

**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 9, 2009 — March 15, 2009**

**Monday March 9, 2009**  
**8:30 AM** Richard & Isabel Barranco †  
 Sr. Ann Lucey †

**Tuesday March 10, 2009**  
**8:30 AM** Amelia Abreu †  
 Frances Phillips (S.I.)

**Wednesday March 11, 2009**  
**8:30 A.M.** Josephine H. Purmort †  
 Eleanor Randall †

**Thursday March 12, 2009**  
**8:30 A.M.** Joao & Agostinho Lobo †  
 Loreto & Joel Quitollo †

**Friday March 13, 2009**  
**8:30 AM** Eldon & Florence Taylor †  
 Samuel Rago †

**Saturday March 14, 2009**  
**8:30 AM** Victorina & Filemon Cruz †  
 Samuel Rago †

**4:30 PM** Jerry Dominguez †  
 Marian Taylor †

**Sunday March 15, 2009**  
**7:30 AM** Alethe Gagnon & Joe Colletti †  
 Ambrosio & Maria Valenzuela †

**9:30 AM** Agapito & Leonarda Mateo †  
 John F. Vavrusa †

**11:30 AM** Bruno Gouveia †  
 Joseph Krstulovich †

**2:00 PM** Abraham Borja †



**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.

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

**Weekly Collections / Colecta de la Semana**

Which is the Stewardship of our treasure!

**GOAL \$10,000.00 PER WEEK**  
**March 1, 2009**

Sunday Collection.....\$ 10,316.69  
 Ash Wednesday.....\$ 3,969.75  
 Maintenance .....\$ 1,068.00  
 Catholic Voice .....\$ 994.50  
 Books.....\$ 158.13

**Bishop's Appeal Goal.....\$ 23,660.00**  
**Amount Collected for Bishop's Appeal ....\$ 9,274.30**

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

**REMEMBER THE SICK**

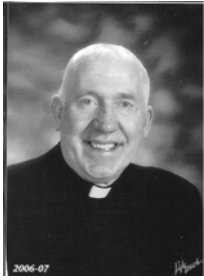
Gloria Bonvincin, Ann Cancilla, Genny Fuhs, Joseph Casey, Narcisa & Juanita Estrellas, Al Martinez, Frances Clouthier, Bud Silva, Charles Oliveira, Louis Shaieb, Andrea Baca, Willie Wellbrock, Jill Russ, Diosdado Camarillo, Martina Lagatao, Joyce Polaski, Cheryle Rutherford, Bea Rowney, Erma Gaughan, Joan Buckner, Pat Dilsaver, Clarice Ryan, Tony Hartmann, Ruby Jardin, Lauren Warmerdam, 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:**  
**Simon Hemmenway & Marguerite Anselmo**

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

Monday/Lunes: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38  
 Tuesday/Martes: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12  
 Wednesday/Miércoles: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28  
 Thursday/Jueves: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31  
 Friday/Viernes: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
 Saturday/Sabado: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
 Sunday/Domingo: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25  
 Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

## From the Desk of the Pastor

**JOURNEYING IN THE SEASON OF LENT**

Dear Friends,

The Transfiguration takes our breath away. It is good that we are dazzled on a yearly basis, because we need this brightness to bring us back to lives of love and purpose. We really want to put Christ first, but the harshness of daily life often pushes him to the sidelines. Today he makes his annual and very hard to ignore appearance arrayed in shimmering splendor. Again we hear God's voice: "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him" (Mark 9:7). And like Peter, James, and John before us, we really want to listen, for we know that he is our Beloved, too.

Though Jesus knew his trials were about to begin, that day on the mountain he recommitted himself to fulfilling his destiny. That day he experienced God's love so profoundly that he was able to become a willing sacrifice for human sin. And how deeply must God love us by allowing the Crucifixion to happen! "He . . . did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all" (Romans 8:32).

In the first reading, Abraham's profound commitment to God's call caused him to put the knife to his own son's neck. God rewarded Abraham's unswerving obedience with abundant blessings and "descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and sands of the seashore . . . All this because you obeyed my command" (Genesis 22:17, 18).

Today the readings invite us to taste God's deep love and to listen to God's Son. Most importantly, we are encouraged to continue God's love story, recommitting our lives to Christ. As we reflect on God's message of total obedience, let us pray for guidance to see clearly the shape of our destiny. Echoing the psalmist's words, "O Lord, I am your servant" (Psalm 116:16), let us willingly accept any hardships that we encounter and any sacrifices that are necessary, knowing that along the way we will be dazzled and deeply loved.

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

God bless you all,  
Father Mike

**PARISH MISSION**

**March 23, 24, 25, 2009**

**7:00 PM**

Rev. Mark Wiesner

**LENTEN SOUP & PRAYER SERVICE**

**March 4, 11, 18, April 1, 2009**

Fellowship: 5:45pm,

Prayer Service: 7:00pm

**FRIDAY'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

2:00PM—Sponsored by St. John School

6:30PM—In Spanish

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Every Saturday**

3:00 - 4:00 PM

**March 25, 2009 Wednesday**

Communal Reconciliation Service

7:30PM

**March 20, 2009**

Spanish Reconciliation

7:00PM

Parish Life

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.

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

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.

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

Saint John the Baptist Parish

JOURNEYING IN THE SEASON OF LENT

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



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.

## 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!

### Tuition Assistance Deadlines Fast Approaching

Think that Catholic education for your family is out of the question? There are many financial resources available to families who wish to provide a strong academic foundation rooted in our Catholic faith for their children. Currently, more than 30% of our school families receive some form of tuition assistance. One parents says, "I make sacrifices to send my children to St. John's, but sometimes we fall short. The support I receive makes this education a reality for us." Don't count yourself out before you explore all your options! Call (510) 276-6632 for applications and deadlines.

**Spring Musical** Tickets are now on sale for St. John Catholic School's presentation of *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 will be sold after the 9:30 a.m. mass on Sunday, March 8, or tickets can be purchased from the school's front office. 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](mailto:development@stjohnslz.org). Look for upcoming alumni events and special communications from your alma mater! Go Shamrocks!

**Lenten Stations of the Cross** - Stations are presented in English.) The students and faculty of St. John Catholic School are proud to once again offer the Stations of the Cross on most Fridays during Lent at 2 p.m. in the church. We invite all parishioners and families to join us. Stations of the Cross on March 20 will be presented by Grades 6 and Pre-Kindergarten; March 27 by Grades 7 and 2; April 3 by Grades 4 and 1; and April 10 by grades 8 and Kindergarten.



### 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.

**Thank you, Jean Easterly, for the wonderful evening!** Monday evening, March 2 a group of "travelers" were led by Dr. Jean Easterly on a journey through the desert. Among our experiences we were led to move around the room looking at a variety of pictures of deserts. We listened to a meditation on a journey through a spiritual desert and were invited to share out responses to the experience, answering the questions, "what did you see, hear, taste, smell, feel?" One woman's response was:

"I saw the desert as refined sand, like God, it is so vast. I heard the wind in the vast desert, that God is giving destiny to follow his way. I tasted the love of God who is so marvelous. I smelled a beautiful flower at the end of the desert. I felt God's love is indescribable because God is omnipotent as you could see the universe."

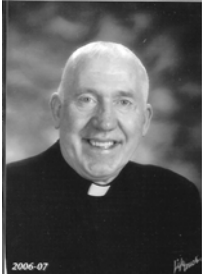
### DECLARACION DE VISION

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,

La transfiguración nos deja sin aliento. Es bueno que estemos deslumbrados durante todo el año, porque necesitamos que este resplandor nos lleve a una vida de amor y de metas. Necesitamos de veras poner primero a Jesús, pero los obstáculos de la vida diaria frecuentemente lo relegan a un lado. Jesús, envuelto en un gran esplendor, hace hoy su aparición anual y muy difícil de ignorar.

Nuevamente escuchamos la voz de Dios: “Este es mi Hijo, el Amado, escúchenlo”. Y, como Pedro, Santiago y Juan frente a nosotros, también queremos escucharlo, porque sabemos que Él es nuestro Amado, también.

Aunque Jesús sabía que sus padecimientos estaban por empezar, ese día en la montaña se comprometió nuevamente a cumplir su destino. Ese día experimentó tan profundamente el amor de Dios que se mostró dispuesto a sacrificarse por los pecados de los hombres. ¡Y qué profundamente debe amarnos Dios para permitir la Crucifixión! “Ni siquiera perdonó a su propio Hijo, sino que lo entregó por todos nosotros”. En la primera lectura, el profundo compromiso de Abrahán al llamado de Dios lo llevó a poner un cuchillo en el cuello de su propio hijo. Dios premió la obediencia inquebrantable de Abrahán con bendiciones abundantes y “descendientes, que serán tan numerosos como las estrellas del cielo o como la arena que hay a orillas del mar... porque has obedecido mi voz”.

Las lecturas de hoy nos invitan a sentir el amor profundo de Dios y a escuchar al Hijo de Dios. Lo más importante es que nos animan a continuar la historia del amor de Dios, entregando nuestra vida a Cristo. Al reflexionar en el mensaje de total obediencia a Dios, oremos por una guía que nos permita ver claramente nuestro destino. Repitiendo las palabras del salmista: “Mira, Señor, que soy tu servidor”, aceptemos voluntariamente cualquier obstáculo que encontremos y cualquier sacrificio que sea necesario, sabiendo que en el camino seremos deslumbrados y amados profundamente.

De nuevo, incluyo los eventos que e llevarán a cabo durante la Cuaresma aquí en San Juan.

### Sopa Cuaresmales y Oración

**Marzo 4, 11, 18, Abril 1, 2009**

Comvivencia: 5:45pm,

Oración: 7:00pm

### Misión Parroquial

**Marzo 23, 24, 25, 2009**

**7:00 PM**

Rev. Mark Wiesner

### Via Crucis cada Viernes

2:00PM— Patrocinado de Escuela de San Juan

6:30PM—(en Español)

### 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

Que Dios Les Bendiga  
Padre Mike

### FILOSOFIA Y METAS DE LA EDUCACION RELIGIOSA EN SAN JUAN

Juntos tratamos de ayudar a todos aquí en San Juan al crecimiento de Fe, comprensión de las Tradiciones Católicas y experimentar unidad con Cristo y los dones del Espíritu Santo.

Nuestras metas es alentar a todos a vivir como discípulos de Jesucristo con participación responsable en la vida, misión y obras de comunidad.

#### INFORMACION LITURGICA DE CUARESMA:

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.

#### ¿POR QUE, DEBO REGISTRARME EN LA PARROQUIA DONDE RESIDO O ASISTO A MISA?

Hay muchas razones por las cuales uno debe registrarse como miembro de la parroquia, como decir:

Recibir los sacramentos:

- Bautismo
- Primera Comunión
- Confirmación
- Matrimonios

Otros servicios:

- Visitación a los enfermos
- Recibir los sobres de colecta
- Recibir estado de cuenta de los donativos durante el año para deducción de impuestos.
- Cartas de recomendación
- Cartas de certificación
- Recibir informaciones por correo, de lo que esta pasando en su parroquia.

El registrarse como miembro de su parroquia, es confidencial a nadie se le da información suya si no es que usted lo solicite.

Si usted o su familia aún no están registrados, ¿no cree, que seria beneficioso hacerlo?

Para mas información puede llamar a la rectoría (510) 351 5050.

### LA PARRROQUIA DE SAN JUAN BAUTISTA CELELBRA

#### NOCHES 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 Eucaristia. Estas noches comenzaran a las 6:30pm para acomodar a la familias con niños) .**

Inafortunadamente estas presentación serán en Ingles.

#### NOTICIAS DE LA ESCUELA

Aplicaciones para los grados Pre-K—7 para el año escolar 2009-2010 ya estan disponibles en la oficina. El espacio es limitado asi que por favor recoja su aplicación lo más pronto posible los dias lunes a viernes de las 8am a las 4pm. Los espacios se llenan rapidamente ! no se tarde! Los dias de entrevistas y exámenes se estan fijando ahora. Les invitamos a venir y observar como la escuela de San Juan un ministerio educacional de la Parroquia de San Juan, trae vida a la Palabra.

#### COLEGIATURA

La fecha para aplicar por asistencia para la colegiatura, ya se acerca. Piensa usted que la Educacion Catolica para su familia está fuera de su alcance? Hay varios recursos financieros disponibles para las familias que desean proveer una fundacion academica fuerte de nuestra fe Católica para sus niños. Actualmente, más del 30% de nuestras familias reciben ayuda para la colegiatura de una forma u otra. Un padre dice: “Yo hago sacrificios para enviar a mis hijos a la escuela de San Juan, pero hay veces no nos ajusta. Pero la ayuda que recibimos, hacen realidad esta educación. No crea que usted no pueda antes de explorar sus opciones. Llame al (510)276-6632 para detalles.

**MUSICAL DE PRIMAVERA** Los boletos para la presentación musical de la escuela, ya estan de venta. La presentación se llevara a cabo en el Ohlone College Smith Center en Fremont el dia miercoles 11 de marzo a las 12:30pm y el dia 13 de marzo a las 12:30pm y las 7pm. Los boletos estarán de venta despés de la misa de las 9:30 el 8 de marzo o los puede comprar en la oficina de la escuela. Este es un espectáculo que no te tienes que perder.

**CABALLEROS DE COLON** El dia 14 de marzo es la cena/baile de San Patricio y los boletos ya están de venta si quiere más informacion, llame a Louie al (510) 2788-5315.

