

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.
6 p.m. (Brazilian)
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. Robson Luis Weber, Associate Pastor

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St. John's Community Center

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St. John's Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel

11152 San Pablo Ave.

Paid with a Glass of Milk

A young Howard Kelly was poor and hungry, knocking on doors for a bit of charity. At the last door, discouraged by so little response that day, he merely asked for a glass of water from the young girl who opened the door. Realizing he was more than thirsty, she brought him a glass of milk. He asked what he owed her and she responded, "Nothing. Mother has taught us never to accept pay for a kindness." Little Howard responded simply: "Then I thank you from my heart." Years later this same little girl was a seriously ill, middle-aged woman. She was transferred to the city hospital and treated successfully by a specialist. After months of treatment and medication, she

overcame the disease and returned home. When the bill arrived, she feared to open it because, although not totally poor, she was of humble means. Peering inside the envelope, she found this message on the bill: "Paid in full with one glass of milk. Dr. Howard Kelly."

Our acts of kindness never go unpaid, and a little love goes a long way toward transforming the world. True gratitude is never just a word on the lips but a lifestyle and an attitude of a noble heart. A grateful-hearted person knows that all we receive is a gift, and we should return those gifts to those around us. Our biggest benefactor is God himself, who has given us life, love, and eternal salvation. May our Lord be the first one to whom we return our gratitude!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



PHOTO © GONG HUA/THEARTS SLAY THE EVILS OF MARRIAGE

Piece: *The Healing of the Leper*
(from the *Leben Christi* series), 1967-68
Artist: Egino Weinert
Location: Vatican Museums

For Reflection

*How often do I say
thank you each day?
Is it enough?*

*When I can't say thank
you in words, do I express
it with a smile, gesture, or
hidden act of kindness?*

*[Jesus said,] "Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?...
Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."*

Luke 17:18-19

Mass Intentions for the Week

	Intention	Requested by
Saturday, Oct. 12	5 p.m. Victoria Tannady-Thanksgiving	Victoria Tannady
	7 p.m. Rosary Procession Participants	Ancelle Nguyen
Sunday, Oct. 13	8 a.m. Renaldo and Diane Marin †	Marin Family
	9:30 a.m. Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
	11:30 a.m. Esther Esmilla Taylor †	Christina Taylor
	Jesus V. Marcelino †	Linda Gauna
	Tung Nguyen †	Lien Nguyen
	6 p.m. St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Monday, Oct. 14	8 a.m. Joseph Nguyen †	Marianne Nguyen
Tuesday, Oct. 15	8 a.m. Santiparp Manisuta †	Frank and Geraldine Hampton Family
Wednesday, Oct. 16	8 a.m. Flocerfina C. Benavides-Birthday	Mila Vargas
Thursday, Oct. 17	8 a.m. St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Friday, Oct. 18	8 a.m. Bernadette Samson-Healing	Carmencita Diocares
Saturday, Oct. 19	8 a.m. Teofista Navarro Raymundo †	Hampton Family

My Dearly Beloved Parishioners, Pastoral Council Members, All Chairpersons, All Volunteers, Parents and Teachers,

It is a pleasure to see all of you at the Dinner last September 28 and at the festivities the following day.

I congratulate you and express my utmost gratitude to you for the time, talent and treasure that you have shared with one another and to our guests and visitors.

You have worked very hard preparing for our annual festival. Whatever the outcome of our fundraising will be, it is your dedication and commitment which you have exhibited that count the most. It is also very admirable of you, all, to have done so.

May our dear Lord continue to pour out His abundant grace and love to you and your loved ones.

Fr. Thuong

Prayers for Healing

Rodolfo Abesamis, Virginia Alday, Niani Barber
Pearl & Patrick Batiste, Irene Blair, Robert Britto
Dominador Caballero

Gustavo Caceres and Friends

Lydia Camba, 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



Our Lady's 15 Promises to Those Who Pray Her Rosary

Our Lady revealed the following promises to St. Dominic (the saint to whom the rosary was first given in the 12th century) and later to Blessed Alan de la Roche (who reignited devotion to the rosary in the 15th century).

1. Whosoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary shall receive signal graces.

[A signal grace may be a simple sign in daily life that answers a question made in prayer or points towards God's will. For example, seeing a rose after finishing a novena to St. Therese of Lisieux could be considered a signal grace. Signal graces are often subtle or seemingly coincidental.]

2. I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary.
3. The Rosary shall be a powerful armor against hell, it will destroy vice, decrease sin and defeat heresies.
4. It will cause good works to flourish; it will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God; it will withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire for Eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means!



5. The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary shall not perish. [In other words, anyone who faithfully prays the Rosary and asks for Mary's intercession will be saved from hell.]
6. Whosoever shall recite the Rosary devoutly, applying himself to the consideration of its Sacred Mysteries, shall never be conquered by misfortune. God will not chastise him in His justice, he shall not perish by an unprovided death; if he be just he shall remain in the grace of God, and become worthy of Eternal Life.
[An unprovided death means dying while not in a state of grace (that is, in dying with unconfessed mortal sin in the soul). The Blessed Mother promises that anyone who regularly prays the Rosary, and earnestly tries to live according to God's will, will be spiritually prepared when their time of death comes.]
7. Whoever shall have a true devotion for the Rosary shall not die without the Sacraments of the Church. [Our Lady ensures that the soul will receive sanctifying grace through the Sacraments prior to its departure from the body.]
8. Those who are faithful to recite the Rosary shall have during their life and at their death the Light of God and the plenitude of His Graces; at the moment of death they shall participate in the Merits of the Saints in Paradise.
9. I shall deliver from purgatory those who have been devoted to the Rosary.
10. The faithful children of the Rosary shall merit a high degree of Glory in Heaven.
11. You shall obtain all you ask of me by recitation of the Rosary.
12. All those who propagate the Holy Rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.
13. I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors the entire Celestial Court during their life and at the hour of death.
14. All who recite the Rosary are my Sons, and brothers of my Only Son Jesus Christ.
15. Devotion to my Rosary is a great sign of predestination. [By this the Blessed Mother means that a devotion to the Rosary is a good indication that the devotee is on the path to Heaven.]

From www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/15-promises-to-christians-who-pray-the-rosary-6146

Pray the Rosary on 5 First Saturdays

Our Blessed Mother Mary explained the Five First Saturdays to Sr. Lucia dos Santos, one of the Fatima visionaries, on Dec. 10, 1925, in the following way:

See, my daughter, my Heart is 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 at 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 ... mysteries of the Rosary.



Our Lady promises everyone who prays the rosary on five consecutive first Saturdays special graces in the hour we will die to enable our eternal salvation. In addition to praying the rosary one must attend Mass, go to confession, and meditate on one of the mysteries of the rosary for 15 minutes. At St. Johns we have two Masses every Saturday and confessions before the evening Mass. Doing what Our Blessed Mother asks of us should not be difficult.

Stewardship

Plate Collection, Oct. 6
 Envelopes \$ 3,498.00
 Loose Collection \$ 1,518.41
 EFT Weekly \$210.00
 EFT Monthly, Every 2nd \$1,390.00
 Parish and School Development \$996.00
 Parish & School Dev., EFT \$207.00
 Charismatic Service, Oct 5. \$605.00
 This week's Second Collection is for The Catholic Voice.
 Next week's Second Collection is for the Propagation of Faith/World Missions&Home Missions.

Thank you for your generosity.

Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Ave

Everyone's Welcome. Free Lessons.
 Oct. 15: 12:30pm, Lunch, \$5. Tracy (707)-400-8526.

Volunteers Needed

St John needs to build up its corps of Eucharistic Ministers - At Mass, call Sharon Ewen, 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.

Protecting God's Children

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

Attention: All Ministries, Volunteers

Come at Church, Oct. 26, Sat., 9:30am/ Meeting

Baptism Classes

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

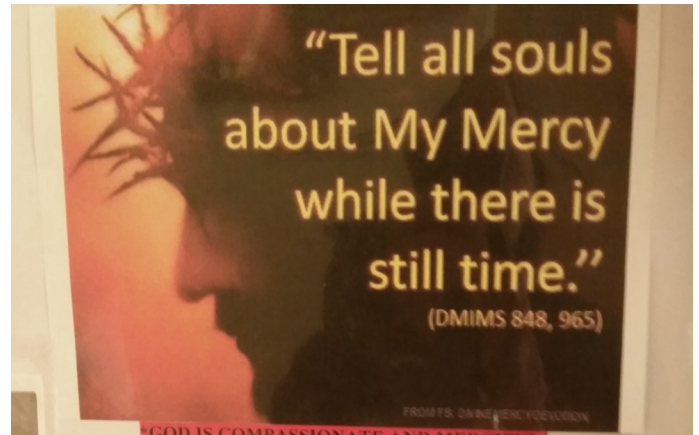
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

When will I have given enough-of my income, of my time, of my talents? Today’s Gospel suggests that only total stewardship will do: “ When you have done all you have been commanded to do, say, ‘ We are useless servants. We have done no more than our duty. ’ ”

This Week’s Service Schedule

Sunday Readings: 2Kgs 5:14-17. 2Tm 2:8-13. Lk 17:11-19.
Monday Readings: Rom1:1-7. Lk 11:29-32.
Tuesday Readings: Rom 1:16-25. Lk 11:37-41.
Wednesday Readings: Rom 2:1-11. Lk 11:42-46.
Thursday Readings: Rom 3:21-30. Lk 11:47-54.
Friday Readings: 2Tm4:10-17b. Lk 10:1-9.
Saturday Readings: Rom 4:13, 16-18. Lk 12:8-12.

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.



Our Lady of Aparecida is one of the most important miracles ever to happen in Brazil. In 1717, the governor of the Province of Sao Paulo in Brazil was passing through a small city on the Paraiba river called **Guaratinguetá**. The locals wanted to have a feast in his honor, so three fishermen went to the river to fish, and they prayed to Our Lady for God to grant them a big catch of fish. But the fishermen had had a lot of bad fishing days and were worried they might not catch anything. Casting their net into the river, they pulled out a headless **statue of the Virgin Mary**. Then they netted the head as well. After that, their nets were full of fish, more than enough for a feast.



The fishermen cleaned and assembled the statue. It happened to be a black-colored version of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception. They named the statue **Nossa Senhora da Aparecida Conceição**, which, in English means Our Lady of the Appeared Conception. After that, people came from all around to venerate what became known as **Our Lady of Aparecida**, and devotion grew. Many miracles were claimed. The first chapel was built in 1745 and now a large basilica is there. The feast of Our Lady of Aparecida is celebrated every **October 12**. The day is so important in the region that it is now also a public holiday in Brazil.

The Annual Bishop’s Appeal

Rebuild the Church. Make a pledge or donation to support the ministries and services of our diocese.

St. John Class of '68 Reunion, Oct 26

Contact Laurie Gaeta.gaetalaurie1968@gmail.com

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