



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 16, 2021 The Ascension of the Lord

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

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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

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

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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Whoever believes and is baptized
will be saved.
— Mark 16:16

Presider Schedule May 22nd & May 23rd

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

This schedule is subject to change

TOGETHER IN
MISSION
BECOME A FRIEND
OF THE 2021
TOGETHER IN MISSION
ANNUAL APPEAL



Greetings!

We hope that you and
your families had a
very special and safe
Easter Season

We are thrilled to share that the
Together in Mission 2021
Annual Appeal is coming!!!!!!



ATTENDING MASS

Mass reservations will no longer be required at this time. We will be on a first come first serve basis.

You will be checked in at the door, still requiring your name and phone number. The safety protocols will still be in place. Hand sanitizing, six feet distancing, and assigned seating wearing your mask.

When our attendance capacity is filled or the Mass is starting, the doors will be closed and locked.

How to actually help an overwhelmed caregiver

In an essay in **TIME** Magazine [March 29/April 5, 2021], Kate Washington writes of being caregiver to her husband Brad during two kinds of lymphoma and a stem-cell transplant that nearly killed him.

Family and friends would advise her to “stay positive” and “take care of yourself.” “You’ve got this!” they encouraged her. They meant well, Kate writes, but “the insistence on an upbeat attitude [can] invalidate a person’s experience, leading to guilt, anger, and increased stress.”

So what can others do to be of help to the overwhelmed caregiver or family in crisis? Kate Washington says the first thing to offer is space for the full range of emotions. “There’s immense power in a simple text telling a friend you’re there for them, particularly if you add this magic phrase at the end: No need to respond.”

And Kate urges avoiding the well-meant offer, What can I do? That puts the onus back of the already-stressed caregiver to come up with some reasonable task, often out of politeness. So, if you want to help, be specific.

“I still tear up thinking of the matter-of-fact generosity extended by the parents of our then-6-year-old’s best friend,” Kate writes. “They made a standing offer to take our daughter every Sunday, and for almost a year, we dropped her off weekly, no questions asked, for a fun day with their daughter, and a needed break from the caregiving sandwich for me.”

Kate says that she will always be grateful for the friends who set up a “meal train” that fed her family for more than a year. When her husband Brad was unable to tolerate metal utensils, a friend surprised them with 500 compostable, disposable forks. Friends on their way to Target would text her and offer to pick up anything they needed. And Kate would often find a loaf of bread of the family’s favorite bakery dropped on their porch.

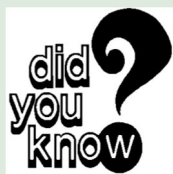
“Self-care” is important, but what really helped her family, Kate writes, is “community care. On my hardest days, the actions of family, friends, and even a few strangers gave me hope, relief, and dare, I say it, a genuine, not forced, feeling of positivity.”

In his “high priestly prayer” at the conclusion of the Last Supper, Jesus prays for those who now take up his work of peace, reconciliation and justice. As Kate Washington’s family can attest, by imitating Christ’s simple compassion, we can begin to transform the lives of the hurting, the struggling and the despairing; in every simple kindness and help we offer, we proclaim the Gospel of the Risen Jesus.

Please pray for the sick

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

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



What you need to know about poison

It's a great time to review your safety measures for medicines, cleaning supplies, and other potentially dangerous items in your home. Store these items up high, out of your child's reach, or locked in a childproof place. Parents should keep the number for the Poison Control hotline handy: 1-800-222-1222. Experts can give you immediate information about how to treat your child and what signs to watch for. They can tell you if you need to head to the emergency room or if you can take steps at home. For more information, request a copy of the VIRTUS article "What you need to know about poison" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.



CARDINAL McINTYRE FUND FOR CHARITY ANNUAL COLLECTION Is TODAY

Since 1951, the Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity has offered hope for those in crisis situations throughout the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. **today**, 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 are in the pews

Mass Intentions For The Week



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Sunday	7:00 a.m.	Mother's Day Novena
	9:00 a.m.	De La Salle Parishioners
	11:00 a.m.	Fidel Mariano
	1:00 noon	Eli Norris
Monday	7:30 a.m.	Mother's Day Novena
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Nelson Dy
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Leonida Quiazon
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	David Batac
Friday	7:30 a.m.	Antonio Caldozo
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Veronica Laquindanum
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Erna Ancheta

The Sacraments



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is administered by our Priests. During the week, Monday-Thursday, 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 you with funeral arrangements for your loved one at 818 363-2535 ext. 221.

BAPTISM

For infant Baptism, please contact the Parish Office at 818 363-2535 ext. 221, Monday-Thursday, 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, on Monday between 1:00-5:00 p.m. at least 6 months prior to setting a wedding date.



De La Salle School sends congratulations to the 2nd Grade Class who made their First Communion last Saturday, May 8th. The students and their parents enjoyed this special mass celebrated by our pastor, Father Ramon. First Communion marks a major step on their faith journey. Our prayers are with the children as they continue to grow in their love of God.

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@sibdl.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.

Ascension of the Lord

Adult: How well are you fulfilling Jesus' command to share the good news with others?

Child: Why are Christians filled with hope?

PARENTING POINTERS

On the feast of the Ascension scripture says, "So then the Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven." (Mark 16:19) Perhaps fly a kite this week in memory of the Ascension.

Ascension Day Prayer

Let us pray (that the risen Christ will lead us to eternal life) God our Father, make us joyful in the ascension of your Son Jesus Christ. May we follow him into the new creation, for his ascension is our glory and our hope. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A safe place to grief and move on

Pamela Addison never expected to be a widow at 36. A year ago, she held her six-month-old son and two-year-old daughter and watched helplessly as paramedics rushed her husband Martin to the hospital. It was the last time Pamela would see her husband alive. Martin Addison died 26 days later of COVID-19. It was a devastatingly frightening time for the young mom.

But then she received a sympathy card from another young widow whose husband had died of the virus just a few weeks before. "You're not alone," the card read.

Pamela was soon in contact with the card's sender, Kristina Scorpo. Last fall, the two now single moms launched a Facebook support group, Young Widows and Widowers of COVID-19, for women and men like them struggling as single parents in the isolation brought on by the pandemic. The group has more than 400 members across the country and the United Kingdom.

"We didn't plan on this," Kristina says. "We didn't plan to be widowed at 36 or 33. We didn't plan to raise our kids without our partners that we saw our lives with and we saw a future with."

The members of the group are especially welcoming to those who have just lost their husbands or wives, "when it feels hopeless, like there isn't going to be happiness again or joy," Pamela explains. "I feel like we can help them. Even if they're not where I am now, I can support them. And that's healing for me, too."

(NBC News, January 1, 2021; CBS News, February 23, 2021.)

What these two women have done is the work Jesus challenges all of us to take on. In every kindness we offer, in every word of encouragement and comfort we utter, in every moment we spend listening and supporting, we proclaim the Risen Jesus' Gospel of compassion, mercy and reconciliation. Every good work, however small or hidden, is a spark of the light of the Risen Christ in our midst.

In Memoriam

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

Pedro Lorenzo

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

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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
(Reservations Required)
Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.**

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, sjbdls.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.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ASCENSION

The theological unity, or perhaps even the temporal experience of the early community, made it seem that Jesus' resurrection and his ascension were inseparable aspects of a single mystery. Only in the later writings of Luke and John has further theological reflection helped the Christian community to distinguish different dimensions of the mystery. Liturgical tradition has followed the forty-day chronology formulated by Luke. We would miss the point, however, if we were to demand a precise historical chronology of events such as the Resurrection-Ascension that are primarily spiritual in nature and that clearly surpass the bounds of time and space as we know them. What is important for us to grasp is the significance of the Ascension. For Luke, it is the decisive turning point that marks the end of Jesus' earthly ministry and the beginning of the disciples' Spirit-led ministry and thus the ministry of the whole church down to our own day.

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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



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.

OSV Online Giving

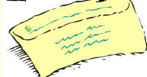
Go to www.osvhub.com/sjbdls/funds

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.

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.

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.**

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



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
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
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