Childlike Faith

Humble souls have a special ability to see things. We exclaim, “Out of the mouth of babes” when kids say the darnedest (and most profound) things (Matthew 21:16 and Psalm 8:2–3). What their uncluttered minds can catch and express with blatant honesty can be refreshing and funny.

Jesus enjoys this simplicity as well. He rejoices because, while “the wise and the learned” have rejected his preaching and mighty deeds, the childlike have embraced them. They are not afraid of the implications; they simply are amazed, impressed, and accept that no one but God could do such things. Perhaps this is why angels are often painted like little children!

Jesus can speak of heavenly mysteries because he is the Son. The Father and he are one and share in the fullness of knowledge. Christ sits in glory surrounded by cherubs and angels, yet comes down to reveal what the Father has given him. Let’s embrace all of his revealed word with childlike faith and not just pick and choose what suits us.

Another characteristic of little children is unending energy. It comes partly from their age but also endures because they don’t waste energy worrying or thinking about things they cannot control. They don’t plan, project, or prioritize.

For Reflection
How can I yoke myself to Jesus, my Lord and king?
What burdens, stressors, or disappointments can I hand over to God this week?

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28).

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Mass for the Week

July 8 - 15, 2017

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Stewardship

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Thank you for your generosity.

1st Centennial of Apparition at Fatima

To commemorate the 100 years anniversary of Our Lady’s apparition to Francisco, Jacinta, and Lucia, a mass and a rosary procession will be held on July 13, Thursday at 6:30pm.

At this same date 100 yrs ago, Our Lady showed to the children a vision of hell, and spoke of the need for devotion to Her Immaculate Heart and the consecration of Russia.

Divine Mercy Chapel

Jesus said, “Tell All Souls About My Mercy While There Is Still Time.”

Jesus, your special friend, is waiting for you in the Blessed Sacrament at Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel, next door to the Church.

The Holy Father’s Prayer Intention for the Month of July

Lapsed Christians. That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

Let Us Pray for the Sick

Rodolfo Abesamis, Virginia Alday, Gera Assefa
Jade Austin, Evelyn Baker, Pearl & Patrick Batiste, Paul Batist, Irene Blair, Robert Britto, Richard Calapini
Evelyn Canepa, Jeff Chavez
Bernadine Clark, Brenna Clark
Jennette Cleadenger, Betty Cooper
Linda Crittondon, Ernesto P. Cruz
Pablo de la Vega, Mary Dong, Tami Duncan
Juanita Estrellas, Philomena Giese, Mike Giovannini
Joseph Golinveau, Domingo Gregorio, Andy Gutierrez
Ruben Gutierrez, Maydelle Halligan, Joanne, Marvin & Maurice Haynes, Sherry Highlander, Tamaya Hunt
Pat Jeffre, Ann Jones, Tom Kennedy, Robin Laws
Maria Impang Lozada, Bernice Luckett, Marian & Michael Luoma, Nancy McVey, Francis Mondragon
Eiji Nakamura, Ester Oppus, Judith Padilla, Theresa Parella, Angelina Patacsil, Victoria Payless, Fely Sabaress, Linda Schneider, Esther Esmilla Taylor
Salvador Tejero, Rose Texara, Pat Tilley, James Vaughn, Joseph Vidal, Sarah Vidal, Evodio Walle
Jan Williamson, Masaru Yokoi
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Let all Your works give You thanks, Oh Lord, and let Your faithful ones bless You,” says the psalmist. Stewardship is this “attitude of gratitude” for the many gifts God has given us. - See Psalm 145

Braveheart’s Corner

The church participated in the city’s year-long centennial anniversary celebration by hosting a 2-day open house last June 24, 25. Guests and visitors were invited to a vigil mass, various church ministries, festive Portuguese hospitality, and the Deep Sea Discovery theme of the Vacation Bible Camp.

In Memoriam: Sr. Mary Gabriel Soong

Sr. Mary Gabriel Soong, Franciscan Sister of Perpetual Adoration who was active in St. John’s parish and the Mandarin Mass community in the 1990’s, passed away at the age of 93 in La Crosse, Wisconsin. She was in the 67th year of her religious profession.

Sr. Mary Gabriel was born in Shanghai, China in 1924. She was a pioneer in her time, receiving a Bachelor’s degree in Education & Biology from Viterbo University in La Crosse, and a Master’s degree in General Science from Syracuse University. Besides her religious vocation, she was also a high school teacher, college lecturer, and medical lab technologist. After her retirement in El Cerrito, she devoted herself to St. John’s, visiting the sick and elderly and helping with various parish ministries. Her joy, enthusiasm, and devotion in serving the Lord and others have touched many hearts. The 12:30 pm Mass on July 9th will be offered for the repose of her soul. - Olivia Wong

This Week’s Service Schedule


Liturgy of the Hours, Mon.-Fri. at 7:40am.
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena, Wed., 8:30am at the Church and 6pm at the Chapel.
Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet, Mon.-Fri., 8:30am at Church; Daily, 3pm, 9pm, and 19pm (Spanish) at the Chapel.
Visit to the Blessed Sacrament, 24-Hour Daily at the Chapel.
Charismatic Prayer and Praise, Thu., 7pm at the Chapel.
Holy Infant of Prague Novena, Thu. at 8:30am.
Prayer Service (Brazilian), Mon., 7:30pm, Com-Cen2Fl.
Our Lady of Fatima Centennial Celebration, Mass and Rosary Procession, Thu., 6:30pm.
Mass, Daily at 8am, Sat. at 8am and 5pm, Sun. at 8am, 9:30am, 11am, 12:30pm, and 6pm (Brazilian).
Confessions, Sat. at 4pm. Or Call for Visit.

Preparation for Holy Communion

Classes that will prepare children to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation (Penance) and Holy Communion (Eucharist) will begin in September.

Register or call Lynne at 510-501-4894.

Senior Center Events

July 11: Guest Speaker at 11:30am/ Lunch is Served at 12:30pm
Director: Khanh Bui, 237-3808 (Tuesdays)

2017 Bishop’s Appeal

Carrying on the mission of Christ through the Annual Appeal. We, all of God’s people, unite in faith by clothing the naked, feeding the hungry and instructing those who hunger for God’s truth and justice.
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Volunteer to Teach
The Children’s Religious Education Class welcomes anyone willing to teach children about the sacraments of Reconciliation (Penance) and Holy Communion.
CRE needs three catechists for the coming term this September. For more information, contact Lynne at (510) 501-4894.

Knowing the Catholic Faith
Come or bring a friend for an informal night of information about the Catholic Faith. Venue will be at the Community Center on September 19, Tuesday from 7-30pm to 9pm. Refreshments will be served.

2017 Come and See Days
Sister Joseph Marie, O.P. invites Catholic single women, ages 18-38 years to join with Cloistered Dominican Nuns on a Saturday, July 15 and October 21.
Call or register: vocations@nunsmenlo.org

Preparing for Baptism
Parents will need to sign up for 2 consecutive classes in preparation for children’s baptism.
Forthcoming classes are as follows:
July 9 and 16, August 13 and 20, September 10 and 17, October 8 and 18, November 12 and 19, December 10 and 17.

Help keep our church clean.

Building A Safe Environment
To All Volunteers and Employes: To attend a live training on Protecting Our Children, register at virtusonline.org.
For more information, please call the Office.

Remembering Fr. Ken Russell
Fr. Ken and Fr. Meinrad were classmates and priests together here at Saint John’s Abbey in Collegeville, MN. Fr. Meinrad was reflecting on Fr. Ken’s work in the library at Saint John’s, his great energy -always “doing” and then his transfer to another Abbey in the south for a few years to help them with their library.
After two years assisting that other congregation, Fr. Ken joined Saint John’s monks in Puerto Rico in mission work. I am not sure if he came back to Saint John’s in Minnesota before eventually leaving the monastery to help care for ailing parents.
Fr. Meinrad said Fr. Ken left Saint John’s Abbey’s monastery and moved to the Diocese in California. - jstang@csbsju.edu

New Parish Web Address
The parish has set up a new parish website. It is no longer www.sjtbc.us. Its’ new address is: StJohnElCerrito.org (This address is not case-sensitive. It is only written for ease in reading.)

If you wish to announce upcoming events or news about your ministry(s), send the parish an email via: stjohns@sjtbc.us or bring a printed copy to the Office. The Office will ensure that the information will get to the team that maintains the website and to the various social media sites.
If you notice problems with the website or would like to suggest improvements, please email: stjohns@sjtbc.us.
A parish email has been set up where anyone can participate. To add yourself to the parish email, register at: StJohnElCerrito.org/about-us/email/email-signup or go to the home page and select: About Us> Email > Parish Email Sign-up.
-Richard Keller

Catholic Immigration Support Network
For questions or assistance, please consult the diocesan website: www.oakdiocese.org/immigration
Celebrate the 2017 Fall Season with us at St. John the Baptist Church, El Cerrito CA

ANNUAL FESTIVAL WEEKEND
St. John the Baptist Church and School's Annual

October Fun Fest

BBQ Dinner: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2017
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

GAMES & FOOD FAIR: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017
10:30 AM - 4:00 PM

COME WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND ENJOY

- Delicious multi-cultural foods
- Fun games and prizes for the entire family
- Dazzling entertainment
- Face painting, cake walk, kids story time
- Country store, book fair
- Raffle Grand Prize Drawing
- And many many more !!!

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