

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

PARROQUIA DE SAN JUAN BAUTISTA



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PARISH INFORMATION

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OFFICE HOURS/ HORARIOS DE OFICINA
 Mon.-Fri. 9:00am-12:00pm 1:00pm-5:00 pm
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 Atención en español de Martes & Jueves todo el día

MASS SCHEDULE

HORARIO DE MISAS

Weekdays: Mon - Fri. 8:30 am English
 - Martes, Jueves 6:00 pm —Español
 + Saturday (Vigil) 4:30 pm English
 + Sábado (Vigilia) 6:30 pm Español
 + Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 am English
 + Domingo: 11:30, 1:30 pm - Español

Reconciliation: Tuesday & Thursday 4:30pm
Confesiones : Martes y Jueves 4:30pm.
Weddings/Bodas/Baptisms/Quinceañeras /
Funerals. Call the Parish Office / Llamar a la oficina

MISSION STATEMENT/NUESTRA MISIÓN

The family of St. John the Baptist of San Lorenzo brings life to the Word of God through liturgy, ministries and services. *La familia de San Juan Bautista de San Lorenzo da vida a la Palabra de Dios a través de la liturgia, los ministerios y el servicio.*

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PASTOR'S CORNER

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Outside Chicago, there is a small cemetery in the woods behind Mundelein Seminary, where I was a student. One night I was exploring it. I looked up and was shocked to see an imposing seventeen-foot angel towering over me and preparing to blow a trumpet. Adrenaline rushed through me. I gasped and uttered, "Oh my God!" Quickly I realized it was in fact a massive bronze statue. I tried to calm myself down. But it still freaked me out.

As we begin to celebrate Easter today, this image might seem a bit unnerving. But please recall that for the first disciples on the morning of the resurrection, it was precisely that. It wasn't joyful at first, it was terrifying. It wasn't peaceful, it was unsettling. In that Jerusalem cemetery, something otherworldly had happened. Angels announced that he was no longer dead, but alive. They had blown their trumpets, so to speak, and Jesus had risen. Soon the disciples' shock in that dark cemetery would turn into joy.

We all have our own places of the dead, too, don't we? Deceased loved ones. Our tired patterns of blame. Relationships stuck in resentment. Indifference to the poor. Lost dreams. Despair about our future. Fear of sickness and death. These are our "cemeteries" where we don't expect much to happen. Today we enter — if we dare — those places with the disciples. See the mighty angel standing there, trumpet ready to blare!

El Tiempo de Pascua es el más importante de la historia de la Salvación, por lo tanto, las celebraciones durante este tiempo de Pascua son las más importantes y solemnes de nuestro Calendario Litúrgico. El Tiempo Pascual dura cincuenta días, y con la fiesta de Pentecostés se cierra este tiempo de júbilo y presencia viva de Cristo Resucitado. Hoy celebramos el Domingo de Resurrección, y el mensaje de Pascua es: "Cristo ha Resucitado". Esta frase, hermosa y llena de esperanza para todos, se repite en cada lectura de la Misa. Ahora, es el tiempo de celebrar el día central de nuestra fe. El sufrimiento ha quedado atrás, el sepulcro vacío, el sudario, las vendas, han quedado en el pasado. Jesús, ahora vive y vive para siempre.

Por el bautismo hemos resucitado con Cristo y esa es la Buena Nueva que no debemos de desaprovechar. San Pablo lo especifica muy bien y da sentido a nuestro bautismo: "Si han resucitado con Cristo, busquen las cosas de arriba, donde Cristo está sentado a la derecha de Dios" (Colosenses 3,1). ¿Cuáles serán las cosas de arriba a las que San pablo se refiere? ¿Serán visibles a nuestros ojos? Dejemos que Dios actúe en nosotros y será muy fácil descubrirlas. No hay que ir muy lejos, solo busca a tu alrededor y las verás. Personas por la calle piden comida, techo, medicina. En casa, niños preguntan por tiempo de calidad, los matrimonios, buscan comprensión y amor. Nuestro reto es no olvidar que ¡Este es el día en que actuó el Señor!

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WEEKEND COLLECTION COLECTA DEL FIN DE SEMANA

WEEKEND PLATE COLLECTION COLECTA DEL FIN DE SEMANA	Will be reported the following week
ELECTRONIC FUNDS FONDOS ELECTRONICOS	Will be reported the following week
CHECKS MAILED IN CHEQUES ENVIADOS	Will be reported the following week
MAINTENANCE MANTENIMIENTO	Will be reported the following week

**MAY GOD BLESS YOUR GENEROSITY
QUE DIOS BENDIGA SU GENEROSIDAD**

Online giving link: (para donar por linea)

<https://stjohnsparishslz.weshareonline.org/>

MASS INTENTIONS / INTENCIONES DE MISAS

Mar. 31, Sun	7:30 Bihildo Atienza+ 9:30 Manuel Faria + 11:30 Jose Refugio Martinez+ 1:30 Rosa Dominguez (SI)
Apr. 1, Mon	8:30 Carlos Fernandez+
Apr. 2, Tue	8:30 Erika B. Jones (SI) 6:00 Javier Torres+
Apr. 3, Wed	8:30 Community of St. John's
Apr. 4, Thu	8:30 Nancy Pulido (SI) 6:00 Gloria Garcia (SI)
Apr. 5, Fri	8:30 Henry Gonzales Jr. + 6:00 Community of St. John's
Apr. 6, Sat	4:30 Sister Anne Lucy+ 6:30 Roberto Rosas, Jr.+

EASTER MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus, I want to take a moment to reflect on the season of Lent that has led us to this joyous Easter celebration. Lent is a time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, a time when we are called to renew our relationship with God and with one another.

During this past Lenten season, we have journeyed together as a parish with Stations of The Cross, Community retreats, confessions, Lenten Soup, and other events in our community, reflecting on the sacrifices of Jesus and the love of God that knows no bounds. We have embraced the disciplines of Lent, seeking to grow closer to God and to live out our faith more fully in our daily lives.

Now, as we celebrate the joy of Easter, we are reminded of the ultimate victory of Christ over sin and death. The Resurrection is a testament to God's love for us, a love so great that He sent His only Son to die for our sins and rise again, conquering death and offering us the promise of eternal life.

As we celebrate Easter, let us carry the spirit of Lent with us, continuing to grow in our faith and to share God's love with all those we meet. May the joy of the Resurrection fill our hearts and our homes, and may we always be guided by the light of Christ's love.

Happy Easter to you and your families!

Father Sergio and Parish Staff



Queridos feligreses,

Mientras celebramos la Resurrección de Jesús, quiero tomarme un momento para reflexionar sobre la temporada de Cuaresma que nos ha llevado a esta alegre celebración de Pascua. La Cuaresma es un tiempo de oración, ayuno y limosna, un tiempo en el que estamos llamados a renovar nuestra relación con Dios y unos con otros.

Durante esta pasada temporada de Cuaresma, hemos caminado juntos como parroquia con Vía Crucis, retiros comunitarios, confesiones, sopa de Cuaresma y otros eventos en nuestra comunidad, reflexionando sobre los sacrificios de Jesús y el amor de Dios que no conoce límites. Hemos abrazado las disciplinas de la Cuaresma, buscando acercarnos más a Dios y vivir nuestra fe más plenamente en nuestra vida diaria.

Ahora, al celebrar la alegría de la Pascua, recordamos la victoria definitiva de Cristo sobre el pecado y la muerte. La Resurrección es un testimonio del amor de Dios por nosotros, un amor tan grande que envió a su único Hijo a morir por nuestros pecados y resucitar, venciendo la muerte y ofreciéndonos la promesa de la vida eterna.

Mientras celebramos la Pascua, llevemos con nosotros el espíritu de la Cuaresma, sigamos creciendo en nuestra fe y compartiendo el amor de Dios con todos aquellos que conocemos. Que la alegría de la Resurrección llene nuestros corazones y nuestros hogares, y que siempre seamos guiados por la luz del amor de Cristo.

¡Felices Pascuas para vosotros y vuestras familias!

Padre Sergio y personal parroquial



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 2ND COLLECTION

Reminder: There will be a special 5th Sunday collection on
March 30th & 31st for St. Vincent de Paul.

Your generosity will directly support those in need, providing essential
assistance to the less fortunate in our community.
Thank you for your continued support and compassion.

*Recordatorio: Habrá una colecta especial el quinto domingo el
30 y 31 de marzo por San Vicente de Paúl.*

*Su generosidad apoyará directamente a los necesitados, brindando
asistencia esencial a los menos afortunados de nuestra comunidad.
Gracias por su continuo apoyo y compasión.*



SOCIETY OF
ST. VINCENT
de PAUL

GET INVOLVED!

St. Vincent de Paul has been a vital part of St. John's Parish since 1966, providing essential services to those in need in our community. *Our services include:*

Providing food, clothing, rent, and utility assistance to individuals and families facing tough times.

Offering prayers and support to those seeking comfort and guidance.

All these efforts are made possible through your generous donations of money, food, and clothing.

We invite you to join us in our mission. We are in need of volunteers to help:

Organize our food lockers; Sort through clothing donations; Check and relay messages on our phones to volunteers who work Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 4:00 to 5:00 PM.

Your time and support, no matter how much, will be greatly appreciated. If you're interested, please call 510-940-8175 to schedule an appointment or simply join us at our meeting on Tuesday, April 9th at 4:00 PM in our SVDP room.

In 2023, we served 531 individuals and families. With your help, we can continue to make a difference in the lives of those in need.

Thank you for your continued support,

LeNora Carroll
President of SVDP
St. John's Church, San Lorenzo
Office: 510-940-8175



Altar Flower Fund Fondo para Flores el Altar



Would you like to donate towards our Altar Flower Fund in the memory of a loved one or for a special intention? The donation is up to you, and funds will be used to add fresh flowers to our altar. There are envelopes in the entrance of the church or in the church office. Thank you for your support.

¿Le gustaría donar a nuestro Fondo de Flores para el Altar en memoria de un ser querido o por una intención especial? La donación depende de usted, y los fondos se utilizarán para agregar flores frescas a nuestro altar. Hay sobres en la entrada de la iglesia o en la oficina de la iglesia. Gracias por su apoyo.

Happy Easter... New Season means new events!

Would you like to stay informed about the latest happenings in our Parish? We're excited to continue using Flocknotes for the third year—a convenient text messaging system keeping you updated on everything within our Parish. If you haven't already, sign up now by scanning the QR Code and stay connected with us!

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Felices Pascuas... ¡Nueva temporada significa nuevos eventos!

¿Le gustaría mantenerse informado sobre los últimos acontecimientos en nuestra Parroquia? Estamos entusiasmados de continuar usando Flocknotes por tercer año, un conveniente sistema de mensajes de texto que lo mantiene actualizado sobre todo lo relacionado con nuestra parroquia. Si aún no lo has hecho, regístrate ahora escaneando el código QR y mantente conectado con nosotros.



*St. John's Legion of Mary Most Holy
Invites you to join them for
Mother of Perpetual Help Novena
EVERY WEDNESDAY
after the 8:30AM Mass*



**Become a part of the
ministry of lectors!**

The
Word
of God

If you feel the calling to be a lector, we are actively looking for individuals to join us for our English masses, particularly at 4:30pm and 7:30am. Training will be provided. For more details, please reach out to the office at (510) 351-5050.

FAITH FAMILY

St. John Catholic School students attend mass and periodically meet in Faith Families for Faith Family activities that provide students from across grade levels the opportunity to to come together and share in faith and fellowship. This month students met to learn about the parable of the sower (Gospel of Matthew 13:1-23) and then created posters reflecting "good soil."





MANY MINISTRIES
ONE CHURCH
BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL 2024

Bishop's Appeal Weekend!!!!

We invite you to join us in supporting our Oakland Diocese through the Catholic Bishop's Appeal. The Bishop's Ministries Appeal provides key funding for more than 70+ diocesan ministries and programs encompassing Religious Education & Faith Formation, Pastoral Ministries & Services, Clergy Formation & Support, Priest Retirement & Care, and Support for Catholic Schools & Parishes in Need. The religious, educational, and charitable outreach supported by the Appeal makes a difference in the lives of thousands of people every day throughout the Oakland area.

Please prayerfully consider making a gift to this year's Catholic Bishop's Appeal. Every donation, no matter the size, helps us continue the work of spreading God's love and mercy. As a reminder, for parishioners who wish to support the Appeal with a check, please advise them to make checks payable to Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland.

You may also scan the QR code below, to access the donation link directly. When making your donation electronically, please ensure that you select your parish.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TRIMESTER 2
ST. JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
AND SCHOOL HONOR ROLL RECIPIENTS!

