zuniga, 945 Kern St., Richmond 94805 by March 10. Make check payable to MOPH #159 (memo Tea) and include your name and phone number along with names of people in your party. For more info, contact Alia (510) 384-8978 or email amzunigamoph159@gmail.com or Christine Hickey (510) 815-6022.

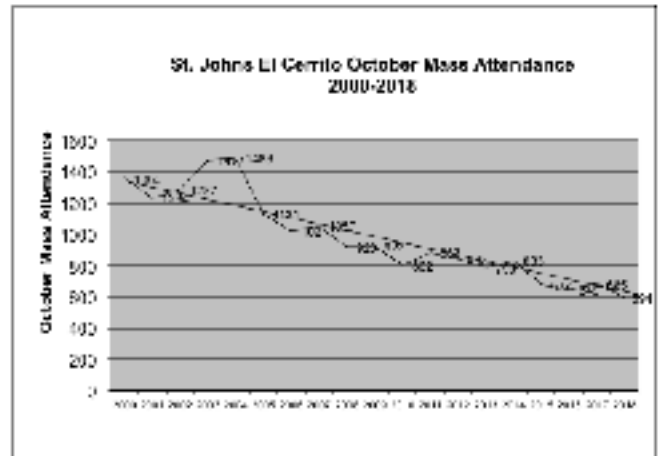
**A Special invitation
to an incredible 15-Day pilgrimage!**



October 10-24, 2019. \$4,499 per person dbl. occupancy. Round-trip airfare from U.S. Major Airports, hotels, breakfast, dinner, and daily Mass. Please visit our web at www.polandmej.com
Local Contact: Luvi Lumibao (510)918-5825, Victoria Tannady (510) 847-7773.

**2018/2019 Financial Report
St. John the Baptist Parish – El Cerrito**

	2018	2019
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
INCOME		
Plate Collections	\$284,069	\$286,800
Facility Use and Rental Income	\$109,812	\$101,600
Donations and Bequests	\$72,964	\$66,600
Interest, Rebates, Other Income	\$28,250	\$21,500
Fundraising	\$19,106	\$20,000
Ministries and Sacraments	\$13,607	\$15,500
Total Income	\$527,808	\$512,000
EXPENSES		
Administration	\$144,903	\$172,100
Buildings, Grounds, Utilities, Tax	\$121,199	\$131,800
Clergy	\$123,475	\$128,800
Catholic Voice and Diocesan Assessment	\$63,756	\$62,000
Music	\$28,894	\$30,300
Faith Minist, Sacraments, Steward	\$31,168	\$32,600
Liturgy	\$14,194	\$15,300
Fundraising	\$5,384	\$6,300
Parish Tithing	\$1,657	\$2,000
Total Expense	\$534,630	\$581,200
Income - Expenses	<\$6,822>	<\$69,200>
Capital Improvements	\$6,050	\$20,000
Depreciation	\$66,576	\$66,800
Net Income (Loss)	<\$79,448>	<\$156,000>



The budget also forecasts higher expenses as a result of increases in salaries and benefits dictated by the Diocese. We have tried to minimize this impact by the administrative staff only taking 50% of the Diocesan increase. Additionally, we have budgeted \$20,000 for a minimal amount of general repairs throughout the facility. This includes:

- Sprinkler repairs throughout the facility;
- Interior painting of the front office
- Exterior painting of the facade and rectory entrance
- Miscellaneous work on the convent to prepare for rental

As a result, the 2019 budget shows a deficit of \$69,200 for the year, excluding capital improvements and depreciation. Again, this comes directly out of our savings.

Clearly, we need your help!! As always, we will do everything in our power to control costs, but, by itself, cost control will not balance the budget without additional income. We are asking all of our parishioners for the following:

- Consider increasing your weekly giving by 10%.
- Include St. Johns in your will
- Support the church and school fundraisers
- Get involved.

We encourage you to use collection envelopes and to consider signing up with Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) in order to better support our church

The Pastoral Council will be working with Fr. Thuong in 2019 to determine what our vision is for St Johns as a parish and what our long term goals need to be to support that vision.

Thank you so much for your support in 2018. That support is so critical in keeping our community alive and healthy for the foreseeable future.

St. John the Baptist Finance Committee:

Jay Clark, Linda Crittondon, Eddy DeLima, Bruce Hartman, Dick Mank, Deacon Thom McGowan, Jan Saner.

Each year, the St. John the Baptist Finance Committee reports to the parish on the previous year's parish financial status and the upcoming year's budget.

In 2018, our operating costs exceeded our income by \$6,822. With capital improvements and depreciation added in, we ended the year with a net loss of \$79,448. To balance our budget, we pulled money out of our savings

In addition to our normal collections, our parishioners donated \$5,500 in our planned diocesan second collections, \$8,300 to the school development fund, and \$1,660 to the GRIP Soup Kitchen. The Parish's Annual Bishop's Appeal campaign netted \$28,000 for the Diocese (120% of our goal). Also, our Parish Festival netted \$13,722.

The following major maintenance or capital projects were completed in 2018:

- Rectory and office cabinet door hinges repairs
- Repairs and repainting the siding of the convent building

The 2019 budget forecasts lower overall income. This is primarily a result of a continuing decrease in the plate collection due to the low Sunday Mass attendance. The following chart shows the declining attendance since 2000 – 3% per year. In the past 5 years, Sunday mass attendance has decreased over 5% per year. Clearly, This trend cannot continue if we want to sustain a viable parish.