

# St. John the Baptist Church

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## Welcome!

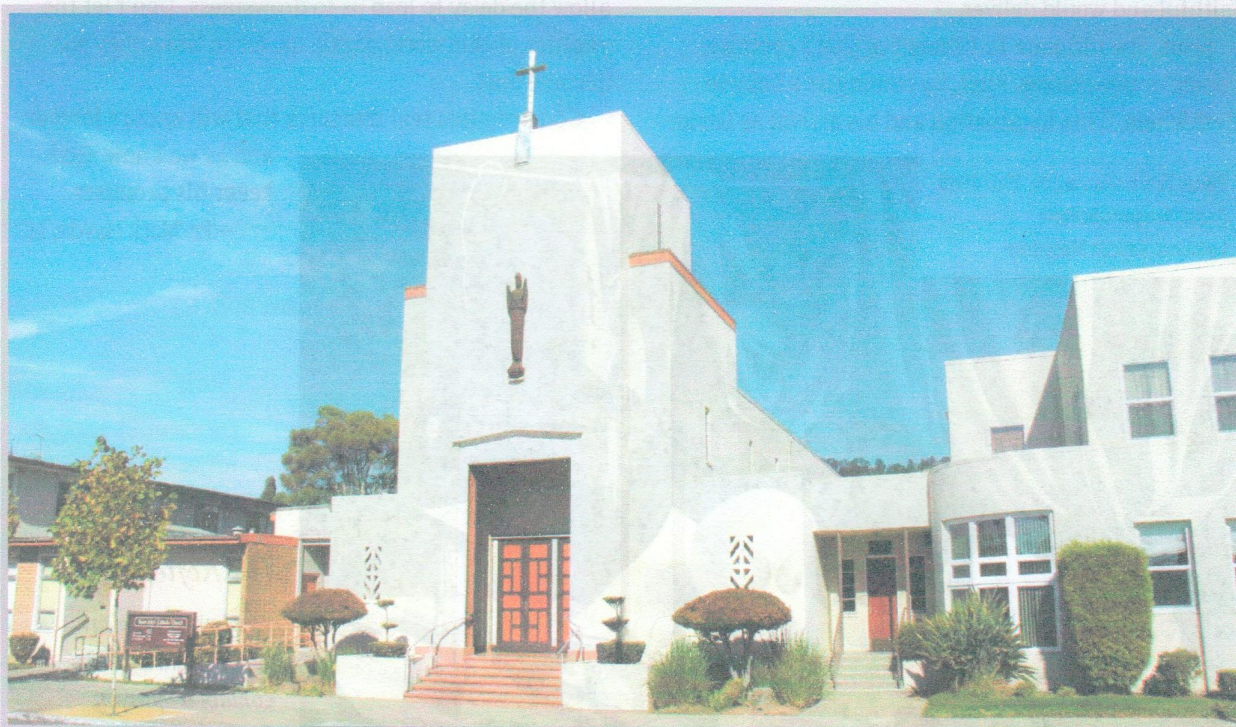
*Our warmest welcome to all who worship with us,  
whether a long-time parishioner or newly arrived in the parish.  
As Catholic Christians, we are committed to knowing,  
loving and serving God by obeying His commandments  
and serving our brothers and sisters with love and respect.*

### 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

## Live in the Beauty: Stay the Course to Jesus

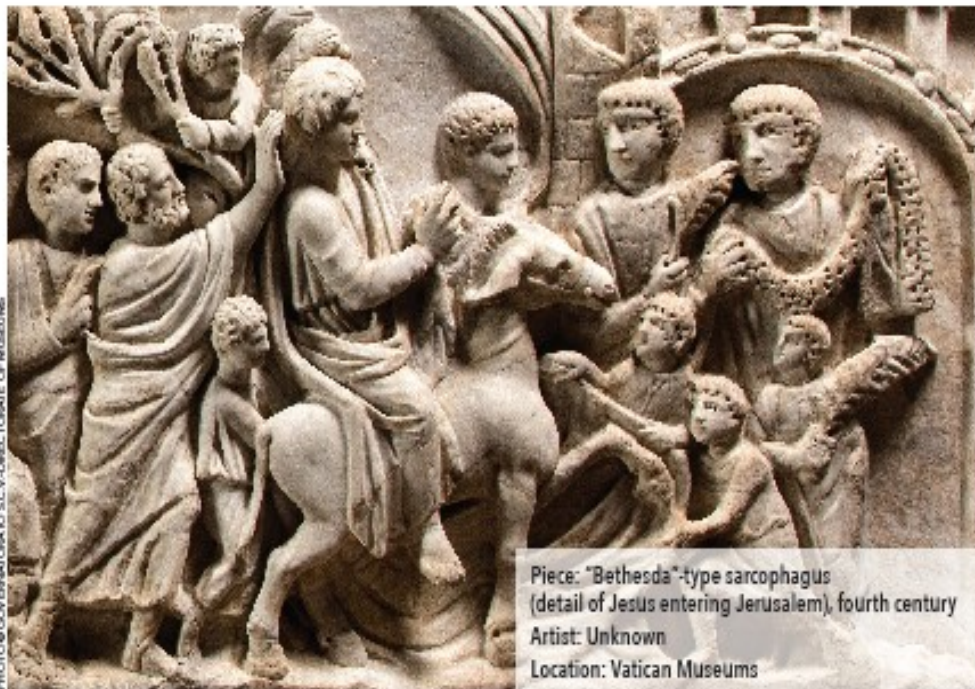
One characteristic of Luke's Gospel is that he arranges most of Christ's preaching within a long journey from Galilee to Jerusalem. Jesus leaves behind his home in the north and travels south toward Jerusalem, where his passion and death await. The steady focus on his true homeland is shown in this early Christian bas-relief. What better thing to put on a tomb than Jesus' focus on heaven!

A farmer who plows a furrow or tills between rows of crops can't be looking back at what he has already plowed or he will inevitably stray off course. He keeps looking forward toward the end of the line. In the same way, we can't constantly look back at the pleasures, opportunities, and goods we have left behind to follow our Lord.

Elisha burns his plow in sacrifice and also to express his definitive yes to the call. Like an explorer who burns his ships upon reaching a new land, his acceptance of Elijah's invitation to be a prophet of Yahweh is total; there's no turning back.

As disciples of Jesus, we're called to a yes with no ifs, ands, or buts. Contradictory as this may seem, this is true freedom. Freedom isn't doing what we want when we want. That's actually slavery to our whims and constantly changing passions. We go nowhere and build nothing. Real freedom is having an unbounded capacity to recognize the truth, choose what's good, and live in the beauty of a life directed toward where we've set our hearts and minds.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: "Bethesda"-type sarcophagus  
(detail of Jesus entering Jerusalem), fourth century  
Artist: Unknown  
Location: Vatican Museums

### *For Reflection*

*Is there anything in life that distracts me from my goal to be a follower of Christ? Would it do me good to rid myself of clutter and distractions in order to follow Jesus more freely?*

*Jesus said, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God."*

*Luke 9:62*

## *Mass Intentions for the Week*

		<b>Requested by</b>
Saturday, Jun. 29	5 p.m. Mary Zaro †	Gina Brusatori
Sunday, Jun. 30	8 a.m. Renaldo and Diane Marin †	Marin Family
	9:30 a.m. Sean Kelley †	Keller Family
	11:30 a.m. Mary Lou Masqueda †	Jessie Perez
	6 p.m. St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Monday, Jul. 1	8 a.m. Uga Juan Sabares †	Fely Sabares
Tuesday, Jul. 2	8 a.m. Ernesto Cruz †	Nemesia Peralta
Wednesday, Jul. 3	8 a.m. St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Thursday, Jul. 4	8 a.m. Dick, Helen, Richard Nelson †	Karen Stevens
Friday, Jul. 5	8 a.m. St John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Saturday, Jul. 6	8 a.m. Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children

### Stewardship

Jun 23, Envelopes: \$ 2,649 /  
 EFT Weekly: \$ 205.00  
 Loose Collection: \$ 1,648.83  
 Second Collection, Peter's Pence: \$ 730.00  
 This week's Second Collection is for Parish Charities

*Thank you for your generosity.*

### Prayers for Healing

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,  
 Judith Padilla, Theresa Parella, Angelina Patacsil,  
 Pam Paun, Victoria Payless Marlen Pineda and  
 Friends, Wayne Price, Rose Anne, Fely Sabares,  
 Jovita Santos, Henry Scheving, Linda Schneider  
 Dimitri Smith, Salvador Tejero, Rose Texara, Pat  
 Tilley, Isaac Tiongson, Joseph Vidal Sarah Vidal,  
 Evodio Walle Winston Williams, Jan Williamson



### Eucharistic Ministers Needed

Serve as a Eucharistic Minister at Mass (Call Sharon Ewen, 510-412-9761) or taking Communion to a home-bound family member, friend 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

Jul 2: Members Meeting. 12:30pm, Lunch (\$5).  
 Tracy (707) 400-8526.

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

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

### Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's second reading, St. Paul provides a wonderful one-sentence summary of Christian stewardship: Out of love, place yourselves at one another's service.

#### This Week's Service Schedule

**Sunday Readings:** 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21. Gal 5:1, 13-18. Lk 9:51-62.

**Monday Readings:** Gn 18:16-33. Mt 8:18-22

**Tuesday Readings:** Gn 19:15-29. Mt 8:23-27

**Wednesday Readings:** Eph 2:19-22. Jn 20:24-29

**Thursday Readings:** Gn 22:16-19. Mt 9:1-8

**Friday Readings:** Gn 23:1-4, 19, 24:1-8, 62-67

**Saturday Readings:** Gn 27:1-5, 15-29. Mt 9:14-17

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

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

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

**24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration.** Daily / Chapel.

**Anointing of the Sick.** Sat., 8:30am.

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena.** Wed., 8:30am / Church. Wed. 6pm / Chapel.

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

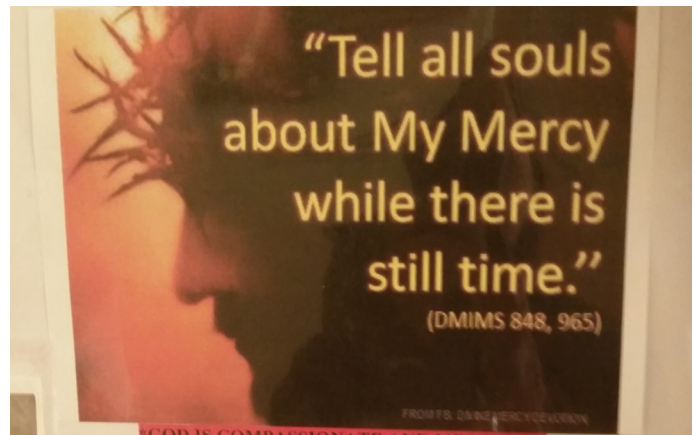
**Confessions.** Sat., 4pm. Or call 9am-4:30pm, Mon.-Fri.

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

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

Fri., 6pm at the Chapel.

**Charismatic Service.** Sat., 7pm.



#### The Annual Bishop's Appeal

By making a pledge or by your donation You are supporting the physical and spiritual needs of less fortunate ones in Contra Costa and Alameda counties.

#### Safe Environment

Volunteers and workers are required to sign in at [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org) and complete the session on Protecting God's Children.

#### 15-Day Marian Pilgrimage

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



*Welcome to the Faith*  
 Maria Olivia Campos  
*Our Newly Baptized*

#### Bishop Robert Barron's Catholicism, The Pivotal Players

The RCIA Team invites you to a showing of the Pivotal Players series (thru Sep 17) which feature eight people who responded to the grace of God to make a difference.

This week features St Catherine of Siena, the Mystic, who gave testimony to the reality of the spiritual dimension here and beyond. July 2, St John Community Center/Upstairs, 7:30pm-9pm.

#### 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

**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. (or 8am). 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 pm every first Saturday. July 6 is the next first Saturday.

**St. Vincent de Paul, Contra Costa, Knights of Columbus, St Joan of Arc Church’s 14th Annual Golf Tournament for Charity**

July 22, Monday at Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Dr. Danville, Ca 94526.  
<http://www.kofc9206.org/GolfTournament>  
 Michael.fernandez@sbcglobal.net  
 B.Hunt@svdp-cc.org Or 925-330-6732

**Updates on SB 360 - Keep The Seal**

Thousands of Catholics, through the efforts of dioceses around California and the California Catholic Conference, are contacting their Assembly members to object to the infringement of religious freedom that SB 360 represents.

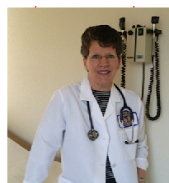
The bill threatens to remove the right to privacy between a penitent and confessor during the sacrament of Reconciliation and other spiritual counseling for priests and employees of the Church. SB 360 will be heard next in the Assembly Public Safety Committee though no date has been announced.

We ask that you quickly take a moment to sign the petition at <https://cqrcengage.com/catholic/app/write-a-letter?0&engagementId=498306>.

We cannot overstate the importance of working to ensure that this bill does not become law. The dire consequences for priests and people of the Catholic faith are likely to snowball if this first step is approved. The CCC will continue to keep you informed via [www.catholic.org/faith-in-the-public-square](http://www.catholic.org/faith-in-the-public-square).

**Need California Licensed MDs, RNs, NPs, PAs**

Please join our VOLUNTEER Team. The clinic is located at St. Vincent de Paul Resource Center, RotaCare Pittsburg Free Medical Clinic, 2210 Gladstone Dr., Pittsburg, Ca 94565. It is a fully equipped, licensed clinic, an offsite lab, X-ray and diagnostic services. All patients lack insurance and are so grateful for the care they receive. All malpractice insurance is provided. Pittsburg@Rotacarebayarea.org or 925-439-2009. Or 925-828-2025. [angelarivello@mac.com](mailto:angelarivello@mac.com)



**Pre-Printed Church Envelopes**

Call (510) 232-5659 or [stjohns@sjtbc.us](mailto:stjohns@sjtbc.us)

# July 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
7 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8a, 9:30a, 11:30a, 6p (Brazilian) Mass	1 St Junipero Serra 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass/Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet	2 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass. Rosary. Divine Mercy Chaplet 9a-2p Senior Center CC	3 St. Thomas 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet 12n-2p Women's Covenant	4 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet <b>Independence Day</b> School & Church Office Closed	5 First Friday / St Anthony Zaccaria 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Holy Hour	6 First Saturday/ St Maria Goretti 8a Mass/Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:30a Anointing of the Sick 4p Confessions 4:15p Rosary 5p Vigil Mass
8 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Chaplet of the Divine Mercy	9 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Chaplet of the Divine Mercy 9a-2p Senior Center CC	10 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Chaplet of the Divine Mercy 12n-2p Women's Covenant	11 St Benedict 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary / Divine Mercy Chaplet	12 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass. Rosary. Divine Mercy Chaplet	13 St Henry 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 4p Confessions 5p Vigil Mass 6:30p Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Procession and Mass	
14 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8a, 9:30a, 11:30a, 6p (Brazilian) Mass	15 St Bonaventure 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Chaplet of the Divine Mercy	16 Our Lady of Mt Carmel 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Chaplet of the Divine Mercy 9a-2p Senior Center CC	17 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary and the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy 12n-2p Women's Covenant	18 St Camillus 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass. Rosary. Divine Mercy Chaplet.	19 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass. Rosary. Divine Mercy Chaplet	20 St Apollinaris 8a Mass 4p Confessions 5p Vigil Mass
21 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8a, 9:30a, 11:30a, 6p (Brazilian) Mass	22 St Mary Magdalene 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet	23 St. Bridget 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet 9a-2p Senior Center CC	24 St Sharbel Makhluf 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet 12n-2p Women's Covenant	25 St James 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet	26 St Joachim and Anne 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet	27 8a Mass 4p Confessions 5p Vigil Mass
28 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8a, 9:30a, 11:30a, 6p (Brazilian) Mass	29 St. Martha 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet	30 St Peter Chrysologus 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass. Rosary. Chaplet of the Divine Mercy 9-2p Senior Center CC	31 St Ignatius of Loyola 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass. Rosary. Divine Mercy Chaplet 12-2p Women's Covenant			