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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

Sunday, 10am at the Schoolyard.
Limited to 100 persons.
Reservations thru our website.

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. Thang Nguyen, In Residence

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St. John's Community Center

6500 Gladys Ave.

St. John's Divine Mercy

Adoration Chapel
11152 San Pablo Ave.

[Jesus said,] “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that hour.

MATTHEW 15:28

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Insider Versus Outsider

Our need to belong often creates community.

As nurturing and supportive as communities can be, they can also be exclusive, concerned only with the insiders and marginalizing the outsiders. Today’s readings depict something remarkable. We read that foreigners, or outsiders, enjoy hospitality and privilege that one would expect insiders to receive.

The prophet Isaiah states that even foreigners will worship in the temple. This is not a story after conversion to the religion of Israel, but of Israel taking a step toward universality: “My house shall be called / a house of prayer for all peoples” (Isaiah 56:7).

The Gospel story recounts a discussion between Jesus and a Canaanite woman. She was doubly marginalized—as an inferior woman and as a despised Canaanite. Yet, her love for her daughter compelled her to approach Jesus, pleading for help—something a

“proper” Jewish woman would never do to a man, nor a Canaanite to a Jew. Many in Israel certainly had a sense of exclusivity, and a disdain for the Canaanites. Those may be evident in Jesus’ reply, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel” (Matthew 15:24). But we can be sure that Jesus—God’s love in the flesh—didn’t share his countrymen’s disdain for anyone. The woman, having heard that Jesus was a healer, remains undaunted. She crosses restrictive gender and ethnic lines in her search for help. Jesus finally praises her, not for her love, but for the faith that her love engendered. And she was a Canaanite!

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *What groups are marginalized by our society? How open are you to them?*
- ★ *How welcoming are you to people who are new to your groups?*

Mass Intentions for the Week

		Intention	Requested by
Saturday, August 15	5 p.m.	Isabela Tannady	Victoria Tannady
Sunday, August 16	8 a.m.	Mariana Guerrero †	Margarita Muñoz
	10 a.m.	Esther Esmilla Taylor †	Christina Taylor
	6 p.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Monday, August 17	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving	Bautista Family
Tuesday, August 18	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving	Bautista Family
Wednesday, August 19	8 a.m.	Luis Torres †	Anne Torres
Thursday, August 20	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving	Bautista Family
Friday, August 21	8 a.m.	Fructuoso de los Santos †	Priscilla Flores
Saturday, August 22	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving	Bautista Family

Stewardship

For online giving: www.sjtbc/give
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St. Vincent de Paul Society

The church pantry along Kearney Street is open to distribute food every first and third Saturday of the month at 10am. For donations, please email stjohns@sjtbc.us or leave a message at 510-232-5659.

Prayers for Healing

Virginia Alday, Niani Barber Pearl & Patrick Batiste
Irene Blair, Robert Britto, Gustavo Caceres and
Friends, Evelyn Canepa
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& Maurice Haynes Sherry Highlander, Tamaya Hunt
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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



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

In today's Second Reading, St. Paul tells the Romans, "God's gifts and His call are irrevocable." To what is God calling me today? What gifts are mine to share? -Romans 11:29

This Week's Service Schedule

Sunday Readings: Is 56:1, 6-7. Rom 11:13-15, 29-32. Mt 15:21-28.

Monday Readings: Ez 24:15-24. Mt 19:16-22.

Tuesday Readings: Ez 28 1-10. Mt 19:23-30.

Wednesday Readings: Ez 34:1-11. Mt 20:1-16.

Thursday Readings: Ez 36:23-28. Mt 22:1-14.

Friday Readings: Ez 37:1-14. Mt 22:34-40.

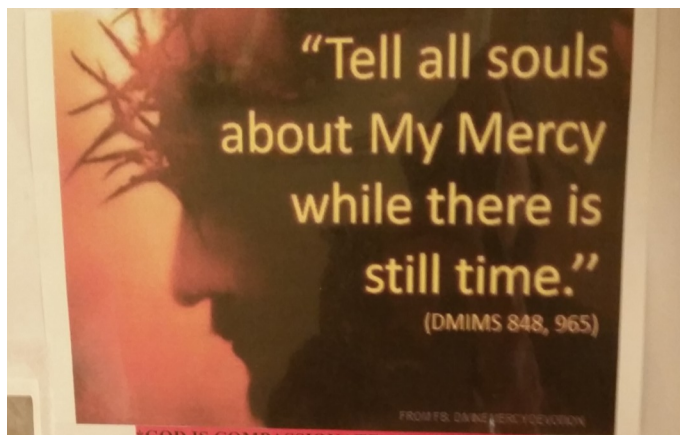
Saturday Readings: Ez 43:1-7ab. Mt 23:1-12.

24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration. Daily at the Chapel.

Confessions. Sat., 4pm.

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