

# St. John the Baptist Church

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## Welcome!

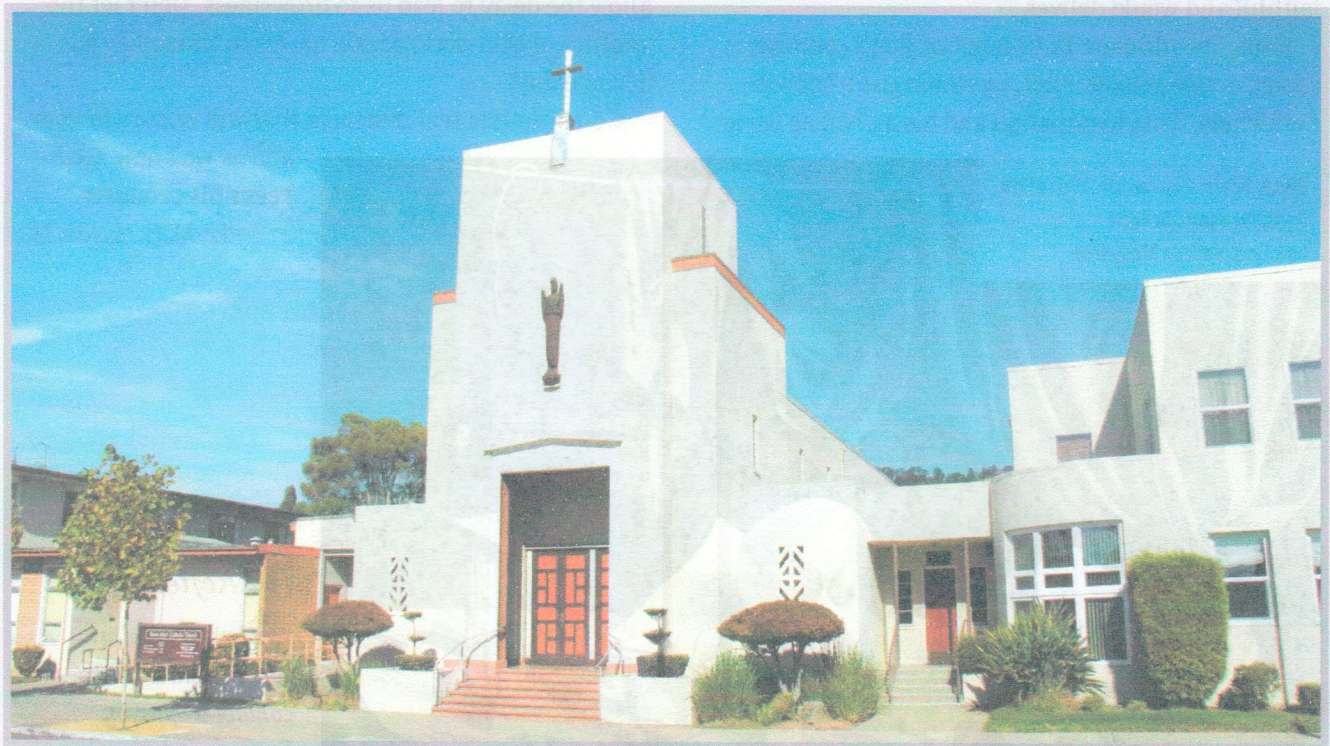
*Our warmest welcome to all who worship with us,  
whether a long-time parishioner or newly arrived in the parish.  
As Catholic Christians, we are committed to knowing,  
loving and serving God by obeying His commandments  
and serving our brothers and sisters with love and respect.*

### 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:  
• 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

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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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Gina DeLaTorre: (510)-815-0050

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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



March 17, 2019

Second Sunday of Lent (C)

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18

Phil 3:17-4:1 or Phil 3:20-4:1

Lk 9:28b-36

## Transfiguring Our Lives through Christ

The same three apostles who are present in the Garden of Gethsemane are also at the transfiguration. On both occasions they fall asleep! But when they awake at the transfiguration, they see something totally different. They see Jesus radiant and resplendent like they had never seen him before. This revelation of his glory is meant to strengthen their faith and prepare them for seeing Jesus later, sweating blood in the agony of the Garden. Experiencing the joy and beauty of Jesus is essential to persevering through the inevitable passions we will have to undergo. Faith is not all about suffering, but about joy, love, and intimacy with Christ. Yes, love sometimes means we must suffer, but the fruit is greater intimacy. A diamond is made under great pressure and love must pass through temptations.

All three synoptic Gospels unite the transfiguration with Peter's profession of faith. The reality of the passion and cross

should not shake the apostle's faith, but they should realize that his exaltation can only be accomplished in the cross: "And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself" (John 12:32).

The sufferings we see in the world, in our own past and present, shouldn't shake our faith in Jesus, either. Overcoming sin comes from embracing suffering.

Jesus is so radiant that he awakes the apostles from their slumber. May the consuming love with which we burn for Jesus transfigure us into beautiful lights that awaken this world from its slumber of faith as well.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *Transfiguration*  
(detail), 1516-1520  
Artist: Raphael  
Location: Vatican Museums

### For Reflection

What area of your life or heart does Jesus want to transfigure into a brighter testimony for him?

All light comes from energy consumed and transformed. How does that truth apply to your spiritual life?

*While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white.*

Luke 9:29

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

	<b>Intention</b>	<b>Requested by</b>
Saturday, Mar. 16	5 p.m. Julie Owens †	Neveu Family
Sunday, Mar. 17	8 a.m. Renaldo and Diane Marin †	Marin Family
	9:30 a.m. Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children	Ana Prindle and Children
	For Blessings of Good Health	GRIP Soup Kitchen
	11:30 a.m. Leroy Sellers †	St. John Parish
	6 p.m. St. John Parishioners	Mila Vargas
Monday, Mar. 18	8 a.m. Norman David M. Vargas †	Torres Family
Tuesday, Mar. 19	8 a.m. Luis Torres †	Asuncion Family
	Joselito Asuncion †	Tipping Family
Wednesday, Mar. 20	8 a.m. Isabel Loyola †	Noreen Shaughnessy
Thursday, Mar. 21	8 a.m. Diane Marin †	Kathy Klatt and Helen Stubbs
Friday, Mar. 22	8 a.m. Eric Ewen-Continued Good Health	Diane Adame
	Teresa Brignone †	
Saturday, Mar. 23	8 a.m. Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children	Ana Prindle and Children
	For Blessings of Good Health	

**Stewardship**

Mar 10, Envelopes/EFT \$2,235.00  
 Loose Collection \$1,404.85  
 Ash Wednesday/EFT \$1,965.50  
 Second Collection: Easter Flowers \$496.50  
 This week's Second Collection is for Catholic Relief Services/Overseas' Appeal.

*Thank you for your generosity.*

**CRS Rice Bowl**

It is not too late to join other members of our parish community in participating in CRS Rice Bowl this Lent. You can pick up your family's rice bowl at church. Remember, your contributions to Rice Bowl changes lives: **25% of the proceeds remain in the Oakland Diocese**, with a portion being given out as **grants to St. Vincent de Paul conferences** and other organizations working to alleviate hunger and food insecurity in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. Last December **our own St. John/St. Vincent de Paul conference received a Rice Bowl grant of \$1,000.**

**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,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



## Second Sunday of Lent

Peter, James, and John wanted to build a “booth” for Jesus and just stay on the mountain where His transfiguration took place. But the Son of God, the Chosen One, knew that He must instead keep moving toward His crucifixion. We, too, must rise from worship and do what we can to hasten the coming of the kingdom.

### This Week’s Service Schedule

**Sunday Readings:** Gn 15:5-12, 17-18. Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1. Lk 9:28b-36.

**Monday Readings:** Dn 9:4b-10. Lk 6:36-38.

**Tuesday Readings:** 2Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22. Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a.

**Wednesday Readings:** Jer 18:18-20. Mt 20:17-28.

**Thursday Readings:** Jer 17:5-10. Lk 16:19-31.

**Friday Readings:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a. Mt 21:33-43, 45-46.

**Saturday Readings:** Mt 7:14-15, 18-20. Lk 15:1-3, 11-32.

**Stations of the Cross, Fri., 8:30am.**

**Stations of the Cross and Benediction, Fri., 7:30pm.**

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

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

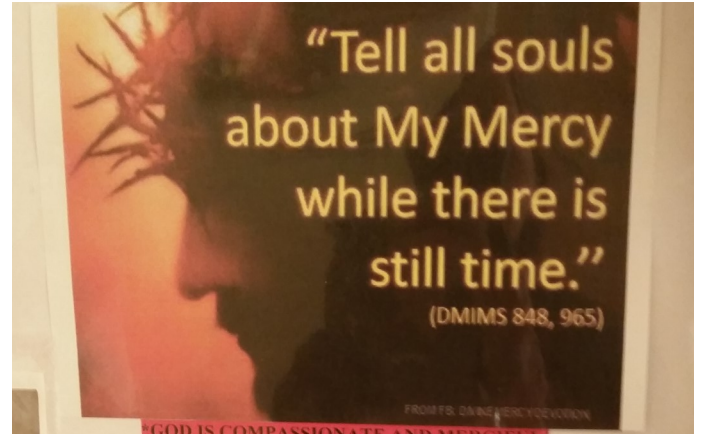
**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena, Weds, 8:30am at Church and 6pm at the Chapel.**

**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.**

**Confessions, Fri., Before and after the Stations of the Cross and Benediction at 7:30pm. Sat., 4pm. Or call Mon.-Fri., 9am-4:30pm.**



### 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.

### Remembering Farolito (Chris) Cristobal

A Visitation will begin at 12n to 8pm and a Vigil at 6pm on Mar. 22, Friday at Wilson and Kratzer Chapel, Danville.

Funeral service will be held at St. Joan of Arc, San Ramon on Mar 23, Saturday at 11am.

*Chris passed away peacefully Saturday, March 2. Chris and Lucy’s children attended St. John School and both were choir members at St. John Church.*



Good Morning.

Bishop Barber personally chose the theme for this year's Bishop's Appeal. For context, I will share the historical story which is the basis for the theme. The following passage is from St. Bonaventure's *The Life of Francis*: "One day when Francis went out to meditate in the fields he was passing by the church of San Damiano which was threatening to collapse because of extreme age. Inspired by the Spirit, he went inside to pray. Kneeling before an image of the Crucified, he was filled with great fervor and consolation as he prayed. While his tear-filled eyes were gazing at the Lord's cross, he heard with his bodily ears a voice coming from the cross, telling him three times: "Francis, go and repair my house which, as you see, is falling into ruin." Trembling with fear, Francis was amazed at the sound of this astonishing voice, since he was alone in the church; and as he received in his heart the power of the divine words, he fell into a state of ecstasy. Returning finally to his senses, he prepared to put his whole heart into obeying the command he had received. He began zealously to repair the church materially, although the principle intention of the words referred to that Church which Christ purchased with his own blood, as the Holy Spirit afterward made him realize..." Giles Miller

"Rebuild My Church" was the message Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ once spoke to St. Francis. At first, Francis took the assignment literally, physically restoring the abandoned chapel at San Damiano. Later, he came to understand his mission in a more spiritual sense: to return the church to the radical simplicity of the gospel, the spirit of poverty, and the image of Christ in the poor. Before long, other people joined him in his life of poverty, dedicating their lives to the teachings of Christ and by doing so, "Rebuilding Christ's Church" As your shepherd for almost six years, it has been my mission to build up Christ's Church in the Diocese of Oakland. Most recently, I have spoken to you regarding my three pillars: the Sunday Mass experience; practicing spiritual and corporal works of mercy; and forming ourselves into missionary disciples. I call on you today to assist me in strengthening these pillars as we work together to Rebuild Christ's Church! + In the coming weeks, additional materials will be made available. Thank you, Bishop Barber

**Youth Ministry**

Prayer and Song Retreat with Sarah Hart. Saturday, May 4, 2019. Retreat at 1 pm. Concert at 7:30 pm. All youth are invited to attend a day of fun, music, worship, and inspiring talks. In the evening, Grammy nominated Sarah Hart will be in concert for all audiences. Registration Cost: Online at [www.prayerandsongretreat.org](http://www.prayerandsongretreat.org). \$25 Youth Retreat (5th-12th Grade) & Concert (Snack & Dinner Included). \$20 Concert General Admission. \$10 Concert Student Admission. St. John the Baptist Church, 11150 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, Ca 94530. More information: Andy Gutierrez (510) 703-1076, [andyg@sjtbc.us](mailto:andyg@sjtbc.us)

**Calls for Help & Hope**

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

Hail Mary, full of Grace.  
The Lord is with thee  
Blessed art thou 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.



**17th Annual Summer Bible Day Camp**



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

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**Squeaky Beakers Pre-School**

(3-5 yrs, 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 Started February: [www.sjtbc.us/vbdc.html](http://www.sjtbc.us/vbdc.html)  
Pam Vincent- (510) 507-8694, [pam@sjtbc.us](mailto:pam@sjtbc.us)**

**Welcome, Rev. Fr. Robson Luis Weber**



Fr. Weber is an Ad Gentes (For the People) Missionary from Minas Gerais, Brazil. He will temporarily help at our parish, particularly with our Brazilian Community.

He has worked for the Diocese of Charleston, South Carolina and considers working for the Oakland Diocese. Please keep him in your prayers.

**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)

**Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Ave**

Mar. 19: Armchair travel with Miriam Joscelyn on Cycling in Cuba. St Patrick's Day Lunch at 12:30pm. Tracy (707) 400-8526.