



SUNDAY, MAY 4, 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

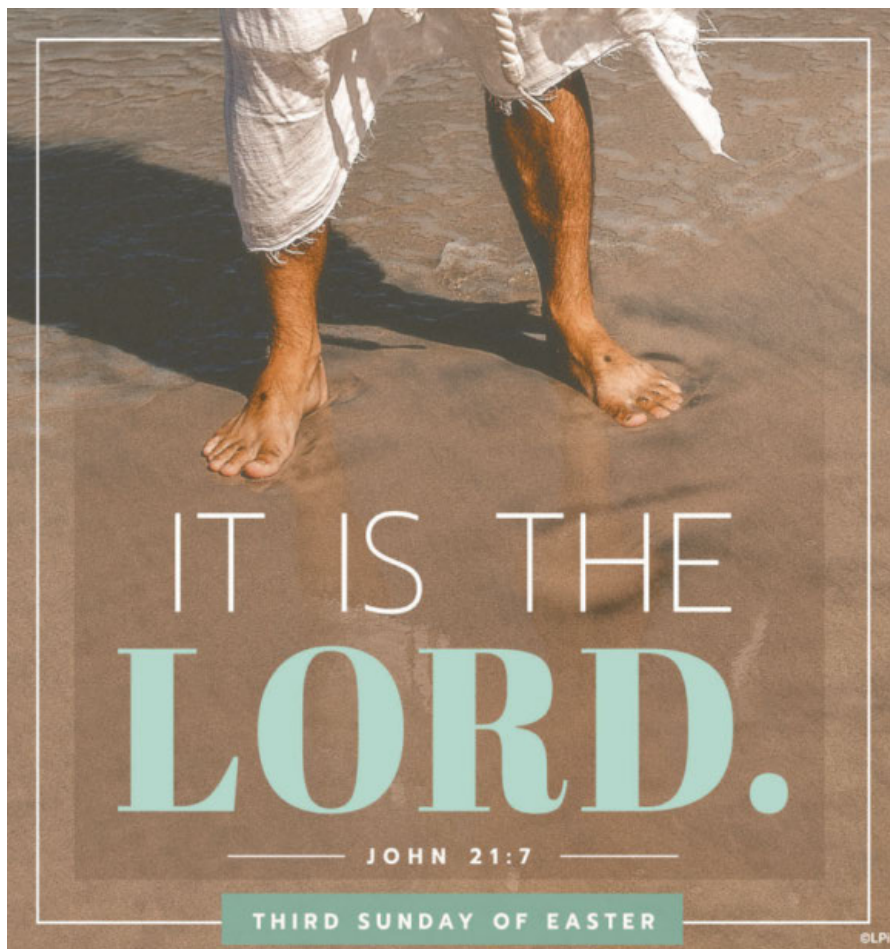
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PARISH PRIESTS

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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PASTOR'S MESSAGE – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 2025

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

STATUE OF OUR LADY OF ANTIPOLLO, NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LA PAZ Y BUEN VIAJE

When Bishop Oscar Cantú made a pilgrimage to the Philippines in January 2023, one of the sites they visited was the Cathedral Church of the Immaculate Conception of the Diocese of Antipolo, popularly known as the Shrine of the Virgin of Antipolo, *Nuestra Señora de la Paz y Buen Viaje* (Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage). It is under this title that the Blessed Mother is invoked as patroness of migrant Filipinos. Recently, the Vatican bestowed on the Cathedral the title of International Shrine, indeed a rare distinction. In February 2024, Pope Francis added another dignity to the statue by conferring on the image of the Virgin of Antipolo a Golden Rose.

Then rector of the Shrine, Fr. Reynante Tolentino, donated an image of the Virgin of Antipolo to the Diocese of San Jose, after having been informed that, for many years, we have a diocesan devotion to the Blessed Mother. Fr. Tolentino delivered the image of the Virgin Mother to the Diocese last year and celebrated a Welcome Mass on April 3, 2024 and entrusted the Statue to Filipino community of the Diocese of San Jose.



After having visited the different parishes in the Diocese with sizeable Filipino community, the Image will be permanently enshrined here at St John.

The annual solemnity of our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage, the Blessed Virgin of Antipolo, is celebrated on the first Tuesday of May. The Statue of Our Lady of Antipolo will return to St. John the Baptist Parish, this weekend at a welcome Rosary led by the Legion of Mary, on Sunday, May 4 at 2 p.m. There will be a Mass on Tuesday, May 6 at 7pm here at St. John to celebrate her feast.

I invite you all to please join us at the Fiesta Mass on Tuesday.

May God bless you all.

Msgr. W. S. Manrique

Msgr. Willie S. Manrique
Pastor

LITURGY & WORSHIP

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 4, 2025

First Reading:

God exalted him at his right hand as leader and savior
to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins.
(Acts 5:31)

Psalm:

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me. (Ps 30)
Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

"To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor, glory and might,
forever and ever." (Rv 5:13)

Gospel:

Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught
anything to eat?"
They answered him, "No."
So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side
of the boat
and you will find something."
So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in
because of the number of fish. (Jn 21:5-6)

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Observances for the week of May 4, 2025

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter

Monday: Cinco de Mayo

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday: St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor
of the Church; St. Damien de Veuster, Priest

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day
of Prayer for Vocations; Mother's Day, Apostles

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter

Readings for the week of May 4, 2025

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30



In today's Gospel, we find the Apostles dejected and discouraged following the death of our Lord. Poor Peter decides to throw in the towel on the whole disciple thing and go back to his old way of life, declaring, "I'm going fishing." Upon hearing this, the other disciples follow him.

How easy it is for all of us to backslide on changes we have made in our lives, especially when it comes to our spiritual lives. But look how Jesus treats the disciples during their "backslide." He is right there with them in the midst of it, already waiting for them on the shore when they come back from their unsuccessful return to the fishing business (after abandoning their mission as disciples). Our Lord greets them tenderly, gives them some fishing pointers, and then prepares their breakfast. How gracious He is to them!

He is just as gracious today. When we find ourselves "out at sea" — discouraged by our failures or for squandering the gifts God has given us, or simply by a lack of progress in our faith life, Jesus is with us! He is calling to us from the shore to come back to Him without shame or embarrassment, but with hope-filled trust in His steadfast love. He never tires of offering "do-overs" if we just keep returning to Him.

This constant process of turning back to the Lord, of reevaluating our goals and priorities as we aim for Heaven, is the essence of a stewardship way of life. Let us take heart as we continue our journey today, secure in the knowledge that Jesus is beside us every step of the way.

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For the readings, click on the day of the week or visit www.bible.usccb.org.

To learn more about saints, click on the name above or visit www.franciscanmedia.org and search for a specific saint's name or day.

St. John's community welcomes and congratulates those who joined the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil by receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist.



Welcome Christine, Dedeepya, and Brandon, who received their Sacraments of Initiation on April 19, 2025. Congratulations to Jeff on his Confirmation and First Eucharist. Isabelle will be confirmed by Bishop Cantu on May 3, 2025.

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

NEW NAME SAME PROCESS!

On 4 May 2025, our Topic will be The Role of the Laity, did you know that you also have a mission in our faith? Come see what we are to be doing to support the Parish and the Catholic Church.

On 11 May 2025, our Topic will be "Your Spiritual Gifts", Join us as we explore what gifts we have and how we are to use them in our new faith. Our Gifts are meant to

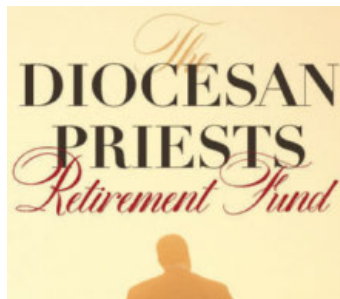
be shared to help others, they are not just for our personal use!

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](mailto:Dave.Meszaros@408-892-0510) or Email mailman6019@yahoo.com.

2ND OFFERING: MAY 10 & 11 DIOCESAN PRIESTS RETIREMENT APPEAL

We seek your support for the priests who have faithfully served our community over the years. The well-being of our retired priests, who have dedicated their lives to serving others, is in your hands. Your contribution to the Diocesan Priest Retirement Appeal helps provide essential funding for medications, nursing care, and other necessities for these priests, who have been good shepherds and have fulfilled their commitments to the faithful of the Diocese.



Currently, there are 40 retired priests in the Diocese, alongside 96 others who continue to serve in our parishes and various diocesan roles. Additionally, there are 28 priests approaching retirement age (70 years old) in the next 10 years, with 6 in just the next three years.

Please consider making a generous donation to support the retirement of Diocesan Priests. To Make an Online Gift, please visit <https://www.givecentral.org/appeals-form-registration/acp5e17933f76623/user/guest>

ADA 2025

Thank you to our generous parishioners that have returned gifts and pledges to the 2025 . For those who have not yet made a pledge, it's not too late. Simply fill out a form today. Please drop it off, mail to the parish office or pledge online at www.dsj.org/ADA. Contributions for this year's ADA will be accepted until December 31, 2025.

Weekly ADA Report April 22, 2025

Families	1606
Pledges	329
Parish Goal	\$250,000.00
Pledged	\$220,126.01
Paid	\$132,846.64



Thank you for your support of the Annual Diocese Appeal

WEEKLY COLLECTION April 26-27, 2025

Target Weekly Income	\$12,000.00
Sunday Church Collection	\$18,159.00
Novena Mass	\$340.00
Total	\$8,499.00
Variance	\$3,501.00

Prayer for Our Retired Priests
As one diocesan family, let us pray for God's protection for all our elderly priests.

Lord Jesus, High Priest, we pray for the retired priests of our Diocese of San José who still have a very important mission in the Church, the mission of prayer and intercession.

We pray with gratitude for their love and concern for us and for one another, ever mindful of their unity in You. We ask You to bless them for the countless years of service they have provided and continue to provide to Your people throughout the Diocese of San José, that they may experience peace and joy in their retirement, continuing to hold close the love of Your Sacred Heart.

Amen.

St. John Vianney, patron saint of priests, pray for us!

FOR THE FAITHFULNESS OF OUR DIOCESAN PRIESTS

Throughout the Diocese of San José, priests serve as good shepherds in their flocks. The faith of Jesus Christ carries them. There are 45 retired priests in the Diocese and 92 others currently serving in our parishes and in other diocesan assignments. In addition, the Diocese has 38 priests reaching retirement age (70 years old) in the next 12 years and 8 in just the next three years.

Your generosity to this appeal helps keep an important promise of care to those priests who have been good shepherds and have kept their promises to the faithful of the Diocese.

It is time to support those who served us!

Please consider a generous gift to the Diocesan Priests Retirement Fund.

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The DIOCESAN PRIESTS Retirement Fund

SUPPORT FOR THE PRIESTS WHO SERVED US FAITHFULLY

Our retired priests rely on their minimal social security, since they were paid a very modest wage, and the Priests' retirement plan pays for their living expenses and end-of-life needs. Like the general population, priests are living longer, more active lives, placing a greater demand on retirement resources. This has increased the challenge to provide adequate care to our retired priests.

Your gift to the Diocesan Priests Retirement Fund provides vital funding for medications, nursing care, and more to those priests who have been good shepherds and have kept their promises to the faithful of the Diocese.

In these difficult days, you may feel as though your generosity has been exhausted. We ask two things. First, please pray for all our elderly priests. Second, please support the Diocesan Priests Retirement Fund as you are able—and know that priests across the Diocese hold you and your loved ones in grateful prayer.

Our retired priests devote their lives to God's people and bring Christ to them through the Sacraments. Even in retirement, they serve the faithful by celebrating Mass, hearing confessions, assisting the sick, and offering their prayers.

Please prayerfully consider supporting our retired priests in thanksgiving for all they have done for us.

Thank you for your generosity!

Suggested Gifts

Patron	\$1,000
Grand Benefactor	\$500
Benefactor	\$250
Steward	\$100
Friend	\$50

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."
John 15:13

PARISH AND COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

The priests of the Diocese of St. John will be away for their **annual Clergy Study Week** from the evening of **Sunday, May 11, until Friday, May 16**. During their absence, **Father Ligory Kattiakaran** from St. Thomas the Apostle Syro-Malabar Parish will celebrate the morning Mass. If you need a priest for a sick call, please contact the Diocesan Ministry to the Sick hotline at 408-345-2445.

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The Annual Parish Fiesta is just around the corner—only a month and a half away! We're excited to kick off our preparations early this year. Just like last year, we'll be hosting a mini-festival filled with delicious food and unique vendors. If you're interested in being a vendor, we'd love to hear from you! Please reach out to MariCris Benitez or give the Parish Office a call for more details. We can't wait to celebrate together!



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The envelopes for the Mother's Day Novena are currently available through the ushers. The Novena is scheduled to commence on **Sunday, May 11**, in observance of Mother's Day, and will continue until **Monday, May 19**.



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