

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 **December 22, 2008 — December 28, 2008**

Monday December 22, 2008
8:30 AM Florenda Cole†
 Alethe Gagnon & Joe Colletti†

Tuesday December 23, 2008
8:30 AM Manuel Alves †
 Bruno Gouveia†
 James Alves †

Wednesday December 24, 2008
No A.M. 4:30 P.M. Children's Mass-Bilingual
Mass 12:00 A.M. Midnight Mass-Multi-lingual

Thursday December 25, 2008 -Masses
 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 A.M.
 2:00 P.M. Spanish Mass

Friday December 26, 2008
8:30 AM Albina Lozares †
 William & Pauline Marciel †

Saturday December 27, 2008
8:30 AM Albert "Red" Gouveia †
 Imelda Zaratan †

4:30 PM Jerry Dominguez †
 Richard Rego Sr. †

Sunday December 28, 2008
7:30 AM Anh & Huan Dang (S.I.)
 Ivan, Ana, & John Gomes Jr. †

9:30 AM Huan & Anh Dang (S.I.)
 Leonardo Custodio †

11:30 AM Rudy Gomez †
 Bruno Gouveia †

2:00 PM Denise Lagos (S.I.)

Weekly Collections / Colecta de la Semana

Which is the Stewardship of our treasure!

GOAL \$10,000.00 PER WEEK
December 14, 2008

Sunday Collection.....\$8,828.29
 Maintenance\$ 608.00
 Bishop's Appeal.....\$ 25.00
 Religious Retirement.....\$3,218.00
 Our Lady of Guadalupe.....\$ 952.61
 Music Ministry.....\$ 40.00

Bishop's Appeal Goal.....\$23,660.00
Amount Collected for Bishop's Appeal. \$18,769.79

Thank you for your generosity

Gracias por su generosidad.

Your donations make our ministries possible.

REMEMBER THE SICK

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:

Dorothy Perreira & Dolores Kennedy

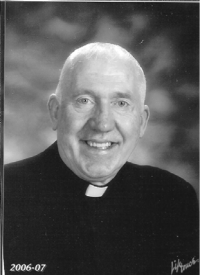
READINGS FOR THE WEEK
LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Monday/Lunes: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
 Tuesday/Martes: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
 Wednesday/Miércoles 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79
 Thursday/Jueves: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Midnight: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
 Friday/Viernes: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
 Saturday/Sabado: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 Sunday/Domingo: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128 or Ps 105; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]



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,

I want to express a special thank-you to everybody for the way you all came to celebrate with me on Tuesday, December 16th the happy occasion of my 30 years of priesthood.

Special thanks to the St. Gerard Women's Club and St. John School. You are all in my heart and prayer.

As Christmas approaches, we remember God became a little baby. Who can be afraid of a little baby? A tiny little baby is completely dependent on its parents, nurses, and caregivers. Yes, God wanted to become so powerless as to be unable to eat or drink, walk or talk, play or work without many people's help. Yes God became dependent on human beings to grow up and live among us and proclaim the good news. Yes, God chose to become so powerless that the realization of God's own mission among us became completely dependent on us.

That's the mystery of the Incarnation. God became human, in no way different from other human beings, to break through the walls of power in total weakness. Who is this child for us? Jesus is the revealer of God in our midst. He challenges us to stop looking for the sacred in wrong places. The Christmas story will always be the story of God-here-with-us in the ordinary, the everyday, the chaos, the shabbiness of a stable, flight-into-exile, the love that exists between family members, the birth of a child and in people despised because of their lowly social status.

May the birth of Jesus bless us all with love and peace this Christmas.

Fr. Carl and I are looking forward to celebrating Christmas with you.

God Bless you,
Fr. Mike



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Save the date! January 4th, 2009.
Don't miss out on coffee and donuts
on "NAME TAG SUNDAY" - get to
know your Church Family.

More information to follow. . . .



St. John the Baptist Church welcomes:

*Kayla Clariche Ablang
Kailee Reyes Dela Cruz
Hyrlie Jaden Medina Ikeda
Nash Austin Reyes*

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE
2008

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS

Friday - December 19th - 9:15 A.M. to 10:15 A.M.
Saturday - December 20th 3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Monday - December 22nd 7:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.
Tuesday - December 23rd 7:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday – December 24th
(No morning Mass)

4:30 P.M. Children's Mass – Bi-lingual
12:00 A.M. Midnight Mass – Multi-lingual

CHRISTMAS DAY

Thursday – December 25th
7:30 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 11:30 A.M.
2:00 P.M. Spanish Mass

NEW YEARS EVE

Wednesday – December 31st
Morning Mass – 8:30 A.M.
Candlelight Mass for Peace – 7:30 P.M.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Thursday – January 1st, 2009
9:30 A.M.

Parish and Family Life

**TAKE A
LOOK
AT THIS...**

THE SUNDAY ENVELOPES HAVE ARRIVED!

Your envelopes will be available for you to pick up after all the Masses on December 20th and 21st.

**Saint John the Baptist Parish
Celebrates**



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

January 5th at 7 PM in the Meeting Room.

We will begin our study of Saint Paul with a video of Paul's Life. This video gives us a good look at the early Christian Communities as well.

January 12th and 26th 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 Galatians and the Corinthians.

SHEPHERDS FIELD OLIVE WOOD HANDCRAFTS

“This weekend, a group from the Holy Land is selling Olive wood handcrafts on behalf of the Catholic families in Jerusalem and Bethlehem. The items will be on sale in the community meeting-room. Due to the bad situation there, many families immigrated. The percentage of Catholic people there, is less than 2%. The Christmas Mass is approaching and these are nice gifts. Your support will help them stay in their land to keep the Christian identity of the Land of Jesus.

Thank you for your cooperation and looking forward to this visit.

John & Violet Abdelmasih

School News

Students of the Month

St. John Catholic School honors the following Students of the Month in December for their extraordinary **generosity**:

PreK: Nancy Jimenez, K: Ariez Pimentel, 1st Grade: Sara Musgrove, 2nd Grade: Joshua Del Rosario, 3rd Grade: Gabriel Rodriguez, 4th Grade: Samantha Nieves, 5th Grade: Caroline Gonsalves, 6th Grade: Rebecca Lopez, 7th Grade: Tanner Lorenzi, 8th Grade: Megan Dela Vega. Congratulations to these students for being living examples of generosity!

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 after Christmas, so mark your calendars now – this is a show you won't want to miss! Call 510-276-6632 for more information.

No More Ink Cartridge Recycling at SJCS

We are currently unable to do our electronics recycling any longer. Please do NOT drop off ink cartridges, cell phones, etc. Thank you for your understanding.

St. John Catholic School Christmas Vacation Schedule

St. John Catholic School will be closed for the Christmas and New Year holidays from December 22, 2008 through Friday, January 2, 2009. Classes resume on Monday, January 5, 2009. The students, faculty and staff of SJCS wish the St. John Parish community a blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year!

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 and Campbell's website at 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 first session has concluded. The second session will begin January 25th and 27th. Registration for new participants in the second session will begin January 11th. 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.

Rites of Acceptance

Last Sunday (December 7) at the 9:30 Mass we celebrated the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens for five of our elementary age children. A *Catechumen* is "a person who is preparing for Baptism. The *catechumenate* is the formation of those catechumens in preparation for their Christian Initiation and aims at bringing their conversion and their faith to maturity within the ecclesial community." (1248 Catechism of the Catholic Church)

This Sunday, (December 14) at the 11:30 Mass we will celebrate a similar rite with two adults who are Baptized in the Catholic Church and are asking to complete their Christian Initiation through the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

These children and adults will be dismissed from Mass after the Liturgy of the Word from now until Easter. They will go from Mass and study more deeply the Word of God proclaimed at that Mass as they continue on their journey of full participation in the Catholic Life.

Please pray for all of these catechumen and candidates to help them complete their initiation.

ADULT BAPTISM AND FIRST COMMUNION

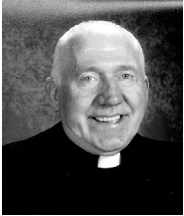
RCIA (the process for becoming a Catholic) is meeting in the upstairs youth room. If you are an adult interested in being Baptized or receiving your First Communion and Confirmation, it is not too late to join. Come to our meeting or please call:

Kathleen Kennedy at 351-5050 ext 16 or e-mail her at kathleen@stjohnsparishslz.org

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



Queridos Amigos,

Quiero expresar mis sinceros agradecimientos a todos los que vinieron el martes 16 de diciembre a celebrar conmigo la feliz ocasión de mis 30 años de sacerdocio.

Agradecimientos especiales a el Club de Señoras San Gerardo y la Escuela de San Juan. Todos ustedes están en mi Corazón y en mis oraciones.

De modo que la Navidad se acerca, recordamos a Dios como un pequeño bebe. ¿Quién puede tener miedo a un pequeño niño? Un bebe pequeñito depende completamente de sus padres, enfermeras y quien los cuida. Si, Dios quiso ser tan impotente como no poder comer o beber, caminar o hablar, jugar o trabajar sin la ayuda de muchas gentes. Si, Dios dependía del ser humano para crecer y vivir entre nosotros y proclamar la buena nueva. Si, Dios eligió ser tan impotente que para realizar la misión de Dios dependió de nosotros.

Este es el misterio de la Encarnación. El hecho que Dios fuera humano no es diferente de otro ser humano, quebrando barreras de poder en total impotencia. ¿Quién es este niño para nosotros? Jesús es quien manifiesto a Dios en nuestro medio. El nos reta a dejar de buscar lo sagrado en los lugares equivocados. La historia de Navidad siempre será la historia de Dios-aquí-con-nosotros en lo ordinario, en cada día, en confusiones, desaseo del establo, huida-hacia-exilio. El amor que existe en los miembros de la familia, el nacimiento de un niño y en la gente despreciada por su estatuto social.

Que el nacimiento de Jesús nos bendiga con amor y paz esta Navidad.

Padre Carl y Yo, tenemos muchos deseos de celebrar las Navidad con ustedes.

Que Dios Les Bendiga
Padre Mike

CLASES DE CONFIRMACION

La primera session ha concluido. La segunda session comenzará el 25 y 27 de enero. Registración para nuevos participante en la segunda session comenzara el 11 de enero. Habrá una junta para voluntarios. Por favor llame a Katheleen Kennedy al 351-5050 o con los lideres Antony Ta y Patrick Walsh.



FILOSOFIA Y METAS DE LA EDUCACION RELIGIOSA EN SAN JUAN Juntos tratamos de ayudar a todos aqui en San Juan al crecimiento de Fe, comprensión 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.

**HORARIO DE ADVIENTO & NAVIDAD
2008**

CONFESIONES INDIVIDUALES(en ingles)

Viernes -diciembre 19 9:15 A.M. - 10:15 A.M.
Sabado - diciembre 20 3:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.
Lunes - diciembre 22 7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
Martes - diciembre 23 7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

NOCHE BUENA
Miercoles 24 de Diciembre
(No habrá misa por la Mañana)

4:30 P.M. Miisa de los Niños Bilingüe
12:00 A.M. Misa de Media Noche Multilingüe

DIA DE NAVIDAD
Jueves 25 de Diciembre
7:30 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 11:30 A.M.
2:00 P.M. Misa en Español

DICIEMBRE 31
8:30 A.M. Misa por la Mañana
7:30 P.M. Misa Por LA PAZ a la Luz de Velas

AÑO NUEVO
Jueves Primero de Enero de 2009
Misa a las 9:30 AM (en ingles)

ARTICULOS DE MADERA DE OLIVO

Este fin de semana un grupo de la Tierra Santa, estaá vendiendo articulos de Madera para beneficio de las familias Católicas de Jerusalem y Belen. Los artículos estarán de venta en el cuarto comunitario. Por la situación tan mala, muchas familias han inmigrado. El porcentaje de la gente católica es menos del 2%. La Navidad esta llegando y estos articulos serian perfectos regalos. Su ayuda les permite permanecer en su tierra preservando la identidad de la Tierra de Jesús.

LO MÁS IMPORTANTE La tarea más importante en la vida de un hombre consiste en darse a luz a sí mismo.

**LA PARRROQUIA DE SAN JUAN BAUTISTA
CELEBRA**

**EL AÑO DE SAN PABLO
JUNIO 2008 — JUNIO 2009**
ENERO 5 -7PM EN EL SALON COMUNITARIO
Comenzaremos el studio sobre la vida de San Pablo con un video. Este video nos déja entender la vida de las Comunidades Cristianas tambien.

ENERO 12 Y 26
Vamos a mirar dos de las comunidades de San Pablo. Sharon Hemenway continuara con la historia de Coroionh y Gaul, mientras Kathleen Kennedy nos guiara a reflexionar sobre las cartas a los Galiatas y Corintos.

CATECISMO

El día 21 de diciembre los niños del catecismos estaran celebrando **POSADAS** después de la misa de las 2PM. Se les pide a los padres que colaboren con comida para compartir, puede traer suficiente para 10 personas. para mas informacion llame a Maria Luisa al 677-6127

SOBRES PARA LAS OFRENDAS

Los sobres para las ofrendas ya llegaron y estarán disponibles para que usted los recoja después de todas las Misas los días 13 y 14 de diciembre y el siguiente fin de semana diciembre 20 y 21.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

En el Cristianismo hay muchas y variadas imágenes de la escena de la Anunciación narrada por Lucas (1:26-38). Casi siempre se ve al ángel Gabriel que, bajando del cielo, se acerca a la Virgen María. La jovencita, a veces está trabajando, pero casi siempre está en oración o leyendo la Sagrada Escritura. Ella se voltea para ver al ángel, quien normalmente apunta hacia el cielo con un dedo, recordando que su mensaje es de origen divino. Estas imágenes son reconocidas como “La Anunciación” y conmemoran el mensaje anunciado: Jesús.

Hay que ver más allá del ángel y la Virgen en estas imágenes. Es necesario seguir el dedo de Gabriel y ver que Dios se manifiesta en este anuncio. Muchas veces Dios es presentado como el Padre celestial y/o el Espíritu Santo que envía rayos de luz hacia el vientre de la Virgen. A veces en estos rayos se encuentra un pequeño grano de trigo: semilla del Verbo Divino. En esa semillita se encuentra el anuncio verdadero: Dios se hace uno de nosotros. El anuncio es la Encarnación del Hijo de Dios.