

# 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." - Mt 21:32

### **Sacraments**

#### Masses

All Masses are celebrated outdoors in the field behind Gallagher Hall. A mask is required and must be worn at all times. Please bring your own chair and sign in for contact tracing purposes.

Weekend Mass Times Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm Sunday 7:00 am 8:00 am 6:00 pm Daily Mass Times Mon. - Fri. 6:30 am

Reconciliation / ConfessionSaturday3 - 4:30 pm& by appointment

All Other Sacraments Please call the office for information.

### Clergy

Fr. Renier Siva **Pastor** 

Fr. Cleetus Karakkat Parochial Vicar

William Goeke Jim McFadden Deacons

Fr. Ignatius Haran **Pastor Emeritus** 

# **Parish Office**

The office is closed until further notice. Please call and leave a message. 307 Montrose Drive, Folsom Phone: 916-985-2065

*Website:* FolsomCatholic.org

Social Media: @FolsomCatholic

# Bulletin

FolsomCatholic.org/bulletin

<b>Bulletin Date</b> Oct 4	Ad Due by 5 pm Sep 24
Oct 11	Oct 1
Oct 18	Oct 8

# 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**

Ez 18:25-28 / Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a] / Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5 / Mt 21:28-32

"The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir,' but did not go." (Mt 21:30)

# **Gospel Meditation**

What prompts you to make the decisions you make? When confronted with a decision, whether one that is more trivial and mundane or one that is more significant and profound, we rely on guidance. That guidance can be the result of impulse and passion or the fruit of the interior voice of conscience. Decisions made on impulse and passion can be misguided and erroneous. Decisions based on conscience, or the moral voice within, will reflect the depth and maturity of our soul work. A more contemplative soul will make more contemplative decisions. A less developed conscience will make decisions based on the individual's level of development.

Conversion and a change of heart are at the core of Jesus' message precisely because of this reality. We are works in progress. For the person on fire with the Holy Spirit and centered on God, life reflects an ever-deepening awareness and heightened sense of God's presence and a greater willingness to do God's will. What is happening internally is validated by what is witnessed externally. The hypocrite is the one who says yes when they really mean no. From the start, they had no desire to do the virtuous act but wanted to outwardly appear as if they did.

Where are you on the road of integrity? Honesty is all that is required. God is good with that. It is okay to struggle with our decisions and wrestle with ourselves. Consciences on the path to maturity and greater depth are not always going to know what action is immediately best. We may, at first, say no to what we know is right and, after prayerful reflection and thought, come around to doing it. Conversion happens when our no changes to yes, regardless of how sinful or out of sync we may be at the time. God is anxious to welcome us to Himself. But we cannot embrace Him unless we want to. Learning to orient our gift of free will to what is of divine origin, right, and best is a discipline we must always tweak and perfect.

# **Scripture Reflections**

#### **First Reading**

The prophet Ezekiel warned that even the just at times turn away from justice. But the just are saved through repentance. How do you turn away from your sin?

#### Second Reading

Paul presents in Philippians one of the Church's earliest Christological hymns, emphasizing the humility of Christ. Who do you see as a model of humility in your life?

#### **Gospel Reading**

In a tense exchange between Jesus and the religious leaders of Jerusalem, those on the margins of society are held in higher regard by Jesus because of their repentance. What do you think motivates anyone to repent?



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

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#### **Youth Ministry Programs**

Contact: Aaron Santos asantos@folsomcatholic.org

Join our youth groups, now meeting via Zoom on our Facebook page. Contact Aaron for more information.

*Edge:* Open to students in grades 6-8 Wednesdays, 5-6pm

*LifeTeen:* Open to all High School Students and Lifeteen Alumni Sundays, 7-8pm

# **Extra Ordinary Times**

October 1, Thursday, 9pm Contact: Jennifer Campbell jcampbell@scd.org, 916-733-0135 scd.org/ExtraOrdinary

Join us every other Thursday night on FB LIVE @SCDOYYA for a Young Adult retreat where our retreat leaders will help you dive into the upcoming Sunday reading, explore the life of a young saint, and challenge you during ordinary times.

This virtual retreat will have an interactive component and a new presenter each week.

October 1 - Teresa Arredondo October 15 - Cecilia Phan October 29 - Sr. Karla Felix-Rivera November 12 - Andreya Arévalo

# Christian Brothers High School Open House

October 4, Sunday, 11am to 2pm

Join us and see firsthand why CB is the place to be for exceptional academic programs, the arts, athletics and more – all in a faith-filled, nurturing community. In order to protect the health and safety of our school community and guests, this will be a virtual event. Please register at surveymonkey.com/rCBOpenHouse2020 to ensure you receive important event details and admissions information.

### The Gospel of Matthew

An Online 15-Segment Zoom Series Presented by Deacon Jim McFadden October 6, Tuesday, 7 pm Contact: Theresa Grant tgrant203@aol.com

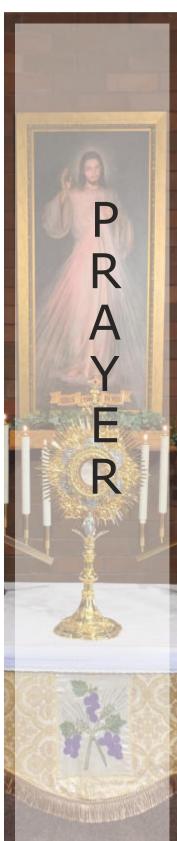
**Session 5:** Jesus the Teacher: the Sermon of the Mount (part 1)

Matthew has introduced Jesus as the New Moses in the Infancy Narratives, as the Son of David, and as the Son of God in the Baptism of Jesus. And, he described the intense preparation Jesus underwent in the Temptation. With all that behind us, Matthew is going to focus on Jesus the Teacher. All of Jesus' teachings were about proclaiming the Kingdom of Heaven. Now people want to know the nature of this Kingdom; so, they gather around Jesus at the Mount to hear his Sermon, which will contain his programmatic teachings.

To register for the series, please email Theresa Grant. You will receive an email prior to the scheduled session with the Zoom online link & instructions. Please check your spam/junk mail in case you do not receive the email in your inbox.

#### **Inspiration for the Week**

When making decisions, we often struggle with what voice to follow. We acknowledge the presence of God, the existence of the Trinity, the priority of the Gospel, and the virtues and values they embody. Yet, even with all of that truth, knowledge, and tradition behind us, we think we know better. When confronted with a decision, we easily dismiss what we know we ought and need to do and entertain responses that stem from lesser desires and wants. We eventually may come around and realize that what God asks us to do is what we need to do, even if it wasn't our original intention. God accepts our return to Him with joy. What becomes dishonest is deceiving ourselves, God, and others by originally saying yes to what we know we need (and are asked to do) and willfully doing something else. That is blatant hypocrisy.



At St. John the Baptist Parish,

time in conversation with our

Lord is at the center of

our lives.



We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 27th

Monday, September 28th

**Tuesday, September 29th** 

Thursday, October 1st

Friday, October 2nd Jean Mellberg+

Saturday, October 3rd

End of Abortion

Wednesday, September 30th

In thanksgiving for Rhoda Tantingco

**Observances** 

We Celebrate This Week

Mon: St. St. Wenceslaus,

St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions

Tue: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

Wed: St. Jerome

Thu: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

Fri: The Holy Guardian Angels

September is Dedicated to:

The Seven Sorrows of Mary

Kim Bigornia+

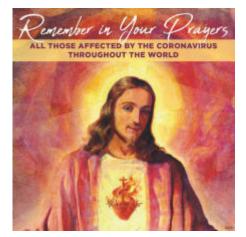
Kim Smith

Randy Gomez+

Thanh Lam+

Carmenza+

Heather Martinez+ The Rico Family



### **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.

Christopher Kovarik Mark Penman Danny Taffola Jen Fancher Joanne Harden Kainoa Wood Kimanh Davis

Pat Koelfgen Phyllis Dexter Robert Coughlin Sunta de Rivera Vickie Lustan

### Prayers for Our Troops

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

Michael Dalupan

### Prayers for the Recently Deceased

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

Anne Acosta Bernie Powers Brian Trevisan Maxey **Bud** Powers Cal Dexter Chris McDowell Daniel Kelly Francisco Tiffer Gilbert Mendivil Herbert Kohagura Jean Walsh Kay Warren Lamberto Bachiller

Lillian Robert Loraine Roche Maria Gill Maria Perez Maurico Padilla Nasri Michael **Richard Rutledge** Rose Imbriani-Ajalat Tommy Nunez Valenzuela Susan Wong Tony Zuniga

### Prayer Requests

Prayer requests for the sick, military or recently deceased may be made by calling our Parish Office. Names will appear for four months.

# **Celebrate Our Priests'**



Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we

experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen. (www.usccb.org)



# **The Adoration Chapel**

The Adoration Chapel is closed until further notice Adoration has been moved to the Church

A link to an Adoration Video (50mins) is located our website. Scroll down to midpage and click on "Spend Time..." A YouTube video will pop up to play the video. Another Adoration Video (30mins) is also posted and pinned on our Facebook page. A Facebook account is not necessary to view. Once on our Facebook page click on the Monstrance picture to start the video.

www.facebook.com/FolsomCatholic

# Live Stream Mass

#### scd.org/coronavirus/livestream-mass

Please visit the Diocesan page. It lists Parishes which are currently live streaming Sunday and Daily Masses.

### Church Hours Monday - Friday

The church will remain open for those who would like to pray before the Blessed Sacrament from 8am-4:30pm.

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

Please keep in mind your minimum 6ft "social distancing"

### Confession Saturdays: 3 - 4:30 pm and by appointment

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

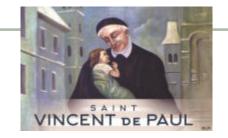


# Respect Life Ministry

40 Days for Life Campaign September 23 - November 1 8am-6pm, Mon, Tue, Fri, Sat 11am-6pm WED 2322 Butano Drive, Sacramento Contact: Joanne, 916-607-2228

Please come and pray for life! This campaign has successfully saved thousands of babies all over the country. Their moms are given support throughout with various community resources. Participation is easy, bring a chair and pray! It's been proven that many couples change their minds when they see people praying in front of the clinic.

St. Johns is getting carpools together to go on Fridays from 11am-1pm, meeting at St. Johns at 10:30am. Or leaving St. Johns after school with Kathy on Wednesday. Call or text Kathy at 916-337-6824 or Joanne at 916-607-2228.



" We should spend as much time in thanking God for His benefits as we do in asking for them"

Feast Day: September 27





# 5 Things You Need to Know About Archangels

Aleteia.org

- They are the second lowest "rank" of angels. This hierarchy is based on nine names of ranks of angels that are found in the Bible.
- They are entrusted with delivering important messages to humans. The lowest ranks of angels are the ones who communicate or interact with us.
- They do not have wings, bodies or swords. Unlike us, angels are pure spirits and do no possess anything material.
- They can protect us from evil. St. Michael and the heavenly host has the power to expel Satan from a place.
- Archangels still exist today. God created their immortal spirits and they will never cease existing for all eternity.



O Jesus, our most holy Redeemer, we ask you to bless our home, our family, our household. Preserve us from all evil.

St. Michael, defend us against all the wicked wiles of hell. St, Gabriel, obtain for us wisdom that we may understand the holy will of God. St. Raphael, preserve us from ill health and all danger to life. Holy guardian angels, keep us day and night in the way to salvation. Amen.



# The Gift of Our Guardian Angels

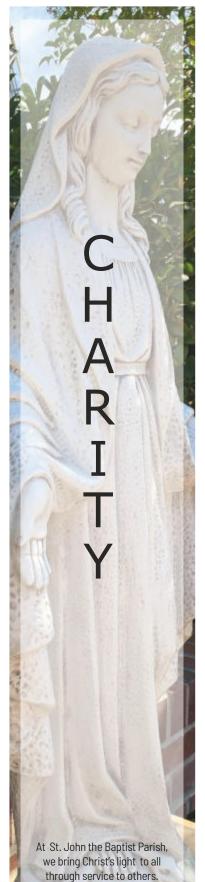
It's good to know we're not alone. This October 2nd we celebrate the feast of our guardian angels. This ancient belief has roots in Scripture. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus implies the special guiding care of the angels. "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father" (Matthew 18:10). Our guardian angels are given to us by God to protect and watch over us from the moment of our conception until the hour of death. Let's pray together to our own heavenly help:

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side to light, to guard, to rule, and to guide. Amen

# Is It the Thought That Counts?

I can remember times when I received a gift that I would not have chosen for myself. At those times I certainly thought to myself that "it was the thought that counts." I was happy that the gift-giver thought of me at all. Then there have been times when my children have not given me a gift and then chose to tell me all about what they were going to give me. They would then follow it up by saying, "it was the thought that really counts." Really!?! I don't think so. I could think of sending my wife on a cruise, but that is not in any way the same as going on the cruise. I think there are times when all of us think we are more generous than we are, simply because we were thinking about being generous.

This way of thinking can be dangerous. Jesus teaches us to say what we mean and mean what we say. The intentionality of our actions is important, but intentionality without action is meaningless. How we act and what we give serves as evidence of our intentions and indicates where our heart truly lies. If we fool ourselves into thinking we are someone we are not, it can become difficult to see the truth. We need to look for the fruit in our lives. We need to make sure our desires and thoughts are moving us to act. You know that other saying about intentions, don't you? Don't pave the road to a place no one wants to end up with your intentions. Instead, let your intentions and actions lead others to another place where Jesus can be found. *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* 



# 2nd Collection

This weekend our 2nd collection will be for the Pontifical Good Friday Collection (postponed from April due to COVID-19). Pope Francis has asked that we support this collection which helps Christians in the Holy Land. This collection:

- Helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education.
- Helps to preserve the sacred shrines.
- In these times of crisis, it provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS! For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

Last weekend our 2nd collection was for the Diocesan Collection for Priests Retirement. Together we collected \$885.

Next weekend our 2nd collection will be for our RE Program and SJND.

### Please Consider Online Giving Our Parish Is Grateful for Your Continued Support folsomcatholic.org/onlinegiving

Please remember although the services are limited for the time being, parish operations continue; bills are to be paid, staff need to be given their salaries, facilities' maintenance are needed. Your weekly envelopes can be mailed to the parish office or use the online giving.

With online giving you can give a single donation or recurring donations to our church, specific parish ministries, or Diocesan appeals, etc. Instructions on how to fill out the form are available on the online giving page.

> "Remember your mercies, O Lord. " (Ps 25)

# Stewardship of Treasure the Lord Has Entrusted to Us

Weekly goal: \$25,529.00 Weekly Offerings: September 19/20 \$11,985.27

#### Loaves and Fishes Sister Nora's Place

Contact: Cathy 916-353-0688

St. Johns has been participating by providing a full meal the first Wednesday of each month for 16 women. We are in need of 4 more volunteers to complete our mission of a once a year commitment. The meal consists of a main course (homemade or bought), salad or vegetable, fruit, starch or rolls, desert and drinks. These ladies even like pizza night! Please help if you can. You may even double up with someone. The meal is then dropped off at their location (no contact delivery). Delivery drivers also needed. Call Joanne Dudgeon 916-607-2228 or Cathy for details.

### A Little About Sister Nora's Place

Sister Nora's Place is the only overnight shelter at Loaves and Fishes. It is a 16 bed shelter to help chronically homeless, mentally ill, physically abused women learn to establish mental and physical wellness. The residents each have their own cubicle that includes a twin bed and a locking closet for their possessions. They support one another as a community. Every evening they share dinner together as a family with the generous meals provided by treasured volunteers. During the week they participate in several groups offered by the Loaves and Fishes Genesis Counseling Program. There are several groups ranging from Meditation, 12 Step/NA meetings, Daily Reflections, Life skills, and Medication support meetings. Many of the residents have learned to manage their illnesses and have become volunteers in other Loaves and Fishes programs. Some have started receiving SSI, and others have found employment. Stable affordable housing continues to be a problem.



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

# Sharing the Gospel

Maybe you have heard that actions speak louder than words. It means that the things you do are more important than the things you say. Show kindness to others. Trust God. He wants what is best for you, so find out how to work for God. Then do what he asks.

TO Mission for the Week

S第 Prayer

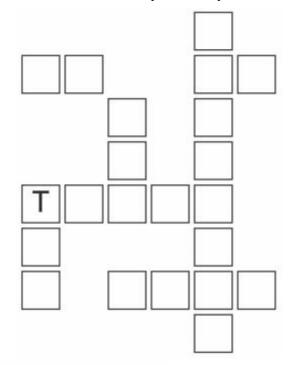
God, I want to show you that I love you.

Show kindness to a friend. Help someone pick up a mess they made,

just because you love Jesus.



Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares: Go and work today in the vineyard.







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

### Welcoming Ministries

Communications Ministry Loreen McMahon, 916-933-1330 Ministers of Hospitality Shannon Bleeker, 916-200-8059 New Parishioner Welcoming Ministry Lori Hopper, 916-337-0139 Ushers Stanley Posis, 916-705-9192

### **Prayer Ministries**

**Companioned Prayer** Bill Stobbe, 916-505-3800 **Divine Mercy Devotion/Cenacle** Zoeanne Tafolla, 707-333-7359 -Chaplet/Rosary/Morning Prayer -Divine Mercy Chaplet/Mass -Cenacle - Zoeanne Tafolla, 707-333-7359 -Cenacle-Spanish - Ana Haid, 916-956-1177 Eucharistic Adoration Veronica Thomas, thomas\_vera@yahoo.com Perpetual Adoration—1st Fri 9am - Sat 4pm Marian Cenacle (Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle) -English – 1st Saturday of the month Sally Gomez, 916-693-2411 -Spanish – 2nd Wednesday of the month Ana Haid, 916-956-1177 **Our Lady of Fatima** Henry Altamirano, 925 - 899-7769

### **Spiritual Growth Ministries**

Adult Scripture Study Lee & Teresa Weider, 916-983-8065 Couples for Christ Myrah Empleo, 661-993-4721 Praise & Worship Sheila Fitzpatrick, 925-437-0798 Religious Education Shannon Langer, 916-985-7338 Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) Debbie Duncan, 916-798-0201 Theology on Tap Aaron Santos, 916-985-2065 WINGS (Women in Growth Spiritually)

Sue Collins, 916-337-6237 Youth/Young Adults Ministries Aaron Santos, asantos@folsomcatholic.org

# **Parish Committees/Councils**

Finance Council Elizabeth Beigh, 916-730-1291 Liturgy Committee Barbara Bowden, 916-984-9476 Pastoral Council

**Outreach/Charity Ministries Bereavement Hospitality/Receptions** Nina Pucci, 916-947-6386 **Catholics for Life** Kathy Baxter, 916-337-6824 Gabriel Project Helen Boyd, 916-367-8071 Grace Quilters Ministry Catherine Scott, 831-402-4681 Grupo Pastoral Hispano Anna Haid, 916-956-1177 **Knights of Columbus** Dick Phelan, 916-221-0596 **Pastoral Care Ministry** Dan Dunne, 916-817-1675; Sunday Candice Ralston, 916-806-8090; Tuesday **Prayer Shawl Ministry** Catherine Scott, 831-402-4681 Prison/Restorative Justice Ministry -Folsom Prison - Fr. H. Gomez, 916-985-2561 x 4206 -CSP Sacramento - Greg Mellor, Catholic Chaplain, 916-985-8610 x6425 School Ministry (St. John Notre Dame) Keith Martin, Principal, 916-985-4129 **Senior Visitation** Charlene Agles, 916-984-9602

St. Vincent de Paul (Helping Hands) John Knight, 916-985-4630

# Liturgical Ministries

Altar Servers Hugo Schmidt, 916-817-4541 Children's Liturgy during Mass Shannon Langer, 916-985-7338 Extraord. Ministers of Holy Communion Steve & Maryanne Ashley, 916-479-2214 Lectors Patti Midtlyng, 916-837-8322 Liturgical Environment Arlette Peterson, 916-220-5968 Music - See choir director after Mass.

### **Additional Ministries**

Children's Babysitting at Mass Georgia Oatmeyer, 916-201-3193 Family Fellowship Carol Stephenson, 916-952-6744 Gift Shop Connie Aley, 916-984-9284 Women's Game Day Roberta Puzio, 916-933-2561

Please send ministry updates and corrections to Loreen McMahon, mcmahon510@comcast.net.

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

# Fire Assistance Fund 2020

PRAY FOR CALIFORNIA

Almighty God,

We pray that through the intercession of your beloved, Saint Florian, those courageous men and women fighting fire in California will be protected and strengthened by Your providence. Bring consolation to those who have lost loved ones, dwellings, and their sense of security. May they find a home in your gracious love and a hope in the generous works of your servants here on earth.

Amen

In light of the fires burning in counties throughout the Diocese, Bishop Jaime Soto has asked the faithful of the Diocese of Sacramento to pray for all those affected, especially the residents who have been displaced, lost their residences or evacuated. Ask for God's protection upon the firefighters and emergency personnel. Pray for those who have died and all those suffering loss during this catastrophic time.

Catholic Charities of Yolo Solano, Northern Valley Catholic Social Service (NVCSS) and the St. Vincent de Paul Society are working together with local community partners to help those in need.

Parishioners wishing to donate money to assist those in need may do so in the following ways:

Donate by mail: Send checks to Diocese of Sacramento Fire Assistance Fund, 2110 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95818 Donate by phone: Call The Catholic Foundation at (916) 733-0266

Donate online: https://www.scd.org/catholic-foundation/fireassistance-fund-2020





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