From the Desk of the Pastor ....

"You are my beloved Son, in you I am well pleased"

With these words from the very start of his public ministry, Jesus received affirmation from his Father.

One of the deepest needs of a human heart is the need to be appreciated and validated. Every human being wants to be valued.

We all need someone who will help us unfold. We need someone, who will support, enable, and ennoble us to be ourselves. We need someone who will stand by us, who understands us, someone who can see the hidden self and its potentials in us that are perhaps afraid to come out into the open.

We seek a person who will help us articulate and bring out the very best from within us. We appreciate when someone can coach us to employ that very God given goodness in us, awakening in us a desire to bloom and flourish.

At our Baptism God chose, called out from many peoples, and sent God parents for us, to grow with us in wisdom and awe of God. Even though they are only human and far from being perfect, and fragile like you and me, they bear testimony of the tender love and care they share with our parents here on earth. They look at us and ponder on the smiling face of God.

At our Baptism we became adopted children of the Father and we received the all-powerful gift of the Holy Spirit. This Holy Spirit inspires us, guides us to unfold, bloom and grow, to bring His love, His compassion, and His tender loving care to our brothers and sisters. Thus we become more and more pleasing in the sight of our Heavenly Father.

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

Fixing God's House

This Campaign Fund money is classified as "Restated Income" to be used only to pay for the projects mentioned in the "Fixing God's House" brochure. If you have not yet made your pledge and wish to do so, you may send in your donations, designating in the memo of your check as "Fixing God's House". There are several options available for how to give to this campaign:

- you can drop your check at the Parish Office, or mail it
- you may give "On-Line"
- you may also put in the Sunday collection in an envelope, marked as "Fixing God's House"

Thank you for continuing the legacy of St. John the Evangelist.

2016 CONTRIBUTIONS: Individual contribution acknowledgement letters for the year 2016 will be issued by the Parish Office upon request only. You must be a registered parishioner using Parish envelopes in order to receive this letter. The Parish envelope number identifies your contribution records. Please call the Parish office (415-334-4646) a week ahead before dropping by to collect this letter or if you want it mailed to you. Thank you.

Thank you...On behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul Conference, we would like to thank you, the St. John parishioners for your participation in our annual Giving Tree. We received over 165 wrapped presents for those in need. Because of your kindness, many individuals had a wonderful Christmas. Thank you all for your generosity.

Walk for Life 2019

The 15th annual Walk for Life West Coast Rally will be held on Saturday, January 26th. The Rally starts at 12:30pm at Civic Center Plaza walking down Market Street and will end at the Ferry Building. Everyone is invited to come. See you there!

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2019

Thank you for your steadfast support to the Parish and efforts you put in to help pay our Parish assessment of AAA 2018.

We have been informed that our Parish assessment for AAA 2019 is $40,216.31. A decrease of $181.00 from last year's assessment. Parishioners who are registered at St. John the Evangelist will be receiving pledge forms within the next couple of weeks. Our Finance Council urges us to renew our efforts to help make this year's assessment.

Today's second collection is for the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2019. Thank you for your continued support and generosity of this collection.

- Fr. Agnel & The Finance Council

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. This is Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan.

SECOND COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous support.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA

Jan 1st - Jan 6th, 2019

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December 2018 Collection Data

| December 2 | $3,624.00 |
| December 9 | $3,024.00 |
| December 16| $3,334.00 |
| December 23| $2,980.00 |
| December 25| $5,357.00 |
| December 30| $3,101.00 |