

St. John the Baptist Church

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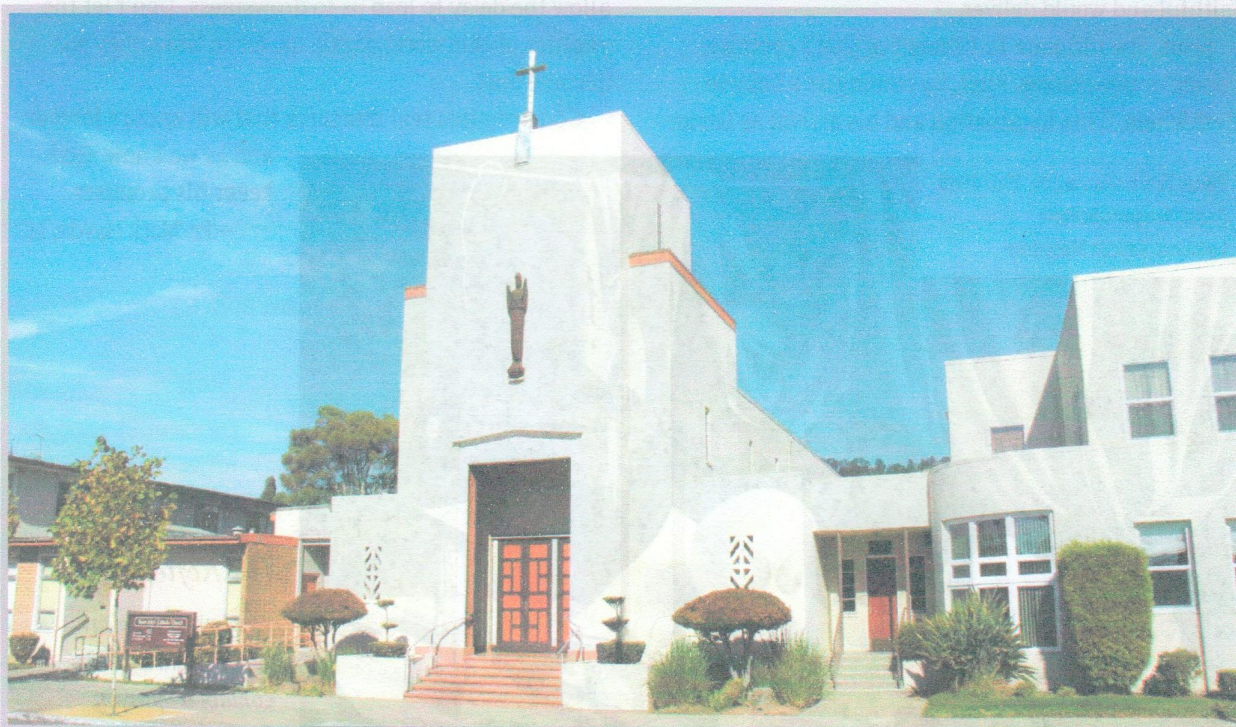
*Our warmest welcome to all who worship with us,
whether a long-time parishioner or newly arrived in the parish.
As Catholic Christians, we are committed to knowing,
loving and serving God by obeying His commandments
and serving our brothers and sisters with love and respect.*

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

Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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Christine Hickey: (510)-815-6022

Pastoral Council

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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.

Sisters of Mercy Convent

(510)-233-6769

We Are All Prophets

Persecution is part of a prophet's life. Their strong messages are rarely met with open hearts even if conversion, rather than confrontation, is what the prophet seeks. Bartholomew, one of the Twelve Apostles, was preaching in India and Turkey in the first century and converted the Armenian king. But the king's brother had him flayed alive. Jeremiah foretold the destruction of Jerusalem unless the people returned their hearts to the Lord. This call to conversion was considered demoralizing for those who wished to continue in their self-centered ways. His words were even crushing the soldiers! Either Jeremiah was quite the preacher, the soldiers were weak, guilty—or both!

The fire of the prophet's words is meant as a call to action for the soul caught up in lukewarm stagnation. They should be uncomfortable.

When more than 2,000 bishops reflected on the Church at Vatican II, they insisted that every baptized Christian have a prophetic mission. We're called to shake things up. The role of the prophet is to examine in prayerful observation the signs of the times, and to read into them calls to action. The prophet listens with one ear to the Lord and another to society in order to speak wisely to his contemporaries.

This call to preach whether convenient or not was experienced by Christ. The flame that burned in his

Piece: *Martyrdom of St. Bartholomew*, fifteenth century
Artist: Rhenish School
Location: Vatican Museums



bosom was a desire to turn hearts toward his Father. Jesus didn't back down from preaching out of fear of rejection of the gospel. Neither should we.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Do I read the news and immerse myself in this culture with the examining heart of one called to transform culture with the gospel?

Are there ways I have become of the world and need to be more of the gospel?

Consider how [Jesus] endured such opposition from sinners, in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart.

Hebrews 12:3

Mass for the Intentions  *for the Week*

			Requested by
Saturday, Aug. 17	5 p.m.	Esther Esmilla Taylor †	Christina Taylor
Sunday, Aug. 18	8 a.m.	Maria Fe Santos- For Healing	
	9:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving	
	11:30 a.m.	Joselito Asuncion †	Asuncion Family
		Goldie Guillory †	Robertson Family
	6 p.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Monday, Aug. 19	8 a.m.	Luis Torres †	Torres Family
Tuesday, Aug. 20	8 a.m.	Romeo Rivera †	Rivera Family
Wednesday, Aug. 21	8 a.m.	Fructuoso de los Santos †	Priscilla Flores
Thursday, Aug. 22	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children	Ana Prindle
		For Blessings of Good Health	and Children
Friday, Aug. 23	8 a.m.	Goldie Guillory †	Robertson Family
Saturday, Aug. 24	8 a.m.	Juan Sabares †	Fely Sabares

Stewardship

Plate Collection, Aug. 11
 Envelopes \$3,530.00
 EFT Weekly \$210.00
 Loose Collection \$1,317.33
 Charismatic Service \$225.15

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, Domingo 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, Linda Schneider, Dimitri Smith, Salvador Tejero, Rose Texara, Pat Tilley, Isaac Tiongson, Joseph Vidal, Sarah Vidal Evodio Walle Winston Williams, Jan Williamson



Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Ave

Aug. 20: California Document Preparers on affordable wills and trusts, deed transfers, probate, notary and other services. 12:30pm, Lunch (\$5). Tracy (707) 400-8526.

RCIA Film Lecture: Michelangelo

The artist dramatically demonstrated that beauty and creativity are a primary route of access to God. Features Bishop Barron's Catholicism, The Pivotal Players. Aug. 20, Tues., 7:30pm-9pm, Community Center

Festival Country Store Booth

Help our fundraising by donating home and kitchen wares, books, toys, and decors.

Parish & School Festival Raffle

Purchase a raffle ticket and WIN cash prizes.

St. John Class of '68 Reunion, Oct 26

Contact Laurie Gaeta. gaetalaurie1968@gmail.com

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Second Reading, St. Paul encourages us not to grow weary or lose heart, but to persevere in following Jesus. Our willingness to give of ourselves, even in the face of conflict and division, is one way to measure our discipleship

This Week's Service Schedule

Sunday Readings: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10. Heb 12:1-4. Lk 12:49-53

Monday Readings: Jgs 2:11-19. Mt 19:16-22.

Tuesday Readings: Jgs 6:11-24a. Mt 19:23-30.

Wednesday Readings: Jgs 9:6-15. Mt 20:1-16.

Thursday Readings: Jgs 11:29-39a. Mt 22:1-14.

Friday Readings: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22. Mt 22:34-40.

Saturday Readings: Rv 21:9b-14. Jn 1:45-51.

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.

Magnificat Presents: Jess Echeverry

Saturday, Sep 7, 9:30a-12:30p at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Concord. 925-683-8220.

Handmaids of the Lord/Couples for Christ: Christian Life Program

Saturdays, to Aug. 24, 1p-3:30p, Conference Room. 510-712-0793.

Baptism Classes

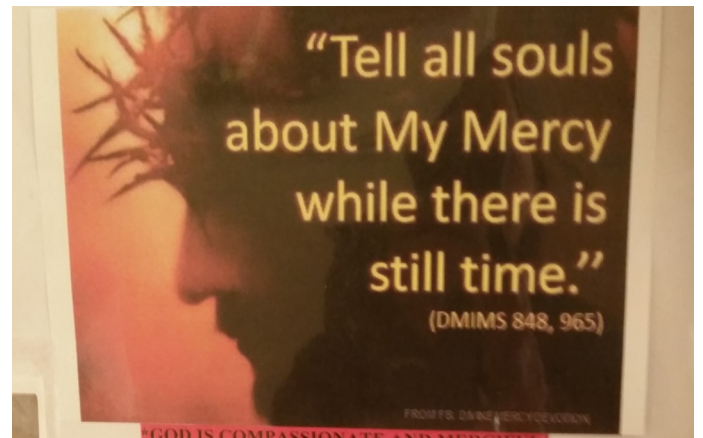
Every 1st and 2nd Sunday, 9:30am/ Church.

Why, Knights of Columbus

Transforms a life thru opportunities of supporting the parish, giving back to a community, growing in faith, and available life insurance for the family

Philippines: 500 Years of Evangelization

All, Come. Oct.5, 8am, St. Michael Church, Livermore



Rebuild the Church

Thank you for your pledge or donation to the 2019 Annual Bishop's Appeal (\$6,271 from goal, as of Jul 31). If you have not done so, please help and make a pledge or donation.

Catholic Charismatic Conference

Sep. 21, Saturday, 8am-8pm. St. Mary Cathedral, 1111 Gough, SF. Celebrant Rev Raymund Reyes Speaker Rev Jose Maniyangat, Jacksonville, Fl.

Safe Environment

All volunteers and workers are required to complete the training (Protecting God's Children) at virtusonline.org

2019 Parish and School Festival

Sep. 28, 6p-10p Dinner at the Gym
Sep. 29, 10:30a-4p Games, Food, Music, Raffle at the School grounds.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

An amazing weekend with your spouse. Sep 13-15, Concord. Nov 15-17, Danville. oaklandwwme.org



Welcome to the Faith
Dyana Bonilla
Stella Villegas

Calls for Help & Hope

The Contra Costa Crisis Center. 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. 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. September 7 is the next first Saturday.

Celebrate the Fall Season at

St. John the Baptist Church and School's Annual



BBQ DINNER: Saturday, September 28, 2019

6:00 pm to 10:00 pm

St. John the Baptist School Gym

Kearney St (cross street Potrero Ave) El Cerrito, CA 94530

FESTIVAL: Sunday, September 29, 2019

10:30 am to 4:00 pm

St. John the Baptist School Playground and Gym

- * Multi-Cultural Delicious Foods
- * Fun Games for the Entire Family
- * Wonderful Entertainment
- * Face Painting, Cake Walk, Kids Story Time
- * Country Store and Book Fair

Invite your family and friends!
Can't attend? Sponsor a food or game booth.
or make a donation (tax-deductible).

Call us: (510) 232-5659 (Church Rectory) or
(510) 234-3344 (School Office)

Visit us: StJohnElCerrito.org

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See you at the Fall Festival!!