

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, "Lord, help me." - Mt 15:25

Sacraments

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm
Sunday	7:30 am
	9:00 am
	11:30 an
	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 / ConfessionSaturday3 - 4:30 pm& by appointment

All Other Sacraments Please call the office for information.

Clergy

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

Parish Office

Mon.- Fri. 8:30 am- 4:30 pm 307 Montrose Drive, Folsom Phone: 916-985-2065

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Bulletin

FolsomCatholic.org/bulletin Bulletin Date Ads Due by 5pm

August 27	August 17
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Sept 17	Sept 7

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

Is 56:1, 6-7 / Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4) / Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 / Mt 15:21-28

"O God, let all the nations praise you!" (Ps 67)

Gospel Meditation

By Father John Muir

The suffering of a child symbolizes uniquely terrible evil as well as despair about the future. This week's Gospel gives a "limit" case in which Jesus encounters this evil in the form of a mother with a suffering daughter. What he does is stunning and massively helpful for us if we bravely ponder the details.

The Canaanite woman comes to Jesus and begs his mercy. "My daughter is tormented by a demon," she declares to him. Shockingly, he responds first with silence, then with a dismissive comment, and only then finally accedes to her third request. Is this simply a lesson in perseverance in our petitions to God, who is like a genie in a bottle? Does that justify the humiliation and pain this woman suffers? Is the Lord cruel?

I don't think so. Notice how the encounter ends. She compares herself to a dog at the table of a master. Jesus responds by praising her great faith and fulfills her deep desire. Somehow this non-Israelite woman intuits that this harrowing situation is not dumb suffering. She senses that the door of God's family is, in Jesus, being opened to her and her loved ones. She trusts she is at the Lord's table, and her desires will be fulfilled and that all her sufferings — and her daughter's, too — will lead a great banquet. In our sufferings this week, the Lord wants us to treat him less like a genie in a bottle and more like the Master who has taken us — lost little dogs that we are — into his home forever. Trust that and keep praying in the face of evil.

Scripture Reflections

First Reading

The Lord instructed the prophet Isaiah to be open to "foreigners" (nations other than Israel) for God's covenant with Israel is intended for all people. How welcoming are you to outsiders in your life?

Second Reading

Paul believed that Israel's rejection of Jesus became a vehicle for God to reveal his mercy to all people, Jew and Gentile alike. Is there someone in your life who needs your mercy and forgiveness?

Gospel

Jesus rewards the Canaanite woman for her great faith by granting the woman's request to heal her daughter. Who would you say has helped you grow in your faith?



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Parish Divine Mercy Bingo

August 26, Saturday, 6:00 pm Parish Hall Contact: Leilani Badley Leilani.badley@gmail.com

Please join the Divine Mercy Ministry and Knights of Columbus for an evening of fun and fellowship. *You must be 18 years or older to participate in the bingo game*. Bingo cards and food may be purchased at the event. Proceeds benefit faith formation and outreach programs. In keeping with the Aloha spirit, wear your favorite Hawaiian attire to receive a raffle ticket for drawing to win a prize. Please reach out to Leilani should you have questions.

Knights of Columbus Council 6197

Soccer Challenge Competition September 9, Saturday, 10am Soccer Field (in back of Gallagher Hall) Contact: Dick Phelan, 916-221-0596 or Percy Park, 916-936-6145

Open to the public, local schools and all boys and girls, ages 9-14 performing the "penalty kick" competition. We will have Soccer Challenge Application/Score Sheets #4578 available the day of registration or contact Dick or Percy. Please do not forget to also bring a copy of your child's birth certificate to verify their age group for the competition.

Vestibule Pamphlets, Flyers & Posters

All flyers, booklets, pamphlets and posters left in the vestibule must be approved by the Parish Office. Please check prior to leaving any.

Live the Liturgy Inspiration For the Week

"O woman, great is your faith!" The Canaanite woman stood firm in her belief that God would answer her — even when those closest to him tried to send heraway, and even when Christ himself challenged her. She never wavered.





Why do we have a feast for the Queenship of Mary? August 22

For many of us, the language of kings and queens may seem like they belong to history or a medieval movie. Royalty have absolute authority over a kingdom and their subjects, a concept that is foreign to many of us today. While Jesus doesn't rule a political kingdom, we honor and recognize him as the King of Kings, Lord of Heaven and Earth. To God alone belongs absolute authority over all of existence.

We may think of queens as the spouse of the king, but there is another key relationship: the king's mother. In Biblical history, we see instances where the mother of the king is given due as a queen herself, complete with a throne! Mary's guiding influence over her Son is seen most notably in the Wedding Feast at Cana. Mary is not Queen on her own merit. She is "full of grace" and "blessed" in "all ages" because of the reign of her Son.

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen.



7:30am 9:00am People of the Parish 11:30am Families Affected by the Maui

Wildfires

6:00pm

Monday, August 21st 6:30am 8:15am

Tuesday, August 22nd 6:30am Elaine Callabrese 8:15am Erica Collins (*birthday*) Elijah Han (*birthday*)

Wednesday, August 23rd 6:30am 8:15am Brad & Janet Morris

Thursday, August 24th 6:30am 8:15am Jose Manuel Reys Torres+ Hernan Henriquez+

Friday, August 25th 6:30am 8:15am Jackalyn Joseph Dan LeCam (birthday)

Saturday, August 26th 5:00pm Fernando Nidoy Inez Baciocco

Observances We Celebrate This Week

Monday St. Pius X Tuesday The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Wednesday St. Rose of Lima Thursday St. Bartholomew Friday St. Louis St. Joseph Calasanz

August is Dedicated to:

The Immaculate Heart of Mary

Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for August

For World Youth Day We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

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.

Aaron Samson Bill Kalahao Bill Malmstrom Christopher Nuez Eddie Hines Gina Tabrizy Ifeoma Ugwu Joanna Cucchi Jose Lustan Kimanh Davis Kyle Pasterski Mahalia Long Manuel Abina Marmolil Ocampo Maryann Burriesce Nancy Wilkins Percy Munsell Ray Easton Richard Meagher Steve Livingston Stu Galka Virginia Miller Zien Tran

Prayers for Our Troops

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

Andrew PechaJohn LopezBrandon HeffelMichael DalupanDavid TresslerRyan Joseph Bryla

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.

Anastasia Samson Aurora Castro Barbara Lowenkron Blade Strong Carolyn Alifano Christian Ladd Sr. Cleo Grace de Leon Cora Gonzales Frances Nigro Jennifer Nelson Jose Carvajal Joy Bryla Leona Gines Lorenzo Alejandro Guerra Maureen Russell Pacita Barrameda Paul Stevenson Percy Munsell Randy Elliot Shirley Dascallos Victor S. Sison

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.

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.



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



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:		1	4 - 5pm	5 - 6 pm	6 - 7 pm	7 - 8 pm	
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Respect Life Ministry "365" Days for Life

Wednesday, Thursday, 8am-2pm (Late term surgical abortion days) Planned Parenthood, 201 29th St, SAC Contact: Joanne Dudgeon 916-607-2228

"May Catholics work to protect human life through faith-filled engagement in the public square." USCCB

Love, compassion, and assistance are peacefully offered to women in need at the Planned Parenthood clinic.

Join us on Thursdays to pray from 11:00am-1:00pm. There is a carpool from St Johns leaving at 10:30am. Contact Joanne.

Save the Date

16th Annual Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home Dinner September 10, 2023 5pm Social Hour, 6pm Dinner, 7pm Program Armaans Palace Event Hall 2301 Longport Ct, Elk Grove, CA 95758

Visit their website at BGMHSacramento.org to purchase tickets. Please include: Attendee name(s) your telephone number, & dinner selections with your payment of \$85 per person. Keep in mind, this is their largest fundraiser of the year.

Companioned Prayer Ministry

Contact: Michelle Hendricks mhendricks@companionedprayer.org

The St. John's Companioned Prayer Circle meets on Fridays, at 1:30pm in the Music Room. All are welcome!



Real Presence, Real Life Eucharistic Revival in the Diocese of Sacramento and across the U.S.

The Bishops of the United States have called for a three-year grassroots revival of devotion and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. They believe that God wants to see a movement of Catholics across the United States, healed, converted, formed, and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist—and sent out in mission "for the life of the world."

These three years will culminate in the first National Eucharistic Congress in the United States in almost fifty years. Almost a hundred thousand Catholics will join together in Indianapolis for a once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage toward the "source and summit" of our Catholic faith.

https://www.scd.org/eucharist





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Are You On FiRE? Contact: Aaron Santos asantos@folsomcatholic.org

Mark your calendars for ON FiRE 2023 on Saturday, September 16th from 9am – 9pm at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom in Vallejo, CA. This annual event for youth and young adults starts with a Mass con-celebrated by the Bishops of Northern California and Nevada and ends with exclusive ride time in the park after it is closed to the general public. And in between there is an all-youcan-eat lunch, reconciliation, a vocations carnival, a concert and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. To learn about our ON FiRE talent and to get more information go to www.onfirenorcal.com. Tickets will be on sale soon. If you have any questions, contact Aaron.

Lay Mission Project Contact: Laura WickIman 916-933-8471 laymission.net

The Lay Mission Project is an apostolate which focuses on the secular mission of the Laity in the Church - that's us! Lay Mission prepares us for the sake of our fundamental calling to transform secular society through living the faith in all aspects of life: in the family, socially, in one's occupation, etc. It is designed for the average busy life of the lay person. Learn how to use your gifts to influence your work, society, and your relationships for the good and draw others to our Lord. If you are seeking to strengthen your spiritual life, or learn to see as Jesus sees, and to judge and act with him, then Lay Mission is where you belong. Cohort 3 is scheduled to start October 2023. For more information, go to laymission.net or call Laura.



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

The Prayers God Always Answers

When I was a child, my mother bought a book called "The Prayers God Will Always Answer." I remember my anticipation as I cracked the spine and turned to the first page.

I had been spending a lot of time asking God — begging God, actually — over and over again for some specific things that were not materializing. Frankly, it was beginning to feel a lot like that time I asked Santa Claus for a new house, only to wake up on Christmas morning to find ordinary, non-house-shaped presents under the tree — and a growing sense of suspicion that my faith had been ill-placed.

To the great disappointment of my preteen heart, my mother's book was not a directory of magical phrases God is compelled to obey. It was a list that included things like "Forgive me" and "Help me." I tossed it aside, disappointed.

I marvel at the wisdom and the confidence of the Canaanite woman who persists in begging Jesus to heal her daughter. She is ignored, and still she will not be deterred. The disciples try to dismiss her — still, she presses on. Christ himself challenges her, and her faith makes her ready with a reply.

Somehow, I am sure that even if Christ had said, "No, it cannot be done for you as you wish," she would have still dropped to her knees and worshiped him, because she knew what I did not: God is not a vending machine, and he's not the genie from "Aladdin." Prayer is not a negotiation, but a relationship.

The story of the Canaanite woman is not a story about how to get God to give you what you want. It is a story about the prayers God always answers.

"Then Jesus said to her in reply, 'O woman, great is your faith!'" — Matthew 15:28

2nd Collection

This weekend we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous in the special collection! To learn more, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Divine Mercy Ministry

Loaves and Fishes Breakfast Feeding August 23, 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
- disposable bowls

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. 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.



Holy Men and Women from the Americas

Celestina Bottego was born on December 20, 1895, in Glendale, Ohio to an Irish immigrant

mother and an Italian immigrant father. When she was 15 her father returned to Parma, Italy to care for her grandparents. Bottego remained behind with her mother to help care for her younger siblings. As a youth, Bottego and her family lived in Montana where she was mentored by two religious women of the Sisters of Charity in Leavenworth, who encouraged her in her faith formation. Eventually she, her mother, and her siblings joined her father in Italy, and she finished her education there. Upon graduation she became a teacher. During her decades of teaching, Bottego, being inspired by another mentor, a local Benedictine abbot, decided to become a Benedictine Oblate at age 26. She also went on to found her diocesan chapter of the lay Catholic organization, Catholic Action, dedicating countless hours to charitable work. In 1935 she began work as an English teacher at the Institute of the Xaverian Missionaries in the diocese of Parma. Her superior at the Institute suggested she establish a women's branch of the Missionaries and founded the Xavier Missionaries Sisters of Mary in 1945. Bottego became the General Superior of the order. Her Congregation stood out because they wore no habits, instead choosing to dress for the work that they would be doing among the people that they served, appearing as lay people. Her reputation as a leader grew and she was invited to the opening sessions for the Second Vatican Council in Rome. She served as General Superior until she retired in 1966. In 1980 she died of breast cancer at age 85 and was declared venerable in 2013.

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

If you know someone who is sick, be brave and pray about it. Jesus can do anything.



Jesus, help me to be brave. I know you can do anything.

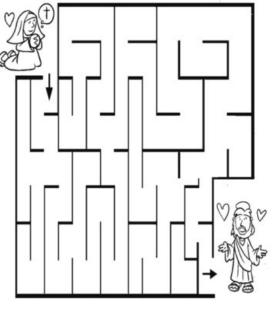


Mt 15:21-28

Jesus met a woman who had amazing faith. She was brave. She was loud. She did not care what anybody else thought. Jesus was the Savior, and she knew he could heal her daughter. Jesus can help you with any problem you have, too. Be brave. Keep asking Jesus for help. God is strong. He can do anything.

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Help this woman find Jesus.



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 Michelle Hendricks, mhendricks@companionedprayer.org 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 - Nury Pun, 916-212-7201

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

Faith Untapped Rachel Marsh, 916-945-6992

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

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

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

Finance Council Patty Robertson, 916-220-3600 Liturgy Committee Barbara Bowden, 916-984-9476 **Pastoral Council** Shannon Frazier, 916-761-2912

Outreach/Charity Ministries

Bereavement Hospitality/Receptions Parish Office, 916-985-2065 **Gabriel Project** Debbie Sultan, 916-337-5786 Grace Ouilters Ministry Catherine Scott, 831-402-4681 **Knights of Columbus** Tom Ireland, 310-347-7180 **Ministerio Pastoral Hispano** Beatriz LeCam, 916-765-3569 **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 **Respect Life Ministry** Joanne Dudgeon, 916-607-2228 School Ministry (St. John Notre Dame) Keith Martin, Principal, 916-985-4129 **Senior Visitation** Charlene Agles, 916-984-9602 St. Vincent de Paul (311 Montrose Dr.) Mercy Knight, 916-985-4630 **Liturgical Ministries Altar Servers** Hugo Schmidt, 916-817-4541 **Children's Liturgy during Mass**

Rachel Boyd, 916-296-3712 **Extraord. Ministers of Holy Communion** Steve & Mary Anne 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 Parish Office, 916-985-2065 **Family Fellowship** Rachel Marsh, 916-945-6992 **Gift Shop** Connie Aley, 916-337-3607 **Security Ministry** Jim Miller, 916-220-4311 Women's Game Day Every Wednesday, Garden Room, 11am - 4:30pm. Roberta Puzio, 916-933-2561

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

Aloha Festival 2023

Appreciation and Gratefulness to our St. John the Baptist Parish

Appreciation and gratefulness are significant in today's life since they bring us into a positive and direct relationship with ourselves as well as other people. Feeling Appreciation and communicating gratefulness opens our hearts and lifts our hands to the assignments before us. These characteristics are otherworldly; they raise us into a domain of higher accomplishment and availability. They unite individuals as they enhance our shared endeavors. Furthermore, they improve our outlook towards life and make us feel that life is better and make us feel sufficient about the amenities we have in our life.

"Special Thank You", to our Priest, Deacons, Parish Office, Ministries, Parishioners and their Families who also helped and supported this annual Knights event, which profits our Scholarship Program and SJND School children. "Kudos" to our Parish Youth Group during and after the food service!

Mahalo (thank you) to all of our 2023 Aloha Team members and leaders for your knowledge and expertise to accomplish our goals before, during and after our planning during the past 5 months. We would also like to thank our brother Knights and their families for their help and support for this annual event.

Last but not least "BIG MAHALO" to the following groups that performed at this year's Aloha Festival.

Ho'okano Ukulele Group - Keoki Gordan Filipino Group - Christine Montemayor Hula group Hui O' Hawaii - Sacramento

We are Knights of Charity, Unit and Fraternity. In Service to One, In Service to All. Blessed Michael McGivney, Pray for Us.





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