

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. Sat.
Anointing of the Sick:
• 1st Saturday after 8 a.m.
• or by individual arrangement
Baptism & Marriage: Contact



Priests

Children's Religious Education

St. John's Elementary

Aspiring to True Greatness

It's so easy to fall into complacency and not strive for greatness. When we're young, we idealistically dream of reaching the heights of success. Then with time and the resistance of circumstances, we are hypnotized into settling for less and less. Eventually we're content with just getting by, rather than embracing the arduous struggle upon the higher road that once attracted us.

The rich man of the Gospel was also complacent. His wealth blinded him to the needs of Lazarus, the poor man he passed and stepped over every time he entered his home. Even though he could help, the rich man refused. How could he be so inconsiderate? He had everything and was unwilling to offer even leftover food to someone in need.

God is against complacency and settling for the easy and sensual. He upbraids the chosen race for exactly that. They are too comfortable on their expensive, comfortable couches. Saint Paul challenges the young bishop Timothy to pursue high ideals such as righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, gentleness, and all other virtues. We should strive for them as well. How?

Look at the painting by Salvador Dalí. The monk stands at the edge of his sacred space, staring up into the heavens at the crucified Jesus. There are no material things to distract his gaze from the Savior. Jesus is the beautiful, timeless ideal of every soul aiming for perfect love. Keep your eyes on him and you will never settle for anything but true greatness.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: Crucifixion
(Corpus Hypercubus), 1954
Artist: Salvador Dalí
Location: Metropolitan
Museum of Art

For Reflection

When you were younger, what were some of your ideals that were inspired by God?

How have you followed them? Should you get back to them?

"Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'"

Luke 16:31

Mass for the Intentions Week

		Intention	Requested by
Saturday, Sep. 28	5 p.m.	Arline Tyszka †	Lorraine Ostrowski
Sunday, Sep. 29	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
	9:30 a.m.	Gabrielle de la Torre-Birthday Blessings	De la Torre Family
	11:30 a.m.	Josefa Marcelino † Loyola Tipping Family	Linda Gauna Tipping Family
	6 p.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Monday, Sep. 30	8 a.m.	Ruth Bonner † Maria Conde †	Kathy Klatt Aurea Valdenor
Tuesday, Oct. 1	8 a.m.	Aida and Arvind Joshie	Alice Barce and Alcala Families
Wednesday, Oct. 2	8 a.m.	Ludy Navarra-Thanksgiving and Good Health	Ludy Navarra
Thursday, Oct. 3	8 a.m.	Crosetti Family	Bayer Family
Friday, Oct. 4	8 a.m.	Robert Volpi-Healing	Elaine Weber, Lorraine Volpi
Saturday, Oct. 5	8 a.m.	Onofre Valdenor	Aurea Valdenor

Stewardship

Plate Collection, Sep. 22
 Envelopes 1,817.00
 EFT, Weekly \$210.00
 EFT, Monthly, Every 17th \$1,420.00
 Loose Collection \$1,061.35
 Mission Appeal \$ 2,353.00

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
 Crittondon, 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



The Promise to Lucia in 1925

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. Oct 5 is the next first Saturday.

The Annual Bishop's Appeal

Rebuild the Church. The parish has reached 81.44% of its goal. Please help make our goal.

Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Ave

Welcome to All. Free Classes.
 Oct. 1: Garage and Craft Sale 12:30pm, Lunch (\$5). Tracy (707) 400-8526.

2019 Festival Raffle Winner

The third weekly \$500 cash winner is Katie Carlson. Congratulations.

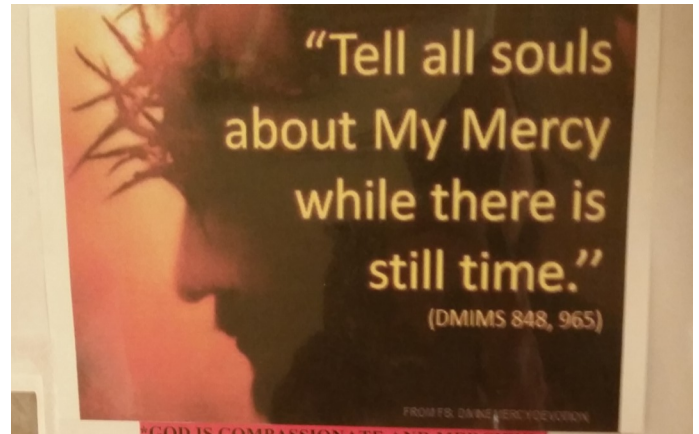
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

The sin of the rich man in today's parable was not that he was rich, but that he failed to share his wealth with the beggar at his gate. He knew Lazarus, perhaps walked by him every time he came in or out, but did nothing to relieve his suffering. Is there a Lazarus in my life? What am I doing to help?

This Week's Service Schedule

Sunday Readings: Am 6-1a, 4-7.
1Tm 6:11-16. Lk 16:19-31.
Monday Readings: Zec 8:1-8. Lk 9:46-50.
Tuesday Readings: Zec 8:20-23. Lk 9:51-56.
Wednesday Readings: Neh 2:1-8. Mt 18:1-5.
Thursday Readings: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12.
Lk 10:1-12.
Friday Readings: Bar 1:15-22. Lk 10:13-16.
Saturday Readings: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29.
Lk 10:17-24.

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.- 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.



Protecting God's Children

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

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 and Students will be held on Oct 2, Wednesday, 7pm at the Community Center. Youth Ministry & Confirmation Classes begin Oct 9, Wednesday, 7-8pm at the Community Center and will meet every other Wednesday. Gina de la Torre, 510-815-0050

Divine Mercy Chapel

Oct 5, Sat., 3pm Prayer "Passion" of the Church.
Oct 12, Sat., 12pm Public Rosary. Infront of the Chapel door. Lunch will be served.
Oct 12, Sat., 6:30pm *Last Procession of Our Lady of Fatima with fresh roses and Mass in Saint John's Church. Everyone is invited.

2019 Marian Conference

Oct 11, 1pm-10pm & Oct 12, 6am-7:30pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Brentwood
<https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/2982>. <https://www.eventrite.com/2019-marian>

Remembering Al Gabriel

Al Gabriel, a longtime parishioner and a volunteer, with his wife, Susan, at church and at school where their three children had attended, passed away last August 29 in Southern California. Mass is at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, October 12, Saturday, 11:00 am at 2601 San Ramon Valley Blvd, San Ramon. Reception follows at Oak Hill Park Community Center Ballroom, 3005 Stone Valley Road, Danville, CA. All are invited.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary



On the Catholic calendar the month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. Oct. 7 is the memorial of Our Lady of the rosary. On Oct. 13 we celebrate the last apparition of Our Lady of Fatima. One of her exhortations was for each of us to pray the rosary daily.

During October, after every Sunday Mass, we will pray the rosary. We will use a series of videos to lead the prayers. The videos use a number of different visuals to help us focus on the mystery which is being prayed. Praying the rosary takes about 20 minutes. Each Sunday we will pray a different set of the mysteries. By the end of the month, the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, and Glorious will all have been prayed. Please plan on spending the time after Mass and praying with the parish.

Please bring a rosary with you to Mass. If you have several rosaries, you are invited to bring them to church and give them to someone who does not have one. On the first Sunday in October we will give a free inexpensive rosary to everyone who needs one.

During the month, the homilies will focus on the rosary. We will preach about how to pray the rosary and the benefits of praying it as an individual, a group, and a family.

October 6- How to pray the rosary.

Intention: Let us pray for an increase of knowledge and love for our Blessed Mother.

October 13. Benefits of praying the rosary individually.

Intention: Let us pray for the desire to respond to our call to Sanctity.

October 20 Benefits of praying the rosary as a group.

Intention: Let us pray for our mother The Church; specially for our parish so we grow spiritually.

October 27. Benefits of praying the rosary as a family.

Intention: Let us pray for the sanctification of all families.

The parish website has a lot of resources to help you pray the rosary. Look at StJohnElCerrito.org/rosary.

October 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
6 Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass at 8a, 9:30a, 11:30a, 6p (Brazilian)	7 Our Lady of the Rosary 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Chaplet of the Divine Mercy	1 St Therese of the Child Jesus 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass/Rosary./Divine Mercy Chaplet 8-2p Senior Program	2 Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet 12n-2p Women's Covenant	3 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet	4 First Friday / St Francis of Assisi 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Holy Hour	5 First Saturday Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos 8a Mass 8:30a Anointing of the Sick 4p Confessions 5p Vigil Mass
13 Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass at 8a, 9:30a, 11:30a, 6p (Brazilian) Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Procession/ Mass	14 St Callistus 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Chaplet of the Divine Mercy	8 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Chaplet of the Divine Mercy 8a-2p Seniors Program CC	9 Sts Denis and Companions/ St Leonardi 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Chaplet of the Divine Mercy 12n-2p Women's Covenant	10 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet	11 St John XXIII 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass. Rosary. Divine Mercy Chaplet	12 8a Mass 4p Confessions 5p Vigil Mass
20 Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass at 8a, 9:30a, 11:30a, 6p (Brazilian)	21 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet	15 St Teresa of Jesus 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Chaplet of the Divine Mercy 8a-2p Seniors Program CC	16 St. Hedwig/ St Margaret Mary Alacoque 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary and the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy 12n-2p Women's Covenant	17 St Ignatius of Antioch 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass. Rosary. Divine Mercy Chaplet.	18 St Luke 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass. Rosary. Divine Mercy Chaplet	19 Sts John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues 8a Mass 4p Confessions 5p Vigil Mass
27 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass at 8a, 9:30a, 11:30a, 6p (Brazilian)	28 Sts Simon and Jude 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet	22 St. John Paul II 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet 8a-2p Seniors Program CC	23 St John Capistrano 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet 12n-2p Women's Covenant	24 St Anthony Mary Claret 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet	25 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet	26 8a Mass 4p Confessions 5p Vigil Mass