



# Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

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## JOHN THE BAPTIST

Since June 24 falls on a Sunday this year, the Church has the opportunity for a more intense celebration of the birth of John the Baptist, who is often described as the last of the Old Testament prophets and the bridge between Judaism and Christianity. More commonly, John is known as the “precursor” of our Lord Jesus Christ. All the Gospels report John’s basic message: Repent, the kingdom is near at hand. One greater than I is coming.

Though he was a wandering preacher who dressed in camel skins and ate grasshoppers, John’s legacy is one of true royalty. His origins are similar to those foretold by God through the prophet Isaiah: “You are my servant, he said to me, Israel through whom I show my glory” (Isaiah 49:3). John’s humility—“I am not he”—was surpassed only by that of his Lord Jesus, the humble servant who followed.



## NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST - JUNE 24, 2018

### MASSES:

Saturday Vigil : 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30am, 11:00am & 12:30 pm (in Polish)

Weekdays: (Monday - Friday ) 9:00 am

First Saturday—8:00 am

Holy Days: 9:00 am & 7:30 pm

Second Sunday: 3:00 pm - El Shaddai

Third Sunday: 2:00 pm - Virgin of Penafrancia

### CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 4:00 –4:45 pm

First Friday— 8 pm

### BAPTISMS AND WEDDING

By appointment : (510) 614-2765

### ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL

Monday—Saturday—9:30am—7 pm

First Friday— 8pm-9pm—at the Church

9pm-12mn—at the Chapel

### PARISH HALL INFORMATION

Call: (510) 501-4894 -Tuesday & Thursday

### FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/ CCD

Sunday morning – All grades after 8:30 Mass



## LETTER FROM THE BISHOP

On Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, seven of our young adult parishioners received the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral of Christ the Light in Oakland. Subsequently, Bishop Barber sent us a letter

expressing his gratitude and the assurance of his prayer and blessing. And this is what he wrote:

*“Dear Father Jan,*

*I would like to express my gratitude to you and the community of Our Lady of Good Counsel for coming to our Cathedral of Christ the Light for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is always very uplifting to me when I see how our Catholic community is growing by the action of the Spirit. **“We know by faith that the Spirit, through whom the love of God has been poured into our hearts and through whom we are gathered in unity of faith and in diversity of calling, is received by us and is working invisibly to make the Church holy and one.”** (The Rite of Confirmation)*

*Please convey my gratitude to your catechists and all who were involved in preparing the Confirmandi. I pray that the outpouring of the Holy Spirit will continue to strengthen you in your ministry and all those that assist in the evangelization efforts at your parish. May those that have been confirmed discover their mission and carry it out in communion with the Lord and His Church With the assurance of my prayer and blessing, I am,*

*Fraternally yours in Christ,*

*+ Michel Barber, S.J.*

*The Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, S.J.  
Bishop of Oakland”*

I would like to echo the Bishop’s words and thank Liza Nario and George Ibanez for their dedicated and heartfelt ministry to the youth. At the same time many thanks to our DRE Nadine Ramos and her husband Ronnie who together with all our catechists and their assistants share their time and faith with all CCD students throughout the entire catechetical year. They really deserve our sincere gratitude and a good summer break.

God bless you all!

With prayer,

Fr. Jan

## THIS WEEK’S INTENTIONS

- Sat Jun 23 7th day Novena to All Father  
Samantha Garcia (BD)  
Jose Rosario
- Sun Jun 24 **8:30 AM** Rudy Ocasion +  
**11:00 AM** 8th day Novena to All Father  
Don Praesto (Special Intention)  
Dalisy & Lualhati Villaflores ( 50th Wedding Anniversary)  
Valerie Go-Oco +  
Reynaldo de Leon +  
**12:30** Mass for Parishioners
- Mon Jun 25 9th day Novena to All Father  
Virgen & Adam Alvarez (healing)  
All Souls in Purgatory
- Tue Jun 26 Danilo Antonio (BD)  
Fernando Sandoval (healing)  
All Souls in Purgatory
- Wed Jun 27 Mrs. Leticia ( healing)  
All Souls in Purgatory
- Thu Jun 28 Narisa Guiao (BD)  
Claudio Pangasnan +  
All Souls in Purgatory
- Fri Jun 29 Susana Mullen +  
All Souls in Purgatory
- Sat Jun 30 Maria Huynh +
- Sun July 1 **8:30 AM**  
**11:00 AM** Ruben Atencion +  
Victorio Humarang +  
Valerie Go-Oco +  
Oscar & Rose Orpiano, Pacita Malapira +++  
**12:30** Mass for Parishioners

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
- Monday: Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time
- Wednesday: St. Cyril of Alexandria
- Thursday: St. Irenaeus
- Friday: Ss. Peter and Paul
- Saturday: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church; Blessed Virgin Mary

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5
- Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14
- Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Ps 119:33-37, 40; Mt 7:15-20
- Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-5, 8, 9; Mt 7:21-29
- Friday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19  
Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
- Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:15-17
- Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 [5:21-24, 35b-43]

**THE GREATEST NEED** The world’s greatest need is not more Christians but more Christians who practice their Christianity.—Anonymous



# LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS

**Sunday collection** (for general operating expenses)  
 Collected **\$2,737.00**


**Restricted donations for:** (Mission Coop. Plan)  
**\$741.00**

El Shaddai (Monthly donation)	700.00
Fatima Mass	222.00
Sacramentals	810.00
El Shaddai Mass	142.00
Votive candles	202.00
Adoration Chapel	79.00
St. Anne (donation box)	43.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT!**  
**Next week's 2nd collections: DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT**

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It's midsummer day! We have the advantage of celebrating one of the great hidden treasures of our liturgical calendar on a Sunday this year. There are only three "nativity" feasts on our calendar: for the Lord, the Blessed Mother (September 8), and today's birth of the Baptist. Today's date is anchored by the Annunciation (March 25), when Mary learns not only of her own child's advent, but of Elizabeth's child. We are exactly half a year away from Christmas Eve. There are strong traditions around this feast. Just as the winter solstice provides a rich vocabulary for Christmas, so does the abundance of light at midsummer inform this celebration. Just as at Christmas, a religious festival spills over into culture. As summer light reaches its peak, the sun-drenched zones of northern Europe see people staying up all night, lighting "St. John's fires" in the long summer twilight. Bonfires seem to be the unifying force in all these celebrations, kindled along the shores of the St. Lawrence in Quebec and Montreal, with harbor illuminations in France. You may be most interested in the custom in San Juan, Puerto Rico, the Baptist's own city. People there will leap into the sea between midnight and dawn to honor John. Why not find your way to a pool, a lake, or a sandy beach today and plunge in to recall your baptism? It's a tradition!



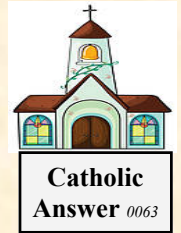
If you wish to have your child baptized, the first requirement is parents should be registered to a parish where they attend masses. Parents and godparents have to attend a pre-baptism class before baptism. Get Baptism registration form from the office. Baptism is solemnized within the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturdays. For Baptism classes call Paul Groff at 915-1372.

## EXECUTION ALERTS

June 27 Danny Bible TX

Please pray for these persons, for the victims of their crimes, and for their families.

**Q** What is the meaning of verse six in the seventh chapter of St. Matthews Gospel: *Do not give dogs what is holy; and do not throw your pearls before swine, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you"?*

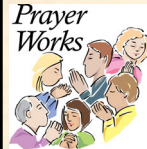


**A** I take it your problem comes from its sounding like the Lord is calling people swine and dogs, which is hard to imagine Him doing. As a matter of fact, He is warning the Apostles not to be too hasty and blunt when it comes time for them to proclaim His message. That message was so revolutionary as to sound blasphemous to devout Jews and idiotic to intellectual pagans. They were not any more likely to accept it in its fullness on first hearing than swine would appreciate a gift of pearls. Their reaction was to be so violent as to result in the death of Christ and all but one of His Apostles.

Just a few chapters further on in Matthew's Gospel, the Lord deals with the same problem in answering the Apostles when they asked why He taught in parables. He said He didn't want people to be told everything all at once-in our modern idiom, they couldn't take it. Their reaction would be only confusion and opposition.

Our Lord used miracles, but not to overpower minds-only to persuade. So the verse you quote does not imply that the pagans are "swine" nor that lapsed Christians are to be treated like "dogs." The true teaching was understood by the early Church. The unbaptized were excluded from the Eucharist not because they were like animals in the sight of the baptized, but because such sudden association before the pagans were properly instructed in the meaning of the ceremonies would only result in ridicule from them. Ridicule and violence were the ordinary reactions of the pagans in early Rome when they first heard of the Christian belief about eating Christ's Body and drinking his Blood.

In the verses just before the one you quote, the Lord has been telling the disciples, "Judge not, that you not be judged," and not to be hypocrites (speck of sawdust in your brother's eye, a whole log in your own). Your verse should really begin, "But do not give dogs what is holy: ..." The passage leads up to the exhortation to action in verses 13 to 27. Reading it with the word *but* added in the proper place may clear up your difficulty. The teaching could be summed up, "Be zealous in preaching, but not foolishly zealous."



**Requesting Your Prayers**

Gary Anderson, Corazon Belisario, Jack Burns, Ed & Eliz Coyne, Alicia Calanog, Leonor Yracheta, Erlinda Dizon, Priscilla Da Rosa, Belen Escondo, Eddie Exevea, Nilda Falero, Arnel Flores, Mercy Gallardo, Frank Goldsborough, Avelino Gapsin, Maria Perpetua Querubin, Erlinda Howard, Carmelita Joseph, Willie Orpiano, Pacita Macasieb, Geri Murchison, Ruben Mislant, Edward Mejia, Gail Ocasion, Frances Pangelinan, Rosy Pereira, Aida Pineda, Romeo Camantigue, Maritess Sanchez, Rosa Maria Santos, Minda Santos, Ursula Santos, Augusto Uy, George Ybanez. Let us thank God for what doesn't need healing.



**Welcome New Parishioners !**

If you are not currently registered, please take a moment to fill this out and return it to the parish office, or you may drop it in the collection basket.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ New Parishioner  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_ New Address  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Updating Parish Information \_\_\_\_\_ Send Sunday Envelopes \_\_\_\_\_ Put on mailing list



# OLGC THROUGH THE YEARS

