

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 16, 2009 — March 22, 2009

Monday March 16, 2009
8:30 AM Rose Silva †
 Ronald Andrade †

Tuesday March 17, 2009
8:30 AM Alex Moir †
 Leticia Honrada †

Wednesday March 18, 2009
8:30 A.M. Francisco Eiras †
 Fernanda Eiras (S.I.)

Thursday March 19, 2009
8:30 A.M. Frank Souza †
 Fidel Castro †

Friday March 20, 2009
8:30 AM Manuel & Mary Fernandez †
 Bob Gonsalves †

Saturday March 21, 2009
8:30 AM Faust Pires †
 Ruperto Garcia Jr. †

4:30 PM Isabel Senna †
 Louis Joaquin †

Sunday March 22, 2009
7:30 AM Leopold Gauthier †
 Tony Tuitele †

9:30 AM Joyce Rosario †
 John Gibson †

11:30 AM Bruno Gouveia †
 Jerry & Vinka Markovich †

2:00 PM Antonio Flores †
 Maria & Antonio Flores †

Weekly Collections / Colecta de la Semana

Which is the Stewardship of our treasure!

GOAL \$10,000.00 PER WEEK
March 8, 2009

Sunday Collection.....\$ 9,447.00
 Maintenance\$ 299.00
 Catholic Voice\$ 255.00
 Bishop's Appeal\$ 70.00
 Flowers.....\$ 35.00

Bishop's Appeal Goal.....\$ 23,660.00
Amount Collected for Bishop's Appeal ...\$ 10,444.30

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

REMEMBER THE SICK

A. J. Tammen, Christi McCall, 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 Jaspar, 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:
Bud Papadakis & Teopilo Sarabia

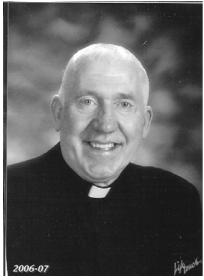
READINGS FOR THE WEEK
LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Monday/Lunes: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30
 Tuesday/Martes: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt. 18:21-35
 Wednesday/Miércoles: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday/Jueves: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
 Friday/Viernes: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
 Saturday/Sabado: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
 Sunday/Domingo: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21
 Alternate readings (Year A):
 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23;
 Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]



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,

The Ten Commandments are “apodictic” laws, imposing a command directly. What if today we were to consider the words of Paul and Jesus in today’s readings not merely as guidance, but as apodictic laws?

Paul wants to dispel dissension among the Christians at Corinth and point out the difference between lukewarm believers and “those who are called.” His “laws” from today’s second reading would read:

1. Thou shalt not put human wisdom above God’s wisdom.
2. Thou shalt not demand signs.
3. Thou shalt not put human strength above God’s strength.
4. Thou shalt accept the paradox of the cross.

Can a people who grew up singing “I Did It My Way” embrace the painful paradox of the cross, which demands we “do it his way?” Paul’s “commandments” demand submission, sacrifice, and service. If they were written in stone, would they create more committed Christians or fewer folks in the pews on Sunday? Would they bring us to our knees or send us out the door?

The Gospel adds one more commandment to today’s short list: Thou shalt not use religion for personal gain.

We are to keep our business separate from God’s business. Jesus’ whip of cords leaves no doubt that he means business, and he offers his body on the cross to prove it: “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up” (John 2:19).

But can we accept the paradox of the cross or are we often subtly serving ourselves in the name of Christ? Do we honor human achievement, material success, and personal power more than humility, simplicity, and compassion?

This Lent, as we prepare to welcome new members into our communities, let’s show them that we also “mean business”—that we are a community of people who do it his way, not our way. Let’s live our lives according to all fifteen “commandments,” so that others will say of us, “And they (finally) came to (really) believe the scripture and the word Jesus had spoken.”

God bless you all,
Father Mike

PARISH MISSION

March 23, 24, 25, 2009

7:00 PM

Rev. Mark Wiesner

LENTEN SOUP & PRAYER SERVICE

March 18, 25 & 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

LENT
More than Penance

How does your family participate in the season of Lent? Do you each "give up something"? Do you "do something positive"? I recall some times in the past when I thought I was doing well if I remembered to abstain from meat on Fridays. Are you so rushed that you feel that way?

Now that I'm "old" I appreciate the season of Lent as a time to stop the rush, a time to quiet my life and look around at new life, spiritually, in nature and in family. This year with the joyful birth of my newest granddaughter, I am more than ever aware of new life. I find myself thinking differently, acting differently.

As I write this article I am more than ever aware of the place that Baptism holds in this season. We are invited to look into our own hearts, to renew our own commitment to the life that began with Baptism.

As followers of Christ, we are called to be Priest (focused on Sacraments), Prophet (always speaking and acting God's Word), and Ruler (caring for all of God's creation). Take the time to consider how you and your family are currently living as Priest, Prophet and Ruler. Try focusing on one of them this Lent and find ways each day to renew your commitment to that call.

Most of all take time to be with God, to pray, to renew yourselves spiritually, participate fully in all the Lenten events offered at the parish. Try to become fully alive in Jesus, walk with Him through Holy Week and share completely Jesus' new life of Resurrection.

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 18th, 25th and April 1st at 5:45 P.M. followed by Prayer Service at 7:00 P.M. in the church.

ATTENTION PARISH CHILDREN'S CHOIR

All children of our parish are invited to join our parish children's choir. Our next children's choir rehearsal will take place Thursday, March 19, 2009, in the church from 5:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. We will be singing at the 4:30 P.M. Mass on Saturday, March 21, 2009



FIFTH SUNDAY COLLECTION



St. Vincent de Paul will have its 5th Sunday collection on March 29, 2009. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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ACIES CELEBRATION

All parishioners of St. John - you are cordially invited to attend the Legion of Mary's "Acies Celebration" on March 28, 2009 at St. John's Church 10:30 A.M. followed by a "Potluck" reception in the Gym.



ST. GERARD WOMEN'S CLUB
EASTER BAKE SALE

The annual Easter Bake Sale takes place on Palm Sunday weekend, April 4th and 5th after all Masses starting with the 4:30 Mass on Saturday. Continental Breakfast will be served.

Please stop by and purchase our baked "goodies and enter the drawings for various prizes. All proceeds are donated to St. John's Church. For more information call Diane Rasmussen at 278-2962.

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 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.**

(BOOKLETS) THE PATH TO FORGIVENESS

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

SAN DAMIANO RETREAT CENTER

On March 21st and 22nd, San Damiano Retreat Center will be selling items from its Gift Shop at 710 Highland Dr. in Danville. They have books, religious items and much more. Please come and support San Damiano while purchasing some great gifts for your friends, or your self.

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 parent 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.

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!

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.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Over the past two weeks Saint John Parish has had very special celebrations with our children who are candidates for Baptism and First Communion as well as with our adults who are already Baptized and are candidates for Confirmation and First Communion. Our children, Gianna, Jack, Keith, Angel and Martin will be Baptized during the Easter Season while Eli and Leonor will receive Confirmation and First Communion at the Easter Vigil.

These candidates have experienced our Church's worship, daily life and service here at Saint John the Baptist Parish and so have deepened their appreciation of the tradition and character of being disciples of Jesus. Please surround these seekers with your special care and support through your prayers and good wishes as they complete the preparation to take their place at the banquet table of the Lord.

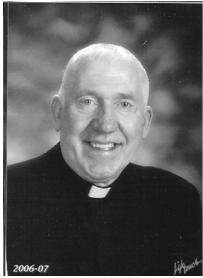
As we continue with the season of Lent, every Baptized Catholic should take the time to reflect on his/her own Baptism and call to be a disciple of Jesus. What difference does your Baptism make in your life? How has the gift of the Holy Spirit infused your life? Are there changes that you need to make in your life to become closer to being fully committed to Jesus?

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,

Los Diez Mandamientos son leyes “apodícticas”, que imponen directamente una orden, de manera indiscutible. ¿Que pasaría si en este momento consideráramos las palabras de Pablo y Jesús en las lecturas de hoy no simplemente como una guía, sino como leyes apodícticas?

Pablo quiere disipar el desacuerdo entre los cristianos en Corinto y señala la diferencia entre los creyentes tibios y “los que Dios ha llamado”. Sus “leyes” basadas en la segunda lectura serían:

1. No pondrás la sabiduría humana por encima de la sabiduría de Dios.
2. No exigirás señales.
3. No pondrás la fuerza humana por encima de la fuerza de Dios.
4. Aceptarás la paradoja de la cruz.

¿Puede un pueblo que ha cantando “Hago siempre lo que quiero” aceptar la dolorosa paradoja de la cruz, que exige que hagamos lo que “Él quiera”? Los “mandamientos” de Pablo exigen sumisión, sacrificio y servicio. Si estuviesen escritos sobre piedra, ¿crearían cristianos más comprometidos o menos gente en la iglesia los domingos? ¿Nos pondrían de rodillas o nos alejarían de la iglesia?

El Evangelio agrega un mandamiento más a la lista corta de hoy:

5. No usarás la religión como ganancia personal.

Debemos mantener nuestros negocios separados de las cosas de Dios. El látigo de cuerdas de Jesús no deja dudas de su misión, y prueba de ello es su sacrificio en la cruz. “Destruyan este templo y en tres días lo reconstruiré”.

Sin embargo, ¿podemos aceptar la paradoja de la cruz o constantemente estamos sirviéndonos a nosotros mismos en el nombre de Cristo? ¿Apreciamos más el éxito, los logros materiales y el poder personal que la humildad, la simplicidad y la compasión?

En esta Cuaresma, al prepararnos para dar la bienvenida a los nuevos miembros en nuestras comunidades, mostrémosles que nosotros también tenemos una misión —que somos una comunidad de personas que hacemos lo que *Él* quiere, y no lo que *nosotros* queremos. Vivamos nuestra vida de acuerdo a los quince “mandamientos”, para que así otros digan de nosotros, y ellos (*finalmente*) “creyeron (*en realidad*) en la Escritura y en las palabras que Jesús había dicho”.

Via Crucis cada Viernes

2:00PM— Patrocinado de Escuela de San Juan

6:30PM—(en Español)

Sopa Cuaresmales y Oración

Marzo 18, 25, Abril 1. 2009

Comvivencia: 5:45pm,

Oración: 7:00pm

Misión Parroquial

Marzo 23, 24, 25, 2009

7:00 PM

Rev. Mark Wiesner

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.

CUARESMA

Más que Penitencia

Como participa su familia en el tiempo Cuaresmal? Cada uno de ustedes se privan de algo? Hacen algo positivo? Me acuerdo que en el pasado si estaba haciendo algo bueno si recordaba de no comer carne los viernes. Su vida es tan a prisa que se sienten así?

Ahora que soy mayor, Aprecio la temporada de Cuaresma como un tiempo de dejar la prisa, mantener mi vida lenta y mirar alrededor de una nueva vida, espiritual en la naturaleza y familia. Este año con el gozo del nacimiento de mi nieta, estoy más conciente de mi nueva vida, me encuentro pensando y actuando diferentemente.

De manera que escribo este artículo, me siento más que nunca lo que el Bautismo significa durante esta temporada. Estamos invitados a mirar hacia dentro del Corazón, en renovar nuestro propio compromiso que comenzó con el Bautismo.

Como seguidores de Cristo, somos llamados hacer sacerdotes, Profetas, y Reyes. Tomen tiempo y consideren como tu y tu familia están viviendo como Sacerdotes, Profetas, y Reyes. Trate de enfocarse en uno esta Cuaresma y encuentren la manera de renovar su compromiso a ese llamado.

Más que nada tome tiempo de estar con Dios, orar, renovar tu espiritualidad, participar completamente en los eventos Cuaresmales ofrecidos en tu parroquia. Tratar de estar completamente vivo en Jesús, caminar con él durante la Semana Santa y compartir completamente la nueva vida de Jesús de la Resurrección

ORGULLO

¿Qué mejor prueba de tu orgullo es que hayas dicho que no eres orgulloso?

LA PARRROQUIA DE SAN JUAN BAUTISTA CELEBRA

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

MARZO 16, 30 Y ABRIL 6 A LAS 6:30PM en el salón 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) .

Infortunadamente estas presentación serán en Ingles.

NOTICIAS DE LA ESCUELA

Aplicaciones para los grados Pre-K—7 para el año escolar 2009-2010 ya están disponibles en la oficina. El espacio es limitado así que por favor recoja su aplicación lo más pronto posible los días lunes a viernes de las 8am a las 4pm. Los espacios se llenan rápidamente ! no se tarde! Los días de entrevistas y exámenes se están 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 Educación Católica para su familia está fuera de su alcance? Hay varios recursos financieros disponibles para las familias que desean proveer una fundación académica 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.

CONFIRMACION DE JOVENES Cualquier candidato de Confirmación quien está cerca de completar los requisitos (cuatro sesiones o 7 semanas, 20 horas de servicio, 4 servicios de reconciliación y un retiro) de la Confirmación, tiene que entregar los Documentos Parroquiales y el formulario de Alianza a fines de Febrero. El formulario de Alianza incluye que se ha hecho y como se va a satisfacer los requisitos que aun quedan. Las entrevistas con los candidatos, comenzaran en Marzo. Si tiene alguna pregunta hablen con Antony o Patrick durante la clase o llame a Kathleen Kennedy al 351-5050.