

Be Worthy of the Trust Given You

This marble statue by the baroque sculptor Gian Lorenzo Bernini commemorates the life of Pope Alexander VII. It sits above the *porta della preghiera*—the side door of St. Peter's Basilica—and it shows the Pope kneeling in prayer. The Pope was known to prayerfully reflect on his death, and supported many beautification projects in Rome.

Civil or religious authority should be a service. Public authority is conferred upon a person by election or appointment in order to promote the common good. Far from a career of self-aggrandizement, it's a call to place the good of others before one's own.

When speaking of this, Jesus places the emphasis on trustworthiness. Those delegated authority are there to serve and to honor the confidence given them. That's why financial or political corruption is so grievous. People who first win the trust of others only to misuse it by taking advantage of them violate their mandate. And when trust is lost in public life and personal relationships, life becomes a walk through a valley of fear where we are governed by self-preservation. Truly then, we become what the Latins wrote: "Man is a wolf to man."

So be worthy of the trust your family, clients, and others place in you. Be worthy of the confidence God has bestowed with all the talents he has given to use for the good of others. Make your life a responsible gift to others and rejoice in their flourishing more than your own!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Am I a trustworthy servant with the authority and gifts I have received?

Do I look more for my own progress and protection, or that of others?



[Jesus said,] "The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones."

Luke 16:10

Mass Intentions for the Week



		Intention	Requested by
Saturday, Sep. 21	5 p.m.	Bernardo Bautista, Jr. †	Bautista Family
Sunday, Sep. 22	8 a.m.	Paula Jean Setnicky †	Joe Lewis
	9:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
	11:30 a.m.	Dick, Helen, and Richard Nelson †	Karen Stevens
	6 p.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Monday, Sep. 23	8 a.m.	Debbie Fulkerson-Healing	Kathy Klatt
Tuesday, Sep. 24	8 a.m.	Miguel Santos †	Santos Family
Wednesday, Sep. 25	8 a.m.	Murie Pyle †	Tom Kennedy
Thursday, Sep. 26	8 a.m.	Steven Koneff Klatt	Bayer Family
Friday, Sep. 27	8 a.m.	Ed Bayer	Bayer Family
Saturday, Sep. 28	8 a.m.	Robert Volpi	Elaine Weber, Lorraine Volpi

Stewardship

Plate Collection, Sep. 15
 Envelopes \$2,067.00
 EFT, Weekly \$ 210.00
 Loose Collection \$1,250.00
 CRE \$ 479.00
 Our Lady of Fatima, Sep. 13 \$253.00

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
 Judith Padilla, Theresa Parella, Angelina Patacsil,
 Pam Paun, Victoria Payless, Marlen Pineda and
 Friends, Wayne Price, Rose Anne, Fely Sabares
 Bernadette Samson, Jovita Santos, Linda Schneider
 Teresa Sevidal, Dimitri Smith, Salvador Tejero, Rose
 Texara, Pat Tilley, Isaac Tiongson, Joseph Vidal
 Sarah Vidal, Evodio Walle, Winston Williams
 Jan Williamson



Volunteers Needed

St John needs to build up its corps of Eucharistic Ministers at Mass. Please call Sharon Ewen at 510-412-9761. Or taking 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.

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.

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.

St. John Class of '68 Reunion, Oct 26

Contact Laurie Gaeta. gaetalaurie1968@gmail.com

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - C

The dishonest manager in today's parable knew how to manipulate money to his own advantage. But the Gospel warns that no one can serve both God and money. Which do I serve? Is my stewardship such that anyone can tell?

This Week's Service Schedule

Sunday Readings: Am 8:4-7. 1Tm 2:1-8. Lk 18:1-13 or 16:10-13.
Monday Readings: Ezr 1:1-6. Lk 8:16-18.
Tuesday Readings: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20. Lk 8:19-21.
Wednesday Readings: Ezr 9:5-9. Lk 9:1-6.
Thursday Readings: Hg 1:1-8. Lk 9:7-9.
Friday Readings: Hg 2:1-9. Lk 9:18-22.
Saturday Readings: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a. Lk 9:43b-45.

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.- Fri., 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.

Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Ave

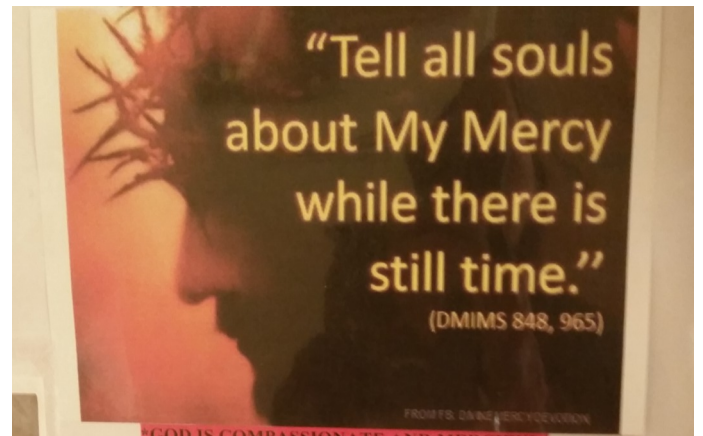
Welcome to All! Free Classes.
 Sep. 24: 11am Birthdays and Bingo. 12:30pm, Lunch (\$5). Red beans and rice, cornbread, and dessert. Tracy (707) 400-8526.

Safe Environment

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

Baptism Classes

Every 1st and 2nd Sunday of the Month at 9:30am. Deacon Loch, 510-837-1052.



Rebuild the Church

Please make a pledge or donation to The Annual Bishop's Appeal.

Children's Religious Education

Preparation for Holy Communion. Sep. 8-May 9, Sundays, 10:30am-12Noon at the Comm. Center. Lynne, 510-501-4894.

YOUTH MINISTRY & CONFIRMATION

PROGRAM REGISTRATION

If you or someone you know that is between the grades of 8th & 11th at time of enrollment and is interested in our teen faith community programs or receiving the Sacrament of the Rite of Confirmation, St. John's Youth Ministry is now accepting applications for 2-year Confirmation Program. Registration and orientation for Parents & Students will be held on Wednesday, October 2nd @ 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Youth Ministry & Confirmation Classes begin on Wednesday, October 9th 7:00 – 8:00 at the Community Center and will meet every other Wednesday.

Registration forms are available at the exits of the church as well as in the Rectory. Please contact Gina DeLaTorre, Youth Ministry/Confirmation Program Coordinator at 510-815-0050 with any questions.

Join Jesus Christ's Church

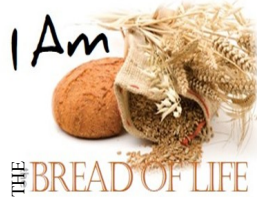
Are you considering joining the Catholic Church?

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.

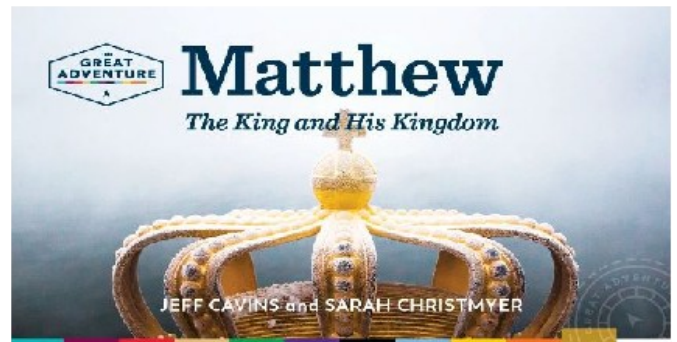
Knights of Columbus at St. John's

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.

Sep. 28, 29 Festival Raffle Winner

Our winner for the second drawing is Ernestine Warren. Mrs. Warren wins \$500 cash prize. There are still 2 more raffle drawings including the final raffle draw of \$1,500 on festival day, Sep. 29. A raffle ticket costs \$10. 3 tickets cost \$25.



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 prophecies 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).

Calls for Help & Hope

The Contra Costa Crisis Center has provided a life line of help and hope for 56 years. Call: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).

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
Sep 8-22 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