



# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

## *Catholic Church*

### MARCH 9, 2025

#### 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

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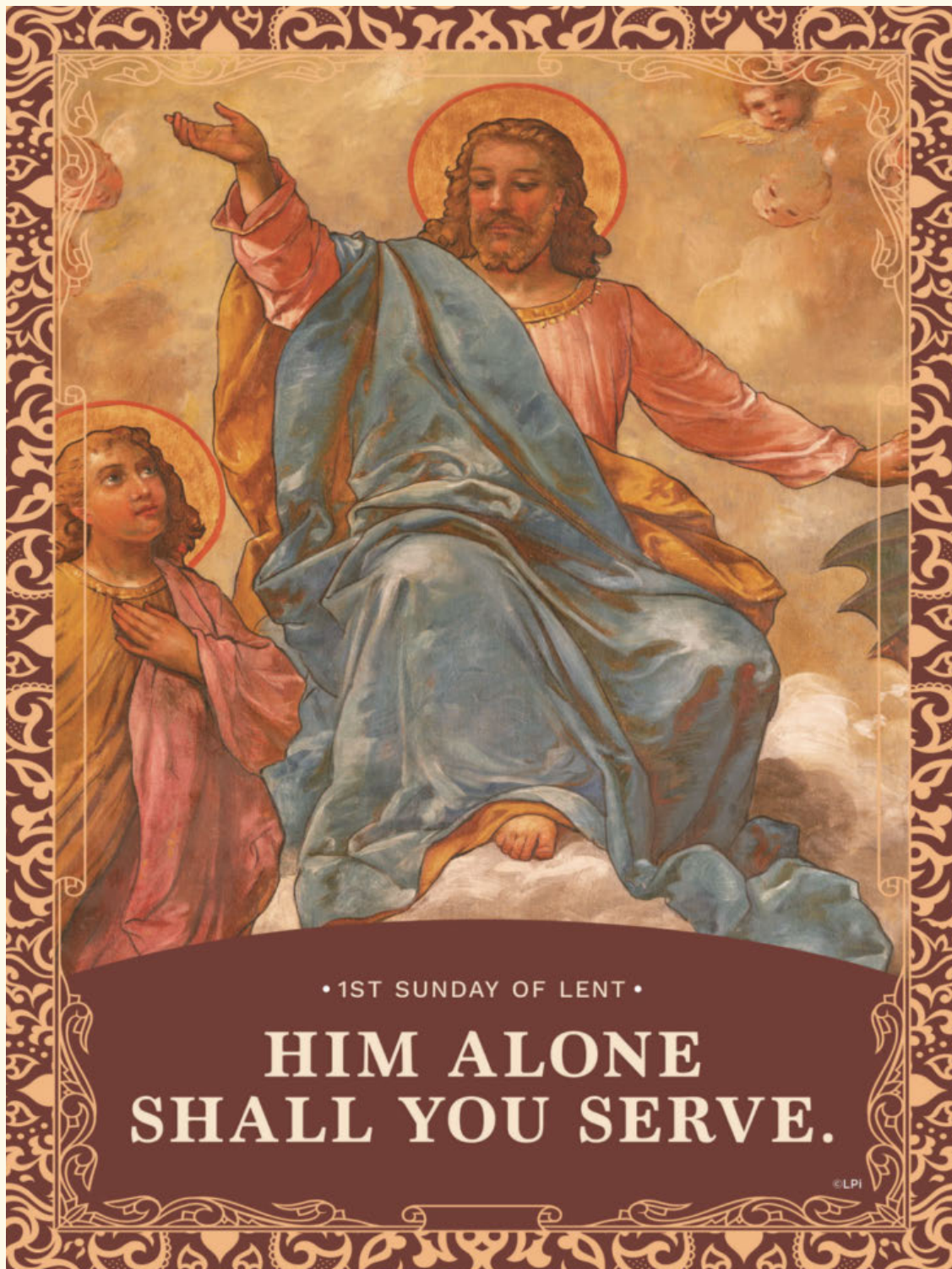
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FolsomCatholic.org

#### 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.



## Gospel Meditation

By Father John Muir

One of the most fascinating moments in American history is when George Washington could have become the king of the newly liberated United States and didn't. At the height of his power and fame, on Dec. 23, 1783, he resigned his commission as Commander-in-Chief, and went home. The astonished King of England remarked that in doing so, Washington was "the greatest man in the world." Greatness is often defined by what we could do but don't. Greatness is measured by the temptations we overcome.

Jesus' greatness is revealed in his victory over temptations, too. The three offered him by the devil contain, we might say, all potential possible temptations: food, power and fame. They correspond to the triple human needs of body, soul and spirit. In overcoming these three, he says "no" in essence to every and even the greatest temptation. We see that every desire of his humanity — body, soul and spirit — is perfectly united to God, to love. This is a power available to each member of his body. It is the path to true greatness. How can we, who so easily fall into even small temptations, find the power to overcome large ones? By entering into the great dynamics of Jesus' temptations.

**Lenten challenge:** This first week of Lent, list some concrete ways you can overcome temptations that correspond with your desires. For example, you may give up snacks between meals, choose not to participate in an activity of which you are an expert, and decide to reduce social media posting by 50%. It may not seem like much, but by saying "no" to the tyranny of food, power, and fame (in this example), you'll discover true greatness.

## Scripture Reflections

### First Reading

Moses taught the Israelites the importance of remembering the story of their release from Egyptian slavery. This event defined them as a people loved by God. What is a story from your family that has helped define you?

### Second Reading

Paul encouraged the Christians in Rome to have a genuine faith in Jesus in both heart and mind. As the season of Lent begins, how might you show others the sincerity of your faith?

### Gospel

We hear how Jesus was tempted by the devil as he was preparing to begin his public ministry. What temptation can you confront this Lent?

## March is Dedicated to:

St. Joseph

## Readings & Observances for the week of

March 9, 2025

### Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent

Dt 26:4-10 / Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see 5b) /  
Rom 10:8-13 / Lk 4:1-13

### Monday:

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 / Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 / Mt 25:31-46

### Tuesday:

Is 55:10-11 / Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 / Mt 6:7-15

### Wednesday:

Jon 3:1-10 / Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 / Lk 11:29-32

### Thursday:

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 / Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 / Mt 7:7-12

### Friday:

Ez 18:21-28 / Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 / Mt 5:20-26

### Saturday:

Dt 26:16-19 / Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 / Mt 5:43-48

### Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 / Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14 / Phil 3:17—4:1 or  
3:20—4:1 / Lk 9:28b-36



## Pope Francis'

## Monthly Intention for March

### For Families in Crisis

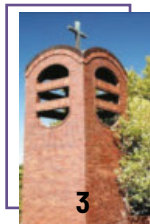
Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

## Live the Liturgy

### Inspiration For the Week

Jesus is desperately hungry when the devil tells him to turn stone into bread. But his divine will is stronger than the weakness of his human body, and he resists the devil. In this season of fasting and self-denial, let's remember Jesus' strength.





## WELCOME

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

### Knights of Columbus

#### Lenten Fish Dinners

Fridays During Lent

March 7, 14, 21 & 28, 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

### Scripture Study

#### Lenten Journey - 5 week study

English Sessions: March 13 - April 10

Spanish Sessions: March 12 - April 9

Study starts at 6:30pm, Parish Hall

A light dinner will be served at 6:00pm

Come and be a part of your Parish community in a Lenten Journey featuring “*Daily Bread: Discover the Eucharist in Scripture*”. This bible study takes a deep dive into the Eucharist prefigured in the Old and New Testaments. Upon finishing this study, you will not only understand how the Eucharist is Jesus Himself, but also be able to pass along this incredible eye-opening knowledge to your family and friends. A similar study in Spanish is offered - *Presencia: El Misterio de la Eucaristía*.

Seating is limited, so please sign up soon.

Sign up online on the parish website scripture study page or scan the QR code for online registration.



### Confessions

All Saturdays during Lent  
(March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12)

Confessions start at 2pm.

Mon - Fri, March 24 - 28,  
6pm – 7pm

Mon - Fri, March 31 - April 4,  
6pm – 7pm,

### Stations of the Cross

Fridays, 7pm

Tuesdays, after 8:15am Mass



### Annual Catholic Appeal

The Annual Catholic Appeal weekend has been moved to March 15/16 here in our parish. At this time we will have the opportunity to offer ourselves as missionaries of hope to those who suffer emotional, physical and spiritual poverty. Each of our gifts, no matter the amount, makes a meaningful difference in someone's life. 25% comes back to our parish for our own outreach to those in need. Prayerfully consider what you can give this year.



### St. Patrick's Day Celebration

#### Fundraising Event

Saturday, March 15, Gallagher Hall

Doors open at 5:30pm, Dinner at 6pm – Dancing to follow

Benefiting our new heating & air conditioning. Buffet Dinner featuring Corned Beef & Salad Bar. Tickets on sale prior to the event only.

Ticket prices: Adults (13 years & older) \$30

Children (5-12 years of age) \$10, under 5 are free. Family of 4 or more (2 Adults + 2 or more children under 12 yrs.) \$70

OR choice of a Saint's table for 8 at \$225.00, St. Patrick, St. Brigid, St. Columba, St. Kilian, St. Maura and St. Brendan

### Respect Life Ministry

#### 40 Days for Life

March 5- April 13

Vigil Location: Planned Parenthood Abortion Business  
201 29th and B Sts, Sacramento

Vigil Hours: Monday through Saturday, 7:30am-6:30pm

Local contact: Deacon Danny Patterson

916-733-0133, dpatterson@scd.org

St. John's carpool contact: Joanne Dudgeon

respectlife@folsomcatholic.org

Join the 40 Days for Life prayer, fasting, and community outreach movement. Together, we can change the course of history and in God's grace help to transform this world into becoming a world where it will be unthinkable to kill a preborn child. Sign up online at [www.40daysforlife.com/sacramento](http://www.40daysforlife.com/sacramento) or contact Joanne for more details.

### Knights of Columbus Council 6197

#### Catholic High School Scholarships

Contact: Dick Phelan, dickphelan@comcast.net

We are pleased to announce that Catholic High School scholarship applications are currently available. To request an application contact Dick Phelan. Completed applications with accompanying documents are to be submitted no later than April 15, 2025.



## PRAYER

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

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, March 9th

7:00am Casto & Consuelo Galang (45<sup>th</sup> anniv)  
Amber Merrill+

9:00am Neil Parlin+

Vankan Swami+

11:30am People of the Parish  
Joshua Tran (birthday)

6:00pm Ricardo & Elma Silva+

Cathy Gomes+

#### Monday, March 10th

6:30am Michelle Viray (birthday)

8:15am Bea Marie Genelsa (birthday)  
Dave Morton (healing)

#### Tuesday, March 11th

6:30am Claudia Navarete

8:15am Dave Morton (healing)  
Benedict Khanh Doan (healing)

#### Wednesday, March 12th

6:30am Frank Marver  
Beatriz Truxton+

8:15am Edith Tabuzo+

Jaime Reyes (healing)

#### Thursday, March 13th

6:30am Healing of the Parish

8:15am Edgar Henriquez (birthday)  
Dave Morton (healing)

#### Friday, March 14th

6:30am

8:15am Healing of the Parish

#### Saturday, March 15th

5:00pm Bob Matranga+

Laura Matranga Asay+

### 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.*

Andrew Speer	Jody Park	Paul Halloran
Barbara Disbrow	Kathy Halloran	Roshel Montemayor
Camelita Montgomery	Kathy Teel	Ross Thayer
Dave Morton	Kyle Pastorski	Shannon Langer
Eileen Hewitt	Mike Deal	Scott Emerson
Gerri Lampman	Margie Reilly	Silvia Gamez
Gretchen Reindl	Michael Langer	Virginia Miller

#### 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.*



Alan McNichols	Felix Cardenas	Luis Altamirano
Alvaro Martinez, Jr	Jackie Ortiz	Marion Cavalieri
April Waterman	Jessie Padilla	Mary Thavamalar
Carol Marquant	Joe Garcia	Matthew Winkler
Cayetano Barrera	John Hannigan	Richard Lovine
Christian Cortez	Jose Vaca	Robert Balandra, Jr.
Duanne Hagel	Karen Holthus	Robert Kristoff
Elma Silvestri	Lee Bowden	Ted Krause
Evelyn Heffel	Lily Sanchez	Tom Rawson

#### Prayers for Our Troops

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

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

### 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](mailto: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 9:** Participate in weekly Friday Adoration.

Adoration is held in the church from 9am to 7pm

**March 16:** Attend the parish Stations of the Cross devotion on Friday evening at 7:00 pm

**March 23:** Pray the Rosary – Sorrowful Mysteries on Tuesday and Friday.

**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.

### Choir Director Needed

Contact: Parish Office, 916 - 985 - 2065

A Choir Director is urgently needed for the 6pm Sunday Mass. For more information contact the Parish Office.

### 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 3:** Basic Training—Let's Get in Shape!

**March 10:** The Three Levels of Temptation

**March 17:** The Transfiguration: The Divine Life Revealed

**March 24:** Who is God?

**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

### 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](http://ChristTheKingRetreatCenter.org) or call the Center at 916- 725-4720 Ext. 301.

### Companioned Prayer Ministry

**A NEW LENTEN SERIES: Listening for God in our Lives**

Contact: Michelle Hendricks

[companionedprayer@folsomcatholic.org](mailto:companionedprayer@folsomcatholic.org)

Announcing a special Lenten five-session series to deepen your faith with Lectio Divina—an ancient way of listening for God's inspiration in scripture, and Companioned Prayer a way to experience the tender love of Jesus in our hearts. This Lenten season you are invited to pause and notice the quiet grace-filled presence of God in your life. Come grow in His love as you prepare your heart and life this Lent.

Mark your calendar:

Wednesdays: 10-11:45 am: March 12 to April 9, or

Monday: 7pm to 8:45 pm: March 10 to April 7.

Location: St. John's Church Chapel

Sign up in the vestibule.

### Living the Jubilee

**Theme 1: To See God**

We are well into the Jubilee Year. We encourage you and your family to continue living the Jubilee throughout this year. One of the ways to do this is to reflect upon the three themes for the Jubilee introduced by Bishop Soto. Each quarter of 2025, we will be focus on a specific theme. Between now until the end of March, we invite you to reflect upon the 1st theme: For reflection and prayer resource, visit [www.scd.org/Jubilee2025](http://www.scd.org/Jubilee2025) to access these materials.





## CHARITY

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

### 2nd Collection

Our 2nd collection is for our Building & Maintenance Fund.

### St. Vincent de Paul Raffle Ticket Fundraiser

St. Vincent de Paul is once again selling raffle tickets for a trip to Maui: \$10 per ticket. Grand prize is for a six-night, seven-day stay at the Sheraton Maui Resort & Spa. Also includes airfare for two, Hertz Rental Car \$500 Voucher and \$1,000 American Express GiftCard. Second prize is a \$500 VISA Gift Card. The drawing will be held at the 19th Annual Benefit for the Poor on April 25, 2025. Winner does not have to be present to win. Tickets can be purchased at St. Vincent de Paul or by contacting Mercy Knight at 916-402-4104. We will also sell tickets in the vestibule after the weekend Masses as often as we can. All proceeds from ticket sales will remain here at our Folsom Conference. Thank you for your support!

### Knights of Columbus: 40 Cans for Lent

March 5 – April 20

This charity program that connects traditional Lenten alms-giving with the nutritional needs of poor families 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, beans, 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.

### Online Donations

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



## 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."

### Read the Gospel and Color



### Lk 4:1-13

Jesus was powerful, and the devil knew it. Jesus could have used the power he had selfishly, to get whatever he wanted - food, land to rule, or even angels to come running. Instead, Jesus chose to save his power to do what God wanted.



### Prayer

Dear God, help me not to be selfish. Help me to be more like Jesus.



### Mission for the Week

God has given you special talents to share with others. If you enjoy drawing, make a picture for someone else. If you enjoy singing, sing songs that make God smile.

### Puzzle

Help Jesus to avoid the devil by staying on the path that leads to God.





## 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,  
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#### 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,  
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#### Liturgy Committee

Barbara Bowden,  
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#### Pastoral Council

Shannon Frazier,  
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### Faith Formation

#### Christian Initiation for Adults

Are you interested in Baptism?  
Shannon Langer,  
slanger@folsomcatholic.org

#### Religious Education

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#### St. John Notre Dame (School Ministry)

Keith Martin, Principal  
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### Liturgical Ministries

#### Altar Servers

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#### Children's Liturgy during Mass

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#### Extraord. Ministers of Holy Communion

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#### Lectors

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#### Liturgical Environment

Arlette Peterson,  
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Music - See choir director after Mass.

### Spiritual Growth Ministries

#### Adult Scripture Study

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info@folsomcatholic.org

#### Couples for Christ

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#### Faith Untapped

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#### Lay Mission Project

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#### Praise & Worship

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#### SJTB Men's Ministry

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#### WINGS (Women in Growth Spiritually)

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#### Youth/Young Adults Ministries

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### Outreach/Charity Ministries

#### Filipino Apostolate

Lili Rehwald / Lourdes Lorenzo  
filipinoapostolate@folsomcatholic.org

#### Gabriel Project

Debbie Sultan,  
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#### Grace Quilters Ministry

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#### Knights of Columbus

Tom Ireland,  
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#### Ministerio Pastoral Hispano

Beatriz LeCam,  
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#### 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,  
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### 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

Mar 16 Mar 6

Mar 23 Mar 13

Mar 30 Mar 20

Apr 6 Mar 27



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