

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

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 21, 2024**



“I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.”

- Jn 10:16-17

**Presider Schedule
April 27th & 28th**

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

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”

Collection: This 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 TODAY.

Envelopes will also be distributed if you prefer.



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 has started 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**.

SOS - (Socks and /or Soap)

May 18th & 19th

De La Salle’s St. Vincent de Paul Society is having a sock/soap bar drive to benefit those in need in our area.

PEASE DONATE

**Men’s, Women’s, or Children’s
NEW SOCKS and /or NEW BARS OF SOAP**
Items will be collected in the Pavillion **after the Masses, May 18th & 19th**

Please pray for the sick

Bobby Vega
Teresa Mieszerski
Darrell Chamberlain
John And Karen Becker
Paula Sabourin
Kathy Polo
Tess Stolzer
Tita Blanco
Christopher Horton
Rommel de Guzman Dee
Greg Marquis

Steven Fisher
Christine Lanzendorf
Joey Mercado
Gina L. Gallardo
Alma Boromeo
Beatrice Cabusi
Angie Thornton
Bernadette Daniels
Eunice Hildebrant
**and all those in our
Prayer book.**



“Keep Kids Safe” Pinwheel Resource Booklet

In recognition of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Office of Safeguard the Children has created the 2024 “Keep Kids Safe” Pinwheel Resource Booklet. This useful Resource Booklet will help parishes and schools plan and prepare for Child Abuse Prevention Month. It is also available to individuals who wish to know more about Child Abuse Prevention Month. For more information go to <https://lacatholics.org/child-abuse-prevention-month/>.



This Easter, we welcomed nearly 3,600 new Catholics to the family of God here in Los Angeles, including more than **2,000 catechumens** who were baptized at the vigil Masses across the archdiocese, and more than 1,500 candidates who were newly confirmed in the faith.

Of course, these are not statistics. Each is a precious soul, a brother or sister who by grace has found joy and life in Jesus Christ. Praise God!



Sacred Heart Spring Women’s Retreat

Conducted by the Sacred Heart Sisters
at Big Bear Lake
May 3-5, 2024

“Planted Near Living Streams”
Suggested Donation: \$130.00

For more information and registration:
sacredheartretreatcamp.com/spring-women-retreat/
or call: 909-866-5636

Mass Intentions For The Week



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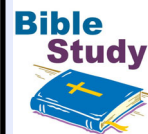
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Concepcion Maimbo
	9:00 a.m.	De La Salle Parishioners
	10:30 a.m.	Mabel & Herbert Brown
	12:00 p.m.	Martha & Jose Escobar
Monday	7:30 a.m.	Hermina & Jaime Lineses
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Avelino & Jean Lucero
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Perfecto Ong
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	Fe Dhaliwal
Friday	7:30 a.m.	Miguel & Felisa Chico
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Abelardo & Fidel Diaz
	5:00 p.m.	Ernie Norris



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

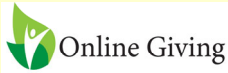
Join our parish Bible Study as we began our 10 week study of the Gospel of Mark on Wednesday evening February 21st. Our sessions begin at 7pm and in them we pray, learn, and discuss the Gospel to help us live the Word of God daily. If you have any questions, please call Tim at 818-620-9569. There is 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.

Rebecca Louise Valdez

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.
 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.

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



CARDINAL MCINTYRE FUND FOR CHARITY ANNUAL COLLECTION APRIL 27TH & 28TH

Since 1951, the Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity has offered hope for those in crisis situations throughout the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. On April 27th and April 28th, all parishes in the Archdiocese will take up this Annual Collection. Your contribution goes directly toward emergency needs for children, adults, and families and provides one-time emergency help for food, utilities, medical, housing or funeral expenses. The goal of the Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity is service to the “neediest of the needy,” those for whom no other resources exist. Please be as generous as possible.

Envelopes will be in the pews.

The “downstairs church”

It’s a term used in many big city, downtown churches: the “downstairs” church.

In the “upstairs” church, the people of God gather to worship God in word and sacrament, to offer prayer and praise to the Risen Christ in our midst. But the work of the Gospel begins in the “downstairs church.”

In the “downstairs church,” children at-risk find a safe place to play and study after school.

In the “downstairs church,” the homeless have a warm, safe place to spend a frigid winter night.

In the “downstairs church,” the poor come to receive a hot meal served by a dedicated team of cooks and servers.

In the “downstairs church,” parish volunteers offer help with everything from groceries to tax preparation.

In the “downstairs church,” those in recovery gather to support one another in their struggle with substance abuse, celebrating their sobriety and grieving relapses.

In every “downstairs church” the Good Shepherd gathers his own into his “fold” of peace and mercy.

[Suggested by “Spending Lent with people in recovery” by Melissa Florer-Bixler, **The Christian Century**, March 2024.]

Every one of us is called to the work of the “good shepherd,” to imitate Jesus’ example of selfless, compassionate servanthood, of being the voice of Christ in the comfort and solace we can offer. The ministries that are housed in our “downstairs churches” and parish halls are the work of the Gospel that Jesus calls us in Baptism to take up: to seek out and bring back the lost and forgotten; to enable all to move beyond their fears and doubts to experience God’s loving presence in their lives; to willingly pay the price for justice and mercy for all members of the “one fold.” To be a disciple of Jesus is not simply to be a “hired hand” who acts only to be compensated, who is concerned only with his/her own welfare. Genuine followers of Jesus realize that every person possesses the sacred dignity of being a child of God and rejoices in knowing that in serving others we serve God. In embracing the Gospel attitude of humility and compassion for the sake of others, in “laying down” our own lives for our sisters and brothers, we will one day “take up” our lives again in the Father’s Easter promise.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMANDS

Our congratulations to the Confirmation 2024 Class of adults and high school students who were Confirmed on Saturday, April 20th.

Sincere thanks to the S.R.E. Staff, Confirmation Facilitators, S.R.E. Parents, and Sponsors for their dedication in preparing the students for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

PARENTING POINTER

April 22nd is Earth Day. Take stock of what your family already recycles (paper, plastic, cans...). Good! Can you add one more thing to recycle? Better yet, commit to avoid buying something that needs recycling, especially plastic.

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.

Called to be shepherds

Adult: Whom are you shepherding in your life right now, and who shepherds you?

Child: Who has been like a shepherd to you by their example? For whom could you be a shepherd?

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

“Pass the bricks”

Charlie Jeffers was a Lego kid and had been since he was four. His bedroom was wall-to-wall Lego creations. Now a high school senior, Charlie credits his love of Lego with helping him learn math and engineering concepts and encouraging him to tap into his artistic and creative side — skills he now plans to take to college next year.

A few years ago, Charlie saw his friends starting to toss away their Lego collections. A lot of kids never get access to this expensive toy, and these sets were only filling landfills.

So, in 2020, Charlie launched “Pass the Bricks.” Charlie and his team of 25 volunteers collect used Lego bricks, sanitize, and sort them, create new sets with the used bricks, and make them available to kids in marginalized communities through such organizations as the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. What started as a small way to give back to his Marin County community has expanded more than he ever imagined: “Pass the Bricks” has volunteer groups in 38 cities around the world, delivering more than 3,000 Lego sets to kids in need.

Charlie wants other kids to have the same experience he had with Lego:

“The ability to either follow instructions and make something amazing, or to go completely out of your imagination and make something from there, it creates these really awesome results,” Charlie says.

“I was so lucky to have access to a toy like that. I want to give other kids the same opportunity . . . to know the same joy I feel playing with Lego.”

[**The Washington Post**, January 4, 2024; NBC News, February 13, 2024.]

Charlie Jeffers possesses not only the heart but the awareness of the “good shepherd” that enables him to respond to the needs of kids from low-income families. Charlie “lays down” his time and abilities to provide these kids with the same creative, learning opportunity he experienced in playing with Legos. “Good shepherding” is neither dominating or patronizing nor is it for the weak and self-absorbed; “good shepherding” is selfless and generous work that realizes with gratitude that we are sometimes the “shepherd” able to serve and lead and sometimes we are the struggling and lost in need of “good shepherding” ourselves. Christ calls each one of us to imitate his loving servanthood in the image of the “good shepherd”: to bring compassion and healing to the sick, the troubled and abused; to bring back the lost, the scattered and the forgotten; to enable our sisters and brothers to move beyond their fears and doubts to embrace the mercy and love of God.

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
DLS School Website:	sjbdls.org	
Parish Website:	sjbdls.com	
Website email:	media@sjbdls.org	
Music email:	music@sjbdls.org	
Faith Formation email:	DRE@sjbdls.org	