

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest." - Mt 13:29-30

Sacraments

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Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm
Sunday	7:30 am
	9:00 am
	11:30 an
	6:00 pm

1st Sunday Spanish 1:30 pm

Daily Mass Times

Mon. - Fri. 6:30 am 8:15 am

> Holy Day Mass Times 6:30 am 8:15 am 12:00 pm 7:00 pm

Reconciliation / Confession Saturday 3 - 4:30 pm

& by appointment

All Other Sacraments Please call the office for information.

Clergy

Fr. Renier Siva Pastor Fr. Julius Kaburu Parochial Vicar Dennis Gorsuch Jim McFadden William Goeke Deacons Fr. Ignatius Haran Pastor Emeritus

Parish Office

Mon.- Fri. 8:30 am- 4:30 pm 307 Montrose Drive, Folsom Phone: 916-985-2065

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Bulletin

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Welcome to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

We are a community where we welcome all as members of the Body of Christ. We are welcoming, faithful, passionate, joyful, authentic, sacramental, loving and charitable.

Today's Readings

Wis 12:13, 16-19 / Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a) / Rom 8:26-27 / Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

"Lord, you are good and forgiving. " (Ps 86)

Gospel Meditation

By Father John Muir

Patience is rooted in Hope (an image of a bush filled with birds would be great) Life, like the church, is often burdened with evil, smallness, and impurities. The Lord's parables give us a hope-filled perspective on all three.

Evil: in Jesus' parable about the good farmer whose enemy plants weeds at night, Jesus tells us that God is not the cause of evil but permits evil to exist with good out of his patient love. He will finally deal with it, but his love lets things stay messy for a time.

Smallness: It's funny that Jesus says his kingdom looks like ... wait for it ... a bush. What a letdown! Yet this little shrub still somehow has room for all the birds of the sky. The smallness of the Church, and even our own little lives, still provides plenty of room for all whom God sends.

Impurities: divisions and hypocrisies in the Church and our own hearts exasperate us. Recall that Jesus compares his kingdom to a lump of dough with impure leaven eating away at it and therefore making it expand. It's the secret of the Cross. Not how we'd prefer it. But finally, great news.

The field, the bush, the loaf: all three parables invite us to embrace a patience rooted in hope: one day the field will be weeded, the bush filled with birds, and the risen loaf leaven-free.

Scripture Reflections

First Reading

Our Jewish wisdom writer describes God as lenient, powerful, and kind. What words would you use to describe God?

Second Reading

Paul encourages the believers in Rome that the Spirit intercedes for us and teaches us what to pray for. What could you pray for this week?

Gospel

In the parable of the weeds among the wheat, Jesus speaks privately to his disciples of the presence of the evil one, the devil in this world. How can we best defend our family and loved ones from evil?



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Knights of Columbus Congratulations

I am pleased to announce that Grand Knight Hugo Schmidt and the Knights of Columbus Council #6197 based at St. John the Baptist, earned the prestigious **"Star Council"** for the Columbian Year ended June 30, 2023. Of the 730 Councils in the state of California, only about the top 7.5% earn this award. This award demonstrates the health of the Council and their service to your Church. Please join me in congratulating all of their members. Bill Wagner, District Deputy 7.

Security Ministry Team Volunteers Needed Contact: Jim Miller cosmomiller@earthlink.net

The Security Ministry is looking for Security Team Volunteers to join our Security Team, serving at your weekly Mass of choice. No experience is needed. We will orient and train all new volunteers. For more information or to sign-up, please contact Jim.

Advertise in Our Bulletin

Contact: Joanne H Sullins 916-216-4607, jsullins@4lpi.com

Joanne Sullins from LPI, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church the week of 7.10.2023 - 7.21.2023. It is the support of the business community that helps to make our church thrive.

Please consider purchasing a print and/or digital ad as your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract c\ustomers!

Mass Cancellation

Please note the 6:30am weekday Mass will be cancelled from June 26 - August 11.

Just a Reminder Keep Our Church Clean

Please help us keep our church clean. Food and drinks are not allowed in the church.

Children's Liturgy Contact: Rachel Boyd

916-296-3712

Children's Liturgy of the Word is getting prepared to start again! We are looking for adults who are willing to work in pairs to lead the kids in their Liturgy of the Word! Training will be provided on Sunday, August 13th, from 10:30am to 11:15am (at the latest!). We are also looking for middle schoolers/high schoolers to help shepherd the children to and from the church! Please contact Rachel by text or phone if you have questions or are interested.

We will begin on Sunday, August 20th, with 9am Mass for three weeks before we expand to 11:30am Mass as well beginning on Sunday, September 10th.

Children's Liturgy of the Word allows kindergartners through 4th graders to hear the readings in language easier for them to understand.

Vacation Bible School

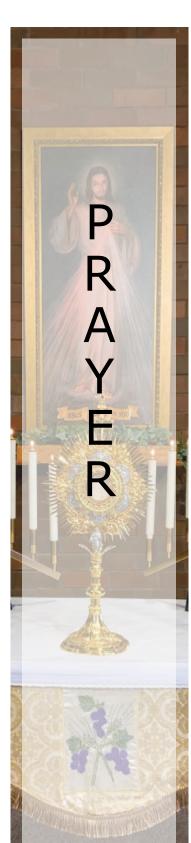
July 31 - August 4 Elementary program: K - 5th grade 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Gallagher Hall Contact: Shannon Langer 985-7338 slanger@folsomcatholic.org

Registration Forms can be downloaded from our website at: folsomcatholic.org/vbs or picked up in the Parish Office. Cost is \$30 per child.

Helpers are needed! Please download or pick up a Volunteer Form.

Welcome Fr. Julius

As of July 1st Father Julius Kiogora Kaburu is officially our new Parochial Vicar. Originally from Kenya, St. John's will be his third assignment since his arrival to the United States in 2019. His previous assignment was at Good Shepherd in Elk Grove. Please welcome him and introduce yourselves when you see him around our campus!



At St. John the Baptist Parish, time in conversation with our Lord is at the center of our lives.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, July 23rd

7:30am People of the Parish
9:00am Christopher Nuez (*healing*) Elsa Lawast
11:30am Claire Hermione Castro (*birthday*) John Jenkinst
6:00pm Cora Gonzalest Karen Borba (*healing*)

Monday, July 24th 8:15am Joshua Anderson (birthday) Corazon Gonzales+

Tuesday, July 25th 8:15am Kevin Michael Cleereman⁺ Cook & Favis Family Ver Torres (*birthday*)

Wednesday, July 26th 8:15am Cora Gonzalest Ranilo Salidot

Thursday, July 27th 8:15am David Santos Ramona Portugal

Friday, July 28th 8:15am Dick Pasterski+ Adam Poytress Joshua Ventura (*birthday*)

Saturday, July 29th 5:00pm Vicente Ruiz+ Loren Ruiz (birthday)

Observances We Celebrate This Week

Monday St. Sharbel Makhlūf Tuesday St. James Wednesday Sts. Joachim and Anne Saturday Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus

July is Dedicated to: The Precious Blood of Jesus

Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for July For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

Intercessory Prayers Prayers for the Sick

We pray for our sick parishioners, family and friends, and those in need of healing of the body and soul.

- Aaron Samson Billy Ereno Christopher Nuez Dolores Doorman Eddie Hines Griffin Koerber Herminia Cullado Ifeoma Ugwu Joanne Davis Jose Lustan Joy Bryla Kyle Pasterski
- Mahalia Long Manuel Abina Margie Reilly Marmolil Ocampo Patti Midtlyng Percy Munsell Richard Meagher Ruth Loughridge Steve Pohorsky Tom Rawson Zien Tran

Prayers for Our Troops

We pray for our military personnel abroad and at home, and for their families.

> Andrew Pecha John Lopez Michael Dalupan

Prayers for the Recently Deceased

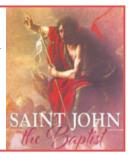
We pray for the souls of all who have recently died, our family members, friends, and parishioners. May they rest in peace.

Anastasia Samson Andrew Bova Aurora Castro Barbara Lowenkron Betty Lauck Carolyn Alifano Christian Ladd Sr. Cleo Grace de Leon Cora Gonzales Emperatriz Cabe Frances Nigro Jennifer Nelson Jose Carvajal Leona Gines Lorenzo Alejandro Guerra Lydia Hernandez Michael Haran Michael Ramczyk Pacita Barrameda Paul Avery Randy Elliot Sandi Banach Shirley Dascallos

Prayer Requests

Prayer requests for the sick, military or recently deceased may be made by calling our Parish Office. Names will appear for two months. Please visit the parish office for Mass Intentions.

St. John the Baptist, May we be strengthened by your prayers and good example as we prepare the way for the healing power of Jesus.



Adoration



The Adoration Chapel hours are: Mon-Thu 9am - 8pm, Sat 9am - 5pm and Sun 7am -11am Friday Adoration is in the church: 9am to 7pm

The Adoration Ministry has immediate need for dedicated adorers for these hours listed. To sign up please contact Veronica Thomas at thomas_vera@yahoo.com

Monday: 10-11 am 11-12pm 4 - 5pm 5 - 6 pm 6 - 7 pm 7 - 8 pm Wednesday: 12 - 1 pm 6 - 7 pm 7 - 8 pm 3 - 4 pm 4-5pm 5-6pm 10 - 11 am 11 - 12 pm 1 - 2 pm 6 - 7 pm Thursday: 10 - 11 am 11 - 12 pm 12 - 1 pm 1 - 2 pm 2-3 pm 3-4 pm 4-5 pm Saturday: Sunday: 10 - 11 am

Respect Life Ministry "365" Days for Life

Wednesday, Thursday, 8am-2pm (Late term surgical abortion days) Planned Parenthood, 201 29th St, SAC Carpool from St Johns on Thursdays for two hours, 11am - 1pm Contact: Joanne Dudgeon 916-607-2228

Mother Teresa traveled the globe condemning abortion, never afraid to speak truth in love. "The greatest destroyer of peace today is the cry of the innocent unborn child." Today millions of unborn children are being killed, but we say nothing." Consider the thought of becoming involved in this much-needed ministry. All it takes is prayer. We offer assistance and Christ's love to women in what is often a crisis pregnancy. Contact Joanne for more info.

Save the Date September 10, 2023

Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home Annual Dinner Fundraiser. Details to follow as the event gets closer.



O Lord Jesus, you inspired the Saint, Monk and Hermit Charbel to live and die in your path and you gave him the strength to detach himself from the world in order to

make triumph, in his hermitage, the monastic virtues. We implore Thee to bestow upon us the grace to love Thee and serve Thee following his example. God Almighty, who has manifested the power of Saint Charbel's intercession, by the numerous miracles and favours, grant us our petition(s) by his intercession. Amen

Companioned Prayer Ministry

Contact: Michelle Hendricks mhendricks@companionedprayer.org

Don't miss these opportunities to join in this special prayer time with your Lord and fellow members of the Body of Christ. The Companioned Prayer Groups of St. John the Baptist, Divine Savior and Holy Trinity extend a warm welcome to St. John the Baptist parishioners to join our ongoing first Saturday prayer gatherings. This coming month our gathering will be held on August 5th, at Holy Trinity Parish. You are most welcome to attend Mass, in honor of the Blessed Mother, at 8:15 a.m., followed by recitation of the rosary.

Our Companioned Prayer gathering will begin at 9:15 am in the View Room off the narthex of the church. Come join us and experience this beautiful prayer and the Lord's grace. A light breakfast will be provided.

St. John's Companioned Prayer Group meets weekly on Fridays at 1:30 p.m. in the Music Room off the narthex of the church. Come be a part of this personal prayer and caring community. Please contact Michelle regarding companioned prayer or prayer gatherings.

Live the Liturgy Inspiration For the Week

When the disciples cannot understand something, they approach Jesus, and beseech him to explain. Let us be this forthcoming when we are discerning the will of God or struggling with a decision. Let us ask him to explain in words we can understand.



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Summer Nights with Lifeteen & EDGE

July 9, 16, 23, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Gallagher Hall July 9, Parish Hall July 16/23 Contact: Aaron Santos asantos@folsomcatholic.org

Our parish youth groups will be meeting and hanging out this summer before we officially kick off the program year this Fall. There will be food, prayer, and a variety of activities. Activities will vary per week and can range from lawn games, jam sessions, BBQ, movies, water games and more! Open to incoming 6th graders through high school seniors. For more information, please contact our Youth & Young Ministry Director Aaron Santos.

Are You On FiRE? Contact: Aaron Santos asantos@folsomcatholic.org

Mark your calendars for ON FiRE 2023 on Saturday, September 16th from 9am – 9pm at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom in Vallejo, CA. This annual event for youth and young adults starts with a Mass con-celebrated by the Bishops of Northern California and Nevada and ends with exclusive ride time in the park after it is closed to the general public. And in between there is an all-youcan-eat lunch, reconciliation, a vocations carnival, a concert and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. To learn about our ON FiRE talent and to get more information go to www.onfirenorcal.com. Tickets will be on sale soon. If you have any questions, contact Aaron.



(Practicing) Catholic Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Catholic Bubble

There's a dangerous myth that exists among pockets of faithful, observant Catholic families. I call it the Legend of the Catholic Bubble.

Here's how the legend goes: you find a devout Catholic parish and a devout Catholic community filled with devout Catholic people who care about devout Catholic things, and you stay away from everything and everyone else, you and your children will be safe from the influence of the evil one. Your children will never fall away from the faith, or even be tempted, and your own faith will stay steel-strong amidst the many tempests and trials of this earthly life.

But like the Loch Ness Monster and the Abominable Snowman, it's all made up.

Don't misunderstand me: I love a good devout Catholic parish. I live for a supportive, devout Catholic community. It's one of the biggest blessings in the Christian life, and I cannot overstate how helpful it is to raise children in an environment that upholds your Catholic faith and does not denigrate it.

But. But.

Make no mistake: the Catholic Bubble will not save you. The trials and the temptations will find you there, too: on the parish council, at Catholic school, in your Catholic moms' group. No community on earth is so supportive that it mimics Heaven. The weeds have been sown with the good seed, and the harvest time is not yet upon us.

Cherish your community, certainly — but beware of the lure of the Catholic Bubble. We are called to be yeast in the loaf of bread, and yeast is nothing on its own.

"And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will." — Romans 8:27

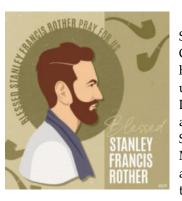


2nd Collection

Next weekend is the fifth Sunday of the month. Our second collection will be for St. Vincent de Paul.

Go to "Give" Online

Please remember that you can give single donations or recurring donations to our church, specifically to our ministries, or Diocesan appeals, etc. Please sign up on our website through the "Give" button.



Holy men and women from the Americas

Stanley Francis Rother was born on March 27, 1935, in Okarche, Oklahoma to farmers. The eldest of four siblings, he discerned the call to priesthood while in high school and, upon graduating, studied locally at the St. John Seminary. Due to his trouble with learning Latin, though, he struggled academically and had to transfer to Assumption Seminary in San Antonio and then to Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Maryland before he finally was able to complete his studies and graduate. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1963 in the diocese of Oklahoma City.

Following his ordination, Rother served as an associate parish priest at four different parishes in the area before requesting to be sent on mission to Guatemala. He started his service at the diocese's mission to the Tz'utujil people of Santiago Atitlán in Southwest Guatemala in 1968.

Despite his difficulties with learning Latin, Father Rother committed to learning both Spanish and the Tz'utujil native language. While living among the Tz'utujil people, he supported a local radio station that transmitted language and math lessons, preached in both Spanish and Tz'utujil, and even founded a local hospital. He was well loved by those he lived among due to his ability to connect and his habit of smoking tobacco pipes with his neighbors. His community lived in abject poverty, and he made no concessions for himself, living alongside those he served in the same manner as they lived. His friends and community in Santiago Atitlán called him by his middle name, Francis, or in their native language, Apla, as Stanly didn't have a native analogue.

Violence in Guatemala became prevalent and escalated significantly in the 1980's. Before his death, Fr. Rother experienced the destruction of his radio station, and friends going missing, being tortured, and murdered by right-wing guerilla forces. His own life was threatened by those perpetuating the violence and he became accustomed to constantly being watched and targeted. Despite all of this, he continued to serve and live alongside his community of Tz'utujil people stating, "The shepherd cannot run at the first sign of danger."

On July 28, 1981, just after midnight, three Spanish-speaking non-indigenous men snuck into the rectory of the mission looking for blood. After seizing the teenaged brother of the associate pastor, they threatened to kill him if he didn't take them to Fr. Rother, the senior pastor. Once at his room's door, the young captive called out a warning and, despite this, Fr. Rother decided to let his would-be assailants into the room in an effort to save the teenager. They quickly let the youth go and apprehended Fr. Rother instead. In an effort to protect everyone else on the premises, including the nine sisters in the convent across the patio, he chose to fight the men instead of to allow them to simply take him captive and, possibly, also have an opportunity to hurt or kidnap any of the others. During the altercation, the men shot him in the head, murdering him, and then ran from the premises.

His community greatly mourned his loss and requested that his heart remain enshrined in Guatemala, where it can be found to this day. He was officially recognized as a martyr for the faith by Pope Francis in 2016 — the first U.S.-born priest to be martyred and, as of 2017, the first to be beatified.



"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

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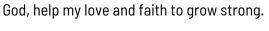




T^{igsir} Mission for the Week

Help your parents in the garden. Watch how carefully weeds need to be pulled, so you don't pull up the good plants, too.







ຊີຊີ Puzzle

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Mt 13:24-43

As God's child, you are the wheat in God's field. As you love and trust God more, your faith will grow. You will see others around you who love God, too. God will be happy to see you growing up in God's love. As you grow taller and stronger, you will also notice others around you who ignore or hate God. God will get rid of those weeds. Then he will bring you into heaven. Our parish is enriched with many ministries, please consider learning about and engaging in one or more of our ministries. Call the contact listed .

Welcoming Ministries

New Parishioner Welcoming Ministry Joyce Starosciak, 916-740-4628 **Greeter Ministry**

Lori Hopper, 916-337-0139 Ushers Stanley Posis, 916-705-9192

Prayer Ministries

Companioned Prayer Michelle Hendricks, mhendricks@companionedprayer.org Fridays, 1:30pm. Music Room

Divine Mercy Devotion/Cenacle Leilani Badley, 703-855-6241 -Chaplet/Rosary/Morning Prayer -Cenacle - Leilani Badley, 703-855-6241 -Cenacle-Spanish - Nury Pun, 916-212-7201

Eucharistic Adoration Veronica Thomas, thomas_vera@yahoo.com Sign Up for adorers is in the vestibule

Marian Cenacle (Marian Movement of Priests) -English – 1st Wednesday of the month, 10am Sally Gomez, 916-693-2411 -Spanish – Every Saturday Carmen Gaytan, 916-757-3893

Our Lady of Fatima Henry Altamirano, 925-899-7769

Spiritual Growth Ministries

Adult Scripture Study Lee & Teresa Weider, 916-398-1116 **Couples for Christ**

Myrah Empleo, 661-993-4721

Lay Mission Project Laura Wicklman, 916-933-8471

Praise & Worship David Brauer, dabrauer@hotmail.com **Religious Education**

Shannon Langer, 916-985-7338 Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Shannon Langer, 916-985-7338 Theology on Tap

Aaron Santos, 916-985-2065

WINGS (Women in Growth Spiritually) Parish Office, 916-985-2065

Youth/Young Adults Ministries

Aaron Santos, asantos@folsomcatholic.org Parish Committees/Councils

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Outreach/Charity Ministries

Bereavement Hospitality/Receptions Parish Office, 916-985-2065 **Catholics for Life** Kathy Baxter, 916-337-6824 Gabriel Project Debbie Sultan, 916-337-5786 **Grace Quilters Ministry** Catherine Scott, 831-402-4681 Knights of Columbus Hugo Schmidt, 916-817-4541 Ministerio Pastoral Hispano Beatriz LeCam, 916-765-3569 **Pastoral Care Ministry** Dan Dunne, 916-817-1675; Sunday Candice Ralston, 916-806-8090; Tuesday **Prayer Shawl Ministry** Catherine Scott, 831-402-4681 **Prison/Restorative Justice Ministry** -Folsom Prison - Fr. H. Gomez, 916-985-2561 x 4206 -CSP Sacramento - Greg Mellor, Catholic Chaplain, 916-985-8610 x6425 School Ministry (St. John Notre Dame) Keith Martin, Principal, 916-985-4129 **Senior Visitation** Charlene Agles, 916-984-9602 St. Vincent de Paul (311 Montrose Dr.) Mercy Knight, 916-985-4630 **Liturgical Ministries Altar Servers** Hugo Schmidt, 916-817-4541 **Children's Liturgy during Mass** Rachel Boyd, 916-296-3712 **Extraord. Ministers of Holy Communion** Steve & Mary Anne Ashley, 916-479-2214 Lectors Patti Midtlyng, 916-837-8322 Liturgical Environment Arlette Peterson, 916-220-5968 **Music -** See choir director after Mass. Additional Ministries **Children's Babysitting at Mass** Parish Office, 916-985-2065 **Family Fellowship** Rachel Marsh, 916-945-6992 Gift Shop Connie Aley, 916-337-3607 **Security Ministry** Jim Miller, 916-220-4311 Women's Game Day Every Wednesday, Garden Room, 11am - 4:30pm. Roberta Puzio, 916-933-2561

"Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."



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