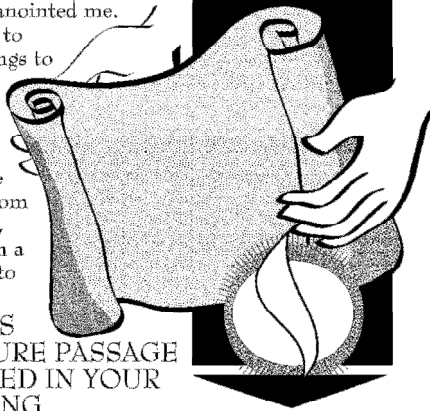


THE SPIRIT OF  
THE LORD IS  
UPON ME

because he has anointed me.

He has sent me to  
bring glad tidings to  
the poor, to  
proclaim liberty  
to captives,  
recovery of  
sight to the  
blind and freedom  
to the oppressed,  
and to proclaim a  
year acceptable to  
the Lord.

TODAY THIS  
SCRIPTURE PASSAGE  
IS FULFILLED IN YOUR  
HEARING.



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**Third Sunday  
In Ordinary Time  
January 24, 2010**

Follow me, says the Lord,  
and you will have the light of life!

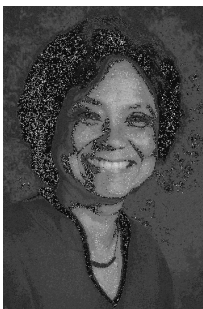
## Let's Pray and Pay to Help Haiti Recover

Dear Parishioners,

My heart breaks for Haiti and our sisters and brothers who have been devastated by a huge earthquake. For the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, this is a disaster of epic proportions. The major casualties took place in the capital city, Port-au-Prince. Our sister parish in Fond Tortue is in the mountains, a good distance from the epicenter. We know little of the damage in our sister parish. However, we simply must send prayers and support to those affected by the earthquake. To this end we are collecting money to help relief efforts in that country. Financial donations should be made out to "St. John the Baptist Church – Haiti Relief".

St. Paul in today's reading reminds us that we are all members of the Body of Christ. When one member of the body hurts, the whole body is in pain. Let's try in our small way to relieve some of the suffering of our sisters and brothers in Haiti.

Peace,  
Fr. John Maxwell



### Our School Principal Dies

Terry Barber, principal of St. John the Baptist School for the past nine years, died Saturday, Jan. 16, after suffering from pancreatic cancer. Her first kindergarten class at St. John's is scheduled to graduate this June. Our deepest condolences to her family and the school staff

A memorial Mass will be celebrated for her at St. John's Church at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30. May she rest in peace.

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**January 23 – 30, 2010**

	<b>Intention</b>	<b>Requested By</b>
Saturday, Jan. 23	5 p.m. Carmela Tringali †	Caramagno Family
Sunday, Jan. 24	8 a.m. Luis Torres †	Ann Torres
	9:30 a.m. Christine Soriano †	Ricky Soriano
	11 a.m. Gerald Klatt †	Kathy Klatt
	12:30 p.m. Leonor F. Tiongson †	Mom & Dad
	3 p.m. St. John's Parishioners	Mandarin Mass Community
Monday, Jan. 25	6 p.m. Gabriel Freitas – Birthday	Freitas Family
	8 a.m. Margaret Hicks †	Walt & Mary Ellen Corvello
Tuesday, Jan. 26	8 a.m. Araceli Jabson †	Jabson Family
Wednesday, Jan. 27	8 a.m. Jose Freitas – Birthday	Freitas Family
Thursday, Jan. 28	8 a.m. Madeline Gaines †	Ike & Cora Tiongson
Friday, Jan. 29	8 a.m. Jo Sudall †	Ike & Cora Tiongson
Saturday, Jan. 30	8 a.m. Margaret & J. Vincent Carey	Maura Carey
	5 p.m. Mr. Pizzorno †	Marilyn Orem

**Stewardship**

Envelopes & EFT (220)	\$6,163
Loose Donations	<u>2,491</u>
<b>Total Regular Collection</b>	<b>\$8,654</b>
Seminary Collection	\$1,160

Next Weekend: Parish Charities

**Please remember your parish in your will.**

**Message of Stewardship**

The U.S. bishops' pastoral on stewardship reinforces today's reading from 1 Corinthians: "Because its individual members do collectively make up the Body of Christ, that body's health and well-being are the responsibility of the members – the personal responsibility of each one of us. We all are stewards of the Church."



Terry Barber

**Let Us Pray for the Sick:**

Josephine Abbissinio, Dorothy Alexander, Evelyn Baker, George Blair, Barbara Brendlinger, Elizabeth Brown, Jeffrey Chavez, Isabella Kristine Cruz, Deloris Davis, Lou Encalada, Narte Estrellas, Michael Fleming, Emilio Gallegos, Ann Gerletti, Irma Gherlone, Teresa Grant, Domingos Gregorio, Frances Haynes, Steve Jeffre, Geraldine Judt, Maria Impang Lozada, Eric Lubrano, Fr. John Maxwell, Deanie McGowan, Evelyn & John Miche, Bob Moore, Lolita Parafina, Stephen Pellingra, Evelyn Phillips, Dina Pieroni, Leola Richardson, Sr. Mary Soong, Amy Stymer and Marilyn Sutton.

Please call the rectory to add or remove names.

**Need a Receipt for Donations?**

Would you like to receive an acknowledgment for your 2009 contributions to St. John's Church? Simply drop us a note or telephone the church office at 232-5659, and we'll mail you a written verification of your total donations for the year.

We encourage all parishioners to use collection envelopes or our electronic fund transfer (EFT) program. Taking the time to use the envelopes or EFT donations makes it more likely that your contribution will be planned and thoughtful. Records are kept in confidence.

## **Feast on Crab Feb. 13 . . .**

Tickets are now on sale for our seventh annual parish crab feed, this year known as **Cupid's Crab Feast** on Saturday evening, Feb. 13 – the day before Valentine's Day and the last Saturday before Lent.

Tickets are \$40 a person (the same as the last two years), and \$45 at the door. The Navea family will be our chefs.

No-host cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will start at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 o'clock.

You can purchase tickets at the church exits or by going online to [www.sjcrabfeed.com](http://www.sjcrabfeed.com).

Seating is limited, so please buy your tickets now!

## **. . . and Donate a Gift**

If you received a Christmas gift that you don't need or that duplicates something you already have, please consider donating it for our upcoming Cupid's Crab Feast auction.

You can drop off your donation at the parish office, or call us at 232-5659 for a pickup.

## **School Crab Feed Feb. 6**

St. John's School will conduct its annual crab feed on Saturday, Feb. 6.

Doors will open at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30. There will also be an auction and raffle, and musical entertainment. Gift baskets will be raffled during dinner.

The cost is \$35 per person, which must be received by Jan. 22 or until the event is sold out. Please make checks payable to St. John PTG and send to the school office at 11156 San Pablo Ave.

Due to the popularity of this event, an early response is encouraged.

## **Blessing of Throats Wednesday**

We will bless throats after the 8 a.m. Mass on Wednesday, Feb. 3, in honor of St. Blaise, the bishop of Armenia in the early fourth century who, according to legend, saved a boy who had a fish bone lodged in his throat by praying over him with two lighted candles in the form of a cross.

## **GRIP Meeting This Sunday**

St. John the Baptist Parish will host the Annual Celebration of the Greater Richmond Interfaith Program in our Community Center, 6500 Gladys St. (corner of Lexington) from 3 to 4:30 p.m. this Sunday, Jan. 24.

All who have participated in GRIP activities are encouraged to attend. The celebration will include refreshments, music, updates on GRIP programs, elections of new board members and testimonials from shelter residents.

Let's welcome the members of the 40 other faith communities who belong to the GRIP family. This is always an optimistic event.

## **Parish Council Taking Survey**

St. John's Pastoral Council members would like to know the needs of our parishioners so that they may provide appropriate information and/or training resources for them.

In order to assist the council in determining how best to meet your needs and interests, they are asking for feedback from members of our parish.

Next Sunday, Jan. 31, they will place survey sheets in the pews and on the tables at each exit. They ask that you please indicate which areas of information and/or training are of interest to you.

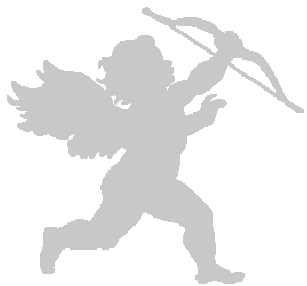
The topics they have identified are:

1. Spiritual renewal
2. Financial debt and counseling
3. Coping with the recession (job loss, anxiety, depression, how to keep the family together)
4. Resume workshop, techniques for job hunting on the Internet, available apprenticeship workshops or programs through the unions or surrounding cities
5. Tips on maintaining good physical health and well-being.

## **Altar Servers Welcome**

Parishioner Simaima Sekona has volunteered to become our parish's new altar server coordinator. Thank you, Simaima!

We need more altar servers, so she is inviting youngsters who would like to serve Mass to call her at 837-0815 for training.



# St. John the Baptist Parish's Cupid's Crab Feast



*You are invited*

*Saturday, February 13, 2010  
St. John's Auditorium  
Kearney Street entrance*

*To a banquet featuring*

*No-Host Cocktails • 6 p.m. • Hors d'oeuvres galore*

*Dinner at 7 p.m.  
Feast on Hot Roasted Garlic Crabs  
Pasta, Salad, Rolls  
Dessert, Coffee and Tea*

*Raffle • Mini Live Auction • Silent Auction*

*Please join us in this endeavor to raise funds while having a wonderful time*

*Cost: \$40 per person*

*Tickets can be purchased online at [www.SJCrabFeed.com](http://www.SJCrabFeed.com)*

*We will be happy to attend  
Cupid's Crab Feast  
to support St. John's Parish  
on Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010*

*Name \_\_\_\_\_*

*Address \_\_\_\_\_*

*City/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_*

*Tickets \$40 a person*

*\_\_\_\_\_ seat(s) \$ \_\_\_\_\_*

*(For group purchase, list all  
names on separate sheet)*

*(Price at door \$45)*

*We cannot attend, but wish  
to contribute to St. John's*

*\$ \_\_\_\_\_*

*Check payable to  
St. John's Church  
is enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_*

*Or go online to  
[www.SJcrabfeed.com](http://www.SJcrabfeed.com)*

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*No refunds*

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## **Concert To Help Haiti**

A concert to benefit Haitian relief will be held at 5 p.m. this Sunday, Jan. 24, at Christ the Light Cathedral in Oakland.

The concert will feature the San Francisco Boys Chorus, along with world renowned mezzo soprano Frederica von Stade, members of the San Francisco Opera House International Orange Chorale and organist Rudy de Vos.

Your donations will go to support the work of Catholic Relief Services.

For tickets, to donate or for directions, please go to [www.ctlcathedral.org](http://www.ctlcathedral.org). There is a suggested donation of \$25 per ticket, but any donation amount is acceptable.

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## **Women's Covenant Starts Book**

St. John's Wednesday Women's Covenant Group has selected its latest book study as "Angels of God; The Bible, The Church and the Heavenly Hosts" by Mike Aquilina.

He is a great author of many books and series on Church history, doctrine and devotion.

If you are looking for a way to find a deeper meaning in your spiritual life for this New Year, we recommend this short book packed full of information about the saints and Church teaching. "Everything you ever wanted to know about angels and never asked," says one reviewer, the Rev. T.G. Morrow.

This is a great book you can study on your own as well.

The Women's Group meets on Wednesdays in the Community Center from approximately 12 noon to 2 p.m. For questions, please call Pam Vincent at 510-233-6486.

## **Report on Mideast Developments**

The Fr. Bill O'Donnell Social Justice Committee invites you to hear Carol Sanders of the Jewish Voice for Peace speak on "Behind the Wall: Emerging Strategies of Palestinian Nonviolent Resistance" at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, in the St. Joseph the Worker Chapel, 1640 Addison St. in Berkeley.

Admission is free. For details, call 499-0537.

## **School Open House Next Sunday**

St. John the Baptist School will hold an open house from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. next Sunday, Jan. 31.

There will be a kindergarten Mass at 9:30 a.m. in the church, followed by a meet-the-principal session at 11 a.m. in the Science Room.

St. John's school offers a faith-based curriculum, family atmosphere, integrated curriculum, hand-on science labs, integrated technology, an extensive PE program, fine arts and extended care.

Come meet our teachers and see the wonderful work of our students on display.

The school is currently accepting applications for the 2010-11 school year and is testing students for all grades, K through 8. New student applications will be available at the open house

You can also pick up an application at the school, call 234-2244 or see the school's Web site at [www.stjohnec.org](http://www.stjohnec.org).

## **Lunar New Year Celebration**

We have another chance to celebrate the New Year!

Sunday, Feb. 14, ushers in the Year of the Tiger on the Lunar calendar. Please join us in celebrating this new beginning with a special Mass on Sunday, Feb. 14, at 12:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to a luncheon after Mass in the Conference Room. For more information, please call Olivia Wong at 233-1088.

## **Bingo at St. Joseph School**

St. Joseph School will offer bingo on Saturday, Feb. 6, with door prizes, raffles and much more.

Doors will open at 4 p.m. at 1961 Plum St., with the games set to begin at 5 p.m.

## **St. John's Seniors**

St. John the Baptist Community Center  
6500 Gladys St., corner of Lexington  
Director: Jan Duckart 527-2850  
Telephone 237-3808 on Tuesdays  
Noon Tuesday, Jan. 26:  
Birthday celebration  
Sing-along with Ligia