



# 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." When they arrived at the house of the synagogue official, he caught sight of a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly.

So he went in and said to them, "Why this commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep." - Mk 5:36bc, 38-39

#### **Sacraments**

#### Masses

A mask is not required but encouraged.

Weekend Mass Times Sat: 5:00pm (Sunday Vigil) Sun: 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:30am & 6:00pm

> Daily Mass Times Mon-Fri: 8:15am

#### **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

William Goeke Jim McFadden **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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FolsomCatholic.org

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#### **Bulletin**

FolsomCatholic.org/bulletin

Bulletin Date	Aas Due by 5pm
July 4	June 24
July 11	June 29
July 18	July 8

# 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 1:13-15; 2:23-24 / Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 [2a] / 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15 / Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

"I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me."
(Ps 30)

#### **Gospel Meditation**

The author of The Cloud of Unknowing prays, "That which I am and the way that I am, with all my gifts of nature and grace, you have given to me, O Lord, and you are all this. I offer it all to you, principally to praise you and to help my fellow Christians and myself." Knowing that God sustains us in being is the key to faith. All that we need to do is to love God as God is and the rest will begin to fall into place. God made us in His image and desires that we have life. God also desires that we be healed of all of our wounds, especially those caused by sin, and know his loving touch. Being weighed down by negativity, imperfections, the cares of the world, and weakness is not something that God desires.

Faith can profoundly change how we see God, ourselves, and one another. It gives a clearer lens through which to see life and connects us with the powerful virtues of love and hope. Three friends journeying with us through all that we encounter, faith, hope, and love, help us experience God's embrace and heal us. All we have to do is let God be who God is and not foolishly try to make Him into what we need or want Him to be. Without God we cease to be. It's that simple. The very blood that flows through my veins and the life that I have come directly from Divine origins. With this knowledge of who God is and who I am, I can open my ears and hear the powerful words Jesus speaks, "Do not be afraid, just have faith."

Trust begins.

When we are struggling, we naturally reach out for God because we know that a divine remedy is the only remedy. But, in doing so we wrestle with letting God take charge. We want something more miraculous and visible than the obvious and have difficulty in finding consolation simply resting in God's presence. Our naked being, stripped of any pretense or self-serving agenda, is being called to rest in and love the uncreated Presence of God. Reach out in love to God. Ask God to heal you from all that separates you from Him. Put aside any ideas of God that create barriers between you and God's tender and endearing presence. The Cloud of Unknowing leaves us with wisdom, "think of yourself and of him in the same way, that is, with the simple awareness that he is as he is and that you are as you are." This is a meeting of two friends who desire nothing more than to share life together.

# **Scripture Reflections**

#### First Reading

We learn from the Jewish Wisdom writer that God did not create death; rather, death entered the world because of the envy of the devil. How does this insight shape your understanding of death?

#### Second Reading:

Paul encourages the wealthier believers in Corinth to share their surplus wealth with those in need in the church in Jerusalem. What do you find interesting in Paul's appeal?

Gospel:

In these two separate miracle stories, Jesus heals Jairus' daughter and the hemorrhaging woman because of their faith in Jesus. How does your faith in Jesus bring about healing in your life?



### **Celebrating Independence Day**

Monday, July 5 there will be only one Mass at 10am in the church. The Parish Office will be closed for the holiday.

# Worship Updates Here at St. John the Baptist Effective as of June 20

- Bishop Soto has rescinded the general dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. All the Catholic faithful in the Diocese are obliged to personally attend and actively participate in the Sunday celebration of the Sacrifice of the Mass. Individuals are not obligated to attend the Eucharist on Sunday or other obligatory solemnities if they are sick, have a vulnerable health condition, are caring for someone with a vulnerable health condition, or have other serious reasons.
- Churches have returned to 100% seating capacity.
- Facial masks aren't required but are still encouraged.
- The distribution of the cup is still suspended.
- There will be a separate line for those wishing to receive communion on the tongue. It will be in front of the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on the chapel side. After the minister gives out communion on the tongue, he/she will sanitize their hand after each communicant. If you are not receiving communion on the tongue please go to an alternate line.
- Confessions will still be heard outside of the confessional. Confession time remains the same.
- The exchange of the sign of peace during Mass may resume.
- Congregational singing may resume.
- Contact tracing sign ins are no longer needed.
- 6ft social distancing is not required.

#### Upcoming changes Effective July 6

- The church will no longer be open all day. It will be locked following the 8:15am Mass on weekdays and after the 11:30am Sunday Mass.
- 6:30am Mass will again be celebrated Mon-Fri.
- The Hispanic Mass will resume on July 4 at 1:30pm (First Sunday of the Month)
- Adoration will be moved back to the Adoration Chapel. See page 5 for hours.

## **Knights of Columbus**

Council 6197, is pleased to announce the scholarship winners for the 2021-22 school year. Each received a \$1000 scholarship to the school shown beside their name, which they will attend this Fall.

- Mason Drake Jesuit High School
- Julia Giano St. Francis High School
- Owen Gillick Jesuit High School
- Addy Grinbergs St. Francis High School
- Kristijan Lezaic Christian Brothers High School
- Teresa Rexin UC San Diego Graduate School
- Thomas Rexin UC San Diego
- Kristian Santana Regina Caeli Academy
- Connor Sullivan Jesuit High School
- Kalia Taylan St. Francis High School

Congratulations to the winners!

# Assistant Director of Finance (Full-Time, Exempt)

Diocese of Sacramento scd.org/employment/office-finance/assistant-director-finance

The Diocese of Sacramento has an opening for an Assistant Director of Finance. The Assistant Director of Finance will supervise the Controller and all accounting functions; ensure that an effective internal control system is maintained; prepare detailed annual budgets and monitor versus actual results throughout the year; perform the day-to-day treasury functions; prepare all detailed schedules and draft the GAAP financial statements for an annual audit; prepare special financial reports and analysis needed; and perform other duties as assigned. The successful applicant will be a highly motivated practicing Catholic; will have a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting or related area; be a CPA with a minimum two years public accounting experience and/or minimum five years as administrator responsible for accounting, finance, and investment functions. To apply, please email cover letter and resume, complete and signed Employment Application to personnel@scd.org. Position is open until filled.



#### **Mass Intentions**

#### Sunday, June 27th

7:30am Andrew Bower+

9:00am Cliff & Kathy Mombourquette

(50th wedding anniv)

11:30am Alfredo Remo Jr.+ 6:00pm Prasanna (birthday)

#### Monday, June 28th

8:15am Andrew Bower+

#### Tuesday, June 29th

8:15am Michael Viloria (birthday)

#### Wednesday, June 30th

8:15am Paulinamae Miranda

#### Thursday, July 1st

8:15am Andrew Bower+

#### Friday, July 2nd

8:15am Rochi B. Cabusas (birthday)

#### Saturday, July 3rd

5:00pm Luz Rico (birthday)

# Observances We Celebrate This Week

Mon: St. Irenaeus
Tue: Sts. Peter and Paul
Wed: The First Martyrs of the
Holy Roman Church
Thurs: St. Junipero Serra
Fri: St. Thomas

### June is Dedicated to: The Sacred Heart of Jesus

# Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for June The Beauty of Marriage

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

#### O God.

You raised up St. John the Baptist to prepare a perfect people for Christ. Fill Your people with the joy of possessing His grace, and direct the minds of all the

faithful in the way of peace and salvation. Grant that as St. John was martyred for truth and justice, so we may energetically profess our Faith in You, and lead others to the Way, the Truth, and Eternal Life. Amen.



# 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.

Adelina Zendejas Kimanh Davis Arlis Himmelmann Lance Costa Christopher Kovarik Lora Iliff David Allingham Lucy Tran Eberado Madueno Margaret Kimball Elfega Larsen Marelou Montemayor Evelyn Ronquillo Margarita Garcia Eusebio Santos Maria Garcia Geraldine Giacopazzi Minh Davis Gloria Bladel & Family Randy Elliot Joseph Cardenas Robert Coughlin Joshua Weidinger Sheila Montemayor Karen Bookey Silda Galang

#### Prayers for Our Troops

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

Michael Dalupan

#### **Prayers for the Recently Deceased**

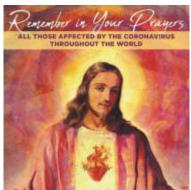
We pray for the souls of all who have died, our family members, friends, and parishioners. May they rest in peace.

Agrifino Angeles
Andrew Bower
Anita Rivera
Bob McIntyre
Carlos Henriquez
Charlotte Hughes
David Fredericks
Doris Hodge
Elena Aquino
Eli Marquez
Esperanza Olson Garcia
Fabian Generao
Hilarion Aspera
Jong Nam Han
Luz Villamil-Hoyt

Madeline Easton Maria M. Acosta Maria Di Costanzo Maria Novello Marilyn Dorr Nona Piha Norma Aley Puspa Banka Raul Edward Martin Richard Legget Robert Coughlin Romeo Vasquez Sonny Lasoya Therese Brelivet Thomas Lazore William Heffel

## **Prayer Requests**

Prayer requests for the sick, military or recently deceased may be made by calling our Parish Office. Names will appear for four months.





#### **The Adoration Chapel**

<u>Please Note</u>: Adoration will continue to be held in the Church until July 6. On July 6, the Adoration chapel will reopen.

Chapel hours are: Mon-Fri 9am - 8pm, Sat 9am - 5pm and Sun 7am -11am

First Friday of every month Eucharistic Adoration: 9am to 7pm in the church

The Adoration Ministry has immediate need for dedicated adorers for these hours

Monday: 10 - 11:00 am 11-12:00 pm

Tuesday: 10 - 11:00 am 1 - 2:00 pm 2 - 3:00 pm

Wednesday: 10 - 11:00 am 11-12:00 pm 1 - 2:00 pm 6 - 7:00 pm 7 - 8:00 pm

Thursday: 10 - 11:00 am 1 - 2:00 pm

Friday: 10 - 11:00 am 11-12:00 pm 1 - 2:00 pm 6 - 7:00 pm 7 - 8:00 pm

1st Saturday: 11 - 12:00 pm 12 - 1:00 pm 3 - 4:00 pm

3rd Saturday: 10 - 11:00 am 12 - 1:00 pm 2 - 3:00 pm 3 - 4:00 pm

To sign up please contact Veronica Thomas at thomas\_vera@yahoo.com

# Live Stream Mass scd.org/coronavirus/livestream-mass

Please visit the Diocesan page. It lists Parishes which are currently live streaming Sunday and Daily Masses.

## Church Hours Monday - Friday

The church will remain open for those who would like to pray before the Blessed Sacrament from 8am-4:30pm.

#### Saturday - Sunday

On the weekends, the church will be open from 7am-6pm.

<u>Please Note</u>: Effective July 6 the church will no longer be opened during the day. It will be locked following the daily 8:15am morning Mass and following the 11:30am Sunday Mass

# Confession Saturdays: 3 - 4:30 pm and by appointment

<u>Please Note:</u> Confessions at this time will still be offered outside of the confessional. We will continue a face to face format in a larger setting.



# ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST

# Prayer of adoration and love when visiting Jesus in the Eucharist aleteia.org

My Lord Jesus Christ, who, for the love You bear towards men, remain in this Sacrament night and day, filled with compassion and love, waiting, calling, and welcoming all who come to visit You: I believe that You are present in the Sacrament of the Altar; I adore You from the abyss of my nothingness, and I thank You for all the graces You have given me: particularly for having given me Yourself in this Sacrament, for having given me Your most Holy Mother Mary as my Advocate, and for having called me to visit You in this church.

I pay reverence to Your most loving Heart today, and this for three purposes; first, in thanksgiving for this great Gift; second, to make reparation for all the outrages You have received from all Your enemies in this Sacrament; third, I intend by this visit to adore You in all the places on earth in which You are present in this Sacrament, and in which You are least honored and most abandoned.

My Jesus, I love You with all my heart.
I repent of having so often displeased Your infinite goodness in the past. I resolve with the help of Your grace not to offend You ever again in the future; and for the present, poor sinner though I be,

I consecrate myself wholly to You.

I renounce and surrender to You my whole will, my affections, my desires, and all that belongs to me.

From this day forward do whatever You please with me and what belongs to me.

I ask and desire of You alone Your holy love, final perseverance, and the perfect fulfillment of Your will.

St. Alphonsus Ligouri





#### **Vacation Bible School 2021**

Come join us for a ride on the Rocky Railway where Jesus' power pulls us through!

August 2nd through 6th Contact: Shannon Langer 916-985-7338

Vacation Bible School 2021 will wrap up summer from August 2nd through 6th! Registration is limited for this year, so register early. Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to join us! We are also looking for a few more adults/teens to help run the week. It looks to be an exciting week exploring how Jesus' pulls us through. Call Shannon for information.

Remember--on the Rocky Railway Jesus' power pulls us through!

# Summer Independent Online Scripture Studies

Contact: Lee or Teresa Weider 916 983 8065 or laweider631@gmail.com

Our parish is offering a variety of individual online Scripture Studies for the summer. This is an opportunity for parishioners to continue to work on their faith journey during this time when we can't easily get together. Study at your own pace and in your own home with online classes from Ascension Press, Augustine Institute and St. Benedict Press. The available studies include the following -

- The Gospel of John (8 weeks)
- Bible Timeline (both the 8 week study or 24 week study)
- St. Paul Letter to the Romans (8 weeks)
- Walking Towards Eternity (8 weeks)
- Lectio Eucharist (10 weeks)
- Lectio Peter (10 weeks)
- Lectio Mark (14 weeks)
- Kingdom of Happiness (8 weeks)

We have reduced the suggested donation to \$20 for each study (which includes a workbook and access to the online video study) to help clear out excess inventory and provide a little financial relief to parishioners. Please call Lee or Teresa Weider if you are interested or have any questions on the studies. We'll provide the details on how the studies will work and how to get the workbook. Have a great summer, stay safe and God Bless you all.

#### **RCIA**

Contact: Shannon Langer 916-985-7338 slanger@folsomcatholic.org

Are you interested in being baptized or in becoming Catholic? RCIA is for you! We are beginning a new group shortly, so please contact us now. Please call or email Shannon Langer, Director of Religious Education.

### **Touching the Cloak of Christ**

Look to today's Gospel and you'll find one of the most arresting images in all of Scripture. Christ in a crowd, everyone clamoring for his attention, pressing against him. Several feet away, is a chronically ill woman, weak and desperate for help. She knows she doesn't have a chance of getting his attention. She has no connections. She has no strength. All she can do is lift up her hand.

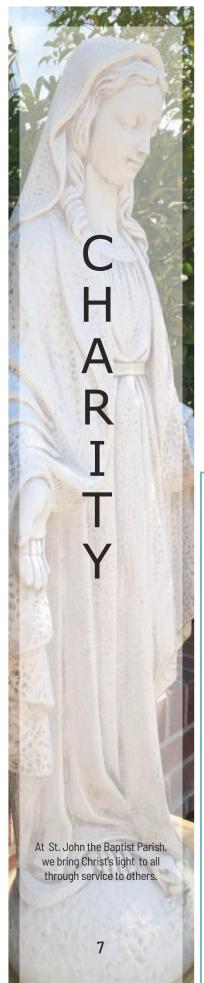
So that's what she does. She reaches out.

There comes a time, or maybe several times, in each of our lives when we become this woman. We're tired and we're sick. Is it with sin? With fear? With anger? It doesn't matter. Whatever it is, it's made us weak, and we feel like we've run out of options. We've looked for help and come up empty. We've consulted friends and gotten nowhere. We're lost in the crowd of life, unable to stick our heads above the pressing throng to wave for help.

And there is Christ, always passing by us. The hem of his cloak is never far from our grasp. We have no hope of a big miracle like the synagogue leader. We don't even bother asking for that. But that cloak ... we can touch that cloak. That's something we can do.

Do we do it, though? Do we have the confidence of that sick, beaten-down woman who knew so totally that healing was there for the taking? Or do we retreat back into the crowd, stumbling back home with our pain and our sinfulness? Reach out, friends. However, whatever, whenever — reach out. Christ will not fail you.

~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



## Stewardship of Treasure the Lord Has Entrusted to Us

Weekly goal: \$25,529.00 Weekly Offerings:

June 19/20 \$19,006.27

#### 2nd Collection

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the activities of the Holy See through which Pope Francis governs the Church and exercises his charitable works. When used for charitable outreach, funds from this collection help those most in need. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.peterspence.va/en.html.

Next weekend our second collection will be for our RE Program and SJND.



Can you imagine sitting at the feast of the Apostles?
St. Irenaeus was born in Asia Minor -- now Turkey -- and was tutored in Christianity by St. Polycarp, himself a disciple of St. John the Evangelist. Irenaeus

caught the missionary zeal and became a priest sent to Gaul (modern day France). Following a persecution by the pagan Roman emperor Marcus Aurelius, Irenaeus replaced the martyred bishop in the region. His trials were not over, however. The heretical sect of Gnosticism spread to Gaul. Gnostics proclaimed a secret, spiritual knowledge available only to a few. Irenaeus researched the Gnostic texts and exposed the falsehoods they taught, such as denying the divinity of Christ. His book Against Heresies is still being published today, over 1800 years after his death. May St. Irenaeus intercede for our own quests for greater understanding!

#### **Loaves and Fishes**

Help for Sister Nora's Place

Contact: Cathy Kovarik, 916-353-0688 or Joanne Dudgeon, 916-607-2228

Sister Nora's Place is part of Loaves and Fishes and this Volunteer opportunity requires providing ONLY ONE meal, ONCE a year. We need a volunteer for the first Wednesday of EITHER August, September, or December. Those are the months we are still in need. St. Johns has 9 people participating so hopefully 3 more people can complete our yearly commitment. Sister Nora's Place provides long-term overnight shelter and case management for 10-15 women who have experienced trauma, serious mental and physical health concerns, and chronic homelessness Please call Cathy or Joanne for questions or if you can help. This ministry is in memory of Kathryn Perez.

## **Inspiration for the Week**

"Do not be afraid, just have faith." God does not rejoice in our demise or our destruction. Rather, He made us in his image and desires that we have life. He also desires that we be healed and know His loving touch. There is great power in an embrace offered in love. The touch of another can heal wounds and restore life. There is also power in faith. Faith can turn us toward the truth and turn us toward God. Both love and faith can lead us to hope that no matter what we encounter, God will continue to sustain us in being. He will not allow us to perish. God can profoundly change how we see Him, ourselves, and one another. God desires that we turn toward Him and be healed of all that wounds and binds us so that we can be free and enjoy the fullness of life. We are asked to arise and walk proudly with this life-giving faith. Reach out and share this faith with someone this week so that they too can receive God's life changing embrace and heed His call to wholeness. There are many in our world wandering around aimlessly without hope. Bring it to them.



## **Sharing the Gospel**

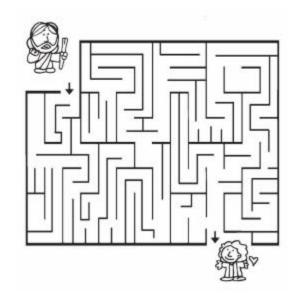
In today's Gospel reading, Jairus asked Jesus to come to his house. The daughter of Jairus was dying, and he knew Jesus could make her well again. While they were walking to his house, she died. Did Jesus give up? No way! Jesus told Jairus not to be afraid, but to keep believing that Jesus could help her. Jesus was even stronger than death. He walked into the house, held her hand, and told her to get up. Jesus admired the faith Jairus had.

# ₩ Mission for the Week

Jairus knew that Jesus could help him. Write down three things that you are afraid of, and ask God to help you.



Help Jesus get to the sick little girl.





Dear God, you are even stronger than death. Help me to have faith in you like Jairus had. Amen.







Our parish is enriched with many ministries, please consider learning about and engaging in one or more of our ministries. Call the contact listed or see a Minister of Hospitality after Mass.

## **Welcoming Ministries**

**Communications Ministry** 

Parish Office, 916-985-2065

Ministers of Hospitality Shannon Bleeker, 916-200-8059

Snannon Bleeker, 916-200-8059

New Parishioner Welcoming Ministry Lori Hopper, 916-337-0139

Ushers

Stanley Posis, 916-705-9192

## **Prayer Ministries**

**Companioned Prayer** 

Dcn. Bill Goeke, 916-673-7996

**Divine Mercy Devotion/Cenacle** 

Zoeanne Tafolla, 707-333-7359

-Chaplet/Rosary/Morning Prayer

-Divine Mercy Chaplet/Mass

-Cenacle - Zoeanne Tafolla, 707-333-7359

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

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Veronica Thomas, thomas\_vera@yahoo.com 1st Friday of the Month - 9am - 7pm, Sign Up for adorers is in the vestibule

# Marian Cenacle (Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle)

*-English* – 1st Saturday of the month Sally Gomez, 916-693-2411

-Spanish – 2nd Wednesday of the month Ana Haid, 916-956-1177

**Our Lady of Fatima** 

Henry Altamirano, 925-899-7769

# **Spiritual Growth Ministries**

**Adult Scripture Study** 

Lee & Teresa Weider, 916-983-8065

**Couples for Christ** 

Myrah Empleo, 661-993-4721

Praise & Worship

David Brauer, 510-820-5743

**Religious Education** 

Shannon Langer, 916-985-7338

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Debbie Duncan, 916-798-0201

Theology on Tap

Aaron Santos, 916-985-2065

WINGS (Women in Growth Spiritually)

Sue Collins, 916-337-6237

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**

Nina Pucci, 916-947-6386

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** 

Anna Haid, 916-956-1177

**Knights of Columbus** 

Dick Phelan, 916-221-0596

**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 (Helping Hands)

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

Georgia Oatmeyer, 916-201-3193

Family Fellowship

Carol Stephenson, 916-952-6744

Gift Shop

Connie Aley, 916-984-9284

Women's Game Day

Roberta Puzio, 916-933-2561



## What is the "Miraculous Medal" and why is it called that?

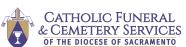
The medal of the Immaculate Conception that has come to be called simply the "Miraculous Medal" dates back to an apparition of Mary to Saint Catherine Laboure, who was then a novice sister with the Daughters of Charity. On November 27, 1830, Our Lady appeared to her standing on a globe, with shafts of light streaming from her hands and the words, "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee," surrounding the image. In the same vision, Catherine saw a capital "M" with a cross above it and below two hearts. Catherine seemed to hear a voice telling her to have what she saw struck as a medal and a promise that those who wore the medal would have the protection and intercession of the Mother of God. The first 1,500 of medals were distributed in 1832. Many miraculous favors were attributed to the use of the medal.

Saint Catherine's "Miraculous Medal" is among the recognizable and popular symbols of modern Catholicism. Reflecting on its widespread use, the 2001 Vatican document, "Directory on Popular Piety and Liturgy," observes that the medal "recalls the mystery of Redemption, the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and of the Sorrowful Heart of Mary. It signifies the mediatory role of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mystery of the Church, the relationship between Heaven and earth, this life and eternal life."

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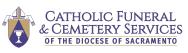
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