

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

PARROQUIA DE SAN JUAN BAUTISTA



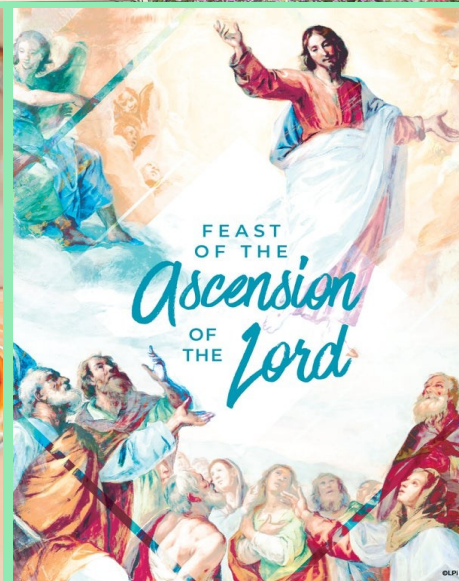
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God mounts
his throne to
joyful shouts:
a blare of
trumpets for
the Lord.

Psalm 47



May 17, 2026

PARISH INFORMATION

- Church**510/351-5050
- School**.....510/276-6632
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- OFFICE HOURS/ HORARIOS DE OFICINA**
Mon.-Fri. 9:00am-12:00pm 1:00pm-5:00 pm
Lun. a Vie. de 9:00am-12:00pm 1:00pm-5:00 pm

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: 7:30am, 9:30 am English**
- + Domingo: 11:30am, 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

Dear brothers and sisters,

As we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, we are reminded that although Jesus returned to the Father, He remains with us always. The Ascension is a message of hope, calling us to lift our hearts to heaven while continuing Christ's mission here on earth through faith, love, and service to others.

May we be strengthened by His presence and inspired to share the Good News with joy and courage.

God bless you and your families always.

Fr. Sergio Lopez

Queridos hermanos y hermanas,

Al celebrar la Ascensión del Señor, recordamos que aunque Jesús regresó al Padre, Él permanece siempre con nosotros. La Ascensión es un mensaje de esperanza que nos invita a elevar nuestros corazones al cielo mientras continuamos la misión de Cristo aquí en la tierra por medio de la fe, el amor y el servicio a los demás.

Que su presencia nos fortalezca y nos inspire a compartir la Buena Nueva con alegría y valentía.

Que Dios los bendiga siempre a ustedes y a sus familias.

P. Sergio Lopez

WEEKEND COLLECTION COLECTA DEL FIN DE SEMANA

WEEKEND PLATE COLLECTION COLECTA DEL FIN DE SEMANA		\$8,055.00
ELECTRONIC FUNDS FONDOS ELECTRONICOS		\$905.00
CHECKS MAILED IN CHEQUES ENVIADOS		\$100.00
MAINTENANCE MANTENIMIENTO		\$3,200.00

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

May 17th, Sun	7:30 Carol Rose Charles + 9:30 St. John's Community 11:30 Sergio Barajas + 1:30 Alberto Rodriguez +
May 18th, Mon	8:30 Deborah Gardner (SI)
May 19th, Tue	8:30 David Makovsky + 6:00 Jose Federico Ruelas (SI)
May 20th, Wed	8:30 Souls in Purgatory
May 21st, Thu	8:30 James Kladunde + 6:00 Josefina Iñiguez Martin +
May 22nd, Fri	8:30 Ann Marie Laster +
May 23rd, Sat	4:30 St. John's Community 6:30 Catalina y Timotea A. Gallegos +

MAY

PARISHIONERS OF THE MONTH/FELIGREGUES DEL MES

English



**Joyce de Jesus &
Adalberto Moya**

Spanish



Hugo Membreno

Let us congratulate our Parishioners of the Month!

Thank you for your continued support of our St. John's community and for sharing your time, talent, and faith. Your service, kindness, and willingness to help others are a blessing to our parish family and a wonderful example of faith for our community.

As we celebrate the month of May, dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary, may her example of faith and love continue to guide and inspire you each day.

¡Felicitamos con alegría a nuestros Feligreses del Mes!

Gracias por su continuo apoyo a nuestra comunidad de St. John's y por compartir su tiempo, talento y fe. Su servicio, amabilidad y disposición para ayudar a los demás son una bendición para nuestra familia parroquial y un hermoso ejemplo de fe para nuestra comunidad.

Mientras celebramos el mes de mayo, dedicado de manera especial a nuestra Santísima Madre María, que su ejemplo de fe y amor continúe guiándolos e inspirándolos cada día.

Message from

Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ



Dear brother priests and faithful of the Diocese of Oakland,

In 2021 we began the Mission Alignment Process, (MAP) a diocesan-wide effort to engage our clergy and our parishioners in a process of self-reflection and renewal.

I write to you today regarding the next phase of MAP and the important role each one of us must play in aligning our operations with our sacred mission. With God's help and with the resilience of our common faith, we press on in making our parishes places where people encounter Christ in the celebration of the Sunday liturgy, in our living the corporal and spiritual works of mercy and in our witness as missionary disciples.

We do this important work not in a vacuum, but in light of the diocesan-wide trends in declining Mass attendance, participation in the sacraments and Catholic school enrollment began in the early 2010s. We are also at an all-time low of priests assigned to our 80 parishes, and the average age of our priests continues to climb. Some parishes and schools are struggling with financial sustainability. Meanwhile, some parishes are seeing growth, as demographics in the East Bay are changing.

While many of our parishes were built to serve the Catholic Church of 1965, we now have far fewer priests and parishioners. Not all parishes can afford to pay for a support staff to fully serve the parish and our missionary aspirations. Others are surviving on rental of parish parking lots or empty school facilities.

Our parishes were not created to be monuments to the past. As described in *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel), "The parish is not an outdated institution; precisely because it possesses great flexibility, it can assume quite different contours depending on the openness and missionary creativity of the pastor and the community" (No. 28).

Our clergy and lay parish leaders participated in 2021-22 in a deep and extensive MAP consultation, looking at parish data that revealed where our parishes are struggling most.

The results of that consultation require significant change, change which is challenging for all involved. And, if we are open to the Holy Spirit, this change can also bring new life and blessings. Our Savior tells us, "See, I make all things new" (Rev. 21:5). We rest in that promise as we remind ourselves that, "if the parish proves capable of self-renewal and constant adaptivity, it continues to be 'the Church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters'" (Evangelii Gaudium, No. 28).

This renewal begins with an effort to refocus on missionary work, therefore aligning our daily work with our divine mission. We must focus on the activities that foster prayerful celebrations of the Mass, prioritize works of mercy, and form missionary disciples.

The status quo is not sustainable nor is it serving God's people.

We have successfully closed worship sites in the past. With considerable consultation and sustained prayer, I have determined it is necessary to close the following parish sites and pastoral center, and provide welcoming accommodation of all affected parishioners at another convenient location.

*Mary Help of Christians, Oakland * Our Lady of Guadalupe site at Blacow Road, Fremont
Our Lady of Lourdes, Oakland * Sacred Heart, Oakland * St. Albert the Great, Alameda
St. Andrew Kim Korean Pastoral Center, Oakland * St. Augustine, Oakland * St. Barnabas, Alameda
St. Paschal Baylon, Oakland * St. Patrick, Oakland * St. Rose of Lima, Crockett
St. Stephen, Walnut Creek * Transfiguration, Castro Valley*

As I have full responsibility for the pastoral care of every Catholic in our diocese, it is my priority to ensure all affected parishioners are welcomed at a nearby parish. Many of these parish sites are already currently merged with or clustered with another parish. I am committed to working with all to find the best solutions in each situation.

In addition, I want to say the following regarding MAP and the bankruptcy process. As you know, we are currently seeking bankruptcy court approval of our proposed plan of reorganization. Regardless of that outcome, we must face the realities described above and proceed with these closures.

I deeply understand the sacrifice this will require. We cannot allow nostalgia and sentimentality to hold back the message of the Gospel. While we love our local church building, the church has never been solely a building. The church has always been a people called by God and united in faith. The faith of our people will continue, just in a different place and with new people.

I ask all to join me in praying for those immediately affected by these changes. I also make a heartfelt plea to the "receiving" parishes to open your hearts wide to your fellow Catholics who will be joining you. Love them, make room for them not only in the pew alongside you, but in the activities of your parish. Welcome them as your own, for we are all one as Christ's body.

Together, we will fulfill Christ's mission to go and make disciples, to the ends of the earth, as we rely on His promise that He will be with us always.

With the assurance of my prayers and blessings, I am
Yours sincerely in Christ,

The Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, SJ



Congratulations to our CCD Students who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 10th. Thank you to our Coordinator, Patty Martinez and her team for preparing our youngsters to receive this beautiful sacrament!

Students / Estudiantes

Chadric Myll Cruz Rodriguez

Noah Ortiz

Camila Esquivel Ramirez

Paulina M. Hernández Ramos

Caleb Castaneda

Eric José Sainez

Jacob E. Rodríguez Palafox

Sofia Dueñas

Jade Larios-Valencia

Klay Harel Queling Macias

Oscar David Dueñas

Riley Emilia Argumedo

Matthieu Laureta Baniqued

Jayden R. Hernández Escobar

Ryan Jiménez-Damian

Viviana González

Jasiel Anne Ocampo

Kendra Liliana Núñez Palafox

Genesis Liliana Hermosillo

Alexavier Camp

Natalie Juanita Argumedo

Andrea Calderon

Abigail Calderon

Diego Ramos

Sophia M. Palafox Villalobos

Jenna Anne Macias Ocampo

Yaleyza Castaneda

Verónica Raquel Avila Carrillo

Ignacio Emilianno Cruz

Rogelio David Ramos

Isabelle Kate Nguyen

Jacob González

Alejandro J. Cardenas Zapien

CHURCH Gift Shop.- Tiendita de la Iglesia

Have you stopped by our office lobby gift shop? Come take a look at various religious items that we have just received. Rosaries, bracelets, necklaces, books, images, etc. We also have baptismal outfits for infants. All on a suggested donation.

¿Has pasado por el vestíbulo de nuestra oficina? Ven a ver varios artículos religiosos que acabamos de recibir. Rosarios, pulseras, collares, libros, imágenes, etc. También tenemos vestuarios para bautismos de infantes. Todos con una donación sugerida.

