

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 March 2, 2009 — March 8, 2009

Monday March 2, 2009
 8:30 AM Charles & Family †
 Robert Gonsalves †

Tuesday March 3, 2009
 8:30 AM Francisco Sarabia †
 Amelia Abreu †

Wednesday March 4, 2009
 8:30 A.M. Francisco Eiras †
 Frances Phillips †

Thursday March 5, 2009
 8:30 A.M. Carmelita Falcon (S.I.)
 Henry Hemenez †

Friday March 6, 2009
 8:30 AM Mary Louise Bettencourt †
 William & Loretta Jantsch †

Saturday March 7, 2009
 8:30 AM Sharon Barta †
 Bruno Gouveia †

4:30 PM Irvin & Mary Bettencourt †
 Servando "Buddy" Evangelista †

Sunday March 8, 2009
 7:30 AM Leopold Gauthier †
 Gary Richey †

9:30 AM Joyce Rosario †
 Rosemary Corcoran †

11:30 AM Bruno Gouveia †
 Sal Borges †

2:00 PM Souls in San Lorenzo Cemetary †
 Alfredo Carpio Sr.

Weekly Collections / Colecta de la Semana

Which is the Stewardship of our treasure!

GOAL \$10,000.00 PER WEEK

February 22, 2009

Sunday Collection.....\$ 8,455.92
 Maintenance\$ 234.00
 Bishop's Appeal.....\$ 110.00

Bishop's Appeal Goal.....\$ 23,660.00

Amount Collected for Bishop's Appeal\$ 1,860.00

Thank you for your generosity

Gracias por su generosidad.

Your donations make our ministries possible.

REMEMBER THE SICK

Frances Clouthier, Bud Silva, Charles Oliveira, Louis Shaieb, Laura-daughter of Al & Millie Arieta, Andrea Baca, Willie Wellbrock, Jill Russ, Diosdado Camarillo, Martina Lagatao, Joyce Polaski, Cheryle Rutherford, Bea Rowney, Erma Gaughan, Joan Buckner, Pat Dilsaver, Clarice Ryan, Narcisa Estrellas, Tony Hartmann, Ruby Jardin, Lauren Warmerdam, Martha Kozel, Lorraine Goulart, Armando Vivo, Raynold V. Santiago, Lizz Campos, Myra Palacios, Patti Jaspas, Elizabeth Ridella, Corizon Mislant, Annita Martin, Jane Ten Eyck, Rich Jones, Augustine Gonsales, Dora Camacho, Robert Crivello, Alfredo Moniz, Christina Ilac, Mason Zolnier, Ann Almeida, Geraldine Castro, Dan & Wendi Olivares, 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, Susan Jane Hunter, Carol Arritola, Mary Moura, Alberto Valle, Peter Cruz, Albert Jordan, William O'Brien,

We pray for those who have died:

Robert John Torre and Richard Souza

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

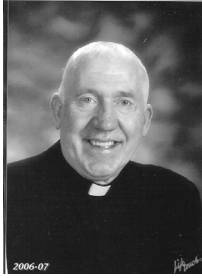
Monday/Lunes: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46
 Tuesday/Martes: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday/Miércoles: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday/Jueves: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12
 Friday/Viernes: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday/Sabado: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48
 Sunday/Domingo: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116;
 Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

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



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

**JOURNEYING IN THE SEASON OF LENT**

Dear Friends,

We respond to the call to repentance issued on Ash Wednesday when we were marked with ashes. The ashes served as a reminder that we are a people in need of repentance, ever in need of God's mercy. As this Lenten unfolds, let us recall that God is merciful, slow to anger, and full of kindness. As we enter our personal desert of repentance, let us embrace this holy season as a time of fulfillment when God's everlasting covenant is renewed in our hearts.

Again I include the Lenten events that will be taking place throughout Lent here at St. John.

LENTEN SOUP & PRAYER SERVICE

March 4, 11, 18, April 1, 2009
Fellowship: 5:45pm,
Prayer Service: 7:00pm

EVENING OF REFLECTION

March 2, 2009
7:00PM
Dr. Jean Easterly

PARISH MISSION

March 23, 24, 25, 2009
7:00 PM
Rev. Mark Wiesner

FRIDAY'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS

2:30PM—Sponsored by St. John School
6:30PM—In Spanish

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday
3:00 –4:00PM

March 25, 2009 Wednesday
Communal Reconciliation Service
7:30PM

March 20, 2009
Spanish Reconciliation
7:00PM

God bless you all,
Father Mike

RULES OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

During Lent, the following fasting and abstinence rules are observed:

Abstinence from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 years of age and older. Poultry and meat resulting from the slaughter of mammals is considered "meat". Therefore, chicken, pork, beef, and lamb are considered "meat" and may not be eaten. Fish, eggs, shellfish, and cold-blooded animals are *not* considered "meat".

Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age and older but not yet 59. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs. (e.g. soup, coffee, tea, piece of bread or water, cookies).

(NOTE: Both fasting and abstinence apply *only* to those who will not be harmed in any manner by obedience to the dietary prescription. If you have low blood sugar, diabetes, or are taking treatments that require the intake of food or protein, you are fully absolved from any obligation to adhere to these rules.)

The Church also encourages daily attendance at Mass, self-imposed times of fasting, and generosity to local, national, and worldwide programs of sharing. www.stteresa-avila.org/fastandabstinence.html

Parish Life

NAME TAG SUNDAY #3



Come meet the Pastoral Council this Sunday, in the meeting room March 1st, after the 7:30 A.M. and 9:30 A.M. morning Masses.



BAPTISM

St. John the Baptist Church welcomes:

- Isaiah Jacob Chabre*
- Arturo Enrigue Delgadillo, Jr.*
- Raelyn Michelle Leary*
- Ethan Reigh Lavitoria Rodriguez*
- Zachary Daniel Schwartz*
- Matthew Ryan Odom*

Liturgical Information for Lent

Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 25th, and you will notice some changes in our church environment. Purple is the symbolic color of repentance, so you will see purple in various parts of the church as well as the clergy's vestments, during the 40 days of Lent.

We journey with Jesus, who went into the desert for 40 days, as we repent and turn away from sin. We simplify and tone everything down in our environment. Water will be removed from the fonts at the entrances and no baptisms will be done during Lent. A dry creek bed will be set up to further symbolize the need for new life. All will wait for the new water that will be blessed at the Easter Vigil.

No flowers will be in the church, only bare branches will grace the altars, as we wait for the coming of new life at Easter. We ask those who bring flowers to the side altars honoring Mary and Joseph not to bring them during Lent. From the Liturgy Committee

LENTEN SOUP AND PRAYER SERVICE

Please join us for our Lenten Soup Supper and fellowship followed by our Lenten Prayer Service. Soup will be served in the meeting room on March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th and April 1st at 5:45 P.M. followed by Prayer Service at 7:00 P.M. in the church.

(BOOKLETS) THE PATH TO FORGIVENESS

Daily Lenten reflection booklets are available at the entrances of the church. A donation of \$1.00 is requested.

Saint John the Baptist Parish

JOURNEYING IN THE SEASON OF LENT

**... through Prayers
... through Fasting
... through Almsgiving
The Path To Forgiveness**



**MARCH 2, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
JOURNEY THROUGH THE DESERT ON
THE PATH TO FORGIVENESS
IN THE MEETING ROOM**

Dr. Jean Easterly, a Maryknoll affiliate member, will lead us in an evening of prayerful reflection and discussion about our own journey through the dessert of Lent. Jean has worked with children, youth and adults in Religious Education for over thirty years.

**FAMILY EVENINGS ON THE MASS
AND THE SACRAMENT
OF THE EUCHARIST.**

**MARCH 9th, 16th, 30th, AND APRIL 6th
IN THE MEETING ROOM 6:30 – 8:00 PM.**

These dates are for families to learn about the Mass and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. These evenings will begin at 6:30 PM (to accommodate early bed times for children) Every child of God (even those of us with gray hair!) is welcome. **These meetings are mandatory for all families with a second year Religious Education candidate for First Communion.**

Save the Date! March 14, 2009

Reserve a round table of 8 to get the "Premium Seating" adjacent to the dance floor! It's the *St. Patrick's annual Dinner/Dance* by the Knights of Columbus, serving corned beef or chicken \$12.00/person or \$15.00 at the door. Call Louie early-by March 2nd (510/278-5315)

Tickets will be sold after Sunday Masses up to March 8th

School News

2009 Applications Now Available for St. John Catholic School

Applications for grades PreK for the 2009-2010 school year are now available. Space is limited, so please pick up your application now from the school office, M-F from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Spaces fill quickly, so don't delay! Interview and testing appointments are being scheduled now. We invite you to come and see how St. John Catholic School—an educational ministry of St. John Parish—brings life to the Word of God!

Spring Musical – Mark your calendars now! - St. John Catholic School Musical Theatre students will present *High School Musical* at Ohlone College Smith Center 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 are now on sale at the school's front office, so mark your calendars now – this is a show you won't want to miss! Call 510-276-6632 for more information.

Calling all SJCS Alumni! - St. John Catholic School is building an alumni association! All SJCS alumni – from our first Class of 1958 through 2008 – are encouraged to register as an alumna/alumnae of our great school. You can either come by the school and register in person, or send your contact information to Rachel Gonsalves, Development Director at development@stjohnslz.org. Look for upcoming alumni events and special communications from your alma mater! Go Shamrocks!

We Have a Winner! - Congratulations to Third Grade Student **Antonio Pablo**, who recently won the CTN Catholic Schools Week Essay Contest! More than 2,500 students from the dioceses of Oakland, San Francisco, and San Jose, entered essays written about how the students serve their families, their schools, and the wider community. Antonio wrote about his experiences writing letters to U.S. military persons in Iraq, and visiting friends at a local retirement home. Mr. Ron Loiacono, CTN's executive director, visited St. John Catholic School to present an iPod Nano to Antonio for his award-winning essay. Congratulations, Antonio Pablo!



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.

ADULTS' INQUIRY

Any adult who wants to be Baptized or to receive First Communion, indeed anyone who has questions about the Catholic Faith please join our Inquiry Class. This is a relaxed evening or Sunday afternoon time where individuals can ask questions and learn about the Catholic Faith and teachings. All adults are welcome. Call Kathleen Kennedy at 351-5050 for more information.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION

Any High School Confirmation candidate who is near to completion of the requirements (four sessions of seven weeks, 20 hours of service, 4 reconciliation services, and a retreat) for Confirmation must turn in the Parish Record and Covenant form by the end of February. The Covenant Form includes what has been done and how the remaining requirements will be fulfilled. Interviews with candidates will begin in March. If you have any questions speak with Antony or Patrick at class or call Kathleen Kennedy at 351-5050.

ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE RICE BOWL PROJECT

Traditionally, the Elementary School age children of Saint John the Baptist Parish have participated in Operation Rice Bowl. This is a fund raiser offered during Lent. Each child will receive a cardboard "bowl" with an open slot for money (coins or folded paper money).

The idea is that the child and or the family prayerfully offer money that is saved or earned during Lent by giving up something or by doing some extra chore to earn the money to donate. For example, a child or family who gives up dessert for lent might donate the money normally used to buy dessert items to the Rice Bowl. Another example, a child might do an extra chore, say pull weeds in the yard, and donate an agreed upon amount to the Rice Bowl when the chore is completed.

Rice Bowls will be passed out to the Religious Education children on February 18th and February 22nd. They will be collected at the end of Lent (April 5th and 8th) whereby the money will be counted and a parish check for the total collected will be written to Catholic Relief Services.

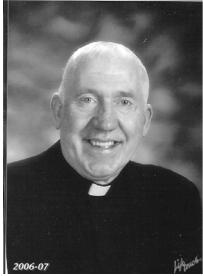
Please take the time with your children and reflect on what you as a family can do for this worthy cause.

DECLARACION DE VISION

Una comunidad diversa y acogedora basada en fe, inspirada por el Espiritu 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.



CAMINANDO EN EL TIEMPO DE CUARESMA

Queridos Amigos,

Respondamos el llamado de arrepentimiento dado el miércoles de Ceniza, cuando fuimos marcados con las cenizas. La ceniza sirve como un recordatorio que somos gente necesitadas del arrepentimiento, siempre necesitando la compasión de Dios. A manera que la cuaresma se desarrolla, recordemos la misericordia de Dios, lento a la cólera, y rico en clemencia. Cuando entremos en nuestro propio desierto de arrepentimiento, abracemos este tiempo santo como un tiempo de cumplimiento cuando la eterna alianza de Dios se renueva en nuestros corazones.

Sopa Cuaresmales y Oración

Marzo 4, 11, 18, Abril 1, 2009

Comvivencia: 5:45pm,

Oración: 7:00pm

Via Crucis cada Viernes

2:30PM— Patrocinado de Escuela de San Juan

6:30PM—(In Español)

Noche de Reflexión

Marzo 02, 2009

7:00PM

Jean Easterly

Sacramento de Reconciliación

Cada Sabado (En Ingles)

3:00 –4:00PM

Marzo 25, 2009 Miercoles

Reconciliacion Parroquial

7:30PM

Marzo 20, 2009

Reconciliacion En Español

7:00PM

Misión Parroquial

Marzo 23, 24, 25, 2009

7:00 PM

Rev. Mark Wiesner

Que Dios Les Bendiga
Padre Mike

Durante la Cuaresma, las siguientes reglas de ayuno y abstinencia se observa:

Abstinencia de carne se observa el día Miércoles de Ceniza, Viernes Santo y Todos los días viernes durante la cuaresma por todos los Católicos 14 años y más. La carne de Pollo y otras carnes que son el resultado del sacrificio de mamíferos es considerado “carne”. Por lo tanto, se considera carne, el pollo, puerco y cordero y no se debe comer. Pescado, huevos, mariscos y otros animales de sangre fría no se consideran “carne”.

Ayuno: Es observado el día miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo por todos los católicos de 18 a 59 años de edad. Todos los que caben en esta regla deben comer una comida completa. Dos pequeñas comidas son permitidas para mantener la fuerza física requerida por cada quien.(por ejemplo, Café, Te, Sopa, pan, galletas y agua)

(Nota: Ayuno y abstinencia no aplica a aquellos que se podrían perjudicar de alguna manera por obedecer la receta de dieta. Si usted tiene baja el azúcar en la sangre, diabetes o estas tomando medicinas que requieren que coman, ustedes están completamente absueltos de cualquier obligación.)

La Iglesia también anima la asistencia a Misa diariamente, imposiciones personales de ayuno y ayudar generosamente a programas locales, nacionales y a través del mundo.

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.

INFORMACION LITURGICA DE CUARESMA:

La Cuaresma comienza el miércoles de Ceniza, 25 de febrero, ustedes notaran cambios en el medioambiente de la iglesia. El color Morado es simbólico de penitencia, por lo cual, verán el color morado en varios lugares de la iglesia como también en las vestiduras de los cleros durante los 40 días de cuaresma.

Caminamos con Jesús, quien fue al desierto por 40 días, cuando nos arrepentimos y nos alejamos del pecado. Simplificamos. El medio ambiente. El agua se removerá de las fuentes en las entradas y no habrá bautismos durante la cuaresma. Un riachuelo seco se pondrá simbolizando la necesidad de nueva vida. Todos esperaremos por la nueva agua que se bendecirá en la Vigilia Pascual, cuando nuevos miembros serán bautizados.

No habrán flores en la iglesia, solamente ramas serán los arreglos de los altares, mientras esperamos por la venida de la nueva vida. Les pedimos a todos los que traen flores para los altares que honran a José y María, que no coloquen flores durante la cuaresma.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Según un dicho árabe, si quieres conocer bien a una persona, debes convivir durante cuarenta días con ella. Cuarenta no puede tomarse al pie de la letra, ya que en las culturas semitas de siglos pasados cuarenta significaba "un largo periodo de tiempo". Los judíos, cristianos y musulmanes provenimos de esas culturas antiguas y es por eso que para nosotros el número cuarenta es muy importante. Algunos ejemplos bíblicos: El diluvio duró cuarenta días. Moisés habló con Dios durante cuarenta días en el Sinaí. El pueblo de Israel pasó cuarenta años en el desierto purificándose de sus pecados. Jesús ayunó cuarenta días en el desierto antes de iniciar su ministerio público. El profeta Mahoma tenía cuarenta años cuando Dios lo llamó; asimismo, según el Islam, Dios creó a Adán en cuarenta días, y la persona que desea sabiduría necesita ayunar cuarenta días.

No se sabe de dónde viene esta conexión del número cuarenta con la religión. Algunos astrónomos piensan que es debido al planeta Venus. Venus (estrella matutina) viaja por el cielo regresando a su lugar de origen cada cuarenta años menos cuarenta días.

LA PARRROQUIA DE SAN JUAN BAUTISTA CELEBRA

2 de MARZO a las 7:00pm en el salon comunitario. CAMINANDO EN EL TIEMPO DE CUARESMA
Dr. Jean Easterly afiliado con los Maryknoll nos diirigira en oracion y reflexion y discutira acerca de nuestro camino a traves del desierto durante la cuaresma. El, ha trabajado con niños, juvenes y adultos en la Educacion Religiosa por mas de 30 años.

NOCHE PARA LA FAMILIA SOBRE LA MISA Y EL SACRAMENTOS DE LA EUCARISTIA

MARZO 9.16.30 Y ABRIL 6 A LAS 6:30PM en el salon comunitario
Estos fechas son para que las familias comprendan la Misa y el Sacramento de la Eucaristía. Estas noches coomenzaran a las 6:30pm para acomodar a la familias con niños).
 Inafortunadamente estas presentación serán en Ingles.

PROYECTO TAZA DE ARROZ

Tradicionalmente los niños de las escuelas Elementarias de la Parroquia de San Juan Bautista, han participado en el proyecto TAZA DE ARROZ. Durante la cuaresma se lleva a cabo esta recaudación de fondos. Cada niño recibe una caja en forma de Taza con una rajadura para colocar las monedas.

La idea es, que cada niño y o familia con devoción ofresca dineros ahorrados o ganados durante la Cuaresma por medio de ceder algo o hacienda algo extra para ganar dinero para donarlo . Por ejemplo, un niño o la familia quien dejà de comer postre durante la cuaresma podria donar el dinero que usualmente gastaria comprándolo. Otro ejemplo, un niño podria hacer extra trabajos como decir limpiando el jardin y donar el pago a el Tazon cuando el trabajo se ha cumplido.

Los Tazones se distribuiran a los niños de Educación Religiosa los fines de semana de febrero 18 y febrero 22. Luego se recogeran al final de la Cuaresma (abril 5 y 8). En tonces se contara el dinero y se hara un cheque para Servicios Católicos de Auxilio.

Por favor tome tiempo con su niño y reflexionen como ustedes como familia pueden hacer esto por una causa noble.

LA BELLEZA DEL PERDÓN

La humanidad nunca es tan hermosa como cuando reza implorando perdón o cuando perdona a otro.