



**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

**March 29, 2020  
Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Rev. Ramon Valera.....Pastor  
 Rev. Monsignor Robert Milbauer.....Pastor Emeritus  
 Rev. Tovia Lui .....Associate Pastor  
 Deacon Sam Frias .....Deacon  
 Deacon Dan Revetto.....Deacon

**PARISH OFFICE:** 10738 Hayvenhurst Ave.  
 Granada Hills, CA. 91344  
**SCHOOL OFFICE** 16535 Chatsworth St.  
 Granada Hills, CA 91344

**Parish Office:** 818 363-2535 **Fax:** 818 360-7407  
**St. John Baptist de la Salle Parish Website:** [sjbdls.com](http://sjbdls.com)

**Hours:** Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Friday **8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**  
 Sunday 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Parish Business Manager:** Mrs. Janie Choate 363-2535  
**Religious Education Director:** Mrs. Sandy Cole 368-1514  
**School Principal:** Mrs. Patricia Melch 363-2270  
**School Office:** 818 363-2270 **Fax:** 818 832-8950  
**St. John Baptist de la Salle School Website:** [sjbdls.org](http://sjbdls.org)

**Eucharistic Celebrations (Mass)**

**SATURDAY:** 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.  
**SUNDAY:** 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m., and 12 Noon  
**DAILY:** 7:00 a.m. (Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy)  
**HOLY DAYS:** Please check bulletin  
**WEDNESDAY:** 5:30 p.m. Miraculous Medal Novena & Rosary

**CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

**WEDNESDAY:** 4:30 p.m. to 5:20 p.m.  
**SATURDAY:** 4:00 p.m. to 4:50 p.m.

**Watch Sunday 9:00am Mass Live Stream at: [tinyurl.com/SJBDLSMASS](http://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. and Fridays 9:30a.m. to 1:00 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)

## Fifth Sunday of Lent March 29, 2020

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Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;  
LORD, hear my voice!  
— *Psalm 130:1*

### FRIENDLY APPEAL FROM FR. RAMON VALERA

Beloved Parishioners of St. John Baptist de la Salle, greetings of peace and good health to you all. With the outbreak of the current public health emergency we are all terribly affected. The announcement of Archbishop Jose Gomez dispensing all the Catholic Faithful of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles from attending Sunday Masses on March 21-22 and March 28-29, likewise is affecting our parish finances as there are fewer attendance at our Sunday Masses. However, I am appealing to you all to please continue supporting our Parish by dropping off your Sunday Envelopes and donations at the Parish Office. During off office hours, you may still drop off your donations through the opening slot of the Office back doors. I am truly grateful for all your continued support for our parish.

In the event that All Masses will be suspended and we cannot come to Church, it is highly suggested that we pray at the comfort of our homes as prayer is our most powerful weapon we all possess. Let us pray for one another, healthy and sick, local and around the globe, that Jesus, our Good Shepherd, will deliver us from this crisis. I assure you of my prayers and blessing for good health and protection from any illness especially the coronavirus that afflicts us at the present time. May God bless you all.



### LITURGICAL ACCOMODATIONS DURING THE SUSPENSION OF THE PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF MASS DUE TO COVID-19 HEALTH THREAT (Updated: March 16, 2020)

The current public health emergency has brought about fears and anxiety in the hearts and minds of many people. However, it has also unified us as a people seeking the good for the other. In these trying times, faith is to be lived with reason, prudence, and wise judgment.

**Therefore, in order to help priests perform their ministry with faith, prudence, and wise judgment, the Archbishop in consultation with the Auxiliary Bishops and the Council of Priests have established the following liturgical accommodations. These accommodations are to be followed until further notice.**

#### MASS

- The public celebration of Mass has been suspended in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles effective March 17, 2020 until **April 19th, 2020**, or otherwise extended. Churches may remain open for individual, private prayer observing their normal open/closure hours.

- Parishes are invited to inform their parishioners of opportunities to view the Mass via livestream. The weekday and Sunday Mass will be livestreamed from the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angles via the LA Catholics Facebook page ([facebook.com/lacatholics](https://www.facebook.com/lacatholics)). For more information on additional Mass broadcasts on TV and radio, visit [lacatholics.org/emergency](https://www.lacatholics.org/emergency).

- Priests are reminded to encourage the faithful to keep the Lord's Day holy. Some ways to do this include: reading the Gospels, praying with your families, and to joining yourself to the sacrifice of the Mass by making an act of spiritual communion.

#### RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

- Parishes are asked to cancel all Lenten penance services. However, priests are asked to continue offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation according to the parish's regularly established reconciliation times.

### 9:00 A.M. SUNDAY MASS

The idea of the Mass live stream is for parishioners and other people to watch at home,  
**NOT IN CHURCH.**

We are not allowed to have people attend the mass. God bless all of you.

*Please pray for the sick*

Msgr. Jim Gehl	Ben Borgonia
James Pena	Kathryn Catlett
Eli Norris	Annie Hartt
Rey B. Reyes	Joyce Hartman
Catherine McCollister	Terry Ryan
Vincent Gross	Anna Weiner
Eric Burgwald	Rodolfo Quilon
Richard Haro	Estelita Quilon
Elva Miller	Adel Francisco
Shane C. Angus	Elvie Co
Cynthia M. Molina	Fr. Leo Travis
Torres Family	David Rutherford
Brumbough Family	Bob Flores
Rose Antenucci	Gabriel Mowery
Francis Jacob III	
Blaza Reyes	

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

**Mass Intentions  
For The Week**



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Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Nino Camacho
	9:00 a.m.	De La Salle Parishioners
	10:30 a.m.	Theodoro Angulo
	12:00 noon	Arthuro Ombao
Monday	7:00 a.m.	Romeo Galdones
Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	Karen Frias Fitzgerald
Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	Patsy Wilber
	5:30 p.m.	
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Lora Bartolome
Friday	7:00 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Ryan & Kristyn Bartolome
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Fideluz Dizon
	5:00 p.m.	DJ Bennett

**CATHOLICS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONTINUE TO PRAY AT HOME**

“I ask your continued prayers for all those who are afflicted with this virus and those who are afraid and vulnerable. I also ask you to pray and reach out to help the many families who are facing difficulties as a result of this emergency. We also need to keep in our prayers all the doctors, nurses, caregivers, and public health and civil authorities working to contain the outbreak of this virus and treat those who are sick,” stated the Archbishop.

**Watch Sunday 9:00AM Mass live stream at [www.sjbdls.com](http://www.sjbdls.com)  
Click on “Parish Community of Saint John Baptist de la Salle”  
Then scroll down to the middle of the page and click on  
[tinyurl.com/SJBDLSMASS](http://tinyurl.com/SJBDLSMASS)**

Confessions on Wednesday at 4:30pm and Saturday 4:00pm will continue. **The Lenten Penance Service on April 2, 2020 is cancelled.**

**The following have been cancelled:**

Soup Kitchen	Stations of the Cross	Religious Ed	Bible Study
Confirmation	Penance Services	Altar Servers	Choir
Casino Night	Sports Banquet	Men’s Group	Hospitality
Cub Scouts	Boy Scouts	Seniors	Music
Mens Group	Fr. Ramon’s Retreat	Funeral Limited	LOM
Charismatic Group	De La Salle School	Divine Mercy Novena	Cantors



### DE LA SALLE CHURCH AND SCHOOL SCRIP FUNDRAISER

We carry scrip (gift cards) for many 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 restaurants including, Yard House, Chipotle, Chili's, Macaroni Grill, Olive Garden, Outback, Black Angus, Panera Bread, and Denny's. We have fast food restaurants: Pizza Hut, Taco Bell, Subway, El Pollo Loco, Jack in the Box, Arby's, Del Taco, Burger King, Wendy's, and Carl's Jr. You can also purchase scrip for Exxon-Mobil, Shell, Arco, Vons, Albertsons, Smart and Final, and Walmart/Sam's.

**Available in the Parish Office**

### In Memoriam

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

### Donald Ordway

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

**On April 19, 2020,  
"The Divine Mercy Sunday",  
will be celebrated at 2:30 p.m. mass.**

There will be blessing and veneration  
of the Images of the Divine Mercy,  
followed by the chanting of the Chaplet  
of the Divine Mercy and offering of  
flowers. Please bring your  
Divine Mercy Image for blessing  
and a flower stem for offering.



### Bulletin News

You can sign up individually  
to receive your bulletin  
electronically by following this link:  
<https://ebulletin.jspaluch.com>.

### PARISHIONERS

Please update your email address in order to  
continue to receive the latest updates about the  
coronavirus from the Archdiocese. Send your  
email address to [dora@sjbdls.org](mailto:dora@sjbdls.org).

### Stewardship

### St. John Baptist de la Salle

#### March 1, 2020

<b>Collection</b>	<b>\$ 18,872.50</b>
Average weekly expenses	\$ 20,605.00
Shortage	-1732.50

#### March 8, 2020

<b>Collection</b>	<b>\$ 17,979.50</b>
Average weekly expenses	\$ 20,605.00
Shortage	- 2,625.00

#### March 8, 2020

<b>Collection</b>	<b>\$ 6,724.00</b>
Average weekly expenses	\$ 20,605.00
Shortage	- 13,881.00

*Thank you for your generosity*

### Lazarus' tomb

So there you are, isolated in your tomb, a massive stone of anger and resentment sealing the grave you've dug for yourself. Maybe you've tried with all your might to push it away, but it won't budge. And just maybe the other person is just as angry and hurt as you are. So you, and they, remain buried in the sad, pointless darkness of Lazarus' tomb.

Yeah, it stinks. But what do you expect? There's a stench to being dead: the constant cynicism, the relentless fear, the refusing to embrace or be embraced by happiness or daring to hope. Isn't it about time to let some fresh air into Lazarus' tomb?

What has you tied up: Some substance or drug? An obsession with food or money? The constant need to be plugged into some device or eyes buried in some screen? A perception or attitude or conviction that alienates you from others? A family battle that has gone on too long? Often, the silliest and most irrational "burial bands" can keep us tied hand and foot in Lazarus' tomb.

*The Gospel Jesus who calls Lazarus from his tomb calls us out of the tombs we dig for ourselves in order to walk in the light of hope and possibility. He calls us to live life to the fullest, to bring the love of God into our cold, winter world. Jesus calls not only to Lazarus but to all of us: Come out! Untie yourselves from the wrappings of death! Live to the fullest the life given to you by a loving God. As Jesus instructs Lazarus' friends to roll away the stone and free Lazarus from his tomb, Jesus calls us to the work of Easter healing and transformation, the work of freeing one another from our graves of hopelessness, alienation and fear.*

# Religious Education News!



## S.R.E. 2020/2021 REGISTRATION

Registration packets for the Religious Education Program are available in the S.R.E. Office.

A non-refundable packet fee of \$50 will be collected. Packets should be returned to the S.R.E. Office, as soon as possible as space is limited. A copy of the Baptismal Certificate, Parish Registration Number and Tuition Fees are required at registration.

To pick-up and/or return the completed registration packet, come to the S.R.E. Office on: Sundays, Tuesdays and/or Wednesdays, from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., call for an appointment if you need to arrange another time. Note, the S.R.E. Office may be closed due to the Coronavirus or on Holy Days or Holidays. For further information contact the S.R.E. Office: (818) 368-1514 / [re@sjbdls.org](mailto:re@sjbdls.org)



Confirmation

## CONFIRMATION 2022 REGISTRATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation is received at the end of a young person's 10<sup>th</sup> grade in school. A two year preparation period is required, which begins as the young person graduates from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Confirmation preparation is parish based and does NOT occur in the Catholic High Schools. To receive this Sacrament in the spring of 2022 at St. John Baptist de la Salle, your student needs to be registered. Registration packets are available in the S.R.E. Office. A non-refundable packet fee of \$50 will be collected. Packets should be returned to the S.R.E. Office, as soon as possible as space is limited. A copy of the Baptismal Certificate, Parish Registration Number and Tuition Fees are required at registration.

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# DLS School News



## FORE !!! SAVE THE DATE .... YES, OUR GOLF TOURNAMENT IS BACK

St. John Baptist de la Salle Church and School Announces Our Annual Golf Tournament, Monday, **April 27, 2020** at Porter Valley Country Club, \$175.00 per Golfer, \$700.00 per Foursome. Start working on your foursome and join us for a day of golf, continental breakfast, lunch on the course, along with complimentary refreshments, and ending with dinner, trophies, raffles, auction items, and a chance to win a Get Away Trip.

## 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 September 2020), please contact the SRE/Parish Ministry Office by May 3, at [re@sjbdls.org](mailto:re@sjbdls.org) or (818) 368-1514.

## Most Reverend Jose H. Gomez Archbishop of Los Angeles

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas. We fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nations and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness. For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust

In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.



### The PCC has some great opportunities for...

Volunteers Lay Counselors & Volunteer Nurses. We would love to have you join us at our 2020 Spring PCC Volunteer Training. To receive your *Volunteer Application Packet*, please contact Norma Cano, Client Service Director at 818/895-2500 or e-mail: [norma@pregnanthelp4u.org](mailto:norma@pregnanthelp4u.org). Please join us in this life-affirming ministry.

### GIVE GLORY TO GOD

On the Fifth Sunday of Lent, just before we begin to enter Holy Week, we are summoned to Bethany. If we had been friends of Mary, Lazarus, and Martha, and found out that Lazarus was gravely ill, we probably would have dropped everything to be with them. This was what was so surprising about the behavior of Jesus. Although he was their close friend, he chose to stay away, that God's glory would be manifested. This is a persistent theme in John's Gospel. Right to the very end, Jesus' works were meant to give glory to the Father. As our Lenten journey reaches a crescendo, let us be mindful that, as people who have "put on Christ" in baptism, we are also called, by our attitudes and actions, to give glory to God.

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### Signs of abuse in children

Last week we discussed the importance of early identification in stopping abuse. This week, we're looking at some of the signs of abuse that could help adults recognize whether children are in danger. These signs could include withdrawal from others, or a general mistrust of adults. A child who is being sexually abused may relate to others in a sexualized way, inappropriate for his or her age. He or she may suddenly refuse to go to school, or become very fearful of school, or the dark. Other signs that could indicate a child is being sexually abused include aggressive or secretive behavior. Keeping an eye out for these things can help an adult ask the right questions while serving as a trusted source of support and love for a child in need. For more signs, get a copy of the VIR-TUS® article "A Step to Healing" at <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.

### PARENTING POINTERS

"Lazarus has died." (John 1:14) Death is often hard to talk about with children. We don't want to scare them, yet pets, grandparents, and eventually all of us will die. Perhaps this week remember together a death. Focus on the joy the person or pet brought and what you can learn from their life.

## 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, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	
	Virgie Blanco	368-1514
	Friday, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	
<b>Liturgy Committee</b>	Gerry McGrath	363-1326
<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:dls.musicministry@gmail.com">dls.musicministry@gmail.com</a>	
Adult Choir Rehearsal:	Thursday, 7:15 p.m.	
Youth Choir	Kim Consaga	(805) 428-7919
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
<b>Religious Education Office</b>		
	<b>Director: Mrs. Cole</b>	<b>368-1514</b>
	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	
<b>St. John Baptist De La Salle School</b>		
<b>Principal: Mrs. Patricia Melch</b>		<b>363-2270</b>
	<b>School Website: <a href="http://sjbdls.org">sjbdls.org</a></b>	
	Pre-Kindergarten thru Grade 8	
	16535 Chatsworth Street	
	Granada Hills, CA 91344	
<b>Sacristans</b>	Kathy & Joe Bilotta	363-2535
<b>Seniors</b>	Marty Spehar	514-6572
<b>St. Vincent de Paul</b>		363-2535
<b>St. Vincent de Paul large item pick up call</b>	(800) 974-3571	
<b>Ushers</b>	Ellen Celaya	363-2535
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