

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth.
I also saw a new JERUSALEM
the Holy City
coming down from heaven.



This is GOD's dwelling among people.
He shall dwell with them and shall wipe
every tear from their eyes and there shall
be no more death or mourning
for the old order has passed away.

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Fifth Sunday Of Easter

May 2, 2010

Help us, Lord,
seek you with our hearts!

May Is a Beautiful Month

Friends,

What a wonderful month is May. Spring is here in all of her glory. The weather is warming up, and flowers are blossoming. May is the month for mothers, and we set aside a very special day for them. May is a month that the church dedicates to Mary, the Mother of Jesus. In our scripture reading today, we see the little church growing and thriving. There is a lot of vitality in the month of May.

Here in St. John's, many of our parishioners will celebrate Cinco de Mayo and the liberation of Mexico. We will have the Filipino tradition of Flores de Mayo. We will celebrate and honor and remember our biological and spiritual mothers. We might want to take up our rosaries and pray the 50 Hail Mary's to honor our spiritual mother and the mother of our Church.

I hope that the month of May will bring you blessings and graces.

Peace,
Fr. John

P.S.: Mary and Joseph obeyed the Roman emperor who called for a census of the whole world. I urge you to follow the example of the Holy Family and support the census.

On Saturday, May 1st, we will begin our Flores de Mayo celebration by reciting the rosary at 4:30 pm. Everyone, especially the children, is invited to participate in the flower offering to our Lady. Flowers will be provided. A reception will follow after the Mass in the conference room.

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  for the Intentions Week

May 1 – 8, 2010

	Intention	Requested By
Saturday, May 1	5 p.m. Personal Intention	Jean Coppock
Sunday, May 2	8 a.m. Luis Torres †	Ann Torres
	9:30 a.m. Veronica Marpa – Birthday	De La Torre Family
	11 a.m. Nnamdi Uche †	Uche Family
	12:30 p.m. Eugenio Artiaga †	Reyline Artiaga
	6 p.m. St. John's Parishioners	Brazilian Community
Monday, May 3	8 a.m. Clarita Cruz – Healing	Daughter
Tuesday, May 4	8 a.m. Faustino Castillo †	Joe & Mary Asuncion
Wednesday, May 5	8 a.m. Thanksgiving	Britto Family
Thursday, May 6	8 a.m. Faustino Castillo †	Menci Ferreros Family
Friday, May 7	8 a.m. Peter Vietti †	Vietti Family
Saturday, May 8	8 a.m. Shelly Ryan †	Noreen Shaughnessy
	5 p.m. Carmela Tringali †	Caramagno Family

Stewardship

Envelopes & EFT (168)	\$4063.00
Loose Donations	2059.58
Total Regular Collection	\$6122.58
Catholic Home Missions	\$817.22

Next Weekend: Mother's Day

Please remember your parish in your will.



Serafin Allam
Alma 'Jackie' Mueller

Let Us Pray for the Sick:

Josephine Abbissinio, Dorothy Alexander, Evelyn Baker, Barbara Brendlinger, Elizabeth Brown, Jeffrey Chavez, Isabella Kristine Cruz, Deloris Davis, Narte Estrellas, Michael Fleming, Emilio Gallegos, Ann Gerletti, Teresa Grant, Domingos Gregorio, Joe Gressel, Betty Harrell, Frances Haynes, Steve Jeffre, Adie Kasari, Marsha Lightfoot, Maria Impang Lozada, Eric Lubrano, Fr. John Maxwell, Deanie McGowan, Evelyn Miché, Lolita Parafina, Stephen Pellin-gra, 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

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives His disciples – and us – a new commandment: "Love one another." Good stewards who spend their time and talents in service to others are well on their way to fulfilling this commandment.

NEW PARISHIONERS who would like to register or those who would like to update their information, please complete this form and place it in the collection basket.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Vacation Bible Day Camp

June 21 – 25, 2010

(Mark your calendar & reserve the dates!)

Program for Kids in 1st – 6th grade in the fall of 2010

All Day: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., or Morning Program: 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

(Children may arrive as early as 8 a.m. at no additional charge)

Pre-K/ K Program –9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (All-Day Camp available)

Each day your child can become part of history as they see, hear, touch, and even taste what it was like to live in Pharaoh's empire! They will explore authentic Marketplace shops, visit Joseph (who's in Pharaoh's prison, then gets promoted to the Palace!), take part in games, dance to lively songs, and sample tasty tidbits as they discover more about how God was with Joseph in good & bad times. These experiences make God's Word come alive!

Registration rate for **Full Day Camp** is \$160. (9 a.m.-5 p.m.)

\$145 for second child, \$135 each additional child)

Morning Only Option available for \$60 per child (9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)

10% Early Bird Discount Available until May 31

Questions? Call Pam Vincent at 233-6486

Architectural Exhibit

“Open Space Inside-Out: the Architectural Drawings of Arnold S. Constable,” will be on exhibit May through July at the Blackfriars Gallery at the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology, 2301 Vine St. in Berkeley.

The exhibit features pen and ink wash drawings of numerous Bay Area schools and churches, including St. Dominic's Church in San Francisco and St. Albert Priory in Oakland.

The opening reception will be from 4 to 6 p.m. this Sunday, May 2. For info, call 883-7159.

Pentecost Revival & Gospel Mass

St. Paul of the Shipwreck Catholic Community (at 1122 Jamestown Ave.) in San Francisco will celebrate a Pentecost Revival at 7 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, May 19-21. On Sunday, May 23, they will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost at their 10:30 a.m. Gospel Mass. All are welcome.

Bay Area guests choirs will sing each night.

For information, call (415) 468-3434.

Mother's Day Brunch

The Sisters of the Holy Family will conduct a champagne Mother's Day brunch on Sunday, May 9, at the Best House and Garden, 159 Washington Blvd., Fremont.

The champagne brunch will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with reserved seating only. Tickets are \$40 adults, \$14 children 4-12 and children 3 and under free. To register, go to mary.campos.holyfamilysisters.org or call Mary Campos at 624-4580.

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

12:45 p.m. Tuesday, May 4:

Chris Hwang, Senior Outreach Services
speaking about affordable services

PSR Summer Session

For more than 100 years, the Pacific School of Religion at UC Berkeley has been offering courses for credit and continuing education in the summer. Study theology, poetry, spirituality, social justice, Bible, congregational leadership and more in community with PSR faculty, prominent scholars and leading voices in progressive Christianity.

One-, two- and three-week courses are taught at the PSR campus in Berkeley, or online. Courses may be audited or taken for academic credit or continuing education units. While summer session does not grant academic degrees or certificates, students often use work completed in the summer toward certificates and degrees at PSR, other GTU member schools, and at many other academic institutions.

Who comes to summer session? People from all walks of life: clergy, lay leaders, members of religious orders, teachers, artists, writers, community leaders, spiritual seekers, seminary students, graduate students at other institutions and retirees. Often groups of people from a non-profit, congregation, denominational office, or other organization enroll for courses together. Courses may be audited or taken for academic credit or continuing education units.

For a list of courses being offered from July 6 through Aug. 13 and registration information, please see www.psr.edu/summer-2010-schedule. Or call them at 849-8268.

Recovery From Abortion

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats renew hearts broken by abortion. A confidential retreat will take place May 21-23 at the Angela Center in Santa Rosa. See www.rachelsvineyard.org, call (707) 967-1101 or e-mail confidential inquiries to rachelsvineyard@gmail.com.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

Faith, knowledge and married love will grow by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter on May 14-16.

For more information, please call Mike & Jeanne at (925) 672-2016 or Joe & Sue at (925) 680-7767 or go to www.rekindleyourmarriage.org.

Pentecost Retreat

A "Celebrate Pentecost" retreat will be held for young adults (21-40) on Saturday, May 15, at the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose Motherhouse in Fremont.

The program will last from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Information or RSVP at [blessings@msjdominicans.org](mailto: blessings@msjdominicans.org) or 933-6335. If you're interested in attending, please contact Fr. Bart at 232-5659.

Clinic at Cathedral

The Order of Malta operates a clinic at Christ the Light Cathedral in Oakland that provides primary care services to the uninsured.

Clinic hours at 2121 Harrison St., Ste. 120, are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, and 8:30 a.m. to noon on Fridays.

For further information, call 587-3000

Sr. Stella To Be Honored

Sr. Stella Goodpasture, O.P., will celebrate her 60th diamond jubilee as a Dominican Sister at a solemn Mass and reception at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 30, at St. Joseph Church in Mission San Jose, Fremont. Sr. Stella, who formerly served as social justice coordinator for St. John the Baptist Parish, will be one of 13 jubilarians honored.

GTU Among Top Schools

In a recent study, the Graduate Theological Union at UC Berkeley was listed as one of the top 20 theological schools engaging in multi-faith education. Also among the top 20 were GTU member schools Pacific School of Religion and Starr King School for the Ministry.

The study by Auburn Theological Seminary's Center for Multi-faith Education found that one reason some American seminaries use a multi-faith approach is to make better religious leaders.

School Enrollment Open

Enrollment applications for new students at St. John's are available in the school office. If you know of a family interested in sending their children to St. John's, please have them call 234-2244 or come by the office for an appointment.

May 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
2 <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i> 9:30: Preschool-K CCD 10:45: Grades 1-8 CCD 12:30: Confirmation (CC-2)	3 2pm: St. John's 2020 (DR) 7 pm: African-Americans (CR)	4 9 am: Seniors (CC) 7:30 pm: RCIA (CC-2)	5 11:30: Women's Covenant (CC) 7:30: Bible Study (CR) 7:30: Youth Choir (CH)	6 6:30 pm: 8 am Choir 7:30: 11 am Choir	7 9:30 am: School Mass 7:30: 12:30 Choir (CH)	8 9:30 am: Liturgy (CR)
9 <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Mothers Day</i> After 9:30 am Mass: Coffee Hour (No Classes)	10 7:30: Sister Parish (DR)	11 9 am: Seniors (CC) 7:30 pm: RCIA (CC-2)	12 11:30: Women's Covenant (CC) 7:30: Youth Choir (CH)	13 10: EC Royale Mass 12: Soup Lunch (CC) 6:30 pm: 8 am Choir 7:30: 11 am Choir	14 7:30: 12:30 Choir (CH)	15 9 am: 1st Communion practice (CH) 10:30: 1st Reconciliation 10:30: Retreat (School) 5 pm: First Communion
16 <i>Ascension of the Lord</i> 9:30: Preschool-K CCD 10:45: Grades 1-8 CCD 12:30: Confirmation (CC-2) 12:30 Mass: 1st Communion	17 7: Technology (CR)	18 9 am: Seniors (CC) 6:30 pm: RCIA Pot Luck (CC) 7: Stewardship (CR)	19 11:30: Women's Covenant (CC) 7:30: Youth Choir (CH)	20 6:30 pm: 8 am Choir 7:30: 11 am Choir	21 7:30: 12:30 Choir CH)	22
23 <i>Pentecost Sunday</i> 9:30: Preschool-K CCD 10:45: Grades 1-8 CCD 12:30: Youth Ministry (CC-2) 2 pm: Mandarin Mass	24	25 9 am: Seniors (CC)	26 11:30: Women's Covenant (CC) 7:30: Youth Choir (CH)	27 6:30 pm: 8 am Choir 7:30: 11 am Choir	28 7:30: Brazilian Prayers (CR)	29
30 <i>Most Holy Trinity</i> (No Classes)	31 <i>Visitation Memorial Day</i>	1 9 am: Seniors (CC)	2 11:30: Women's Covenant (CC) 7:30: Youth Choir (CH)	3 6:30 pm: 8 am Choir 7:30: 11 am Choir	4 7:30: 12:30 Choir CH)	5 Anointing of Sick after 8 am Mass (CH)