

**Liturgy and Worship**

**Mass Schedule**

Weekdays: 8:30 am  
 Saturday: 8:30 am & 4:30 pm (Vigil)  
 Sunday: 7:30 am 9:30 am, 11:30 am  
 2:00 pm Hispanic Mass

**Reconciliation:** Saturday: 3:00-4:00 pm  
**Weddings:** 6 months notice needed.  
**Baptism:** Call Rectory  
**Funerals:** Call Rectory

† **MASS INTENTIONS** †  
 Week of **January 12, 2009 — January 18, 2009**

**Monday January 12, 2009**  
**8:30 AM** Irvin & Mary Bettencourt †  
 Sue Feitas †

**Tuesday January 13, 2009**  
**8:30 AM** Bruno Gouveia †  
 Alejandra P. Hufana (S.I.)

**Wednesday January 14, 2009**  
**8:30 A.M.** Marie Light †  
 Leo Gauthier †

**Thursday January 15, 2009**  
**8:30 A.M.** Nish Rodrigues †  
 Cherry Perry †

**Friday January 16, 2009**  
**8:30 AM** Rose Silva †  
 Joyce Rosario †

**Saturday January 17, 2009**  
**8:30 AM** Tatang Lambeniso †  
 Sr. Nancy McLaughlin †

**4:30 PM** Jerry Dominguez †  
 Jerry McMahon †

**Sunday January 18, 2009**  
**7:30 AM** Alfred Viani †  
 Leopold Gauthier †

**9:30 AM** Isabel Abrantes (S.I.)  
 Severina Adams †

**11:30 AM** Bruno Gouveia †  
 Juliana & Naty Macasieb †

**2:00 PM** The Community of St. John

**Weekly Collections / Colecta de la Semana**

Which is the Stewardship of our treasure!

**GOAL \$10,000.00 PER WEEK**  
**January 4, 2009**

Sunday Collection.....\$ 9,829.07  
 Christmas Collection.....\$ 300.00  
 Maintenance .....\$1,123.50  
 Misc. Hospitality Sunday.....\$ 46.42

**Bishop's Appeal Goal.....\$23,660.00**  
**Amount Collected for Bishop's Appeal ..... \$21,976.46**

*Thank you for your generosity*  
*Gracias por su generosidad.*  
*Your donations make our ministries possible.*

**REMEMBER THE SICK**

Juanita Solas, Tony Hartmann, Ruby Jardin, Lauren Warmerdam, Martha Kozel, Lauren Wolter-Warmerdam, Lorraine Goulart, Armando Vivo, Raynold V. Santiago, Lizz Campos, Myra Palacios, Patti Jaspar, Elizabeth Ridella, Corizon Mislang, Juanita Lagatao, Annita Martin, Jane Ten Eyck, Rich Jones, Augustine Gonsales, Vicky Piojo, Dora Camacho, Stanley Eala, Robert Crivello, Alfredo Moniz, Christina Ilac, Mason Zolnier, Ann Almeida, Geraldine Castro, Barbara Roe, Dan & Wendi Olivares, Jim Frati, Juanita Estrellas, Albert Potts, Yolanda Balach, Arsenio Cachero, Millie Falasca, Nathan Green, Helen Zachary, Bob Yaeger, Dorothy Brooks, Sr. Julie's Father, Karen Geary, Michael Fong, Leah Marcal, Larry Catano, Alice Stroud, Roseale Hospice, Elmer Di Menco, Bob Fleming, Edith Fagundes, Susan Jane Hunter, Carol Arritola, Purita Isip, Mary Moura, Teresita Vivo, Norie Vivo, Alberto Valle, Peter Cruz, Albert Jordan, William O'Brien,

*We pray for those who have died:*

**Geraldine Thornton**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**  
**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

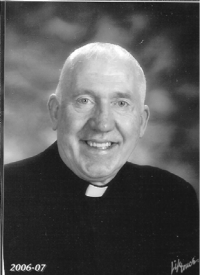
Monday/Lunes: Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20  
 Tuesday/Martes: Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28  
 Wednesday/Miércoles: Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39  
 Thursday/Jueves: Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45  
 Friday/Viernes: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12  
 Saturday/Sabado: Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17  
 Sunday/Domingo: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

The readings for the week (**text and audio**) are available on-line. Just check out the parish web-site at: [www.stjohnsparishslz.org](http://www.stjohnsparishslz.org)!



**EVERY FIRST FRIDAY** of each month all are welcome to come visit the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration is from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and Holy Hour from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

## From the Desk of the Pastor



*Dear Friends,*

The Feast of the Baptism of Jesus concludes the Christmas Season and provides a bridge into Ordinary Time. We conclude our Christmas celebrations by reflecting on our own call, received at Baptism. Just as Jesus was baptized and began his public ministry, we are called to live out our Baptism by living as Disciples of Christ in the world. The opening prayer of the celebration of the Eucharist makes the connection to the meaning of the Christmas season clear; "May we who share his humanity, come to share his divinity."

As many of you have requested the letter that I shared in my homily on the Feast of the Holy Family entitled: "From the Heart of a Child" here it is for all who would like to have it.

***FROM THE HEART OF A CHILD***

*My hands are small, please don't expect perfection when I make a bed, draw pictures or throw a ball.*

*My legs are short, please slow down so that I may keep up with you.*

*My eyes have not seen the world as you have, please let me explore safely; homework and housework will always be there.*

*I am only little for a short time, please take time to explain things to me.*

*I am a gift from God, please treasure me as God intended. Hold me accountable for my actions, giving me guidelines to live by and discipline me in a loving manner.*

*I need your encouragement to grow; please go easy on criticism. Remember, you can criticize the things I do without criticizing me.*

I hope the Christmas season has filled you and your family with peace and joy. May all that we celebrated over the Christmas season here at St. John bring us closer to that day when our world will be a place where His peace and justice reign supreme.

God Bless,  
Fr. Mike

**THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**

We thank you who lovingly shared 156 gifts for the needy children of our parish. The 78 children and their families are grateful for the time and treasure you shared to get their gifts. May the miracle of Christmas bless your hearts!

*St. John's Liturgy Committee*

**THE SUNDAY ENVELOPES  
HAVE ARRIVED!**

Your envelopes will be available for you to pick up after all Masses January 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.



**PARKING ON SUNDAYS** is available at San Lorenzo High School for the 9:30 a.m. only.

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF OAKLAND**

Mass of the old Roman Rite according to the apostolic letter Summorum Pontificum, by His Holiness Benedict XVI is celebrated in the following locations:

**St. Margaret Mary**, 1219 Excelsior Ave., Oakland  
510/482-0596  
(Mon.-Fri. 6 P.M., Sat. 10 A.M., Sun. 12:30 P.M.)

**Immaculate Heart of Mary**, 500 Fairview Ave., Brentwood - 925/634-4154  
(Sun. 5:00 P.M.)

**Corpus Christi** - 37891 Second St., Fremont  
510/790-3207  
(\*Sun. 6:45 P.M.) \*to be established.

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 12<sup>th</sup> to January 18<sup>th</sup>

**Monday**

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Group - CMR
- 3:30 P.M. Taekwondo. - Meeting Room
- 7:00 P.M. Adult Formation - Gym
- 7:00 P.M. SP Charismatic Grp.– Church

**Tuesday**

- 8:00 A.M. St. John School P.E. - Gym
- 10:30 A.M. Legion of Mary - Meeting Room
- 3:00 P.M. CYO - Gym
- 3:00 P.M. Jr. LOM—CMR
- 6:30 P.M. Altar Server Training - Church
- 7:00 P.M. Parish Council - Rectory MR

**Wednesday**

- 8:30 A.M. St. John School P.E. - Gym
- 3:00 P.M. CYO - Gym

**Thursday**

- 8:00 A.M. St. John School P.E. - Gym
- 10:30 A.M. L.O.M.- CMR
- 3:00 P.M. CYO - Gym
- 7:00 P.M. Eng. Choir Practice - Church
- 7:00 P.M. CYO Board Mtg. - CMR

**Friday**

- 8:00 A.M. St. John School P.E. - Gym
- 1:30 P.M. School Prayer Service - Church
- 3:00 P.M. CYO - Gym
- 6:30 P.M. Sp. Choir - Church
- 7:00 P.M. Couples for Christ - CMR & Kitchen

**Saturday**

- 8:00 A.M. CYO - Gym

**Sunday**

- 4:00 P.M. Confirmation Retreat - Gym & Kitchen

**WALK FOR LIFE West Coast 2009**

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 24, 2009. Last year we had over 25,000 pro-lifers in the Walk for Life. Join tens of thousands of pro-life women, men, families and friends for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk for Life in San Francisco as we peacefully proclaim our message that “Abortion hurts Women” and “Women deserve better than Abortion.” For more information, please contact Colleen Knutsen at 510/267-8394 or

[cknutsen@oakdiocese.org](mailto:cknutsen@oakdiocese.org)

**Saint John the Baptist Parish Celebrates**



***The Year of Saint Paul  
June 2008 – June 2009  
Monday Evenings***

**January 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the Meeting Room.**

We will look at Two of Paul's Communities through his letters. Sharon Hemenway will continue to enlighten us about the historical surroundings of Corinth and Gaul while Kathleen Kennedy will lead us to reflect on the letters to the Thesalonians and the Corinthians.

**Catholic Youth Organization News**

CYO's annual **CRAB FEED FUNDRAISER** will be on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$40.00 and will be on sale beginning Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 8 A.M. It will be an evening of food, fun and raffle prizes, so get your tickets as soon as possible to assure a seat. Tickets will be sold after all the Masses and can be purchased through Kelly Puou 755-6700 or Emily Babcock 331-4256. No guests under 21 are permitted.



## School News

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Sunday, January 25, 2009 marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week, the annual nationwide celebration of Catholic education! This year's theme is Celebrate Service! The school community will begin our week-long celebration at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on 1/25, followed by Open House and our Scholastic Book Sale from 10:30 a.m. to noon. En Español a las 3 p.m. Applications for 2009-2010 school year will be available. We invite everyone to come and see how St. John's Catholic School brings life to the Word of God!

### PEACE PRAYER SERVICE

The St. John Catholic School students are preparing a *Peace Prayer Service* to be offered in the church on **Friday, January 16, 2009 at 1:30 p.m.** We invite you to join us as we pray for peace in our school, our families, our community, and the world.

**Keep our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students in your prayers!** Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be taking the High School Placement exam on Saturday, January 10, 2009. Please keep our students in your prayers, as they have spent many months in preparation for this exam for entrance to our diocesan high schools of Moreau, Bishop O'Dowd, St. Elizabeth, St. Joseph-Notre Dame, and Holy Names. Historically our students do remarkably well and 99% are accepted to the high school of their choice.

### Spring Musical-Mark your calendars now!

Students are practicing now for the Annual SJCS Spring Musical-this year, our talented performers will present "*High School Musical*" at the Ohlone College Theater in Fremont on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at 12:30 p.m., and on Friday, March 13, 2009 at 12:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets will go on sale soon, so mark your calendars now-this is a show you won't want to miss! Call 510/276-6632 for more information..

**General Mills' Boxtops 4 Education and Campbell's Labels for Education** - St. John Catholic School is collecting General Mills' *Boxtops4Education* and Campbell Soup's *Labels for Education* programs to earn money and points toward the purchase of equipment and supplies for our school. As you are shopping and cooking for the holidays this year, pay close attention to qualifying products! Visit General Mills' website at [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) and Campbell's website at [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com) for a complete list of eligible products and instructions for clipping box tops and labels. You can bring your labels and boxtops to the main office during school hours.



### St. John's Religious Education Philosophy and Goals

Together we seek to help all of Saint John Parish to grow in faith, and understanding of Catholic Tradition and to experience unity in Christ and the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Our goal is to empower all to live as disciples of Jesus Christ with responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the Catholic Faith community.

**HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION** - The second session will begin January 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Registration for new participants in the second session will begin January 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be voluntary meetings for faith sharing available. Please check with Kathleen Kennedy at 351-5050 or the Confirmation Leaders, Antony Ta and Patrick Walsh.

### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As we celebrate the manifestation of Jesus to the world represented by the three Kings, it is time to look forward to the resumption of Religious Education Classes.

**The Kindergarten through Sixth Grade Sunday classes will resume January 11 at 8:30 AM. The Wednesday Kindergarten through Eighth Grade classes will resume January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.**

In the remaining time off, please work on the "Parent Homework" with your child. We will be giving certificates for all who complete the "Parent Homework" for their grade level.

The Family Preparation for First Reconciliation (mandatory for all children in their second year of Religious Education and at least one parent) will begin in February. Please consult the schedule you received at the Parent Meeting last October.

**Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**, St. John Parish will celebrate a Rite of sending a group of Adults to be confirmed at the Cathedral of Christ the Light. *Keith Collier, Michael Fong, Genara Horcasits, Dallas Morris II, and Ricky Wong* will be Sealed in the Holy Spirit by Bishop Vigneron on Saturday January 17th. Please pray for them as they continue their lives as fully initiated Catholics.

### ADULT BAPTISM AND FIRST COMMUNION

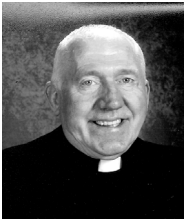
RCIA (the process for becoming a Catholic) is meeting in the upstairs youth room. If you are an adult interested in being Baptized or receiving your First Communion and Confirmation, it is not too late to join. Come to our meeting or please call: Kathleen Kennedy at 351-5050 ext 16 or e-mail her at [kathleen@stjohnsparishslz.org](mailto:kathleen@stjohnsparishslz.org)

### DECLARACION DE VISION

Una comunidad diversa y acogedora basada en fe, inspirada por el Espíritu Santo para dar fuerza y amor a cada uno.

### DECLARACION DE MISION

La familia de San Juan Bautista en San Lorenzo trae vida a la Palabra de Dios a través de la liturgia, ministerio y servicios.



Queridos Amigos,

Las festividades del Bautismo de Jesús, concluyen la Temporada Navideña y provee un puente hacia el tiempo ordinario. Concluimos nuestra Celebración Navideña, reflexionado en nuestro propio llamado que recibimos en el Bautismo. Así como Jesús fue Bautizado y comenzó su ministerio público, somos llamados a vivir nuestro Bautismo en el mundo como discípulos de Cristo. La oración de apertura en la celebración de la Eucaristía, hace claro la conexión del significado de la Temporada Navideña “Que nosotros quienes compartimos su humanidad lleguemos a compartir su divinidad”

Muchos de ustedes me han pedido la carta que compartí en mi homilía en la Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia, que se titula: “Del Corazón de un Niño” Bueno, pues aquí esta para aquellos que desean tenerla.

***Mis manos son pequeñas, por favor no esperen perfección cuando tienda mi cama, haga un dibujo o lance una pelota.***

***Mis piernas son cortas, por favor vayan mas despacio para que yo pueda mantener sus pasos.***

***Mis ojos no han visto el mundo como ustedes, por favor déjenme explorar sanamente, la tarea y oficios de la casa siempre estarán allí.***

***Yo seré pequeño por un corto tiempo, por favor dediquen tiempo en explicarme cosas.***

***Yo soy un regalo de Dios, por favor cuídenme como un tesoro como Dios lo designo.***

***Háganme responsable de mis acciones, dándome consejos para vivir y disciplinándome en una manera cariñosa.***

***Yo necesito su estímulo para crecer, por favor critiquen calmadamente. Acuérdense, ustedes pueden criticar lo que hago sin criticarme a mí.***

Espero que la Temporada Navideña, los haya colmado con paz y alegría a usted y su familia. Que todo lo que celebremos durante la Navidad aquí en San Juan nos lleve más cerca a el día cuando nuestro mundo sea un lugar donde Su paz y alegría reine

Que Dios Les Bendiga  
Padre Mike

### COMITE LITURGICO

Agradecemos a todos los que cariñosamente compartieron 156 regalos para los niños necesitados de nuestra parroquia. Los 78 niños y sus familias estan muy agradecidos por el tiempo y Tesoro que ustedes compartieron en escoger los regalos. Que el milagro de Navidad bendiga sus corazones.



**FILOSOFIA Y METAS DE LA EDUCACION RELIGIOSA EN SAN JUAN** Juntos tratamos de ayudar a todos aqui en San Juan al crecimiento de Fe, comprension de las Tradiciones Católicas y experimentar unidad con Cristo y los dones del Espiritu Santo. Nuestras metas es alentar a todos a vivir como discipulos de Jesucristo con participacion responsable en la vida, mision y obras de comunidad.

### CAMINATA POR VIDA 2009

Apunte en su calendario el dia sabado 24 de enero del 2009. El año pasado caminaron más de 25.000 personas apoyando la causa de Por Vida. Unase a miles de jovenes, mujeres y hombres, familias y amistadas a la 5th caminata annual en la ciudad de San Francisco en la cual proclamamos el mensaje que el ABORTO daña a las mujeres y ellas se merecen algo mejor que un ABORTO. Para mas informacion, llame a Colleen Knutsen al

510- 267-8394 o

al correo electronico [cknutsen@oakdiocese.org](mailto:cknutsen@oakdiocese.org)

### LAS AGUAS BAUTISMALES

Cuando se planta un césped nuevo, debe regarse constantemente. Los jardineros dicen que esto "teje" el césped al suelo. Lo mismo sucede cuando se injerta una rama a un árbol: el cataplasma que los une debe estar húmedo en todo momento. El agua es lo que mantiene unidas a las células de nuestro cuerpo. Con razón las religiones de todas las épocas y culturas han usado tanto este símbolo. Cuando Jesús se sumerge en el Jordán para ser bautizado, se "teje" a todo aquello que lo precedía. Al sumergirse en el Jordán, se hizo uno con el pueblo de Israel que había cruzado el río para llegar a su Tierra Prometida. Junto a Juan Bautista, Cristo se tejió a la tradición profética que presagiaba la venida del Reino de Dios. Jesús se había convertido plenamente en humano en las aguas del vientre de María y al participar del rito del Bautismo del arrepentimiento, se sintió identificado con nuestra frágil y pecaminosa humanidad. Por las aguas del Bautismo Cristo continúa injertando nuevos miembros a su Cuerpo, la Iglesia; gracias a nuestro destino de vida eterna, por estas aguas somos limpiados del pecado y recibimos la promesa de la gracia. Para nosotros, como para Jesús, las aguas bautismales también inauguran nuestra misión de proclamar la Buena Nueva.

### LA PARRROQUIA DE SAN JUAN BAUTISTA CELEBRA



**EL AÑO DE SAN PABLO  
JUNIO 2008 — JUNIO 2009**

**ENERO 12 Y 26**

**Vamos a examinar dos de las comunidades de San Pablo. Sharon Hemenway continuara con la historia de Corionh y Gaul, mientras Kathleen Kennedy nos guiara a reflexionar sobre las cartas a los Teselonas y Corintos.**

### BAUTISMOS

Se necesita hacer una cita con la rectoria 3 meses antes de la fecha de la boda. Para ser padrinos tienen que estar casado por la Iglesia si son pareja, los padrinos solteros (no tienen que tener vida conyugal) Clases pre-bautismales se llevan a cabo los primeros domingos de cada mes.

Para mas informacion llame a Edith al 415-4293.

**DE LA ORGANIZACION DE COMUNIDADES DE OAKLAND(OCO** invita a la comunidad a un foro y consultas individuales gratis.

El foro se llevara a cabo el jueves 22 de enero a las 6:30 pm en el salon parroquial de la Iglesia Catolica San Jarlath.

La iglesia se localiza en el 2620 de la calle Pleasant y la Avenue Fruitvale. Justo a la bajada de el autopista 580, salinedo al norte.

Para mas informacion llamar al (510) 459-8696.

**El Bautismo del Señor  
11 de enero de 2009**

Todos ustedes, los que tienen sed, vengan por agua.

— *Isaías 55:1*