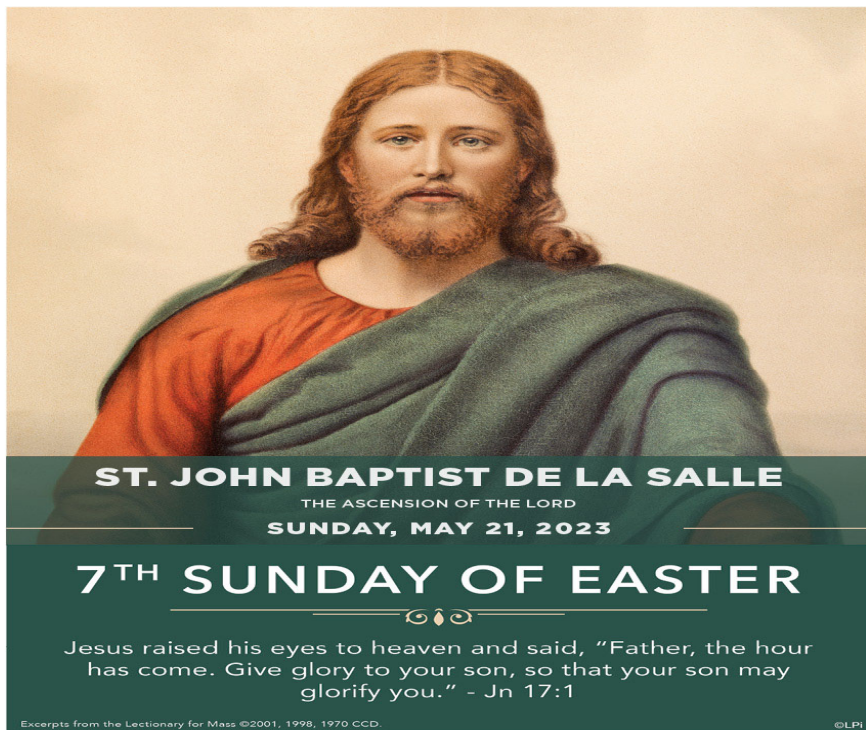




MISSION STATEMENT

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.

Rev. Ramon Valera.....Pastor
Rev. Tovia LuiAssociate Pastor
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

PARISH OFFICE: 10738 Hayvenhurst Ave.
Granada Hills, CA. 91344

SCHOOL OFFICE 16535 Chatsworth St.
Granada Hills, CA 91344
School Office: 818 363-2270

St. John Baptist de la Salle Parish Website: sjbdls.com
St. John Baptist de la Salle School Website sjbdls.org

Parish Business Manager: Janie Choate
363-2535

Faith Formation Coordinator Mrs. Cole
368-1514

Faith Formation email: **RE@sjbdls.org**

School Principal: Claudia Monaco
363-2270

Watch Sunday 9:00am Mass Live Stream at: 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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD May 21, 2023



"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

- Mt 28:19-20

Presider Schedule May 27th & 28th

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

This schedule is subject to change

Eucharistic



Adoration

First Friday Holy Hour for Vocations, JUNE 2nd, 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



Ascension Sunday

Today we are united with the first disciples in lifting our eyes up to heaven, as we witness the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. This a glorious moment in the life of the Church, beyond the stars in the sky, beyond the clouds, our Lord is now seated at the right hand of the Father, and this is where he calls us to be.

We believe that Jesus is with us always, even though he has ascended into heaven. This is a comforting thought that reminds us of his continued presence and love for us.



Christians have no need to be afraid or hopeless because Jesus always tells the faithful where we are going and how to get there, Pope Francis said.

"At times, especially when there are major problems to face and there is the sensation that evil is stronger, we ask ourselves: What should I do, what path should I follow?" Jesus says, "I am the way, and the truth and the life," which means "Jesus himself is the way to follow to live in truth and to have life in abundance," the pope said.

Pope Francis



**Office of Life,
Justice & Peace**
Archdiocese of Los Angeles



May is Foster Awareness Month

There are currently more than 38,000 children in foster care in Los Angeles County, one of the highest numbers in the nation. Every child deserves a loving family.

We are all adopted sons and daughters of God, and we know that the family is the basic building block of society.

These foster children and youth need the love of a family to support them and nurture them to their full potential. For more information please go to:

lifejusticeandpeace.lacatholics.org/foster

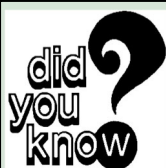
SUNDAY COLLECTION COUNTERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers to count the Sunday collection. We are normally done by 1:30. If interested, please contact the Parish Office.

Please pray for the sick

Emerson Arocena	Gabriel Mowery
Alfredo C. Villaflor	Gloria Bodie
Simon Bedevyan	Resty Gutierrez Jr.
Gloria Diblasio	Fr. Matt Murphy
May Dabu	Jessica Schindler
Windsor Akim	Adel Francisco
Ben Garcia	Charlotte Castagnola
Josephine Flores	Beatrice E. Reyes
Bob Reiley	Bernadette Daniels
Jesus Mesias	Shirley Crowe
Flora Mesias	Eunice Hildebrant
Aliana Nicholas	Publio Junco
Rita Ohan	Debi Zamora
Michael Milbauer	Ed Graziani
Byron Gutierrez	Richard Haro
Katie Catlett	Francis Jacob III
Perry Ball	
Aliana Nicholas	

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



Residence restriction laws

Residence restriction laws are state and local laws that prevent convicted sexual offenders from living within a specific range of a school, park, daycare, bus stop, or other known area for children. Many states have adopted some form of residence restriction to prevent sexual offenders from committing repeat crimes. These laws exist and have an impact, but they are only one layer of protection and are not a guarantee that a park, bus stop or other space is safe. For more information on restriction laws, read the VIRTUS® article "Residence Restriction Laws: Do they prevent sexual abuse?" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

How terminal stage 4 Cancer and Faith has led to an incredible new life for Mark

Come hear Mark's story of how he, along with God's guidance, has overcome this dreadful disease. It is an enlightening story of hope, faith, and belief. This event is **today**,
Sunday, May 21st, at 1:30 p.m. in our Church.
Everyone is welcome to this free experience !



**In Observance of
Memorial Day
our offices will be
closed Monday,
May 29th**

Mass Intentions For The Week



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Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Amelia & Felicismo Gonzales
	9:00 a.m.	De La Salle Parishioners
	10:30 a.m.	Mother's Day Novena
	12:00 p.m.	Claudia Ruiz
Monday	7:30 a.m.	Mother's Day Novena
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Maria Theresa Villaflor
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Godofredo Gonzales
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	Tania Gonzales
Friday	7:30 a.m.	Jose Monico Lamas
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Hugo Florez Jr.
	5:00 p.m.	Helen Possemato



DE LA SALLE PARISHIONERS WANTED!

Please join us on the Parish Fall Festival Committee! We are looking for help with organizing our fun-filled
**2023 Fall
Harvest Festival.
Friday - Sunday,
November 3-5**

For more information, please contact Missy Armendilla (562) 334-5499, or Martha Frausto (818) 636-8150, or Fred Lawrence (818) 378-6329.

Spiritual Director: Fr. Ramon

Fr. Ramon Valera invites you & your friends to join him in visiting 7 Countries in Central & Eastern Europe for 12 Days: **Sept. 21 – Oct. 2, 2023.** Pilgrimage to Poland (*Divine Mercy, St. Faustina, Our Lady of Czestochowwa*), Czech Republic (*Infant Jesus of Prague*), Germany, Slovakia, Hungary (*famous thermal bath in Budapest*), Slovenia, & Croatia. **\$3,990** includes Air Taxes, Trips, Breakfast & Dinner. I will celebrate mass everyday during the pilgrimage. **PLEASE NOTE: A deposit of \$500. is needed upon registration. If interested, email Fr. Ramon at rgvalera@gmail.com.**

You may also pick up a Brochure and Registration at the Parish Office or at the Vestibule in the Church.



**Saint Euphrasia Parish
"Outstretched Arms"
Cancer Support Ministry**

We extend our "Outstretched Arms" to our Sister Parish -St. John Baptist De La Salle Community with an invitation to join us on the **First Saturday of Every Month at 10am In Our Parish Hall.**

For Our June Gathering : Saturday June 3rd, Fr. Steve Davoren (Pastor of St. Mel's In Woodland Hills) will be our Guest Speaker, speaking on his Vocational Testimony and His Battle with Cancer.

Our ministry was founded on September 4, 2021 by our beloved Pastor Emeritus, Monsignor James Gehl, and we carry on his legacy through this ministry in his memory.

We do so by providing comfort, offering support, fellowship and prayers to those struggling with cancer. This ministry is open to all who seek support whether, you are a patient, a caregiver, a friend or family member to all who have been touched by cancer.

Please feel free to join us for support, prayer, information, occasional guest speakers and refreshments.

For more information Contact: Lisa Barona
lbaloa@gmail.com c(818)850-8775



Memorial Day is an American holiday that honors the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. It is observed on the last Monday of May.

Most Reverend José H. Gomez
Archbishop of Los Angeles

United with our Holy Father and our Blessed Mother, let us continue to pray for those who have died. May God wrap them in his merciful love. Let us continue to pray also for those who were wounded, may God grant them healing. And may God give comfort and consolation to all who are grieving.



Fellow Catholic Men

The parish men's ministry, Men After His Own Heart, meet on **Saturday's, at 6:30 a.m. in Seton Hall.** Join us to learn how the life of a Korean War Chaplain can provide insights to living as a Catholic man today. Hear how other men are living their Catholic calling in their own lives. Coffee and donuts always provided to wake you up to enjoy the company of your fellow parishioners.

God is Good
all the time

We are continuing our come back, but we have to be ever vigilant on our expenses. Father Ramon and Janie Choate have been doing a wonderful job with the expenses, but they still keep going up just like they are for all of us at home. Our average weekly revenue for the first nine months of this year is up \$1,319 while our average weekly expenses are up \$785. Our available cash continues to come back but it is still behind the pre pandemic balance. The underground pipe for the fire suppression sprinklers in the administration and the main hall buildings has been repaired and we are awaiting the final bill for the work. The roof leaks for the Administration and the Hall buildings have been repaired and we are awaiting the billing for this; however, the inside work for these two buildings has not yet begun. We have submitted three bids for reroofing the church to the Archdiocese for review. Since it appears that the reroofing will require that scaffolding be put up around the outside of the church, we hope that it will begin once school lets out for the summer. We want to thank all our parishioners for the support they are providing the parish and we hope that we will be able to be back to full operations by the end of this fiscal year.

Respectively submitted, James Zeigler, Chairman of the Parish Finance Committee

**St. John Baptist De La Salle Church
Operating Income and Expense Summary**

	Nine Months Ended		Increase
	<u>3-31-23</u>	<u>3-31-22</u>	<u>(Decrease)</u>
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	\$ 859,601.50	\$807,971.03	\$51,630.47
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>\$ 831,461.48</u>	<u>\$800,752.94</u>	<u>\$30,708.54</u>
INCOME (DEFICIT) FROM OPERATIONS	<u>\$ 28,140.02</u>	<u>\$ 7,218.09</u>	<u>\$20,921.93</u>

Faith Formation News

NEW 2023 – 2024 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.

PARENTING POINTERS

It's hard to raise Children these days. It has always been hard, but in different ways, in different eras. What do you think was the hardest part of raising a child during your own parents' or grandparents' day? Is it easier or harder now? There is no answer to this, just something to think about.

The Ascension of the Lord

Adult: With whom have you shared the good news of Jesus in the past month?

Child: What good news about Jesus could you share with someone?

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 entering the 4th grade and up in August/September 2023), please contact the Ministry Office at re@sjbdls.org or (818) 368-1514.

DLS School News

De La Salle Catholic School is TK-8th grade. If you want to give your child a quality Catholic education, please stop by the school office or call (818) 363-2270.

Our wonderful De La Salle Catholic School seeks enthusiastic educators to teach in the elementary or middle school grades. We are looking for teachers committed to excellence who would like to join our team of dedicated, wholehearted, faith-filled teaching professionals.

We seek a teacher who:

- is enthusiastic, inclusive, and faith-filled.
- is knowledgeable about best practices in education and has the willingness to continue learning
- is familiar with Google Classroom and technology.
- is a team player and demonstrates positive collaboration with teachers/staff and parents.
- will engage in the life and community of our parish and school.

Teaching positions available: elementary, middle school, and music teacher

Please submit your current resume and two letters of recommendation via email to:

**anakatrina.egida@sjbdls.org and
claudia.monaco@sjbdls.org**



St. John Baptism De La Salle

Parish Goal: \$1,190,000.00

Total Pledged: \$1,162,970.30

Total Paid: \$ 768,428.58

Called to Renewed is a historic five year campaign to strengthen parishes, families, and communities.

In Memoriam

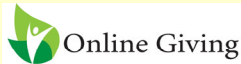
let us pray for all who have died,
that they may rejoice with the Risen Lord.

Milo Angkaw

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

“Let us go forth with confidence
to the throne of Grace.”

Most Reverend Archbishop José H. Gomez



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.



Diaconate Virtual Information Day

Hosted by the

Diaconate Formation Office

Sunday, July 9, 2023, 2:00-4:00 pm

Presentaciones son en inglés y español.

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



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.

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 media@sjbdls.org	363-2535
Music Ministry	Director: Angelo Francisco music@sjbdls.org	818 445-8771
One Body in Christ Charismatic Prayer Group	Fr. Ramon Rhomic Ramirez	818 618-6515
Parish Pastoral Council	Fr. Ramon Valera	363-2535
Parish Ministry Office	Sandy Cole	368-1514
Respect Life Ministry	Nancy Corbett Lynelle Harrigan	929-6213 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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Music email: music@sjbdls.org