

# St. John the Baptist Church

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## Welcome!

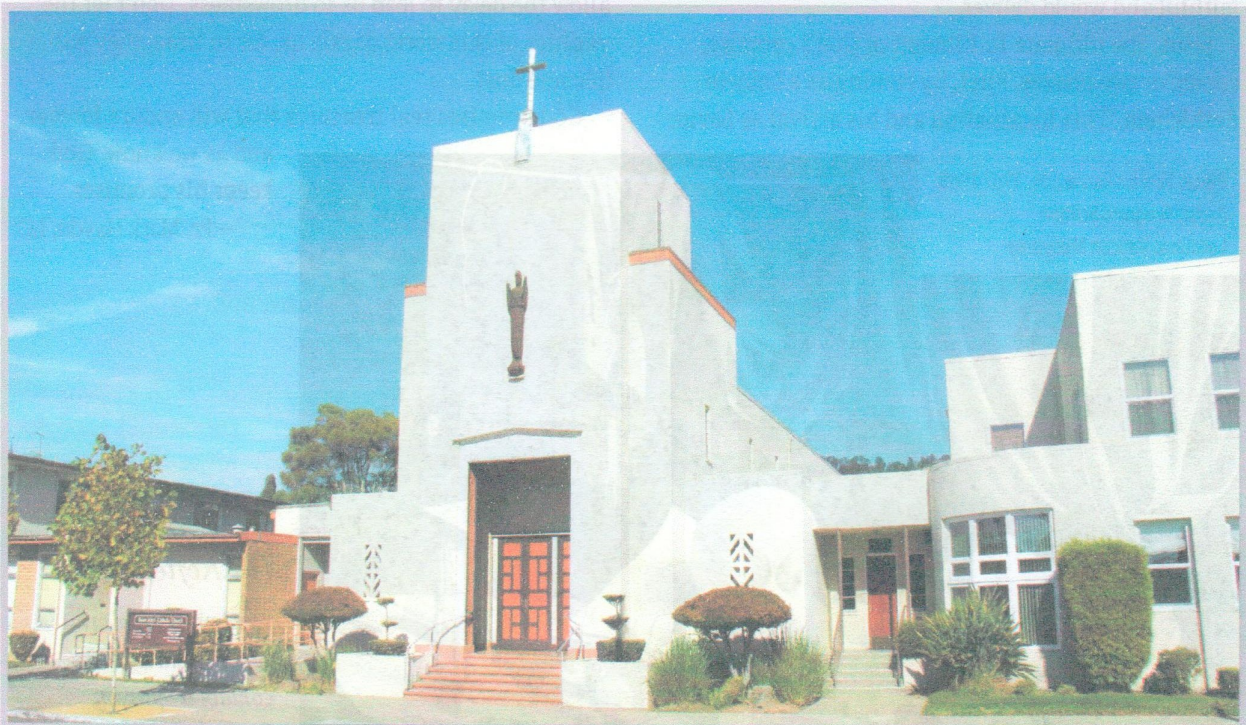
*Our warmest welcome to all who worship with us,  
whether a long-time parishioner or newly arrived in the parish.  
As Catholic Christians, we are committed to knowing,  
loving and serving God by obeying His commandments  
and serving our brothers and sisters with love and respect.*

### 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

## The “Gospel” of Health and Wealth

There’s a current in modern Protestantism that is popularly called the “prosperity gospel.” Although rejected by many Protestants, it still has its disciples. Its basic tenet is that if you’re faithful and generous with God, he will bless you with prosperity in this life. The kind of prosperity expected is usually health and wealth. The natural conclusion is that economic blessings are signs of your faith. The opposite would also be true. If you are poor, you just might lack faith or God’s favor.

Without a doubt, God promises us prosperity. Just look at the prophesy of Isaiah in today’s reading. Yet, as always for Christians, we have to read the Old Testament in the light of Christ and his revelation in the New Testament. The life of Jesus, the Son of God, was the most prosperous life ever lived. Yet, he wasn’t rewarded

with material wealth. In fact, he was downright poor. Although he was faithful and generous, God blessed him with challenges and, ultimately, the cross.

Paul didn’t glory in his apostolic successes but in the cross of Jesus. He knew that the victory of the cross was his greatest treasure. He saw in his difficulties not a curse but a sign of his true authenticity as a follower of Christ.

We should no doubt strive for sufficient material progress and prosperity for ourselves, our family, our business, and our nation. But above all we should strive for eternal prosperity, which is living and rejoicing that our names are written in heaven, whether we are materially wealthy or not.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Piece: *Vanitas Vanitatum*, 1967-1968  
 Artist: Gregorio Sciltian  
 Location: Vatican Museums



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### For Reflection

Is material wealth too much of a concern of mine?  
 How can my family and I learn to focus on eternal treasures?

*[Jesus said,] “...Do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven.”*

Luke 10:20

*Mass Intentions for the Week*



			<b>Requested by</b>
Saturday, Jul. 6	5 p.m.	Eugene Brusatori †	Gina Brusatori
Sunday, Jul. 7	8 a.m.	Luis Torres †	Torres Family
	9:30 a.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
	11:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving	Blair Family
	6 p.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Monday, Jul. 8	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving	Fely Sabares
Tuesday, Jul. 9	8 a.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Wednesday, Jul. 10	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
			St. John Parish
Thursday, Jul. 11	8 a.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Friday, Jul. 12	8 a.m.	Helen Nelson †	Karen Stevens
	9 a.m.	Memorial Mass for Procillo Francisco	Priscilla Tolentino/Janice Hutalla
Saturday, Jul. 13	8 a.m.	Crisanta Esperanza	Aurea Valdenor
	5 p.m.	Frank Caramagno †	Keller Family
	7 p.m.	Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Procession and Mass Participants	Ancelle Nguyen

**Stewardship**

Please check the coming bulletin for the collection report of June 30.

*Thank you for your generosity.*

**Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Ave**

Jul. 9: E.C. Recycling Center, Speaker.  
12:30pm, Lunch (\$5). Tracy (707) 400-8526.

**Volunteers Needed**

St John needs to build up its corps of Eucharistic Ministers. For taking Communion to the home-bound, call Larry Mundy, 510-301-5027. Minister at Mass, call Sharon Ewen, (510) 412-9761.

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

If you're from Class of 1968, please 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  
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 William, Jan Williamson



**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The harvest is rich, Jesus tells the seventy-two in today’s Gospel, “but the workers are few.” The situation is the same today. How can I help with God’s harvest? Am I called into the field? Am I one who could provide food or shelter or wages to those who toil in the fields of the Lord.

**This Week’s Service Schedule**

**Sunday Readings:** Is 66:10-14. Gal 6:14-18. Lk 10:1-12 Or 10:1-9.

**Monday Readings:** Gn 28:10-22. Mt 9:18-26.

**Tuesday Readings:** Gn 32:23-33. Mt 9:32-38.

**Wednesday Readings:** Gn 41:55-57, 42:5-7. 17-24. Mt 10:1-7.

**Thursday Readings:** Gn 44:18-21, 23-29, 45:1-5.

**Friday Readings:** Gn 46:1-7, 28-30. Mt 10:16-23.

**Saturday Readings:** Gn 49:29-32, 50:15-26. Mt 10:24-33.

**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.

**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.-Sat., 7:40am.

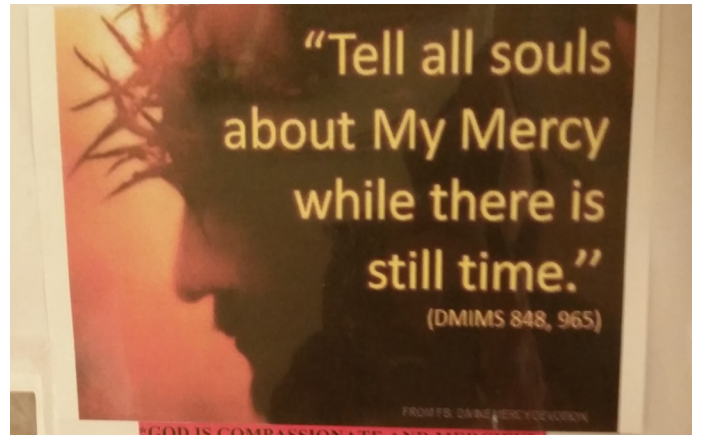
**Confessions.** Sat., 4pm. Or call 9am-4:30pm, Mon.-Fri.

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

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

**Memorial Mass for Procillo Francisco.** Fri., 9am

**Our Lady of Fatima, Mass and Rosary Procession.** Sat., 6:30pm. (Church)



**The Annual Bishop’s Appeal**

As of June 15, the parish is 65.04% of goal with 56 donors. Thank you for your generosity.

**Holiness Marriage Enrichment Conference**

August 3, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. The St. John Paul II Foundation in collaboration with the Archdiocese of San Francisco Office of Marriage and Family Life presents this one-day event. Pre-registration: [www.togetherinholiness.org](http://www.togetherinholiness.org) or Susie Lopez [susie@forlifeandfamily.org](mailto:susie@forlifeandfamily.org)

**Safe Environment**

Every volunteer or worker is required to log in [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org) and complete the training, *Protecting God’s Children*.

**Personalized Church Envelopes**

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

**15-Day Marian Pilgrimage**

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

**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

**Youth Life-Changing Conference**

July 26 – 28 Join more than 50,000 Catholic teens across North America who will attend one of these conferences which call youth to encounter the God who calls us His sons and daughters. <https://lifeteen.com/events/steubenville-norcal/>

San Ramon Marriott, 2600 Bishop Drive, San Ramon. Cost is \$205/person including registration, lodging and meals. Scholarships are available

## 500th Anniversary of Christian Evangelization in the Philippines

Greetings!

The Filipino Clergy of the Diocese of Oakland and its organizing teams express gratitude to everyone for making last year's symposium at St. Isidore Parish successful. Our gathering and discernment were testaments of how our Catholic Christian faith can bring us together in Christ. The Proposals for Pastoral Care to Filipinos and Filipino-Americans in Our Diocese were presented to Bishop Michael Barber and the members of the Presbyterial Council and these illustrate the challenges of finding solutions to integrate everyone in our local Church communities.

To continue our celebration for the 500th Anniversary of Christian Evangelization in the Philippines, all are invited at St. Michael's Parish in Livermore, CA on October 5, 2019 (Saturday) from 8:00am - 4:00pm. Come to know about Pananampalataya (Faith), Panalangin (Prayer), at Pagsasabuhay (Living the Faith): Understanding and Appreciating Filipino Spirituality and Religiosity as we live our faith here in the Diocese of Oakland. This gathering commends the intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary. Fr. Rolando de la Rosa, OP (former rector of the Pontifical and Royal University of Santo Tomas, Manila) is invited as main speaker and Bishop. Alejandro Aclan, a newly-ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles, as the main presider and homilist at the Mass.

Bring the family, community, and friends as we continue to celebrate our Faith journey from the Islands to the Mainland. To volunteer, join our Communications Team and/or email oakjourneyto2021@gmail.com Help spread the word!

Blessings!

Sincerely, The Filipino Clergy of the Diocese of Oakland

## Handmaids of the Lord, A Family Ministry of Couples for Christ

We are living in time of rapid change. Everything is changing...social values, relationships, ideologies and attitudes that greatly influence the family. In some parts of the world, the family no longer operates like it used to, leaving it unprotected against forces that can destroy it, Divorce is splitting families apart. Many parents lack clear direction in guiding their children.

CFC Handmaids of the Lord is an integral part of the family ministry of Couples For Christ. CFC Handmaids of the Lord aims to provide a Christian support environment for women, specifically single parents, separated or divorced women, widows, unmarried mature singles, as well as married women whose husbands are working abroad, or physically incapacitated, or women whose husbands are not yet ready to join the ministry. It also provides pastoral spiritual teachings, guidance and support to its members, and most importantly, to develop and deepen our relationship with the Lord.

We invite you to our CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM, every Saturday, starting June 22 – August 24, 2019, 1:00 pm-3:30 pm, St. John Catholic Church, Conference Room, 11150 San Pablo Ave, El Cerrito, CA 94530.

*If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact any of the following:* Jocelyn Limos, 510-712- 0793, Julie Gorospe, 510-305-4987, Lucia Cachero, 510-255-9775.

## Marriage Encounter Weekend

**Married Couples:** Give your marriage a well-deserved vacation. Plan to go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and come back with a marriage that is refreshed and full of energy!

The next Marriage Encounter Weekends include: Sep 13-15, 2019 in Concord, CA and Nov 15-17, 2019 in Danville, CA. For more information and/or to register for a Weekend, visit our website at: oaklandwwme.org or contact Chuck & Annie at applications@oaklandwwme.org or 925-849-5466.

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