

St. John the Baptist Church

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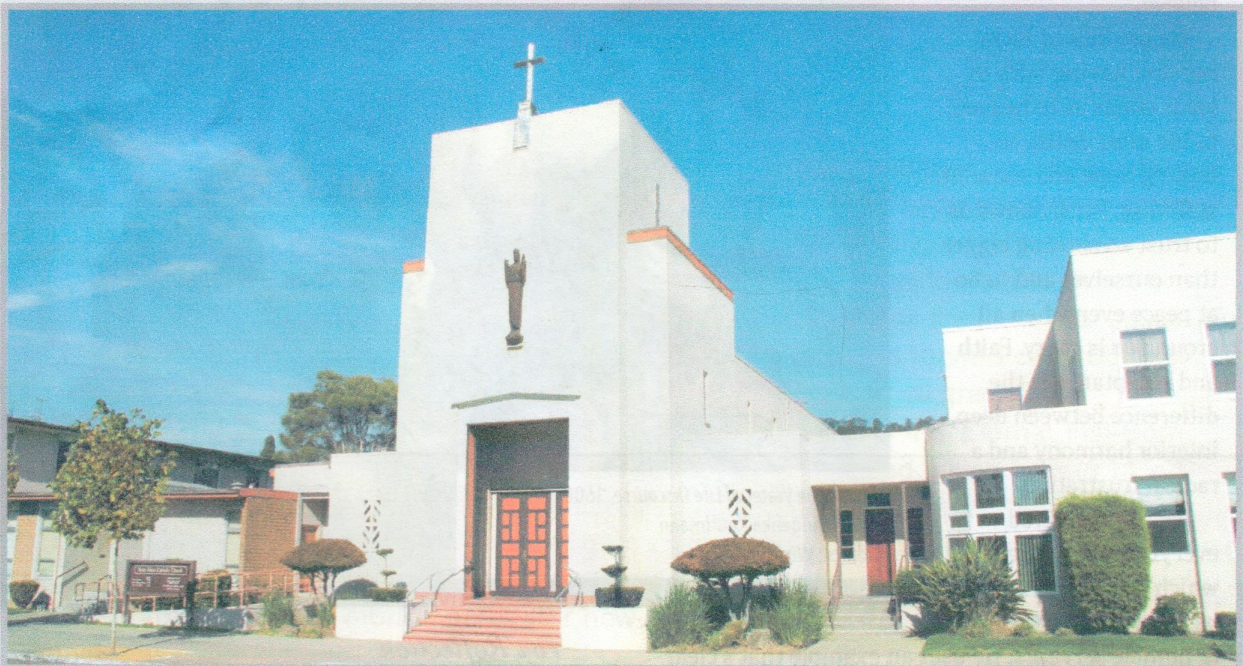
*Our warmest welcome to all who worship with us,
whether a long-time parishioner or newly arrived in the parish.
As Catholic Christians, we are committed to knowing,
loving and serving God by obeying His commandments
and serving our brothers and sisters with love and respect.*

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

Deacons

Thom McGowan: (707)-653-4920
Loch Sekona: (510)-837-1052

Parish Office

Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Bulletin Editor:

Ed Bautista

Accountant/Bookkeeper:

Arthur De Leon

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

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Adult Inquiry – RCIA

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Pastoral Council

Dan Hughes: (510)-253-8127

St. Vincent de Paul Society

(510)-232-5659 for messages

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

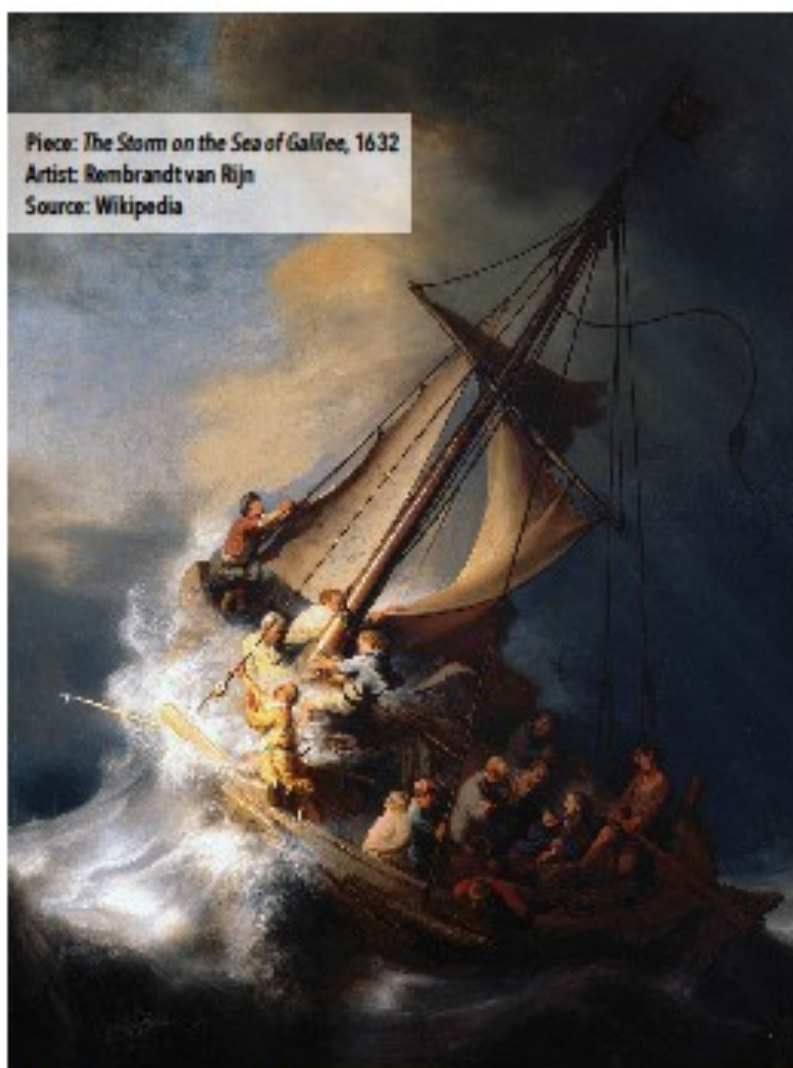
Adoration Chapel
11152 San Pablo Ave.

Powerful, Persistent Prayer

Water cuts through rock, not because of its power, but because of its persistence. As believing Christians, persistence is one of the key virtues to our life of prayer. We will penetrate the solid rock of our faith, which is Christ, only through regular and relentless prayer. Saint Luke makes this clear when he reveals Jesus' intention in delivering this parable "about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary" (Luke 18:1). Jesus wants us to keep at it in prayer. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* has an entire section devoted to prayer with the intriguing title "The Battle of Prayer." After 2,000 years of experience, the Church sums up the theme of prayer as a battle! Moses might have said the same thing, for his perseverance in prayer was reflected in the battle of Rephidim.

The truth is, God doesn't entrust the treasures of his friendship to just anyone who says "Lord, Lord" to him. He knows the fickleness of the human heart but also that fidelity over time is the evidence of sincere love. He longs for the hearts of his children to seek him, but he also knows that for them to reach full maturity in him, growth in prayer must be steady. God is not at all like the unscrupulous judge of the Gospel. That is exactly Jesus' point. If God is actually "Our Father" who is literally dying to reconcile with us, then so much more will he respond to us if we're persistent in praying to him.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *The Storm on the Sea of Galilee*, 1632
Artist: Rembrandt van Rijn
Source: Wikipedia

For Reflection

Am I as persistent in prayer as I am in pursuing other goals?

Does God's apparent lack of response invite me to greater trust and perseverance rather than to question his goodness?

Proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching.

2 Timothy 4:2

Mass Intentions for the Week

		Intention	Requested by
Saturday, Oct. 19	5 p.m.	Joshua Ichoa Vargas	Mila Vargas
Sunday, Oct. 20	8 a.m.	Richard Tatom, Sr. †	Joe Lewis
	9:30 a.m.	Lee and Teresa Heslop †	GRIP Soup Kitchen
	11:30 a.m.	Geraldo Santos †	Priscilla Flores
Monday, Oct. 21	6 p.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children For Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
Tuesday, Oct. 22	8 a.m.	Eva R. Bote †	Doroliat Family
Wednesday, Oct. 23	8 a.m.	St. John the Baptist Parishioners	St. John the Baptist Parish
Thursday, Oct. 24	8 a.m.	Winifred Franz †	Keller Family
Friday, Oct. 25	8 a.m.	Christopher Tannady-Blessings and Thanksgiving	Victoria Tannady
Saturday, Oct. 26	8 a.m.	St. John the Baptist Parishioners	St. John the Baptist Parish

Stewardship

(Check the coming issue for the collection figures.)

Thank you for your generosity.

The Annual Bishop's Appeal

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

Baptism Classes

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

Attention: All Ministries, Volunteers

Everyone is urged to attend, including anyone interested in becoming a St. John volunteer, a half a day meeting at Church on Oct. 26, Saturday at 9:30am. A guest speaker has been invited at the meeting.

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



Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Today's theme is perseverance-Moses keeping his hands upraised throughout the battle. Paul urging Timothy to stay with the task of preaching and teaching, and the widow appealing to the corrupt judge. To be faithful stewards of God's gifts, we, too, must persevere in the roles to which we are called.

This Week's Service Schedule

Sunday Readings: Ex 17:8-13. 2 Tm 3:14-4:2.
Lk 18:1-8.

Monday Readings: Rom 4:20-25. Lk 12:13-21.

Tuesday Readings: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19,
20b-21. Lk 12:35-38.

Wednesday Readings: Rom 6:12-18.
Lk 12:39-48.

Thursday Readings: Rom 6:19-23. Lk 12:49-53.

Friday Readings: Rom 7:18-25a. Lk 12:54-59.

Saturday Readings: Rom 8:1-11. Lk 13:1-9.

Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Mon.-Sat., 8:30am, Church. Daily, 3pm, 9pm,
10pm (Spanish) and Wed., 7:30pm (Spanish),
Chapel.

24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration.

Daily at the Chapel.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena.

Weds, 8:30am, Church. 6pm, Chapel.

Liturgy of the Hours.

Mon.-Sat., 7:40am, Church

Confessions.

Sat., 4pm, Church. Or call 9am-3pm, Mon.-Fri.

Holy Infant of Prague Novena.

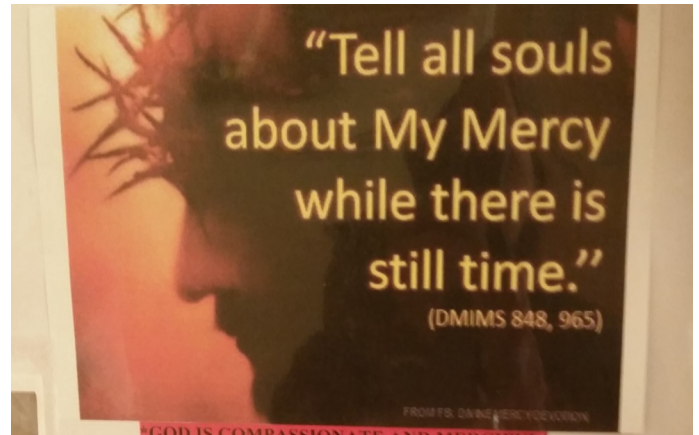
Thu., 8:30am, Church.

Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Fri., 6pm, Chapel.

Rosary

After the Sat. Vigil and Sun. morning Masses.



Protecting God's Children

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

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.

Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Ave

Everyone's Welcome. Free Lessons.
Oct. 22: 11:30am, Emergency Preparedness. Rhett Persaud, Emergency Management Specialist with Lawrence Berkeley National Lab will talk about emergency preparedness. 12:30pm, Lunch, \$5.
Tracy (707)-400-8526.

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

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.

Help Build the Church

Liturgical Ministry

Altar Servers

John Houghton

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Eric & Sharon Ewen 412-9761

Ministry to the Sick

Larry Mundy 301-5027

Lectors

Tom Kennedy

Liturgy Committee

Richard Keller 234-1754

Church Choir

Marissa Bautista 502-5076

(5pm Vigil)

Andy Gutierrez 703-1076

(8am, 9:30 Youth Choir, 11:30am)

Ushers

Geraldine Judt 233-1960

Senior Center Communion Service

John Baker 233-1833

Social Service Ministry

Natural Family Planning

Ron & Andrea Gronsky 526-5041

GRIP Soup Kitchen

Kathleen Keller 234-1754

GRIP Shelter

Joe Orr 237-5568

Pastoral Ministry

Finance Committee

Bruce Hartman 232-6280

Pastoral Council

Dan Hughes 232 5834

Church Ministry

Church CleanUp

Noreen Shaughnessy 235-6640

Church Decoration

Olivia Wong 233-1088

Church Linen

Kathleen Keller

Spiritual Growth Ministry

Morning Prayer

Dan Hughes 232-5834

Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet Grp

John Baker 233-1833

Scripture Study

Richard Keller 234-1754

Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel

Ancelle Nguyen -Chapel Office

Charismatic Community

Efren & Jasmin Salcedo 421-3885

Women's Covenant Group

Roberta Montgomery 237-5293

Community Spirit Ministry

African American Community

Barbarella Magloire 669-0177

Brazilian Community

Jose Freitas 232-4328

Ethiopian Catholic Community

James Vaughn & Elizabeth Kristos
620-0594

Our Lady of Guadalupe Community

Frances & Everardo Martin 234-3152

Teresa Santos 233-7653

San Lorenzo Ruiz Community

Bernie Juat 526-5828

Tongan Community

Vailala Lasalo 455-9045

Movimiento Familiar Catolico

Javier and Rosa Walle 237-4321

Parish & School Festival

Ricardo and Susan Gonzalez

Religious Education Ministry

Rite of Initiation Program

Christine Hickey 236-5872

Pre-Baptism Program

Deacon Loch 837-1052

Catechism for Children

Lynn Castro-Evans 501-4894

Confirmation & Youth Program

Gina de la Torre 815-0050

A Champion for Family Prayer

Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C. was born in 1909 in Ireland to a devout Catholic Family. Praying the Rosary together each night was a routine in the Peyton household and laid a strong foundation for Father Peyton's faith, which he would need when he joined the Congregation of Holy Cross as a priest.

Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C. devoted his priestly life to spreading the devotion to Mary and encouraging family prayer, especially the Rosary. He used radio, television, and film, and 260 Rosary Rallies worldwide to accomplish his mission.

Today, Father Peyton's message that "the family that prays together stays together" is well known around the world. His Cause for Sainthood was officially opened in 2001 and he is currently named Venerable. With your prayers, hopefully he will be recognized as a Saint for Family Prayer!

The family that prays together, stays together



In the 1950s and 60s, Father Patrick Peyton led Rosary events in countries across the globe. In 1961 he led a record-breaking Rosary Crusade at the Polo Fields in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park. That event drew 550,000 people, making it one of the largest gatherings in the history of San Francisco.

See video from the event at youtu.be/bIR7IP84gKw

October the month of the rosary

This month our Sunday children's religious education catechists have been teaching all our children the prayers in the rosary and how to pray the rosary.



There are a lot of resources on the parish website to help you learn and to pray the rosary. Look at StJohnElCerrito.org/rosary