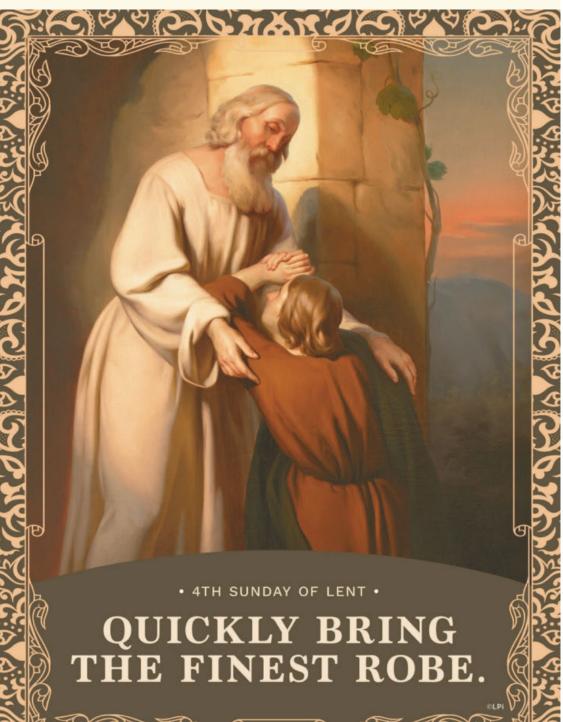


Welcome to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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.



Mass Times

Weekend Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm Sunday 7:00 am, 9:00 am 11:30 am, 6:00 pm 1st Sunday of the Month 1:30 pm (Spanish)

Daily Mass Times Mon. - Fri. 6:30 am, 8:15 am

Holy Day Mass Times 6:30 am, 8:15 am, Noon 7:00 pm

Sacraments

Reconciliation/Confession Saturday 3-4:45 pm

All Other Sacraments Please call the office for information. Please note for marriages please call the office at least 12 months in advance.

Clergy

Fr. Giovanni Gamas Pastor Fr. Jibin Jose Parochial Vicar Fr. Ignatius Haran Pastor Emeritus William Goeke Dennis Gorsuch Jim McFadden Deacons

Parish Office

Mon – Thu: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm Closed for lunch from 1 – 2pm Fri: Closed all day to the public 307 Montrose Drive, Folsom Phone: 916 – 985 – 2065

> *Website:* FolsomCatholic.org

Gospel Meditation

All of us, perhaps at some point in our lives, have had the experience of playing the role of good sons-daughters in family life. But, we have also played the role of not being as good as expected. So, this parable of the prodigal son fits us like a glove. What feelings or memories come to your mind when you listen to it? Do you feel that the Father is unfair to his eldest son? Do you think she has spoiled her youngest child too much? Whatever our response, it should lead us to a deep reflection of God's unconditional love for his two children. However, let us not lose the point of view that Jesus tells this parable to tax collectors and sinners, and how the Pharisees and scribes criticized Jesus because he ate with them.

"With the parable of the prodigal son, Jesus tells us that God always waits for us, just like the father, who waits for the return of his son. He leaves us free, lets us make mistakes and learn, and in this way return, just like the prodigal son did" (Pope Francis). Pope Francis gives us the key that we must carry out, learning to return every time we move away. Not giving up, moving forward and asking for forgiveness is brave.

Learn from the mistakes made and return to a new beginning, but well accompanied by the grace of God. Feel strength when hearing: "You are always with me and all that is mine is yours" (Luke 15:31).

Scripture Reflections

First Reading

As Israel settled into the land of Canaan (the Promised Land), they learned God removed the "reproach" of Egypt from them and they could freely eat from the land. What have you discovered about yourself or others during this season of Lent?

Second Reading

Paul taught that reconciliation with God and with each other was key to being a "new creation." How often do you experience reconciliation with God or with others?

Gospel

In the parable of the Prodigal Son, in a real sense, both sons are lost. How might you help a lost family member or friend this week?

March is Dedicated to: St. Joseph

Readings & Observances for the week of March 30, 2025

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent

Jos 5:9a, 10-12 / Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a) / 2 Cor 5:17-21 / Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a / Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1) / Eph 5:8-14 / Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38 Monday: Is 65:17-21 / Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b / Jn 4:43-54 **Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12 / Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 / Jn 5:1-16 Wednesday: St. Francis of Paola Is 49:8-15 / Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 / Jn 5:17-30 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14 / Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 / Jn 5:31-47 Friday: St. Isidore Wis 2:1a, 12-22 / Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 / Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 Saturday: St. Vincent Ferrer Jer 11:18-20 / Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 / Jn 7:40-53 Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent Is 43:16-21 / Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3) / Phil 3:8-14 / Jn 8:1-11 Scrutiny: Ez 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



Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for March For Families in Crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Live the Liturgy Inspiration For the Week

The Prodigal Son doesn't dare ask for the honor of being called his Father's son again. All he wants is to be close to his Father, to be cared for. But his Father surprises him with his mercy, as God surprises us. He offers more than just forgiveness. He offers redemption.

WELCOME



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

Filipino Apostolate Ministry

A Moment of Genuine Personal Encounter with the Lord Jesus Saturday, April 5, 9am - 4pm, Church Contact: filipinoapostolate@folsomcatholic.org

Join us for this Jublilee Lenten Recollection. Our guest speaker is Fr. Mark Reburiano from St. Gregory Parish, San Mateo. Today's theme is Pilgrims of Hope. There is no cost to attend and no need to sign up. A complimentary light lunch and snacks will be provided. For the event schedule visit www.folsomcatholic.org/filapos

Family Fellowship

Easter Egg Hunt Sunday April 13, after 9am Mass, Gallagher Field Contact: Rachel Marsh familyfellowship@folsomcatholic.org

Bring your easter basket or eggs directly after Mass and meet outside the Gallagher Hall field for a fun all ages Easter Egg hunt. There will be a couple prizes as well. Hope to see you all there! Please contact Rachel Marsh with any questions.

Men's Retreat

Contact: Doug Heinz 916- 983-4516 Available weekends: Apr 4-6, and May 2-4

Join the men of our parish for a weekend retreat at Christ the King Retreat Center. You'll be amazed how much the retreat will help you find how God is active in your daily life. In today's world, cultivating true hope is challenging. The retreat will help you move beyond wishful thinking; toward entrusting ourselves into God's hands in a future not visible to us. The cost of \$280 includes a single room (two nights), 6 meals, and the retreat program. You can register for the retreat on line at:

ChristTheKingRetreatCenter.org or call the Center at 916-725-4720 Ext. 301.

Confessions

Saturdays during Lent (March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12) 2pm - 4:45pm Mon - Fri, March 24 - 28, 6pm – 7pm Mon - Fri, March 31 - April 4, 6pm – 7pm Stations of the Cross Tuesdays, after 8:15am Mass Fridays, 7pm

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MAY 3, 2025 5:00PM - II:30PM GALLAGHER HALL

Our Auction is the school's biggest fundraiser. All proceeds raised during this event allows us to form disciples for Christ through a quality Catholic education.

> Visit **sjnds.org/auction** to purchase your tickets.



Knights of Columbus

Lenten Fish Dinners Fridays During Lent Apr 4 & 11 Times: 4:30pm – 7pm

Baked fish dinner with a salad bar Prices: 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 under 12) \$35

Welcome New Parishioners! Please welcome to our Parish Family

Ruenino and Rose Ann Alarca Marc Joseph & Mary Grace Dizon Teresa Daizovi Javen & Erin Ganoy Julie Graham Austin & Nia Houghton Geraldine Lampman Kevin & Lauren Leonard Charles & Lucia Loberiza Laurnie McNichols Analia Rojas Andrea Ximena Rojas Salazae



PRAYER

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

Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 30th

7:00am Joshua Anderson Irma Henriquezt
9:00am April Watermant Joselito Lawast
11:30am Parish Intentions Karen Holthust
6:00pm Tony A. Matost People of the Parish

Monday, March 31st

6:30am Benjamin Dayanan+ 8:15am Joyce Hisoler+ Carl Ehrhardt+

Tuesday, April 1st

6:30am Pelagia Lechuga+ 8:15am Louis Silva+ Teresa Cheshynska (*healing*)

Wednesday, April 2nd

6:30am Rochi Cabusas (special intention) 8:15am Todd Anderson Jaime Reyes (healing)

Thursday, April 3rd

6:30am Carmenza Moncada+ 8:15am Mary Jane Chambon+

Friday, April 4th

6:30am Sanchez de Tagle Family Ruiz Mejia Family 8:15am Priscila de Castro+ Teodora Valbuena+

Saturday, April 5th

5:00pm The Pasterski Family Saturnina Sierra+

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.

Albertano Estudillo Juan Jose Romero Roshel Montemayor Kathy Teel Andrew Speer Ross Thayer Barbara Disbrow Shannon Langer Kyle Pasterski Dave Morton Loretta Carrasco Scott Emerson Eileen Hewitt Maribel Reves Silvia Gamez Fr. Francisco Mabanta Steve Pierce Mike Deal Gerri Lampman Margie Reilly Teresa Cheshynska Gretchen Reindl Michael Langer Tom Brev Iason Vicente Paul Halloran Virginia Miller Jody Park Robert Wright

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.

Albert Trevizo	Jackie Ortiz	Marion Cavalieri
Anita Matranga-Jones	Jessie Padilla	Mary Thavamalar
April Waterman	Joe Garcia	Maryjo Horton
Carl Ehrhardt	John Hannigan	Robert Balandra, Jr.
Carol Marquant	Jose Vaca	Roger Payne
Cayetano Barrera	Karen Holthus	Solomon Š. Sundram
Duanne Hagel	Lee Bowden	Ted Krause
Elma Silvestri	Lily Sanchez	Tom Rawson
Felix Cardenas	Madalyn Carranza	

Prayers for Our Troops

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

Andrew Pecha Brandon Heffel Carl Crossman Darryl Hudson David Tressler Dominik Torres Dylan Flynn Edward Garcia Eliseo Rios Joaquin Cruz John Lopez Joshua Penman Marc Jules Ocampo Michael Dalupan Noah M. Karakas Samuel R. Rodriguez

Prayer Requests

Please call our Parish Office. Names will appear for two months. Please visit the Parish Office for Mass Intentions.



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 adoration@folsomcatholic.org

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

SPIRITUAL GROWTH



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

Family Lenten Challenge

St. John the Baptist Parish Families are you up for a challenge? The Parish Council is inviting all families and individuals to participate in the Weekly Family Lenten Challenge. Pick up a challenge sheet in the vestibule and see if you or your family can complete all six of the challenges before Easter.

- March 30: Bring non-perishable items to the altar during the offertory. The items presented will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul.
- **April 6:** Gift an Easter card to an elderly person in a nursing home, your neighborhood, or to others needing encouragement.
- April 13: This is Holy Week: Read the Passion of Jesus in the Gospel of John 18:1-19:42, or attend one of the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Holy Saturday) services.

WINGS

Contact: Trista Gooderham wings@folsomcatholic.org

Join the women of WINGS! We will be reading a book called *Searching For & Maintaining Peace*, listening to a corresponding podcast and meeting for a light breakfast and discussion. Visit folsomcatholic.org/wings for the podcast and book links.

March 20, 9am: Battling for Peace // Preface - Part One 1-3 April 3, 9am: It's All Good - It Is Well With My Soul // Part One 4-7

April 17, 9am: Trusting God Will Provide // Part Two 1-6

May 1, 9am: Abandoning Ourselves To The Shepherd // Part Two 7-13

May 15, 9am: Bringing Beauty Out Of Our Mess // Part Two 14-18

May 19, 6pm: End of Year Celebration + Exploring Saints That Maintained A Deep Inner Peace // Part Three

California's Annual March for Life

Monday, March 31, State Capitol Contact Deacon Danny Patterson at (916) 733-0133

It is an opportunity to show our elected officials that the effort to protect innocent life continues. In solidarity, Bishop Rey will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament that morning at 10:00am. Please join us to worship God and to Advocate for Life. For more information contact Dcn. Danny or visit the March for Life website at www.MarchforLife.org

Lenten Bible Study with Dcn Jim McFadden

Lent 2025: Let's Get in Shape! March 3—April 14, 7pm via Zoom Contact: Theresa Grant tgrant@talkpathlive.com

Deacon Jim is hosting a new 7-week series. Information on sessions and registration can be found on our parish website homepage under Ministry News/Events.
March 31: The Prodigal Son: "Everything I have is yours."
April 7: The Woman Caught in Adultery: Mercy brings sinners back to life
April 14: Palm Sunday: The Master has need of you

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Respect Life Ministry 40 Days for Life

March 5- April 13 Vigil Location: Planned Parenthood Abortion Business 201 29th and B Streets, Sacramento Vigil Hours: Monday through Saturday, 7:30am-6:30pm Local contact: Dcn Danny Patterson, dpatterson@scd.org St. Johns carpool contact: Joanne Dudgeon respectlife@folsomcatholic.org

Come pray with us! Prayer is one of the best ways to get involved in kingdom work. It's a privilege to be able to participate in God's mission by asking Him to help His children and have an impact on His creation. Bring a folding chair and join us in our carpool on Thursdays, leaving St. Johns at 9:30am. staying from 10:00amnoon. or sign up online at www.40daysforlife.com/ sacramento

Companioned Prayer Ministry

The Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) Prayer Circle Tuesdays, St. John's Church chapel Contact: Michelle Hendricks companionedPrayer@folsomcatholic.org

The Companioned Prayer Ministry is currently hosting the fourth weekly session of our Lenten series, "Listening to God in Our Lives." For all who are participating, remember to bring your prayer journal and your prayerful thoughts about the third Jubilee/Lenten reflection handed out in the third session. We continue to look forward to growing with you in knowing the presence of God in Holy Scripture and in our personal private prayer with Jesus as our Companion while accompanied by a faith friend. This week's Monday evening session will meet on March 31st. The Wednesday morning session will meet on April 2nd.

CHARITY



Online Donations

To make a donation, update a weekly donation or donate to our maintenance fund scan the QR code and follow the directions.



2nd Collection

This Sunday is the fifth Sunday of the month. Our second collection will be for St. Vincent de Paul. At St. John the Baptist Parish, we bring Christ's light to all through service to others.

Prison Ministry

Wanted: Easter and Mother's Day Cards

We are collecting cards for the inmates to send to their families. Please drop off cards in the labeled box located in the vestibule, by March 31 for Easter cards and April 21 for Mother's Day cards. Please NO prayer intention cards from religious orders and retreat centers. Cards cannot have glitter, metallic material or ribbons. Thank you for supporting our incarcerated brothers in Christ!



Dear God, As I fast, may Your presence be my sustenance. As I pray, continue to reveal Yourself to me. As I give to others, may I know You even more deeply. Amen.

Knights of Columbus: 40 Cans for Lent March 5 - April 20

This charity program that connects traditional Lenten almsgiving with the nutritional needs of poor f amilies and homeless in the Folsom area has been a huge success for the men of Council 6197. The program is simple- collect canned/packaged food items each day during the 40 days of Lent. **What food should I donate:** Healthy, non-perishable food. Items with intact, unopened, consumer or commercial packaging, 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, peans, rice
- Healthy cereals, peanut butter, baby food & baby formula

Drop off the food items into our Knights of Columbus Cart located outside in front of the church designated with signs "40 Cans for Lent" before and after every Mass on Saturday and Sunday Items can also be dropped off at the St. Vincent de Paul location next to SJND school building and parking lot on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 am to 12 Noon.



KID'S CORNER

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

MA Read the Gospel and Color



Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 Everything you have is a gift from God -- your body, your mind, your food, your clothes -- everything! Sometimes people become proud, and they think they have earned God's gifts. Sometimes people run away from God, and they waste God's gifts. Just remember, it is never too late to run back to God. Every good gift comes from God.



Dear God, help me to be truly thankful for all the gifts you have given me.

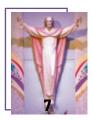
₽ Mission for the Week

Name three good things God has given you. Say "thank you" to God for those gifts in a prayer.



Complete the picture.





PARISH MINISTRIES

Our parish is enriched with many ministries, please consider learning about and engaging in one or more of our ministries. For information email the contact listed.

Welcoming Ministries

New Parishioner Welcoming Ministry Joyce Starosciak, parishionerwelcome@folsomcatholic.org

Greeter Ministry Lori Hopper, greeters@folsomcatholic.org Ushers

Stanley Posis, ushers@folsomcatholic.org

Prayer Ministries

Companioned Prayer Michelle Hendricks, companionedprayer@folsomcatholic.org 9:45 am, Church Chapel Tuesdays: Immaculate Heart of Mary Prayer Circle

Divine Mercy Devotion / Cenacle

Leilani Badley, divinemercy@folsomcatholic.org -Chaplet / Rosary / Morning Prayer -Cenacle - Leilani Badley -Cenacle-Spanish - Nury Pun, misericordiadivina@folsomcatholic.org

Eucharistic Adoration

Veronica Thomas, adoration@folsomcatholic.org Sign Up for adorers is in the vestibule

Marian Cenacle (Marian Movement of Priests)

-English – 1st Wednesday of the month, 10am Sally Gomez, mariancenacle@folsomcatholic.org -Spanish – Every Saturday Carmen Gaytan, cenaculomariano@folsomcatholic.org Our Lady of Fatima

Henry Altamirano, olfatima@folsomcatholic.org

Parish Committees/Councils

Finance Council Patty Robertson, financecouncil@folsomcatholic.org Liturgy Committee Barbara Bowden, liturgycommittee@folsomcatholic.org

Pastoral Council Shannon Frazier, pastoralcouncil@folsomcatholic.org

Faith Formation

Christian Initiation for Adults Are you interested in Baptism? Shannon Langer, slanger@folsomcatholic.org Religious Education Shannon Langer,

slanger@folsomcatholic.org
St. John Notre Dame (School Ministry)

Keith Martin, Principal info@sjnds.org

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Servers Hugo Schmidt, altarservers@folsomcatholic.org Children's Liturgy during Mass Rachel Boyd, clow@folsomcatholic.org Extraord. Ministers of Holy Communion

Steve & Mary Anne Ashley, emohc@folsomcatholic.org

Lectors Patti Midtlyng,

lectors@folsomcatholic.org Liturgical Environment Arlette Peterson, liturgicalenv@folsomcatholic.org Music - See choir director after Mass.

Spiritual Growth Ministries

Adult Scripture Study Parish Office, info@folsomcatholic.org Couples for Christ Myrah Empleo, cfc@folsomcatholic.org Faith Untapped Parish Office, info@folsomcatholic.org Lay Mission Project Laura Wicklman, laymission@folsomcatholic.org Praise & Worship

David Brauer, paw@folsomcatholic.org SJTB Men's Ministry

Tyler Boyd, mensministry@folsomcatholic.org WINGS (Women in Growth Spiritually)

Trista Gooderham, wings@folsomcatholic.org

Youth/Young Adults Ministries Aaron Santos, asantos@folsomcatholic.org

Outreach/Charity Ministries

Filipino Apostolate

Lili Rehwald / Lourdes Lorenzo filipinoapostolate@folsomcatholic.org

Gabriel Project Debbie Sultan, gabrielproject@folsomcatholic.org

Grace Quilters Ministry Catherine Scott, gracequilters@folsomcatholic.org Knights of Columbus

Tom Ireland, kofc@folsomcatholic.org Ministerio Pastoral Hispano

Beatriz LeCam, ministeriopastoral@folsomcatholic.org

Pastoral Care Ministry Dan Dunne, (Sunday) sundaypastoral@folsomcatholic.org Candice Ralston, (Wednesday) wedpastoralcare@folsomcatholic.org

Prayer Shawl Ministry Catherine Scott, prayershawl@folsomcatholic.org

Prison/Restorative Justice Ministry -Folsom Prison - Fr. H. Gomez, 916-985-2561 x 4206 -CSP Sacramento - [vacant/TBD],

Catholic Chaplain , 916-985-8610 x6425

Respect Life Ministry Joanne Dudgeon, respectlife@folsomcatholic.org

Senior Visitation Charlene Agles, seniorvisitation@folsomcatholic.org

St. Vincent de Paul (311 Montrose Dr.) Mercy Knight, svdp@folsomcatholic.org

Additional Ministries

Children's Babysitting at Mass

Parish Office, info@folsomcatholic.org Family Fellowship Rachel Marsh,

familyfellowship@folsomcatholic.org Gift Shop

Connie Aley, giftshop@folsomcatholic.org

Security Ministry Jim Miller, safety@folsomcatholic.org

Women's Game Day Wednesday, Garden Room, 11- 4:30pm

Parish Office, info@folsomcatholic.org

Bulletin Deadlines folsomcatholic.org/bulletin				
Bulletin Date	Ads Due by 5pm			
Apr 6	Mar 27			
Apr 13	Apr 2			
Apr 20	Apr 8			
Apr 27	Apr 16			



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