

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 CHURCH

16555 Chatsworth Street, Granada Hills, CA., 91344

Mailing address: 10738 Hayvenhurst Ave., Granada Hills, CA., 91344

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

10738 Hayvenhurst Ave.
 Granada Hills, CA. 91344
 Parish Office: 818 363-2535

Monday-Thursday

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 Second Sunday of each Month - 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Rev. Ramon Valera..... Pastor
 Rev. Khoa MaiAssociate Pastor
 Deacon Sam FriasDeacon
 Deacon Dan Revetto.....Deacon

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

FAITH FORMATION /MINISTRY OFFICE

10738 Hayvenhurst Ave.
 Granada Hills, CA. 91344

Sunday,

7:00 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

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

SCHOOL OFFICE 16535 Chatsworth St.

Granada Hills, CA. 91344

St. John Baptist de la Salle Parish Website: sjbdls.com
 St. John Baptist de la Salle School Website: sjbdls.org
 St. John Baptist de la Salle S.R.E. Website: re@sjbdls.org
 St. John Baptist de la Salle Music Email: music@sjbdls.org
 St. John Baptist de la Salle Media Email: media@sjbdls.org

Parish Business Manager: Janie Choate
 363-2535

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

**First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2025**



“Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” — Mt 24:43-44

Excerpts from the Lecternary for Mass (2001, 1998, 1979 CCD)

Presider Schedule

December 6th & December 7th

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

This schedule is subject to change



Miraculous Medal Novena

Please join us in the church for the Novena of the Miraculous Medal followed by praying the Rosary.

Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
All are welcome



**First Friday Holy Hour
for Vocations
December 5, 2025**

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.

English Conversation Class



Do you want to improve your English conversation skills for **FREE**?

Come and join the class to practice speaking English by participating in fun and engaging activities. (**No registration required.**)

WHEN: Tuesdays 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

**WHERE: Granada Hills Branch
Los Angeles Public Library
10640 Petit Avenue
(213) 228-7037 Ext: 76619**



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



ADVENT RETREAT

The Men's Ministry is hosting their Annual Advent Retreat presented by the Sisters Devoted to the Sacred Heart on December 2nd at 7:00 PM in Cabrini Room.

Join us as we explore "Anticipating Jesus with the Holy Family." Begin your Advent preparation focused on the celebration of Christ's birth. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Tim Castagnola (timcastagnola@gmail.com) or Terry Castagnola (terrycastagnola@mac.com). We look forward to sharing this beautiful experience with you.

Please pray for the sick

Florida Mendoza
Aurora Mendoza
Rose Antenucci
Dora Gonzalez
Joseph Cordova
Edwin Salvador
Gigi Sabourin
Allison Naussbaum
Jennifer Morelli
Fr. Jim Bevan
Vanessa Perez
Ligaya Vega
Imelda Juan
Chito Manimbo
MaryAnn Imthurn

Jody Walker
Andrea Emilia Bernabey
James Sabourin
Isidaria Godinez
Maria C. Garcia
Ernest Escalante, Sr.
Roman Alexander Valdez
Chona Eco
Ana Luisa Acebolobo
Rosa Monostori
Deacon Sam Frias
Elisa Pazirandeh

**and all those in our
Parish Book of Prayer**



Facts About Community Grooming

There is a third type of grooming: *community grooming*. In community grooming, a predator creates a controlled environment, projecting an image of a responsible, caring adult. They mimic the behavior of good people around them, to get closer to children and then select a victim. Adults often have trouble seeing potentially troubling behavior, because they have been groomed to see the predator as an upstanding person. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "The Grooming Process" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.



CATHOLIC
CAMPAIGN FOR
HUMAN
DEVELOPMENT

Thank You for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! As a parish, **St. John Baptist de la Salle** is proud to support those on the margins who live in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click: **How to Give** under "Resources." #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds for the collection.



Mass Intentions For The Week

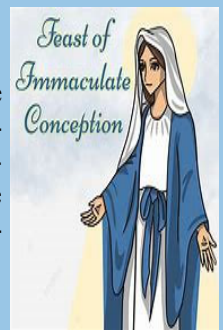


Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Bernadette C. Daniels
	9:00 a.m.	De La Salle Parishioners
	10:30 a.m.	Marly's Nunneri
	12:00 p.m.	Lourdes Tan Bartolome
Monday	7:30 a.m.	Gladys Mable & Herbert Brown
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Annie Johnson
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Ceferina Ramos
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	Helen Lawson
Friday	7:30 a.m.	Mary Leonidas
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Merceredita de Joya Enriquez
	5:00 p.m.	Perfecto Ong

Immaculate Conception

Monday, December 8th

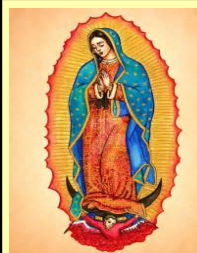
Is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. The Immaculate Conception is always a holy day of obligation. Mary is honored as the patroness of the United States under this title.



Mass Schedule

Monday, December 8th

7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 7:00 p.m.



GUADALUPE PROCESSION AND MASS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles will host the 94th Annual Procession and Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe in East Los Angeles on Sunday, December 7, 2025. This year's theme, "**Our Lady of Guadalupe: Cause of Our Joy and Hope.**" The festivities will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the corner of Cesar Chavez Avenue and McDonnell Avenue. The Holy Mass is at 1:00 p.m. at East Los Angeles College Stadium in Monterey Park celebrated by Archbishop Jose H. Gomez. Our Lady of Guadalupe stands as a beacon of hope, compassion, and solidarity. As we honor her, we are called to embrace her example by standing in solidarity with our immigrant brothers and sisters, offering them hope, love, and support.

In Memoriam

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

Armando Porras

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



DLS School News

School Office Hours

Monday –Thursday 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Fridays 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

If you have any questions please visit our website
at:

www.sjbdls.org or email Miss. Jimenez at:
amanda.jimenez@sjbdls.org

School Phone Number: 818-363-2270

Christmas SCHEDULE

CONFESSIONS

Saturday, December 20th
9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Monday December 22nd
10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Masses

Christmas Eve
Wednesday, December 24th
5:00 p.m. Family Mass
10:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

Christmas Day
Thursday, December 25th
8:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
12 Noon

New Year's Day
Thursday, January 1, 2025
7:30 a.m. Mass (not a Holy Day of Obligation)



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 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Thank you for your generosity



Retirement Fund for Religious

On Sunday, December 14th, there will be a special collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**.

A lifetime of service deserves care in return. Thanks to your generosity, we can provide the very best care to the sisters in our community. Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide housing, medical assistance, and essential support to thousands of aging religious.

The envelopes will be available in the church pews. Checks are to be made payable to the parish and we will send one master check to the Archdiocese. Thank you in advance for your support.



Faith Formation News



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

"for in the sacred books, the Father who is in heaven meets His children with great love and speaks with them"

Dei Verbum

The School of Religious Education is offering the Children's Liturgy of the Word for our parish Children during the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please look for the banner in the opening procession and join us for the Children's Liturgy of the Word. The program is free to all our parish children ages 4-10.

The Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) is a wonderful time for children ages 4-10 to build their relationship with God in the company of their peers. With the help of a catechist, scripture, faith-based activities, and prayer are used to help the children explore their faith. Look for the banner in the entrance procession during the 9:00 a.m. Mass to confirm that CLOW will take place. Children are called forward by the priest to join their catechist and are dismissed to move to the Kateri Room for the session. The children will return to their family members during the collection.

If you are interested in becoming a CLOW volunteer or have additional questions, contact Mrs. Cole at 818-368-1514.

PARISH MINISTRY NEWS

Putting on the Light of Christ

Adult: What will you do during Advent so that others can see that you have put on the light of Christ?

Child: What will you do during Advent so that others can see the light of Jesus in you?

Share Your Gifts

Each of us, by virtue of our Baptism, plays a role in the handing on of our faith and in being witness to the Gospel. If you are interested in participating in the Religious Education Ministry or other Parish Ministries, contact the Parish Ministry Office at re@sjbdla.org or 818-368-1514.

PARISH TRAINING FOR NEW EUCCHARISTIC 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 entering the 4th grade or higher in the 2025-2026 school year), please contact the Ministry Office at re@sjbdls.org or (818) 368-1514.



WE GIVE THANKS for our church and all other churches that work together to end hunger. Bless the efforts of those organizations that offer relief in times of emergency as well as those who support long-

term development. May our witness to the Gospel of your love and compassion shine ever more brightly.

- Amen

Happy are those...whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth...who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

— Psalm 146:5-7

MERRY CHRISTMAS



*And the World became
flesh, and dwelt among us,
and we saw His glory,
glory as of the only
begotten from the Father,
full of grace and truth.*

JOHN 1:14

Warming the coldest heart

Many years ago, a cold wave swept through a small Russian village, making life miserable for the poor and homeless. On a bitterly cold day, the rabbi went to the home of the town's wealthiest man to ask for help for his desperate congregants.

The rabbi knocked and the rich man opened the door. "Come in, Rabbi," the rich man invited. Unlike everyone else in town, the man was in shirt-sleeves — after all, his house was well-heated.

"No," the rabbi said. "No need for me to come in. I'll just be a minute." And the rabbi proceeded to engage the rich man in a lengthy, rambling conversation. The rabbi asked him about his family and how all were faring during this terrible winter. Standing at his doorstep, coatless, the rich man was freezing, but every time he asked the rabbi to come inside, the rabbi demurred.

The rabbi chatted on and on. "And how is your wife's cousin, the lumber merchant, how is he? And your sister and her family — are they coping well in this bitter weather?"

By this time the rich man's cheeks were bright red with cold. "Rabbi, what did you come here for?!" he finally demanded.

"Oh, that," the rabbi said. "I need money from you to buy coal for the poor people in town."

"So why don't you come in and we'll talk about it?"

"Because if I come in, we will sit down by your fireplace. You will be very warm and comfortable, and when I tell you how the poor are suffering from the cold, you really won't understand. You will give me a few rubles and send me on my way. But now, out here" — the rabbi pointed to the frozen moisture on the man's cheeks — "when I tell you how the poor are suffering from the cold, I think you will understand better."

The man was happy to give the rabbi a hundred rubles just so he could shut the door and return to his fireplace.

Christ the Shepherd-King of today's Gospel clearly and unequivocally identifies himself with the poor, the needy and the hurting. He calls anyone who would be his disciple of every time and place to identify themselves with the "least" of his brothers and sisters, to walk with the poor, the lost and the forgotten in their pain and struggles, to leave our warm homes to seek out and help those trapped in the bitter cold of poverty and isolation. Christ challenges us to give and share not from our extra but from our own need, remembering that in giving to others we give in humble gratitude to the Shepherd-King for all we have received.

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
	Tracy Flores	363-2535
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 6:30p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	
	Erlinda Daliva	368-1514
	Friday 6:15p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	
	Erlinda Claro	368-1514
	Friday 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	
Liturgy Committee	Ministry Office	368-1514
Marriage Ministry	Elizabeth Moreno	363-2535
	wedding@sjbdls.org	Ext.: 225
Media Ministry	Don Jacob	363-2535
	media@sjbdls.org	
Music Ministry		
	Director: Angelo Francisco	818 445-8771
	music@sjbdls.org	
One Body in Christ Charismatic Prayer Group		
	Fr. Ramon	
	Rhomie Ramirez	818 618-6515
Parish Pastoral Council	Fr. Ramon Valera	363-2535
Parish Ministry Office	Mrs. Cole	368-1514
Respect Life Ministry	Nancy Corbett	929-6213
	Lynelle Harrigan	632-6339
Faith Formation Office		
	Coordinator: Mrs. Cole	368-1514
	Adult Education	
	First Communion	
	Elementary (Grades 3-5)	
	Liturgy of the Word	
	Family Ministry	
	Middle School	
	O.C.I.A./O.C.I.C.	
	Confirmation	
St. John Baptist De La Salle School		
Principal: Claudia Monaco		363-2270
	School Website: sjbdls.org	
	Pre-Kindergarten thru Grade 8	
	16535 Chatsworth Street	
	Granada Hills, CA 91344	
Sacristans	Fred Lawrence	363-2535
St. Vincent de Paul	Tom Celaya	363-2535
St. Vincent de Paul large item pick up call	(800) 974-3571	
Ushers	Ellen Celaya	363-2535
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