

# 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

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Christine Hickey: (510)-815-6022

### Pastoral Council

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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.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

## Our Call to Face Down Evil

We come to the holiest week of the year. This week, Christians around the world dedicate their minds and hearts to meditate on the great gift of the redemption won for them by Christ. It is a cosmic event that happened 2,000 years ago but it bears fruit today in the heart of every Christian in every continent, country, city, and home.

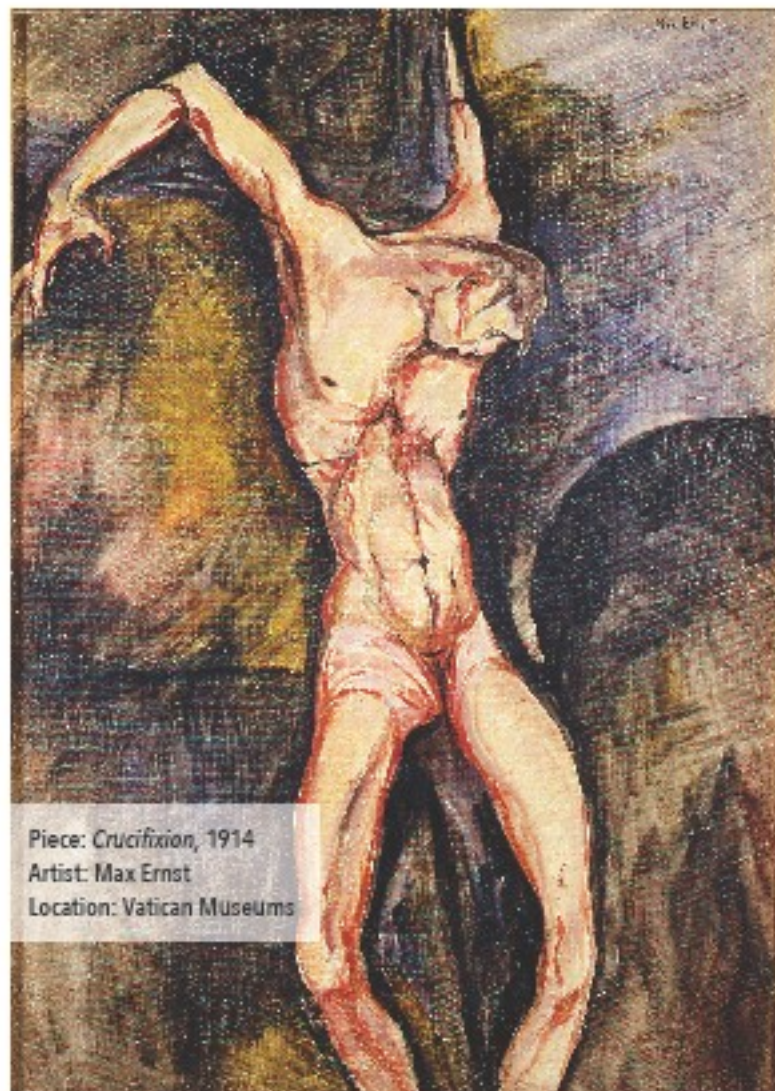
Max Ernst shows the crucifixion in cosmic, timeless dimension by placing the crucified Christ in a dark, tumultuous, and formless setting. The sinister colors of blue, brown, yellow, and black seem to hide a face or perhaps a masked and darkened eye on the right that peers through the evil canvas.

As chaotic and nonsensical as evil appears in our world, it also seems to have a commonality that betrays a will or an intelligence hidden beneath the surface. The suffering and destruction of so many people from senseless violence, famine, and hatred seems at once both spontaneous, yet strangely orchestrated by some force.

The same was true for Christ's crucifixion. On the surface it appears the result of a feverish crowd, a confused politician, a jealous and blinded religious leadership, and an overwhelmed group of cowardly followers. Yet we perceive the return of the tempter, Lucifer, the author of the *non serviam*.

The power of evil that struck the head continues to strike the body. Be aware of the call for all followers of Jesus to be ready to face the same struggle against evil that he did, and with the same measure of love.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *Crucifixion*, 1914  
Artist: Max Ernst  
Location: Vatican Museums

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### *For Reflection*

*What extra time will you take to be with your Lord who suffers for you?*

*How can you show your love to him in a special way this week?*

*They crucified him and the criminals there....Then Jesus said,  
"Father, forgive them, they know not what they do."*

*Luke 23:33-34*

*Mass Intentions for the Week*



		<b>Intention</b>	<b>Requested by</b>
Saturday, Apr. 13	5 p.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
Sunday, Apr. 14	8 a.m.	Benedict Ong - Birthday	Ong Family
	9:30 a.m.	Gabriela Tannady-Birthday and Personal Intentions	Tannady Family
	11:30 a.m.	Cayetano Family	Fr. Ray Ogbemure and Kathy Klatt
Monday, Apr. 15	6 p.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Childen
Tuesday, Apr. 16	8 a.m.	Philip Moore †	Keller Family
Wednesday, Apr. 17	8 a.m.	Jackie Mueller †	Mueller-Mendoza Family
Thursday, Apr. 18	7:30 p.m.	Esther Esmilla Taylor †	Christina Taylor
Friday, Apr. 19		The Passion of Our Lord	
Saturday, Apr. 20	9 p.m.	Beverly Wilkerson and Family	Baham Family
		Ethel Leonares †	Gerri Hampton
		Joselito Asuncion †	Asuncion Family
		Fr. Ray Ogbemure-Easter Blessings	Kathy and Helen

**Stewardship**

This is an early edition of the Sunday Bulletin. This column will be updated in the coming issue. Check a copy at church with figures for this column.

*Thank you for your generosity.*

**A Day of Fast and Abstinence**

Good Friday, April 19

**Volunteers Needed**

St John needs to build up its corps of Eucharistic Ministers - 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.

**Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Ave**

Apr. 16: Seniors' Meeting. 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, JamesGutierrez Ruben Gutierrez,Maydelle Halligan, Joanne, Marvin & Maurice Haynes, SherryHighlander, 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, Isaac Tiongson, Joseph Vidal, Sarah Vidal Evodio Walle Winston Williams, Jan Williamson



**St. John Class of '68 Reunion, Oct 26**

Contact Laurie Gaeta. [gaetalaurie1968@gmail.com](mailto:gaetalaurie1968@gmail.com)

**Palm Sunday**

“The Lord God has given me a well-trained tongue that I may know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them,” says Isaiah in today’s first reading. The gifts God has given us are likewise given for the good of others. How am I using my gifts? -Isaiah 50:4

**This Week’s Service Schedule**

**Sunday Readings:** Is 50:4-7. Phil 2:6-11. Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49.

**Monday Readings:** Is 42:1-7. Jn 12:1-11.

**Tuesday Readings:** Is 49:1-6. Jn 13: 21-33, 36-38.

**Wednesday Readings:** Is 50: 4-9a. Mt 26: 14-25.

**Thursday Readings:** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14. 1Cor 11:23-26. Jn 13:1-15.

**Friday Readings:** Is 52:13-53:12. Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9. Jn 18:1-19:42.

**Saturday Readings/Vigil:** Gn 1:1-2 or 26-31a. 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18. Ex 14:15-15:1. Is 54:5-14. Is 55:1-11. Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4. Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28. Rom 6:3-11. Lk 24:1-12.

**Palm Sunday.** Blessing of Palms: At All the Masses. Procession: 5pm Vigil, 9:30am, 11:30am.

**Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet,** Mon.-Wed., 8:30am. at Church. Daily, 3pm, 9pm, and 10pm (Spanish) and Wed., 7:30pm (Spanish) at Chapel.

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

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

**Liturgy of the Hours,** Mon.-Wed., 7:40am. Thu., Fri., 8am.

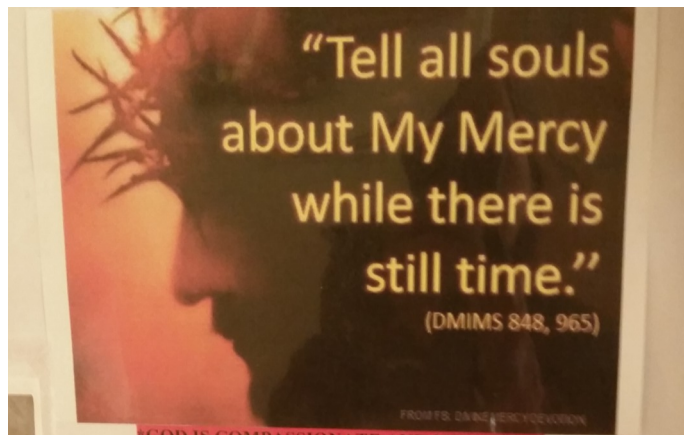
**Confessions,** Call Mon.-Thu., 9am-4:30pm. And Fri., 9-11am.

**Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,** Fri., 6pm at the Chapel.

**Holy Thursday/Mass of the Lord’s Supper** 7:30pm.

**Good Friday/The Passion of the Lord** 12n.

**Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil** 9pm.



**Rosary Crusade**

Celebrate the Centennial of Our Lady of Fatima at your own home with a Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Our Lady’s message at Fatima. (English/Spanish). Call Enrique Sanchez, (510) 237 -8873.

**The Annual Bishop’s Appeal**

Thank you to your pledges and donations toward rebuilding the Church. The annual appeal supports the ministries and services offered within our diocese.

**Preparing for Baptism**

Parents and godparents are required to attend 2 1-hr classes. Classes are held every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the Month. Starts at 9:30am for Mass and followed by a class at the church office.

**Calls for Help & Hope**

The Contra Costa Crisis Center has provided a lifeline of help and hope for 56 years. Call 1-800-833-2900

**Protecting God’s Children**

Every volunteer and worker is required to register every 3years at [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org)

Jesus' last command to us in the church was to

**“Go And Make Disciples Of All Nations.”**

Jesus commands us to bring everyone to His church.

At St. John the Baptist Church, we are charged with this responsibility of making disciples of our part of the nation. **I am asking everyone to invite someone, who would not normally make it to Mass on Easter, to join you at Mass.**

Our Easter Sunday Masses are at 8 am, 9:30 am, and 11:30 am. The Easter Vigil is at 9 pm Saturday night.

I know everyone's first reaction will be “I can't do that because ... (fill in the blank here).” We see this same response all throughout scripture.

God called upon **Moses**. Moses said he had a speech problem. With God's help, he got the Hebrew people out of Egypt.

God called upon the prophet **Jeremiah**. Jeremiah said he was too young. With God's help, he delivered God's message to the Hebrew people.

God called upon **Gideon** to fight and liberate the people. Gideon's excuse was that he was just a farmer. With God's help, Gideon drove the Midianites away.

God called upon **Jonah** to be a prophet to Nineveh. Jonah ran the other way. With God's help, Jonah delivered his message and converted the people of Nineveh.

We, all, have excuses why we cannot invite friends, family, or strangers to come to Mass with us on Easter Sunday. With God's help, each and every one of us can invite and encourage someone to come to Mass.

Fr. Thuong

**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.

**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](http://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 sinners,  
 who rest at the hour of our death. Amen*



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.*

**Saturday, May 4, 2019**

YOUTH RETREAT 1:00 PM CONCERT for General Audience 7:30 PM

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

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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!



- 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 6<sup>th</sup> grade (Completed)**

**FREE CAMP T-SHIRTS - Free Early Drop Off at 8:00**

- 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)  
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