



**Fourth Sunday
In Ordinary Time**
January 31, 2010

May we praise your name, O Lord.

Your Donations Will Help Haiti Recover

Dear Parishioners,

Several points:

1. Thank you so much for your generosity last week for Haiti. We will see that your precious love offerings will go directly to the Little Sisters of St. Therese and Sr. Denise. Your sharing and caring means a lot to me personally. We'll keep you informed.

2. Last Sunday, GRIP held its annual meeting and reviewed the past year and plans for the future. Our church was signaled out with a certificate of appreciation for our many volunteers in all aspects of GRIP, from the board to serving food to financial support. I am very proud of Joe Orr, who served as vice chair of GRIP. There is always room for you to participate. Just phone the rectory.

3. The second reading of St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians is about love. "Love is patient, love is kind, love is never jealous ... it is not inflated ... it does not brood over injuries ... it does not rejoice in wrong-doing ... it bears all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails."

I am so proud of the many members of our church who live this life of love and service. Jesus is pleased with your stewardship.

Peace,
Fr. John

Altar Servers Welcome

Parishioner Simaima Sekona has volunteered to become our parish's new altar server coordinator. She is inviting youngsters who would like to serve Mass to call her at 837-0815.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This column and all of Father John's previous columns are available on our parish Web site. Just go to www.SaintJohnTheBaptistChurch.org and click on the picture of the church.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Jan. 30 – Feb. 6, 2010

	Intention	Requested By
Saturday, Jan. 30	5 p.m. Mr. Pizzorno †	Marilyn Orem
Sunday, Jan. 31	8 a.m. Kathy Lawrence †	Marin Family
	9:30 a.m. Udall Zuniga †	Pajuleras Family
	11 a.m. Deceased Family Members †	Blair Family
	12:30 p.m. Valentin Family	Serafin & Maria Allam
	6 p.m. St. John's Parishioners	Brazilian Community
Monday, Feb. 1	8 a.m. Juan L. Agtuca †	De Los Reyes Family
Tuesday, Feb. 2	8 a.m. Luis Torres †	Ann Torres
Wednesday, Feb. 3	8 a.m. Benjamin Lim †	De Los Reyes Family
Thursday, Feb. 4	8 a.m. Mary Ann & Mike's Health	Stella Baptista
Friday, Feb. 5	8 a.m. Peter Vietti †	Vietti Family
Saturday, Feb. 6	8 a.m. Agatha Huang – Thanksgiving	Huang Family
	5 p.m. Steve Eveland †	John E. Ewen

Stewardship

Envelopes & EFT (199)	\$3,784
Loose Donations	<u>1,950</u>
Total Regular Collection	\$5,734
Haiti Earthquake Relief	\$13,263

Next Weekend: Parish & School Development

Please remember your parish in your will.

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, Marsha Lightfoot, Maria Impang Lozada, Eric Lubrano, Fr. John Maxwell, Deanie McGowan, Evelyn & John Miche, Bob Moore, Lolita Parafina, Stephen Pelingra, Evelyn Phillips, Dina Pieroni, Leola Richardson, Sr. Mary Soong, Amy Stymer and Marilyn Sutton.

Please call the rectory to add or remove names.

Message of Stewardship

Jeremiah declares that the Lord knew him before he was born, and dedicated and appointed him to his role as prophet even before he drew breath. We, too, are known and sent by the Lord. What deeds of love and service are mine to perform?

Quotes on Priesthood

“We know that Jesus is there in the tabernacle: let us open our hearts to him, let us rejoice in his sacred presence. That is the best prayer.”

– St. John Vianney,
patron saint of parish priests

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.

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 Saturday

St. John's School will conduct its annual crab feed next 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.



Mark Price as St. Joseph (left) and Judas

Parish Lenten Mission

Mark Price, who provides vivid depictions of biblical figures, will return to St. John's Feb. 20-22 to give us a parish mission.

He will depict Judas at all the Masses on the first weekend of Lent, then portray St. Joseph at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22.

Mark's 35-year ministry is designed to challenge churchgoers to a greater understanding of what it means to believe. His previous performances here have drawn wide acclaim.

1st Reconciliation Meeting

If your child is in fourth grade or above and has not yet received the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance, Confession), there will be a parent meeting on Thursday, Feb. 4, in the school library from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Please reserve on your calendar the date of Thursday, March 4, for the beautiful candlelit ceremony of First Reconciliation immediately following the 7 p.m. Lenten Mass. For questions, call Pam Vincent at 233-6486.

Talk on Haiti Earthquake Relief

Tom Luce, president of HURAH (Human Rights Accompaniment in Haiti), will speak at a fund-raiser for Haiti earthquake relief at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1, at the Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, 1924 Cedar at Bonita.

A free will donation is encouraged. For information, call (415) 519-1190 or see www.hurah-inc.org. The Fr. Bill O'Donnell Social Justice Committee is co-sponsoring the event.

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.

Report on Catholic Charities

You are invited to St. Patrick Parish in Rodeo at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, to hear the good news about Catholic social justice in the Oakland Diocese.

Two representatives from Catholic Charities of the East Bay, Carolyn Krantz of Family to Family and Solomon Belette, CEO of CCEB, will report on what is being done locally by Catholic Charities, which is celebrating 75 years of service to those in need in the East Bay.

Hear how all of us can share our time and talent with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Mardi Gras Zydeco, Feb. 14

Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Court 230 will present Andre Thierry & the Zydeco Magic performing at a Mardi Gras Zydeco from 3 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 14, at St. Mark's Church in Richmond.

Tickets are \$15 adults, children under 12 free. For tickets, call Zenobia Phillips at 215-6828 or Rochelle Singleton at 236-9632.

Come in costume, come in mask, celebrate, parade and crown the best dressed.

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, Feb. 2:

12:45: Bingo

School Open House This Sunday

St. John the Baptist School is holding an open house from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. this Sunday, Jan. 31.

There will be a kindergarten Mass at 9:30 a.m. in the church, followed by a general assembly 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.

Free Preschool Art Classes

The East Bay Center for Performing Arts invites children aged 3-5 and their families to participate in free interactive performing and visual art workshops.

Professional artists will offer one hour of dance and music, and one hour of visual arts. Caretakers must be present on-site throughout the workshop. Siblings are welcome.

Registration is required, with spaces available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The program will run for eight weeks from 9:45 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays, Feb. 3-March 24, at 2705 MacDonald Ave. in Richmond (across from the main library). To register, please contact Michelle Flynn at 234-5624 ext. 27.

Update 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.

Bingo at St. Joseph School

St. Joseph School will offer bingo next Saturday, Feb. 6. Doors will open at 4 p.m. at 1961 Plum St., with the games set to begin at 5 p.m.

February 2010

CC – Community Center

CC-2 – Community Center Upstairs

CH – Church

CR – Conference Room

DR – Dining Room

MR – Music Room

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time 11 am-1 pm: School open house (No CCD classes) 12:30: Youth Ministry (CC-2)	1 2 pm: St. John's 2020 (DR) 7: African-Americans (CR)	2 Presentation 9 am: Seniors (CC) 7:30 pm: RCIA (CC-2) 7:30 pm: 11 am Choir – music theory (CH)	3 11:30: Women's Covenant (CC) 7:30: Youth Choir (CH)	4 6:30 pm: 8 am 7: 1st Reconciliation Parents (Library) 7:30: 11 am Choir	5 7:30: 12:30 Choir CH), Brazilian Prayers (CR)	6 Anointing of Sick after 8 am Mass (CH) 9 am: Pastoral Council 6 pm: School Crab Feed (Gym)
7 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time 9:30: Preschool-K CCD 10:45: Grades 1-8 CCD 12:30: Confirmation (CC-2)	8 7:30: Sister Parish (DR)	9 9 am: Seniors (CC) 7:30 pm: RCIA (CC-2)	10 11:30: Women's Covenant (CC) 7:30: Bible Study (CR) 7:30: Youth Choir (CH)	11 9:30: EC Royale Mass 12: Soup Lunch (CC) 6:30 pm: 8 am Choir 7:30: 11 am Choir (CH)	12 7:30: 12:30 Choir CH), Brazilian Prayers (CR)	13 9:30 am: Liturgy (CR) 6 pm: Cupid's Crab Feast (Gym)
14 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time (No CCD or Confirmation classes) 12:30 pm: Lunar New Year celebration & reception	15 Presidents' Day 7 pm: Technology (CR)	16 9 am: Seniors (CC) 7:30 pm: RCIA (CC-2)	17 Ash Wednesday 9:30: School Mass 11:30: Women's Covenant (CC) 7:30: Mass	18 6:30 pm: 8 am Choir 7 pm: Mass 7:30: 11 am Choir	19 8:30 am: Stations 7 pm: Mass 7:30: 12:30 Choir CH), Brazilian Prayers (CR)	20 5 pm: Mass: Mark Price (Judias)
21 1st Sunday of Lent All Masses: Mark Price (Judias) 9:30: Preschool-K CCD 10:45: Grades 1-8 CCD 12:30: Confirmation (CC-2)	22 Chair of St. Peter 7 pm: Mark Price (St. Joseph)	23 9 am: Seniors (CC) 7 pm: Mass 7:30 pm: RCIA (CC-2) 7:30 pm: 11 am Choir – music theory (CH)	24 11:30: Women's Covenant (CC) 7 pm: Mass 7:30: Bible Study (CR) 7:30: Youth Choir (CH)	25 6:30 pm: 8 am Choir 7 pm: Mass 7:30: 11 am Choir (CH)	26 8:30 am: Stations 7 pm: Mass 7:30: 12:30 Choir CH), Brazilian Prayers (CR)	27
28 2nd Sunday of Lent 9:30: Preschool-K CCD 10:45: Grades 1-8 CCD 12:30: Black History presentation & reception 12:30: Youth Ministry (CC-2) 3 pm: Mandarin Mass	1 7 pm: Mass	2 9 am: Seniors (CC) 7 pm: Mass 7:30 pm: RCIA (CC-2) 7:30 pm: 11 am Choir – music theory (CH)	3 11:30: Women's Covenant (CC) 7 pm: Mass 7:30: Bible Study (CR) 7:30: Youth Choir (CH)	4 6:30 pm: 8 am Choir (MR) 7 pm: Mass 7:30: 1st Reconciliation 7:30: 11 am Choir (MR)	5 8:30 am: Stations 9:30 am: School Mass 7 pm: Mass 7:30: 12:30 Choir CH), Brazilian Prayers (CR)	6 Anointing of Sick after 8 am Mass (CH) 9 am: Pastoral Council (CR)