

# St. John the Baptist Church

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## Welcome!

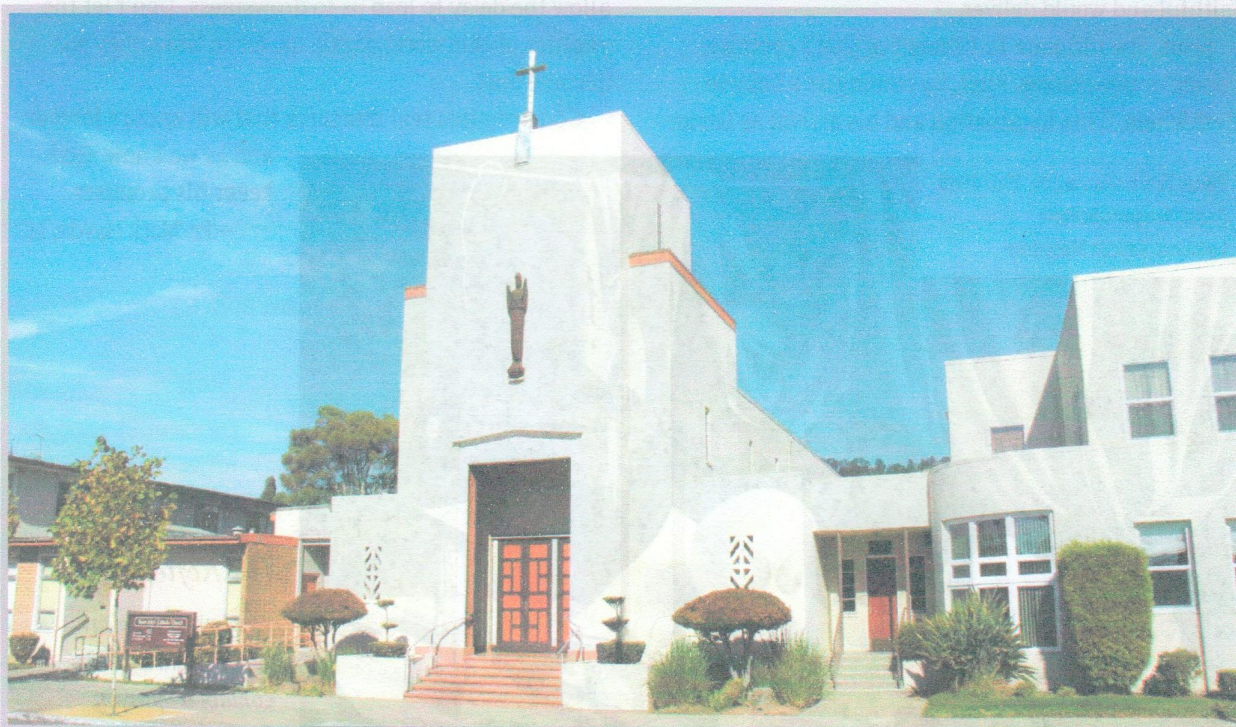
*Our warmest welcome to all who worship with us,  
whether a long-time parishioner or newly arrived in the parish.  
As Catholic Christians, we are committed to knowing,  
loving and serving God by obeying His commandments  
and serving our brothers and sisters with love and respect.*

### 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

## Bringing Jesus to Our Work and Prayer

Jesus enjoyed resting in the home of his friends Lazarus, Martha, and Mary because of their affection and hospitality. Martha was a big part of this hospitality because she was energetic and dedicated to making sure Jesus was cared for. Mary made him feel at home differently, as she was hungry for the Lord’s teaching. She was open, interested, and attentive.

Yet on this occasion Martha is overcome with the urgent and leaves aside the important. Martha receives Christ in her home while Mary brings him into her heart. Living in relationship with Jesus always includes these two elements. Part of our love for him involves sitting at his feet in prayer. This is no doubt the “better part.” Yet, serving Jesus also requires an active, busy life of work and responsibilities. Far from being an obstacle, work should be an occasion for a closer relationship with Jesus.

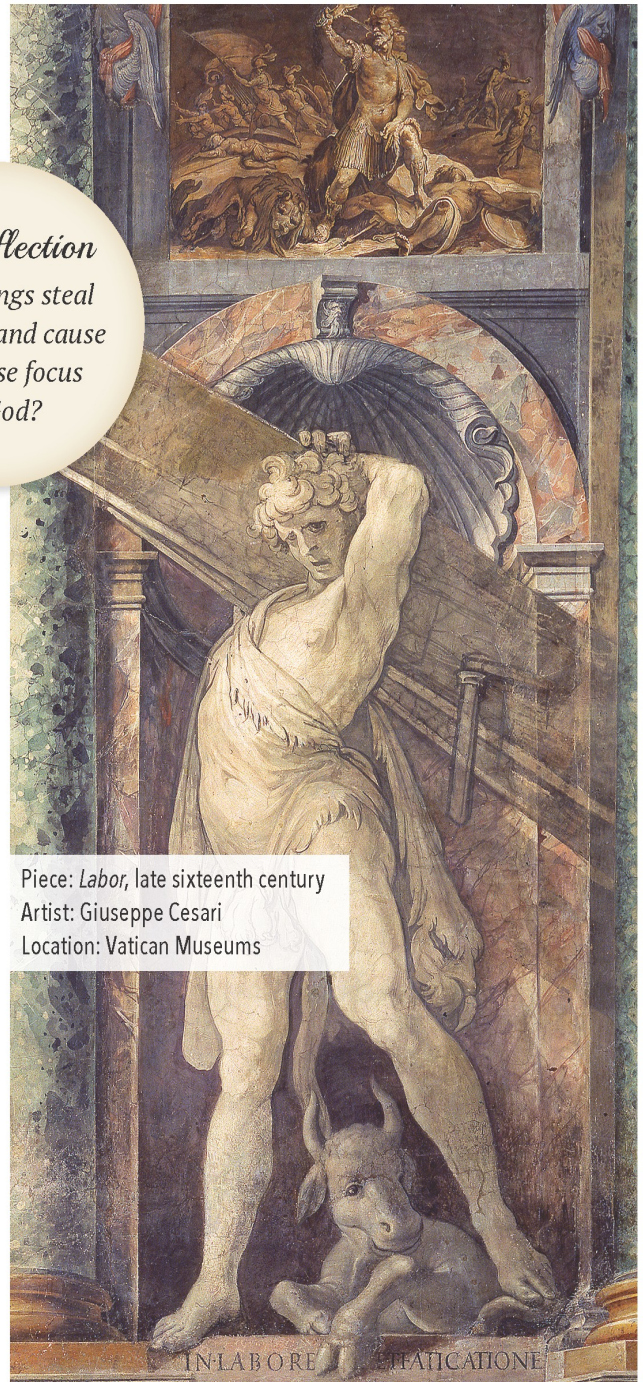
The key is having a unifying center to life; that center should be Jesus. He is the “why” we do what we do—whether work, play, or pray. Martha wasn’t mistaken in serving Jesus’ needs, but she lost focus with anxiety and worries. How to maintain this focus? First, pray regularly to remain centered. Second, don’t worry about the small things at work or home. Third, frequently redirect your intention with a short, motivating motto like, “All for you, my Jesus” or “Your kingdom come!” Find one that works for you.

Let’s not lose sight of the Lord of our work when doing the work of the Lord.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### *For Reflection*

*What things steal my peace and cause me to lose focus on God?*



Piece: *Labor*, late sixteenth century  
 Artist: Giuseppe Cesari  
 Location: Vatican Museums

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*[Jesus said,] “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing.”*

*Luke 10:41–42*

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

			<b>Requested by</b>
Saturday, Jul. 20	5 p.m.	Leonor Tiongson - 10th -Year Death Anniversary	Mom and Dad
Sunday, Jul. 21	8 a.m.	Renaldo and Diane Marin †	Marin Family
	9:30 a.m.	Evelyn Baker †	GRIP Soup Kitchen
	11:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving	Priscilla Flores
	6 p.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Monday, Jul. 22	8 a.m.	Jeffrey Chavez †	Asuncion Family
Tuesday, Jul. 23	8 a.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Wednesday, Jul. 24	8 a.m.	Herman and Janet Chavez	Asuncion Family
Thursday, Jul. 25	8 a.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Friday, Jul. 26	8 a.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Saturday, Jul. 27	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children

**Stewardship**

Plate Collection, Jul. 14, 2019  
 Envelopes \$2,081.00  
 EFT Weekly \$ 205.00  
 Loose Collection \$1,332.76  
 Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Procession  
 and Mass, July 13, \$134.00

*Thank you for your generosity.*

**Safe Environment**

Every volunteer and worker is required to register at [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org) and complete the training on Protecting God's Children.

**Volunteer As A Eucharistic Minister**

St John Parish needs Eucharistic Ministers. To minister during Mass, call Sharon Ewen at (510) 412-9761. To minister in homes, call Larry Mundy, (510) 301-5027. Serving takes little time and it is a work that glorifies the Lord.

**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 Golin-  
 veau, Victoria Gregorio, Andy  
 Gutierrez, James Gutierrez,



Ruben Gutierrez  
 Maydelle Halligan, Joanne, Marvin &  
 Maurice Haynes, Sherry Highlander, Tamaya  
 Hunt Ann Jones Avelina Juat, Tom Kennedy,  
 MarijaLimon, Maria Impang Lozada, Bernice  
 Luckett 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, Maria Fe  
 Santos, Linda Schneider, Dimitri Smith, Salvador  
 Tejero, Rose Texara, Pat Tilley, Isaac Tiongson,  
 Joseph Vidal, Sarah Vidal Evodio Walle, Winston  
 Williams, Jan Williamson

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings speak of hospitality. Abraham, who cheerfully did for his guests all that desert hospitality required, was rewarded with his heart's desire—a son. Martha also busied herself with all the details of hospitality, but grudgingly and with complaint. Am I cheerful or a grudging giver.

### This Week's Service Schedule

**Sunday Readings:** Gn 18:1-10a. Col 1:24-28.  
Lk 10:38-42

**Monday Readings:** Sg 3:1-4b. Or 2Cor 5:14-17.  
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18.

**Tuesday Readings:** Ex 14:21-15:1. Mt 12:46-50.

**Wednesday Readings:** Ex 16:1-5, 9-15. Mt 13:1-9

**Thursday Readings:** 2 Cor 4:7-15. Mt 20:20-28.

**Friday Readings:** Ex 20:1-17. Mt 13:18-23.

**Saturday Readings:** Ex 24:3-8. Mt 13:24-30.

**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.

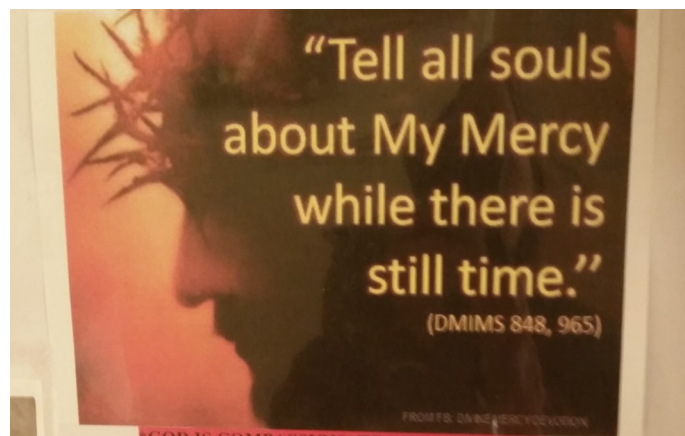
**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena.** Weds,  
8:30am at Church and 6pm at the Chapel.

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

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

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

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



### Rebuild the Church

As of June 30, St. John Parish is close to \$7,480 in reaching its goal for the 2019 Annual Bishop's Appeal. Please help and consider making a donation for us to reach our goal this year. Thank you for your generosity.

### Children's Religious Education

Preparing your children to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation (Penance) and First Holy Communion begins on Sep. 8, 9:30am (at Church).

### Soup Kitchen Volunteers

Our GRIP Soup Kitchen Team desperately needs your help. Volunteer to serve lunch every 1st and 3rd Sunday for about 2-1/2 hours. Please call Larry Mundy at 510-301-5027.

### Volunteer at Church on Saturday, Aug. 3

Spare an hour to 6 hours on a Saturday, 9am. You will be helping tear out existing floor carpet of the 2-story convent building. Hand tools and gloves will be provided. The floor carpets will be loaded to a dump truck at the back of the convent. Call Edy de Lima, 510-366-8474.



Porfirio 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. August 3 is the next first Saturday.

**Marriage Encounter Weekend**

By offering **Married Couples** the beautiful experience of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, the Catholic Church is affirming and supporting you *in your chosen vocation – Marriage*. Take advantage of this great gift to enhance your relationship and enjoy a love-filled weekend away together. The next Marriage Encounter Week-ends 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 apltions@oaklandwwme.org or 925-849-5466.

**RCIA: G. K. Chesterton, A Film Lecture on Bishop Barron’s Catholicism, Pivotal Players**

All are invited to attend and to share and learn on August 6, Tuesday from 7:30pm to 9:00pm at the St. John Community Center / 2nd Floor.

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

Contact Laurie Gaeta at gaetalaurie1968@gmail.com

**15-Day Marian Pilgrimage**

Oct 10-24. Portugal, Spain, France, Barcelona, Bosnia. Locations of Apparitions and Healing. 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

**Apostleship of the Sea,USA/Holy Land**

Holy Land Discovery

Take your FAITH ON A JOURNEY, to the HOLY LAND on this 8 days experience. November 15th, 2019 – November 22nd, 2019.

Your included destinations while on this Journey:  
TEL AVIV, ISRAEL – JAFFA- CAESAREA-

MEGIDDO- NAZARETH – BET SHE’AN –  
MAGDALA – SEA OF GALILEE –

CAPERNAUM – MOUNT OF BEATITUDES –  
CANA – BETHLEHEM – JERUSALEM –

MASADA AND THE DEAD SEA.

Mass will be offered throughout your journey. Land prices begin at \$1449 per person, based on double occupancy. Deposits of only \$400 per person will reserve your space. Space is VERY LIMITED. For further info, contact Michael or Eileen at 860-399-1785/

Eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com.

Your Catholic Cruises and Tours Staff

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**Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Ave**

Jul. 23: The Preenials Improv Troupe.  
A lighthearted entertainment about aging.  
12:30pm, Lunch (\$5). Tracy (707) 400-8526.

**Baptism Classes for Parents**

Classes are held on a Sunday, 9:30am at Church. Call or fill up an application.