

# 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

Daily at 8am.  
Saturday, Vigil at 5pm.  
Sundays, 8am, 9:30am, 11:30am, 1pm (Chinese),  
6pm (Brazilian).

### Sacraments

Reconciliation: 4 p.m. Saturday

For inquiries,  
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### Priests

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Rev. Thang Nguyen, Rev. Joseph Tran

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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

January 30, 2022

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Jer 1:4–5, 17–19

1 Cor 12:31–13:13 or 13:4–13

Lk 4:21–30



*Love is patient, love is kind....  
It bears all things, believes all things,  
hopes all things, endures all things.*

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4, 7

## FOR Reflection

- ✦ *Go out of your way to show love to someone in your family.*
- ✦ *Think of ways of being a bit more understanding of others.*

## How Do I Love Thee? Let Me Count the Ways.

**P**aul's praise of love from the second reading is a favorite passage for weddings where it acts as a set of promises the bridal couple make to each other. They seem to be saying: "This is the way I am going to act, because I love you. I promise to put you ahead of me." And they genuinely mean it. They're convinced the passion they feel, the concern they experience, will be all that's needed to transcend any future difficulties they might face.

Soon, reality sets in and they realize that the list is really a strategy for scaling the heights of unselfishness or critically examining the conscience to reveals one's failures. This is not to say that people do not genuinely love each other. They do. But we are all so human, and selfishness is a weakness to which we are all susceptible. Perhaps Paul should have written: "Love tries to be patient, love tries to be kind...."

In a way, it is precisely in the give-and-take that occurs between imperfect humans that all the wonderful characteristics listed by Paul are refined. Our impatience is worn away as we deal sympathetically with the disagreeable traits of our loved ones. We become humble when those who should encourage us fail to acknowledge accomplishments that might otherwise inflate our egos. These are the slights we endure because we love the other person. Actually, such humble endurance is evidence that love truly *is* patient and kind.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

## Mass for the Intentions Week

Saturday, January 29	5pm	St. John Parishioners	<i>Requested by</i> St. John Parish
Sunday, January 30	8am	Eve Navellier †	Sally Borsenik
	9:30 am	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
	11:30am	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
	1 pm (Chinese)	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
	6 pm (Brazilian)	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Monday, January 31	8am	Robert Dycus †	John Houghton
Tuesday, February 1	8am	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Wednesday, February 2	8am	Denise Keller †	Keller Family
Thursday, February 3	8am	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Friday, February 4	8am	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Saturday, February 5	8am	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish

### Stewardship

January 18: Envelopes, \$1,270.00  
 Loose, \$ 923.00  
 EFT, Weekly \$ 205.00  
 EFT, Monthly 17th \$ 1,420.00  
 EFT, Chapel, Monthly 17th \$50.00  
 EFT, Online \$ 885.00

Total: \$ 4,753.00

January 24: Envelopes, \$1,159.00  
 Loose, \$731.00  
 EFT, Weekly \$205.00  
 EFT, Online \$475.00  
 Other Collections, \$329.00

Total: \$2,899.00

This Week's Second Collection is for Parish Charities (SVdP/GRIP).

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### St. John School Crab Feed

On February 12, 2022, Saturday, from 3pm-5pm on Kearney St., Drive-Thru for your order of a Two-lb Cracked Crab with Italian Pasta, Caesar Salad, Bread, and a Sweet Treat. Crab Feed dinner fundraising includes an auction ticket for \$65.00. The fresh crabs are from Alioto-Lazio Fish Co. To order: <http://ourschool.support/sjbscrabfeed>

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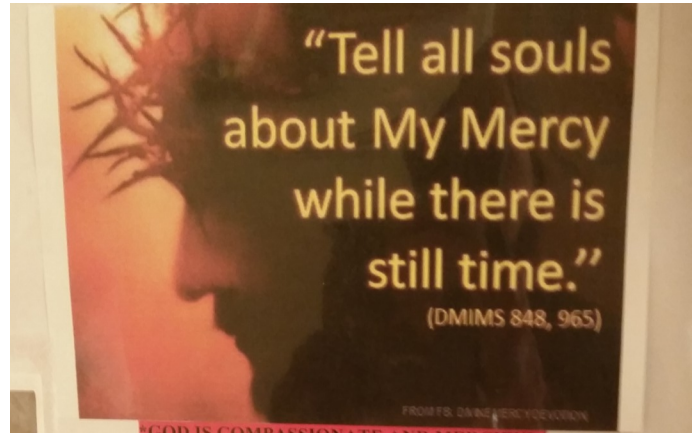


## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah declares that the Lord knew him before he was born, and dedicated and appointed him to his role as prophet even before he drew breath. We, too, are known and sent by the Lord. What deeds of love and service are mine to perform.

### This Week's Service Schedule

Sunday Readings: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19.  
1 Cor 12:31-13:13. Lk 4:21-30.  
Monday Readings: 1 Sm 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13.  
Tuesday Readings: 2 Sm 18:0-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30,  
19:3. Mk 5:21-43.  
Wednesday Readings: Mal 3:1-4. Heb 2:14-18.  
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32.  
Thursday Readings: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12.  
Mk 6:7-13.  
Friday Readings: Sir 47:2-11. Mk 6:14-29.  
Saturday Readings: 1 Kgs 3:4-13. Mk 6:30-34.  
Eucharistic Adoration. Daily, 24 hours a day.  
Chapel.



### Youth Confirmation Preparation Class

If you or someone you know with a teenager who is currently between the 8<sup>th</sup> thru 11<sup>th</sup> grades and is interested in the Sacrament of the Rite of Confirmation, please contact Gina DeLaTorre @ 510-815-0050 or by e-mail @ youthministry@sjtbc.us.

This is a two-year program. Classes are every Sunday starting by attending 9:30 Mass with class immediately following after the conclusion of mass. Class time is from 11:00 – 12:00 every Sunday after Mass unless noted on the official class calendar or if notified via e-mail and/or text if for some reason there is an unexpected schedule change due to unforeseen circumstances.

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The church would like to add you to our list of parishioners. Send your Name, Address, and Phone Number by Mail, Phone, or Email.

### The 2021 Bishop's Appeal

Thank you for your support to the annual Bishop's Appeal Campaign. At year end our parish collected 81.12 % of our goal of \$23,400.00.

### Soup Kitchen

Our Soup Kitchen (GRIP) from our parish desperately need physical help. Our parish commitment is for lunch service every 1st Monday and 3rd Sunday. The preparation and service take about 2-1/2 hours. Please call the church office at 510-232-5659 or Larry Mundy at 510-301-5027.

### Covid 19 Restrictions/Updates

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Please circle the ministries listed below where you would like to volunteer your time and talents. Also, list other ministry(s) where you have a special interest. Put your completed form in the collection basket or the church mailbox. Thank you for sharing your time and talents.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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E Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in volunteering my time and talents in the following Ministry(s):  
(Please circle)

I. Pastoral Ministry

- A. Finance Committee
- B. Pastoral Council
- C. Plant Committee

II. Church/Liturgical Ministry

- A. Altar Server
- B. Lector
- C. Eucharistic Ministry (At Mass and/or to the Sick)
- D. Liturgy Committee
- E. Choir (5pm, 8am, 9:30am Youth, 11:30am)
- F. Décor
- G. Clean-Up

III. Ministry of Community Spirit

- A. African-American Community
- B. Brazilian Community
- C. Filipino Community/Simbang Gabi
- D. Our Lady of Guadalupe Community
- E. Chinese Community/ Sun. 1pm Mass
- F. Movimiento Familiar Cristiano Catolico

IV. Religious Education Ministry

- A. Adult Initiation/RCIA
- B. Baptism Preparation
- C. Children's Religious Education (CRE)
- D. Confirmation/Youth Ministry
- E. Summer Day Camp

V. Spiritual Growth Ministry

- A. Scripture Study Group
- B. Charismatic Praise and Worship Group
- C. The Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel
- D. Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet  
(Mon.-Sat. at 8:30am)
- E. Our Lady of Fatima Devotion

VI. Community Service Ministry

- A. St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry
- B. Greater Richmond Interfaith Program (GRIP)
  - 1. Harmony Walk to End Hunger
  - 2. Soup Kitchen
- C. St. John Senior Center
- D. El Cerrito Royale Monthly Mass
- E. Communion to the Sick

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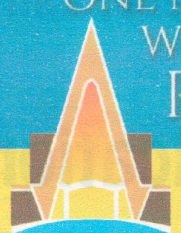
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