

**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 23, 2009 — March 29, 2009**

**Monday March 23, 2009**  
**8:30 AM** Manuel Alves †  
 Charles Laughery †

**Tuesday March 24, 2009**  
**8:30 AM** James Alves †  
 Andres & Estrella Rizado †

**Wednesday March 25, 2009**  
**8:30 A.M.** Pablo & Angelina Pechayco †  
 Antonio & Maria Florez †

**Thursday March 26, 2009**  
**8:30 A.M.** Franda Eiras (S.I.)  
 Angel & Al Valenzuela †

**Friday March 27, 2009**  
**8:30 AM** Theresa Gouveia †  
 Alex & Arnel Valenzuela †  
 Carmena Serpa †

**Saturday March 28, 2009**  
**8:30 AM** Samuel Rago †  
 Arthur Murphy †

**4:30 PM** Sylvia McKeever †  
 Isabel Senna †

**Sunday March 29, 2009**  
**7:30 AM** Christopher Leming †  
 Raul Castro †

**9:30 AM** Ray Lucas †  
 Joyce Rosario †

**11:30 AM** Bruno Gouveia †  
 Ivan & Jokica Mihouilovich †

**2:00 PM** St. John Parish Community †

**Weekly Collections / Colecta de la Semana**

Which is the Stewardship of our treasure!

**GOAL \$10,000.00 PER WEEK**  
**March 16, 2009**

Sunday Collection.....\$ 8,937.67  
 Maintenance .....\$ 156.00  
 Catholic Voice .....\$ 116.00

**Bishop's Appeal Goal.....\$ 23,660.00**  
**Amount Collected for Bishop's Appeal ...\$ 10,819.30**

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

**REMEMBER THE SICK**

Linda Liborio, Teofilo Sarabia, Ariel Reyes, Irene Schweigert, 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 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:**  
**Andrew Soffiotto and LaPeti Tuitele Fazio**  
**And Diosdado Bernal**

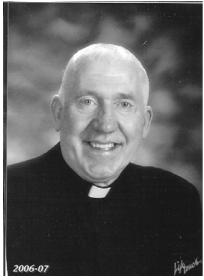
**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**  
**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

Monday/Lunes: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54  
 Tuesday/Martes: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16  
 Wednesday/Miércoles: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40; Heb 10:4-10;  
 Lk 1:26-38  
 Thursday/Jueves: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47  
 Friday/Viernes: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
 Saturday/Sabado: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53  
 Sunday/Domingo: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33  
 Alternate readings (Year A):  
 Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130; Rom 8:8-11;  
 Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]



**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,

Today's Gospel contains the best known and most often quoted passage in the New Testament. Who has not seen *John 3:16* at a televised sporting event? Who has not heard and read the familiar and comforting words?

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." Like an old song or a soft blanket, the words comfort us.

But the rest of the Gospel verses are not so familiar—or so comforting: "Whoever does not believe has already been condemned" (John 3:18). Do my doubts condemn me? Just how strong is my faith? "People preferred darkness to light because their works were evil" (John 3:19). Can I justify my lifestyle when the world's children are starving? "For everyone who does wicked things hates the light" (John 3:20). What have I done that I don't want others to know about? Why do I look the other way when people or governments act unethically or immorally?

The image of Moses holding up the bronze serpent is a stark reminder of the purpose of the Crucifixion. The Son of Man will be "lifted up"—but first he will suffer a painful death on the cross. We are saved through his suffering love—if we will let him love us. "Whoever lives the truth comes to the light" (John 3:21). To "live the truth" is to accept ourselves as we are—good, bad, and ugly. Love can only enter when our defenses are down. Jesus does not condemn; we condemn ourselves by our non-belief in our own essential goodness. It's an internal condemnation removed only by his gift—the gift of love. Jesus is love. We are saved by love. We save others through love. Love is the only thing worth living—or dying—for.

*You are all invited to our Parish Lenten Mission with Fr. Mark Wiesner this Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. The last day of our Parish Mission will close with the Lenten Reconciliation Service. We will be serving our Lenten Soup Supper at 5:45 P.M. before the Reconciliation Service on Wednesday evening as usual.*

God bless you all,  
Father Mike

**LENTEN SCHEDULE****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  
7:00PM

Parish Life

“Living the Covenant”

**March 23 – 25 at 7 PM in the Church**

**Father Mark Weisner** will join Saint John Parish community for prayerful reflection on the path to forgiveness. On March 23 we will focus on Covenant, March 24<sup>th</sup> we will reflect on the three pillars of Lent, prayer, fasting, and alms giving. The mission will culminate with a Reconciliation Service on March 25<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome and encouraged to come. As many of us remember, a few years ago Father Mark joined us for a similar mission. The three evenings promise to be prayerful, challenging, and entertaining. See you there!



**HOSPITALITY  
NAME TAG SUNDAY**

Thanks to the Pastoral Council for hosting on the March 1st.

Join the Legion of Mary for coffee and donuts on Sunday, March 29th at 7:30 and 9:30 Masses.



*The Souza Family wishes to thank all who attended the Vigil and Funeral Services in memory of Richard Souza. We appreciate all your prayers and support.*

**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 25<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:45 P.M. followed by Prayer Service at 7:00 P.M. in the church.



**FIFTH SUNDAY COLLECTION**

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



*Mr. and Mrs. Richard and Maria Rodarte would like to extend their appreciation to all who attended their wedding ceremony, and acknowledge all the beautiful gifts and gratuities. Thank you for sharing our special day. God Bless You.*

**ACIES CELEBRATION**

All parishioners, as well as active and auxiliary members of the Legion of Mary 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 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup>, AND APRIL 6<sup>th</sup>**  
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 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, the San Damiano Retreat Center will be selling items from its Gift Shop here at St. John after Mass. 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](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.

**Wednesday, March 25**, the Religious Education Kindergarten through Eighth Grades will not meet so everyone is free to participate in the Reconciliation Service at 7 PM. Classes will resume April 1.

**First Eucharist** Family preparation meetings will resume March 30 and April 6. Remember these are mandatory for all Religious Education participants who expect to receive Eucharist for the first time this year. The meetings begin at 6:30 PM in the Meeting Room of the Community Center.

## 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?

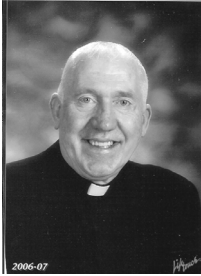
## DECLARACION DE VISION

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,

El Evangelio de hoy contiene el pasaje más conocido y más citado del Nuevo Testamento. ¿Quién no ha visto *Juan 3:16* en una actividad deportiva televisada? ¿Quién no ha escuchado ni leído esas palabras conocidas y reconfortantes?

“¡Porque tanto amó Dios al mundo que le entregó a su Hijo único, para el que todo el que crea en él no perezca, sino que tenga vida eterna”. Esas palabras nos confortan como una canción antigua o una manta suave.

Pero el resto de los versículos del Evangelio no son tan familiares ni tan confortantes: “. . . el que no cree ya está condenado . . .” ¿Me condenan mis dudas? ¿Cuán fuerte es mi fe? “. . . Los hombres prefirieron las tinieblas a la luz, porque sus obras eran malas”. ¿Puedo justificar mi estilo de vida cuando los niños del mundo mueren de hambre? “Todo aquel que hace el mal aborrece la luz y no se acerca a ella . . .” ¿Qué cosas he hecho que no quiero que sepan los demás? ¿Por qué miro para otro lado cuando la gente o los gobiernos actúan sin ética o inmoralmente?

La imagen de Moisés sosteniendo la serpiente de bronce es una señal sombría del propósito de la Crucifixión. El Hijo del Hombre será “levantado”, pero primero sufrirá una muerte dolorosa en la cruz. Seremos salvados por medio de su amor sufriente *si es que* dejamos que Él nos ame. “El que obra el bien conforme a la verdad va a la luz . . .”. Obrar según “la verdad” es aceptarnos como somos: buenos, malos y feos. El amor sólo puede entrar cuando estamos abiertos. Jesús no condena, nosotros nos condenamos por no creer en nuestra bondad esencial. Es una condena interna que sólo un regalo puede remover –el regalo del amor. Jesús es amor. Somos salvados por amor. Salvamos a otros por amor. El amor es lo único por lo que vale la pena vivir o morir.

*Todos están invitados a nuestra Misión Parroquial con el Padre Mark Weisner este lunes, martes y miércoles a las 7:00 P.M. El último día de la Misión culminará con los Servicios de Reconciliación. Antes del Servicio de Reconciliación como siempre estaremos sirviendo Sopas a las 5:45 P.M.*

## HORARIO DE CUARESMA

### Via Crucis cada Viernes

2:00PM— Patrocinado de Escuela de San Juan  
6:30P.M. (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.

**CLUB DE SEÑORAS SAN GERARDO** - Las Señoras de San Gerardo, tendrán la venta anual de Pascua, el día 4 y 5 de abril después de todas las Misas. Por favor venga a comprar las deliciosas galletas, pasteles y otras... también tendremos rifas con muchos premios. Los dineros recaudados serán donados a la Iglesia de San Juan. Para más información llame al (510) 278-2962.

**SAN VIVENTE DE PAUL** - El día 29 de marzo, es el quinto domingo del mes y los miembros de San Vicente de Paul tendrá una segunda colecta. Su generosidad es grandemente apreciada.

**AGRADECIMIENTOS** - Los Esposos Ricardo y Maria Rodarte, desean darles las gracias a todos los que atendieron a celebrar con ellos el día de su matrimonio y darles las gracias por los lindos regalos.

La familia Souza agradecen su presencia durante la Vigilia y Funeral en memoria de Richard Souza. Apreciamos todas sus oraciones y apoyo.

**CIELO** - No podemos ver el cielo por el momento, pero a su debido tiempo, así como la nieve se derrite y descubre lo que yacía debajo, esta creación visible se desvanecerá ante las más gloriosas maravillas que son su causa.

### LIBERTAD AUTÉNTICA

La gente tiene sed de auténtica libertad interior. Anhela la vida que Cristo vino a dar en abundancia.



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### LA PARRROQUIA DE SAN JUAN BAUTISTA CELEBRA

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

**MARZO 30 Y ABRIL 6 A LAS 6:30PM** en el salón comunitario

Estas 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 estan 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 rapidamente !no se tarde! Los días 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.

**CONFIRMACION DE JOVENES** Cualquier candidate 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 entrevista 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.