

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

Deacons

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Parish Office

Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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St. John's Community Center

6500 Gladys Ave.

St. John's Divine Mercy

Adoration Chapel

11152 San Pablo Ave.

The Fallacy of Reincarnation

The Sadducees didn't believe in the resurrection of the dead or immortality of the soul. In fact, in Judaism, the belief that the soul lives forever in heaven developed in the centuries before Christ's birth. In Maccabees, one of the last books written in the Old Testament, you can see how the Jewish sons find strength to resist their torturers in the belief that they will live forever. They firmly believe that God will raise them up if they remain faithful to him.

Jesus makes it even clearer that our souls will live forever and that our bodies will rise up one day with him after death. The faith of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob was faith in a living God; even if they

had died hundreds of years before, they were alive in God.

We pray together in the Nicene Creed that we "look forward to the resurrection of the dead." Thus, belief in reincarnation is against Christianity, and Jesus taught a different doctrine. We live life on this earth once, die once, and are judged once.

Jesus is the "resurrection and the life" (John 11:25). We hope that one day we will raise with him, even if on earth our lives are "hidden with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:3). To be a witness to Jesus is to be like the first apostles, a witness to his resurrection.

The living God who called Abraham, Moses, and Isaac is the same God who sent his Son, raised him from the dead, and who calls us to follow him and rise up to be with him forever.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection
Do I fully appreciate the implications of the resurrection of the body as an element of my faith?



Piece: *Moses Before the Burning Bush*, 1511
Artist: Raphael
Location: Vatican Museums

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"You accursed fiend, you are depriving us of this present life, but the King of the universe will raise us up to live again forever..."

2 Maccabees 7:9

Mass Intentions for the Week

Intention

Requested by

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| Saturday, Nov. 9 | 5 p.m. | Alice Lin † | Bessie Lai |
| Sunday, Nov. 10 | 8 a.m. | Jaynie Klatt † | Kathy Klatt |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Rodolfo T. Abesamis † | Ria Abesamis |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Esther Esmilla Taylor † | Christina Taylor |
| | 6 p.m. | St. John Parishioners | St. John Parish |
| Monday, Nov. 11 | 8 a.m. | Lucien Ong-Birthday | Ong Family |
| Tuesday, Nov. 12 | 8 a.m. | Fannie Rawls † | Renty Family |
| | | Steven Tipping † | Tipping Family |
| Wednesday, Nov. 13 | 8 a.m. | Alice Lin † | Bessie Lai |
| Thursday, Nov. 14 | 8 a.m. | Nora Vergara † | Tipping Family |
| Friday, Nov. 15 | 8 a.m. | Eric Ewen-Healing | Kathy Klatt and Helen Stubbs |
| Saturday, Nov. 16 | 8 a.m. | EEC Priesthood | Ancelle Nguyen |

Stewardship

Plate Collection, Nov. 3
 Envelopes \$2,827.00, EFT, Weekly \$210.00
 EFT, Monthly, Every 2nd \$1,390.00
 Loose Collection \$1,243.18
 Parish and School Development \$1,028.00
 EFT \$207.00
 All Saints' \$879.00, EFT \$127.50
 All Souls' \$1,594.00
 Charismatic Service \$274.00
 This Week's Second Collection is for the
 Archdiocese of the Military Service USA
 Second Collection on Nov. 24 is for USCCB
 Campaign on Human Development.

Thank you for your generosity.



Rodolfo T. Abesamis

SVdP Thanksgiving Drive

Our St. Vincent de Paul pantry is requesting donations of 15-pound frozen turkeys to give to our needy families for their Thanksgiving celebrations. If you can contribute, please bring your turkey or a monetary donation to the rectory office by Wednesday, November 13. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Prayers for Healing

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 Crittendon,
 Cora Dongon, Mary Dong, Tami Duncan, Judy Ellisen
 Juanita Estrellas, Eric Ewen
 Frank Gardner, Filomena Giese Mike Giovannini, Joseph Golinveau, Domingo 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, Maria Impang Lozada, 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, 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



Write To: Judy Ellisen, Parishioner

c/o Laury Hart, 1110 E. Monteleone St.,
 San Tan Valley, AZ 85140.

Thirty- Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today’s Second Reading, St. Paul prays that the Thessalonians may be strengthened “in every good deed and word.” May we, too, be strengthened and empowered to use our time and talents for the good of others.

This Week’s Service Schedule

Sunday Readings: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-141:2-3, 2:2-4.
2 Thes 2:1-3:5. Lk 20:27-38.
Monday Readings: Wis 1:1-7. Lk 17:1-6.
Tuesday Readings: Wis 2:23-3:9. Lk 17:7-10.
Wednesday Readings: Wis 6:1-11. Lk 17:11-19.
Thursday Readings: Wis 7:22b-8:1. Lk 17:20-25
Friday Readings: Wis 13:1-9. Lk 17:26-37.
Saturday Readings: Wis 18:14-16, 19:6-9.
Lk 18:1-8.

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.

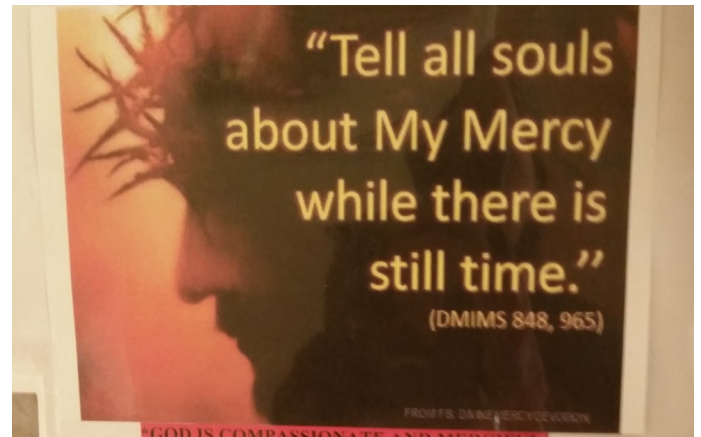
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena. Weds, 8:30am at Church and 6pm at the Chapel.

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.



The 2019 Annual Bishop’s Appeal
Rebuild My Church. Send a pledge or donation c/o. Bishop’s Appeal/St John, El Cerrito

Diocese Safe Environment

Every volunteer and worker is required to register at virtusonline.org. every 3 years.

Assuming you have completed the training virtusonline.org 3 years ago, you, then, need to complete the training session, Keeping the Promise Alive.

To All Veterans: Thank You

Monday, Nov. 11 Holiday
(School and Office Closed)

Advent Communal Penance Service

Dec. 13, Friday at 7:30 pm

Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Ave

Nov. 12, 11:30am, Miriam’s great Italian Adventure, Cycling in Tuscany and Puglia-Slideshow. 12:30pm, Lunch \$5, Spaghetti and Meatballs by Chef Ronnie.Tracy, 707-400-8526

**Advent Evening Novena Mass
Simbang Gabi**

Dec. 15-23. Mon.-Fri. at 7pm, Sat. at 5pm, Sun. at 6pm (Brazilian).
Reception follows after Mass.
(Welcomes Lector, Choir, Hospitality Volunteers)

Knights of Columbus

Spend time in unity and fraternity with Brother Knights. Contact, Angelo at 628-226-9042.



CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
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October 29, 2019

The **2019 Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Collection** will take place in parishes throughout our diocese on the weekend of **November 23-24**. CCHD, a program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, funds grassroot organizations empowering low-income people to lift themselves out of poverty. This year, CCHD awarded \$255,000 to 11 programs in Alameda and Contra Costa counties. These included:

- ❖ **Contra Costa Interfaith Housing** to engage CCIH’s housing residents to take an active role in local and statewide political discourse around the need for permanent affordable housing, including training them to speak to elected officials about homelessness and housing issues.
- ❖ **Prospera Community Development** to incubate worker-owned cooperative businesses started by low-income Latina immigrant entrepreneurs, including an eco-cleaning service and a doula collective.
- ❖ **Youth Spirit Artworks** to pay stipends to homeless and at-risk youth in order to learn organizing skills to engage in community organizing efforts to move forward YSA’s 26 unit Tiny House Village Project, which would include meetings with city and county officials.

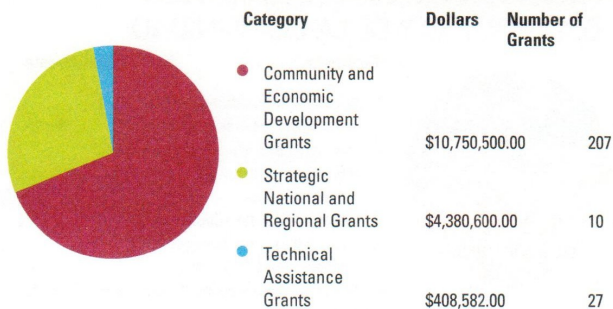
We invite you to view the photos and videos of our recent CCHD Grant Awards Luncheon, where these organizations were awarded their grants, on our [CCHD Oakland Diocese Facebook page](#), and on our local website at www.cchdeastbay.org.

It is important to note that the CCHD Collection is one of the few appeals required by the USCCB where the money is invested back into the local community. Your support of this collection is greatly appreciated.

Gratefully,

Marc McKimney
 Diocesan Coordinator
 Catholic Campaign for Human Development

2017-2018 GRANTS



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Braveheart's Corner



Since the year 2000, over fourteen million Catholics have left the faith. Young people, especially, face a very different world than the generations that came before them.

Can a lost generation be saved? Yes!



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Mother of the Eucharist

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