

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

Appreciating God's Patience

God is very patient, but his patience doesn't last forever.

In the Old Testament, after God spoke to Abraham and Lot's subsequent rebellion, some 500 years passed before God revealed himself again—this time to Moses. God takes the first step toward Abraham and, when his descendants turned away, he steps back. He reached out again to Moses and revealed his name so that Moses could enter into a personal relationship with him and explain his name to others. God wants to be known by his people and by you!

So here we learn that with this revelation of God comes a responsibility. He unveils his mysterious face but he also desires a loving response and for us to witness about him to others.

Saint Paul makes it clear that God eventually ran out of patience with the Chosen People in the desert. After freeing the Israelites from Egypt with signs and wonders, giving them his law, and feeding them in the desert, they complained against him.

For Reflection

Is there a particular way I "desire evil things," as St. Paul says in the second reading?

God shows me patience and mercy yet again this year. How shall I respond?

Like the fig tree in the gospel, he gave them ample time and multiple encores of his love and mercy. Yet eventually, his love took the form of tough love—forty years of desert wanderings.

Lent is another expression of God's patience toward us. He is once again sowing the seeds of conversion, hoping for the fruits of our change of heart—fruits of love, forgiveness, repentance, and renewal.

He gives time for his cultivating efforts to take effect and for fruit to appear, but our life on earth is finite, so that time isn't unlimited. —Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *Scenes from the Life of Moses* (detail), 1481-1482
Artist: Sandro Botticelli
Location: Sistine Chapel

"So, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future."

Luke 13:8

Mass Intentions for the Week

	Intention	Requested by
Saturday, Mar. 23	5 p.m. Virginia Randall†	Al and Katie
Sunday, Mar. 24	8 a.m. Esther Loreto Tatom†	Joe Lewis
	9:30 a.m. Sandra Gonzalez †	Keller Family
	11:30 a.m. Joel Jabson †	Jabson Family
	6 p.m. St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Monday, Mar. 25	8 a.m. Cassie Posner †	Cecile Ong
Tuesday, Mar. 26	8 a.m. Mike Mercer †	Mendoza and Caruso Family
Wednesday, Mar. 27	8 a.m. Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children	Ana Prindle and Children
	For Blessings of Good Health	
Thursday, Mar. 28	8 a.m. Eunice Hall †	Noreen Shaughnessy
Friday, Mar. 29	8 a.m. Eric Ewen-Continued Good Health	E.C. Royale Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday, Mar. 30	8 a.m. Ancelle Nguyen	

Stewardship

Mar 17, Envelopes/EFT \$5,353.00
 Loose Collection \$1,395.36
 Second Collection: Catholic Relief Services \$784.00
 Next Week's Second Collection is for Parish Charities.

Thank you for your generosity.

A Day of Abstinence

Every Friday at Lent

Protecting God's Children

Every volunteer and worker is required to register every 3years at virtusonline.org

Ministry to the Sick

Volunteers are needed to administer the Holy Communion to the Sick. Please call Larry Mundy at 510-233-6783

Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Ave

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

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 Crittondon, 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, Petrus Soepratman, Salvador Tejero, Rose Texara Pat Tilley, Ike Tiongson, Joseph Vidal, Sarah Vidal Evodio Walle, Winston Williams,



Welcome to the Faith

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Our Newly Baptized

Third Sunday of Lent

When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, He opened the door for a life-changing relationship with Him. Scripture says her testimony drew many others to Him as well. We, too, must be ready to respond whenever and wherever the Lord speaks to us and be prepared for it to change our lives!

This Week's Service Schedule

Sunday Readings: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15. 1Cor 10:1-6, 10-12. Lk 13:1-9. Or Ex 17:3-7. Rom 5:1-2, 5-8. Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42.

Monday Readings: Is 7:10-14, 8:10. Heb 10:4-10. Lk 1:26-38.

Tuesday Readings: Dn 3:25, 34-43. Mt 18:21-35.

Wednesday Readings: Dt 4:1, 5-9. Mt 5:17-19.

Thursday Readings: Jer 7:23-28. Lk 11:14-23.

Friday Readings: Hos 14:2-10. Mk 12:28-34.

Stations of the Cross

Fri., 8:30am. Fri., 7:30pm With Benediction.

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 at Church. Fri., 9am.

Daily at 3pm, 9pm and 10pm (Spanish) and Wed., 7:30pm (Spanish) at the Chapel.

Holy Infant of Prague Novena

Thu. at 8:30am at Church.

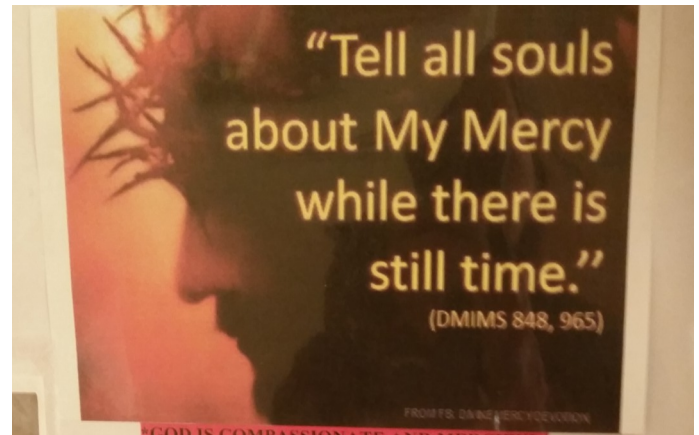
Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Fri., 6pm at the Chapel.

Confessions

Fri., Before and after the Stations of the Cross and Benediction at 7:30pm.

Sat., 4pm at Church. Or Call, Mon.-Fri. 9am-4:30pm.



Dear faithful
of the Diocese
of Oakland,

Will you help me Rebuild Christ's Church?
The annual Bishop's Appeal helps us with the expenses of vital ministries and programs throughout the Diocese. As you will see inside the Bishop's Appeal brochure, we are making a difference with your support.

Each year, I come to you and ask you to make a special commitment, a one-time gift or a pledge payable over a period of time, so that I can maintain the health and vibrancy of our Catholic community. May I count on your sacrificial support
Once again?

With assurance of my continual prayers,

The Very Reverend Michael C. Barber, S.J.

Bishop of Oakland

CRS Rice Bowl Almsgiving

Thank you for helping Christyan a refugee at Sri Lanka return to his homeland and farm. Video on CRS Rice Bowl app Please take a Rice Bowl packet for Lent.

Rosary Crusade

Celebrate the Fatima Centennial by hosting Our Lady's Pilgrim Statue of Fatima in your own home. For more info: Enrique Sanchez at (510) 237-8873.

First Saturday Devotion

Our Blessed Mother appeared to St. Lucia of Fatima on December 10, 1925. It was there Our Lady requested the Five First Saturdays Devotion and gave a great promise.

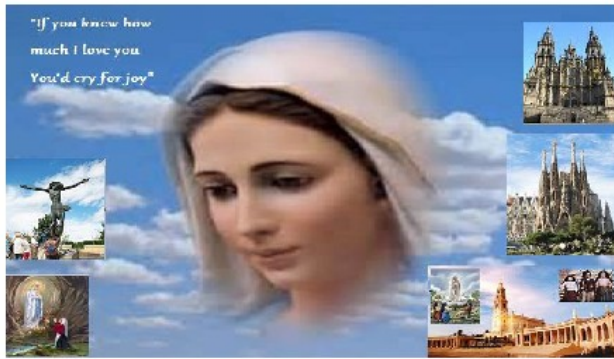
Appearing with the Queen of Heaven in that apparition was the Infant Jesus, Who said to Lucia: “Have pity on the Heart of your Most Holy Mother. It is covered with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment, and there is no one to remove them with an act of reparation.”

Our Lady then spoke: “See, my daughter, my Heart encircled by thorns with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. Do you, at least, strive to console me. Tell them that I promise to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation all those who, in order to make reparation to me, on the First Saturday of five successive months, go to confession, receive Holy Communion, say five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for a quarter of an hour, meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary.”



At St. John the Baptist we do this devotion on every First Saturday. We start the Rosary at 4:15pm. There is a priest in the confessional starting at 4 pm. And Mass is at 5 pm. It is very easy to fulfill the whole devotion that our Lady asks in a short amount of time and in one place. Please join us at 4:15pm on every first Saturday. April 6 is the next first Saturday.

A Special invitation to an incredible 15-Day pilgrimage!



**Marian Shrines of Europe
Portugal-Fatima, Spain-Santiago, Lourdes, Loyola,
Zaragoza, Barcelona, Bosnia-Medjugorje, and more
with Fr. Thuong H. Nguyen**

Visiting the locations where the Blessed Mother Mary had apparitions and miracles of healing.

October 10 - 24, 2019 \$4,499 per person double occupancy
Includes round-trip airfare from US 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 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 now,
we need it this hour of our death. Amen*



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.

MenRiseUp.org

If every man took the challenge, we'd see a transformation in our homes and parishes.-
Archbishop Charles J. Chaput

Save the Date: Special Liturgy and Farewell Reception for our Sisters of Mercy

After more than five decades of love and devotion to St. John's School and Parish, Sr. Carmel, Sr. Angela, and Sr. Anne will retire and return to Ireland in the summer. Please join us for a celebration to honor them on June 15, Saturday at the 5pm Mass, with a reception following. For more information and ways to help with this special event, please contact Olivia Wong oswong214@gmail.com or 510-701-8333.



Prayer & Song Retreat
with
Sarah Hart

*Be merciful, be God's instrument
through prayer and song*

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.

RETREAT CONCERT
1:00 PM 7:30 PM

Registration Cost: Online at www.prayerandsongretreat.org
\$25 Youth Retreat (5th-12th Grade) & Concert (Snack & Dinner Included)
\$20 Concert General Admission
\$10 Concert Student Admission

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More information
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Sarah Hart has been a singer, songwriter, and keynote speaker for 20 years. Her parish missions and ministry events have taken her across the United States and abroad. Sarah has performed for countless parishes, conferences and conventions, and for Pope Francis in 2013. She has written several retreats for parish, women's and adult catechesis, which she herself presents. She is a Grammy-nominated songwriter and her songs have been recorded by numerous performers and are found in many hymnals. Sarah makes her home in Nashville, TN with her husband and two awesome teenage daughters.



St. John the Baptist Church Community
11150 San Pablo Ave. El Cerrito, CA 94530 (510) 232-5659
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 Tube Treats
Wacky Works, Crafts & Outreach
Bible Blast
Power Up Dance Lab
Surprise Guests

Morning only - 9am-12:30pm, \$70
All Day Camp - 9am-5pm, \$170
Pre-K to 6th grade (Completed)

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

FREE CAMP T-SHIRTS - Free Early Drop Off at 8:00 a.m.

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
Pam Vincent- (510) 507-8694, pam@sjtbc.us

Single Women's Vocation Retreat

Come and See if God is calling you. Apr 26-28 at Los Altos Hills, Ca. 650-949-8890 or 213-210-9903 srllaguna@doc1633.org www.Daughters-Of-Charity.com/retreats/