

# St. John the Baptist Church

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## Welcome!

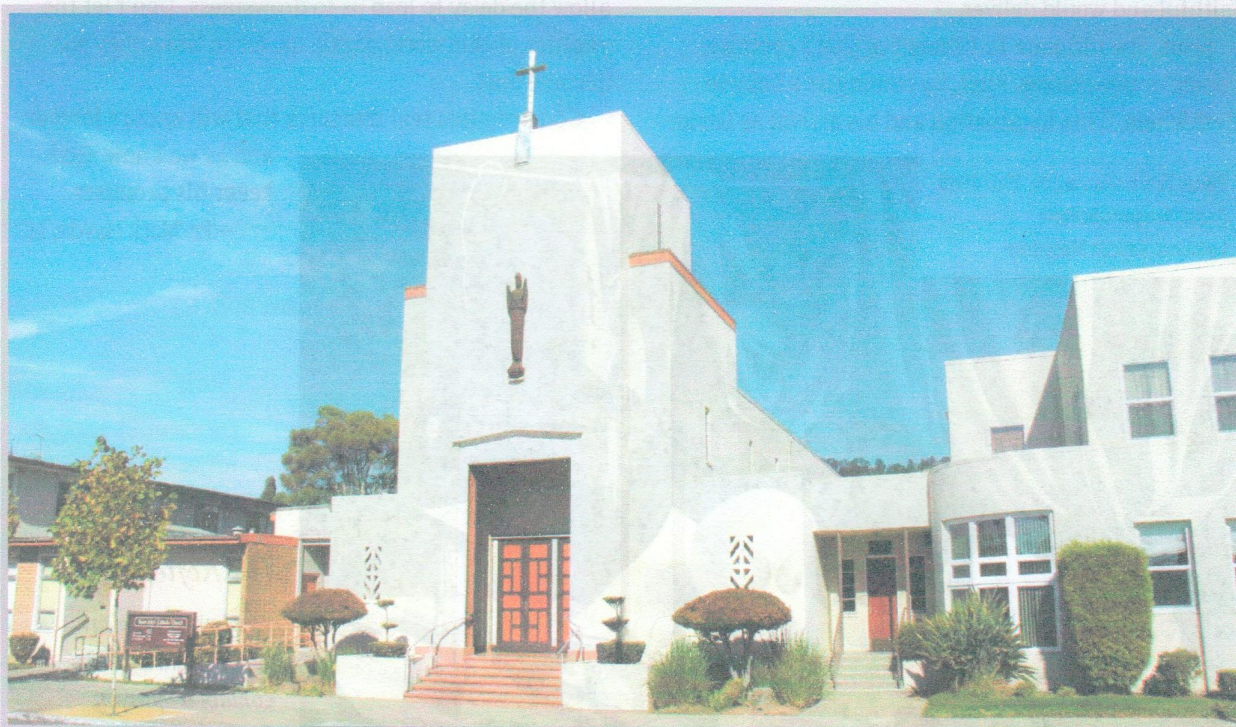
*Our warmest welcome to all who worship with us,  
whether a long-time parishioner or newly arrived in the parish.  
As Catholic Christians, we are committed to knowing,  
loving and serving God by obeying His commandments  
and serving our brothers and sisters with love and respect.*

### 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.stjohne.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



April 28, 2019

Second Sunday of Easter  
or Sunday of Divine Mercy (C)

Acts 5:12-16 / Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13,  
17-19 / Jn 20:19-31

## Saved by Christ's Merciful Love

We're not defined by our weakness, but created for greatness! Look at David, Paul, and the sinful woman. David was an adulterer and murderer, yet he wrote Psalms and was Jesus' ancestor. Paul killed one of the first deacons, Stephen, yet became the greatest apostle to the Gentiles. The sinful woman's misdeeds were public, yet what is most remembered is her repentance and love.

Sin is not the last word. God's recreating mercy is. God's mercy asks for a response so all that transformative power can be unleashed in us. The only thing that stands in the way of God's renewal rushing in and totally transforming us is our own lack of acceptance.

Sin wants to stand in the way of this good news. The evil one tries to convince us that we are too sinful; that salvation and happiness might be for others, but certainly not for us.

But David, Paul, and the sinful woman didn't let that sinister message sink in. David was moved to repentance by Nathan's words. Paul accepted that he wasn't saved by his religious fervor or condemned for his errors. He was saved by letting Christ's merciful love embrace him. The sinful woman refused to be defined by her poor choices. She tearfully made penance at Christ's feet, and this act



Piece: *The Embrace*, 1980  
Artist: Pedro Cano  
Location: Vatican Museums

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of her brokenness gave off a consoling aroma that filled the house.

Let the power of Christ's love be unleashed in you by forgiving yourself and others. Then your weakness will be the first step toward the greatness God has in store for you.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### *For Reflection*

*Are there any past errors that I am letting define me?*

*What stands in my way of a greater experience of Christ's mercy?*

*[Jesus said,] "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."*

*John 20:22-23*

## *Mass Intentions for the Week*

		<b>Intention</b>	<b>Requested by</b>
Saturday, Apr. 27		Divine Mercy Sunday	
	5 p.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
Sunday, Apr. 28	8 a.m.	Malik Tandianus †	Petrus Tannady Family
	9:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
	11:30 a.m.	Nicanor Lara †	Mildred Gardner
	6 p.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Monday, Apr. 29	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
Tuesday, Apr. 30	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving and Good Health of Cruz Family	Nemesia Peralta
Wednesday, May 1	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
		Sr. Marie Dominique †	Victoria Tannady
Thursday, May 2	8 a.m.	Cesira Matteucci †	Gina Lencioni
Friday, May 3	8 a.m.	Diane Marin †	Janet Chavez
Saturday, May 4	8 a.m.	Sr. Marie Dominique Nguyen †	Ancelle Nguyen

### Stewardship

Apr. 21, Envelopes/EFT \$6,057.00  
 Loose Collection \$3,974.98  
 Holy Thursday \$ 1,406.00  
 Good Friday/Holy Land \$714.00

*Thank you for your generosity.*



Jeff Chavez

### Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Ave

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

### 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.

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

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

### 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, 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, Isaac Tiongson, Joseph Vidal, Sarah Vidal Evodio Walle Winston Williams, Jan Williamson



*Welcome to the Faith*

Jacob Mandujano

## Second Sunday of Easter

“Blessed are they who have not seen and yet believed,” Jesus says in today’s Gospel. For those who have not seen to believe, however, we must be good stewards of our faith, living it joyfully and sharing it generously. Then, in our time too, “men and women in great numbers” will be “added to the Lord.”

### This Week’s Service Schedule

**Sunday Readings:** Acts 5:12-16. Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19. Jn 20:19-31.

**Monday Readings:** Acts 4:23-31. Jn 3:1-8.

**Tuesday Readings:** Acts 4:32-37. Jn 3:7b-15.

**Wednesday Readings:** Acts 5:17-26. Jn 3:16-21.

Or Gn 1:26-2:3 Or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24.

Mt 13:54-58.

**Thursday Readings:** Acts 5:27-33. Jn 3:31-36.

**Friday Readings:** 1Cor 15:1-8. Jn 14:6-14.

**Saturday Readings:** Acts 6:1-7. Jn 6:16-21.

**Divine Mercy Sunday,** The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy will be prayed after every Mass.

**Holy Hour.** Fri., 8:30am.

**First Saturday Devotion.** 8am, Mass, Rosary. 4pm, Confessions, Rosary, Adoration, Mass.

**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.

**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.** Sat., 4pm. Or call 9am-4:30pm, Mon.-Fri.

**Holy Infant of Prague Novena.** Thu. 8:30am at Church.

**Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.**

Fri., 6pm at the Chapel.

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

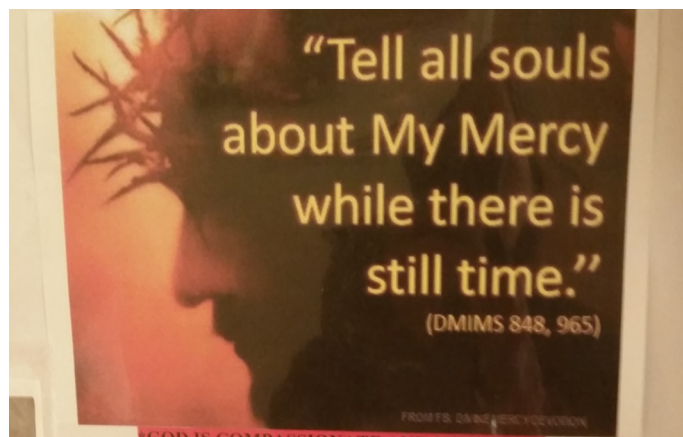
After more than five decades of love and devotion to St. John’s School and Parish, Sr. Carmel, Sr. Angela, and Sr. Anne will retire and return to Ireland in the summer. Please join us for a celebration to honor them on June 15, Saturday at the 5pm Mass, with a reception following. For more information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

### Baptism Classes

For Parents and godparents: Every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the Month Mass at 9:30am followed by a class.

### 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



### The Annual Bishop’s Appeal

Rebuild the Church. Make a pledge or donation to support the ministries and services offered in our diocese.

### Youth Ministry

May 4. Prayer and Song Retreat with Sarah Hart. Retreat, 1pm. Concert, 7:30pm. (510) 703-1076. [andyg@sjtbc.us](mailto:andyg@sjtbc.us)

### Protecting God’s Children

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

### The Annual Vacation Bible Camp

Jun. 24-28. “Power Lab, Discovering Jesus’ Miraculous Powers”. Pre-School to 6th Grade. Call Pam, 510-507-8694. [www.sjtbc.us/vbdc.html](http://www.sjtbc.us/vbdc.html)

### 15-Day Marian Pilgrimage

Oct 10-24. Portugal, Spain, France, Barcelona, Bosnia. [www.polandmej.com](http://www.polandmej.com). (510) 918-5825. (510) 847-7773.

### Endow Women’s Retreat “The Nature of Women”

The retreat, on May 4 from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm, will be at Star of the Sea Church, 4420 Geary Blvd., San Francisco. Cost is \$45, including lunch. Limited child care will be available – preregistration required. More information/registration is available at [www.sfarch.org/endow](http://www.sfarch.org/endow) (or see the Facebook event page <https://www.facebook.com/events/345785982596777/>) Ed Hopfner, Director of Marriage & Family Life, Archdiocese of San Francisco

## 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 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 4:15 on every first Saturday. May 4 is the next first Saturday.

# May 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
5 Third Sunday of Easter 8a, 9:30a, 11:30a, 6p (Brazilian) Mass 9:30a CRE	6 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Chaplet of the Divine Mercy	7 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Chaplet of the Divine Mercy 8a-2p Seniors Program CC 7:30-9p RCIA CC-2	8 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Chaplet of the Divine Mercy 12n-2p Women's Covenant	9 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet	10 St. Damien 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass. Rosary. Divine Mercy Chaplet	11 8a Mass 4p Confessions 5p Vigil Mass
12 Fourth Sunday of Easter 8a, 9:30a, 11:30a, 6p (Brazilian) Mass 9:30a CRE	13 Our Lady of Fatima 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Chaplet of the Divine Mercy	14 St. Matthias, Apostle 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Chaplet of the Divine Mercy 8a-2p Seniors Program CC 7:30p RCIA CC2	15 St. Isidore 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary and the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy 12n-2p Women's Covenant	16 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass. Rosary. Divine Mercy Chaplet.	17 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass. Rosary. Divine Mercy Chaplet	18 St. John I, Martyr <i>8a Mass</i> 4p Confessions 5p Vigil Mass
19 Fifth Sunday of Easter 8a, 9:30a, 11:30a, 6p (Brazilian) Mass	20 St. Bernardine 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet	21 St. Christopher 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet 8a-2p Seniors Program CC 7:30p RCIA	22 St. Rita 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet 12n-2p Women's Covenant	23 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet	24 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet	25 St. Bede 8a Mass 4p Confessions 5p Vigil Mass
26 Sixth Sunday of Easter 8a, 9:30a, 11:30a, 6p (Brazilian) Mass	27 St. Augustine 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet	28 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass. Rosary. Chaplet of the Divine Mercy 8-2p Seniors Program CC 7:30p RCIA	29 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass. Rosary. Divine Mercy Chaplet 12-2p Women's Covenant	30 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass/Rosary/Chaplet of the Divine Mercy	31 The Visitation of Mary 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass	