



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays: 7:00 am

Weekend Mass

Saturday:

Vigil: 5:00 pm

Tagalog Mass: 7:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am

10:00 (Livestream)

12:00 pm

4:00 pm (Vietnamese)

7:00 pm

Wednesday:

Devotion to Mother of Perpetual Help

6:00 PM Rosary,

6:30 Novena Mass

First Friday:

7:00 PM (Livestream)

Holy Day Schedule

Eve of Holy Day: 7:00 PM

Holy Day 7:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday - 3:00 PM

Or by appointment by calling the Parish Office

DAILY DEVOTION

6:30 am – Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

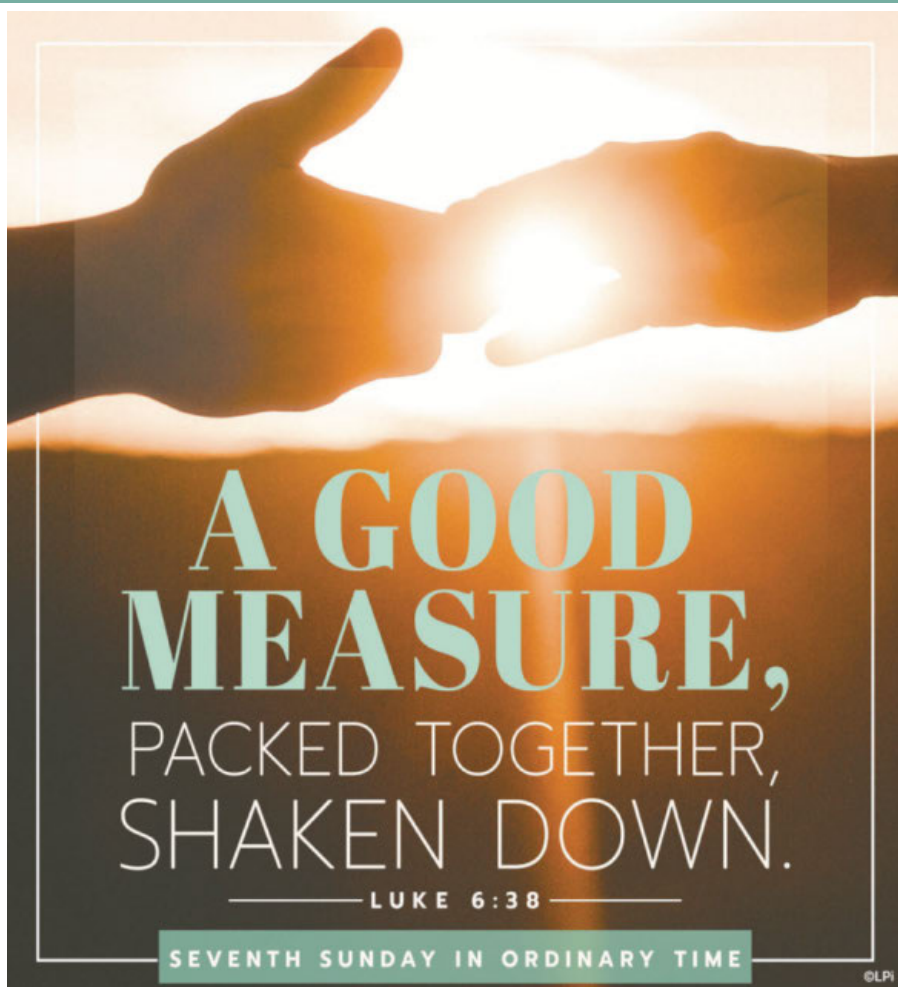
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PARISH PRIESTS

Rev. Msgr. Wilfredo S. Manrique, Pastor

Rev. Edgar Elamparo I, Associate Pastor



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PARISH VISION & MISSION

Vision

We are called to active discipleship to live the values taught by our Lord Jesus Christ through acts of faith, hope, and charity. As active disciples, we engage in a "mission" mode of evangelization, forming disciples and inspiring others to do the same.

Strategic Vision

We are a thriving community of disciples who see their role in the life and evangelizing mission of the Church, sustaining a parish school that continuously grows and increases its enrollment every year, and supporting a facility that architecturally highlights the beauty and spirituality of its broader community.

Mission

- We seek to be a community of active disciples who:
- Are diverse, inclusive, and collaborative (Welcoming)
- Continuously grow and share their faith with all generation of spiritual seekers (Word)
- Are involved in a creative, vibrant liturgy (Worship)
- Are involved in areas of service that impact its broader community and the world (Witness)
- Have a strong sense of stewardship, evident in the parish's healthy finances, committed organization, and self sustained ministries (Strengthening)
- Are unafraid to grow by remembering the past, celebrating the present, and believing in the future

CELEBRATIONS OF SACRAMENT

Baptism are being celebrated every **Saturday at 10:00 am, 12:00 pm, and 2:00 pm**. Please make an appointment with the Parish Office to schedule a Baptism interview and to register for the required preparation class. The preparation class is being held every second and fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30PM.

FIRST EUCHARIST: We accept children who are at least in first grade and seven years old. We have two classes: one is every Thursday from 6:45 pm to 8:00 pm and the other is every Saturday from 9:15 am to 10:30 am. Registration starts in late July or early August.

CONFIRMATION: It is a two-year program. First Year Confirmandi meet every first and third Friday while Second Year Confirmandi meet every second and fourth Friday. Both will have a mandatory Confirmation Retreat. Regular Class time is 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm. We accept children who are at least in seventh grade and up to Junior High (eleventh grade). Registration starts in late July or early August.

Marriage: Before planning your wedding, please make an appointment with one of our priest.

Marriage preparation usually takes at **least six months** period to complete.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist make pastoral visit to parishioners who are sick either confined in the hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, care homes, or at the convenient of their own home. Also, it is for parishioners who are homebound, i.e. their health or medical conditions could be compromised when they leave home. Pastoral visit comprise of the respectful distribution of the Holy Eucharist to the sick; and as well, as giving them emotional, social, and spiritual support through profound and thoughtful prayers.

Anointing of the Sick: In this Church's Sacrament, through the ministry of the priest, it is Jesus who touches the sick to heal them from sin – and sometimes even from physical ailment. There is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament. A careful judgment about the serious nature of the illness or frailty of old age is sufficient. To request, please call the parish office. Outside office hours, kindly **call (408) 966-4612**. In addition, the Sacrament is also conferred during the communal celebration at the morning Mass every first Saturday of the month.

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From the Pastor

IN LIGHT OF POPE FRANCIS' CURRENT MEDICAL SITUATION, LET US BESEECH GOD FOR THE HOLY FATHER'S HEALING AND WELLNESS.

PRAYER FOR POPE FRANCIS

O God, eternal Shepherd,
who never leaves your flock untended,
we pray for our Holy Father,
Francis, our Pope,
Whom you have anointed as leader of your Church.

Send down upon him the *Spirit of healing*
to restore him to full health;
the *Spirit of consolation*
to comfort him in times of weakness and ill-health;
the *Spirit of hope*
to uplift him in times of weariness and despair;
the *Spirit of joy*
to warm his disposition in times of sadness.

Grant, we pray, that by his present illness
he may continue to serve your People
by his prayers and witness to the power of
Your divine guidance and care towards
the weak, the sick and the vulnerable.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

LITURGY & WORSHIP

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 23, 2025

First Reading:

"Today, though the LORD delivered you into my grasp,

I would not harm the LORD's anointed." (1 Sm 26:23)

Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful. (Ps 103)

Second Reading:

Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one,

we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one. (1 Cor 15:49)

Gospel:

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." (Jn Lk 6:36)

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Observances for the week of Feb. 23, 2025

Sunday: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:
Tuesday:
Wednesday:
Thursday: St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Friday:
Saturday:
Next Sunday: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings for the week of Feb. 23, 2025

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38
Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175/Mk 9:38-40
Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35/Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18/Mk 10:13-16
Next Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

In today's Gospel, taken from the sixth chapter of Luke, Jesus offers a very challenging, seemingly impossible approach to daily life. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak do not withhold even your tunic." It makes one want to say, "Seriously, Lord?" And He doesn't stop there. Jesus adds, "Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back."

It seems so unfair! That is, unless we look at this way of life from a stewardship point of view. Then, not only does it seem doable (though challenging), but it also actually makes perfect sense. A steward understands clearly that all he has and all that he is — his very life — is a gift from God given to him from an unfathomable abundance of love. This changes everything! This means "my" cloak, "my" tunic, "my" money, and time — all of it ultimately belongs to God. He has entrusted these things to each of us in love to use for His purposes and His glory.

Does this mean we are to be passive "doormats" to anyone who wants to take advantage of us? Certainly not. Jesus explains this in the next verse of this passage when He says, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." There is nothing wrong with loving oneself since God loves us and has made us in His own image and likeness. Jesus is simply asking that we also approach others, and the sharing of our gifts, with this same attitude. He is giving us a definition here of real love, a steward's love!

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"For I am the Lord,
your healer"
(Exodus 15:26)

JESUS Heals

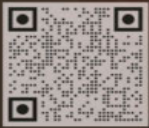
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When: Thursday, March 6, 2025

Where: St. John the Baptist Parish

Time: 6 PM to 9 PM

We can't wait to see you there!

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**Saint John's Council No.
5796**



The Knight had their Chapter Free Throw competition held at St John Pavalkis Hall on Saturday, February 15, 2025. The winners are as follows:

1. Boys Group age 9 is Ronit Dsouza
2. Boys Group age10 is Jayden Morales
3. Girls Group age 11 is Ria Lavarias
4. Boys Group age 11 is Liam Quitevis-Labuguen
5. Girls Group age 12 is Ellee Anne S. Pascua
6. Boys Group age 12 is Bradley De Castro Jr.

Congratulations to our contestants! The next level Competition will be for Northern California and the State at the same time. GOOD LUCK!

We are still looking forward to having breakfast again soon! Watch for more info.

If you like the service projects that the Knights are supporting, consider becoming a Knight! The Knights of Columbus have a great Insurance program rated as one of the top ten in the United States. And any profits go back into the support of the Catholic Church! What are the requirements to become a Knight? You must be at least 18 years of age and be a practicing Catholic Gentleman. **Simply scan the QR code with this article or contact the Grand Knight whose info is listed below! Be sure to enter Council number 5796, that you**

THE O.C.I.A CORNER

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

NEW NAME SAME PROCESS!

On Sunday 23 February 2025 our Topic will be "Social Justice". This is the last Topic from the Catechumen Group.

Next week, as we prepare for Lent, we will be entering the Enlightenment and Purification Period. Our First Topic will be "Election: Saying "Yes" To Jesus." This will talk about the Rite of Sending to the Bishop stating that the Catechumen are Ready to receive their Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil, the Rite of Election is the Bishop stating that they will receive their Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. If you have never heard of these Rites, maybe you should come join us!

If you see a topic that interests you, come and join us in Pavalkis Hall, room 2A, after the 10 am Mass. OCIA is open to any parishioner that would like to join us!

For more information either contact the Parish Office at 408-262-2546 or talk with Dave Meszaros 408-892-0510 or Email mailman6019@yahoo.com.

want to join.

Join us on our NEW WEBSITE: KOFCMilpitas.org. See the latest pictures of what we have been doing.

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How can I help SJB?

Are you looking for ways to make a positive impact in our community? Look no further, because Saint John the Baptist Parish is seeking volunteers to share their time, talents, and treasures leading to meaningful change, transforming lives and strengthening our community. Together, we can create a positive impact. By filling out our volunteer forms, you can use your skills and resources to make a difference in the lives of those around us. Join us in building a stronger, more connected and God-faithful community. Let's make a difference together!"

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2025 ADA *Annual*
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Supporting Our Mission Together

Each year, our parish and every parish in our Diocese is responsible for a portion of the financial obligation it takes to meet the needs of the ministries, programs, and services of our Catholic Church.

Together, we are able to reach so many more in need than our parish could ever reach alone. By now you should have received at your home a personal invitation from Bishop Cantú to participate in the **2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal, Supporting Our Mission Together.**

Please prayerfully consider your gift to support these important ministries. Our ADA Parish Goal this year is \$250,000, which is the same as our goal last year.

To date, our parish has collected pledges totaling more than \$75,300, or 30% of goal, from 74 families. Thank you so much for your support and generosity!

For more information on the work of the Diocese of San Jose or to make a gift online, visit www.dsj.org/ADA.



2025 St. John Queen now open to any female parishioner who is at least 18 years old. Anyone who wishes to be a candidate or nominate one may get application form from the Parish Office or contact Nitz Guillermo.

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Goodwill Donation Drive

Help St. John the Baptist School's 8th grade class raise money for a school gift



- March 2nd, 2025
- 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
- Pavalkis Hall Parking Lot

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We can't wait to see you there!

YOUTH ASSEMBLY

Empowering Young Voices

The Diocese of San José is inviting 6th to 12th graders from our parishes and schools to share their experiences and help shape the path forward. Please pray for a meaningful day of connection and dialogue.



Saturday, March 29, 2025
09.00 AM-3.00 PM



St. Francis High School
1885 Miramonte Avenue
Mountain View, CA



The Youth Assembly, scheduled for Saturday, March 29, at Saint Francis High School, aligns with our Diocesan Pastoral Plan, Renewed in Christ, Together in Mission, which prioritizes youth as one of its six strategic priorities. This assembly reflects our commitment to spiritually renewing our diocese by giving attention to the voices of and engaging our young people (grades 6-12, under 18 years old).

Purpose of the Youth Assembly

- **Listening:** By hearing their stories, ideas, and concerns, we can better support their faith journey.
- **Building Community:** The assembly fosters connection among youth from parishes, schools, and Catholic movements.
- **Inspiring Hope:** Together, we will empower youth as the Church of today and tomorrow.



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