

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." - Mt 28:19-20

Sacraments

Weekend Mass Times

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

1st Sunday Spanish 1:30 pm

Daily Mass Times

Mon. - Fri. 6:30 am 8:15 am

> Holy Day Mass Times 6:30 am 8:15 am 12:00 pm 7:00 pm

Reconciliation / Confession

Saturday 3-4:30 pm & by appointment

All Other Sacraments Please call the office for information.

Clergy

Fr. Renier Siva Pastor Fr. Cleetus Karakkat Parochial Vicar Dennis Gorsuch Jim McFadden William Goeke Deacons Fr. Ignatius Haran Pastor Emeritus

Parish Office

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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 1:1-11 / Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6) / Eph 1:17-23 / Mt 28:16-20

"God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. "
(Ps 47)

Gospel Meditation

By Father John Muir

Have you ever noticed how often we use "up" and "down" to judge things?
Beethoven's Ninth Symphony is "high" art, while professional wrestling is "low."
If I'm having a good day, I'm on "cloud nine." A bad day means I am "down in the dumps."
A successful career is "moving up the ladder." Failure in work or personal life can be
"falling from the heights." Life is filled with "ups and downs" — no one has the slightest problem understanding that means life has both "good and bad."

Now consider Jesus' ascension. He ascends not just to some level slightly higher of goodness, but "above all the heavens," to use the words of Saint Paul (Eph.4:10). That expression means to the source of all goodness. He has gone all the way down — to the farthest depths of human suffering, and death. And now he has taken our humanity all the way up into God. In doing so he has demonstrated what he says in the Gospel of John to the Father: "Everything of yours is mine." He now reigns over every possible aspect of creation in and through his human nature. That's what the ascension is all about.

So what? No matter what the lows and highs, ups and down we face this week, we are totally encompassed by the one who descended and ascended. So, we should happily and confidently entrust ourselves to him. He has shown us not only his power, but especially his love, in filling all our ups and down with his presence.

Scripture Reflections

First Reading

In Jesus' final words to the disciples before his ascension, he spoke of the central task of being "witnesses" to others of Jesus and the kingdom of God through the power of the Holy Spirit. How might you give witness to others about Jesus and the kingdom of God?

Second Reading

Paul offers a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the resurrection and ascension of Jesus and for the church, "which is his body." For what should you be thankful to God this week? **Gospel**

In the final scene in the Gospel of Matthew, we hear that prior to his ascension, Jesus told the disciples, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me." Where do you see Jesus exercising his power on earth today?



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Spring Picnic

Hosted by the Family Fellowship Ministry May 21, Sunday, following 11:30am Mass Behind Gallagher Hall

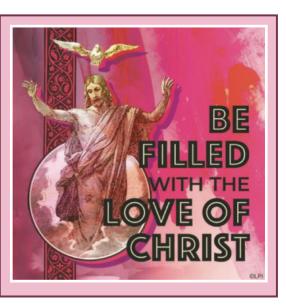
Join us for games, family activities and free food. BYOB - bring your own blanket.

Knights of Columbus Council 6197 Save the Date August 12, Saturday, 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm Gallagher Hall

Knights of Columbus 2023 Pacific Islander Aloha Festival and Scholarship Fundraiser. Celebrating the "Aloha Spirit" with Island Culture, Tradition, Food, and Entertainment. We cordially invite you to join us for our 11th Annual Family event of fun, food, and entertainment. All proceeds benefit our Scholarship Program to promote higher education and Youth Activities to promote healthy competition.

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Weekday Mass Cancellations May 1 - June 8

The 6:30am Mass will be cancelled. There will only be one Mass celebrated at 8:15am. Please check our website for the latest parish updates.

(Practicing) Catholic Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Looking to the Sky

In the past, I have been guilty of being a little depressed by the Ascension. Looking at it from a certain angle, it has the feel of a party that's coming to an end. The important guests have gone home and now it's time to turn the lights back on, switch off the music and start cleaning up.

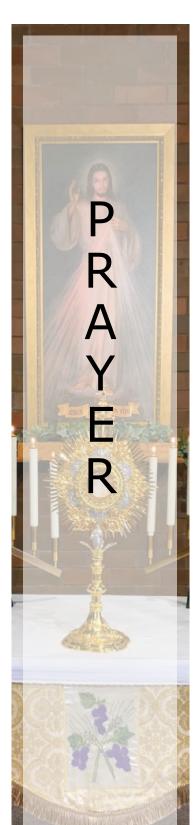
Of course, if I view the Ascension in this light, I'm not really paying attention. I'm lingering on the mountain, staring at the sky, wondering where God went and when He's coming back.

Christ, of course, is very much the "main event" of the Gospels, and so when he is no longer a physical, visible presence on earth — teaching, preaching, curing, dying, rising — we can be forgiven for feeling a little deflated. But the life of Christ is not a season of our favorite show. It's not a chapter in a book. It doesn't exist for consumption and entertainment, and it certainly doesn't come to an end.

It's easy to think of Christ at Mass when he is there before me in the Eucharist. It's easy to be about the work of God during Lent or Easter. But what about the dreaded "Ordinary Time"? As full as the sky is of clouds, so the world is full of distractions: work, finances, health, politics. I struggle to see where God has gone in the midst of it all.

In reality, He is still here. He is here in the person I choose to love or to abandon. He is here in the truth I choose to embrace or to reject. He is here, waiting for me in the sacraments I all too often take for granted.

"Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." — Matthew 28:20



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

Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 21st 7:30am Lauren Prather (*special intention*) 9:00am Romeo L. Cabusas+ Mary Canetta+ 11:30am Felix Sheylan Patel (*in thanksgiving*) 6:00pm Oanh Dao

Monday, May 22nd 8:15am Elsamma Joseph+ Raul Martin+

Tuesday, May 23rd 8:15am Lucio Prades & Segunda Filio+

Wednesday, May 24th 8:15am Thresia Varkey+ Rupasinghe Family (thanksgiving)

Thursday, May 25th 8:15am Marcelo Austria_†

Friday, May 26th 8:15am Joseph John Pham+ Stan Brock+

Saturday, May 27th 5:00pm Lustan & Dalupan Families

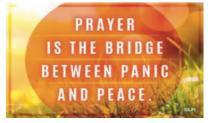
Observances We Celebrate This Week

Monday St. Rita of Cascia Thursday St. Bede the Venerable St. Gregory VII St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi Friday St. Philip Neri Saturday St. Augustine of Canterbury

May is Dedicated to: The Blessed Virgin Mary

Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for May

For church movements and groups We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.



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.

- Bernardo Perez Bill Peterson Camille Pangle Cindy Blecha Cora Gonzales Daniel Lopez Dorothy Wilhite Frank Opeka Gustavo A. Marquez Joy Bryla Kimanh Davis Kyle Pasterski
- Margie Reilly Manuel Abina Manuel Alvarado Margene Goodrich Mauricio Bracamonte Robert Schaffer Rose DeHerrera Sister Maura Bowie Sister Patty Carahu Stan Wilkins Timmy Lonczak

Prayers for Our Troops

We pray for our military personnel abroad and at home, and for their families. Andrew Pecha Michael Dalupan

Prayers for the Recently Deceased

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

Alice Sulik Annie Martinez Betty Ames Bob Knight Cenobia Quintero Dan Flaherty Diane Wiedel Don Watts Douglas James Aiello Elliot Vickers Frank DeVenuto George McLaren Joe Lashinsky John MacDonald Joseph Frank Mauro

Lafaytia Martinez Laura Argumedo Maureen Jarboe Michael Tinoco Rebecca G. Marquez Robert DeHerrera Rubin G. Navarro Rosemary Thomas Severa Jolejole Shirley Dascallos Tim Hays Victoria Garland Wanda Walker Yader Rodriguez

Prayer Requests

Prayer requests for the sick, military or recently deceased may be made by calling our Parish Office. Names will appear for two months. Please visit the parish office for Mass Intentions.

St. John the Baptist, May we be strengthened by your prayers and good example as we prepare the way for the healing power of Jesus.





Adoration

The Adoration Chapel hours are: Mon-Thu 9am - 8pm, Sat 9am - 5pm and Sun 7am -11am Friday Adoration is in the church: 9am to 7pm

The Adoration Ministry has immediate need for dedicated adorers for these hours listed. To sign up please contact Veronica Thomas at thomas_vera@yahoo.com

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

Confession

Saturdays: 3 - 4:30 pm & by appointment Confessions at this time are offered outside of the confessional. We will continue a face to face format in a larger setting.

Respect Life Ministry

"365" Days for Life Wednesday, Thursday, 8am-2pm Planned Parenthood, 201 29th St, SAC Contact: Joanne Dudgeon 916-607-2228

Come out and pray so that you can be a sign of God's love and hope for women and their unborn babies. We give women much needed information, free resources, and help during and after their pregnancy. "Your willingness to stand in the public square and pray for an end to abortion this Lent saved hundreds of lives, led abortion workers out of their jobs, and closed numerous abortion facilities throughout the country." Shawn Carney, President/ CEO of 40 days for Life.

Wednesdays and Thursdays are our focus year round as these are late-term surgical abortion days.

A carpool on Thursdays goes out from 11:00-1:00 pm. Can you bring a folding chair and join us to help be a prayer warrior? Call Joanne.



Established by Pope Paul VI in 1967 as an annual Celebration that encourages us to reflect on the opportunities and

challenges that the modern means of social communication (the press, motion pictures, radio, television and the internet) afford the Church to communicate the gospel message. The theme of the 2023 celebration - is "Speaking with the heart. 'The truth in love.'" "We should not be afraid of proclaiming the truth, even if it is at times uncomfortable," Pope Francis said, "but communicators should fear doing so without charity, without heart. Communicating should be done "in a cordial manner," one that is rooted in love for the other and caring about and protecting the other's freedom."

Lord, let the good news of your marvelous deeds fall on every ear, and let all tongues rejoice in your wisdom, your compassion, your faithfulness, and your love.

Make me bold and let me share your Word with those you desire to reach. As my heart overflows with your love, speak through me.

Let me proclaim your glory and your majesty, and tell of the kindness you have shown your people.

This I ask, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.





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Join Deacon Jim McFadden

8 Week Workshop on Pope Francis' Encyclical Fratelli Tutti Tuesdays, 7:00pm, Zoom Contact: Theresa Grant tgrant@talkpathlive.com

May 23 — Paths of Renewed Encounter May 30 — Religion at the Service of Fraternity in our World

See parish website for weekly content description.

NOTE: The workshop will follow the study guide to the Encyclical Letter of Pope Francis by Marcus Mescher (Paulist Press). Access to this guide is recommended, but not required. To register for the series, please email Theresa Grant. You will receive an email prior to the scheduled session with the Zoom link & instructions. Weekly attendance is not required. Session recordings will be available on YouTube.

Workshop for Dads

June 13 - September 5 St. Joseph, Sacramento Contact: Moises De Leon 916-733-0133

The Office of Family and Respect Life is partnering with Healthy Relationship California to provide parents and married couples to strengthen their most important relationships. R3 Dads This workshop has a strong focus on positive parenting skills to build a strong relationship with their children, the communication and relationship skills taught are applicable at home and in the workplace. In addition, financial management and job improvement teaching are included. Register now at: https:// www.scd.org/R3dad

CHRIST IS OUR DESTINY & OUR HOPE

Lectio Eucharist Bible Study

A Zoom 10 week study Starting on May 24, 2023, 7pm. Contact: Angela, 916-342-3368 REcatechists60@gmail.com

Why does the Church teach that the Holy Eucharist is the "source and summit" of our faith? Why does she insist that the Holy Eucharist is the "True Presence" of Jesus Christ? Do you believe? If you do, can you explain to someone all the reasons behind this belief? If you don't believe, why not? In either case, it would enrich your faith to find out how God planned The Eucharist from the very beginning when Adam and Eve had to leave the Garden of Eden. Come dive into scripture with us and find out how God weaved this gift of love through our Salvation History so that everyone who believed can have food for their souls as they journey through life. This eye opening bible study will leave you feeling thoroughly loved and awed. The study will be offered through zoom, so get your family and friends, near and far to join us as we discover God's incredible gift to each of us. Starting on May 24, 2023 and for 10 weeks, we will embark on a journey through Salvation History with an emphasis on the Holy Eucharist. For questions or to sign up, please call or text Angela.

> Save the Date: Ministry Days 2023 Contact Jennifer Campbell 916-733-0135, jcampbell@scd.org.

Mark your calendars for Ministry Days 2023 on September 22 and 23 at St. Francis High School. Join us for days filled with speakers like Katherine Angulo and Fr. Agustino Torres, CFR, praise and worship with Rudy Lopez, Mass with Bishop Soto, and time to catch up with friends in ministry. More information coming soon and can be found at www.ministrydays.com If you have any questions contact Jennifer.



Stewardship of Treasure the Lord Has Entrusted to Us Weekly goal: \$25,529.00

Weekly Offerings:

May 6/7	\$ 15,034	
RE Program and SJND		\$ 2,250
May 13/14	\$ 16,984	
Bldg & Main	tenance Fund	\$ 2 <i>,</i> 960

Total Online donations for the month of April

\$ 33,311
\$ 2,767
\$ 1,317.50
\$ 2 <i>,</i> 459

2nd Collection

Today we take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and around the world using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Diocese of Sacramento to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the Gospel message. Support the collection today! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/ccc.

Holy men and women from the Americas Servant of God

Fr. Emil Kapaun was an American



military chaplain who served heroically on the battlefield as well as inside of a POW camp in North Korea until his death. While a POW, he cared for other prisoners bodily with stolen food and medicine, and spiritually as a priest.

Lord Jesus,

In the midst of the folly of war, your servant, Chaplain Emil Kapaun, spent himself in total service to you on the battlefields and in the prison camps of Korea, until his death at the hands of his captors. We now ask you, Lord Jesus, if it be your will, to make known

to all the world the holiness of Chaplain Kapaun and the glory of his complete sacrifice for you by signs of miracles and peace. In your name, Lord, we ask, for you are the source of peace, the strength of our service to others, and our final hope. Amen.

Divine Mercy Ministry

Loaves and Fishes Breakfast Feeding May 24, Wednesday Contact: Catherine Scott, 831-402-4681 Greta Tecson, 916-337-2014

Practice corporal works of mercy by: feeding the hungry; giving thirst to the thirsty; clothing the naked; sheltering the homeless; caring for the sick; visiting the imprisoned, and burying the dead.

The Divine Mercy Ministry continues to be grateful for the generous response received in the collection of food for the homeless. You are truly sharing God's love with others less fortunate with your contributions. The collection cart remains in the church vestibule for dropping off your donations. Items most requested:

- cup-of-soups, raisins, peanuts
- peanut butter and cheese crackers
- hot chocolate packets, fruit juices
- oatmeal packets, bottled water
- nutritious granola bars, fruit cups
- creamy peanut butter & jelly

Fresh fruits are welcome and should be dropped off, during church open hours, on the Tuesday the day before we distribute. We are in need of creamy peanut butter and jelly. Bibles, holy cards, rosaries and religious reading materials are also appreciated. All donations will personally be handed out at Friendship Park with smiles of caring and encouragement. Thanking you in advance for your generous sharing this month. There is always joy in giving. Are you interested in driving or helping serve? Please call Greta or Catherine.

Live the Liturgy Inspiration For the Week

Sometimes we look for God in all the wrong places. We are paralyzed with fear, with self-doubt, with despair. Let's not forget the extraordinary miracles we have witnessed this Easter season. Let us bring the memory of this holy time with us into the rest of our year.

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



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

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TO Mission for the Week

Invite a friend over to play. Ask your friend if she'd like to come to church with you.



Jesus, show me how to tell my friends about you.



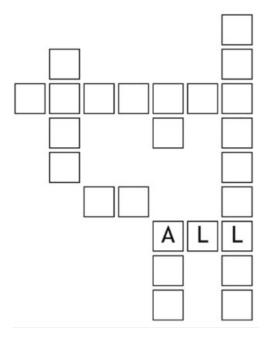
Mt 28:16-20

Before Jesus went back to heaven, he gave his friends a very special job - to share the good news! Jesus came so that the whole world could be saved, and Jesus did not want anyone to be left out. Now it's your turn to tell your friends about Jesus, so they can go to heaven, too.

S Puzzle

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares.

Go and make disciples of all nations.



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

Welcoming Ministries

New Parishioner Welcoming Ministry Joyce Starosciak, 916-740-4628 Greeter Ministry

Lori Hopper, 916-337-0139 Ushers Stanley Posis, 916-705-9192

Prayer Ministries

Companioned Prayer Dcn. Bill Goeke, 916-673-7996 Fridays, 1:30pm. Music Room

Divine Mercy Devotion/Cenacle Leilani Badley, 703-855-6241 -Chaplet/Rosary/Morning Prayer -Cenacle - Leilani Badley, 703-855-6241 -Cenacle-Spanish - Marilena Useche, 916-817-9324

Eucharistic Adoration

Veronica Thomas, thomas_vera@yahoo.com Sign Up for adorers is in the vestibule

Marian Cenacle (Marian Movement of Priests) -English – 1st Wednesday of the month, 10am Sally Gomez, 916-693-2411 -Spanish – Every Saturday Carmen Gaytan, 916-757-3893

Our Lady of Fatima Henry Altamirano, 925-899-7769

Spiritual Growth Ministries

Adult Scripture Study Lee & Teresa Weider, 916-398-1116 Couples for Christ

Myrah Empleo, 661-993-4721

Lay Mission Project Laura Wicklman, 916-933-8471

Praise & Worship David Brauer, dabrauer@hotmail.com Religious Education

Shannon Langer, 916-985-7338 Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Shannon Langer, 916-985-7338 Theology on Tap

Aaron Santos, 916-985-2065

WINGS (Women in Growth Spiritually) Parish Office, 916-985-2065

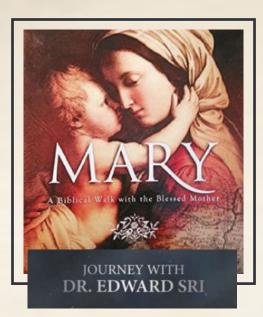
Youth/Young Adults Ministries Aaron Santos, asantos@folsomcatholic.org Parish Committees/Councils

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Roberta Puzio, 916-933-2561

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



Summer Scripture Studies

Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother Begins the week of June 12 Contact Teresa or Lee Weider 916 398 1116, laweider631@gmail.com

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