

St. John the Baptist Church

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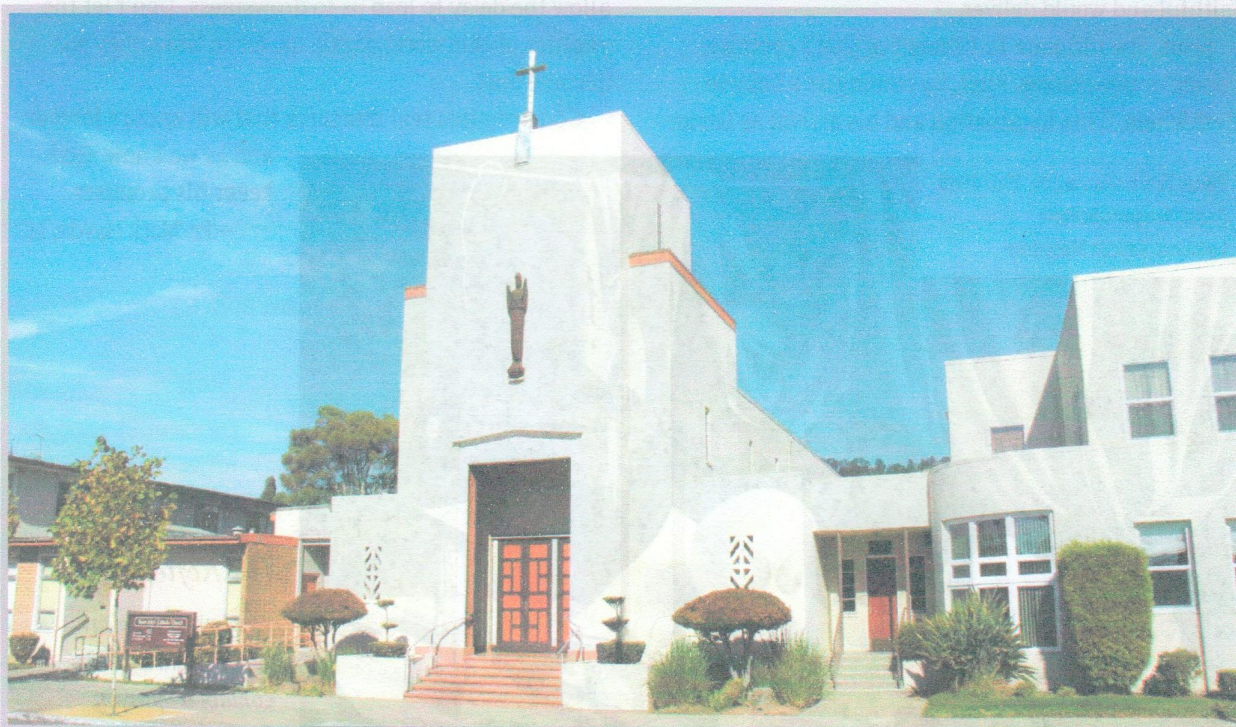
*Our warmest welcome to all who worship with us,
whether a long-time parishioner or newly arrived in the parish.
As Catholic Christians, we are committed to knowing,
loving and serving God by obeying His commandments
and serving our brothers and sisters with love and respect.*

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
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Parish Office

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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.

Finding Our Treasure Where It Really Is—in God

Abraham is considered our father in faith because he practiced faith to an amazing degree. His faith brought him to obey God and to hope in him despite an apparent lack of evidence of God's fidelity.

In Carracci's painting, Abraham is looking up to God and not focused on the beloved son he is about to sacrifice. We also need to look up to God in order to value and love rightly the things here below.

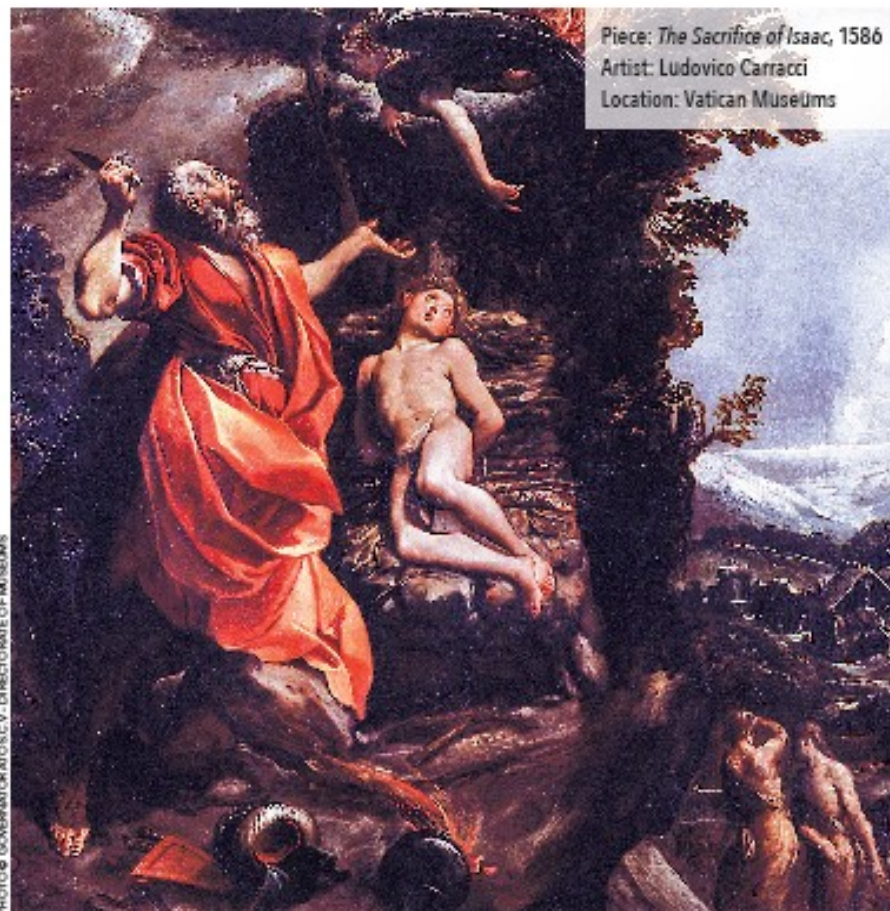
Abraham understands that no creature, no gift, should take God's place in the human heart—even something as dear as a God-given child. This is the absolute, total trust God asks of us. When dealing with all of the good things God gives us, including those he has promised and those we love most, we must be willing to trust what he asks of us. God's will doesn't always make sense right away. We're often painfully aware that his ways are not our ways.

The stormy heavens in the painting's background remind us how the winds of our passions and the pressure

of our secret expectations can clash with God's plans for us. A darkened front moves into our soul, making it difficult to hear his voice and see the light of his will. Here lies the heroism of faith. We walk by faith, not by sight.

For this reason, Abraham is the faithful servant found doing the Master's will. His treasure was in God.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *The Sacrifice of Isaac*, 1586
Artist: Ludovico Carracci
Location: Vatican Museums

For Reflection

Giving thanks for all of God's gifts is one way to keep them in proper perspective. Do I thank him enough for his gifts?

Is there anything, even something good, that is more important to me than God's loving will?

*[Jesus said,] "Sell your belongings and give alms....
For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."*

Luke 12:33–34

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

“After Jesus, it is the Blessed Virgin Mary who by her example most perfectly teaches the meaning of discipleship and stewardship. She was called and gifted by God; she responded generously, creatively and prudently. She understood her divinely assigned role as handmaid in terms of service and fidelity.” - USCCB Pastoral Letter, Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response

Mass for the Intentions Week

		Requested by	
Saturday, Aug. 10	5 p.m.	Frank Caramagno †	Rita Caramagno
Sunday, Aug. 11	8 a.m.	Renaldo and Diane Marin †	Marin Family
	9:30 a.m.	Evelyn Philips †	Fely Sabares
	11:30 a.m.	Stephen Tipping †	Tipping Family
	6 p.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Monday, Aug. 12	8 a.m.	Fatima Gregorio †	Domingo and Victoria
		30th Year Death Anniversary	Gregorio
Tuesday, Aug. 13	8 a.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
	7 p.m.	Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Procession	
		Participants	Ancelle Nguyen
Wednesday, Aug. 14	8 a.m.	Aladina and Pasquale Matteucci †	Gina Lencioni
Thursday, Aug. 15	8 a.m.	Fatima Gregorio †	Domingo and Victoria Gregorio
		Minda Sabares †	Fely Sabares
	7:30 p.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Friday, Aug. 16	8 a.m.	Teresita Estrada Medina †	Mila Vargas
Saturday, Aug. 17	8 a.m.	Dick Nelson †	Karen Stevens

Stewardship

Plate Collection, Aug. 4
 Envelopes \$3,471.00
 EFT Weekly \$210.00
 EFT Monthly, Every 2nd \$1,390.00
 Loose Collection \$1,313.00
 Second Collection, Parish and School Development
 Envelopes/Loose Collection \$993.00
 EFT \$207.00
 Chapel
 EFT Monthly, Every 2nd \$130.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, A Holy Day of Obligation

Aug. 15, Thursday: Mass at 8am and 7:30pm.

School Opens

Pre School, Aug. 19
 K-8th Grade, Aug. 21
 Keep our students, parents, and teachers in prayer.

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
 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, 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



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am I waiting for the “right” time to become a good steward? Do I plan to share my time and talents “later ?” Today’s Gospel warns those who are procrastinating about stewardship to be prepared- “at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

This Week’s Service Schedule

Sunday Readings: Wis 18:6-0. Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12. Lk 12: 32-48 or 12:35-40.

Monday Readings: Dt 10:12-22. Mt 17:22-27.

Tuesday Readings: Dt31:1-8.
Mt 18:1-5, 10,12-14.

Wednesday Readings: Dt 34: 1-12.
Mt 18:15-20.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary/

Thursday Readings: Rv11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab.
1Cor 15:20-27. Lk 1:39-56.

Friday Readings: Jos 24:1-13. Mt 19:3-12.

Saturday Readings: Jos 24:14-29. Mt 19:13-15.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity. A Holy Day of Obligation. Mass, Thu., 8am, 7:30pm.

Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Procession and Mass. Tue., 6:30pm.

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.

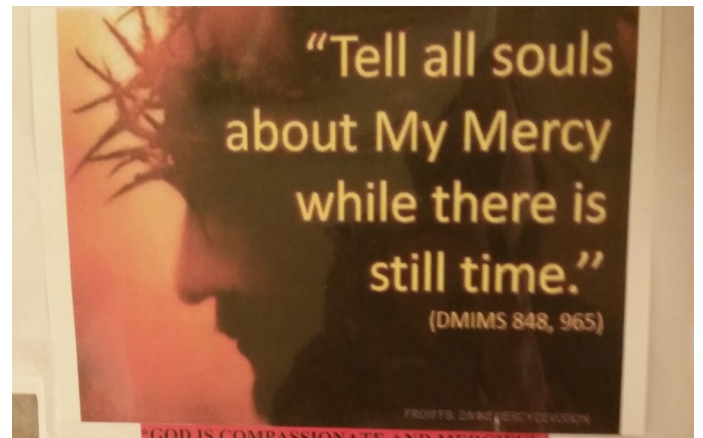
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena. Weds, 8:30am at Church and 6pm at the Chapel.

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

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.



Rebuild the Church

Our parish is within \$7,678 of reaching goal for the 2019 Bishop’s Appeal (as of Jul 15). Please help and pledge or donate.

Safe Environment

Volunteers and workers are required to complete the Training on Protecting God’s Children at virtusonline.org

2019 Parish and School Festival

Sep. 28, 6pm, Dinner at School Gym
Sep. 29, 10:30am-4pm, Food, Games, Music, Raffle

Baptism Classes for Parents

Aug. 11, at 9:30am/ Church.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Aug. 24-26, 2019 at Vallonbrosa Retreat Center.
Chuck & Annie, 925-849-5466. oaklandwwme.org

Philippines’ 500 Years of Evangelization

Oct 5, 8am-4pm at St. Michael Church in Livermore.

Why, Knights of Columbus

Promoting unity and fraternity. Spend a small time serving the Church and community

Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Ave

Aug. 13: Speaker from Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control. 12:30pm, Lunch (\$5). Tracy (707) 400-8526.

Magnificat Presents: Jess Echeverry

Sep. 7, 9:30am-12:30pm, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Concord. Magnificat Prayer Breakfast 925-683-8220, Kim Sullivan

Calls for Help & Hope

The Contra Costa Crisis Center Call 1-800-833-2900

St. John Class of '68 Reunion, Oct 26

Contact Laurie Gaeta. gaetalaurie1968@gmail.com

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

**Sign Up for Electronic Donations
– They're Simple, Safe and Convenient –**

I (we) hereby authorize **The Church of St. John the Baptist, El Cerrito** to initiate debit entries to my (our) account indicated below at the depository financial institution known as **Mechanics Bank** to collect my church donations and, if necessary, adjustments for any entries in error to my account indicated below to credit and/or debit the same to such account.

I (we) acknowledge that the origination of EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) transactions to my (our) account must comply with the provisions of U.S. law.

PLEASE ATTACH A VOIDED CHECK FROM THE ACCOUNT YOU WISH TO DRAW FROM

REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS:

WEEKLY (drawn every Monday) AMOUNT: \$ _____

OR

MONTHLY ON THE 2ND OR MONTHLY ON THE 17TH AMOUNT: \$ _____

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

PARISH & SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT (First Sunday) AMOUNT: \$ _____

PARISH CHARITY (5th Sunday of month – 4 times/year) AMOUNT: \$ _____

DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL (2nd or 17th of month – please specify) AMOUNT: \$ _____

DATE PAYMENTS TO BEGIN: _____

This authority is to remain in full force and effect until **The Church of St. John the Baptist, El Cerrito**, has received written notification from me of its termination in such time and in such manner as to afford **The Church of St. John the Baptist** and **Mechanics Bank** a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

Your Name (please print)

Signature

Date

Daytime Phone

Please complete and send this form to:

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