

# St. John the Baptist Church

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## Welcome!

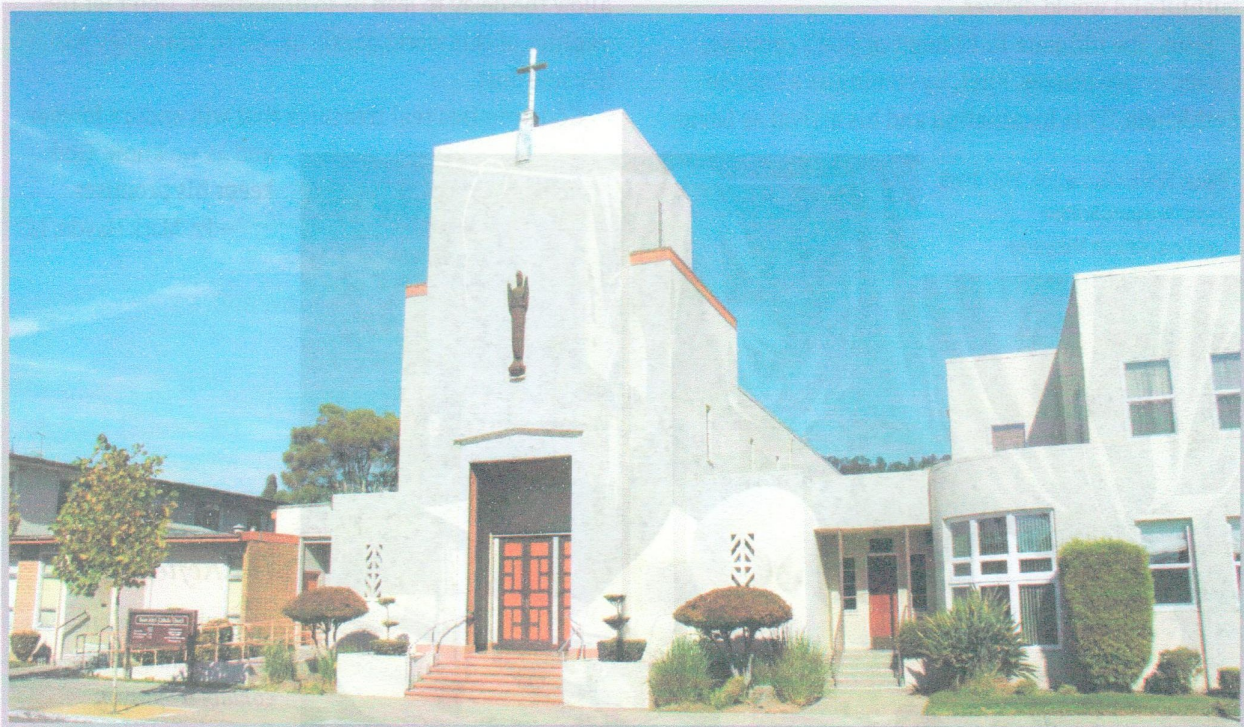
*Our warmest welcome to all who worship with us,  
whether a long-time parishioner or newly arrived in the parish.  
As Catholic Christians, we are committed to knowing,  
loving and serving God by obeying His commandments  
and serving our brothers and sisters with love and respect.*

### 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

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

### Parish Office

Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Bulletin Editor:** Ed Bautista

**Accountant/Bookkeeper:**  
Arthur De Leon

### Children's Religious Education

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

## Living, Loving in the Here and Now

**I**t is good that we are here—joined in community for Sunday worship, here, in this moment of prayer.

Our lives are so hectic and fast-paced that it's often hard to enjoy just being in the present moment with God. It's not just the pressure of work, but the added responsibilities of home. You know the routine...getting the kids to school; getting to work on time; leaving from work; running a few errands; preparing dinner; going back out to pick up the kids from practice; then back home for dinner, dishes, laundry, homework; and then finally to bed on time so you can get up early and start again.

But just stop! Take the time to enjoy the grace of the Eucharist, to rejoice in one another and savor Christ who reveals his love to you. Give yourself this gift. Each moment has power, poetry, and grace. Each instant is a gift from God, and each moment is an opportunity to encounter Jesus Christ. It's an occasion to return within ourselves and turn back to our Father who is eagerly waiting for us.

It's good to be here—not somewhere else, not in another time when we were happier, healthier, or life was easier and simpler. Right here, right now, right where God has you is where he is revealing his love. It may not be easy, but this is where God is, and it's good to reflect on the graces each moment presents.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### *For Reflection*

*Can I let go of the past and set aside worries of the future to find God in the only place he can be found—in the present moment?*

*If not, how about asking Christ for that grace today?*

Piece: *The Return of the Prodigal Son* (detail), 1662-1669

Artist: Rembrandt van Rijn

Location: Hermitage Museum, St. Petersburg



*[Jesus said,] "Now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found."*

*Luke 15:32*

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

|                   |            | <b>Intention</b>  | <b>Requested by</b>              |
|-------------------|------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Saturday, Mar. 30 | 5 p.m.     | John Vincent Buckley †  | Camille Herrera                  |
| Sunday, Mar. 31   | 8 a.m.     | Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health | Ana Prindle and Children         |
|                   |            | Carolina de Guzman †  | Jabson Family                    |
|                   | 9:30 a.m.  | John Vincent Buckley †  | Camille Herrera                  |
|                   | 11:30 a.m. | Nicanor Narag †   | Fr. Ray Ogbemure and Kathy Klatt |
|                   |            | Carolina de Guzman †  | Jabson Family                    |
|                   | 6 p.m.     | St. John Parishioners   | St. John Parish                  |
| Monday, Apr. 1    | 8 a.m.     | Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health | Ana Prindle and Children         |
| Tuesday, Apr. 2   | 8 a.m.     | Rosa Nieng Nguyen †   | Adrian Nguyen                    |
| Wednesday, Apr. 3 | 8 a.m.     | Alice Hale-Birthday   | Ong Family                       |
| Thursday, Apr. 4  | 8 a.m.     | Thanksgiving  |                                  |
| Friday, Apr. 5    | 8 a.m.     | Uga Juan Sabares †  | Fely Sabares                     |
| Saturday, Apr. 6  | 8 a.m.     | Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health | Ana Prindle and Children         |

**Stewardship**

Mar. 24, Envelopes/EFT \$ 2,786.00  
 Loose Collection \$ 1,217.14  
 Easter Flowers \$ 1,193.50  
 Next Week's Second Collection: Parish and School Development Programs  
 This Week's Second Collection: Parish Charities

*Thank you for your generosity.*

**Volunteers Needed**

St John needs to build up its corps of Eucharistic Ministers - for assistance at Mass or taking Communion to a home bound family member, friend or fellow parishioner. Neither ministry is time-consuming and will bring you closer to the Lord in amazing ways. Call Larry Mundy, 510-301-5027 for more information.

**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](mailto:oswong214@gmail.com) or 510-701-8333.

**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

**Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Ave**

Apr. 2, Closed for Spring Break.  
 Tracy (707) 400-8526.

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

The stewardship message in the parable of the prodigal son is that it is never too late to become a good steward. Blessed is the elder brother who had been a good steward all along, but blessed, too, is the prodigal, who had to lose all he had in order to understand the value of what he'd been given.

### Diocese of Oakland Bishop's Annual Appeal Prayer



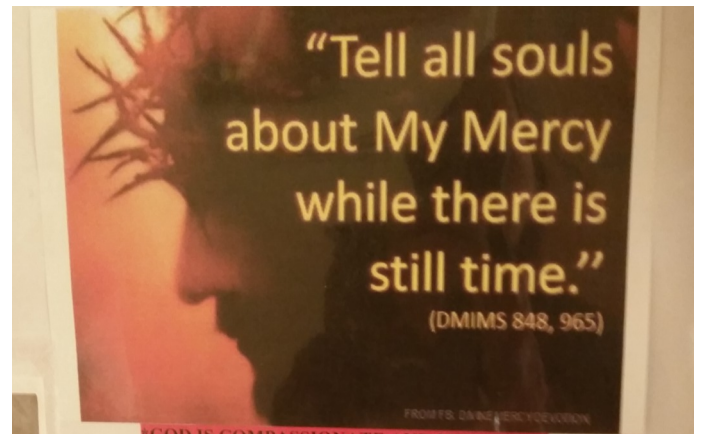
Lord Jesus Christ, as St. Francis of Assisi responded to Your call to "Rebuild My Church", may we also respond as You call us to rebuild Your Church today in the Diocese of Oakland. It is the Church You built through the gift of Your own Body and Blood. We come before You humbly today, grateful for that gift and for all the blessings You continually bestow upon us.

All of us, laity, religious brothers and sisters, deacons, and priests, understand the challenges ahead in building and renewing Your kingdom in our diocese. We thank you for the gift of Your Holy Spirit, calling forth within us the same courage and passion St. Francis felt when he heard of Your call at San Damiano.

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the life and example of St. Francis of Assisi, whom You blessed with a deep love for You and Your people and a humble attitude of self-sacrifice. We thank You for raising up those same gifts within us as we discern our commitment to offer You our time, talents and treasure in response to this annual Bishop's Appeal.

Grant us compassionate hearts to touch our brothers and sisters in need, grateful hearts to provide care for our retired priests, hopeful hearts to support those You have called to serve You in the priesthood, and zealous hearts to support the works of evangelization in our parishes and schools.

Under the protection of our Blessed Mother, Queen of the World, we entrust all our humble efforts to You, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.



### This Week's Service Schedule

**Sunday Readings:** Jos 5:9a, 10-12. 2Cor 5:17-21. Lk 15:1-3, 11-32.

**Monday Readings:** Is 65:17-21. Jn 4:43-54.

**Tuesday Readings:** Ez 47:1-9, 12. Jn 5:1-16.

**Wednesday Readings:** Is 40:8-15. Jn 5:17-30.

**Thursday Readings:** Ez 32:7-14. Jn 5:31-47.

**Friday Readings:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22. Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30.

**Saturday Readings:** Jer 11:18-20. Jn 7:40-53.

#### **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 Chapel.

**Stations of the Cross,** Fri., 8:30am. Also 7:30pm (and Benediction).

#### **24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration,**

Daily at the Chapel.

**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., 7:40am.

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

#### **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.

## 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.

# April 2019

Church (CH) Fr John Maxwell Conf Rm (CR) Comm Cen (CC) Comm Cen 2nd Fl (CC2) Music Rm (MR) Rectory (RE) Adoration Chapel (DM)

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday  |
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|  | <p><b>1</b> <i>St Hugh of Grenoble</i><br/>7:40a Liturgy of the Hours<br/>8a Mass<br/>8:30a Rosary and the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy</p>                                   | <p><b>2</b> <i>St Francis of Paola, Hermit</i><br/>7:40a Liturgy of the Hours<br/>8a Mass<br/>8a-2p Seniors CC<br/>7p SVdP Mtg CR<br/>7:30-9p RCIA CC</p>                             | <p><b>3</b> <i>St Richard of Chichester</i><br/>7:40a Liturgy of the Hours<br/>8a Mass<br/>8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet<br/>12n-2p Women's Covenant</p>           | <p><b>4</b> <i>St Isidore, Bishop and Doctor</i><br/>7:40a Liturgy of the Hours<br/>8a Mass<br/>8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet</p>     | <p><b>5</b> <i>St Vincent Ferrer</i><br/>7:40a Liturgy of the Hours<br/>8a Mass, 8:30a Stations of the Cross.<br/>7:30p Stations of the Cross/Benediction.<br/>Confessions before and after the 7:30p Service.</p>      | <p><b>6</b> <i>First Saturday</i><br/>8a Mass<br/>8:30a Anointing of the Sick<br/>4p Confessions<br/>5p Vigil Mass<br/>7p Charismatic Service</p> |
| <p><b>7</b> <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i><br/>8a, 9:30a, 11:30a, 6p (Brazilian) Mass<br/>9:30a CRE</p> | <p><b>8</b> <i>St Walter of Pontnoise</i><br/>7:40a Liturgy of the Hours<br/>8a Mass<br/>1-2p School's First Reconciliation<br/>8:30a Rosary/Chaplet of the Divine Mercy</p> | <p><b>9</b> <i>St Mary Cleopha</i><br/>7:40a Liturgy of the Hours<br/>8a Mass<br/>8:30a Rosary/Chaplet of the Divine Mercy<br/>8a-2p Senior Center CC<br/>7:30-9p RCIA CC-2</p>       | <p><b>10</b> <i>St Macarius</i><br/>7:40a Liturgy of the Hours<br/>8a Mass<br/>8:30a Rosary/Chaplet of the Divine Mercy<br/>12n-2p Women's Covenant</p>                | <p><b>11</b> <i>St Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr</i><br/>7:40a Liturgy of the Hours<br/>8a Mass<br/>8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet</p> | <p><b>12</b> <i>St Julius, Pope</i><br/>7:40a Liturgy of the Hours<br/>8a Mass<br/>8:30a Stations of the Cross<br/>7:30p Stations of the Cross and Benediction.<br/>Confessions before and after the 7:30p Service.</p> | <p><b>13</b> <i>St Martin I, Pope and Martyr</i><br/>8a Mass<br/>2-3:30p School's First Communion<br/>4p Confessions<br/>5p Vigil Mass</p>        |
| <p><b>14</b> <i>Palm Sunday</i><br/>8a, 9:30a, 11:30a, 6p (Brazilian) Mass<br/>9:30a CRE</p>         | <p><b>15</b> <i>St Huna</i><br/>7:40a Liturgy of the Hours<br/>8a Mass<br/>8:30a Rosary/Chaplet of the Divine Mercy</p>  | <p><b>16</b> <i>St Bernadette Soubirous</i><br/>7:40a Liturgy of the Hours<br/>8a Mass<br/>8:30a Rosary/Chaplet of the Divine Mercy<br/>8a-2p Senior Center CC<br/>7:30p RCIA CC2</p> | <p><b>17</b> <i>St Stephen Harding</i><br/>7:40a Liturgy of the Hours<br/>8a Mass<br/>8:30a Rosary and the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy<br/>12n-2p Women's Covenant</p> | <p><b>18</b> <i>Holy Thursday The Sacred Paschal Triduum</i><br/>8a Morning Prayer<br/>7:30p Mass of the Lord's Supper</p>                | <p><b>19</b> <i>Good Friday The Sacred Paschal Triduum</i><br/>8a Morning Prayer<br/>12n Good Friday Service, Stations of the Cross.</p>  | <p><b>20</b> <i>Holy Saturday The Sacred Paschal Triduum</i><br/>9p Easter Vigil Mass</p>   |
| <p><b>21</b> <i>Easter</i><br/>8a, 9:30a, 11:30a, 6p (Brazilian) Mass</p>                            | <p><b>22</b> <i>Octave of Easter</i><br/>7:40a Liturgy of the Hours<br/>8a Mass<br/>8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet</p>  | <p><b>23</b> <i>St George, Martyr</i><br/>7:40a Liturgy of the Hours<br/>8a Mass<br/>8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet<br/>8a-2p Seniors Meet CC</p>                                  | <p><b>24</b> <i>St Fidelis of Sigmaringen</i><br/>7:40a Liturgy of the Hours<br/>8a Mass<br/>8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet<br/>12n-2p Women's Covenant</p>         | <p><b>25</b> <i>St Mark</i><br/>7:40a Liturgy of the Hours<br/>8a Mass<br/>8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet</p>                          | <p><b>26</b> <i>St Cletus</i><br/>7:40a Liturgy of the Hours<br/>8a Mass<br/>8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet</p>  | <p><b>27</b> <i>St Zita</i><br/>8a Mass<br/>4p Confessions<br/>5p Vigil Mass</p>  |
| <p><b>28</b> <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i><br/>8a, 9:30a, 11:30a, 6p (Brazilian) Mass</p>               | <p><b>29</b> <i>St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor</i><br/>7:40a Liturgy of the Hours<br/>8a Mass<br/>8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet</p>                           | <p><b>30</b> <i>St Pius V, Pope</i><br/>7:40a Liturgy of the Hours<br/>8a Mass<br/>8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet<br/>8 am-2 pm Seniors Meet CC</p>                                |  |   |   |   |