

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.

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

Jesus Awaits Us

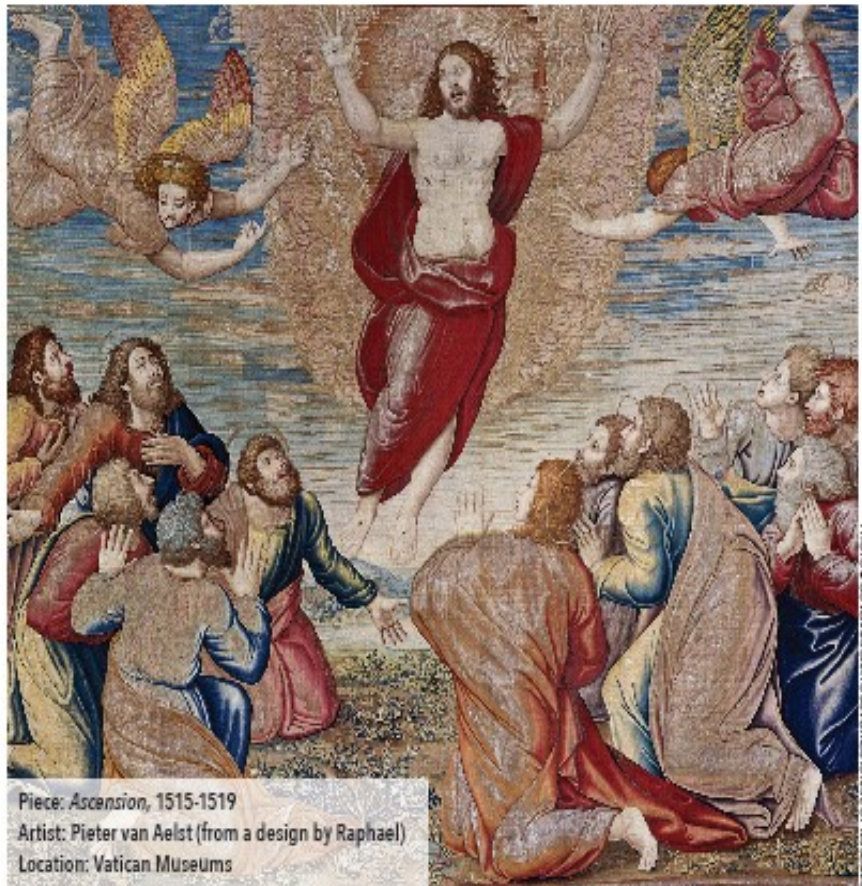
In the Nicene Creed, we pray, “He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.” Jesus lived forty days in his glorified body after the resurrection, but at the end he rose into heaven, where he awaits each of us. It was planned all along that he who came down from heaven would return there. “No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man” (John 3:13).

The amazing truth is that he has opened heaven for us, cheering on each of us to join him forever! “And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be” (John 14:3). So we’re not only striving to get to heaven, but Jesus is there interceding with his power for “the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit” upon each of us (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 667).

For Reflection

Do we live like people who are aware that we're on our way to heaven forever?

How can I live this week with a more heavenly perspective?



Piece: *Ascension*, 1515-1519
Artist: Pieter van Aelst (from a design by Raphael)
Location: Vatican Museums

Imagine Jesus as your intercessor in heaven, pleading your case as a brother before our loving Father! If God is for us, who can be against us? He is also there inaugurating his messianic kingdom. He told Pilate that his kingdom wasn't of this world. He has now taken the throne of his kingdom and will draw all peoples to himself. You and I will become witnesses to “his kingdom [that] will have no end,” to quote the same Creed. So let's live with newfound confidence that Jesus reigns in heaven, interceding for us, preparing our eternal home.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven.

Luke 24:51

Mass Intentions for the Week

	Intention	Requested by
Saturday, June 1	5 p.m. Vince Brown †	Keller Family
Sunday, June 2	8 a.m. Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
	9:30 a.m. Louis S. Tannady-Healing	Victoria Tannady
	11:30 a.m. Wencesla Tannady-Healing	Victoria Tannady
	6 p.m. St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Monday, June 3	8 a.m. Fr. John Maxwell †	Debi Mendoza
Tuesday, June 4	8 a.m. Manolo Salvador Carcamo †	Gerri Hampton
Wednesday, June 5	8 a.m. Joseph Vu Dinh Thiep †	Marianne Nguyen
Thursday, June 6	8 a.m. Eric Benavides-Birthday	Mila Vargas
Friday, June 7	8 a.m. Jacob Hale-Birthday	Ong Family
Saturday, June 8	8 a.m. Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children

Stewardship

May 26, Envelopes/EFT \$2,100.00/\$205.00
 Loose Collection \$1,056.13
 2nd Collection: Catholic Communications \$689.00
 This Week's Second Collection is for Parish and School Development.
 Next week's Second Collection is for the Vacation Bible Camp Program.

Thank you for your generosity.

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".

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Jun 28-30 or Sep 13-15: A weekend encounter affirming and supporting you. Enjoy a love-filled weekend away together. oaklandwwme.org or Contact Chuck or Annie at: applications@oaklandwwme.org or (925) 849-5466

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 Crittondon, 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 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



Personalized Church Envelopes

Please call 510-232-5659 or stjohns@sjtbc.us

Ascension of the Lord

Jesus ascended into heaven, blessing His disciples and promising that they would soon receive the power of the Holy Spirit. We who have received that promised gift of the Spirit are now empowered to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth-to use our time and talents to spread the good news of salvation.

This Week's Service Schedule

Sunday Readings: Acts 1:1-11. Eph 1:17-23 or 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13. Mk 16:15-20.

Monday Readings: Acts 19:1-8. Jn 16:29-33.

Tuesday Readings: Acts 20:17-27. Jn 17:1-11a.

Wednesday Readings: Acts 20:28-38.

Jn 17:11b-19.

Thursday Readings: Acts 22:30, 23:6-11.

Jn 1:20-26.

Friday Readings: Acts 25:13b-21. Jn 21:15-19.

Saturday Readings: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31.

Jn 21:20-25

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

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

24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration. Daily (Chapel)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena. Weds, 8:30am (Church) and 6pm (Chapel).

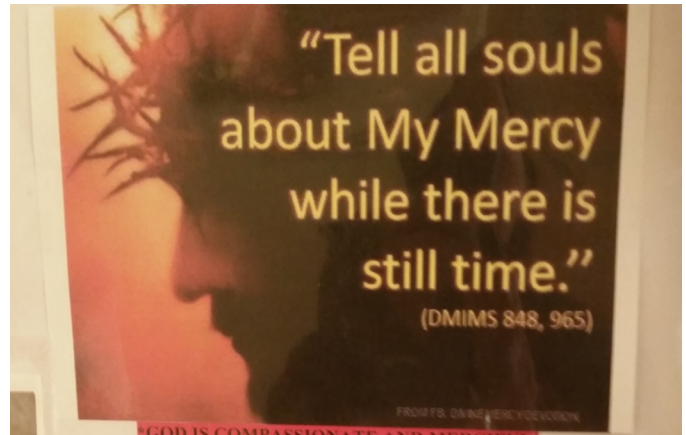
Liturgy of the Hours. Mon.-Sat., 7:40am.

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 (Chapel).

Charismatic Service. Sat., 7pm.



Rebuild the Church. Your pledge or donation to the Annual 2019 Bishop's Appeal supports the ministries and services offered by our diocese. View at <https://vimeo.com/336230462> (The parish is 64.53% of Goal as of 5-15-19).

Protecting Our Children

Every church volunteer and worker is required to register at virtusonline.org

Our Lady of Fatima Centenary

Celebrate with a Rosary procession and Mass every 13th day of June, July, August, September, and October.

The 18th 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

15-Day Marian Pilgrimage

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

Travel to the Holy Land

Nov 4-13. Haifa, Tiberias, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Jerusalem. felipeneta1@yahoo.com. (925) 207-3501

Volunteer As Eucharistic Minister

Giving Holy Communion at Mass, call Sharon Ewen (510) 412-9761.

Or to a home-bound friend, relative or fellow parishioner, call Larry Mundy (510) 301-5027.

Neither ministry is time-consuming and will bring you closer to the Lord in amazing ways.

Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Ave

June 4: Member Meeting. 12:30pm, Lunch \$5 (\$5). Tracy (707) 400-8526.

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

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

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