



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

**May 2, 2021
Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Rev. Ramon Valera.....Pastor
 Rev. Monsignor Robert Milbauer.....Pastor Emeritus
 Rev. Tovia LuiAssociate Pastor
 Deacon Sam FriasDeacon
 Deacon Dan Revetto.....Deacon
Parish Office: 818 363-2535

PARISH OFFICE: 10738 Hayvenhurst Ave.
 Granada Hills, CA. 91344
SCHOOL OFFICE 16535 Chatsworth St.
 Granada Hills, CA 91344
School Office: 818 363-2270

Eucharistic Celebrations (Mass)

SATURDAY: 5:00 p.m.
SUNDAY: 7:00 am , 9:00 am , 11:00 am, and 1:00 pm
DAILY: Monday - Saturday 7:30 a.m.
HOLY DAYS: Please check bulletin or web page

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

Parish Business Manager: Mrs. Janie Choate
 363-2535
Religious Education Director: Mrs. Sandy Cole
 368-1514
Religious Ed email: RE@sjbdls.org
School Principal: Mrs. Patricia Melch
 363-2270

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm In Seton Hall
Reservations REQUIRED

Watch Sunday 9:00am Mass Live Stream at: tinyurl.com/SJBDLSMASS

Baptisms: For infant Baptism, 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 1:30 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

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Let us love not in word or speech
but in deed and truth.
— 1 John 3:18

**Presider Schedule
May 8th & May 9th**

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| Saturday 5:00 p.m. | Fr. Tovia |
| Sunday 7:00 a.m. | Fr. Tovia |
| Sunday 9:00 a.m. | Fr. Kirsch |
| Sunday 11:00 a.m. | Msgr. Milbauer |
| Sunday 1:00 p.m. | Fr. Ramon |

This schedule is subject to change



MOTHER'S DAY CARDS

Please return your completed Mother's Day envelope next week in the collection basket so that the intentions will be remembered in the Novena of Masses beginning on Sunday, Mother's Day, May 9th.

Please, one card per family.



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"Land"

One of the most beautiful but haunting films of the year is **Land**, the directorial debut of Robin Wright.

Wright portrays Edee Holzer, a woman whose life has been shattered by the death of her husband and young son. Consumed by grief, Edee resolves to escape the world for a small, isolated cabin in the mountains of Wyoming. So intent is she on being alone that, when she sees an incoming call from her worried sister, she throws her phone in the nearest trash bin.

Arriving at the cabin, she unloads her rental truck and then asks the owner of the place to return the vehicle for her. "It's not a good idea to be here without a vehicle," he warns.

"I'll be fine," Edee replied.

But as the beautiful mountain fall turns into a harsh mountain winter, Edee is soon not fine. She realizes how ill prepared she is to live alone in the wild. Out of food and fuel, Edee huddles in the shack waiting for the end.

Miguel Borrás, who hunts in these mountains, finds her, dehydrated and starving. Miguel summons his sister Alawa, a nurse, and the two manage to bring Edee back from the brink of death.

Miguel understands that something devastating has brought Edee to this place and respects that. Over time he earns Edee's trust. He offers to teach her to hunt and fish and set traps — in a word, survive — and then promises to let her be, no questions asked. Edee is grateful but asks Miguel, "Why are you helping me?"

"You were in my path," Miguel replies.

Miguel is no stranger to pain and grief. He understands that everyone heals differently — but he also recognizes the arrogance and egotism that have made Edee's grief so destructive. "I'm here in this place because I don't want to be around people," Edee says. Miguel responds in his gentle manner, "Only a person who has never been hungry thinks starving is a good way to die."

Miguel has dealt with his own devastating grief and guilt — but has found his way through it by being "alone among others." His greatest kindness is giving Edee the time and space to find her way through her pain and, in the simple, touching ending to the film, provides the means for Edee to find her way off the mountain of despair.

Despite the trauma and grief we shoulder, we don't bear our crosses alone; despite those times when "don't want to be around people," the reality is that we need one another to survive. Miguel's understanding and kindness mirrors the reality of today's Gospel: that we are connected to one another as "branches" of the vine of God's love. On the night before he died, Jesus reminds his disciples of every time and place that, in his love, we are "grafted" to one another in ways we do not completely realize or understand or appreciate. Sometimes that means giving one another the space to be alone — but alone in the embrace of the Father's love.

Please pray for the sick

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| Maria Theresa Villafior | John Canty |
| Adory M. Pacheco | Augusta Abato |
| Lucille Gogo Iriarte | Eli Norris |
| Arsenia P. Patino | Msgr. Jim Gehl |
| Claire Villarosa | Eric Burgwald |
| Ronald & Valerie Brown | Richard Haro |
| Kit Buhion | Brumbough Family |
| Tinou Pereira | Francis Jacob III |
| Publio Junco | Lorraine Clark |
| Vicki Kopplin | Annie Hartt |
| Mala Fisher | Terry Ryan |
| Fe Arce | Anna Weiner |
| Arnel de Leon | Rodolfo Quilon |
| Jeanett Fuente | Estelita Quilon |
| Debi Zamora | Elvie Co |
| Deborah Morrow | Gabriel Mowery |
| Mercedes Schultz | |
| Ed Graziani | |
| Chris Francis | |

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

Mass Intentions For The Week



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| Sunday | 7:00 a.m. | Eliseo & Angelina Caunca |
| | 9:00 a.m. | De La Salle Parishioners |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Jeffrey Elvington |
| | 1:00 noon | John Awakian |
| Monday | 7:30 a.m. | Trinidad Garbanzos |
| Tuesday | 7:30 a.m. | Frank Romeo |
| Wednesday | 7:30 a.m. | Jose Garbanzos |
| Thursday | 7:30 a.m. | Stephen Dunn |
| Friday | 7:30 a.m. | Bob Daniels |
| Saturday | 5:00 p.m. | Bridget J. McCarthy |



Beware the dangers of online enticement

The events of 2020 pushed most of our lives more fully online than ever before: working from home, virtual schooling, Zoom get-togethers. This past year also saw a dramatic increase in reports of online child abuse, including online enticement. Enticement involves an individual communicating online with someone believed to be a child, with the intent to commit a sex offense or to abduct the child. Online enticement can happen to any child using the internet. Parents should be very aware of what their children do online, including who they talk to and what sites they spend time on. For more information, visit

<https://www.missingkids.org/blog/2021/rise-in-online-enticement-and-other-trends--ncmec-releases-2020->

In Memoriam

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

***Rosalina Cabrera Roche,
Barbara Ridgway, Erna Ancheta,
and Stephen Dunn***

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

**Reservations
are still required for Confessions
on Saturday in Seton Hall.**

DE LA SALLE CHURCH SCRIP FUNDRAISER

We carry scrip (gift cards) for many department-stores including Macy's, J.C. Penny's, and Target. We also carry scrip for specialty stores including Bath and Body, Bed, Bath and Beyond, Starbucks, and Sees Candy. For your dining needs we have scrip for many fine restaurants including, Yard House, Chipotle, Chili's, Macaroni Grill, Olive Garden, Outback, Black Angus, and Denny's. We have fast food restaurants: Pizza Hut, Taco Bell, Subway, El Pollo Loco, Jack in the Box, Del Taco, Burger King, Wendy's, Arby's and Carl's Jr. too.

You may also purchase scrip for Exxon-Mobil, Chevron, Shell, and Arco gas stations. We also have Vons, Smart and Final, and Walmart/Sam's too.

Thank you for supporting the Scrip Ministry.



Men's Group

All men are welcome to join us for our Thursday night meetings. That's right Thursday nights on Zoom. Our men's group is meeting for fellowship and spiritual growth. Join us as we learn about and discuss our faith as well as pray together. Our meetings are at 7:30 p.m. Email Tim at: Timcastagnola@gmail.com

Church Offices are closed to the public.

Telephone calls and emails will be replied to accordingly, Monday through Thursday.

The Church Office is closed on
Friday, Saturday, and Sunday's.

Religious Education News!

NEW 2021 – 2022 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 email the SRE Office at: re@sibdls.org

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.

Note, during COVID 19 guideline restrictions the S.R.E. Office is closed, however, emails will be responded to, Monday through Thursday.

PARENTING POINTERS

If your child is old enough for school, they have probably spent a lot of class time on computer screens during Covid. Weather permitting offer them a Nature Break this weekend - or at least some indoor art, craft, or board game alternatives.

Adult: When have you been “pruned” by your experiences in a way that led to greater abundance?

Child: When have you felt stronger or better because you did something hard to help another person?

Offering Envelopes



Envelope Reminder

In order to receive proper credit for your contributions, please use your preprinted envelopes that you receive in the mail. If you forget your envelope, please write your envelope number on your check.

Lessons of the pandemic

It began with everyone suddenly being afraid of one another. Anyone could be a carrier of the virus, even our spouse. We avoided each other, we masked, we washed our chapped hands again and again; we have lived in our own safe, protected, and, lonely, bubbles.

For thousands of families this has been a time of indescribable loss. Some of us will be living with the scars of this forever.

It's been a long 14 months.

No one ever wants to go back to what we've been through, but some good things have resulted.

Those mostly invisible among us have become visible. Caregivers, factory workers, public works personnel who keep our towns and cities functioning, supermarket drivers, and stockers, so many low-profile (and even lower paid) workers we took for granted we now see with gratitude and respect for the ways they make our lives work.

We've redefined the meaning of hero. “Super” men and women have stethoscopes hanging around their necks and are covered in PPE and they don't go home as long as someone needs them.

We have a new appreciation for our work, and the opportunity to work.

We've discovered that school is more than textbooks and term papers: education is about building a learning community, helping one another through the hard lessons, that discovering that the most important lesson we will ever learn is respect for the gifts of others.

Most of us will tell you that Zoom is OK as far as it goes, but a “virtual” classroom or church can't replace face-to-face learning, creating, engagement, and prayer.

And we've come to realize that what we need most in our lives cannot be monetized. You can't put a price tag on a hug from your grandchild or a simple “How's it going?” from your best friend.

This pandemic has instilled in many of us a new appreciation of today's Gospel: our “connectedness” to one another in the compassion and peace of God's Christ. As branches of Christ the vine, we're part of something greater than ourselves, something which transforms and transcends the fragility of our lives. In our simplest acts of kindness and most ordinary offerings of help and support, may we realize with a new spirit of gratitude that we are part of one another, that each one of us matters to all of us, that in our love and respect for one another we realize the very presence of God in our midst.

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**Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses 7:00 a.m., 9:00a.m, 11:00a.m., and 1:00p.m
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.**

As soon as the Mass begins the doors will be closed and no one will be allowed entrance.

Archbishop Gomez has dispensed all Catholics in the Los Angeles Archdiocese from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass as long as the current health situation exists.

No one should attend Mass if they are feeling sick or have been in proximity to someone with COVID19 symptoms or someone who has been out of the country in the last 14 days.

Individuals who are 65 years or older and those with compromised immune systems are encouraged to watch the 9:00 a.m. Mass via live stream

(or the recorded version later) at tinyurl.com/SJBDLS.MASS. You can also visit our

Website, sibdls.com to get to our livestream mass.

**For sacraments, weddings, funerals, etc.,
call the Parish Office Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Communion

Ushers will be in the side aisles directing each pew to go forward to Communion. Please remember to always keep 6 feet social distancing. There will be another usher to direct you to a blue tape on the floor and then you will proceed to the blue tape box to receive communion in your hand only. Step to the next blue tape box and lift your mask to consume the Eucharist.

You will then be guided to the middle aisle to return to your seat.

After Mass, your will follow the ushers direction to the exit door and immediately return to your car.



Virtual Retreats, Gift Shop ...and More!

The Sacred Heart Retreat House has been a profound source of spiritual blessing for countless parishioners over many decades. The pandemic forced them to close their grounds to the public, yet these dear Carmelite sisters are devoutly working hard to continue providing Catholic spiritual resources for men and women alike! Follow this link: <https://sacredheartretreathouse.com> to explore their virtual retreats, events, podcasts, gift shop and more. We recommend you sign up for their **E-Newsletter** (see top toolbar on their home page) to receive updates and news—including when they can open their lovely campus once again! Until then, please consider connecting with them on-line in this manner for your own spiritual benefit and to support their mission of “Promoting a Deeper Spiritual Life Among God’s People.”

PARKING SAFELY AND LEGALLY

Please park only in marked stalls. Do not park in the aisles not marked, as we must, by law, have access for emergency vehicles. There is "No Parking" against the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton building or in between the school and the Hospitality Pavilion which is marked "No Parking." Only people with handicapped signs from the DMV are to use the handicapped parking places marked on the North side of the school. The front of the rectory and church on Chatsworth Street is marked by the city "no parking." You may be ticketed if you park there. Also, the Fire Department has specifically asked us to remind parishioners there is by law "No Parking" 15 feet on either side of the fire hydrant on Hayvenhurst Ave.

We know you realize how important it is to be on time for Mass. Please arrive early enough to safely and legally park and still be to Mass on time.



YOU MAY BE PHOTOGRAPHED OR RECORDED

Your presence at the 9:00 a.m. *Sunday Media Mass* or at any mass or event that is using our *Media Ministry*, implies consent to permit St. John Baptist de la Salle to photograph, record, film, or videotape your likeness and to publish it on our website and elsewhere. By your presence you agree to release St. John Baptist de la Salle from any liability resulting from publication of your likeness.

BEARING FRUIT

Few of us, even when we meditate on the image of the vine and branches, stop to really think about how God “prunes” us. For some there is the danger of thinking that we are already producing fruit for the kingdom, in deed and truth as John says, perhaps raising a family, being active in our parish, and so on. But even those branches which are bearing fruit, the Gospel tells us, can be pruned to produce still more. Today Saul, freshly “pruned” by his conversion, arrives in Jerusalem and meets resistance. Since he had been persecuting Christians, this was only natural. But even after he is accepted and begins to bear fruit, he meets further adversity, and his letters are filled with many accounts of how his trials “pruned” him to produce greater fruit for the kingdom. Like him, as long as we remain in Christ we will continue to bear fruit and, when the will of the Father determines it is time to prune us, the strength of the true vine must enable us to endure it.

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OSV Online Giving

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.

PARISH MINISTRIES AND DIRECTORY

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| 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 |
| Bible Study | Tim Castagnola | 620-9569 |
| 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 | Ministry Office | 368-1514 |
| Lectors | Ministry Office | 368-1514 |
| Legion of Mary | Elisa Pazirandeh | 368-1514 |
| | Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. | |
| | Virgie Blanco | 368-1514 |
| | Friday, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. | |
| Liturgy Committee | Parish 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 |
| | dls.musicministry@gmail.com | |
| Adult Choir Rehearsal: | Thursday, 7:15 p.m. | |
| Youth Choir | Kim Consaga | (805) 428-7919 |
| Handbell Choir | Tim Castagnola | 832-9687 |
| 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 |
| Religious Education Office | | |
| | Director: 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: Mrs. Patricia Melch | | 363-2270 |
| | School Website: sjbdls.org | |
| | Pre-Kindergarten thru Grade 8 | |
| | 16535 Chatsworth Street | |
| | Granada Hills, CA 91344 | |
| Sacristans | Kathy & Joe Bilotta | 363-2535 |
| Seniors | Marty Spehar | 514-6572 |
| 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 | |