



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Catholic Church

MAY 23, 2021



PENTECOST SUNDAY



Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me." - Jn 15:26

Sacraments

Masses

Mass is currently celebrated in the church. 6ft social distancing and a mask is required and must be worn at all times. Please sign in for contact tracing purposes.

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
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FolsomCatholic.org

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Bulletin

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May 30 May 20

June 6 May 25

June 13 Jun 3

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

Acts 2:1-11 / Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 / 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25 /
Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

"Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. "

(Ps 104)

Gospel Meditation

Begin by taking a moment to calm yourself, focus on your breathing and become aware of the life force that flows through your veins. Center yourself in the words and affections of St. Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit, "Breath in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy." Sanctifying, bringing things to wholeness, blessing, restoring and creating are just some of the fruits of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not always about proclaiming loud cries of praise or singing alleluia from a roof top. It is about unfolding and encountering the ordinary in an extraordinary way. Being filled with the Holy Spirit means being filled with the fullness of God's life and in touch with the power and wonder of God's presence. It's about becoming holy.

It is not just for saints or people who have a religious vocation. Holiness is for the ordinary, simple run-of-the-mill person who desires to love God, others, and all of creation. When an ordinary, humble person becomes connected with life and the wondrous power of God's love, they begin to live life more deeply, a bit more reverently, desire a simple fare and find themselves relishing in ordinary beauty. Their senses become attuned to the Author of life and they realize that they are not alone. The Holy Spirit connects all of the dots of human experience and existence, bringing everyone to center on the Divine Presence. The Holy Spirit does not just breathe "on me" but "in me" and is the force behind every breath I take. Take a moment to soak that thought in. There is the Divine Presence of the Holy Spirit in me, right now. When a person becomes in touch with truth, they know that when inspired by the Holy Spirit, his or her actions are not solely their own. They realize that they are moved by Divine Grace and drawn to things not found in secular affairs.

We live in a world where it is hard to discover truth. Real truth is veiled by so many imposters that it is hard to find, especially for those who are young. It is easy to get fooled and duped and often, without full conscious awareness of doing so, we choose to walk down a path of self-absorption and destruction. It is only the Holy Spirit, through the ministry of the church most especially, who guides us to truth and shows us the way to be the graced and holy human beings God made us to be. The wonders and inspirations of today's Feast of Pentecost are necessary to share with both those we love and those who only casually cross our paths. The first disciples, touched by the Holy Spirit, brought the Gospel to the ends of the earth one step at a time. Is it unrealistic to ask that we assist in that same mission by helping people understand who they are and who God is one at a time? Ask the Holy Spirit to alleviate the fear in your heart that prevents you from doing so.

Scripture Reflections

First Reading

The descent of the Holy Spirit onto the disciples, which marked the beginning of the Church, was a transformative experience for the followers of Jesus. What have been some transformative experiences for you in your faith journey?

Second Reading

Paul speaks to the Galatians about our universal struggle between the Spirit and the flesh. Paul even lists examples of the "works of the flesh" and the "fruits of the Spirit." How would you measure your own success in this spiritual battle?

Gospel

Jesus assured his disciples that his Father would send the "Spirit of truth" to believers offering guidance and divine gifts. Where do you see the Holy Spirit active in your life?

Check Our Parish Website For Updates folsomcatholic.org

Please check our website for any last minute changes to Mass times and any updates regarding COVID-19 restrictions here in our parish. Bulletins are also posted. Just click on the word "Bulletin" located near the top of our Home page.

Church Outer Doors

As the weather warms up please keep the outside doors of the church closed as you enter and leave the church building. This will help us keep the church cool, keep dust and leaves from blowing in and also keep little critters from entering. Help us conserve energy and keep the electrical bill low.

Splendors of Eastern Europe

With The Passion Play of Oberammergau

11 Days: August 5-15, 2022

Visiting: Prague, Budapest, Vienna, Munich

\$4591 per person from San Francisco

Hosted by Fr. Carlo Tejano & Fr. Renier Siva

Contact: Fr. Renier

fr.renier@folsomcatholic.org

Tour Features:

- Round trip airfare from San Francisco
- Accommodations at first class/select hotels based on two persons sharing in twin-bedded rooms with private bath (hotels & guest houses are used in the Oberammergau area)
- First Class (Category 1) admission ticket to the Passion Play of Oberammergau
- Most meals
- Comprehensive sightseeing throughout with a professional English-speaking tour director
- All hotel service charges, value added taxes, portorage where available and entrance fees per itinerary
- Transfers by private motor coach

We look forward to having you join us on this trip of a life-time. While the year 2022 seems a long way away, NOW is the time to make plans and reserve your place on the tour as space is limited.

Religious Education

Contact: Shannon Langer

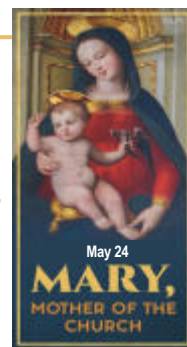
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slanger@folsomcatholic.org

Registration is OPEN! You can pick up a packet in the parish office or online at folsomcatholic.org under "Religious Education". You may also pay on the same site! Remember that two years of sacrament prep are needed for Eucharist and Confirmation.

We Need You!

When considering whether or not to volunteer as a catechist, it's good to contemplate the Spiritual Works of Mercy. "Today more than ever we need men and women who, on the basis of their experience of accompanying others, are familiar with processes that call for prudence, understanding, patience and docility to the Spirit" (Joy of the Gospel, 171, Pope Francis) As a catechist, you model how to "bear wrongs patiently" when you try not to be critical; when you overlook another's mistakes and assume the best of others. It's a declaration of love for Jesus, for our younger brothers and sisters (and their families) in a world full of anger, violence and retribution. Help us build the Kingdom of God on earth! Training and support provided. Contact Shannon Langer.



The feast of Mary, Mother of the Church, was established by Pope Francis in spring 2018. While the formal celebration is new, the honor is as old as the Gospels. Jesus spoke few words on the Cross, but several of them were addressed to his mother and the apostle John. "Woman, behold your son." "Son, behold your mother." This means far more than simply someone to care for Mary as she got on in years and someone for John to celebrate Jewish festivals with. John represents all of us, the Church. Jesus entrusted Mary to us as our mother. At the end of the historic Second Vatican Council in the midst of tumultuous times, Pope St. Paul VI formally declared Mary as Mother of the Church and invited us to pray to her under that title. With our celebration of the birthday of the Church at Pentecost, we remember that every birth has a mother.

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



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

Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 23rd

7:30am Joseph Siruno+
9:00am Erica & Aurelio (20th anniv)
11:30am Marilyn Dorr+
6:00pm Ana Gabriela Mazari

Monday, May 24th

8:15am John Drozda+

Tuesday, May 25th

8:15am Marcelo Austria+

Wednesday, May 26th

8:15am Oscar Mazari Haid

Thursday, May 27th

8:15am Oscar Mazari Estrada

Friday, May 28th

8:15am Haid Mazari Family

Saturday, May 29th

5:00pm Michael Iliff

Welcome to Our Newest Members of the Catholic Faith who were baptized in May

Ava Marie Gocke
Enrique Saldivar
Leonardo Angelo Castillo
Logan Saldivar

Observances

We Celebrate This Week

Mon: Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of the Church

Tue: St. Bede the Venerable, St. Gregory VII,
St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi

Wed: St. Philip Neri

Thu: St. Augustine of Canterbury

Sat: St. Paul VI

May is Dedicated to: The Blessed Virgin Mary/Our Lady

Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for May

The World of Finance

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

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	Lora Iliff
Christopher Kovarik	Lucy Tran
Elfega Larsen	Marelou Montemayor
Evelyn Ronquillo	Margarita Garcia
Eusebio Santos	Maria Garcia
Gloria Bladel & Family	Marites Brooks
Jocelyn Patio	Mark Penman
Joe Bierek	Minh Davis
Joseph Cardenas	Randy Elliot
Joshua Weidinger	Robert Coughlin
Karen Bookey	Sheila Montemayor
Kimanh Davis	Silda Galang
Lance Costa	

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.



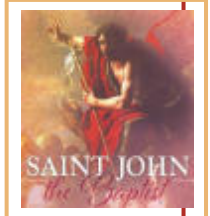
Agrifino Angeles	Luz Villamil-Hoyt
Andrew Bower	Madeline Easton
Anita Rivera	Maria Di Costanzo
Beatrice Iddamalgoda	Marilyn Dorr
Caridad Montemayor	Nona Piha
Carlos Henriquez	Norma Aley
Charlotte Hughes	Paul DuPont
Doris Hodge	Richard Legget
Elena Aquino	Romeo Vasquez
Eli Marquez	Sonny Lasoya
Hilarion Aspera	Steve Beneto
Jong Nam Han	Therese Brelivet
Jose Alfredo Aspera	Thomas Lazore
Lorenza Mejia	

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.

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.





The Adoration Chapel

The Adoration Chapel is closed until further notice

Adoration has been moved to the Church

Eucharistic Adoration : First Friday of every month, 9am to 7pm

Sign up for adorers is in the vestibule

A link to an Adoration Video (50mins) is located on our website.

Scroll down to midpage and click on "Spend Time..."

A YouTube video will pop up to play the video.

Another Adoration Video (30mins) is also posted and pinned on our Facebook page.

A Facebook account is not necessary to view.

Once on our Facebook page click on the Monstrance picture to start the video.

www.facebook.com/FolsomCatholic

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

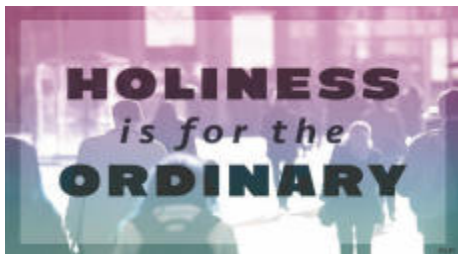
On the weekends, the church will be open from 7am-6pm.

Please wear a mask and keep in mind your minimum 6ft social distancing

Confession

**Saturdays: 3 - 4:30 pm
and by appointment**

Please note confessions at this time will still be offered but not in the confessional. We will be doing a face to face format in a larger setting in order to maintain the social distancing of 6ft.



Prayer for the Holy Spirit

*Holy Spirit,
fan into flame the gifts
I received in my Baptism and
Confirmation.*

*I want to receive the fire of Your love
as Your disciples did at Pentecost.*

*Come with wonder and awe,
with wisdom, understanding, and
counsel, with courage and faith in You.*

*Holy Spirit,
may my actions witness
to Your presence in my life.*

*Help me to see the ways my strengths
can serve others in their weakness.*

*In all my interactions, I want to radiate
love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,
generosity, faithfulness, gentleness,
and self-control.*

*Breathe new life into the world
through me.*

Amen.



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



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

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.

Youth on a Mission Teen Discipleship Training

June 22 – 25, 2021

www.norcalcatholicyouth.org

Contact: Jennifer Campbell
jcampbell@scd.org or 916-733-0135

High School aged teens are invited to join us for a 4-day discipleship training camp. YOUTH on a MISSION is for Catholic teens who are ready for the next step in their development as disciples and leaders in the church. During YOAM, youth will encounter Christ, learn practical skills for servant leadership, discover God's call to evangelize, be encouraged to serve in leadership in parish life and be challenged to take the next step in their discipleship. Start on your mission! Register by June 1, 2021. Check the YOAM website for more detailed information.

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.

You Don't Have What It Takes — but You Will

Those of us in ministry love this saying: God doesn't call the equipped. He equips the called.

We all know that sort of queasy feeling we get in the pit of our stomachs when it becomes clear what we're supposed to do, in any situation. It's that feeling of: Oh, no. Not me. Not now. I can't.

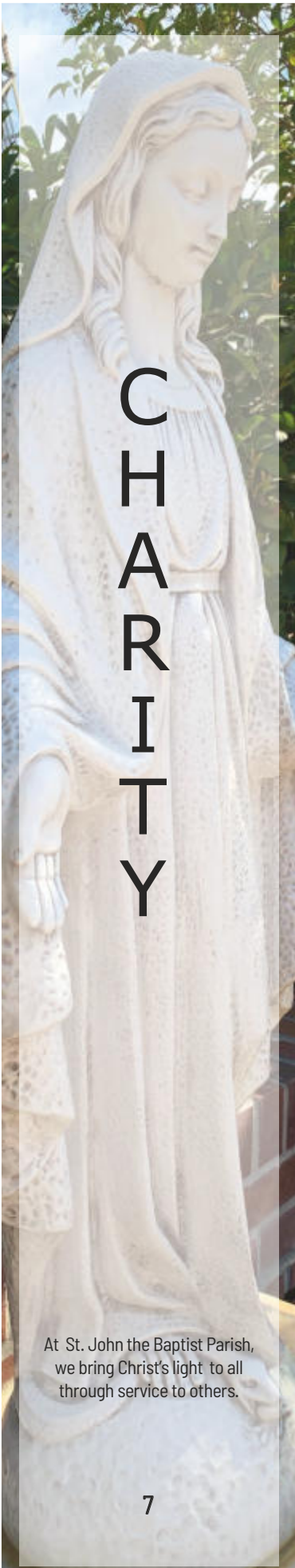
We've all got our list of reasons why not, don't we? We do it for everything, from big life problems to small everyday choices. I'm not going to invite my neighbor to church because I don't want to come across as pushy. I'm not going to make amends with my cousin because she'll just walk all over me again. I'm not going to say a Rosary tonight because I'm tired and it'll just stress me out.

However, even if we all put our lists of "reasons why we can't" together, I don't think any of us have reasons quite as valid as the apostles. Their job was to convert the nations — and here they are, a bunch of fishermen who haven't been out of Judea, who speak only their own languages. Were they supposed to preach the Gospel via a particularly compelling game of charades?

But even that big, giant, stop-you-dead-in-your tracks Reason Why We Can't was nothing, because God had a plan. He didn't call a bunch of equipped men. He called them, and He equipped them. Cue the tongues of fire!

God doesn't call us to do His will because we have what it takes. He calls us because He's ready to give us what it takes. Being a good steward is to answer the call of Christ knowing he will provide.

~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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

Stewardship of Treasure the Lord Has Entrusted to Us

Weekly goal: \$25,529.00
Weekly Offerings:

May 15/16 \$13,280.63

Loaves and Fishes

May 26, Wednesday

Contact: Cathy Kovarik, 916-353-0688 or
Greta Tecson, 916-337-2014

Lord, help me to be as generous to others as you are to me.

With your generous donations last Month, over 200 were served at Friendship Park Breakfast Program! The Divine Mercy Ministry is very grateful for your support. Thank you to all the drivers, sandwich makers, boiled eggs donors. Monetary donations were appreciated as well to buy fresh fruit and bread. The designated donation cart remains in the church vestibule for non-perishable items that may be dropped off at any time. Most requested are cup-of-soups, peanut butter or cheese crackers, breakfast bars, nuts, raisins and fruit cups. Special request for rosaries and holy cards this month. All will be delivered Wednesday May 26. New drivers and servers are always welcome! Please call Greta or Cathy for details.

Inspiration for the Week

The phrase "being filled with the Holy Spirit" may summon forth images that are a bit too intense for some folks. They may conclude that when one is filled with the Holy Spirit that they immediately begin speaking in tongues, loudly praise God, sing alleluia from roof tops, and do other demonstrative things. In reality, being filled with the Holy Spirit means being filled with the fullness of God's life and in touch with the power and wonder of God's presence. It is the Holy Spirit that draws us together as a community of faith, inspires us with wisdom and right judgment, and turns us from the darkness of sin to the virtues that bring life. We live in a world where it is hard to discover truth. The Holy Spirit, through the ministry of the church, guides us to truth and shows us the way to be the graced human beings God made us to be. Come, Holy Spirit, and fill our hearts!

2nd Collection

Thank you for your generosity toward last week's collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC spread the Gospel message and connects millions of people with Christ, here in the United States and around the world. Together we collected \$1,312.55. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

St. Vincent de Paul News/Happenings

Contact: Mercy Knight
916-985-4630

Helping Hands

We are happy to announce that we plan to fully reopen our food pantry and clothes closet on Wednesday, June 2nd. We will resume our previous schedule: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. Safety guidelines will be in place i.e. masks, safe distancing, etc.

Second Collection

In addition, next Sunday, the fifth Sunday of the month, the second collection will be for St. Vincent de Paul. Donations will be used to provide financial assistance and to purchase food for our families. We also welcome gifts of time and talent. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact us.

Raffle Tickets

Lastly, you can also support St. Vincent de Paul by purchasing a raffle ticket for a trip to Hawaii. The trip includes air fare for two, a \$400 car rental voucher and a \$500 American Express Gift Card. Drawing will be held on June 15th. Winner does not have to be present to win. Tickets are \$10 each and this year 100% of the proceeds from the sale will remain in our conference. Ticket sales end at the end of this month. To arrange for purchase of tickets, please call Mercy Knight at 916-402-4104 or email to mk4177@sbcglobal.net. Thank you for your support.

We are grateful for your continued support of those in need of help with rent, utilities, food, clothing and other needs. May God bless you and your families.



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

Sharing the Gospel

One day one of your best friends may move away, and you won't see him every day. You can still stay close to your friend by talking on the phone, writing letters, or sending e-mail messages. Jesus knew he would be leaving. He would not see his friends every day. Jesus promised to send his Spirit to them. When they were confused, the Spirit would show them the truth. When they missed him, Jesus would send them messages by the Holy Spirit. Through the Spirit, Jesus could always stay close to his friends.

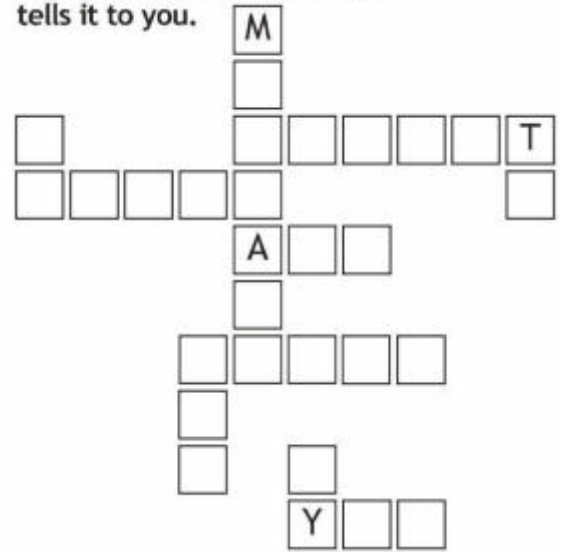
Mission for the Week

Before you sit down to read a Bible story, ask God to send his Spirit to help you. When you listen carefully to God's word, the Spirit can send you a special message from Jesus!

Puzzle

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares.

The Spirit takes my message and tells it to you.



Prayer

God, thank you for sending your Spirit so I can stay close to Jesus, too.

Read the Gospel and Color

Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15



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

New Parishioner Welcoming Ministry

Lori Hopper, 916-337-0139

Ushers

Stanley Posis, 916-705-9192

Prayer Ministries

Companioned Prayer

Bill Stobbe, 916-505-3800

Divine Mercy Devotion/Cenacle

Zoanne Tafolla, 707-333-7359

-Chaplet/Rosary/Morning Prayer

-Divine Mercy Chaplet/Mass

-Cenacle - Zoanne 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

Sheila Fitzpatrick, 925-437-0798

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

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

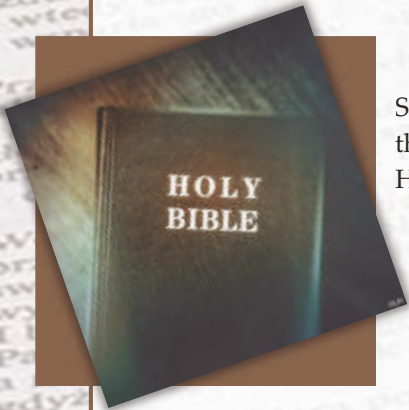
Roberta Puzio, 916-933-2561

Please send ministry updates and corrections to Loreen McMahan, mcmahan510@comcast.net.

MINISTRIES

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

Why are Catholic and Protestant Bibles different?



Since the earliest days of the Church, Christians used a Greek translation of the Old Testament known as the Septuagint. This collection of the texts of the Hebrew Scriptures included 46 books.

At the time of the Protestant Reformation in the 1500s, the Protestant reformers began to create their own translations of the Bible (into local languages) and some began to question why the Jewish Scriptures would have included texts that were written in Greek, because, they assumed, the only valid Jewish Scriptures would have been written in Hebrew. And so, they decided to remove seven books from the Old Testament: Baruch, Sirach, 1 and 2 Maccabees, Tobit, Judith and Wisdom (as well as portions of the Books of Daniel and Esther).

This means that the Protestant Old Testament only includes 39 books, while Catholic Bibles continue to include those original 46 books. Both Catholic and Protestant Bibles include 27 books and letters in the New Testament.



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 anytime day or night please call

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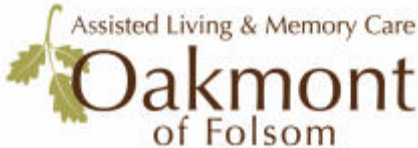
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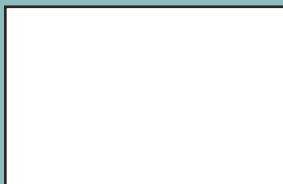
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