

# St. John the Baptist Church

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## Welcome!

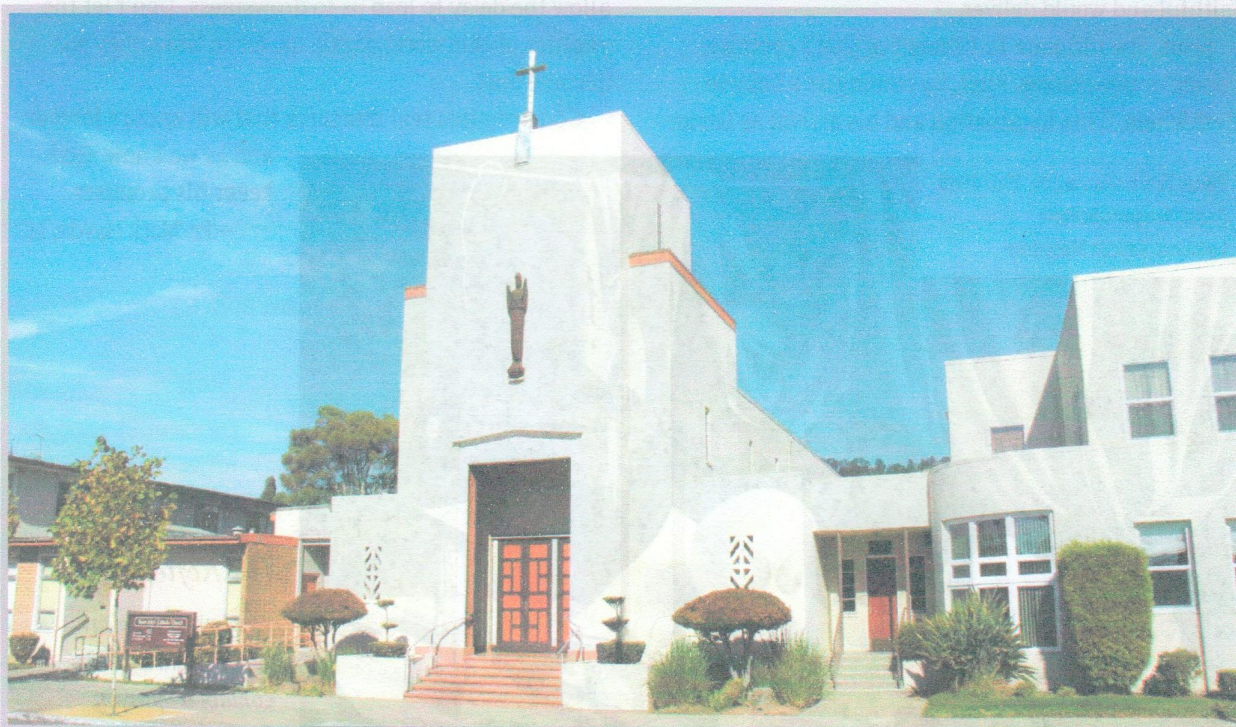
*Our warmest welcome to all who worship with us,  
whether a long-time parishioner or newly arrived in the parish.  
As Catholic Christians, we are committed to knowing,  
loving and serving God by obeying His commandments  
and serving our brothers and sisters with love and respect.*

### 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

## God's Reign in Heaven and Earth

The trumpeters in the center of the huge Sistine Chapel wall fresco declare the new reign of God, the coming of the new Jerusalem, which was sent from heaven from God Most High. This new heaven and earth is the civilization of love brought about by Christ's passion, death, and resurrection.

It's not an abstract ideal or some faraway lost city. It's a city that exists in heaven around the throne of the Lamb and grows by means of the Church as God's kingdom on earth.

Just as Paul and Barnabas appointed elders and the Church took on a stable, hierarchical structure, we are reminded of the historical growth of this city of love—God's Church on earth. From the beginning it was founded on faith. The apostles prayed, fasted, and commended these elders to the Lord. It was their common faith in Christ that was the foundation of this new kingdom of God.

The glory of this kingdom isn't in church buildings or organizations, but it's the glory that Jesus mentions in today's Gospel. "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him" (John 13:31). It's the glory that comes from Jesus' faithful love toward the Father and his disciples, leading him to be enthroned on the cross and rule as the Lamb that was slain yet still



Piece: *The Last Judgment* (detail), 1536-1541  
Artist: Michelangelo  
Location: Sistine Chapel

### *For Reflection*

*Do I believe that the essence of real, lasting power is found in love?*

*Old forms of hate and division are destined to pass away. Am I hastening the arrival of the new kingdom by the love with which I live?*

stands. It is the new commandment of love that is their glory. Thus the bride that is the Church will be great to the degree that it loves like Jesus, its husband and King.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

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*[Jesus said,] "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."*

*John 13:34*

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## *Mass Intentions for the Week*



	<b>Intention</b>	<b>Requested by</b>
Saturday, May 18	5 p.m. Julio Pangilinan † Emilia Palomo Lozano †	Nemesia Peralta Maria Lozano
Sunday, Apr. 19	8 a.m. Renaldo and Diane Marin †	Marin Family
	9:30 a.m. Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
	11:30 a.m. Madeline Gaines †	GRIP Soup Kitchen
	6 p.m. St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Monday, Apr. 20	8 a.m. Virginia Randall †	Fely Sabares
Tuesday, Apr. 21	8 a.m. Virginia Lim-Yap †	Cecile Ong
Wednesday, May 22	8 a.m. Elizabeth Toledo-Blessings and Conversion	
Thursday, May 23	8 a.m. Virginia Lim-Yap †	Cecile Ong
Friday, May 24	8 a.m. Fr. Thuong Nguyen-Ordination Anniversary	Kathy Klatt
Saturday, May 25	8 a.m. Hue Titi-Birthday	Ancelle Nguyen

### **Stewardship**

May 12, Envelopes/EFT \$2,096.00/\$205.00  
 Loose Collection \$1,400.12  
 Second Collection/EFT: Mother's Day \$1,418.50/  
 \$ 62.50  
 Charismatic Service, May 11: \$239.00  
 This week's Second Collection is for Catholic  
 Charities of the East Bay Annual "May Appeal".

*Thank you for your generosity.*

### **Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Ave**

May 21: 9a, Know about Elderly Wish Foundation.  
 1-3p, Learning to play Bridge. 12:30p, Lunch (\$5).  
 Tracy (707) 400-8526.

### **Catholic Charismatic Renewal 22nd Annual "Holy Spirit" Conference Archdiocese of San Francisco**

Never thirst again.-John 4:14. Saturday, Sep-  
 tember 21, 2019, 8am. St. Mary's Cathedral,  
 Lower Level, 1111 Gough Street, SF, Ca 94109.  
 Mass, 7pm. Nunca Más Tendrás Sed-Juan 4:14.

### **The Annual Bishop's Appeal**

Thank you, Parishioners and Families. The parish  
 has reached 41% of its goal for 2019. Exceeded  
 donation will be designated for church use.

### **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  
 Frank Gardner, Filomena Giese  
 Mike Giovannini, Joseph Golinveau, Victoria  
 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 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



### **Travel the Holy Land**

Nov. 4-13. Haifa, Tiberias, Nazareth, Bethlehem,  
 Jerusalem. \$3,899 roundtrip, breakfast and dinner  
 daily, guide services, insurance, double occupancy.  
 Call Christine Hickey / Feli Buettner 925-207-3501

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives His disciples, and us, a new commandment: "Love one another." Good stewards who spend their time and talents in service to others are well on their way to fulfilling this commandment.

**This Week's Service Schedule**

**Sunday Readings:** Acts 14:21-27. Rv 21:1-5a. Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35.

**Monday Readings:** Acts 14:5-18. Jn 14:21-26.

**Tuesday Readings:** Acts 14:19-28. Jn 14:27-31a.

**Wednesday Readings:** Acts 15:1-6. Jn 15:1-8.

**Thursday Readings:** Acts 15:7-21. Jn 15:9-11.

**Friday Readings:** Acts 15:22-31. Jn 15:12-17.

**Saturday Readings:** Acts 16:1-10. Jn 15:18-21.

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

**Flores de Mayo/Rosary:** Sunday, 12:30pm.

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

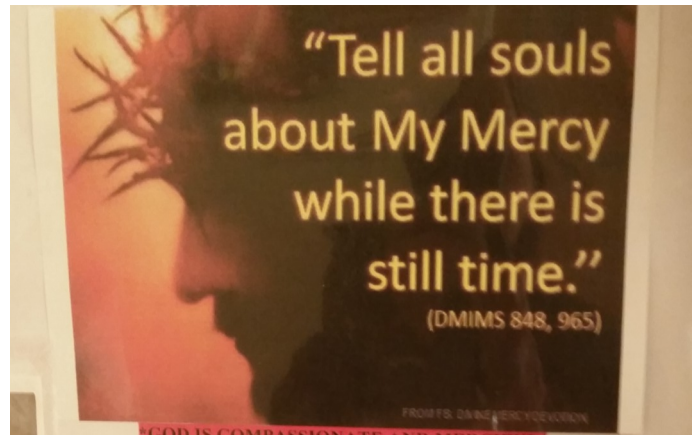
**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena.** Weds, 8:30am at Church and 6pm at the Chapel.

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

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

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

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



**CRE First Communion Mass, May 11**

Congratulations to the candidates who have completed the religious education class in preparation for First Holy Communion. The following students received Holy Communion Saturday:

- Bryan Jerez, Vanessa Ayala, Kaylie Gonzalez, Santiago Hernandez, Olivia Lopez, Riley Soto, Jessica Guzman, Paula de la Cruz, Alexandra Martinez, Alvaro Giron, Melissa Monteros, Wesley Ordaz, Darlene Padrique

**Protecting God's Children**

Every volunteer and worker who mentors minors or vulnerable adults requires fingerprinting (live scan).

**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 to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation all those who devote to make reparation to our Lady, 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."

Please join us at 4pm on every first Saturday. June 1 is the next first Saturday.

**Sisters of Mercy Farewell Mass and Reception**

We will honor our three retiring Sisters of Mercy at the 5:00 pm Mass on **Saturday, June 15**, followed by a reception in the school gym. As space is limited at the reception, please RSVP by the rectory (510-232-5659) and leaving your name and email address and / or phone number. Your donation to defray the cost of this special event will be much appreciated. Please write your check to St. John the Baptist Church with the memo line " Sisters Farewell Reception " .

**Northern California Renewal Coalition 32nd Annual Catholic Charismatic Convention**

May 24-26, 2019. Santa Clara Convention Center (650) 219-4556 NCRCSpirit.org

**A Special invitation to an incredible 15-Day pilgrimage!**



*"If you know how  
much I love you  
You'd cry for joy"*

**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,  
we are in need at the hour of our death. Amen*



*Bishop Robert Barron's*  
**CATHOLICISM**  
**THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS**



The RCIA team invites you to a showing of The Pivotal Players series which features eight people who responded to the grace of God to make a difference

**June 4**

**S T. FRANCIS of A S S I S I** : The Reformer  
radically and literally lived as Jesus commanded to transform the Church.

**June 18**

**S T. THOMAS A Q U I N A S** : The Theologian  
demonstrated that faith and reason are not at odds, as they come from the same source.

**July 2**

**S T. CATHERINE of S I E N A** : The Mystic  
gave testimony to the reality of the spiritual dimension here and beyond

**July 16**

**BLESSED JOHN HENRY N E W M A N** : The Convert  
left a prestigious career to seek and preach the apostolic faith.

**August 6**

**G . K . C H E S T E R T O N** : The Evangelist  
publicly, humbly, and humorously announced the paradoxes and truth of Christianity.

**August 20**

**M I C H E L A N G E L O** : The Artist  
dramatically demonstrated that beauty and creativity are a primary route of access to God

**September 3**

**S T. AUGUSTINE** The Teacher  
is possibly the best example of how faith in Christ changed a person.

**September 17**

**S T. BENEDICT** The Monk  
contributed more to saving western Christian culture than anyone else

**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays upstairs in the St. Johns Community Center 7:30 – 9:00 PM**