



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

September 5th, 2021 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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: 7:30 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

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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

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. Claudia Monaco
 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.

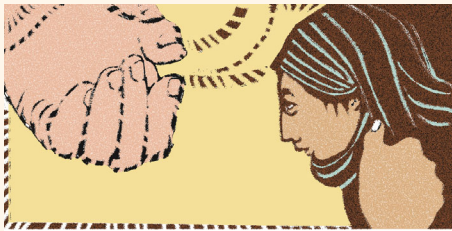
Marriages: Visit the Parish Office on Mondays 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 5, 2021



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Did not God choose those who are poor
in the world to be rich in faith and heirs
to the kingdom?

— James 2:5

Presider Schedule September 11th & September 12th

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



First Friday Holy Hour for Vocations

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 de-
cline 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.



Men's Ministry

We are back! Our parish men's
ministry, "Men After His Own
Heart" is back to our in-person
meetings. We would love to have all men over the
age of 18 join us as we grow in faith, pray together,
and laugh together. Our meetings are on Saturday
mornings at 6:30 am, before chores and family ad-
ventures begin.

If you have questions, please call
Tim @ 818-620-9569.

To the woman on the No. 3 train . . .

On a hot summer morning, a 16-year-old pushed his
way on to a crowded New York City subway
train. He couldn't get close enough to a pole to hold
on to — all he could do was try to keep his balance
by placing his palm on the ceiling of the car.

It didn't work.

As the train lurched forward, he and his heavy back-
pack tumbled into the lap of woman sitting near-
by. Not feeling well after a sleepless night, the teen
said nothing to the woman as he struggled to get to
his feet. The woman was clearly upset.

As the day went on, he felt awful about what had
happened and his failure to offer an appropriate apol-
ogy. Of course, he had no idea who the poor woman
was or how to reach her — so he wrote an apology
to "the woman I fell onto on the 3 train" that was
published in the "Metropolitan Diary" column of
The New York Times [August 17, 2020]. Published
every weekend, "Metropolitan Diary" is delightful
collection of stories and anecdotes contributed by
readers about living in New York City in all its ener-
gy and quirkiness.

The teen began his apology: "To the woman I fell
onto on the [No.] 3 train that morning: I'm sorry, and
I feel awful for the way things turned out."

Retelling the story of his struggle to keep his bal-
ance, he wrote: "You had a right to be annoyed with
me. Nobody wants a tall 16-year-old with a heavy
backpack to tumble onto them on their way to work.

"If you cannot accept my apology, I completely un-
derstand. If I had the opportunity to take the ride
again, I would hold on to the ceiling with a tighter
grip, and, if I lost my balance, apologize in person.

"I wish you a lifetime of peaceful commutes on the
No. 3 train. I hope something like that never happens
to you again. "Sincerely, the tall boy who fell on you
that morning."

*This 16-year-old possesses the gift of "Ephphatha": the
ability to put aside his own wants and troubles in order to
"listen" to how his actions and attitudes affect others,
especially in hurtful and costly ways. Our self-
centeredness can make us deaf to the presence of God,
isolating us from God's compassion in the midst of con-
flict and anger, in times of brokenness and
hurt. "Ephphatha" is to possess the empathy and gener-
osity of heart to move beyond ourselves to bring peace
and healing especially to those we have hurt. Throughout
the Gospel, Jesus calls us to remain open —
"Ephphatha!" — to the possibilities for transformation
through compassion, for re-creation through forgiveness,
for restoration through realizing our responsibility for
our mistakes and failings.*

Please pray for the sick

Lee Ordway	Tinou Pereira
Paula Sabourin	Publio Junco
James M. Manalang	Mala Fisher
Ely Boromeo	Fe Arce
Alma Boromeo	Arnel de Leon
Flora D. Mesias	Jeanett Fuente
Jesus Mesias	Debi Zamora
Jorge Belon	Deborah Morrow
Shirley Crowe	Ed Graziani
Eunice Hildebrant	Chris Francis
Adel Francisco	John Canty
Mark Farias	Augusta Abato
Eric Carr	Richard Haro
Maria Theresa Villaflor	Francis Jacob III
Adory M. Pacheco	Annie Hartt
Lucille Gogo Iriarte	Terry Ryan
Arsenia P. Patino	Anna Weiner
Claire Villarosa	Elvie Co
Ronald & Valerie Brown	Gabriel Mowery
Kit Buhion	

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



Understanding the VIRTUS® “Protecting God’s Children” program

Child sexual abusers often target nurturing, child-friendly environments, where parents and participants assume that no one would ever want to harm a child. Religious organizations are prime examples. The Catholic Church has adapted the VIRTUS® Protecting God’s Children program to send a message to potential predators that child sexual abuse is not tolerated. Through this program, adults learn that through early identification, awareness, and education they can be “proactive” in protecting children and young people from child sexual abuse. For more information, request a copy of the VIRTUS® article “Protecting God’s Children” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.



Holy Cross Hospital Seeks Adult Volunteers

Providence Holy Cross, Mission Hills, has just re-opened our volunteer program. Offer your time and talents and reap the rewards of serving our community.

Email: CAPHCMC.Volunteers@providence.org

Website: www.providence.org/holycross

Phone: 818 496-4613

Our teen volunteer program is still suspended

Mass Intentions For The Week



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Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Peter & Carmela Caiola
	9:00 a.m.	De La Salle Parishioners
	10:30 a.m.	Edward Merva
	12: 00 p.m.	Rodrigo Jaime Londono
Monday	7:30 a.m.	Juliana Anopol
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Edward Merva
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Rodrigo Jaime Londono
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	Consuelo Santos
Friday	7:30 a.m.	Felicidad Espiritu
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Carlos & Erlinda Aranda
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Jeffrey Alejandrino



De La Salle Church Respect Life Ministry 40 Days for Life

September 22 – October 31

This fall, the San Fernando Valley will unite with a record-breaking 500+ cities across the U.S. and many other countries around the world for the largest and most successful pro-life mobilization in history, **40 Days for Life**. Recognizing that, “with God all things are possible,” people of faith pray together that this effort will help bring an end to the tragedy of abortion. In just fourteen years, the results have been tremendous! **40 Days for Life** has mobilized over one million people worldwide, saved 16,004 lives from abortion, led to the conversion of 190 abortion workers, and seen 100 abortion facilities close. Here in the **San Fernando Valley**, well over 150 innocent lives have been saved over the past 14 years, with a dramatic reduction in the number of abortions at Family Planning Associates in Mission Hills! Our goal is **ZERO** abortions! **40 Days for Life** is made up of three simple, peaceful components: **Prayer and Fasting:** believers are invited to join together for 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in the **San Fernando Valley**. **Peaceful Vigil:** stand for life during a 40-day peaceful public witness outside of: **Family Planning Associates, Outreach:** help take a positive, upbeat pro-life message to every corner of our valley through media efforts, advocacy, and public visibility. Speak up for the voiceless in the San Fernando Valley!

Contact Patti Flores, 818.307.4332, or

PFlores4Life@aol.com,

De La Salle Respect Life Ministry,

Nancy Corbett, 818- 929-6213

www.40daysforlife.com/sanfernandovalley

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 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.

Note, during COVID 19 guideline restrictions the S.R.E. Office hours are: Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Rich in faith

Adult: When has your faith in Jesus enabled you to speak out on an issue of importance?

Child: What does your belief in Jesus mean to you?

PARENTING POINTERS

Clutter can be toys, papers, or many miscellaneous items left on the floor or table. But clutter can also be noise; think TV, videos, crying, or complaining. Try treating your family to a moment of quiet, see what happens.

Confessions

**Confessions are on Saturday only.
There are no reservations required.
They are in Seton Hall, from
4:00 p.m. until 4:45 p.m.
First come, first serve.**

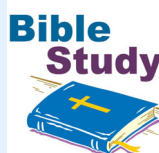
DLS School News



DAILY MASS PARKING

**School is back in session and we
are asking all parishioners
attending the 7:30 a.m. Mass,
Monday-Friday
to please park in the
Hayvenhurst parking lot only.**

Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.



Bible Study

We're Back. Join us for a five week study of the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus tells us how to live and love and get into heaven in this wonderful sermon.

We will begin on **September 8th** and continue on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Cabrini Room. We promise to have you home by 9:00.

Come and join our loving community as we share our faith and learn about God's Word. The cost for study materials is \$15.00, and if you have any questions please call Tim at 818-620-9569.



Why is Labor Day celebrated?

It is celebrated to honor the social and economic achievements of American workers. Essentially, it was intended to be an annual national gift to the benefactions workers have made to the strength, development, and well-being of this country.



The Parish Office will be closed **September 6th** in observance of Labor Day. The Parish Staff wishes you a safe and happy Labor Day.

In Memoriam

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

Joanne Juke

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

The stonecutter

Once there was a stonecutter who was very unhappy with his work and life.

One day he passed by a wealthy merchant's house. Through the open gateway, he could see the rich man's many beautiful possessions and important guests. "How powerful that merchant must be!" thought the stonecutter. "How I wish I could live such a life." Suddenly, the stonecutter became the merchant, enjoying the luxuries and more power than he had ever dreamed of possessing. But he soon found himself detested and envied by his poor friends.

Soon a high official of the king passed by, carried in a sedan chair, with a retinue of soldiers and attendants. Even the very wealthy had to bow before the official. "How powerful that official is! I wish I could be such a high official," he thought.

And suddenly, the erstwhile stonecutter became the high official, carried everywhere in a beautifully embroidered sedan chair, with all the people bowing before him. But it was a hot summer day, and he soon became very uncomfortable in the sticky sedan chair. He looked up at the sun, shining brilliantly in the sky, illuminating the entire earth. "How powerful the sun is!" he thought. "I wish I could be the sun."

And immediately, he became the sun, scorching the fields and cursed by farmers and laborers. But a huge black cloud soon moved between him and the earth so that his light could no longer shine. "How powerful that storm cloud is! I wish I could be a cloud."

And suddenly, he became the cloud, flooding fields and villages, despised by everyone. But soon he found himself pushed away by a strong wind. "How powerful a force is the wind! I wish I could be the wind."

And so he became the wind, uprooting trees, plants and homes; as the wind, he was hated and feared. But soon he came up against something he could not move no matter how forcefully he blew against it: a huge, towering stone wall. "How powerful that stone is! I wish I could be a stone."

And then he became the stone, more powerful and stronger than anything on earth. But as he stood there, he heard the sound of hammer and chisel pounding against him and he felt himself being changed. "What could be more powerful than I, the stone?"

He looked down and saw far below him the figure of a stonecutter.

[The Tao of Pooh.]

"Ephphatha" — "openness" of heart and mind and spirit — is the mark of the discipleship. "Ephphatha" is to understand who we are and to realize the good we can do, no matter the degree of "power" we possess. "Ephphatha" is to hear the voice of God in the midst of the noise and distractions that surround us, to sense God's presence when we are overwhelmed by anger, jealousy and disappointment, to see the possibilities we have for bringing God's peace and forgiveness into our lives and the lives of those we love.



Retrouvaille

Help for Marriages

Retrouvaille is an effective Catholic Christian ministry that helps marriages experiencing troubles. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and the love in your marriage. Thousands of couples in need of a marriage "tune-up" have successfully improved their marriages by completing this successful program. Married couples of any faith are welcome.

Upcoming Dates:

November 5-7 (Santa Clarita) *English

December 10-11 (Los Angeles)

***English & In-Person**

For questions or to register, make a confidential call to **909-900-5465**, or visit **losangelesretrouvaille.com**.



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.



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.



Due to the increased transmission of COVID 19, mask will be required indoors, regardless of vaccination status.

Wearing mask indoors with others reduces the risk of both getting and transmitting the virus.

**Los Angeles County
Department of Public Health**



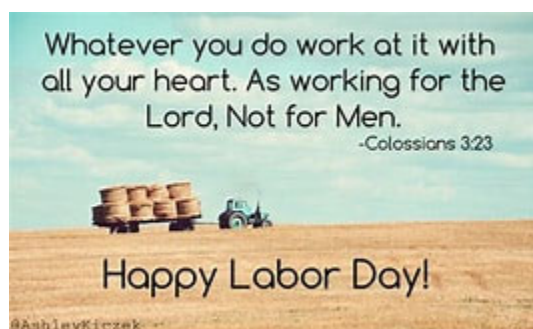
***Dear Friends of
Mary & Joseph Retreat Center!***

As we begin to return to our normal way of life we hope you are ready to join us again - to seek a peaceful, healing time on retreat. Consider one of our upcoming retreats either in person, or via zoom to help with the refreshing and healing we all need so much. Recommended health protocols are being followed.

All events are located at the Mary & Joseph Retreat Center, 5300 Crest Road, Rancho Palos Verdes, Call Jose Salas at 310.377.4867 x250 for reservations or information.

Mary & Joseph Retreat Center has capacity available for groups to hold their own retreats both day and overnight. Please call to check for availability, and to find out more about our health & safety guidelines at 310.377.4867.

*Check out our new website too!! www.maryjoseph.org



Here at St. John Baptist De Salle
we strive to be a safe environment for our **children**. For this reason, please make sure that all children are accompanied by an adult when going to the rest room.

It is for their safety and protection.

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.	
	Parish Ministry Office	368-1514

Liturgy Committee

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
Rhonie 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. 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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