

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:
• 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

Parish Office

Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 3 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.

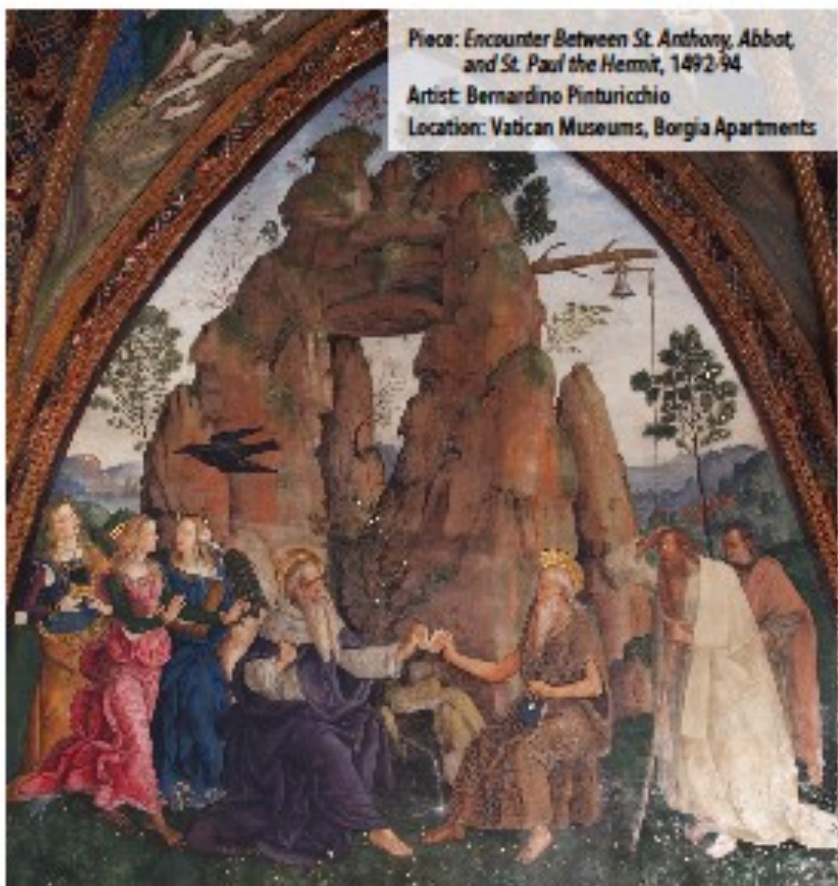
A Love of First Preference

Jesus is radical and absolute when speaking of his first preference for love. In saying *hating* in today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to place God first in our hearts. And when God is first, we will actually love everyone else more and better. Saint Gregory comments on this passage: "In this world let us love everyone, even though he be our enemy; but let us hate him who opposes us on our way to God, though he be our relative. We should...love our neighbor; we should have charity towards all—towards relatives and towards strangers—but without separating ourselves from the love of God out of love for them" (*Evangelia homiliae*, 37, 3).

Jesus' words mean that we cannot be halfhearted in our love for God or neighbors—even if our neighbor is an enemy. The very nature of love is to put others first, and that first "other" is God himself.

The painting from the Vatican Hall of Saints shows St. Anthony, head of a large monastery, meeting in the desert with St. Paul, a poor hermit who lived off the land. Both represented two ways of totally responding to God's call—one as a religious monk living in a thriving community and another as a hermit, living separated from the world as testimony to what really matters.

Religious brothers and sisters living by the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience—as monks, hermits,



Piece: *Encounter Between St. Anthony, Abbot, and St. Paul the Hermit*, 1492-94

Artist: Bernardino Pinturicchio

Location: Vatican Museums, Borgia Apartments

or other forms of consecrated life—testify to the world that this radical, loving God is first above all things. They deserve our support and our imitation!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Is there something the Holy Spirit is asking of me so my following of Jesus becomes more sincere and committed?

How do I support religious vocations?

[Jesus said,] "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."

Luke 14:27

Mass for the Intentions Week

		Requested by
Saturday, Sep 7	5 p.m.	Frank Caramagno † Rita Caramagno Family
Sunday, Sep 8	8 a.m.	Renaldo and Diane Marin † Marin Family
	9:30 a.m.	Olga M. Torres-Birthday Maria Lozano
	11:30 a.m.	Esther Esmilla Taylor † Christina Taylor
	6 p.m.	St. John Parishioners St. John Parish
Monday, Sep 9	8 a.m.	Mila Vargas-Birthday Mila Vargas
Tuesday, Sep 10	8 a.m.	Linda Crittondon-Healing Al and Katie Carlson
Wednesday, Sep 11	8 a.m.	Enzo Lencioni † Gina Lencioni
Thursday, Sep 12	8 a.m.	Royal Boggess † Keller Family
	8 a.m.	Beverly Wilkerson and Family Martin Family
Friday, Sep 13	8 a.m.	Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Procession Ancelle Nguyen
	7:30 p.m.	Participants
Saturday, Sep 14	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children Ana Prindle and Children For Blessings of Good Health

Stewardship

The collection figures of Sep. 1 will be available at the coming issue.

Thank you for your generosity.

Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Ave

Sep. 10: Welcome to All! Free Classes. 11:30am California Document Preparers. Affordable wills and trusts, deed transfers, probate, notary and other services. 12:30pm, Lunch (\$5).

Volunteers Needed

St John needs to build up its corps of Eucharistic Ministers - at Mass, call Sharon, 510-412-9761 or taking Communion to a home-bound family member, friend or fellow parishioner, call Larry Mundy, 510-301-5027 for more information. Neither ministry is time-consuming and will bring you closer to

St. John Class of '68 Reunion, Oct 26

contact Laurie Gaeta.gaetalaurie1968@gmail.com

Let Us Pray for the Sick

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, 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 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, Shirley Robertson,
 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



Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus tells the crowd that only those who renounce all of their possessions can be His disciples. Is He truly asking us to give up everything? Perhaps instead He is trying to help us see that everything we think we own is really a gift from God. Good stewards know that and strive to use those gifts accountably.

This Week's Service Schedule

Sunday Readings: Wis 9:13-18b. Pmhl 9-10, 12-17. Lk 12:25-33.

Monday Readings: Col 1:24-2:3. Lk 6:6-11.

Tuesday Readings: Col 2:6-15. Lk 6:12-19.

Wednesday Readings: Col 3:1-11. Lk 6:20-26.

Thursday Readings: Col 3:12-17. Lk 6:27-38.

Friday Readings: 1Tm 1:1-2, 12-14. Lk 6:39-42.

Saturday Readings: Nm 21:4b-9. Phil 2:6-11.

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 Fatima Rosary Procession and Mass, Fri., 6:30pm.

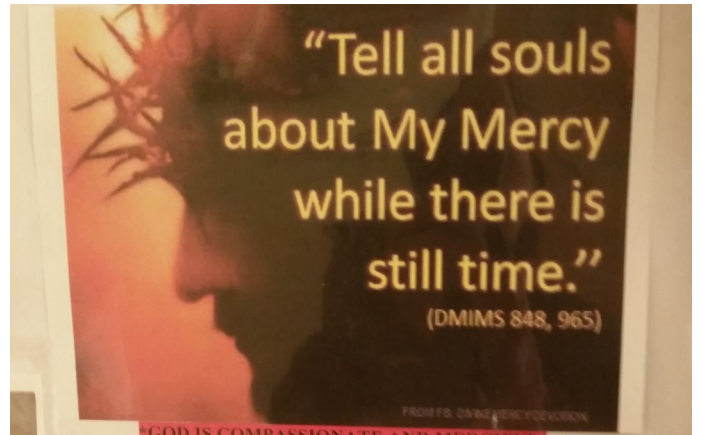
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena. Weds, 8:30am at Church and 6pm at the Chapel.

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

Confessions. Sat., 4pm. Or call 9am-2:30pm, 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

St. John needs your help. Make a pledge or a donation to the 2019 Annual Bishop's Appeal.

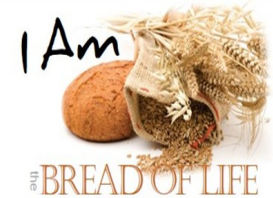
Join Jesus Christ's Church

Are you considering joining the Catholic Church?

Are you an adult who needs to be confirmed?

Do you just want to better understand your Catholic spouse or friends?

If so, you are invited to come to our Adult Initiation Program's information night, which will be held from **7:30 to 9 p.m.**



on Tuesday, Sept.

24, in the Community Center, 6500 Gladys Street. This is just behind the church on the other side of the BART tracks. **Reach out and invite** your adult non-Catholic friends and family members to join our Church! **Invite** your adult family members and friends who need Confirmation. Pick up a flyer in the church for complete details.

For further information, please call Richard Keller at 234-1754, Christine Hickey at 236-5872, John Houghton at 919-8981 or the church office at 232-5659.

Baptism Classes

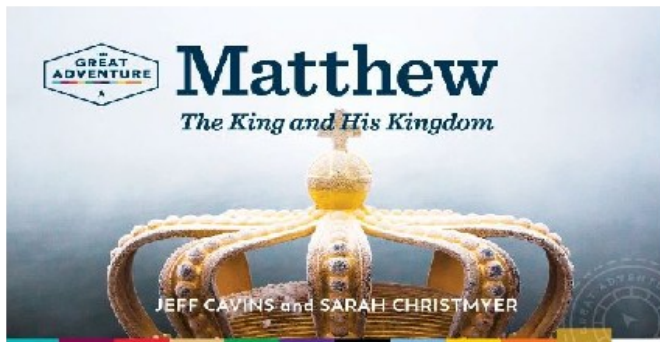
Every 1st and 2nd Sunday of the Month at 9:30am at church

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

Safe Environment

Every volunteer and worker is required to register and complete a training on Protecting God's Children at virtusonline.org



In two months we will start hearing the Gospel of Matthew at all our Sunday Masses. It would be wonderful if when you hear the gospel proclaimed, you know where it fit in with the whole story. You know why Matthew included this particular account of Jesus' life, and you know how this relate to the other books of the bible. To better prepare ourselves to listen and understand the Gospel of Matthew, the Scripture study group will be studying the book of Matthew this year.

The book of Matthew brings the history of Christ to life. We see Jesus as the awaited Messiah who fulfills the promises and prophesies of the Old Testament, establishes the New Law, and inaugurates the Kingdom of Heaven. Matthew: The King and His Kingdom, a 24-part Bible study, explores how Jesus is challenging and empowering us to a new level of holiness and shows how we must be thoroughly immersed in the kingdom of heaven on earth, the Church, to live it.

St. John the Baptist will begin Matthew: The King and His Kingdom on Wednesday, September 18 at 7:30pm. Everyone is welcomed. We will meet every week in the conference room and view an engaging video presentation, followed by a lively group discussion, and fellowship. For more information or to register, call the Rectory at 510-232-5659 or Richard Keller at 510-734-1268 or email him at richard@sjtbc.us. There is a weekly homework assignment and study materials cost \$45.

Speaker, Rev. Jose Maniyangat

At the Feast of the Divine Mercy in 1984, Father Maniyangat was in a motor accident and was pronounced dead. He was shown hell, heaven and purgatory. Brought back to life to tell a life transforming account.

Catholic Charismatic Conference, Sep 21, 8am at St Mary Cathdal, 1111 Gough, SF

Movimiento Familiar Cristiano Catolico

A nationwide group of Catholic families who, with the support of bishops, priests, deacons, religious brothers and sisters, join efforts to promote human and Christian family values with the hope of becoming better Christians. It promotes communication and dialogue between husband, wife and within the family.

The movement has been helping families for over 80 years throughout the world, with the guidance of the Holy Family and the Holy Spirit. We are now accepting applications for the 2019/2020 cycle, that will start on Friday September 27, 2019.

If you have any questions please contact Rosa & Javier Walle (510-672-5536).

Knights of Columbus at our Parish

Thanks to the efforts of Father Michael J. McGivney, the Knights of Columbus was chartered on March 29, 1882, as a fraternal benefit society. The Order is still true to its founding principles of charity, unity and fraternity and patriotism.

The history of the Order shows how the foresight of Father Michael J. McGivney, whose cause for sainthood is being investigated by the Vatican, brought about what has become the world's foremost Catholic Fraternal benefit society.

The Knights of Columbus has grown from several members in one council to 15,342 councils and close to 2 million members around the world. In the Oakland Diocese Chapter there are 13 districts and 53 councils based in parishes of the Diocese

St. John's Senior Center

An Older Adult Program run by the West Contra Costa Unified School District. It is a free membership fo adults 55 years and older. Meetings are every Tuesdays from 9-3pm whose facility is generously provided by St. John the Baptist Church. It is managed by a city director with volunteers. It offers a full day of activities, a low cost lunch and an opportunity to socialize and meet new friends. Call Tracy, 707-400-8526.

St. John the Baptist's Annual CHURCH & SCHOOL



September 28-29, 2019

St. John the Baptist School Playground & Gym
Kearney St. (cross street Potrero Ave.) El Cerrito, CA 94530

SATURDAY | DINNER | Sept. 28 from 6:00 to 10:00PM

Mexican-Theme DINNER | Ticket prices are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children
Fiesta Dinner Tickets can be purchased at SJTB school website – www.stjohnec.org

SUNDAY | FESTIVAL | Sept. 29 from 10:30AM to 4:00PM

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

Invite your Family & 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
Like/Follow us: Facebook, Twitter
See you at the Fall Festival!!

SUPER RAFFLE!

WIN \$500 every week
for 3 weeks and \$1,500 on the 4th week!
Drawing dates will be announced in
Saturday & Sunday masses.

BUY YOUR TICKETS EARLY!

Ticket Price - \$10 each or
12 Tickets for \$100.00