

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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Principal: Dina Trombetta
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St. John's Community Center

6500 Gladys Ave.

St. John's Divine Mercy

Adoration Chapel
11152 San Pablo Ave.

Keeping the End in Mind

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, the readings prepare us for the conclusion of our earthly pilgrimage. In this Sistine Chapel fresco, Moses is punishing the rebellious Israelites who were acting as priests without being authorized by him or called by God.

This chaotic scene seems similar to what Jesus describes of the end times in today's Gospel. He warns us not to follow false prophets who will arise and claim to come in his name. He prophesies a time of war, natural disasters, famines, and plagues. Persecution will fall upon his followers, allowing them the chance to give testimony—*martyrion* in Greek. Jesus' monitions for that time are simple: do not follow false prophets or prepare a defense, but persevere instead. In the section "I Believe in Life Everlasting," the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* also speaks to us about the last times. We believe in heaven, hell, and a

personal, universal judgment. These last things await us all, and Jesus doesn't keep us in the dark about these realities.

We don't know when the end times may come. But regardless, our call is to live prepared by fulfilling God's will and trusting in him. Jesus clearly wants us to be aware of the end of the world, but he doesn't want us to be overly anxious about it. If we are in Christ, we are already a new creation. The old has passed away. Behold the new has come. Be not afraid!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Do I live soberly, knowing that I am heading toward an end that is both certain and wrapped in God's mercy?

Is there anything I should adjust in my lifestyle to be better prepared for my definitive encounter with God?



Piece: *Punishment of the Rebels*, 1480–1482

Artist: Sandro Botticelli

Location: Sistine Chapel

[Jesus said,] "You will be hated by all because of my name, but...by your perseverance you will secure your lives."

Luke 21:17–19

Mass Intentions for the Week



	Intention	Requested by
Saturday, Nov. 16	5 p.m. Helen Nelson †	Karen Stevens
Sunday, Nov. 17	8 a.m. Renaldo and Diane Marin †	Marin Family
	9:30 a.m. Rodolfo T. Abesamis †	Ria Abesamis
	11:30 a.m. YLI Members-Deceased	Christine Hickey
	6 p.m. St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Monday, Nov. 18	8 a.m. Donald Lees Schnitger †	Mila Vargas
Tuesday, Nov. 19	8 a.m. Isabel Loyola †	Tipping Family
Wednesday, Nov. 20	8 a.m. Julieta Go-Birthday	Rosie Murphy
Thursday, Nov. 21	8 a.m. Enzo Lencioni †	Gina Lencioni
Friday, Nov. 22	8 a.m. Donald Ong-Birthday	Ong Family
Saturday, Nov. 23	8 a.m. Alejandro Flores †	Maria Lozano

Stewardship


(Check the coming issue for the Nov. 10 collection.)

Next week's Second Collection is for the USCatholic Conference of Bishops' Campaign for Human Development.

Thank you 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 Crittondon, Cora Dongon, Mary Dong, Tami Duncan, Judy Ellison 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 Lockett 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



ARE YOU A PARISHIONER WHO STILL IRONS?

If you do, St John's has a ministry for you, the Linen Ministry.

After the weekend Mass that they attend, members of the Linen Ministry pick up the linens used on the altar by the priest at Mass. They take the linens home, treat them for stains, wash, starch & iron. Linens are, then, returned by Wednesday to the church or the rectory.

It's a "behind the scenes" ministry which does not require too much time since Linens ministers are assigned only 3 or 4 times during a six-month period. Our next schedule begins in January 2020. Instructions and training are provided!

Contact Kathleen Keller at 510-234-1754 for more information or to volunteer for this important ministry.

Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Ave

Nov. 19: Make Fleece Blankets for GRIP, Foster children. 12:30pm, Lunch \$5. Tracy (707) 400-8526.

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Today's readings paint a somewhat frightening picture of the end of time. But the Gospel ends with the assurance to faithful stewards that those who persevere will be saved.

This Week's Service Schedule

Sunday Readings: Mal 3:19-20a. 2Thes 3:7-12. Lk 21:5-19.
Monday Readings: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63. Lk 18:35-43.
Tuesday Readings: 2 Mc 6:18-31. Lk 19:1-10.
Wednesday Readings: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31. Lk 19:11-28.
Thursday Readings: 1Mc 2:15-29. Lk 19:41-44.
Friday Readings: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59. Lk 19:45-48
Saturday Readings: 1 Mc 6:1-13. Lk 20:27-40.

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.- Fri., 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.

Advent Communal Penance Service

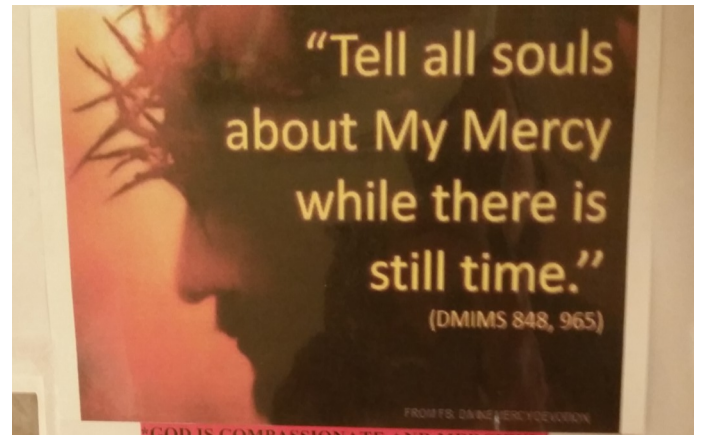
Dec. 13, Friday at 7:30 pm

Keeping in Touch

With long-time Parishioner, Judy Ellison. Write, c/o Laury Hart, 1110 E. Monteleone St., San Tan Valley, Az 85140

Knights of Columbus

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



The Annual Bishop's Appeal
Rebuild My Church. Send a pledge or donation to Bishop's Appeal/St John, El Cerrito

Safe Environment, Diocese

Every volunteer and worker is required to register at virtusonline.org every 3 years and complete a training session. Protecting God's Children(1) or Keeping the Promise Alive(2).

**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)



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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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.

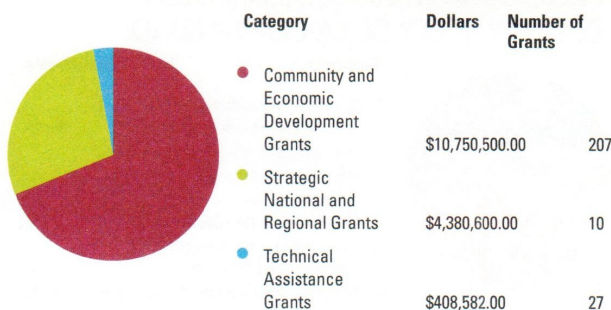
We invite you to view the photos and videos of our recent CCHD Grant Awards Luncheon, where these organizations were awarded their grants, on our [CCHD Oakland Diocese Facebook page](#), and on our local website at www.cchdeastbay.org.

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 McKimmey
 Diocesan Coordinator
 Catholic Campaign for Human Development

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St. John the Baptist Church
Summer Day Camp
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June 22-26, 2020



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Seeking Railroad Attendants & Station Assistants!