

St. John the Baptist Church

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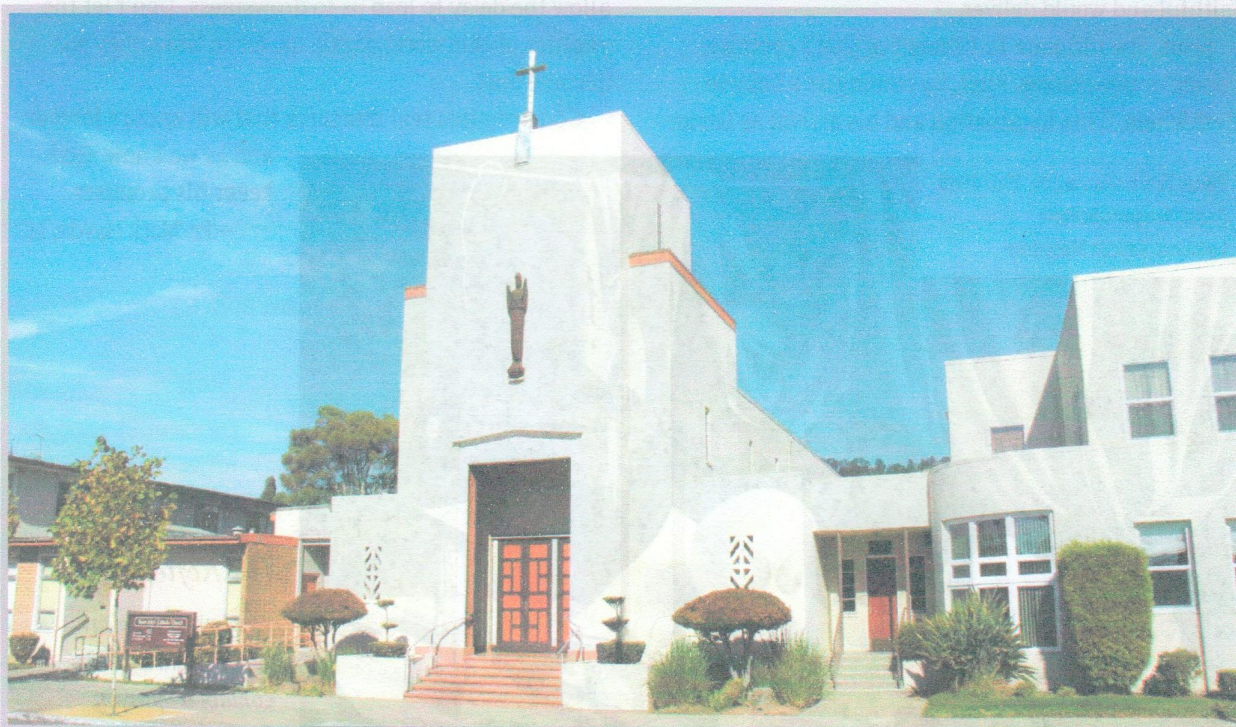
*Our warmest welcome to all who worship with us,
whether a long-time parishioner or newly arrived in the parish.
As Catholic Christians, we are committed to knowing,
loving and serving God by obeying His commandments
and serving our brothers and sisters with love and respect.*

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
Loch Sekona: (510)-837-1052

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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.stjohnec.org

St. John's Community Center

6500 Gladys Ave.

St. John's Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel

11152 San Pablo Ave.

Just Come in the Side Door

This fragment is from a church ceiling fresco that crumbled and fell to the ground. It was eventually added to the Vatican collection. A piece of rubble is now a priceless object of art. Viewers look up at the apostle from below as he gazes toward Christ's divine glory.

We also are striving to attain that heavenly vision, and Jesus advises us on how to realize it. We should work to enter the smaller gate, the narrow door. It's not the bigger main entrance that everyone uses. The narrow door is a less-traveled side entrance used by those who are close to the owner and his family. Christ invites us to be so familiar and comfortable with him that we come through the side door.

Many pass the Master's house, know where it is, but have lost the practice of stopping inside. They know about God, even pray occasionally, and don't hurt anyone. No doubt not hurting others is admirable, but there is so much more for someone baptized into Christ. We're not called to merely avoid hurting others but to have a deep, transforming experience of healing love that we then share with others.

For Reflection

Do I make getting to know our Lord in prayer a priority?

Jesus' warning seems to be that when there is a mad rush to enter the front gate, those well-intentioned but out-of-practice souls who "don't know him" might find themselves struggling to squeeze in.

Jesus and the Church don't want that to happen to anyone. He invites us to get familiar, stop in often. He might say, "When you get here, just come in the side door!"

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



[Jesus said,] "Strive to enter through the narrow door, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough."

Luke 13:24

Mass Intentions for the Week



			Requested by
Saturday, Aug. 24	5 p.m.	Petrus Tannady-Blessings and Personal Intentions	Tannady Family
Sunday, Aug. 25	8 a.m.	Grace Santos-Healing	Martija Family
	9:30 a.m.	Caesar Pangilinan †	Nemesia Peralta
	11:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
Monday, Aug. 26	6 p.m.	St. John Parishioners	Robertson Family
	8 a.m.	Lorna Pangilinan †	St. John Parish
Tuesday, Aug. 27	8 a.m.	St. John Parishioners	Nemesia Peralta
Wednesday, Aug. 28	8 a.m.	Martin Joseph Padilla †	St. John Parish
Thursday, Aug. 29	8 a.m.	Dennis Emanuele-Thanksgiving and Good Health	Alice and Nanette Barce
			Ludy Navarra
Friday, Aug. 30	8 a.m.	Sr. Maria Pangilinan †	Nemesia Peralta
		Christian Lacsina-Birthday	Lacsina Family
Saturday, Aug. 31	8 a.m.	Ramon Regalado †	Panganiban Family
	4 p.m.	Memorial Mass	Dante Rivera

Stewardship

For the collection figures of Aug. 18, Please check a copy of the bulletin at church.

Thank you for your generosity.

Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Ave

Aug. 27: Birthdays and Bingo. 12:30pm, Lunch (\$5). Tracy (707) 400-8526.

Volunteers Needed

St John needs Eucharistic Ministers. To volunteer at Mass, call Sharon Ewen, 510-412-9761. Or to take Holy 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.

St. John Class of '68 Reunion, Oct 26

Contact Laurie Gaeta.gaetalaurie1968@gmail.com

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, 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, 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

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's reading from Isaiah describes the Israelites bringing their offering to the Lord "in clean vessels". The gift of myself-my patient endurance and fidelity to the will of God-is as important as the monetary gift I offer.

This Week's Service Schedule

Sunday Readings: Is 66:18-21. Heb 12:5-7, 11-13. Lk 13:22-30.
Monday Readings: 1Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10. Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday Readings: 1Thes 2:1-8. Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday Readings: 1Thes 2:9-13. Mt 23:27-32.
Thursday Readings: 1Thes 3:7-13. Mk 6:17-29.
Friday Readings: 1Thes 4:1-8. Mt 25:1-13.
Saturday Readings: 1Thes 4:9-11. Mt 25:14-30.

Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.
 Mon.-Thu., Sat., 8:30am. Fri., 9am 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.

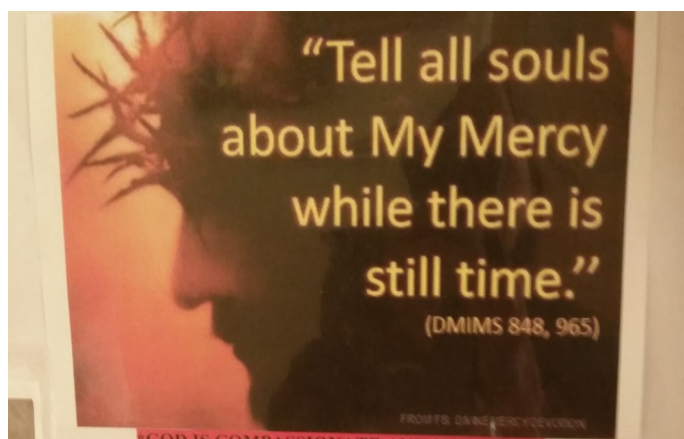
Liturgy of the Hours. Mon.- Fri., 7:40am.
Confessions. Sat., 4pm. Or call 9am-4:30pm,
 Mon.-Fri.
Holy Infant of Prague Novena. Thu. at 8:30am
 at Church.
Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.
 Fri., 6pm at the Chapel.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a Roman Catholic organization serving in over 90 countries in a multitude of languages. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend Sep 13-15, 2019 in Concord. Call Chuck and Annie at 925-849-5466. applications@oaklandwwme.org

Rosary Crusade

Celebrate the centennial of Our Lady of Fatima in your own home. Call Enrique Sanchez, 510-237-8873.



The Annual Bishop's Appeal

"Rebuild My Church". Please help and send a pledge or a donation. (As of July 31, our parish is as close as \$6,271 in making its goal for the year)

2019 Parish and School Festival

Donations (small, new, reusable household items) are welcome to our Country Store booth fundraiser.

Protecting God's Children

Every volunteer and worker is required to complete Protecting God's Children Training at virtusonline.org

Catholic Charismatic Conference

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

Why, Knights of Columbus

Catholics in unity and fraternity. Takes a small amount of time doing work for the church and community. Practice virtues of faith, hope, and love. Life Insurance provided to members.

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. 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)

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See you at the Fall Festival!!