

# St. John the Baptist Parish

May 4 & 5, 2019

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## St. John the Baptist Parish Office

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### Mass Schedule

**Saturday Liturgy:** 7:00PM

**Sunday Liturgy:** 10:00AM

**Weekday Liturgy:** Please check a current  
bulletin

**Sacrament of Anointing:** contact the Parish Office

**Reconciliation:** Thursday & Friday 8am-8:45am,  
or by appointment

**Office hours:** Monday to Friday

9:00am -12:00pm & 1:00pm - 4:00pm

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**Bookkeeper:** Susan Mack

**Caretaker:** Sigfredo Gonzalez



## Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

Saturday, May 4	5pm (Torquay) Holy Mass	<p><i>For the month of May, the Rosary will be said a half hour before Holy Mass.</i></p> 
<i>Blessed Marie-Leonie Paradis</i>	6:30 Holy Rosary	
	7pm Holy Mass	
Sunday, May 5	8am (Bienfait) Holy Mass	
	9:30am Holy Rosary	
	10am Holy Mass	
	2pm Confirmation Celebration	
Monday, May 6	7pm RCIA in the Parish Hall	
<i>St. Francois de Laval</i>		
Tuesday, May 7	5pm Holy Mass †Jean Davidson; Mannie & Doreen	
	5:30pm CWL Service Awards and Potluck Supper	
Wednesday, May 8	10am (Hillview Manor) Holy Mass Health of Darlene Geisel; Geisel Family	
<i>Blessed Catherine of St. Augustine</i>	11am (Hospital) Holy Mass † Richard Hagel; Gerald & Janice	
	7pm Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Hall	
<i>Thursday, May 9</i>	10am All Schools Alleluia Holy Mass † Bonita Erick; Bartel Erick & Family	
Friday, May 10	9am Holy Mass	
	10am (Creighton Lodge) Holy Mass † Richard Heidinger; Dorothy & Family	
Saturday, May 11	5pm (Torquay) Holy Mass	
	6:30pm Holy Rosary	
	7pm Holy Mass	
Sunday, May 12	8am (Bienfait) Holy Mass	
	9:30am Holy Rosary	
<i>St. Nereus &amp; St. Achilleus</i>	10am Holy Mass	

### *Easter Flowers*

*Thank you to the families who have donated for Easter flowers in thanksgiving for someone in their lives or in memory of their departed loved ones. May your families be blessed this Easter and may your loved ones rest forever in the loving arms of Jesus.*

*† Michael Bonakoski*

*For the children of this parish who are and will be doing exams in school, high school and post secondary school*

### **Easter Flowers**

As we continue through the Easter season, we are gratefully accepting donations of any amount for the flowers that will be in the Church throughout the Easter season. You may donate in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for your family in the envelopes available in the main entrance of the Church or by stopping by the Parish Office. Your loved one's name will be published in the bulletin for special prayers. Your support will bless our Parish Family during this season. Thank you so much!!

# Truth or Dare

May 2019

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Faith Formation and Evangelization

Faith Formation – to help build personal relationship with the Holy Trinity - God our Father, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Evangelization – to be a disciple and take God the Father, Jesus Christ, our Brother and the Holy Spirit out into the world.

Theme - May is the Month of Mary and “Happy Mother’s Day”

**Truth** – spend some time with Mary this month. Look in your Bible for Mary appearances and stories. Find one that triggers a leap in your heart, tweaks a curiosity in your mind or you just take notice and don’t know why. Read that moment of Mary in the Bible a few times in a quiet space and place. Then spend some time in prayer asking her and her son Jesus to help you understand why this moment in Mary’s life is something that they brought to you. If you find you are having trouble connecting start by asking God for help, then try using the Lectio Divina) prayer technique (Taken from Wisdom – the last Bible study):

Read (lectio): Slowly read a Scripture passage several times, paying close attention to the words.

Reflect (meditate, meditation): Meditate on the Scripture passage, thinking about specific words or ideas that stand out to you.

Relate (pray, oratio): Converse with God about the Scripture passage and its meaning for you.

Rest (contemplate, contemplation): Sit quietly in God’s presence, enjoying just being with him.

## OR

**Dare** – In the silence of your heart ask God to bring someone to your mind who needs Him right now. Take a few minutes to quietly discern who that could be. When you are certain God has brought that person to mind dedicate and pray a Rosary for that person. In the month of May after praying for that particular person, take them the Rosary you prayed with along with a rose. Give it to them in what ever way you are called to present it to them.

The annual St. John the Baptist CWL Service Awards and Potluck Supper is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7 in the Parish Hall, immediately following Holy Mass at 5pm. All members are invited to attend.



## May 5, 2019 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

*“Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, ‘Do you love me?’ and he said to him, ‘Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep.’” (John 21:17)*

All of us are challenged to show our love for Jesus and others. Discern how God is calling you to use your time in prayer, your talent in charitable works and your treasure to assist those who in need. Remember that giving is an act of worship and helps advance the mission of our parish and greater Church.

## St. John the Baptist Parish Baptism Preparation



Our next Baptism Preparation at St. John the Baptist Parish will begin on Wednesday, May 8. You must be a registered parishioner of our parish to attend the Prep sessions. To register with the parish and register for the Prep sessions, please stop in at the Parish Office and ask for Connie. The following is the format for the Prep:

Wednesday, May 8 at 7pm in the Church Auditorium: Session 1

Saturday, May 11 at 7pm in the Church: Presentation of the Parents during Holy Mass

Wednesday, May 15 at 7pm in the Church Auditorium: Session 2

Wednesday, May 22 at 7pm in the Church Auditorium: Session 3

Sunday, May 26 at 10am in the Church: Holy Mass followed by the Baptism Celebration

**You must pre-register for the Preparation Sessions!!**

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### ***ADDRESS OF THE HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS***

*Papal Basilica of St Mary Major*

*Saturday, 4 May 2013*

For tonight we are here before Mary. We have prayed under her motherly leadership that she guide us to be ever more united to her Son Jesus. We have brought her our joys and our suffering, our hopes and our struggles; we have invoked her by the beautiful title of *Salus Populi Romani* imploring her for us all, for Rome, for the world that she grant us health. Yes, because Mary gives us health, she is our health.

Jesus Christ, by his Passion, Death and Resurrection, has brought us salvation, granting us the grace and the joy of being children of God, to truly call him by the name of Father. Mary is the mother, and a mother worries above all about the health of her children, she knows how to care for them always with great and tender love. Our Lady guards our health. What does this mean: Our Lady guards our health? I think above all of three things: she helps us grow, to confront life, to be free.

1. A mother helps her children grow up and wants them to grow strong; that is why she teaches them not to be lazy — which can also derive from a certain kind of wellbeing — not to sink into a comfortable life-style, contenting oneself with possessions. The mother takes care that her children develop better, that they grow strong, capable of accepting responsibilities, of engaging in life, of striving for great ideals. The Gospel of St Luke tells us that, in the family of Nazareth, Jesus “grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him” (Lk 2:40). Our Lady does just this for us, she helps us to grow as human beings and in the faith, to be strong and never to fall into the temptation of being human beings and Christians in a superficial way, but to live responsibly, to strive ever higher.

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Jesus from the Cross says to Mary, indicating John: “Woman, behold your son!” and to John: “Here is your mother!” (cf. Jn 19:26-27). In that disciple, we are all represented: the Lord entrusts us to the loving and tender hands of the Mother, that we might feel her support in facing and overcoming the difficulties of our human and Christian journey; to never be afraid of the struggle, to face it with the help of the mother.

3. Lastly, a good mother not only accompanies her children in their growth, without avoiding the problems and challenges of life; a good mother also helps them *to make definitive decisions with freedom*. This is not easy, but a mother knows how to do it. But what does freedom mean? It is certainly not doing whatever you want, allowing yourself to be dominated by the passions, to pass from one experience to another without discernment, to follow the fashions of the day; freedom does not mean, so to speak, throwing everything that you don't like out the window. No, that is not freedom! Freedom is given to us so that we know how to make good decisions in life! Mary as a good mother teaches us to be, like her, capable of making definitive decisions; definitive choices, at this moment in a time controlled by, so to speak, a philosophy of the provisional. It is very difficult to make a lifetime commitment. And she helps us to make those definitive decisions in the full freedom with which she said “yes” to the plan God had for her life (cf. Lk 1:38).

Dear brothers and sisters, it is so hard in our time to make final decisions! Deciding everything with the total freedom with which she answered “yes” to God's plan for her life (cf. Lk 1:38). Dear brothers and sisters, how difficult it is to take a final decision in our time. Temporary things seduce us. We are victims of a trend that pushes us to the provisional... as though we wanted to stay adolescents. There is a little charm in staying adolescents, and this for life! Let us not be afraid of life commitments, commitments that take up and concern our entire life! In this way our life will be fruitful! And this is freedom: to have the courage to make these decisions with generosity.

Mary's whole life is a hymn to life, a hymn of love to life: she generated Jesus in the flesh and accompanied the birth of the Church on Calvary and in the Upper Room. The *Salus Populi Romani* is the mother that gives us health in growth, she gives us health in facing and overcoming problems, she gives us the health to make us free to make definitive choices. The mother teaches us how to be fruitful, to be open to life and to always bear good fruit, joyful fruit, hopeful fruit, and never to lose hope, to give life to others, physical and spiritual life.

This we ask tonight, O Mary, *Salus Populi Romani*, for the people of Rome, for all of us: give us the health that you alone can give us, to be ever a sign and instrument of life. Amen.

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Upon leaving the Basilica, the Holy Father spoke the following words from the steps to the people gathered in the Square:

Dear brothers and sisters, good evening! Thank you very much for your presence in the house of the Mother of Rome, of our Mother. Long live the *Salus Populi Romani*. Long live Our Lady. She is our Mother. Let us entrust ourselves to her, because she cares for us like a *buona mamma* [good mom]. I pray for you, but I ask you to pray for me, because I need it. Three Hail Mary's for me. I wish you a good Sunday tomorrow. Goodbye. Now I give you my Blessing — to you and to your whole family. May God Almighty bless you. Have a good Sunday.