

# January 12<sup>th</sup> 2019 - The Baptism of the Lord



## 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.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, January 11

9:00am *St. John Volunteers*  
4:30pm † *Rufino Labari*

### Sunday, January 12

8:00am *Peter Stuart (h/ing)*  
10:00am *Mosquera Family (thanks)*  
12:00pm *St. John Volunteers*

### Monday, January 13

9:00am † *Benny Falcon*

### Tuesday, January 14

9:00am † *Diane Jean Shasky & Family*

### Wednesday, January 15

9:00am † *Leonila & Hermogenes Datu*

### Thursday, January 16

9:00am † *Beatrice Primacio*

### Friday, January 17

9:00am † *Rodrigo Tarantan*

### Saturday, January 18

9:00am † *Bill Sacramento*  
4:30pm † *Beatrice Primacio*

## PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

### 2019 CONTRIBUTIONS

"Individual Contribution acknowledgement letters" for the year 2019 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**. Thank you.

## SECOND COLLECTION

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

Thank you for your continued generous support.

## Walk for Life 2020

The 16<sup>th</sup> annual Walk for Life West Coast Rally will be held on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. 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!

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

### COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA

December 30<sup>th</sup> 2019 - January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Tuesday's Spec coll. ....	\$ 120.00
Tues. On-line giving .....	\$ 5.00
First Friday.....	\$ 136.00
Weekend Offering.....	\$ 2,621.32
Weekend On-line giving....	\$ 315.00
Reserve Fund.....	\$ 1,548.00
Reserve On-line giving....	\$ 45.00

## Novena For Life

Each year, the Knights of Columbus participate in the annual West Coast Walk for Life, which will be held this year on January 25<sup>th</sup>. In preparation for this event, San Francisco Council #615 will sponsor a Novena for Life at St. John the Evangelist Church on the preceding nine days. The novena will begin at the 9am mass on Thursday January 16<sup>th</sup> and continue each day until Friday January 24<sup>th</sup>. The novena on Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> will be at the 10am mass. Light refreshments will be provided following the Sunday service. All are welcomed to participate in the novena and stay for the rosary following each mass (except on Sunday).

## Parishioner Survey

The Archdiocese of San Francisco is conducting a survey for all mass-goers in the Archdiocese. Your answers to the survey will help the Archdiocese better understand the experiences and needs of parishioners. Survey cards are on the back tables of the church. Please fill them out and place them in the boxes provided. Alternatively, if you prefer you can also do the survey online at: [sfarch.org/parish-survey-english](http://sfarch.org/parish-survey-english).

## Thank You Bill Elsbernd

Our Parish of Saint John the Evangelist owes you a deep heartfelt appreciation and gratitude for taking upon yourself the enormous task of putting together the Quasquicentennial "Parish Directory 2019".

It is remarkable how you had a team working with you to organize, communicate, consolidate and coordinate all the efforts to make sure the "Parish Directory 2019" see the 'light of day'. God blessed your work, and your hearts and brought your endeavors to fruition.

Thank you and your team for your magnanimous amount of patience and your depth of wisdom!

## December 2019 COLLECTION DATA

### COLLECTIONS:

December 1 .....	\$ 3,577.00
December 8 .....	\$ 2,860.64
December 15 .....	\$ 3,082.02
December 22.....	\$ 2,730.00
December 29.....	\$ 4,043.91
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 16,293.57</b>

**The Baptism of the Lord...**It is fitting that on this final feast of the season of Christmas, we celebrate Jesus' baptism, and with it our own entry into Christ's life through the waters of baptism. During Christmas, we have reflected on the stunning recognition that God came to be one with us in Jesus Christ.