

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, 9am-3pm
Bulletin Editor: Ed Bautista

Accountant/Bookkeeper:
Arthur De Leon

Children's Religious Education

Lynne Castro-Evans: (510)-501-4894

Confirmation – Youth Ministry

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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.

Sonship Restored

Strangely enough and discouragingly often, we find the attitude of the older son from the Prodigal Son parable in the Church. The righteous believers who have always belonged can be jealous and look down upon the poor sinner who comes later and gets the same reward.

Yet, the attitude of all of us toward those who are spiritually, morally, or materially needy should be that of the loving father so wonderfully shown in the statue by Francesco Messina.

The sinner comes back in shame, weakness, and obvious failure. His very act of returning is a cry for help, support, and understanding. The father offers his mercy and compassion without questions, without an interrogation. His shoulder is never too proud, too hard, or righteous to be refused as a pillow for the humiliated soul who returns broken, pillaged, and ruined by sin.

Messina chose to show the father and son naked because it symbolizes mankind stripped to its essence. And in this you reveal greatness. Humanity is noblest when admitting its weakness. Humanity is greatest in its ability to show mercy and lift the downtrodden. The father-son relationship is most beautiful when it is being reconciled and restored.

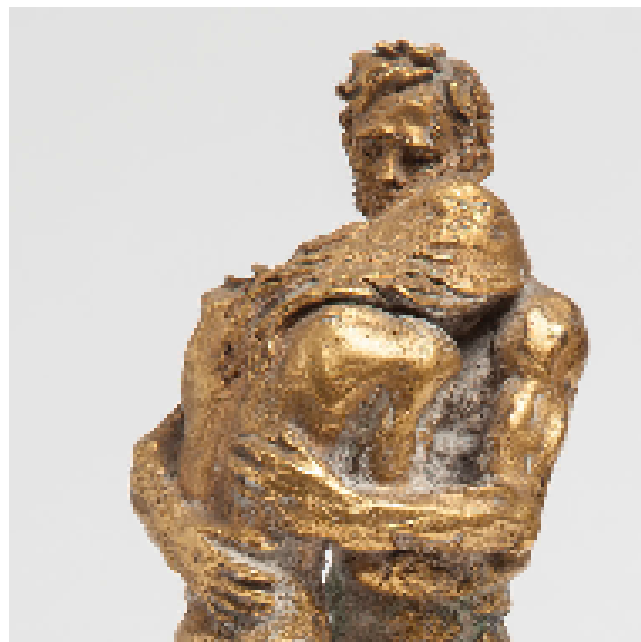
We should always rejoice at the return of a prodigal child, and we should always honor a forgiving parental heart. "We must celebrate and rejoice," said the father. If we are convinced of this, we now have a charge: Go out and find the lost coin and welcome back the lost sheep with humility and joy!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Do I have a welcoming spirit about me, always looking to build up and be positive?

Do I live gospel charity and love with all its consequences?



Piece: Prodigal Son, 1956
Artist: Francesco Messina
Location: Vatican Museums

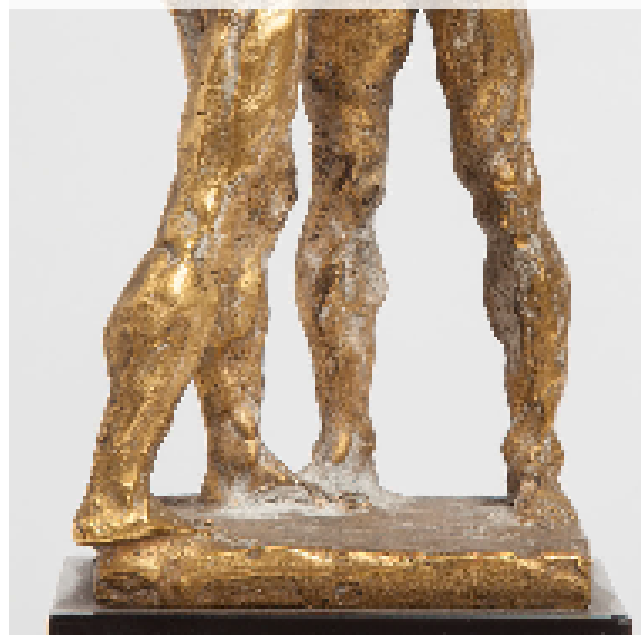


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[Jesus said,] "I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents..."

Luke 15:7

Mass Intentions for the Week

	Intention	Requested by
Saturday, Sep. 14	5 p.m. Eric Ewen-Healing	Al and Katie Carlson
Sunday, Sep. 15	8 a.m. Henry Ong †	Ong Family
	9:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory	Maria Lozano
	11:30 a.m. Kee Tong Fok	Kathy Klatt and Helen Stubbs
Monday, Sep. 16	6 p.m. St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
	8 a.m. Flocerfina Benavides-Birthday	Mila Vargas
Tuesday, Sep. 17	8 a.m. Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
Wednesday, Sep. 18	8 a.m. Jim Fast †	Keller Family
	Roger Barce †	Alice Barce Family
Thursday, Sep. 19	8 a.m. Joshua Ichoa B. Vargas-Birthday	Mila Vargas
Friday, Sep. 20	8 a.m. Nelson Galindo †	Martija Family
Saturday, Sep. 21	8 a.m. Minda Sabares †	Fely Sabares

Stewardship

Plate Collection, Sep. 1
 Envelopes \$2,690
 Loose Collection \$1,376.20
 EFT, Weekly \$210.00
 EFT, Monthly, Every 2nd \$1,390.00
 Second Collection, Parish and School Development \$ \$801.00. EFT \$207.00
 Chapel, EFT Monthly Every 2nd \$130.00
 Plate Collection, Sep. 8
 Envelopes \$ 2,428.00
 Loose Collection \$ 1,485.40
 EFT Weekly \$210.00
 Diocesan Priests Retirement Benefit Fund \$906.00
 Charismatic Service \$ 406.00

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, 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, Ester Oppus, 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,
 osep Vidal, Sarah Vidal, Evodio Walle
 Winston Williams, Jan Williamson



Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Ave

Welcome To All! Free Classes. Sep. 17: Guest, Alzheimer's Association. Learn about Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. 12:30pm, Lunch (\$5). Tracy (707) 400-8526.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We can hear God speaking to us today in the words of the father to his elder son: “You are with me always, and everything I have is yours.” What is my response to such remarkable generosity? Do I give joyfully and generously as God gives to me?

This Week’s Service Schedule

Sunday Readings: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14. 1Tm 1:12-17. Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10.

Monday Readings: 1Tm 2:1-8. Lk 7:1-10.

Tuesday Readings: 1Tm 3:1-13. Lk 7:11-17.

Wednesday Readings: 1Tm 3:14-16. Lk 7:31-35.

Thursday Readings: 1Tm 4:12-16. Lk 7:36-50.

Friday Readings: 1Tm 6:2c-12. Lk 8:1-3.

Saturday Readings: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13. Mt 9:9-13.

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.

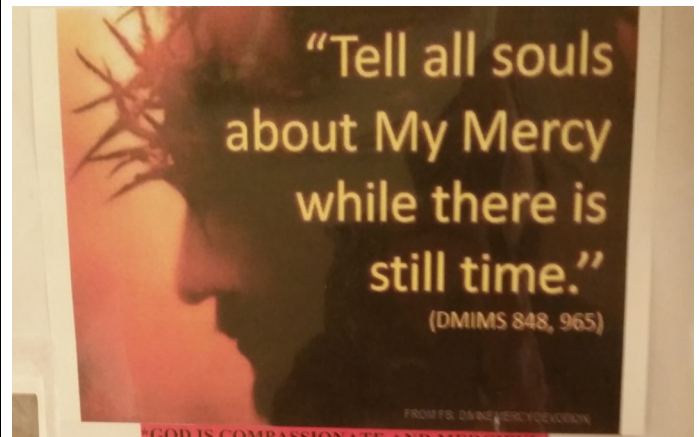
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena. Weds, 8:30am at Church and 6pm at the Chapel.

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

Confessions. Sat., 4pm. Or call 9am-3pm, 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.



Bishop’s Appeal: Rebuild My Church

As of Aug. 15, our parish have donated 75% of our goal. Please send your pledge or donation.

Protecting God’s Children

Every volunteer and worker is required to sign in, register, and complete the training on Protecting God’s Children at virtusonline.org

Sep. 28, 29 Festival Raffle Winner

Our winner for the first drawing is Cornelio Diocares. Mr. Diocares wins \$500 cash prize. There are still 3 more raffle drawings including to final raffle draw of \$1,500 on festival day, Sep. 29.



Jose Lloren
Lena Filice
Margaret Dolan

Senior Center Classes

Every Tuesday from 10:30am-12:30pm, free Beginning Watercolor class. Call Patty Smith at 510-705-3064 or 510-280-7170 for the list of art supplies to be used.

Starting Sep. 17 and every first Tuesday of the month from 9-10:30am, a free collage class will be offered. Coffee will be available. Call Tracy at 707-400-8526.

Children’s Religious Education

Classes are held at the community center every Sunday from 10:30am-12noon .up to May 9. (Except Christmas and New Year week).

Baptism Classes

For Parents and godparents 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

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

Invite your Family & Friends!

CAN'T ATTEND?

Sponsor a food or game booth or
Make a donation (tax-deductible).

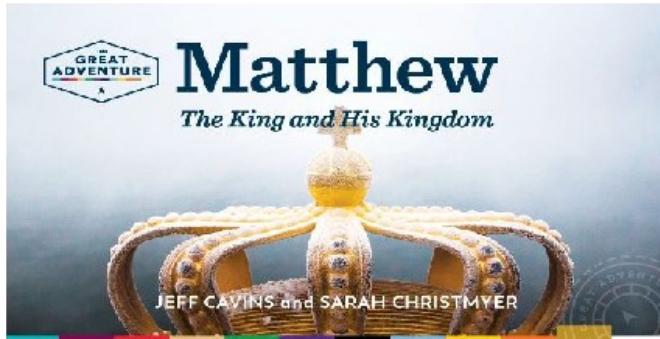
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(510) 232-5659 (Church Rectory) or
(510) 234-3344 (School Office)

VISIT US:

StJohnElCerrito.org
Like/Follow us: Facebook, Twitter
See you at the Fall Festival!!

SUPER RAFFLE!
WIN \$500 every week
and \$1,500 on Sep. 29
Drawing dates will be announced in
Saturday & Sunday masses.
BUY YOUR TICKETS EARLY!
Ticket Price - \$10 each or
12 Tickets for \$100.00



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.

Movimiento Familiar Cristiano Catolico

A nationwide group supported by bishops, priests, deacons, religious brothers and sisters, to promote human and Christian family values. All are welcome. Register on Sep. 27 or call Rosa & Javier Walle (510-672-5536).

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 Cathedral, 1111 Gough, SF

Join Jesus Christ's Church

Are you considering joining the Catholic Church?

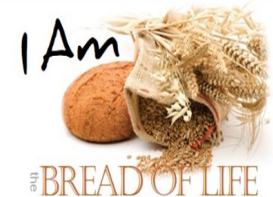
Are you an adult who needs to be confirmed?

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.

Knights of Columbus at St. John's

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 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