

# EASTER SUNDAY

Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. - Jn 20:8

# **Sacraments**

#### Weekend Mass Times

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

1<sup>st</sup> 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, Noon 7:00 pm

**Reconciliation / Confession** Saturday 3 - 4:30 pm & by appointment

## All Other Sacraments

Please call the office for information. Please note for marriages please call the office at least 12 months in advance.

# Clergy

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

# **Parish Office**

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

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FolsomCatholic.org Social Media: @FolsomCatholic

# Bulletin

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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 10:34a, 37-43 / Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24) / Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 / Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad." (Ps 118)

# **Gospel Meditation**

By Father John Muir

Outside Chicago, there is a small cemetery in the woods behind Mundelein Seminary, where I was a student. One night I was exploring it. I looked up and was shocked to see an imposing seventeen-foot angel towering over me and preparing to blow a trumpet. Adrenaline rushed through me. I gasped and uttered, "Oh my God!" Quickly I realized it was in fact a massive bronze statue. I tried to calm myself down. But it still freaked me out.

As we begin to celebrate Easter today, this image might seem a bit unnerving. But please recall that for the first disciples on the morning of the resurrection, it was precisely that. It wasn't joyful at first, it was terrifying. It wasn't peaceful, it was unsettling. In that Jerusalem cemetery, something otherworldly had happened. Angels announced that he was no longer dead, but alive. They had blown their trumpets, so to speak, and Jesus had risen. Soon the disciples' shock in that dark cemetery would turn into joy.

We all have our own places of the dead, too, don't we? Deceased loved ones. Our tired patterns of blame. Relationships stuck in resentment. Indifference to the poor. Lost dreams. Despair about our future. Fear of sickness and death. These are our "cemeteries" where we don't expect much to happen. Today we enter — if we dare — those places with the disciples. See the mighty angel standing there, trumpet ready to blare!

# **Scripture Reflections**

## **First Reading**

In his speech, Peter places much emphasis on his personal witness to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. To whom this week could you witness your faith in the resurrection of Jesus?

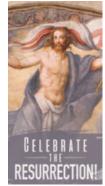
# Second Reading

Paul taught the believers in Colossae to anticipate the return of the resurrected Jesus. How does your family celebrate Easter Sunday?

#### Gospel

Mary Magdala, Peter, and the Beloved Disciple were the first to experience the joy and mystery of the empty tomb. Do you recall when you first started believing in the resurrection of Jesus?

# Happy Easter!



Again and again, we are reminded that "God so loved the world that He gives us His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (Jn, 3:16). Not only that, He also chooses to love us until the end even if that means losing His only begotten Son. Obedient to the will of His Heavenly Father, Jesus accepted His mission and consequently conquered death as an expiation for human weaknesses that led to sin. Jesus offered the ultimate sacrifice once for all for the salvation of mankind. And He continues to be present with us through the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Sacred Sacraments.

Easter celebration reminds us of Jesus' unselfish sacrifice of himself. He showed us the greatest example of unconditional love: giving generously, expecting nothing in return. His death on the cross and resurrection from the dead bring us a message of hope that one day, we too who believes in Him will be rewarded and enjoy His company. He has risen from the dead. Alleluia!

On behalf of Fr. Julius, the Deacons, and the staff of the Parish, have a Blessed Easter everyone. And may the glory of Easter renew and strengthen your faith in the Risen Christ.

Yours in the Holy Name of Jesus,

**Fr. Renier Siva** Pastor

## New to the Parish? April 6, Saturday, 3:30pm Contact: Joyce Starosciak jastaros@gmail.com, 916-740-4628

The St. John the Baptist New Parishioner Welcoming Ministry is holding a welcoming event for new parishioners. You will meet other new parishioners, learn about our ministries, take a guided tour of the parish facilities, and receive a small gift to welcome you. The orientation continues into 5pm Mass where a Blessing will be conferred on all new parishioners. A small wine and cheese reception will follow after mass. Please call or email Joyce to register.





Holy Saturday 8:15 pm Easter Vigil Mass

#### Easter Sunday

7:30 am, 9:30 am 11:30 am (Church) 11:45 am (Gallagher Hall) No evening Mass

Monday after Easter: only 8:15am Mass will be celebrated

# St. John's Gift Shop First Eucharist Items

Celebrations of First Eucharist will soon be upon us. Our gift shop has what you need. Available for purchase are saint medals, picture frames, rosaries, crosses, jewelry, keychains, pen and bookmark sets, holy cards, greeting cards, and much more. The Gift Shop is open before and after weekend Masses. Purchases help support the various ministries of our parish.

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

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# Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 31st

7:30am Clinton Myerst
Amber Merrillt
9:30am People of the Parish Theresa Thomast

11:30am (Church) Shirley Benecke+ Gregory Moreno (bday & healing) 11:45am (Gallagher Hall) Lloyd Dillon+ Cristina Yang Espino+

Monday, April 1st 8:15am Dick Pasterski+

**Tuesday, April 2nd** 6:30am Carmenza Moncada<sup>+</sup> 8:15am Lyle Christopher Cavin III<sup>+</sup> Joselito Lawas<sup>+</sup>

Wednesday, April 3rd 6:30am 8:15am Cesar Sanchez (*birthday*)

**Thursday, April 4th** 6:30am 8:15am

#### **Friday, April 5th** 6:30am Sarah Lippsmeyer 8:15am Jeremy Cruz & Family

Saturday, April 6th 5:00pm Greta Tecson (thanksgiving) Joana Daysort

# March is Dedicated to: St. Joseph

# Observances We Celebrate This Week

Monday Monday within the Octave of Easter Tuesday Tuesday within the Octave of Easter Wednesday Wednesday within the Octave of Easter Thursday Thursday within the Octave of Easter Friday Friday within the Octave of Easter Saturday Saturday within the Octave of Easter

# Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for March For New Martyrs

Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

# 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.

Alberto Sandayen Andrew Speer Angela Vitale **Becky Tipton Bill Peterson** Brian Shannon Connie Ledna Dennis Taverna **Dominique Brien** Dora Ruiz Edie Hawkinson Fr. Mark Mitchell Fred Montoya Gloria Marquez Gretchen M. Reindl Jonathan Japlit John Leonard

John Said Ion Penrose Josie Carreon Katie Hobbs Kimanh Davis Kyle Pasterski Margaret Rita Reilly Maria Linda Poblete Marilvn Rao Mike Ramirez Mimi McCall Priscilla Dade Roger Lopez Sandy Young Victor Zapata Virginia Louise Miller

# Prayers for Our Troops

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

Andrew Pecha Brandon Heffel Carl Crossman David Tressler Dylan Flynn

John Lopez Joshua Penman Marc Jules Ocampo Michael Dalupan Samuel R. Rodriguez

# 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.

Allan Salido Bill Platz Bob Robertson Caroline Andren Catherine Walczykowski Denise Marie Scanlan Diane Moffit Donna Faulkner Fred Martin Gemma Santiago Joana Marie Daysor Juana Fox Junior Palma Luisito Maniago, Sr Marcello Strussione Marcus Tafoya Marilyn Schwan Mario Palma Martha Alkire Michele Mercurio Ronnie Lepore Shirley Benecke Sofia P. Aguirre Tersa Kwiatkowski Vanessa Anugwum

# **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.

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

> March 30 -31 Adoration Chapel is closed Holy Saturday & Easter Sunday

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

# **Respect Life Ministry**

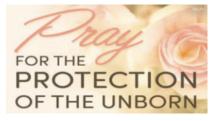
"40 Days for Life"

February 14 – March 23 Vigil Hours: Mon-Sat. 8am-6:30pm Planned Parenthood 201 29th St., Sacramento Contact: Dcn Danny Patterson 916-733-0133, dpatterson@scd.org Parish contact: Joanne Dudgeon 916-607-2228

An old Irish proverb says, "It is in the shelter of each other that the people live." Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life's end, we may not know how best to "shelter" them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them: usccb.org/ end-of-life-care

"For each expectant mother considering abortion: May the Lord provide for her needs and give her the grace and resolve to choose life for her child"

Come join us for the 40 Days for Life campaign at Planned Parenthood Abortion Business. Carpools from St. Johns available. Bring a folding chair to sit and pray for this important community outreach. We have signed up for Thursdays from 10am-noon, leaving church at 9:30.



# **Feast of Divine Mercy**

April 7 Contact Leilani Badley Leilani.badley@gmail.com 703-855-6241

This is an invitation to the preparation and celebration of the Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday.

**Novena of the Divine Mercy** Jesus promised "By this novena, I will grant every possible grace to souls." (Diary 796)

March 29 – 31, 5:00 pm Church Chapel April 1-5 9:00 am Church Chapel April 6 4:15 pm Church **Celebration of the Feast of Divine Mercy** April 6 (vigil) and 7

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited 30 minutes before every Mass. Fellowship and refreshments following every Mass in the courtyard.



Good and gracious heavenly Father,

we come before you on this Easter Sunday with full and grateful hearts for the gift of the Paschal Mystery that you showed us in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son, our brother by adoption, Jesus Christ.

Bless us and all those who profess belief in your saving love. Bless also those who have yet to profess belief in you. You are God for all. We ask all this in Christ's name. Amen.





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At every Mass, Jesus offers himself to the Father for us. We can always join our own offerings with Jesus at Mass. This Sunday, offer your desire to be full of his light of life.

## **Praise and Worship**

April 10, Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Church Contact: David Brauer dabrauer@hotmail.com

Join us for an evening of inspiring music and powerful prayer. This is a ministry of worship, prayer and fellowship, where we have an opportunity to come together in the middle of the week as brothers and sisters in Christ to grow closer to our Lord. Our theme for this month is "Mission". Please join us!

# **Spring Adult Scripture Studies**

A Biblical Walk Through the Mass Beginning Week of April 8 Mondays, April 8, 7pm Wednesdays, April 10, 9:30am Contact: Teresa or Lee Weider 916-398-1116, laweider631@gmail.com

Morning and evening classes will be offered for "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass". This 5-week study will deepen your love and devotion for the Holy Eucharist as it explores the extraordinary biblical roots of the Mass. Don't miss it! Sign-ups are available on the parish website or on paper flyers in the vestibule. Scripture studies offer inperson fellowship and an opportunity to learn more about our beautiful Catholic faith. If you have questions contact Lee or Teresa. Everyone is welcome!

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

What Would Mary Do?

This Easter morning, I am thinking of Mary Magdalene. I want to know her state of mind as she approached the tomb in the darkness. Was she afraid? Was she thinking clearly? Was she tired? Had grief and trauma robbed her of her sleep the last two nights? What did she intend to do? Anoint Christ's body, yes — but what else? Kiss his hands, trace the markings where the lash had fallen upon his skin? Say goodbye? Weep? Despair?

What were the words she planned to whisper into the cold, empty darkness that morning, as she wept over God's body? I don't know anything about her state of mind that Easter morning, except that I know she wanted to be with Christ. Perhaps that was all she knew, too. Perhaps she had no other thought, no other desire, than nearness to him. She didn't need to understand everything, and she didn't expect answers — she didn't dare hope for that. But everything and everyone had fallen apart around her, and in Jesus' presence she knew her heart would be able to rest.

If you have ever been in the midst of a crisis in your life and found yourself pacing the floors of your house when no one else is awake, muttering the words to a prayer you know by heart, you know what Mary Magdalene felt. In those moments, we do not always feel God's presence. Sometimes, when we look for Him, we only see an empty tomb.

When these dark moments come, I pray you will remember the faithfulness of this great saint. Be like Mary Magdalene. Look for Jesus, always. You may not always find him, but he will always find you.

"She ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, 'They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him.'" — John 20:2



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Even as the disciples saw the empty tomb and the discarded burial cloths, they did not understand what had happened. But they kept faith, trusting that the Lord was at work. Let us keep that same faith when we do not find God where we expect Him to be.

# St. Vincent de Paul **Raffle Tickets for Hawaii** Contact: Mercy Knight, 916-985-4630

As many of you know by now, St. Vincent de Paul is selling raffle tickets for a trip for two to Hawaii (all expenses paid). Each ticket costs \$10 each. The drawing will be held at a St. Vincent de Paul Benefit Dinner ("Seeing God's Blessings"), and you need not be present to win. We will be selling tickets until April 6/7. Please feel free to call me if you wish to purchase any tickets, and we will continue to sell in the vestibule as long as it is available. **Please note** that we will not be selling tickets on Easter Sunday. Thank you for your continued support.

# Knights of Columbus Council 6197

40 Cans for Lent Final Weekend February 14 - March 31 **Contact: Percy Park** 916-936-6145, dbk576@aol.com

.What food should I donate?

- Healthy, non-perishable food
- Items with intact, un-opened, consumer or commercial packaging
- Items with non-breakable packaging (no glass please)
- Food within the expiration date on the packaging
  - What are the most requested food items?
- Canned meats like tuna, chicken, turkey, ham, stew and chili
- Canned vegetables
- Pasta & pasta sauce, Beans, Rice
- Healthy cereals, Peanut Butter
- Baby food & baby formula

Drop off food items in our Knights of Columbus "40 Cans for Lent " cart located outside in front of the church entrance before and after every weekend Mass. Items can also be dropped off at the St. Vincent De Paul location Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 am to 12 Noon.

St. John Motre Dame

Gala & Auction

April 27, 2024 5pm - 11pm Gallagher Hall. 307 Montrose Drive, Folsom

Appetizers - Seated 3 Course Dinner - Silent & Live Auction



The Auction is the school's biggest fundraiser. All proceeds raised during this event allows us to form disciples for Christ through a quality Catholic education.

For tickets and schedule: Auction.sjnds.org



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#### John 20:1-19

Mary Magdalene was surprised when she found the empty tomb of Jesus. She ran and told Peter and John that his body was gone. Peter and John ran to the tomb. They found no body, just strips of cloth. One piece was the cloth that covered the face of Jesus. Peter and John knew that Jesus was not in the grave, even though they did not understand what it meant to rise from the dead.

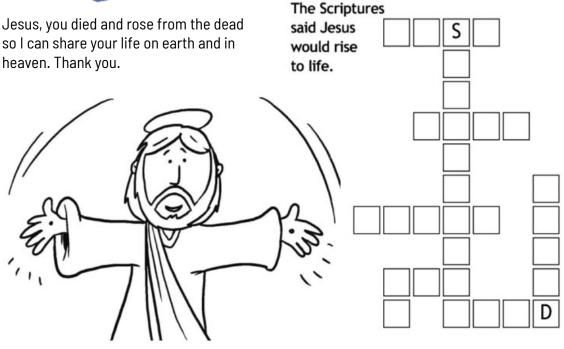
# $\mathbb{C}$ Mission for the Week

I will tell someone that Jesus is alive.



# S Puzzle

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares.



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"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." 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 Wednesdays, 9:30 am -11am, Church Chapel **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) Trista Gooderham, 612-382-7655

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 **Filipino Apostolate** Lili Rehwald, 916-220-2483 Gabriel Proiect Debbie Sultan, 916-337-5786 Grace Quilters 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 Dav Every Wednesday, Garden Room, 11am - 4:30pm.

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

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Roberta Puzio, 916-933-2561



# GUEST SPEAKER CHRISTINE JURISICH

# **COME TO THE WELL**

# April 10 | 6-8pm | Garden Room Light Bites and Wine provided

The Bible story from John's Gospel of the Woman at the Well is a meaningful one for a lot of women. Did you know this story holds the longest-running conversation between Jesus and anyone in the Bible? What does this tell you about Jesus? How may this be an invitation for you to have a long conversation with Jesus? Come for a special time of reflection and sharing and allow yourself to be nourished at the well.

RSVP to Trista Gooderham 612-382-7655 mrsgooderham@gmail.com

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# Save the dates and join us for our mini series

## Restore the Beauty & Women Doctors of the Church

Mark your calendars for future dates:

- April 18, 9am St Hildegard Bingen
- May 2, 9am St Teresa of Avila
- May 16, 9am St Therese of Lisieux

Links to resources for the discussions are available on our website

Please contact Trista for further details or visit the parish website at folsomcatholic.org/wings

#### **About WINGS**

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