

# January 10<sup>th</sup> - The Baptism of the Lord

## The Parish Financial Reports

The Parish Finance Council is pleased to present to you the **'Parish Finance Report'** for the 12-month period ended June 30, 2020. The Parish is grateful to God and for the incredible resilience and dedication of our parishioners, staff, and volunteers. Our Church finances and the Parish community remain strong. We thank you for your continued financial support and prayers. Please visit the Parish website at: [www.saintjohnnevangelist.org](http://www.saintjohnnevangelist.org)

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, January 9

9:00am † *Wayne J. Borvice*  
4:30pm † *Rufino Labari*

### Sunday, January 10

8:00am † *Gilda Sianson*  
10:00am *Mark Sanchez (bday)*  
12:00pm *St. John Volunteers*

### Monday, January 11

9:00am † *Fe & Jose Palacios*

### Tuesday, January 12

9:00am † *Paulyne Kirkes*

### Wednesday, January 13

9:00am † *Benny Falcon*

### Thursday, January 14

9:00am † *Mandlo Eiman*

### Friday, January 15

9:00am *YMI Brothers*

### Saturday, January 16

9:00am *St. John Parishioners*  
4:30pm † *Juanita Aguilera*

Today's second collection is for the **2020 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal**.

Parish Assessment \$ 39,090.00  
YTD we paid: \$ 24,632.14  
Balance we owe: \$ 14,457.86

Kindly consider helping meet our goal. Thank you for your continued generous support.



## 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

### 2020 CONTRIBUTIONS

"Individual Contribution acknowledgement letters" for the year 2020 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. The Parish Office is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30am to 5:00pm. Please **call the Parish office (415-334-4646) a week ahead before dropping by to collect this letter**. Thank you.

### ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2020

The Parish of St. John the Evangelist thanks everyone of you who supported and contributed towards making our Parish assessment of the "Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2020". Our Parish assessment for the year 2020 was \$ 39,090.00.

- Our Parish raised through your contributions a total of \$ 24,632.14
- The balance we owe towards the Parish assessment is \$ 14,457.86

We take this opportunity to thank everyone of you who in everyway possible made this happen. May the good Lord always bless your generous hearts. Thank you!

### The Mass Intentions Book for the New Year 2021

Please come to the Parish office with your request for Mass intentions. Please bring a written list with all the names, mass dates and times that you would like to request along with the stipend. The process is on a "first come, first serve basis". The Archdiocese of San Francisco has traditionally regulated Mass stipends for announced and unannounced mass intentions. The suggested donation for an announced mass is \$10.00; for an unannounced intention it is \$5.00. Mass intentions are published in the Parish bulletin with the deadline for printing on Monday afternoon. The Parish Office is open Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

### Sunday masses

Are recorded and made available on YouTube and posted on the Parish website every weekend. You may access the masses at <https://www.saintjohnnevangelist.org/>

### The church is open for Personal Prayer

And Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Sundays from 8:00am to 1:00pm. The Knights of Columbus generously offer their time and treasure in faithful stewardship by keeping watch in the church.

**The Baptism of the Lord...**As John humbly carried out his mission and Jesus accepted this simple baptism by John, the Holy Spirit indeed came down upon Jesus, and God proclaimed for the first time, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Thus Jesus began his formal ministry. There must have been much that he already knew, but also much that he uncovered each day in his encounters with the disciples and the crowds. As he responded "yes" to the Father over and over, his thirst was quenched and his spirit strengthened. How many times do we witness baptisms in the parish? The priest ministers with simple elements of water and oil, but the Spirit is called down each time. Every time we participate, we are experiencing the message, experiencing the call again. How many times have we blessed ourselves with holy water, or participated in a sprinkling rite? Yet in these days, when church fonts are empty due to safety precautions, we need to remember those other times, trust in God, and sing the prayer of Isaiah in our hearts about drawing the water joyfully. We must trust in the message. We must become the message of God's saving action through our baptism and our lives.