



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Catholic Church

OCTOBER 3, 2021



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female." - Mk 10:3-6

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

William Goeke

Jim McFadden

Deacons

Fr. Ignatius Haran

Pastor Emeritus

Parish Office

Mon.- Fri. 8:30 am- 4:30 pm
307 Montrose Drive, Folsom
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FolsomCatholic.org

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Bulletin

FolsomCatholic.org/bulletin

Bulletin Date	Ads Due by 5pm
October 10	September 30
October 17	October 7
October 24	October 14
October 31	October 21

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

Gn 2:18-24 / Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5] / Heb 2:9-11 / Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

"May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives."

(Ps 128)

Gospel Meditation

Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, "It takes three to make love, not two: you, your spouse, and God." Apart from the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, nothing speaks better of God's incarnate love than marriage. God designed it this way. We place great value on love and rightly so. What we fail to realize, however, is that love, its very presence and place in our lives, is not simply part of the human package deal. Love comes from God. It is one of God's greatest gifts to human beings. When we begin to realize that our very ability to love is sacred, it changes up how we see the essence of life, and purpose and sanctity of marriage.

God is love. It stands to reason then that if we follow the path of unconditional, self-emptying love we will then stumble upon God. It is precisely this intimate wedding of God with love that gives such eloquence and honor to the love between husband and wife. As a living sign of Christ's love for the Church and for humanity, husbands and wives speak volumes of God's unconditional incarnate love for all of his children! The Divine power that brings unity and life to marriage is so strong that once joined, it really cannot be separated.

Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. God's perfect divinity always meets our broken and imperfect humanity. God is okay with this setup as he created it this way. Our loving is never as unconditional as God's and often tainted by our own imperfections, needs, memories, hurts, sinfulness, and weakness. All of this baggage negatively impacts even the most well-intentioned marriages, causing them to be hurtful and empty. We are love works in progress. God can succeed in perfecting our love only if we keep our eyes fixed on him as the source of that love. That's why marriage is always about three and not just two.

The Divine intimacy at the heart of marriage is what can make them celebrations of great union and happiness. Couples who are still madly in love with each other after many years, still looking at each other with that timeless twinkle in their eyes, best tell the story of God's oneness with humanity. Honor, celebrate, and support those who have accepted a vocation to marriage. Living in a world that easily pulls relationships apart, may they find hope and inspiration from their faith companions who are on the same journey!

Scripture Reflections

First Reading

Today's creation account of man and woman is the foundation of our Judeo-Christian understanding of the covenant of marriage. When a male and a female marry, "the two of them become one body." What do you see as some modern implications in this understanding of marriage?

Second Reading

The author of Hebrews tells us that we are "brothers" with Jesus in our common experience of suffering and death. In what way do you find comfort in this idea?

Gospel

Both in public with the Pharisees and later in private with the disciples, Jesus takes a strong stand on the sacred and unbreakable bond of marriage. How do you imagine the Pharisees and the disciples reacted to Jesus' position?

Mass Cancellations

This week the priests of our Diocese will be participating in Priesthood Study Days. The following Masses will be cancelled here in our Parish:

- October 5, Tuesday, 6:30 am
- October 6, Wednesday, 6:30 am
- October 7, Thursday, 6:30 am & 8:15am

Help Needed!

Contact: Shannon Langer
916-985-7338
slanger@folsomcatholic.org

We are also looking for a few people who might be willing to be on a sub list for catechists. Please contact Shannon if you can help.

Our Lady of Fatima Feast Day

Mass and Procession
October 13, Wednesday, 5 pm

We will have Our Lady of Fatima Mass and procession. Mass will be at 5pm followed by a procession around the neighborhood. Don't forget to bring your rosary.

Praise and Worship

October 13, Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Church
Contact: David Brauer
dabrauer@hotmail.com

Join us for an evening of inspiring music and powerful prayer with Praise and Worship! We will also be praying the Rosary starting at 6pm. We hope you join us!

Save the Date!

Ministry Fair
November 6 & 7

Hosted by St. John the Baptist Parish Council. All parishioners and families are invited to the Fair following the Saturday and Sunday Masses. Please check future bulletins for more detailed information on this event.

SJND Oktoberfest

Everyone 21 years and older is invited!

October 16, Saturday, 2-6:00pm
Gallagher Hall Field

Tickets are \$40.00 per person until October 13. October 14 - day of event ticket price is \$50.00.

A ticket/admission gets you:

- Live music to listen/dance to
- One meal ticket (sausage or chicken, 2 sides)
- Beer Stein, all you can drink beer
- Not to mention games and prizes

Event tickets may be purchased at
oktoberfest.sjnds.org

Additional food and beverage tickets will also be available for purchase on site.



St. Francis of Assisi left a life of luxury for a life devoted to Christianity after reportedly hearing the voice of God, who commanded him to rebuild the Christian church and live in poverty. He founded the

men's Order of Friars Minor, the women's Order of St. Clare, the Third Order of St. Francis and the Custody of the Holy Land. Born in 1181 in Italy, St. Francis of Assisi was renowned for drinking and partying as a youth. During a military expedition/battle between Assisi and Perugia, he was captured and imprisoned for ransom. He spent nearly a year in prison and began receiving visions from God. After his release from prison, St. Francis of Assisi claimed to have heard the voice of Christ, who told him to restore the Christian Church and live a life of poverty. As a result, St. Francis of Assisi abandoned his life of luxury and became a devotee of the Catholic faith.

Today, St. Francis of Assisi, known for his deep love of nature and animals, is the patron saint of the environment and animals. Each October, many animals are blessed on his feast day.

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



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

Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 3rd

7:30am Cheryl Cassel†
 9:00am Lucas Pagan_(birthday)
 11:30am Bob Miranda†
 1:30pm Alberto Andrade Bolanos†
 6:00pm People of the Parish

Monday, October 4th

6:30am Eddie Campos†
 8:15am Gianni Salvatori† & Giuseppe Rizzuto†

Tuesday, October 5th

6:30am MASS CANCELLED
 8:15am Larry & Mary Prinzbach
(25th Wedding Anniv)

Wednesday, October 6th

6:30am MASS CANCELLED
 8:15am Cathy Kovarik†

Thursday, October 7th

6:30am MASS CANCELLED
 8:15am MASS CANCELLED

Friday, October 8th

6:30am Lorenza Mejia†
 8:15am Cathy Kovarik†

Saturday, October 9th

5:00pm Leopoldo Martinez (healing)

Observances

We Celebrate This Week

Mon: St. Francis of Assisi
Tue: Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos
Wed: St. Bruno
 Blessed Marie Rose Durocher
Thu: Our Lady of the Rosary
Sat: St. Denis and Companions,
 St. John Leonardi

October is Dedicated to: The Holy Rosary

Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for October Missionary disciples

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

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.

Amelia Barlow	Junior Palma
Arlis Himmelmann	Katrina Bojorquez
Baby Terran Smith	Larry Boushey
Bonnie O'Dell	Leopoldo Martinez
Cayme Family	Luis Lopez-Alvarez
Chris Cordova	Margaret Kimball
Christopher Kovarik	Marelou Montemayor
Chris Ely	Mario Palma
Colleen Barler	Melvin Solie
Dave Asmus	Michael Sullivan
Dave Loveall	Monica Heffel
David Allingham	Pierre Lavapie
Dennis Barler	Richard Mason
Dominador Palma	Roger Boushey
Dorothy Wilhite	Rose DeHerrera
Geraldine Giacopazzi	Snyder Family
Hardip Dosangh	Tom Rawson
John Bothelio	Vickie Lustan
Joseph Flores	

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.



AB Martinez	Joe Cadungog
Arlene Malandrone	Joseph Szymusik
Alfonso Cruz	Juanita Bersabal
Beatrice Rhea	Karen Norris
Bob Miranda	Luella Heney
Bud Geisner	Maria M. Acosta
Catherine Squires	Maria Novello
Cathy Kovarik	Marianna Ort
Cheryl Cassel	Marjorie Cutone
Corey Hendon	Martha Ritchey
David Fredericks	Oliver Deegan
Don Russell	Puspa Banka
Eddie Duarte	Raul Edward Martin
Esperanza Olson Garcia	Robert Coughlin
Fabian Generao	Ruben Antonio Sanchez
Francisco Henriquez	Sr. Mary Virginia, RSM
Gonzalo Bito	Soledad De Maria
Hilarion Aspera	Urdaneta
Ilona Johnson	Susan Goltiao
Jack Donahue	Theresa Ann Collins
Jaime Manabat	Virginia Olson
Janina Frys	Victorino Vargas
Jimmy Ledda Tan	William Heffel

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.



The Adoration Chapel

Chapel hours are: Mon-Fri 9am - 8pm,
Sat 9am - 5pm and Sun 7am -11am

First Friday of every month Eucharistic Adoration:
9am to 7pm in the church

The Adoration Ministry has immediate need for dedicated adorers for these hours

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

To sign up please contact Veronica Thomas at thomas_vera@yahoo.com

Confession

Saturdays: 3 - 4:30 pm
and by appointment

Confessions at this time are offered outside of the confessional. We will continue a face to face format in a larger setting.

40 Days for Life

September 23-October 31
Monday-Saturday, 8am-5pm
www.40daysforlife.com/sacramento

If you don't know it already, roughly 3,000 babies are killed every single day in this country. That's 1.3 million babies every single year. Take a moment of silence to really think about that. It's easy to help, bring a folding chair and pray with others at the clinic during the 40 Days for Life campaign.

Join our St. John's carpool group on Thursdays from 10am-12:00pm.
Call Joanne at 916-607-2228.

We truly believe that we will look at abortion as being the worst human rights violation of our day. People in the pro-life struggle against this culture of death, not only for the unborn but for all life are praying that in God's grace, the killing of innocent life will be unthinkable someday.

Go to the website listed above to sign up.

Respect Life Sunday

Pope Francis has said that respect for life is not just about the unborn child in the womb, but also about the least of our brothers and sisters. Yes, it is even upon the undocumented resident alien who has no voice but ours. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are all called to protect the voiceless.

Let us pray...

*Good and gracious God,
you blew into our nostrils the breath of life.
You are the One to whom we owe our
very existence.*

*Give us the courage to take that unpopular
position of protecting those who have no voice,
the unborn child in the womb
to the person taking his or her last breath.*

*The life you have given us is a
gift beyond measure.
Embolden us to speak the truth
about protecting the child, the elderly,
and the one without a voice in the
public square.*

*With thankful hearts,
we ask all this of the One God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

Amen.



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



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

Fall 2021 Scripture Studies

Monday, October 18

Contact: Teresa or Lee Weider
916-983-8065, laweider631@gmail.com

In-Person Fall Scripture Studies will begin the week of October 18th! Learn more about your faith and scripture for everyday life. Studies will include:

- Ephesians (8 weeks, Tuesday 9:30am)
- Wisdom (8 weeks, Tuesdays, 7pm)
- James (11 weeks, Wednesdays, 7pm)
- Epic - Early Church History (10 weeks, Thursdays, 9:30am)

See the parish website for more information and sign up under Faith Formation. Individual online studies are also available. Please contact Teresa or Lee if you're interested or have questions.

Scripture Studies offer fellowship and enrichment for new and existing parishioners. Everyone is welcome!

The Gospel of Mark

A 10-Week on line series by
Deacon Jim McFadden

October 5, 7:00 pm, Via Zoom

Contact: Theresa Grant
tgrant@talkpathlive.com

Session 4: *Understanding the Kingdom via Parables.* Today's session explores Jesus' parables, especially in Mark 4. Parables are complex, enigmatic stories that seek to explain what the Kingdom of God is like. By way of the Our Father, we know that the Kingdom is where the Father's will is happening. And, since God is Love, the Kingdom is that condition in which the Great Commandment is being displayed. That's what the parables don't give a definitive description of what the Kingdom is, but by approaching it from different perspectives, we get an overall sense of what Kingdom living entails.

A recording of each session will be available. For enrollment, please contact Theresa Grant.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

2021 - 2022 Retreats

Spanish: November 19-21, 2021

English: February 4-6, 2022

English: August 12-14, 2022

Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful abortion emotions and begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing.

For information call 916.733.0161 or email projectrachel@scd.org. All messages are confidential.

Therein lies the...rib

"If I were God..." is a dangerous way to start a sentence, but how many of us do this? Probably more regularly than we would like to admit. Even if we don't verbalize the sentiment, we likely think it from time to time. Most of us finish that statement with some genius, original idea for eradicating difficulty and pain from the world. If I were God, I wouldn't let anyone go hungry. If I were God, all wealth would be equally distributed. If I were God, war wouldn't exist.

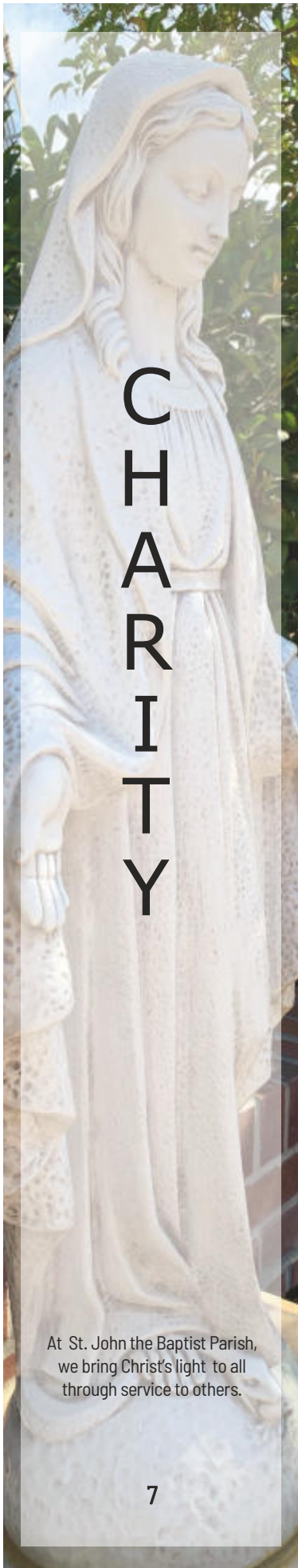
I imagine that, when we think thoughts like these, God shakes His head and wonders why we don't look a little harder at the whole of His creation — because I can promise you, it's never lacking.

When Adam had a need for a companion, God used what was available: Adam's rib. Everything that He had put into place was already perfect, already complete. Woman was a new creation, but not a new species. Adam searched through all of creation to find the perfect mate, but God had tucked the answer inside of His creation all along.

I'm guilty of it as much as anyone else - looking to Heaven with a chip on my shoulder. "Why haven't you sent me what I need? I've been asking over and over again." But have I even thought to look inside of myself?

Where is the rib you are missing today? What are the opportunities God has set before you? What are the needs that He is ready to fulfill, if only you would stop wasting time lamenting all the solutions that don't fit the bill?

~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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

We're Looking For A Few Good Catholic Men

Contact: SK Percy Park
916-936-6145, dbk576@aol.com

Since 1882, membership in the Knights of Columbus has been open to men 18 years of age or older who are "practical" (practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See, who accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the **precepts of the Catholic Church**, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church.

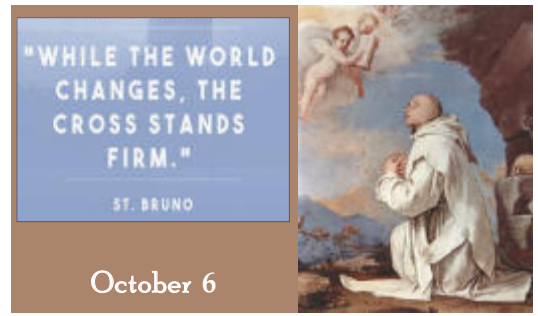
What It Means To Be A Knight of Columbus

We are Catholic men who lead, serve, protect and defend. We share a desire to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors and role models to put charity, parish and community first.

Together we are empowering men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work and in their community. Our goal is to help men, their families, and their parishes grow closer Christ. Through our programs and resources, we provide opportunities to live and spread the Catholic faith. We support a virtually boundless variety of projects as Charity is the heart of our work and our faith--- and it always has been.

Inspiration for the Week

"What God has joined together." We are all familiar with these words. Because man and woman are essentially of the same substance, although also distinctively different, there is an innate desire to be connected and united. Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. But they can also be celebrations of great union and happiness. This is proven by couples who have been married for many years who still have that same twinkle of devotion in their eyes that was present on their wedding day. God designed it to be this way. By God's power, the two become one. This is not of human design. The true intimacy of marriage is a Divine Intimacy. It is a bond created by a power far greater than any found in the two people who are joined. Marriage is where the virtue of love is most fully expressed.



Stewardship of Treasure the Lord Has Entrusted to Us

Weekly goal: \$25,529.00

Weekly Offerings:

September 25/26 \$13,111.49

2nd Collection

This weekend our second collection will be for our RE Program and SJND.

Loaves and Fishes

October 29, Wednesday

Contact: Greta Tecson, 916-337-2014 or
Zoeanne Tafolla, 707-333-7359

"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."
2 Corinthians 9:11

As always our Divine Mercy Ministry is immensely grateful for you supporting the Loaves and Fishes breakfast program. September 22nd we served over 190 guests, all of them were happy and thankful for the blessings of healthy treats and more. Most of them also received at least two PBJ sandwiches.

Our special thanks goes to volunteer drivers who also personally helped pass out food: Christine Pham, Sheila Fitzpatrick and Karen Moore.

Our next distribution day will be Wednesday, October 20th. This fall we would like to distribute gently used coats, blankets, and sleeping bags as well as food. Our donation cart will remain in the vestibule for during Church hours. Thank you again for your generosity.



"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

In the beginning, when God created Adam and Eve, he created marriage to be good and holy. God wanted husbands and wives to love God and to help one another. Because of sin, some marriages started to fall apart. Divorce is difficult for everyone. God always wants marriage to be good and holy.

Mission for the Week

Pray for kids you know who have been hurt because their parents are not living with each other. Ask God to heal their broken hearts.

Prayer

Dear God, help people who are married to love you and care for each other.

Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel reading

Jesus	husband	divorce
Moses	wife	papers
law	married	joined
Jssue	<u>J</u> <u>e</u> <u>s</u> <u>u</u> <u>s</u>	
marrdie	— — — — —	
dvrccioe	— — — — —	
Mssoe	— — — — —	
hsbndua	— — — — —	
jndoie	— — — — —	
wfie	— — — — —	
lwa	— — — — —	
pprsae	— — — — —	

Read the Gospel and Color

Mk 10:2-16



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

Parish Office, 916-985-2065

Ministers of Hospitality

Parish Office, 916-985-2065

New Parishioner Welcoming Ministry

Joyce Starosciak, 916-740-4628

Ushers

Stanley Posis, 916-705-9192

Prayer Ministries

Companioned Prayer

Dcn. Bill Goeke, 916-673-7996

Divine Mercy Devotion/Cenacle

Zoanne Tafolla, 707-333-7359

-*Chaplet/Rosary/Morning Prayer*

-*Divine Mercy Chaplet/Mass*

-*Cenacle* - Zoanne Tafolla, 707-333-7359

-*Cenacle-Spanish* - Ana Haid, 916-956-1177

Eucharistic Adoration

Veronica Thomas, thomas_vera@yahoo.com

1st Friday of the Month - 9am - 7pm (church),

Sign Up for adorers is in the vestibule

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

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

Finance Council

Joyce Starosciak, 916-740-4628

Liturgy Committee

Barbara Bowden, 916-984-9476

Pastoral Council

Shannon Frazier, 916-761-2912

Outreach/Charity Ministries

Bereavement Hospitality/Receptions

Nina Pucci, 916-947-6386

Catholics for Life

Kathy Baxter, 916-337-6824

Gabriel Project

Debbie Sultan, 916-337-5786

Grace Quilters Ministry

Catherine Scott, 831-402-4681

Grupo Pastoral Hispano

Rommel Hernández, 530-387-1009

Knights of Columbus

Hugo Schmidt, 916-817-4541

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)

Mercy 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

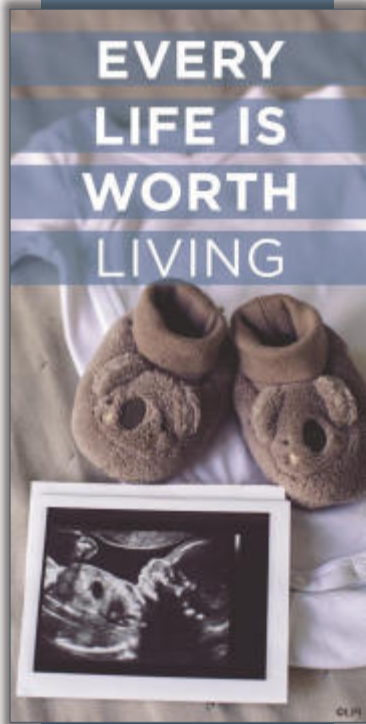
Roberta Puzio, 916-933-2561

MINISTRIES

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



Can a person (the mother, father, or provider) ever be forgiven for an abortion?



For people of faith, any conversation of human sinfulness should always lead us to reflect on God's loving mercy. Because God's mercy is greater than any sin, the Church is clear that even those involved in the sin of abortion can be reconciled with God and the Church. To help make this grace more available through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Pope Francis extended the permission to absolve someone of the sin of abortion to all priests in 2016.

Even with the grace and blessings of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the tragedy of abortion and the aftermath of abortion takes a toll on everyone involved.

Ministries of outreach and support, such as Project Rachel, offer pastoral counseling, support groups, retreats, and other forms of care. As Christians, we are also called to help promote this healing and reconciliation in all its forms.

To learn more, visit

www.hopeafterabortion.com

www.scd.org/family-and-faith-formation/post-abortion-care

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