

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



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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 Cross: Altar and Throne

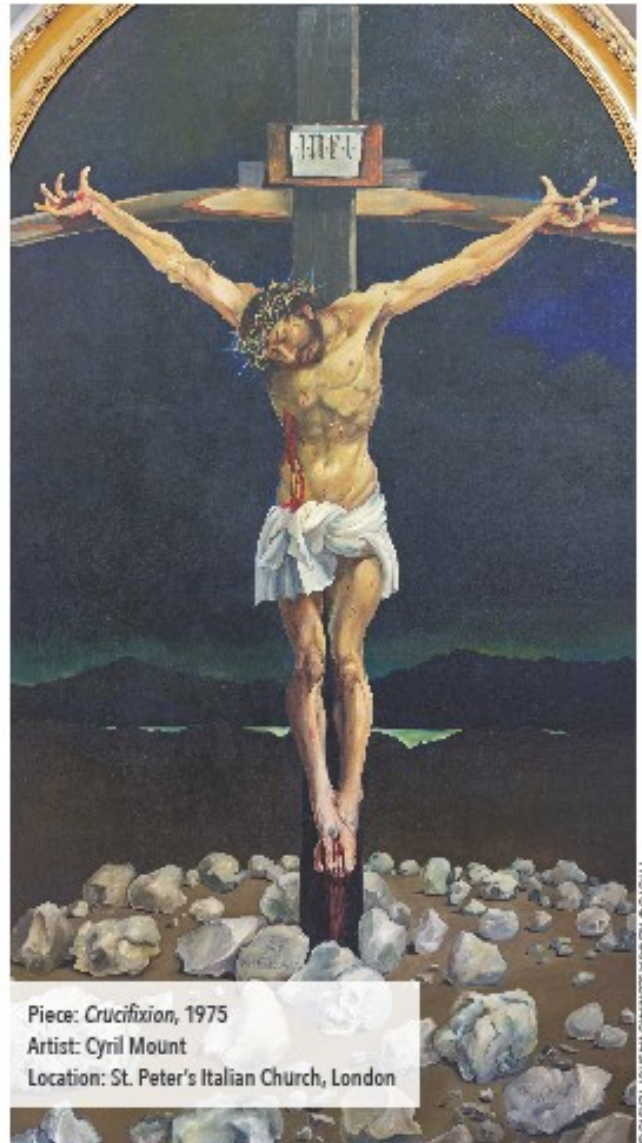
In his Gospel, St. Luke, the good doctor, often brings in kingly themes related to Christ's crucifixion. He does this to highlight that Jesus fulfilled the Jewish belief that the Messiah would unite the three important leadership roles—priest, prophet, and king. The inscription the Romans nailed to the cross above Jesus' head inadvertently supports the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy—he was indeed the King of the Jews.

He was also the priest who offered his body as a sacrifice for the Chosen People: "It was Caiaphas who had counseled the Jews that it was better that one man should die rather than the people" (John 18:14). He is both the priest offering obedience to the Father, but he is also the victim who is offered on the altar of the cross. The cross is altar and throne because, as well as priest and victim, Jesus also is the king reuniting his kingdom under God the Father. In so doing, he undoes the sin of Adam, which had been the cause of this division.

Jesus' final prophetic words, "It is finished," means he has fulfilled his mission as priest, prophet, and king from the throne of the cross. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (1047) sums it up when it says that as king and high priest, his sacrifice is total, universal, and definitive. Now all of God's creatures, man and beast, both natural and in the heavens, can return to the one from whom they came forth and who declared each one good.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Editor's note: This is Fr. Mark Haydu's final reflection for Our Parish Community. He will continue as special advisor to the head of the Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums. When a new liturgical cycle begins on December 1, 2019, we will welcome a new reflections writer, Sr. Dianne Bergent, CSA. The people of Liguori Publications thank Fr. Mark for his three years of insightful reflections and his artwork selections and ideas. We wish him well.



Piece: *Crucifixion*, 1975
 Artist: Cyril Mount
 Location: St. Peter's Italian Church, London

For Reflection

Do I realize the amazing power of what happens at the Mass?

Do I make the good thief's act of faith and confidence my own?

Above him there was an inscription that read, "This is the King of the Jews."

Luke 23:38

Letter from the Pastor

My Very Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are living in the month of November. It is the month that we are remembering our departed brothers and sisters. It is also the month where we express our gratitude to our Heavenly Father, as well as, to our brothers and sisters.

Soon and very soon, we will be approaching the month of December. The new Church year will begin on December 1, the first Sunday of Advent where we are waiting to celebrate the birthday of Jesus. The birth of our Savior is the beginning of the history of human salvation, where we were delivered from sin and darkness and which opened us up to a new life in God and that will lead us to the joyful kingdom of heaven.

What does it mean to wait? The Art of Waiting by Jeanne Hunt notes the often expression, 'I can hardly wait'. This expression is, all, too, familiar with us. A child waits for the birthday party. come. An adult waits for graduation, new clothes, new job, marriage, the birth of a child, retirement,... There are so many moments that cannot get to us soon enough. The Church has its version of that 'I can't hardly wait' moment and it is called Advent.

Is there some secret wisdom to that season of waiting? And if celebrating Advent is as good as we are told, how, then, can we wait with grace?

We live in a world in which waiting seems like a waste of time, where nothing seems to be happening. It is, as if, that we are put on hold. But in the divine world, it is just the opposite. When we choose to be still with God through these four weeks of Advent, Christmas becomes more than a happy season. Advent prepares us to have an encounter with God, an encounter that consoles and brings to us, peace, for the angels sing, "Glory to God in the Highest and Peace to His People on Earth."

Thus, Advent is a season filled with purpose, direction, and meaning. The purpose is to celebrate the Incarnation of the Son of God-God made Man. The direction is the Guiding Star that leads to the Son of God. And its meaning is that we are saved by the Incarnate Son of God.

Our Parish and our School are joining together during this Advent by promoting HOSPITALITY AND CHARITY. I would like to invite each one of you to do three simple things: First of all, each one should invite at least one friend back to the Church. Secondly, each should do one concrete charitable work, such as, a monetary donation or a turkey donation to Saint Vincent de Paul Society in our parish. Finally, each should receive the sacrament of reconciliation, for Jesus came into the world to reconcile the world to His Father. And why should we not reconcile with one another?

I will be leaving for Vietnam at the beginning of December. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Holy Season, a truly, real Advent and Christmas, and above all, A Holy Joy, A Holy Peace, and A Holy Holiness with the Baby Jesus. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

With the Love of Jesus,
Fr. Thuong Hoai Nguyen

Mass Intentions for the Week

	Intention	Requested by
Saturday, Nov. 23	Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	
	5 p.m. Joselito Asuncion †	Asuncion Family
Sunday, Nov. 24	Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	
	8 a.m. Renaldo and Diane Marin †	Marin Family
	9:30 a.m. Conn Garretson †	Keller Family
	11:30 a.m. Maria Peralta †	Larry Peralta
	6 p.m. St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Monday, Nov. 25	8 a.m. Richard Hale-Birthday	Ong Family
Tuesday, Nov. 26	8 a.m. Rodolfo T. Abesamis †	Ria Abesamis
Wednesday, Nov. 27	8 a.m. Goldie Guillory †	Keller Family
Thursday, Nov. 28	10 a.m. Happy Thanksgiving Dick, Helen, and Richard Nelson †	Karen Stevens
	Victoria Tannady-Thanksgiving	Tannady Family
Friday, Nov. 29	8 a.m. Victoria Tannady-Thanksgiving	Victoria Tannady
Saturday, Nov. 30	8 a.m. Andres Flores †	Maria Lozano

Stewardship

Plate Collection, Nov. 10.
 Envelopes \$2,462.00
 Loose \$6,221.10
 EFT, Weekly \$210.00
 Archdiocese of the Military \$837.00

Plate Collection, Nov. 17.
 Envelopes \$2,489.00, Loose \$1,635.13
 EFT Monthly, Every 17th \$1,420.00
 Chapel, Monthly, Every 17th \$50.00
 EFT Weekly \$210.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Ave

Nov. 26: Bingo. 12:30pm, Thanksgiving Lunch \$5, Sign Up. November Birthdays. Tracy (707) 400-8526.

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
 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 High-
 lander, 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, 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



Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Today we celebrate Christ the King and are reminded that all was created through Him and for Him. Does my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me give evidence that Christ is Lord of my life.

This Week's Service Schedule

Sunday Readings: 2Sm 5:1-3. Col 1:12-20.
Lk 23:35-43.

Monday Readings: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20. Lk 21:1-4.

Tuesday Readings: Dn 2:31-45. Lk 21:5-11.

Wednesday Readings: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28. Lk 21:12-19.

Thursday Readings/Thanksgiving Day: Dn 6:12-28. Lk 21:20-28

Friday Readings: Dn 7:2-14. Lk 21:29-33.

Saturday Readings: Rom 10:9-18. Mt 4:18-22.

Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Mon.-Wed, Fri., Sat., 8:30am. Thu. 11am 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.

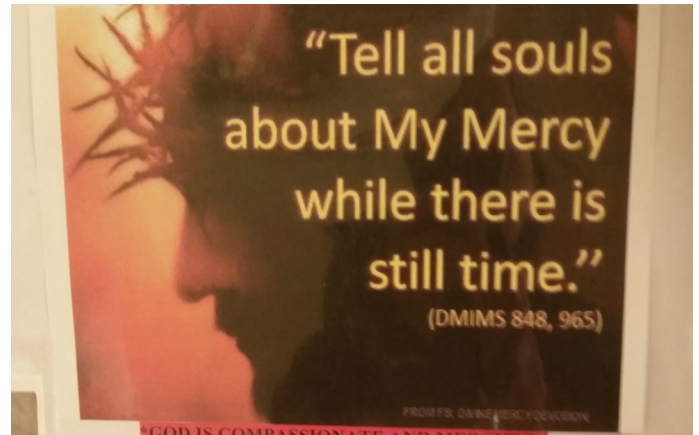
Liturgy of the Hours. Mon.-Sat., 7:40am.

Confessions. Sat., 4pm. Or call 9am-4:30pm, Mon.-Fri.

Holy Infant of Prague Novena. Thu. at 11am at Church.

Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Fri., 6pm at the Chapel.

Mass at Thanksgiving Day, Thu. at 10am



Sacred Silence

There are specific periods of silence recommended in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal. They encourage a general atmosphere of interior and exterior silence for all the participants at Mass. This silence should be sought while listening to the readings, the homily, or the proclamation of the Eucharistic and other priestly prayers. This helps quiet our imagination, our worries and our toils so as to join our hearts to the prayers and be fully attentive to whatever the Holy Spirit should inspire in us. Thus, silence at Mass is an active, not a passive disposition.

This form of interior silence does not impede, but indeed favors, full and active participation in those parts of the celebration where the community is united in acclamation and song, for each person is more fully aware of what he or she is doing.

After Communion is an opportunity of prolonged silence. It is a time to offer our prayers of Thanksgiving for Jesus having fed us with His very self in the Holy Eucharist. Communion is the "source and summit" of our faith. Fr. Thuong has directed all of our priests to ensure they observe this period of silence. Please join in this period of silence and thank Jesus for this most precious gift that you have received.

Knights of Columbus

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

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)

Vacation Bible Camp

Mark your calendars and save the date- June 22-26, 2019 St. John the Baptist Church Summer Day Camp 19th Annual event, Rocky Railway will be powered by S.T.E.A.M.Science- Labs & experiments, Technology with Computer Coding, Engineering with Special Guests, Arts-Crafts & Drama, Music- Singing & Dancing Making friends and making memories.Little Kids Depot will be offered for Pre-K, Campers to 6th grade.Jr. High & High School Community Service opportunities. Stay Tuned for more information <https://stjohnelcerrito.org> Questions?; pam@sjtbc.us

Advent Communal Penance Service

Dec. 13, Friday at 7:30 pm

Mass Schedule on Thanksgiving Day

Nov. 28, Thursday at 10 am

Mass Schedule on Christmas

Dec. 24, Tuesday at 5pm, 9pm
Dec. 25, Wednesday, 8am, 9:30am,
11:30am, 6pm (Brazilian)

Mass Schedule on the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Dec 31, Tuesday, 7:30pm
Jan. 1, Wednesday, 8am, 10am



Murray Richardson

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.



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!



Dominican Sisters of Mary
Mother of the Eucharist

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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 grassroots 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.

(5) First Saturday Devotion

Dec. 7, 8am, 5pm Mass. Rosary, 8:30am, 4:15pm. Confessions, 4pm. All Day Adoration.