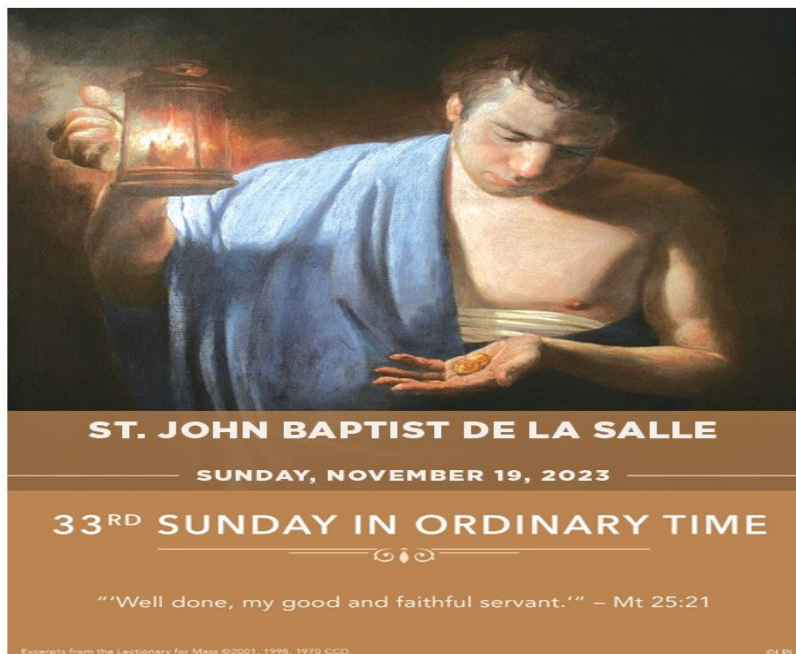




MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Parish Community of Saint John Baptist de la Salle recognize that we are chosen by Christ and have as our mission to bring forth the fruits of the True Vine in response to the needs of our Parish Community through the recognition of active Parish Organizations and the cultivation of persons and groups not yet sharing in the mystery of the True Vine, Jesus Christ.

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing."

--John 15:5

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE

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PARISH OFFICE

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Monday-Thursday

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m.

FAITH FORMATION /MINISTRY OFFICE

10738 Hayvenhurst Ave.
Granada Hills, CA. 91344

Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Rev. Ramon Valera..... Pastor
Rev. Khoa MaiAssociate Pastor
Rev. Tovia LuiIn Residence
Deacon Sam FriasDeacon
Deacon Dan Revetto.....Deacon
Parish Office: 818 363-2535

Eucharistic Celebrations (Mass)

SATURDAY: 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, and 12:00 pm

DAILY: Monday - Saturday 7:30 a.m.

HOLY DAYS: Please check bulletin or website

NOVENA: Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm in Church

SCHOOL OFFICE

16535 Chatsworth St.
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St. John Baptist de la Salle School Website sjbdls.org
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Parish Business Manager:

Janie Choate
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Faith Formation Coordinator

Mrs. Cole
368-1514

School Principal:

Claudia Monaco
363-2270

Watch Sunday 9:00am Mass Live Stream at: tinyurl.com/SJBDLSMASS

Information on the Priesthood, Diaconate or Religious Life: Contact Fr. Stephen Davoren 213 637-7755 or frsdavoren@la-archdiocese.org

Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time November 19, 2023



"'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' "

- Mt 25:20b-21

Presider Schedule November 25th & 26th

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Fr. Mai
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Fr. Ramon
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Fr. Tovia
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Fr. Kirsch
Sunday	12:00 p.m.	Fr. Mai

This schedule is subject to change



First Friday Holy Hour for Vocations, DECEMBER 1, 2023

The number of Priests in the U.S. has dropped by nearly 50% over the last 50 years (from 60,000 to 35,000).

The decline in the number of Deacons,

Religious Brothers and Sisters is also alarming.

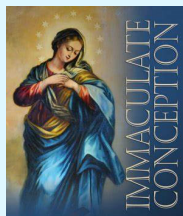
Will you please join us for just an hour per month to Pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life? We will meet on the First Friday of the month, at 7:00 p.m. We will gather in the Church for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. We will also pray the Rosary together asking our Blessed Mother for her intercession.



Miraculous Medal Novena

Please join us in our Church for the Novena of the Miraculous Medal followed by praying the Rosary.
Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

All are welcome



Immaculate Conception Friday, December 8th

is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. The Immaculate Conception is always a holy day of obligation. Mary is honored as the patroness of the United States under this title.

**Mass schedule for
Friday, December 8th
7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 7:00 p.m.**



SISTER PARISH NEEDS

The Pastor of St. Lawrence Brindisi, our Sister Parish in Watts, has asked if we can assist them by donating **frozen** turkeys for **Christmas**. They will be preparing 300-500 food baskets for the holidays.

If you wish to donate a turkey, you may bring it to the Parish Office
Monday– Wednesday, 9:00 am- 4:00 pm

Thank you for your generosity



ADVENT RETREAT

The Parish men's ministry, Men After His Own Heart, are hosting their fourth annual **Advent Retreat with the Sister Devoted to the Sacred Heart**. The retreat will be on **Tuesday, November 28th at 7:00 PM**. All parishioners are invited and families with young adult children are more than welcome. Start your preparation for Christmas by focusing on our Savior and Lord. We look forward to seeing you there. For more information please contact Tim or Terry Castagnola at tcastagnola@mac.com.

**The Parish Office will close
Wednesday, November 22nd at 12:00 noon
and remain closed on Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 23rd.**

The office will re-open, Monday, November 26th

**We wish our Parish Community a Happy,
Healthy, and Safe Thanksgiving.**

Holy Father in Heaven,

Creator of everything and source of all goodness and love, please look favorably upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this period of thanksgiving. Lord thank you for all Your graces and blessings. Father, You have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious beliefs.

Please pray for the sick

Vicki Silva*	Angela Ruiz ****
Bernadette Daniels**	Denise Mann ****
Eunice Hildebrandt**	George Mann ****
Daniel Renee Rye ****	Eugenio Eusebio ****
Jason Priske ****	Michael Devine ****
Wilma Cawili ****	Perry Ball ****
Josephine Leonard****	and all those in our
Claire Siengthi ****	Prayer book.
Bryan Dinnoo ****	

YOU MAY BE PHOTOGRAPHED OR RECORDED

Your presence at the 9:00 a.m. *Sunday Media Mass* or at any mass or event that is using our *Media Ministry* implies consent to permit St. John Baptist de la Salle to photograph, record, film, or videotape your likeness, and to publish it on our website and elsewhere. By your presence you agree to release St. John Baptist de la Salle from any liability resulting from publication of your likeness.



Holiday hugs and boundaries

As children get older, they need to understand not just the rules of social interaction but why people act (or don't act) these ways. Children need to know how to set their own boundaries. The approaching holidays are a great time to discuss these boundaries and how to express them politely. Talk to your children about whether they would like to give hugs to family members, whether they want to give or receive any other forms of affection. For more information, read the article "Teaching Kids about Boundaries" at: <https://childmind.org/article/teaching-kids-boundaries-empathy/>.

Mass Intentions For The Week



Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Miguel & Felisa Chico
	9:00 a.m.	De La Salle Parishioners
	10:30 a.m.	Mario Valdez Generalao
	12:00 a.m.	Philip Parmelee
Monday	7:30 a.m.	Lina Chua
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Deceased Relatives & Friends
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Cecilia Rizo
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Mass of Thanksgiving
Friday	7:30 a.m.	Rosa America Ruiz
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Vivencio Mateo
	5:00 p.m.	Edward Merva



Thanksgiving Day Schedule

There will be

one concelebrated

Mass on Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 23rd
10:00 a.m.

We invite everyone to bring their
Thanksgiving bread to be blessed.

A collection will be taken up for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. This collection enables our St. Vincent de Paul Society to minister to the poor.



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St. John Baptist de la Salle Parish 70TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Center Saturday, December 9th 2023

Donation \$70 per person

Limit 2 tickets per person

Doors Open at 6:15pm

Cocktail Attire Adults only

Tickets are on a first come first serve basis,
limited number of seats.

CASH OR CHECKS ONLY made out to **St. John Baptist de la Salle**
Tickets will be available in the Pavilion after ALL Masses
November 11th, 12th, 18th and 19th if not sold out.

NO ADVANCE SALES



DE LA SALLE SCRIP FUNDRAISER

37 DAY'S UNTIL CHRISTMAS

You may pre-order scrip, (gift cards), at the Parish Office for many stores including Macy's, J.C. Penny's, and Target. Scrip for specialty stores is also available including Bath and Body, Starbucks, and Sees Candy. For your dining needs, scrip may be ordered for many restaurants including, Chipotle, Chili's, Olive Garden, Outback, Black Angus, Panera Bread, and Denny's. Fast food restaurants: Pizza Hut, Taco Bell, Subway, El Pollo Loco, Jack in the Box, Arby's, Del Taco, Burger King, Wendy's, and Carl's Jr. Gas cards are available for Exxon-Mobil, Shell, and Arco. Vons, Albertsons, Smart and Final, and Walmart/Sam's, are also available. Orders can only be taken in person at the Parish Office. Our office hours:

Monday– Thursday, 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
closed between 12:30-1:30 p.m.

If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 818-363-2535 ex 221

Thank you for supporting the Scrip Ministry



FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

Grand Prize	\$ 2,000.00	Joanne O'Keefe
2nd Place	\$ 1,000.00	Victoria Lau
3rd Place	\$ 500.00	Jerry Nolasco

A special thank you to
Dodge Brothers Automotive
for sponsoring the Grand prize.

One Body in Christ Charismatic Prayer Group
for sponsoring the Second prize

Dodge Brothers Automotive
for sponsoring the Third prize

Thanks to all the Festival Committee members spear-headed by Fred Lawrence, and all those who helped at the Festival for their dedication and hard work.

**A big thank you to all those who
attended and supported our
St. John Baptist de la Salle Parish Festival**



Online Giving

Go to www.osvhub.com/sjbdls/funds

First Online Donation: Follow the following steps: Select which fund you want to donate to by clicking on the Give Now spot on the fund you want to donate to. Example: Weekly Contributions. Click on the (v) for additional options.

Enter your gift amount (Example: \$20.00, etc.) Gift Type (either **One Time or Recurring**) Frequency (Choose from Weekly Biweekly, etc.)

State Date you want donations to start. Click Continue, enter your Information.

Enter payment information (Choose either Checking Account or Credit Card),

Enter Payment Address Click on save my payment.

Enter **your new password. (It will be needed every time you log in.)** Click on submit gift. Click back to Fund List to donate to other funds or Log Out.



Men's Group Fall Session

The Parish men's group, Men After His Own Heart, is having its fall session. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has called for a Year of Eucharistic Revival at every parish in the nation. We invite all Catholic men to join us at **6:30 AM in Seton Hall** for fellowship, education, discussion and spiritual growth. Please feel free to reach out with any questions to Tim Castagnola (timcastagnola@gmail.com) or Terry Castagnola (tcastagnola@mac.com). We look forward to welcoming you there.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is administered by our Priests. During the week, contact the Parish Office for an appointment. The anointing suffices for the duration of the illness.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Please contact the Parish Office so we may assist.

BAPTISM

For infant Baptism, please contact the Parish Office at 818 363-2535 ext. 221. For Baptism of children ages 7 and above, please contact the SRE Office at 818 368-1514.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office at 818 363-2535 ext. 224, Monday between 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., at least 6 months prior to setting a wedding date.

CONFIRMATION

Please contact the SRE office at 818 368-1514.

Faith Formation News

Using your gifts

Adult: What gift haven't you developed as you had hoped? What could you still do?

Child: What gift has God given you? What do you want to do with it?

PARENTING POINTERS

It's a few weeks before many families face the frenzy of preparing for Christmas. Why not pick 1 or 2 rooms in your home to clear of clutter. What's clutter and what's essential? Discuss it with your children. Then agree to give away or throw away at least 1 item from each person.

PARISH MINISTRY NEWS



PARISH TRAINING FOR NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND ALTAR SERVERS

If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister or if your child would like to be trained as an Altar Server (students must be in the 4th grade or higher in the 2023 – 2024 school year), please contact the Ministry Office at re@sjbdls.org or (818) 368-1514.



In this time of sorrow and dismay, we do not want to remain helpless. We cannot let death and its sting be the only word we hear.

That is why we feel the need to pray, to turn our hearts to God the Father. Only in this way we can draw the strength and serenity needed to endure these hard times, by turning to Him, in prayer and intercession, to implore and cry out to God amidst this anguish.

In Memoriam

let us pray for all who have died,
that they may rejoice with the Risen Lord.

Steven Sao

May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Skill set

Today's Gospel poses two questions that are surprisingly hard for many of us to answer.

First: *What are we good at?*

No one of us is a total disaster; we aren't completely devoid of any skills or (to use the Gospel word) "talents." We may not be able to perform brain surgery, but we can comfort a child just stung by a bee. We may not be able to paint beautiful watercolors, but we can roast a chicken and bake a pie that brings the family together on Sunday nights. We may not be a CEO, but when customers leave our checkout line they're a bit happier and lighter in spirit because of the warm way we treated them.

So never mind the false modesty — answer the question: *What are we good at?* What do we do well? What's the most meaningful contribution we can make to our family or church or community: the compassion to encourage and support others? The discipline to manage people? The patience to listen?

The second question: *What are we doing with that talent?*

If we can make a living off our talent and skill, terrific — but how are we contributing the good we possess to make the Kingdom of God a reality here and now? To keep our "talents" to ourselves is a betrayal of God's trust; to act as if we have nothing to contribute is an act of ingratitude to the God who gave those skills and abilities to us.

So what has God entrusted to you — and that's the word: entrusted. What has God invested in you for the good of the world? We seldom see the question that way. We're taught how to monetize whatever talents and skills we possess, translating our knowledge and abilities into successful careers. Or we're overwhelmed with a false sense of humility: We don't think our gifts are worth all that much to begin with, so we keep them to ourselves for our own amusement or diversion. But today's parable challenges us to see whatever "talents" we possess — be they the ability to manage a big organization or the quiet patience to heal a hurting child — as a sacred trust. And our lives will be judged by how we used our "talents," whether earth moving or quietly healing, to realize God's Kingdom of mercy and justice in our time and place.



Envelope Reminder

In order to receive proper credit for your contributions, please use your preprinted envelopes that you receive in the mail. If you forget your envelope, please use an envelope in the pew or a check, and include your parish number.

Confessions of a hospice volunteer

A few years ago, Keri Wiginton's beloved stepfather was diagnosed with a fast-growing brain tumor; he died five months later. During those five months, Keri learned how different the day feels when you realize that it might be your loved one's last. She savored every dad joke, every spoonful of ice cream, every mundane movie night — and when she watched him unwrap Christmas presents for the last time, she realized how much she would miss his tendency to tear up no matter how small the gift.

After her dad died, Kim struggled with her grief. She felt a profound pull to help the dying and the grieving. Her therapist agreed that volunteering at a hospice might be a good fit. At first, Keri was overwhelmed at the prospect — but after a few weeks of hedging, she worked up the courage to apply for the hospice's training program.

Four months later, she received her first assignment: Keri would provide respite care for caregivers. While their caregivers took a break, Keri would spend time with their loved ones. She would play Scrabble with them, take them outside on warm days, listen to big band music from the 1940s. She got used to the twists and turns of conversation with those with memory challenges. She learned to explore whatever path they were on, and they often had fun doing it.

Keri discovered a sense of joy and purpose in the work. During the school year, Keri also works with children grieving the loss of a parent.

In an essay in The Washington Post [August 15, 2023], Keri Wiginton, a health and medical writer, reflects on her volunteer work:

“My compassion leaves a lasting impression even if my identity doesn't . . . I feel a sense of loss when people die, but our time together matters because I know it's short term. I also have found myself to be more present and less anxious, both when I'm volunteering and when I'm not . . . “

“As a hospice volunteer, I expected tears and anger. What I didn't expect was the laughter and joy.”

A young woman finds a path out of her depression by volunteering her time helping others through their grief. Keri Wiginton discovers that her experience with her stepfather is the Gospel “talent”: an ability or gift that God entrusts to us for the good of others. Sometimes what we consider to be a burden turns out to be a blessing for ourselves and others. As Jesus teaches in today's Gospel, the true value of our “talent” is not the talent itself but the depth of our love in using it to build the Kingdom of God in our time and place.

PARISH MINISTRIES AND DIRECTORY

Altar Servers	Ministry Office	368-1514
Anointing of the Sick	Parish Office	363-2535
Baptisms	Parish Office	363-2535
Bereavement	Parish Office	363-2535
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Catholic Men's Group	Tim Castagnola	620-9569
	Terry Castagnola	601-6684
Eucharistic Ministers	Ministry Office	368-1514
Finance Council	Fr. Ramon Valera	363-2535
Hospitality	School Office	363-2270
Lectors	Ministry Office	368-1514
Legion of Mary	Elisa Pazirandeh	368-1514
	Tuesday 6:15p.m. to 7:45 p.m.	
	Erlinda Daliva	368-1514
	Friday 6:15p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	
	Erlinda Claro	
	Sunday 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.	
Liturgy Committee	Ministry Office	368-1514
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Media Ministry	Don Jacob	363-2535
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	Liturgy of the Word	
	Family Ministry	
	Middle School	
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	Confirmation	
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