

# 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

Every Day at 8am.  
Vigil, Saturday, 5pm.  
Sunday, 8am, 9:30am, 11:30am, 1pm (Chinese),  
6pm (Brazilian).

### Sacraments

Reconciliation: 4 p.m. Saturday

For inquiries,  
please call, e-mail [stjohns@sjtbc.us](mailto:stjohns@sjtbc.us)  
or [www.sjtbc.us](http://www.sjtbc.us)



### Priests

Rev. Thuong Nguyen, Pastor  
Rev. Thang Nguyen, Rev. Joseph Tran

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### Parish Office

Monday-Friday, 9am-3pm

### Bulletin Editor:

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### St. John's Elementary School

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.



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

**August 15, 2021**

*Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (B)*

Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab

1 Cor 15:20–27

Lk 1:39–56

And Mary said...  
*"The Mighty One has done great  
 things for me,  
 and holy is his name."*  
 LUKE 1:46, 49



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## “All Generations Will Call Me Blessed”

**T**oday's readings help us see why Mary should be called blessed. The first reading depicts a woman as gloriously “clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet” (Revelation 12:1). This image is captured in well-known Marian statues. However, this woman is wailing “aloud in pain as she labored to give birth” (12:2). In fact, here and in the Gospel, women are depicted as pregnant.

When a woman is in labor, she is both at her most vulnerable and her strongest. When giving birth she faces the real possibility of death. Yet, she places herself in such jeopardy to bring another to life. Her steely inner resolve is matched with remarkable physical strength when she is called upon to “Push!” The labor pains that precede birth became a striking metaphor, in both ancient Israel and the early Church, for the struggle experienced in bringing forth the reign of God (see Isaiah 21:3, Matthew 24:8, Mark 13:8, and Romans 8:22). Such suffering came to be known as “the birth pangs of the Messiah.”

Certainly, Mary is blessed because of her physical birthing of the Messiah. However, the Magnificat, her revolutionary prayer in the Gospel, describes the birthing of the reign of God when the powerful are brought down and the lowly uplifted, the hungry filled and the rich “sent away empty” (Luke 1:53). This is not a feast of a plastic statue but of a woman willing to give her life for the reign of God. She certainly deserves to be “clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet.”

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR *Reflection*

- ✦ *Where does the Magnificat throw light on issues in our own society?*
- ✦ *Pray for the courage you need to be faithful to your calling in life.*



## Mass for the Intentions Week

		Intention (s)	Requested by
Saturday, August 14	5 pm	Charles Murray †	Tannady Family
Sunday, August 15	8 am	Chun Wah Lau †	Victoria Tannady
		Manuel Monsale †	Myrna Panganiban
	9:30 am	Eric Ewen †	Ewen Family
	11:30 am	Andrew Jun †	Theresa Jun
Monday, August 16	8 am	Andrew Jun †	Theresa Jun
Tuesday, August 17	8 am	Andrew Jun †	Theresa Jun
Wednesday, August 18	8 am	Andrew Jun †	Theresa Jun
Thursday, August 19	8 am	Andrew Jun †	Theresa Jun
		Isabella Tannady-Thanksgiving & Blessings	Victoria Tannady
Friday, August 20	8 am	Andrew Jun †	Theresa Jun
Saturday, August 21	8 am	Andrew Jun †	Theresa Jun

### Stewardship

Online giving at [www.sjtbc.us/give](http://www.sjtbc.us/give)

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### Sign The Petition

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### To: All Volunteers

Training requirement at [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org):

1. For New Volunteers: "Protecting God's Children" OR
2. For Continuing Volunteers: "Keeping the Promise Alive"

For more information, Call: Diana Bitz, Diocese/  
Safe Environment, 510-267-8315 or the Parish  
Office, 510-232-5659.

### Offering Prayers for Healing

Virginia Alday, Niani Barber, Pearl & Patrick Batiste  
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Family, Evelyn Canepa, Al Carlson, Brenna Clark,  
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Garchitorena Frank Gardner,  
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Agnes, Nancy McVey Cecilia Mendiola, Francis  
Mondragon, Lorraine Ostrowski, Judith Padilla,  
Theresa Parella, Angelina Patacsil, Pam Paun, Victoria  
Payless, Marlen Pineda and Friends, Wayne Price,  
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Texara, Pat Tilley, Isaac Tiongson, Joseph Vidal,  
Sarah Vidal, Evodio Walle Winston Williams, Jan  
Williamson Jonathan Zumwalt



## The Assumption

“After Jesus, it is the Blessed Virgin Mary who by her example most perfectly teaches the meaning of discipleship and stewardship...She was called and gifted by God; she responded generously, creatively and prudently; she understood her divinely assigned role as ‘handmaid’ in terms of service and fidelity.” -U.S. Bishops’ Pastoral Letter, *Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response*

### This Week’s Service Schedule

Sunday Readings: Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab.  
1 Cor 15:20-27. Lk 1:39-56.  
Monday Readings: Jgs 2:11-19. Mt 19:16-22.  
Tuesday Readings: Jgs 6:11-24a. Mt 19:23-30.  
Wednesday Readings: Jgs 9:6-15. Mt 20:1-16.  
Thursday Readings: Jgs 11:29-39a. Mt 22:1-14.  
Friday Readings: Ru 1:1,3-6,14b-16,22. Mt 22:34-40.  
Saturday Readings: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17.  
Mt 23:1-12.

Eucharistic Adoration. Daily, 24 hours a day.  
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### Calls for Help & Hope

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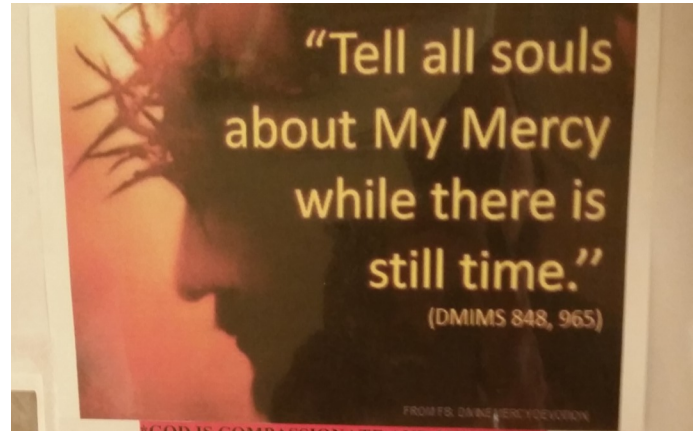
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Statewide Gubernatorial  
Recall Election, Tuesday,  
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### Communion to the Elderly

The parish needs volunteers to bring Communion to El Cerrito Royale residents and to parishioners who are unable to come to church. Call Larry Mundy at (510) 233-6783 or the Rectory at (510) 232-5659.



### Baptism Classes

For information, E-mail: stjohns@sjtbc.us. Or  
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### The Annual Bishop’s Appeal

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### Covid 19 Restrictions/Updates

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