

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.

The Sincere Prayer of a Sinner

Scholars tell us that no other Gospel talks more about prayer than St. Luke's. Last Sunday's Gospel insisted that we persevere in our prayer; this week we're admonished to pray with humility and

sincerity of heart. The prayer of a humble soul pierces the clouds, rising to the throne of God!

The Pharisee, Jesus' example of pride, doesn't kneel, bow his head, or sit in listening. He lists before God all that he does, almost as evidence of how much he deserves God's blessings. We can almost read in his words his conviction that God is lucky to have a Pharisee like him.

In contrast, the publican, a politician and a public figure considered by the Jews to be a sinner and collaborator in evil, slips in the back of the temple. He won't even lift his eyes up to God, as he is ashamed and keenly aware of his unworthiness. He only recalls his sins, beats his chest in penance, and asks for mercy. This is the power of humility before God. It is the necessary condition of our salvation and justification.

When we observe someone with Pharisaic presumption, it produces in us an interior rejection. Yet when we witness the vulnerability and self-effacement of one who admits weakness, we're moved to compassion and ready to forgive. If we who are imperfect respond like this, how much more will God, knower of the souls of humanity, respond with mercy to even the hardest sinners who pray to him with a sincere heart?

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: Father in Prayer, 1900
Artist: Edvard Munch
Location: Vatican Museums

For Reflection

Do I sometimes present myself before God as if I were doing him a favor with my faith?

How can I grow in humility toward God and those closest to me?

[Jesus said,] "But the tax collector...beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.'"

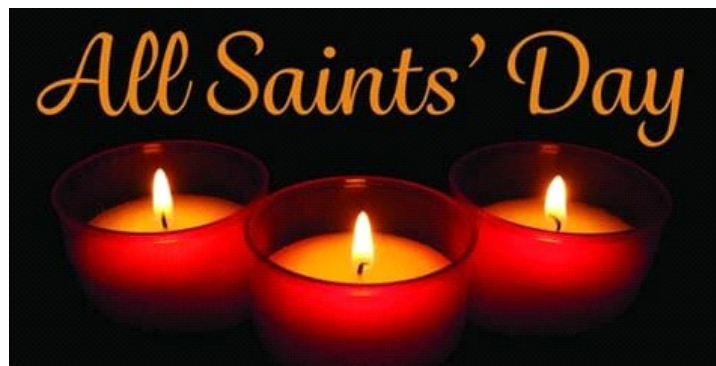
Luke 18:13

Mass Intentions for the Week

		Intention	Requested by
Saturday, Oct. 26	5 p.m.	Antonio Villegas †	Angelo Villegas
Sunday, Oct. 27	8 a.m.	Edna Lafleur Lewis †	Joe Lewis
	9:30 a.m.	Christopher Tannady-Blessings and Thanksgiving	Victoria Tannady
	11:30 a.m.	Elena Quijano Santos and Fructuoso de los Santos †	Priscilla Flores
	6 p.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Monday, Oct. 28	8 a.m.	Grace T. Santos †	Martija Family
Tuesday, Oct. 29	8 a.m.	Luis Torres †	Torres Family
Wednesday, Oct. 30	8 a.m.	Dick, Helen, and Richard Nelson †	Karen Stevens
Thursday, Oct. 31	8 a.m.	Joselito Asuncion †	Asuncion Family
Friday, Nov. 1	8 a.m.	Fr. Mario Matteucci †	Gina Lencioni
	9:30 a.m.	Yolanda Castillo †	Ron & Lorraine Sonoda
	7:30 p.m.	St. John Parishioners	St John Parish
Saturday, Nov. 2	8 a.m.	Lisa Austin †	Keller Family

All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day

All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. In all diocese in the United States All Saints' Day is a Holy Day of Obligation, meaning all Catholics are required to attend Mass on that day, unless they have an excellent excuse, such as serious illness.



At St. John's we will have Masses at 8 am, 9:30 am (school Mass) and 7:30 pm.

All Souls' Day is celebrated on Nov. 2 each year. All Soul's Day is dedicated to all those who are departed from this world and who wait in faith of the promised Resurrection. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

At St. John's we will have Masses on All Souls' Day at 8 am and 5 pm. The 5 pm mass will fulfill your Sunday obligation.

During the month of November, we will have a table of remembrance and a book or remembrance in the church. If you would like to write about someone in the book or if you have a picture of someone who has died, you are invited to bring it in and display it on the table.

All Souls (November 2)

On the feast of All Souls we pray for those who have gone before us and stand in judgment before God. May we share with one another the treasure of love's memory, and console one another with the assurance of resurrection.

A Bishop in Nigeria, Boko Haram, and a Sword

The following excerpt comes from 10 Wonders of the Rosary, the forthcoming book by Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC. It will be available in December 2018 at shopmercy.org or by calling 800-462-7426.

In April 2014, Boko Haram kidnapped more than 200 young girls from a school in Nigeria, Africa. Boko Haram is the notorious radical Muslim group that violently slaughters non-Muslims by such means as decapitation or burning people alive.



In December 2014, Jesus appeared to a Catholic bishop in Nigeria and instructed him that the rosary was the weapon that would overcome Boko Haram. Bishop Oliver Dashe Doeme of the diocese of Maiduguri, Nigeria, claims that one evening, while he was praying his rosary, Jesus appeared to him holding a sword. During the vision, Jesus extended the sword toward the bishop. When the bishop went to take the sword from Jesus, it miraculously transformed into a rosary! Once the bishop had the rosary-sword in his hands, Jesus looked at him and said three times, "Boko Haram is gone! Boko Haram is gone! Boko Haram is gone!"

After the bishop of Maiduguri had his vision, he began to promote the rosary in his diocese in Nigeria. In many of his interviews, he repeats his vision and informs his listeners of his interpretation of the vision in the following words: "As soon as I received the sword, it turned into a rosary. I didn't need any prophet to give me the explanation. It was clear that with the rosary we would be able to expel Boko Haram." On October 13, 2016, dozens of kidnapped girls were suddenly released by Boko Haram from captivity. In May 2017, another 83 girls were released. Then, on July 3, 2017, 700 members of Boko Haram surrendered their weapons and turned themselves in to Nigerian authorities.

Stewardship

Check the coming issue for the collection figures.

Thank you for your generosity.

Rebuild My Church

Thank you for your pledge or donation to the Annual Bishop's Appeal. If you have not done so, please send in your pledge or donation.

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

We are called to be good stewards of our personal vocations. St. Paul’s prayer for the Thessalonians is therefore ours, too- “that our God may make us worthy of his calling and powerfully bring to fulfillment every good purpose and every effort of faith.

This Week’s Service Schedule

Sunday Readings: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18. 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18. Lk 18:9-14.

Monday Readings: Eph 2:19-22. Lk 6: 12-16.

Tuesday Readings: Rom 8:18-25. Lk 13: 18-21.

Wednesday Readings: Rom 8:26-30. Lk 13:22-30

Thursday Readings: Rom 8:31b-39. Lk 13:31-35.

Friday Readings: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14. 1 Jn 3:1-3. Mt 5:1-12a.

Saturday Readings: Wis 3:1-9. Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9. Jn 6:37-40.

Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Mon.-Thu., Sat., 8:30am. Fri., Church. Daily, 3pm, 9pm, and 10pm (Spanish) and Wed., 7:30pm (Spanish), Chapel.

24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration. Daily, Chapel.

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

Liturgy of the Hours. Mon.- Fri., 7:40am.

Confessions. Sat., 4pm.

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.

Mass on All Saints

Fri., 8am, 9:30am, 7:30pm

Holy Hour

Fri., 8:30am

Anointing of the Sick

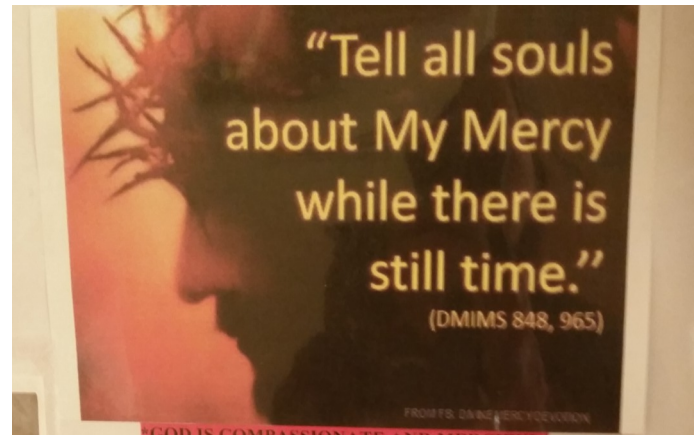
Sat., 8:30am

First Saturday Devotion

Mass, 8am, 5pm. Confessions, 4pm. Rosary, 8:30am, 4:15pm. Adoration/Meditation.

Charismatic Service.

Sat., 7pm.



Prayers for Healing

Rodolfo Abesamis, Virginia Alday, Niani Barber Pearl & Patrick Batiste, Irene Blair, Robert Britto Dominador Caballero, 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 cVey, Cecilia Mendiola, Francis Mondragon, Judith Padilla, Theresa Parella, Angelina Patacsil, Pam Paun, Victoria Payless, Marlen Pineda and Friends, Wayne Price, Murray Richardson, Rose Anne, Fely Sabares Jovita Santos, Linda Schneider, Dimitri Smith, Salvador Tejero, Rose Texara, Pat Tilley, Isaac Tiongson, Joseph Vidal, Sarah Vidal Evodio Walle Winston Williams, Jan Williamson



Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Ave

Oct. 29: Members Meeting.
Tracy (707) 400-8526.

Safe Environment

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

November 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
<p>3 Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time 8a, 9:30a, 11:30a, 6p (Brazilian) Mass 9:30a CRE</p>	<p>4 St Charles Borromeo 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Chaplet of the Divine Mercy</p>	<p>5 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Chaplet of the Divine Mercy 8a-2p Seniors Program CC</p>	<p>6 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Chaplet of the Divine Mercy 12n-2p Women's Covenant</p>	<p>7 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Mercy Chaplet</p>	<p>1 First Friday /All Saints 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours Mass at 8a, 9:30a, 7:30p 8:30a Holy Hour</p>	<p>2 First Saturday/ All Souls 8a Mass 8:30a Anointing of the Sick 4p Confessions 5p Vigil Mass 7p Charismatic Service</p>
<p>10 Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 8a, 9:30a, 11:30a, 6p (Brazilian) Mass 9:30a CRE</p>	<p>11 St Martin of Tours 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Chaplet of the Divine Mercy</p>	<p>12 St. Josephat, Bishop and Martyr 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Chaplet of the Divine Mercy 8a-2p Seniors Program CC</p>	<p>13 St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Martyr 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary and the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy 12n-2p Women's Covenant</p>	<p>14 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass. Rosary. Divine Mercy Chaplet.</p>	<p>15 St Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass. Rosary. Divine Mercy</p>	<p>16 St John I, Martyr 8a Mass, Rosary 4p Confessions 5p Vigil Mass</p>
<p>17 Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 8a, 9:30a, 11:30a, 6p (Brazilian) Mass</p>	<p>18 The Dedication of the Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Mercy Chaplet</p>	<p>19 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet 8a-2p Seniors Program CC</p>	<p>20 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet 12n-2p Women's Covenant</p>	<p>21 The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet</p>	<p>22 St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet</p>	<p>23 St Clement/ St Columban 8a Mass 4p Confessions 5p Vigil Mass</p>
<p>24 Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe 8a, 9:30a, 11:30a, 6p (Brazilian) Mass</p>	<p>25 Thirty Fourth Week in Ordinary Time 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Mercy Chaplet</p>	<p>26 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass. Rosary. Chaplet of the Divine Mercy 8-2p Seniors Program CC</p>	<p>27 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass. Rosary. Divine Mercy Chaplet 12-2p Women's Covenant</p>	<p>28 Thanksgiving Day 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass/Rosary/Chaplet of the Divine Mercy <i>School & Office Holiday</i></p>	<p>29 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass</p>	<p>30 St Andrew 8a Mass, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet 4p Confessions 5p Vigil Mass</p>

All Saints (November 1)

Today's psalm makes clear that we and everything we think we own actually belong to God instead: "The Lord's are the earth and its fullness, the world and those who dwell in it." We are stewards, not owners, of our lives and all we possess.

The rosary – greater than the atomic bomb



Four Jesuits were very near the center of the atomic bomb attack on Hiroshima. They survived both the initial explosion and the radiation that killed thousands in the months following.

The four religious never doubted that they had been blessed with protection by God and the Blessed Virgin Mary. "We were living the message of Fatima and **we prayed the Rosary every day**," they explained.

The Jesuits priests Hugo Lassalle, Hubert Schiffer, Wilhelm Kleinsorge, and Hubert Cieslik were at the rectory of the church of Our Lady of the Assumption, one of the few buildings that resisted the bomb blast.

Father Cieslik wrote in his diary that they only sustained minor injuries from the broken windows – but nothing resulting from the atomic energy that was unleashed.

The doctors who took care of them afterwards warned them that the radiation they received would produce serious lesions, as well as illness and premature death.

The diagnosis never materialized. No disorders ever developed, and in 1976 Father Schiffer attended the Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia and told his story. He confirmed that the other Jesuits were still alive and without any ailments. They were examined by dozens of doctors some 200 times over the course of the following years, without any trace of the radiation being found in their bodies.

How the Rosary Drove Communism Out of Brazil

March 19 is the anniversary of a time when Catholic women of Brazil picked up their most powerful weapon—the rosary—and drove communism from their country.

In 1964, the oppressive President Joao Goulart had communists to positions of leadership. Humble, understood the power of the Blessed Mother's rosary groups. They showed up at political rallies loudly praying the rosary.



appointed many faithful women intercession and formed and down out speakers by

The event which took place on March 13 in the city communist rally was written about in Father Donald *Wonders of the Rosary*. President Goulart had calling for a communist revolution in Brazil. The Janeiro, Cardinal de Barros Camara, went on national radio pleading with people to live the Fatima message in order to overcome the communist threat.

of Belo Horizonte during a Calloway's book, *10* orchestrated a rally there, archbishop of Rio de

"President Goulart was so enraged by the archbishop's message that he insulted the people of Brazil in a public speech and ridiculed the rosary, saying that it was the communist ideas that would reform and save Brazil, not the rosaries of simple women," Father Calloway explained.

Those were fighting words that fired up the prayer warriors. They showed up to the rally in Belo Horizonte which was led by the president's brother-in-law and expected to be the biggest one yet,

Father Calloway wrote: "As it was taking place, more than 20,000 women marched into the streets with rosaries in their hands to engage in spiritual battle! The marched right into the midst of the communist rally and prayed the rosary so loudly that they shut it down."

Six days later, on March 19, more than 600,000 people marched through the streets of Sao Paolo praying the rosary. It was called the "March of the Family with God toward Freedom." Even non-Catholics joined in.

Within two weeks on April 1, a military coup deposed President Goulart who then fled the country. In thanksgiving for the victory, the people of Brazil organized another march in gratitude to Our Lady and her rosary. It was held the very next day, April 2, through the streets of Rio de Janeiro and called the "March of Thanksgiving to God." Over one million people participated.

There's a reason that the Blessed Mother told us in many of her apparitions to pray the rosary daily. It is the prayers of the life of Christ through Mary—just as he chose to come to us through his Incarnation. The rosary is a spiritual weapon of mass destruction, leaving sin in its wake and laying the ground for miracles, conversions, and victories over evil, attained by Jesus through the intercession of his mother.

Article taken from Catholic News & Inspiration

Fr. Peter Rookey regains his eyesight when the family prays the rosary.

When Fr. Peter Rookey was eight years old, he was blinded on the Fourth of July when he lit a large firecracker that he found on the street and it exploded in his face. Every time the bandages were removed so the wounds to his face could be treated, he saw no light at all.

Finally, the doctor told his mother that the damage was too great, and that he would never see again. Fr Rookey said much later that he remembered hearing the word "destroyed."

On the way home his mother said:

"We'll see about that. From today on we'll pray the Rosary especially for your healing."

So, he and his family did exactly that. Slowly, over a period of one-and-a-half years, Peter's eyesight was restored.

"I suppose you could say it was the first miracle I witnessed and one I couldn't deny because it happened to me, " Fr. Rookey said.

Peter enrolled in a Servite minor seminary when he was thirteen. He completed his studies successfully and was ordained a Servant of Mary priest in 1941. After serving in several locations in the United States he was sent to Ireland in 1948, where he discovered that God would sometimes perform healing miracles, some instant and some gradual, when he prayed over ill or injured persons. People came from all over Ireland to have him pray over them. He always gave the credit for any miracles to God.

Fr. Peter Mary Rookey, OSM, lived until 2014, traveling all over the world assisting at healing services.

--from "A Man of Miracles: Father Peter Rookey," by Heather Parsons.