

# Second Sunday of Easter

(or Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Jesus said to Thomas,  
"Have you come to  
believe because you  
have seen me?  
Blessed are those  
who have not seen  
and have believed."

John 20:29

## 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

April 24, 2022

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## THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE

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Granada Hills, CA 91344  
**School Office: 818 363-2270**

### 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 web page**  
**NOVENA: Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

**St. John Baptist de la Salle Parish Website: [sjbdls.com](http://sjbdls.com)**  
**St. John Baptist de la Salle School Website [sjbdls.org](http://sjbdls.org)**

**Parish Business Manager:** Mrs. Janie Choate  
363-2535

**Faith Formation Coordinator** Mrs. Sandy Cole  
368-1514

**Faith Formation email:** **[RE@sjbdls.org](mailto:RE@sjbdls.org)**

**School Principal:** Mrs. Claudia Monaco  
363-2270

### CONFESSION SCHEDULE

**Saturday: 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm In Seton Hall**

**Watch Sunday 9:00am Mass Live Stream at: [tinyurl.com/SJBDLSMASS](http://tinyurl.com/SJBDLSMASS)**

**Baptisms:** For infant Baptism and children up to the age of 6, contact the Parish Office at least two months in advance.  
Baptism for ages 7 and above, contact the School of Religious Education Office.

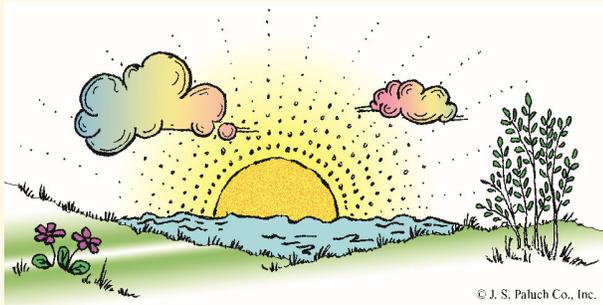
**A Godparent must be a practicing and confirmed Catholic and, if married, married in the Catholic Church.**

**Marriages:** Visit the Parish Office on Mondays 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
or call for an appointment. At least six months advance notice is required.

**Sacrament of the Sick:** If you or a family member are in need of the Sacrament of the Sick, please contact the church office at 818 363-2535. Please do not wait until the last moments of life to call.

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

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(or Sunday of Divine Mercy)  
April 24, 2022**



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Once I was dead,  
but now I am alive forever and ever.  
— *Revelation 1:18a*



"Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to divine mercy."  
(St. Faustina's Diary, p. 132)

On this day the very depths of My tender mercy are open, I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of my mercy.

**THE SOUL THAT WILL GO TO CONFESSION  
AND RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION  
SHALL OBTAIN COMPLETE FORGIVENESS  
OF SINS AND PUNISHMENT.**

**Presider Schedule  
April 30th & May 1st**

Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Fr. Ramon
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. Tovia

*This schedule is subject to change*

**THE DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY -  
St. John Baptist De La Salle Church  
April 24th**

Jesus told St. Faustina "I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy." We want to encourage everyone to take advantage of this incredible promise and the additional Plenary Indulgence on this great Feast of Mercy "Divine Mercy Sunday". We want you to benefit fully from these promises, and we also want you to notify all of your family and friends about them too and urge them to return to the practice of their faith! The Image of The Divine Mercy, which Our Lord requested to be solemnly blessed and venerated on this day, will be on display in our church. St. John Paul II said that the image portrays the Risen Jesus Christ bringing Mercy to the whole world.

**Today, The Divine Mercy Sunday Mass  
will be celebrated at 4:00p.m.**

**There will be blessing and veneration of the  
Image of the Divine Mercy,  
followed by the chanting of the  
Chaplet of the Divine Mercy.**



**First Friday Holy Hour  
for Vocations  
May 6th, 2022**

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*



**COVID 19  
Public Health  
Continues to Strongly**

**Recommend Masking Indoors and in Houses  
of Worship to Protect those at Elevated Risk.**



## Please pray for the sick

Ernest Escallante	Bernadette Daniels
Dolores Garland	Flora D. Mesias
Angela Samson Gonzales	Jesus Mesias
Morgan Abalos	Shirley Crowe
Jackie Cortez	Eunice Hildebrant
Desiree Velazquez	Maria Theresa Villafior
Geraldine Dugas	Adory M. Pacheco
Jessica Schindler	Lucille Gogo Iriarte
Adel Francisco	Claire Villarosa
Gigi Patacsil	Publio Junco
Charlotte Castagnola	Debi Zamora
Manuel Lucero	Ed Graziani
Beatrice E. Reyes	Richard Haro
Marty Nussbaum	Francis Jacob III
Rey D. Reyes	
Isabel Reyes	
Chris Francis	

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

**“United Together in Prayer”**

**did you know?** June 2022 marks the 20th Anniversary of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. We, as the People of God, continue our commitment to Promise to Protect and Pledge to Heal, we ask you to unite in a special prayer for victims of child sexual abuse.

**“A Prayer for Healing Victims of Abuse”**

*Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people’s wounds and transform brokenness into wholeness. Grant us the courage and wisdom, humility and grace, to act with justice. Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors. Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace and justice. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

### DIFFICULTY, SURVIVAL, AND GLORY

In Revelation, John the Evangelist tells us what we can expect as followers of the risen Jesus: distress, endurance, and a kingdom. Although we are only eight days into our fifty-day Easter feasting, we cannot ignore the distress weighing down our daily lives. Jesus’ resurrection does not erase individual suffering, but his glorious triumph over death cultivates endurance in our hearts. We remember that Jesus did not spare himself, and we ask for the strength to endure as he did. Imitating Christ helps us grow as members of God’s royal family. As beloved citizens of the Kingdom of God, we recognize our kinship with all people. Peter demonstrates his care for others as he heals multitudes of broken, suffering people. In the Gospel, Thomas accepts his own spiritual healing when Jesus helps him to believe. In times of difficulty, survival, and glory, we borrow Thomas’ declaration of faith:

“My Lord and my God!”

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## Mass Intentions For The Week



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Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Maria Asuncion
	9:00 a.m.	De La Salle Parishioners
	10:30 a.m.	Morgan Abalos
	12:00 p.m.	Ernie Norris
Monday	7:30 a.m.	Edward Merva
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Patrick James Pacheco
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Pablo Talavera
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	Maria Rosario Castillo
Friday	7:30 a.m.	Segundina Rabena
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Maria R. Castillo Go
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Eduardo Jose Valdez



### EASTER THANKS

We wish to thank all those who helped make our Holy Week and Easter Sunday services so inspirational. This includes the Stained Glass Media Ministry, Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristans, Choir, Cantors, Lectors, Ushers, Altar Servers, OCIA Team, Ministers of Hospitality, the Liturgy Committee, and all who helped in the preparation of the services. Also a special thank you to Jon Georgio of Gothic Landscaping, who donated our Easter lilies in memory of his mother, Judy Georgio and his brother, Mike Georgio.

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VINEYARD™

**Rachel's Vineyard**  
*Retreat weekend*  
*For Healing after Abortion*  
**July 15-17, 2022**

Rachel's Vineyard retreat is for men and women struggling with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. The retreat is designed to help participants work through repressed grief and anger in a safe, nonjudgmental setting and come to acceptance, healing, and hope for the future. Developed in the Roman Catholic Tradition, it utilizes spiritual exercises and rituals to help grieve the loss of unborn children and to accept God's forgiveness. All inquiries and registrations are confidential.

**Poverello of Assisi Retreat Center, San Fernando**  
Cost: \$250.00 per person

For confidential registration or more information please call or email Roseanne Becker at 661-510-8258 or [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org) [rachelsvineyardscv@gmail.com](mailto:rachelsvineyardscv@gmail.com)

# Faith Formation News



## NEW 2022 – 2023 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

New Religious Education Registrations will be 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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

Congratulations to our OCIA and OCIC Parish Elect, and Candidates, who became full members of our parish community at our Easter Vigil Service.

## Living without fear

**Adult:** When has your faith in the living Christ helped you overcome fear?

**Child:** What could you do this Easter season to help someone feel less afraid?

## PARENTING POINTERS

Celebrate Earth Day. Our planet is at the door of the urgent care center. Ask each family member to commit to one act of resuscitation, plant a tree, eat vegetarian, use no single use plastic today.

## The community of the "bruised"

In her book **Broken Body, Healing Spirit**, Episcopal minister and spiritual director Mary C. Earle writes on what dealing with serious illness can teach us about living a life of meaningful faith.

Mary Earle tells the story of Alice. Alice's illness required weekly blood tests for some months, and she began to dread them. Her veins were hard to find and she encountered the moment of "just a little stick" with great trepidation. Inevitably the technician would miss the vein, and things would go from bad to worse.

"One day, her arm blue and purple from her latest test, Alice visited a friend who was in cancer treatment. He rolled up his sleeve to show her his own purpled arm. At that moment, Alice realized she was part of a community, a hidden community of those who have difficulty with blood tests. That small moment made a big difference in her life. Her arm and her friend's arm bore something that looked like tribal markings. They bore the signs, in their flesh, of the ongoing wounding that allowed them to continue living.

"Alice discovered that other people's experiences with blood tests could help her with her own. A nurse told her that getting nervous increased her adrenalin, which made the veins shrink even more. The realization that her very blood vessels were shrinking from being poked helped Alice see the humorous side of the situation. Her own anxiety was one of the problems, and she could do something to control that . . .

"Alice needed the blood tests to maintain some degree of health, and she began to see those tests, and the wounding they caused, as a form of healing, a necessary part of her own participation in the process of living with her illness. She also began to speak up, to tell the technicians that she had especially small veins that a well-practiced technician would handle easily. She saw herself as a partner with Christ in the process of healing that these tests brought about."

*In our bruises and broken pieces, in our gashes and nail-marks, we are joined to one another as the community of peace that Jesus forms on Easter night. In today's Gospel, Jesus appears to his disciples and shows them his hands and his side; later he invites the doubting Thomas to touch the marks made by the nails and the gash from the soldier's lance. Easter neither denies the effects of Good Friday nor erases the wounds of crucifixion — but Easter is God's compassion moving us beyond crucifixion to healing and wholeness. We all have scars from our own Good Fridays that remain despite our own resurrections — and in recognizing and accepting those scars, we discover our belonging to one another in community with Christ — and Alice. Our "nail marks" remind us that all pain and grief, all ridicule and suffering, are transformed into healing and peace in the love of God we experience from others and that we extend them.*



## DE LA SALLE CHURCH AND SCHOOL SCRIP FUNDRAISER

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Available in the Parish Office  
Monday– Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
Thank you for supporting the Scrip Ministry.

### In Memoriam

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

*Patrick Lanphere*

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



### HELP! HELP! HELP!

Two important parts of living a life of stewardship are Time and Talent. Here at St John Baptist de la Salle each of ministry at our Parish needs more people. Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Alter Servers, Choirs members, and Bereavement Ministers.

Each and everyone of us makes up the Body of Christ which has no hands but yours! We each need to do our part. We can't sit back and say "someone else will do it." Each of us must be that someone! We are all called to participate in whatever way we can in doing the Lord's work.

You will receive training for any of the ministries you are interested in and can serve at the Mass of your choosing.

Prayerfully consider fulfilling part of what Stewardship is all about and leave your name and contact information by calling the Parish Office at 818-363-2535, ex 221. You will be glad you did and you will surely be greatly blessed for your participation.



Online Giving

## OSV Online Giving

Go to [www.osvhub.com/sjbdls/funds](http://www.osvhub.com/sjbdls/funds)

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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



### *Oil of the Sick*

This Oil of the Sick has been blessed by our Archbishop. For the healing of body, mind, and soul. May the sick, who are anointed with it, experience the compassion of Christ and his saving love.

### *Oil of Catechumens*

This Oil of Catechumens has been blessed by our Archbishop for the anointing of those preparing for Baptism. Through this anointing they are strengthened by Christ to resist the power of Satan and reject evil in all its forms, as they prepare for the saving waters of Baptism.

### *Holy Chrism*

This holy Chrism, a mixture of olive oil and perfume, has been consecrated by our Archbishop and the Priests of our Archdiocese.. It will be used to anoint infants after Baptism, those who are to be confirmed, Bishops and Priests at their Ordination, and altars and churches at the time of their dedication.



### Everyone into the pool . . .

In an essay in **The Christian Century** [July 14, 2021], editor and publisher Peter Marty writes about his four-year-old daughter Rachel's first swimming lesson.

Even though she's shivering, Rachel loves being in the water. But the hardest thing for her to learn is how to float. The instructor puts one hand beneath her spine and with the other hand supports her legs. The instructor coaches her to relax and to stay in a flat position — but as soon as the instructor withdraws his arms, the little girl reverts to a V-shape and sinks in panic. "It's a lot to expect a four-year-old to understand the physics of water enough to know that the human body can float on its surface. For this buoyancy to work, one has to be relaxed enough to trust the capacity of the water to keep one's body mass afloat." But, over time, Rachel's panic lessens and she learns to float more easily — not because she suddenly grasps the science of buoyancy but "because she loved that strong, friendly guy in the pool and knew that he was fond of her."

*The essence of faith is trust; to believe is to trust what God has done in Christ, to act as if it were true. As Barbara Brown Taylor writes in her book Always a Guest: "The word 'believe' is always a verb in John's Gospel. To believe is to wash another's feet. To believe is to abide in love. To believe is to lay down one's life for one's friends. In John's Gospel, Jesus is not interested in what we think or feel. Jesus is interested in how we act." For many of us, faith is a list of beliefs that we adhere to, believing (hoping?) that God will answer our prayers if we cling faithfully to these propositions. But affirming a list of "beliefs" is one thing — "believing" is to jump into the pool despite our fears and doubts. God invites us to trust our own experience of life to find our faith. Thomas neither doubts nor rejects: he recognizes that each one of us possesses, within ourselves, the grace to seek God and discover for ourselves the truth about what God is doing in our lives. True faith is not passive acquiescence to a set of dogmas; faith is to be actively engaged in seeking God's presence in every facet of our life, to be open in mind and heart to identifying the signs of resurrection and re-creation in our midst. In doing so, we experience the transforming life of God's grace to the full.*



### Beginning Experience of Los Angeles

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A beginning experience weekend is for people who've suffered the end of a spousal relationship through death, divorce, or separation. All are invited to take steps to move from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning.

**April 22-24, 2022**

(Friday evening through Sunday afternoon)

Location: **Holy Spirit Retreat Center** — Encino

\*Advance registration & \$75.00 deposit required\*

Retreat cost: \$275.00

Call: Maria 909-592-0009 / Brenda 818-352-5265

or email: [beginningexp.losangeles@gmail.com](mailto:beginningexp.losangeles@gmail.com)

[www.beginningexperience.org](http://www.beginningexperience.org)

## PARISH MINISTRIES AND DIRECTORY

<b>Altar Servers</b>	Ministry Office	368-1514
<b>Anointing of the Sick</b>	Parish Office	363-2535
<b>Baptisms</b>	Parish Office	363-2535
<b>Bereavement</b>	Parish Office	363-2535
	Tracy Flores	363-2535
<b>Bible Study</b>	Tim Castagnola	620-9569
<b>Catholic Men's Group</b>	Tim Castagnola	620-9569
	Terry Castagnola	601-6684
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Ministry Office	368-1514
<b>Finance Council</b>	Fr. Ramon Valera	363-2535
<b>Hospitality</b>	Ministry Office	368-1514
<b>Lectors</b>	Ministry Office	368-1514
<b>Legion of Mary</b>	Elisa Pazirandeh	368-1514
	Tuesday, 6:30p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	
	Erlinda Claro	368-1514
	Friday, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	
<b>Liturgy Committee</b>	Parish Ministry Office	368-1514
<b>Marriage Ministry</b>	Elizabeth Moreno	363-2535
<b>Media Ministry</b>	Don Jacob	363-2535
	<a href="mailto:media@sjbdls.org">media@sjbdls.org</a>	
<b>Music Ministry</b>		
	<b>Director: Angelo Francisco</b>	<b>818 445-8771</b>
	<a href="mailto:music@sjbdls.org">music@sjbdls.org</a>	
Adult Choir Rehearsal:	TBD	
Handbell Choir	Tim Castagnola	832-9687
<b>One Body in Christ Charismatic Prayer Group</b>		
	Fr. Ramon	
	Rhomie Ramirez	818 618-6515
<b>Parish Pastoral Council</b>	Fr. Ramon Valera	363-2535
<b>Parish Ministry Office</b>	Mrs. Cole	368-1514
<b>Respect Life Ministry</b>	Nancy Corbett	929-6213
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	<b>Coordinator: Mrs. Cole</b>	<b>368-1514</b>
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