

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**

16555 Chatsworth Street, Granada Hills, CA. 91344

Mailing address 10738 Hayvenhurst Ave.

PARISH OFFICE

10738 Hayvenhurst Ave.
Granada Hills, CA. 91344

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

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

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.

Parish Business Manager:

Janie Choate
363-2535

Faith Formation Coordinator

Mrs. Cole
368-1514

School Principal:

Claudia Monaco
363-2270

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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

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

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 14, 2024**



Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day."

- Lk 24:45-46

**Presider Schedule
April 20th & 21st**

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

This schedule is subject to change



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

Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament



**First Friday Holy Hour
for Vocations,
MAY 3, 2024**

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.



"2024 Baby Bottle Drive"

Distribution This Weekend: April 13th & 14th

Collection: Weekend: April 20th & 21st

Join the Pregnancy Counseling Center in the upcoming Baby Bottle Drive in your community. Your donations help us change the lives of women, men, and babies in your community! It is as simple as taking a baby bottle, filling it with change (cash or a check) and returning it back to the church the following weekend. Envelopes will also be distributed if you prefer.

The distribution of the bottles or envelopes will take place during or after Mass on the weekend of Saturday April 13th and Sunday April 14th.



Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community.

As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.

Church bulletin advertising is cost-effective way to advertise 52 times per year and show support for your local community, in turn parishioners will support you.

Digital advertising allows your business to be front and center to anyone who visits a church profile page on ParishesOnline.com, that's approximately 500,000 page views per month.

Free professional ad design with your sponsorship.

Contact LPI at: 800-950-9952 or
www.4lpi.com/advertising-solutions



The Men's Ministry is starting a series on **The Beatitudes, Saturday April 13th at 6:30AM** in Seton Hall.

All men over the age of 18 are welcome to join us for coffee, fellowship, prayer and discussion. Meet other men in your parish who share a love for our faith and a desire to share it. If you have any questions, please contact either Tim or Terry by email:

timcastagnola@gmail.com
or **tcastagnola@mac.com**.



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Please pray for the sick

Teresa Mieszerski	Christine Lanzendorf
Darrell Chamberlain	Joey Mercado
John And Karen Becker	Gina L. Gallardo
Paula Sabourin	Alma Boromeo
Kathy Polo	Beatrice Cabusi
Tess Stolzer	Angie Thornton
Tita Blanco	Bernadette Daniels
Christopher Horton	Eunice Hildebrant
Rommel de Guzman Dee	Daniel Renee Rye
Greg Marquis	
Steven Fisher	

**and all those in our
Prayer book.**



The Archdiocese continues helping survivors of sexual abuse and their families

During National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and on behalf of Archbishop José H. Gomez, we affirm our continued commitment to report allegations of sexual misconduct to law enforcement, support victim-survivors in their healing journey, and protect children and the vulnerable. The Archdiocese created a website, <https://lacatholics.org/protect/> that serves as a comprehensive tool containing resources, programs and services for protecting children and reporting abuse. If you, or someone you know, is a victim of sexual misconduct by someone affiliated with our Church, please contact law enforcement and the Archdiocese's Victims Assistance Coordinator at (213) 637-7650 or visit <https://lacatholics.org/reporting-child-abuse/> for help and support.



The PCC needs you!!!

**Join Our Team
We are looking for
Volunteer Client Advocates.**

Volunteer R.N. and L.V.N. This is a great opportunity to serve your community. To find out more information or to request a **Volunteer Application Packet**, please contact:

Norma Cano, Client Service Director 818-895-2500 or email norma@pregnanthelp.org



DIACONATE FORMATION
ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES

Virtual Diaconate Information Day
Sunday, April 14, 2024- 2-4pm

Next Sessions: July 7, October 12, 2024

To register email Deacon Melecio Zamora at dmz2011@la-archdiocese.org

Mass Intentions For The Week



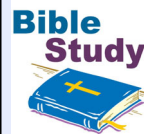
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Arturo Gonzales
	9:00 a.m.	De La Salle Parishioners
	10:30 a.m.	Jeanette & Ralph McKenzie
	12:00 p.m.	Jose, Angelina, & Patrick Manikis
Monday	7:30 a.m.	Marshall & Elsa Estela
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Wilfredo Ongoco
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Anchita Herrera
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	Ernesto Ramos
Friday	7:30 a.m.	Rosalia Cruz
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Lilia San Juan
	5:00 p.m.	Drucilla Beuerlein



Books and Beer

The Men's Ministry, Men After His Own Heart, is having its next Books and Beer event on May 18th at 2:00 PM at Paragon Bar and Grill in Northridge. We are excited to offer Be a Man by Fr. Larry Richards. This book is a no-holds-barred discussion of what it means to be a Catholic man, our faults, our needs, our attitudes toward God and our neighbors. We invite all men to read the book and join us for fellowship, great discussion, good food, and great beer.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either Tim or Terry at timcastagnola@gmail.com or terrycastagnola@mac.com. Look forward to seeing you there!



The Gospel of Mark

Join our parish Bible Study as we began our 10 week study of the Gospel of Mark on Wednesday evening February 21st. Our sessions begin at 7pm and in them we pray, learn, and discuss the Gospel to help us live the Word of God daily. If you have any questions, please call Tim at 818-620-9569. There is a \$25.00 fee for materials, if this is a deterrent please call and let us know, we can work it out.

In Memoriam

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

Lucille Graves

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



Go to www.osvhub.com/sjbdls/funds

First Online Donation:

Follow these 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.
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 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.

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 6 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.

Separated & Divorced Conference at Christ Cathedral Campus, Diocese of Orange

The Diocese of Orange Office for Family Life & Archdiocese of LA Separated & Divorced Ministry invites separated & divorced Catholics to a conference of spiritual healing, encouragement, and fellowship: **Remain in my Love (John 15:9)**

Topics include: canonical matters, self-care, emotional healing, friendships/dating, and parenting children of divorce. Keynote speaker is Joe Sikorra, LMFT

Saturday, May 4, 2024: 9 am to 4 pm; \$40 per person (includes lunch and materials) Register at <https://forms.office.com/r/zrK0Ukfnhf>

For information contact: Julie Auzenne (213) 637-7249 or jmonell@la-archdiocese.org

Food for the heart

Anything to eat, Mom?

You stop what you're doing to hear the same words that Jesus asks his shocked friends in today's Gospel. Well, maybe not the same words, but the same request. Actually, the words are more like, "Mom, I'm hungry. We got anything to eat?" It's your seven-year-old with a couple of his buds, foraging in your kitchen after a busy afternoon of playing ball, hiking through the swamp, and tearing up the street on their bikes. But you hear the words with the same love and care and joy as if it was Christ himself asking. Because it **is** Christ asking.

Would you like bread with that?

A food pantry in your church? A soup kitchen open every night in your town? Really? You never imagined the number of people who are living on the edge until you were recruited to volunteer a couple of nights a month to help cook and serve supper for the hungry and homeless. You'll never forget that first night when you ladled stew into a bowl and placed it in the dirty, scarred hand of a homeless woman. In that moment, you realized that the hand that gratefully took the stew from yours was the hand of Christ.

The rumbling in your stomach that you can't satisfy . . .

Sometimes the pangs of hunger and the parched throat are your own — but it's not the kind of hunger that can be satisfied with a Big Mac or a thirst that can be quenched with a Coke. It's the hunger we all experience at some point in our lives for a sense of belonging, for the reassurance that our lives matter and mean something, that there is a point to our existence besides just existing. The only "food" that will satisfy this hunger is the sustenance of your loving and patient care that can nourish and sustain the soul and spirit of someone broken or in despair — food that is the very love and care of Christ, the Christ who gives himself to us as bread for life, as wine for hope, as the lamb for our redemption.

Just as the Risen Jesus asks the Eleven for "something to eat," he asks the same of us today in the cries and pleas of the poor and needy in our midst. In imitating his humility and compassion, we, in turn, discover meaning and purpose in our own lives that "feed" our own hunger for fulfillment, for purpose, for God. To become witnesses of Christ's resurrection is to embrace his peace in our own lives and work joyfully to bring that peace into the lives of others, both for them and for ourselves. Let this Easter season open our eyes and hearts to see the many ways we can bring resurrection to every traveler we encounter, every decision we make, every challenge we face.

Faith Formation News

NEW 2024 – 2025

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

New Religious Education Registrations are being accepted on a first come basis.

If you are interested in the following Religious Education Programs:

- The Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults or High School students.
- The Sacrament of Communion, 1st grade through High school.
- The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults/Children. This process is available for those who are unbaptized or baptized who want to become Catholic or for baptized Catholics who want to receive First Communion and Confirmation.
- Continued Religious Education for Elementary and Middle School students.

For registration details, please contact the S.R.E. Office at: re@sjbdls.org / **818-368-1514**.

Include your contact information, the program you are interested in (see description above), the grade of your student, or if you are inquiring about an adult program.



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 entering the 4th grade and up in September 2024.), please contact the SRE/Parish Ministry Office by April 14th, at re@sjbdls.org or (818) 368-1514.

The living Christ

Adult: What questions about Jesus still arise in the midst of your faith?

Child: What question would you like to ask someone about Jesus' appearance to the Apostles?

DLS School News



St. John Baptist de la Salle School

De La Salle School invites all new and current families to their Open House, Sunday,

May 5, 2024, 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

**Transitional Kindergarten through 7th Grade
Please join the Principal, Vice Principal, faculty, and staff as they present Catholic education at its best.**

PARISH MINISTRY NEWS

An Invitation to the Parish Altar Server Ministry

Altar Server Ministry is an integral part of St. John Baptist de la Salle's parish life. Families, if your student is in the 4th grade and up and has received his/her First Communion, we are inviting him/her to be part of the Altar Server Ministry.

Please discuss this as a family, realizing that this is a commitment not only for your child, but also for your whole family. If he/she would like to serve the parish as an altar server, or if you as a parent are interested in one of our parish ministries, please contact Mrs. Cole at: re@sjbdls.org or (818) 368-1514 **in the Parish Ministry Office, for an application.**

We pray that this will be an opportunity for your family to participate more fully in the St. John Baptist de la Salle faith community. Thank you to those who are already serving.

PARENTING POINTER

Chores #1: As a parent what's your favorite household job? What's your least favorite? Few kids like chores but it's part of being a family. Talk with your kids about their preferences. Discuss whether anybody wants to switch their current tasks.

FR. RAMON invites you to a Pilgrimage to GREECE & TURKEY.

Following the footsteps of St. Paul with a GREEK ISLANDS CRUISE,

September 23-October 6, 2024 (14 days) Visiting Athens, Corinth, Aegean Cruise, Mykonon, Rhodes, Ephesus, Hierapolis, Cappadocia, Tarsus, Antioch, & Istanbul.

TOUR PRICE: \$4,999.00.

Hurry and sign UP now, seats are limited on a first come, first serve basis. \$1000.00 down payment is required upon registration to ensure space. Highlights include a 5 star hotel accommodations, Airfare, Breakfast, Dinner, and the Tour itself. Call: Ging (213) 453-2595 or email Fr. Ramon at: rgvalera@gmail.com

"Knitting into the Mystery"

Many churches and parishes have developed "knitting ministries": groups of knitters who create shawls for those who need them most.

Imagine a group of women in a group knitting together. A prayer has "stitched" them together in their shared purpose of creating something that will bring comfort and joy to the sick, the dying, and the vulnerable of their church or community. These knitters bring to life the ancient Celtic ideal of weaving as a simple spiritual practice of contributing our work to God's work of creation. Those who receive their handiwork find themselves wrapped in beauty, peace, and care.

Susan Jorgensen and Susan IZard write about the shawl-knitting ministry in their book **Knitting into the Mystery**. For these women and their sister (and brother) knitters, "our hands are God's hands." They write:

"What is it you receive when you receive a shawl? You receive a garment that proclaims peace — peace over you, peace under you, peace within you, peace around you . . . You receive a shawl that has been knit in love — love that is freely given for its own sake. I don't know of a soul who knits shawls for material gain or recognition. The people I know who knit are passionate about loving and seek only to express that love through their craft. You receive a garment that has been filled with healing intentions and comfort, a garment that seeks to console and give solace, a garment that celebrates and affirms, a garment that showers abundant blessings upon its wearer from the compassionate heart of its knitter.

"What is it that you receive when you receive a shawl? You receive membership into a circle that has no boundaries, a circle with a momentum that continues to ripple out into the global community. The sum of it has become far greater than any of the people and parts that have played its midwives.

"In a time when war is destroying what we hold dear and the world is in chaos, you receive peace that you may be peace. You receive love that you may be love. You receive healing that you may heal. You receive affirmation that you may affirm . . .

"Human beings love being wrapped. The activity touches a deep chord within. I sit at my computer composing this chapter, wrapped in a luxurious, deep purple shawl that is a combination of sheep and llama wool . . . As I pull it around me tight, I am continually amazed by the ability of this garment to yield to the shape of my body. I feel safe; I feel held; I feel loved. I believe two things are happening here: a very primitive and early need is being touched and satisfied, and the prayer of another is seeping into the fiber of my being."

The work of these knitters is the very image of peace with which the Risen Jesus blesses his brothers in today's Gospel: peace that is the embrace of God's love, peace that forgives and reconciles, peace that heals and lifts up, peace that is not just the passive absence of conflict but the active pursuit of justice and mercy for all. The peace and reconciliation envisioned by Christ has been entrusted over to his first "witnesses." Now the Apostles and the first Christian communities have passed on the work "witnessing" Christ's resurrection to us, making us "knitters" of God's providence for our own time. In our struggles to live his Gospel of compassion, forgiveness and justice in the simplicity of our everyday lives, we "weave" into the fabric of our time and place the peace and justice that is the very embrace of God for all his beloved daughters and sons.

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 6:15p.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
Marriage Ministry	Elizabeth Moreno	363-2535
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	Sandy Cole	368-1514
Respect Life Ministry	Nancy Corbett	929-6213
	Lynelle Harrigan	632-6339
Faith Formation Office		
	Coordinator: Sandy 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	Kathy & Joe Bilotta	363-2535
St. Vincent de Paul		363-2535
St. Vincent de Paul large item pick up call	(800) 974-3571	
Ushers	Ellen Celaya	363-2535
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Parish Website:	sjbdls.com	
Website email:	media@sjbdls.org	
Music email:	music@sjbdls.org	
Faith Formation email:	DRE@sjbdls.org	