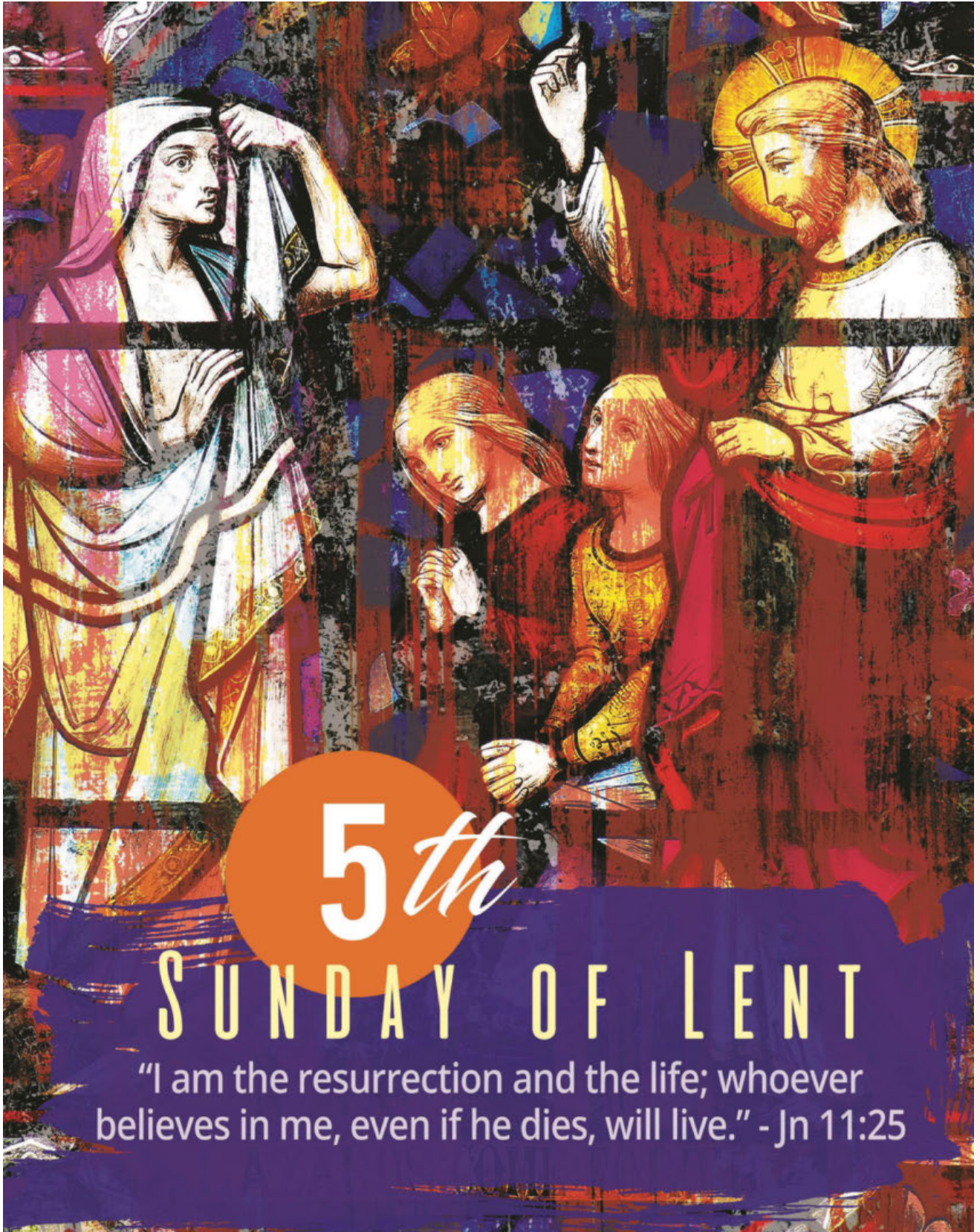




# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

## *Catholic Church*

MARCH 26, 2023



5<sup>th</sup>

SUNDAY OF LENT

"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live." - Jn 11:25

## Sacraments

### Weekend Mass Times

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

1<sup>st</sup> 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. Cleetus Karakkat

### 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

### Website:

FolsomCatholic.org

### Social Media:

@FolsomCatholic

## Bulletin

FolsomCatholic.org/bulletin

Bulletin Date	Ads Due by 5pm
Apr 2	Mar 21
Apr 9	Mar 27
Apr 16	Apr 3
Apr 23	Apr 13

# 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

1Ez 37:12-14 / Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7) / Rom 8:8-11 / Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

*"With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption."*  
(Ps 130)

## Gospel Meditation

*By Father John Muir*

Of all Jesus' miracles, the most unsettling might be when he made a dead person alive. We know of three times when he did so: a girl, a young man, and Lazarus. The miracle teaches us he has the power of life and death. He anticipates his resurrection. Sin hurts us. Some sin kills us, spiritually. The three miracles reveal to us that no matter our circumstances, Jesus can give life to us.

The three miracles are instructive of the three ways we feel dead. The little dead girl symbolizes sin before it has time to mature. She's in bed and, once alive, gets right back to her life. The young man is lying in his casket in a funeral procession. This is sin allowed to fester, to grow and become somewhat normalized. Once raised, he has a short walk back home. Lazarus, a full-grown dead man, lies wrapped in burial bands in the tomb. Once he is raised, much needs to be done. He'll need to remove those bands, find new clothes, and travel all the way back home. That is sin allowed to go all the way, unchecked for months or years. It's the most spectacular of the three and reveals Jesus' glory more than the others.

What hope that should give us, for us and those whom we love! Jesus knows our sin hurts us and can even kill us spiritually. No matter the extent of the damage, he is always ready for the miracle of making the dead fully alive.

## Scripture Reflections

### First Reading

God revealed to the prophet Ezekiel his divine plan for the resurrection of the dead: "I (will) open your graves and make you come up out of them, my people!" As a person of faith, how does this promise give you hope?

### Second Reading

Paul insists that for believers, the Spirit dwelling within us gives life to our mortal bodies, raising us from the dead as Christ was raised from the dead. How does this impact your thoughts about death itself?

### Gospel

In her grief and sadness at the death of her brother Lazarus, Martha professes her belief in Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God. As the season of Lent draws to a close, in what ways have the last 40 days strengthened your faith in Jesus as our Lord and Savior?



## Knights of Columbus

Join The Knights of Columbus Today

Contact: SK Percy Park  
916-936-6145 or dbk576@aol.com

Since 1882, membership in the Knights of Columbus has been open to men 18 years of age or older who are "practical" (that is, practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See. Since that time, the Knights of Columbus has understood "practical Catholic" to mean a Catholic who accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church.

### What It Means To Be A Knight of Columbus

We are catholic men to lead, serve, protect and defend. We share a desire to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors and role models to put charity, Parish and community first.

### Our Mission & Our Faith

Together we are empowering men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work and in their community. Our goal is to help men, their families, and their parishes grow closer to Christ. Through our programs and resources, we provide opportunities to live and spread the Catholic faith.

### Responding To Need Since Our Founding

Service and Charity are the heart of the Knights. Founded to meet the needs of immigrants, refugees and families suffering from the death of a breadwinner, the Knights began a small service organization and has grown into a worldwide financial and charitable organization.

### Knights of Columbus Charities

Charity is the heart of our work and our faith--- and it always has been. For the Knights of Columbus Charity means supporting a virtually boundless variety of projects.

### Knights of Columbus Insurance

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal benefit society, which means we provide financial security to our members and their families, while turning premiums into charitable impact.

### Faith in Action

Lead your parish and community in faith, family, service and life programs through your local Knights council.

Please see one of the ushers after Mass or contact Percy if you have any questions to join.

## Celebration of the Feast of San Pedro Calungsod

April 1, Saturday, 10:00 am

Contact: Lili Rehwald  
916-220-2483

The Filipino Apostolate of the Catholic Diocese of Sacramento and the Filipino community of St John the Baptist Church in Folsom invite you to the 1st Diocesan Fiesta Celebration of the Feast of San Pedro Calungsod, the 2nd Filipino saint canonized in 2012 by Pope Benedict XVI. Holy Mass will be celebrated here at St John the Baptist by the Most Reverend Bishop Jaime Soto. Reception to follow at the Gallagher Hall. All are welcome to attend. For more information and if you would like to donate to this event, please contact Lili.

## Knights of Columbus

### Lenten Fish Dinners

March 31

Doors open at 5:00pm

Dinner served from 5:30pm to 7:00pm

Parish Hall

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting fish dinners on Fridays during Lent. The menu will consist of:

- Baked fish fillets
- Mac and cheese
- Potato casserole
- Cole slaw, Salad bar
- Veggies, Corn bread

Prices are:

Adults (13 years and older) \$15

Children (5 – 12 years of age) \$5

Children under 5 are free

Family of 4 or more (2 adults + 2 or more 12 and under) \$35

Ticket sales will be at the door. A no host bar will be available.

Please take this opportunity to enjoy a delicious fish dinner and then participate in the Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm in the church.

### Save the Date

August 12, Saturday

*Faith in Action*

Aloha Festival and Scholarship Fundraiser.  
Family Fun, Food, Entertainment.

At St. John the Baptist Parish,  
we welcome all  
as members of  
the Body of Christ.

# PRAYER

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, March 26th

7:30am Francisco Tantingco+  
 9:00am People of the Parish  
 11:30am Joselito Lawas+  
 Christopher Kovarik+  
 6:00pm Oanh Dao

### Monday, March 27th

6:30am Eziquio Godinez+  
 8:15am Anita Rivera+  
 Michael Dalupan (30<sup>th</sup> birthday)

### Tuesday, March 28th

6:30am Gaytan-Ruelas Family+  
 8:15am Irma Henriquez+  
 Scott Anthony McEvoy+

### Wednesday, March 29th

6:30am  
 8:15am Theodre, Kathryn & Gale Richardson+

### Thursday, March 30th

6:30am  
 8:15am Al & Theresa (38<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)

### Friday, March 31st

6:30am  
 8:15am

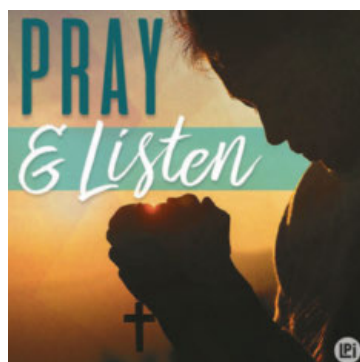
### Saturday, April 1st

5:00pm Dick Pasterski (birthday)  
 Scott Anthony McEvoy+

## March is Dedicated to: St. Joseph

## Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for March For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.



## 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.*

Alice Sulik	Jesse Diaz
Audra Baker	Kimanh Davis
Barbara Mead	Lupe Hagge
Betty May	Margie Baker
Camille Pangle	Margie Reilly
Chris Maxey	Mauricio Bracamonte
Cristina Martinez	Mel Ortega
Daniela Martinez	Mike McEvoy
Daniel Tafolla	Pat Koelfgen
Darcy Pierce	Pete Lisson
Debbie Schreiber	Randy Elliot
Dorothy Wilhite	Robert Hagge
Fr. Ted Santiago	Sister Patty Carahu
Geraldine Giapazzi	Thomas Rawson
Greg Baker	Tyler McEvoy
Griffon Koerber	

### Prayers for Our Troops

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

Andrew Pecha  
 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.*

Apolonario Gocong	Nick Bongosia
Beverly Isaccs	Patricia Chenier
Christopher Kovarik	Scott A. McEvoy
Diane Wiedel	Shirley Dascallos
Greg Moeller	Susan Suboc
John Thompson	Wanda Walker
Joseph Polson	Yader Rodriguez
Kat Reyes	
Laura Argumedo	

## 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.



Fridays  
7-8pm

Tuesdays  
following 8:15am Mass

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## 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](mailto:thomas_vera@yahoo.com)

Monday:	9 - 10 am	10-11 am	11-12pm	12 - 1 pm	4 - 5pm	5 - 6 pm	6 - 7 pm	7 - 8 pm
Tuesday:	10 - 11 am	11 - 12 pm	4 - 5 pm	5 - 6 pm				
Wednesday:	12 - 1 pm	4 - 5 pm	5 - 6 pm	6 - 7 pm	7 - 8 pm			
Thursday:	10 - 11 am	11 - 12 pm	3 - 4 pm	6 - 7 pm				
Friday:	6 - 7 pm							
Saturday:	10 - 11 am	11 - 12 pm	12 - 1 pm	1-2 pm	2 - 3 pm	3 - 4 pm	4 - 5 pm	



## Family Lenten Challenge 2023

### Fifth Week of Lent

Gift an Easter card to an elderly person in a nursing home, your neighborhood, or to others needing encouragement.

## Respect Life Ministry

### "40" Days for Life

Mon-Fri 8am-5pm

February 22<sup>nd</sup> - April 2<sup>nd</sup>

201 29th and "B" Streets, Sacramento

Contact: Joanne Dudgeon, 916-607-2228

The 40 Days for Life campaign is underway and runs throughout Lent. It is a peaceful and educational presence. Those who are called to stand witness during this presence send a powerful message to the community about the tragic reality of abortion. We are in need of parishioners to come out and pray so that you can be a sign of God's love and hope for women and their unborn babies. Visit the following website and sign up for an hour or so. [www.40daysforlife.com/sacramento](http://www.40daysforlife.com/sacramento) Carpool from St. John's, contact Joanne.

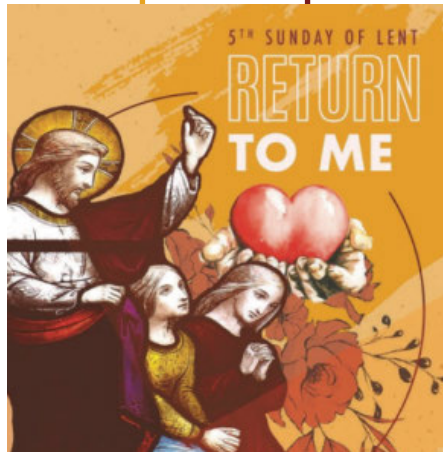
### Caregiving

*"It may never have occurred to you that caregiving is pro-life. Your compassion, dedication, and hard work are testimonies to the value of human life."*

Visit [www.usccb.org/committees/pro-life-activities/elderly-care-materials](http://www.usccb.org/committees/pro-life-activities/elderly-care-materials). Or call 1-866-582-0943 to place an order for a Caring for Your Aging Loved Ones Pamphlet and many other materials.

## Lenten Rites for RCIA

This Sunday we celebrate the final scrutiny. As we reflect on the raising of Lazarus, we anticipate the rebirth through baptism coming for our Elect. Along with the final scrutiny, we will present the Elect with the Lord's Prayer. The Lord's Prayer is particularly special to us as it is the prayer that Christ gave us. Please continue to pray for Amita, Walter, Tyler, and Lynsey as they finish their preparations. Please also pray for Noe as he prepares for his reception of Confirmation and Eucharist.



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At St. John the Baptist Parish,  
we foster a  
commitment to lifelong  
spiritual growth.

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## Prayer as Meditation

aleteia.org  
Fr. Peter John Cameron, OP

*The Catechism explains that meditation  
“engages thought, imagination, emotion,  
and desire”*

Are you looking for a way to pray that “enlightens our mind, makes our understanding radiant, fills the heart with joy, calms fury, dispels wrath, drives away bitterness and thoughts of wickedness, puts irritability to flight, expels laziness, and melts our evil thoughts?” That, says the 5th-century St. Isaias the Hermit, is what meditation will do. “Meditation is a mirror for the mind and light for the conscience. From it is born the tenderness that warms and melts the soul.” The Catechism of the Catholic Church speaks of meditation as a “quest” in which “the mind seeks to understand the why and how of the Christian life, in order to adhere and respond to what the Lord is asking” (2705). Meditation “engages thought, imagination, emotion, and desire” in order to “deepen our convictions of faith, prompt the conversion of our heart, and strengthen our will to follow Christ” (2708). When we meditate, we still and quiet ourselves, giving ourselves over to the Presence of God. “Meditation means becoming aware of a truth in such a way that it unfolds before your eyes so that you can penetrate it” (L. Giussani). For meditation “shows us what we want” (St. Bernard). Meditation entails recalling and recollection. Pope Benedict XVI noted that meditation “means to ‘remember’ what God has done and not to forget all his gifts to us. Meditation is a way in which our mind makes contact with the heart of God.” And that contact brings solace and strength to our own heart. Reflecting on her own deep experience of meditation, Servant of God Elisabeth Leseur, encourages us:  
Meditation is the gathering of oneself into the very depths of one’s being to that point where, in the silencing of outward things, God is found. There you will find the source of all good, strength, and beauty—God. There you will understand both your own weakness and all that you can do here below in the cause of good.

## Praise and Worship

April 12, Wednesday, 6:30 pm  
Contact: David Brauer  
dabrauer@hotmail.com

Join us for an evening of inspiring music and powerful prayer with Praise and Worship! Praise and Worship will take place in the Church. All are welcome!

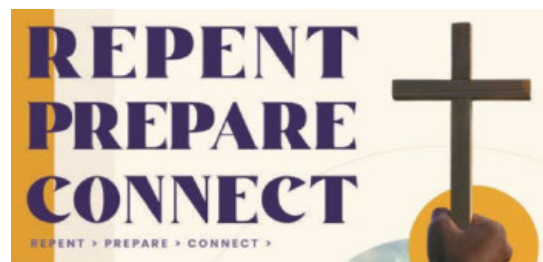
## Passing on the Faith

March 30, 10:00 am-12:00 pm in person  
only or 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm in person and on  
ZOOM

Diocese of Sacramento Pastoral Center  
2110 Broadway, Sacramento  
Contact: Alex Barraza  
abarraza@scd.org, 916-733-0134

Confirmation Teachers, Youth Ministers, Parents and All serving our young Church. Where has everyone gone? And how do we bring them home? Recent research has identified the challenge of engaging children and young adults in the faith journey. Together we will explore the challenges of passing on faith and propose Catholicism as a comprehensive way of living a way of encountering Jesus. And we will identify characteristics of an engaged faith community the kind of domestic church people want and need and that takes seriously the challenge of passing on the faith..

Register for \$ 15:  
[www.scd.org/event/passing-faith-pain-and-promise](http://www.scd.org/event/passing-faith-pain-and-promise)



## Live the Liturgy Inspiration For the Week

Though weighed down by grief, Martha rushes out to meet Jesus. She may not understand why he was absent upon the death of her brother, but her faithfulness is undeterred. In the hour of her heartbreak, she knows her only solace is in the embrace of the Lord.

## Stewardship of Treasure the Lord Has Entrusted to Us

Weekly goal: \$25,529.00

Weekly Offerings:

March 11/12	\$ 15,050
2nd Collection: Bldg & Maint	\$ 3,765
March 18/19	\$ 17,319
2nd Collection: Catholic Relief Services	\$ 1,537

Total Online donations for  
the month of February

Weekly donation	\$ 23,431
Bldg & Maintenance	\$ 2,308
SVDP	\$ 1,290
RE Program/SJND	\$ 2,310

### St. Vincent de Paul

**2023 Annual Benefit for the Poor  
Raffle Tickets for Trip to Hawaii**

Contact: Mercy Knight  
916-402-4104

Just a reminder that raffle tickets for a trip to Hawaii are still available to purchase. Only \$10 per ticket and all of the proceeds from the ticket sales will remain here at our St. Vincent de Paul. For questions or more information, please contact Mercy or St. Vincent de Paul at 916-985-4630.

### Knights of Columbus

**40 Cans for Lent**

February 25 - April 9

A charity program that connects traditional Lenten alms-giving with the nutritional needs of poor families and homeless in the greater Folsom area. Inspired by Christ's 40 days of fasting in the desert it has been a huge success for the men of Bishop A Gallegos Council 6197, St. John the Baptist. The program is simple, collect cans of food and/or a packaged food item each day during the 40 days of Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending on Easter Sunday.

*What food should I donate?*

- Healthy, non-perishable food
- Items with intact, un-opened, consumer or commercial packaging
- Items with non-breakable packaging (no glass please)
- Food within the expiration date on the packaging

*What are the most requested food items?*

- Canned meats like tuna, chicken, turkey, ham, stew and chili
- Canned vegetables, Pasta & pasta sauce
- Beans, Rice
- Healthy cereals, Peanut Butter
- Baby food & baby formula

Drop off items onto our Knights of Columbus Cart before and after weekend Masses during Lent. Items can also be dropped off at the St. Vincent de Paul location on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 am to 12.

# CHARITY

### (Practicing) Catholic

**Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments**

*By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman*

#### Offerings

Offer it up. My grandmother used this phrase with her children, and my mother, in turn, used it with me. It's a kind of verbal heirloom, a gift of wisdom from a generation that knew suffering all too well.

We know it to be true that God will work through our suffering if we invite him to. We know it and we have seen it — we have only to look at Lazarus and his sisters Martha and Mary.

But, often, I invite God into my suffering only to tell Him where I want Him to stand. I make an offering of suffering but expect God to do something very specific with it. Teach me this, please. Give me this specific grace. Show me this specific answer.

The happy ending in today's Gospel is not the alleviation of the sorrow Martha and Mary feel because it isn't alleviated, Lazarus is still human, and death still awaits him. Someday, his sisters will have to mourn at his tomb. That loss and pain will not be avoided.

The happy ending is that he is resurrected now, and in doing so, brings so many to belief. The happy ending is that Martha and Mary do not abandon discipleship because things didn't work out exactly the way that they wanted. They run out to meet Christ, eyes dim with tears. They fling themselves into his company and onto his providence.

They made an offering of their suffering, and their happy ending is that their offering was accepted.

*"You are not in the flesh, on the contrary, you are in the spirit." — Romans 8:9*

At St. John the Baptist Parish,  
we bring Christ's light to all  
through service to others.

 Read the Gospel and Color

Jn 11:1-45

Instead of telling people he was the Savior, Jesus showed them. By raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus sent a message loud and clear. Jesus was the Savior they had all been waiting for. He was filled with God's love and power, and many people believed in him.



 Mission for the Week

Write the words, "God can do anything" on a piece of paper. Read it every morning.

 Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel

GOD'S SON	LAZARUS	BELIEVES
SICKNESS	MARY	WEEPING
RISE	MARTHA	WRAPPED

 Prayer

Thank you for showing me that you are my Savior, Jesus.



S A O E T R H I E T Y  
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"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."



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

Dcn. Bill Goeke, 916-673-7996

*Fridays, 1:30pm. Music Room*

### Divine Mercy Devotion/Cenacle

Leilani Badley, 703-855-6241

*-Chaplet/Rosary/Morning Prayer*

*-Divine Mercy Chaplet/Mass*

*-Cenacle - Leilani Badley, 703-855-6241*

*-Cenacle-Spanish - Ana Haid, 916-956-1177*

### Eucharistic Adoration

Veronica Thomas, thomas\_vera@yahoo.com

*Sign Up for adorers is in the vestibule*

### Marian Cenacle (Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle)

*-English - 1st Wednesday of the month, 10am*

Sally Gomez, 916-693-2411

*-Spanish - Every Saturday*

Ana Haid, 916-956-1177

### 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

### Finance Council

Joyce Starosciak, 916-740-4628

### Liturgy Committee

Barbara Bowden, 916-984-9476

### Pastoral Council

Shannon Frazier, 916-761-2912

## 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

### Grupo Pastoral Hispano

Rommel Hernández, 530-387-1009

### Knights of Columbus

Hugo Schmidt, 916-817-4541

### 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

Shannon Langer, 916-985-7338

### Extraord. Ministers of Holy Communion

Steve & Maryanne 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, 916-984-9284

### Security Ministry

Jim Miller, 916-220-4311

### Women's Game Day

*Every Wednesday, Garden Room, 11am - 4:30pm.*

Roberta Puzio, 916-933-2561

# MINISTRIES

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



## Who invented the Stations of the Cross?

The first Stations of the Cross were walked by Jesus himself on the way to Calvary. Known as the "Via Dolorosa" ("The Way of Suffering") or the "Via Crucis" ("The Way of the Cross"), it was marked out from the earliest times and was a traditional walk for pilgrims who came to Jerusalem. The early Christians in Jerusalem would walk the same pathway that Jesus walked, pausing for reflection and prayer. Later, when Christians could not travel to the Holy Land, artistic depictions of "The Way of the Cross" were set up in churches, or outside and Christians would walk from station to station, reading the Gospel account of the Passion, or simply praying and reflecting on each event. While the content or place of each station had changed, the intention was to make a mini-pilgrimage and follow--literally--in the footsteps of Jesus.

This devotion became better known in the Middle Ages, and the Franciscans are credited with its spread. Lent is a time when many people make the Stations and some churches present Passion plays or Living Stations. But anyone can pray the Stations at any time. It is a simple and personal reflection on the passion of Jesus and what it means to us.

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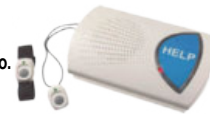
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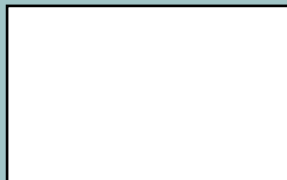


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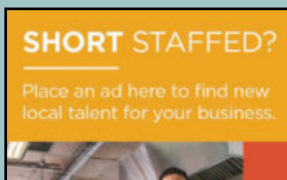



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