

# St. John the Baptist Church

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## Welcome!

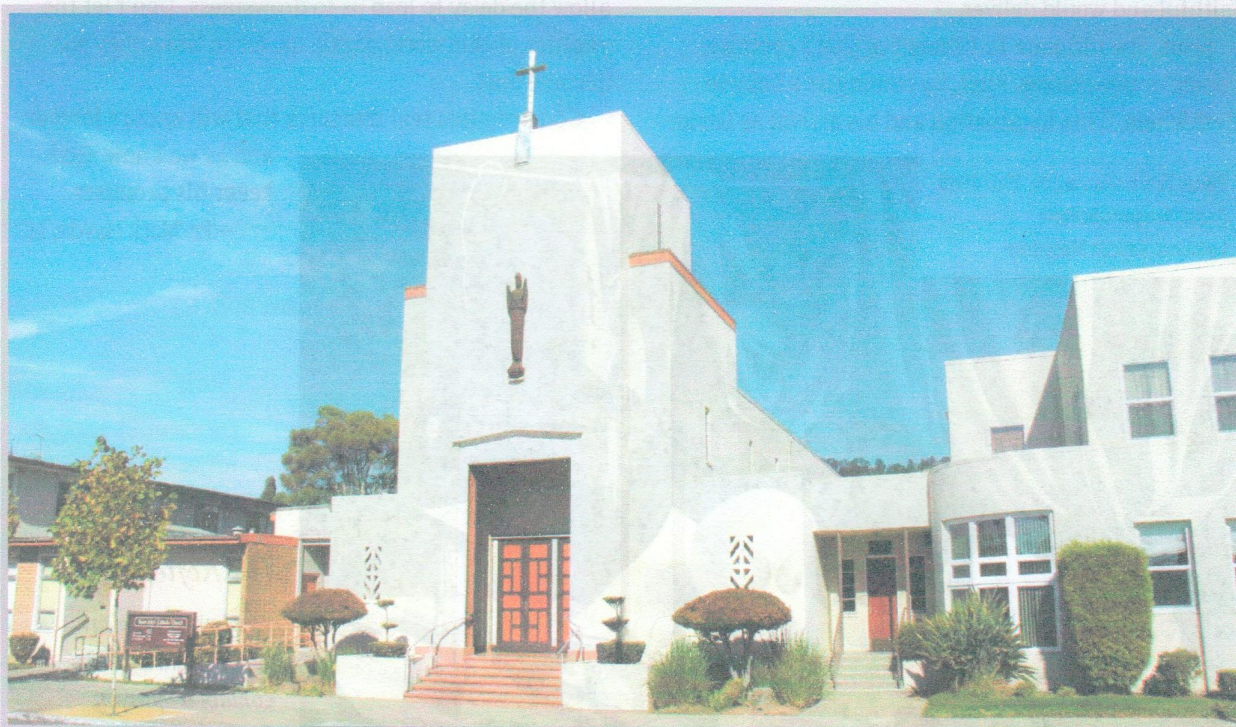
*Our warmest welcome to all who worship with us,  
whether a long-time parishioner or newly arrived in the parish.  
As Catholic Christians, we are committed to knowing,  
loving and serving God by obeying His commandments  
and serving our brothers and sisters with love and respect.*

### 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.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

## The Power of Humility

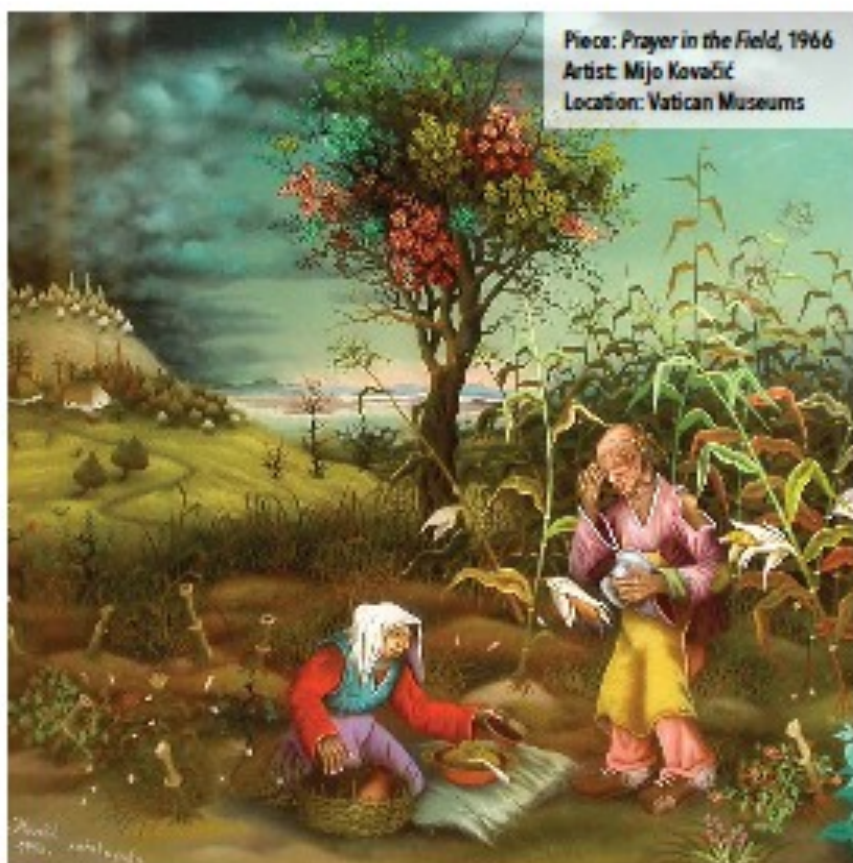
Humility isn't a popular virtue! In fact, among the Greeks and the Romans it wasn't considered a virtue at all. In a sixth-century BC list of 147 wise maxims, humility isn't even mentioned. For the ancient Greek or Roman, obtaining and defending honor was more a goal than humility ever could be.

Yet the Jewish faith values humility, as seen in Old Testament texts like the one we read today. The humble strength of conducting affairs quietly and justly makes you more loved—more so than someone who gives many gifts. Parents should reflect on this.

As Christians following a Savior who was great through his service, humility is not only recommended but becomes the ideal. Let the first be last. Let the greatest be the servant. Humility is simply living the truth of who you are. You are both great and insignificant. We can and should use all our knowledge and strength to sow the fields of creation, as in this painting. But only God gives growth.

Humility is favored by true self-knowledge. We are creatures and not the Creator. We don't make the rules of life or define right and wrong. We discover, accept, and love these laws. A healthy awareness of our limitations doesn't enslave us. It sets us free. A humble knowledge of the truth is empowering.

We are amazingly talented people, each uniquely loved and gifted by God. Each of us can achieve, and



Piece: *Prayer in the Field*, 1966  
Artist: Mijo Kovačić  
Location: Vatican Museums

should strive for, the greatness he offers us. Humility makes us capable of true and lasting greatness—just look at Christ.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### *For Reflection*

*How well do I know myself—both my strengths and weaknesses?*

*Do I see everything as a gift and respond with humility?*

*My son, conduct your affairs with humility,  
and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts.*

*Sirach 3:17*

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

			<b>Requested by</b>
Saturday, Aug. 31	5 p.m.	Frank Caramagno †	Rita Caramagno
Sunday, Sep. 1	8 a.m.	Luis Torres†	Torres Family
	9:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
	11:30 a.m.	Wesley Tatum-Birthday	Jocelyn Limos
	6 p.m.	Rosa Pinguelo †	Jose Pinguelo
Monday, Sep. 2	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving	
Tuesday, Sep. 3	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving	
Wednesday, Sep. 4	8 a.m.	Custodio P. Gutierrez-Death Anniversary	Debra Gutierrez Family
Thursday, Sep. 5	8 a.m.	Veronica Marpa †	De La Torre Family
Friday, Sep. 6	8 a.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Saturday, Sep. 7	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving	Ong Family

**Stewardship**

For the collection figures of Aug 25, please check a copy of the bulletin at church.

*Thank you for your generosity.*

**Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Ave**

Sep. 3: Members Meeting. 12:30pm, Lunch (\$5). Tracy (707) 400-8526.

**RCIA Film Lecture: St. Augustine**

Sep 3, 7:30pm, Community Center.

Bishop Barron's Catholicism, The Pivotal Players. How faith in Christ saved a person.

**Eucharistic Ministers Needed**

To volunteer at Mass, please call Sharon Ewen, 510- 412-9761. To bring Holy Communion to a home, please 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.laurie1968@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, 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



**Volunteer at Soup Kitchen**

Serving lunch every 1st and 3rd Sunday. Please call Larry Mundy at 510-301-5027.

**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In the Gospel today, Jesus warns us not to give in to hopes of repayment, but to give open-handedly to the poor and needy. That sort of giving mirrors the bountiful giving of God, and Jesus assures us it is blessed indeed!

**This Week's Service Schedule**

**Sunday Readings:** Sir 3:17-18,20,28-29.  
 Heb 12:18-19, 22-24. Lk 14:1,7-14.  
**Monday Readings:** 1Thes 4:13-18. Lk 4:16-30.  
**Tuesday Readings:** 1Thes5:1-6, 9-11.  
 Lk 4:31-37.  
**Wednesday Readings:** Col 1:1-8. Lk 4:38-44.  
**Thursday Readings:** Col 1:9-14. Lk 5:1-11.  
**Friday Readings:** Col :15-20. Lk 5:33-39.  
**Saturday Readings:** Col 1:21-23. Lk 6:1-5.

**Holy Hour.** Fri., 8:30am.  
**First Saturday Devotion.** 8am Mass, Rosary. 4pm, Confessions, Rosary, Adoration, Mass.  
**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.  
**Anointing of the Sick.** Sat., 8:30am.  
**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.  
**Charismatic Service.** Sat. at 7pm.

**Why, Knights of Columbus?**

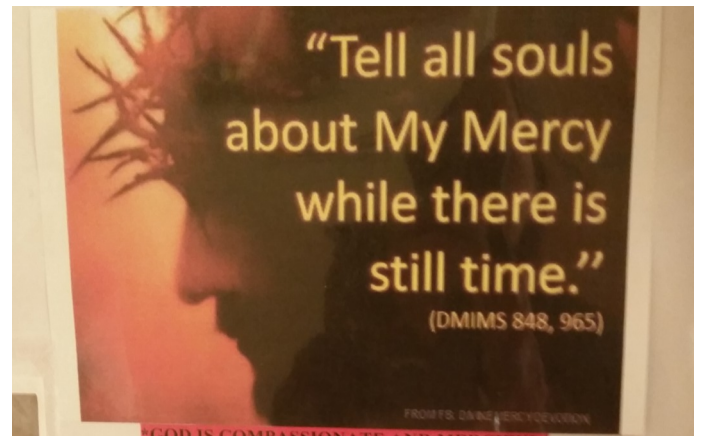
Living the Catholic Faith through unity and fraternity. Help to support parish and community.

**2019 Parish and School Festival**

Purchase raffle tickets and get 5 ways to win cash and gifts. A ticket costs \$10 or 6 for \$50.

**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



**Rebuild My Church: The 2019 Annual Bishop's Appeal**

Thank you to all the pledges and donations received for the Bishop's Appeal. If you have not done so, please help and send your pledge or donation.

**Safe Environment**

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

**2019 Festival's Country Store**

Donate housewares, kitchen wares, decors, toys, books to the Country Store fundraiser.

**Catholic Charismatic Conference**

22nd Annual Holy Spirit Conference at St. Mary Cathedral, SF on Sep. 21, 8am-8pm.  
 Celebrant Rev. Raymund Reyes.  
 Speaker Rev Jose Maniyangat, Jacksonville FL

**Philippines: 500 Years of Evangelization**

Come celebrate at St Michael Church, Livermore on Oct 5, Saturday from 8am-4pm.

**Our Lady of Fatima Centennial**

Bring Our Lady of Fatima statue into your home with the rosary and the promises at Fatima. Call Enrique Sanchez, 510-237-8873

## 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.

# September 2019

Church (CH) Fr John Maxwell Conf Rm (CR) Comm Cen (CC) Comm Cen 2nd Fl (CC2) Music Rm (MR) Rectory (RE) Adoration Chapel (DM)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass 8a, 9:30a, 11:30a, 6p (Brazilian)	2 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours/Mass/Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet  <b>Labor Day</b>	3 St. Gregory 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours/Mass/Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet 8a-2p Senior Program CC	4 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet 12n-2p Women's Covenant CC	5 St. Teresa of Calcutta 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet	6 First Friday 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Holy Hour Rosary/Chaplet of the Divine Mercy	7 First Saturday 8a Mass, Rosary 8:30a Anointing of the Sick 4p Confessions, Rosary 5p Vigil Mass 7p Charismatic Service
8 Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time Mass 8a, 9:30a, 11:30a, 6p (Brazilian)	9 St Peter Claver 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Chaplet of the Divine Mercy	10 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Chaplet of the Divine Mercy 8a-2p Seniors Program CC	11 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Chaplet of the Divine Mercy 12n-2p Women's Covenant CC	12 The Most Holy Name of Mary 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet	13 St John Chrysostom 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet 6:30p Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Procession and Mass	14 The Exaltation of the Cross 8a Mass 4p Confessions 5p Vigil Mass
15 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass 8a, 9:30a, 11:30a, 6p (Brazilian)	16 Sts Cornelius and Cyprian 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Chaplet of the Divine	17 St Robert Bellarmine 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Chaplet of the Divine Mercy 8a-2p Seniors Program CC	18 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary and the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy 12n-2p Women's Covenant CC	19 St Januarius 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet.	20 Sts Andrew Kim Taegon and Paul Chong and Companions 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet	21 St Matthew 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 4p Confessions 5p Vigil Mass
22 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass 8a, 9:30a, 11:30a, 6p (Brazilian)	23 St Pio Pietrelcina 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet	24 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet 8a-2p Seniors Program CC	25 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet 12n-2p Women's Covenant CC	26 Sts Cosmos and Damian 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet	27 St Vincent de Paul 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet	28 St Wenceslaus 8a Mass 4p Confessions 5p Vigil Mass
29 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass 8a, 9:30a, 11:30a, 6p (Brazilian)	30 St Jerome 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet					