



# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

## *Catholic Church*

### JUNE 20, 2021



## 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!"  
The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them,  
"Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" - Mk 4:39-40

## Sacraments

### Masses

A mask is not required but encouraged.

#### Weekend Mass Times

Sat: 5:00pm (Sunday Vigil)

Sun: 7:30am, 9:00am,  
11:30am & 6:00pm

#### Daily Mass Times

Mon-Fri: 8:15am

### 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  
Phone: 916-985-2065

#### Website:

FolsomCatholic.org

#### Social Media:

@FolsomCatholic

## Bulletin

FolsomCatholic.org/bulletin

#### Bulletin Date Ads Due by 5pm

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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

Jb 38:1, 8-11 / Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 [1b] / 2 Cor 5:14-17 / Mk 4:35-41

*"Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting."*  
(Ps 107)

## Gospel Meditation

As we look at our lives and world events, do we ever find ourselves wondering if God is sleeping? After all, maybe God's patient, unconditional love has run its course and He is finally fed up with humanity's reluctance to accept the truth about who we are. God really can't be that patient! All throughout human history, many have prayed to God for intervention or for particular needs. Because their prayers were not answered in the way they wanted or anticipated, they felt that God may have abandoned them. Were they right? It seems that we are continuing, at a rapid rate, down a path of destruction. Do you not care, God, that we may be perishing? When the boats of our lives are rocking and the seas tumultuous, we want to know that we have God's attention. Even more so, we want God's intervention.

Maybe the storms and the waves are necessary. If we listen, they can teach us valuable lessons. Without them, we would never learn that we have the strength to endure, understand the uselessness of fear and worry, or develop the ability to really trust. If God immediately rushed in and simply calmed things down before they got difficult, what good would that really be? We would miss opportunities to learn how to drink more deeply of life, treasure its complexity, irony, and beauty and fully engage ourselves in surrendering to the love of our Creator. It is easy to walk on the surface of life without immersing ourselves in its messiness. Life has to burn its way through us in order to bring us to a place of secure trust. It's unfortunate that some prefer a shallower journey.

That's the balancing act that comes with faith. It is not God's job to prevent us from encountering the torrential rains and winds of life. Many believe that if faith is done the right way, that God will provide for smooth sailing. That's not how it works. God permits us to ride out the difficult stuff knowing that the storm will eventually be calmed. Do we not have faith that God will do this? True faith trusts in the steadfastness of God's love when the seas are calm and when they are choppy. God's unconditional loving presence shines through all of it and endures forever. Knowing this allows us to put our boats out into uncharted waters without hesitation. Knowing that we prefer the comfort and safety of what we know to be still waters, how do we feel when Jesus says, "Let us cross to the other side"?

## Scripture Reflections

### First Reading

Much of the book of Job addresses the mystery of suffering and God's role in human affairs. Today we hear part of God's response to Job's questioning with images of the sea and raging waters, representing God's power and omniscience. What helps remind you it is God who governs the universe with purpose and fidelity?

### Second Reading

Paul encouraged the Corinthians to have the conviction of faith that since Christ died for all, believers should now live for him. In doing so, we become a "new creation." How have you seen this happen in your life as a person of faith?

### Gospel

Early in their following of Jesus, the disciples' witness of the miracle of Jesus calming the storm at sea led them to ask: "Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?" How would you explain to others who wonder about the divinity of Jesus?



**Dear Friends in Christ:**

Starting Friday, June 18, 2021, Pastors may accommodate the faithful for the celebration of the Sacrifice of the Mass as well as other sacramental and worship services at 100% of the seating capacity in the parish churches.

I am rescinding the general dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Starting Sunday, June 20, 2021 all the Catholic faithful in the Diocese of Sacramento are obliged to personally attend and actively participate in the Sunday celebration of the Sacrifice of the Mass (Canon 1247). Pastors and the faithful are counseled that individuals are not obligated to attend the Eucharist on Sunday or other obligatory solemnities if they are sick, have a vulnerable health condition, are caring for someone with a vulnerable health condition, or have other serious reasons (Canon 1245; Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2181).



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

All the faithful are reminded of the perennial obligation to keep holy the Lord's Day by observing Sunday with prayer, spiritual reflection, works of mercy, fellowship, and rest.

Pastors and the faithful should continue to observe sensible public health precautions:

- Practice frequent hand washing and use of hand sanitizer.
- Refrain from hand shaking and other forms of physical contact with others outside of one's household.
- Continue to clean the pews at least twice on Sundays and other days when there are multiple services.
- Facial masks are still encouraged.
- Priests, deacons, and extraordinary ministers should continue to use facial masks for the distribution of communion. During the distribution of communion priests, deacons, and extraordinary ministers should have sanitizer available for use when needed.

For communion, the distribution of the cup is still suspended.

The exchange of the sign of peace during Mass may resume. The faithful should refrain from gestures of physical touching with persons outside of one's household. A respectful bow or wave is encouraged.

Congregational singing may resume. Musicians and choirs should observe sensible public health precautions. Pastors should use their discretion based on local circumstances regarding the use of facial masks by musicians, cantors, and choirs.

Liturgical processions may resume: Entrance procession, the gospel procession, the procession of the offertory gifts, and the recessional procession.

It is recommended that the collection baskets be handled only by the ushers rather than passed from person to person.

Holy Water may be made available to the faithful in the traditional fonts at the entrance of the church.

Livestreaming the Sunday celebrations of the Sacrifice of the Mass for the benefit of those who cannot attend in person due to illness or other circumstances noted above is encouraged.

All the faithful are encouraged to receive the COVID-19 vaccination when available. Consult with your doctor regarding any personal health concerns.

Other ministerial, catechetical, and social gatherings may resume while also observing sensible public health precautions as outlined above. Pastors should take additional precautions for the handling of food and the provision of materials to avoid the use of shared utensils. Avoiding self-serve options for food and drink is encouraged.

The return to regular congregational gatherings will be welcomed by many. Mutual respect, charity and patience should be cheerfully exercised so that all the members of the Body of Christ are welcomed and encouraged by this blessed opportunity. Over the course of the long pandemic journey we have learned the personal duty we have for one another's spiritual and physical health whenever we gather and even when we are apart. The risks of infection still threaten us. Our communion with the charity and mercy of Christ will help safeguard us and lead us on the path of holiness together.

May the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary and St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse, bring an end to the pandemic and fill us with the joy and hope of the Lord Jesus.

Respectfully,  
+Jaime Soto, *Bishop of Sacramento*

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we welcome all  
as members of  
the Body of Christ.

# P R A Y E R

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, June 20th

7:30am Mark (birthday)  
 9:00am Vicente Ruiz Zagal+  
 11:30am Carlos Henriquez+  
 6:00pm Joseph Galinato (birthday)

### Monday, June 21st

8:15am Satunino Felipe+

### Tuesday, June 22nd

8:15am Andrew Bower+

### Wednesday, June 23rd

8:15am Andrew Bower+

### Thursday, June 24th

8:15am Vitaliana Felipe+

### Friday, June 25th

8:15am Tony Sanchez (thanksgiving)

### Saturday, June 26th

5:00pm Constancio Ilas Sr.+

## Observances

### We Celebrate This Week

**Sun:** World Refugee Day; Father's Day

**Mon:** St. Aloysius Gonzaga

**Tue:** St. Paulinus of Nola,

Sts. John Fisher and Thomas More

**Thurs:** The Nativity of St. John the Baptist



### Blessing of Fathers

*God and Father of all creation, we come before you today with humble hearts.*

*You are our model of a loving father.*

*When we fail and fall short of your expectations, you are always there at the end of the day with open arms, ready to heal the cuts and scrapes of the day and to encourage us to try again and not to give up.*

*We hold up these men in our midst who act in the world as fathers to their children or models of fathers for others.*

*Bless them in their moments of doubt and frustration with their children. Give them warm and open hearts to forgive failures.*

*Provide them with the words needed for encouragement and perseverance. We ask all this in the name of Jesus.. Amen.*

## 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.*

Adelina Zendejas	Lora Iliff
Christopher Kovarik	Lucy Tran
David Allingham	Margaret Kimball
Eberado Madueno	Marelou Montemayor
Elfega Larsen	Margarita Garcia
Evelyn Ronquillo	Maria Garcia
Eusebio Santos	Minh Davis
Gloria Bladel & Family	Randy Elliot
Joseph Cardenas	Robert Coughlin
Joshua Weidinger	Sheila Montemayor
Karen Bookey	Silda Galang
Kimanh Davis	
Lance Costa	

### 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.*

Agrifino Angeles	Madeline Easton
Andrew Bower	Maria Di Costanzo
Anita Rivera	Maria Novello
Bob McIntyre	Marilyn Dorr
Carlos Henriquez	Nona Piha
Charlotte Hughes	Norma Aley
David Fredericks	Puspa Banka
Doris Hodge	Raul Edward Martin
Elena Aquino	Richard Legget
Eli Marquez	Robert Coughlin
Fabian Generao	Romeo Vasquez
Hilarion Aspera	Sonny Lasoya
Jong Nam Han	Therese Brelivet
Luz Villamil-Hoyt	Thomas Lazore



### 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.

### June is Dedicated to: The Sacred Heart of Jesus

### Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for June The Beauty of Marriage

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

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### The Adoration Chapel

Adoration is currently held in the Church. The chapel will reopen on July 6.

Adorers are currently needed. Please sign up for hours in the vestibule.

Eucharistic Adoration : First Friday of every month, 9am to 7pm

A link to an Adoration Video (50mins) is located on 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](http://www.facebook.com/FolsomCatholic)

### Live Stream Mass

[scd.org/coronavirus/livestream-mass](http://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.

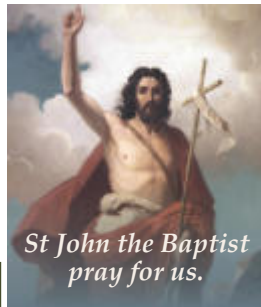
#### Saturday - Sunday

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

### 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 social distancing of 6ft.



### Novena To St. John the Baptist

Our Parish Patron Saint's Feast Day is June 24. Please join us, on your own schedule, in praying this 9 day Novena (June 16-24) to St. John the Baptist as our Parish resumes it's pre-pandemic ministries and activities.

*Let us begin,*

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

*O Holy St. John, from all eternity you were chosen to prepare the way for Our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*We implore your intercession for ...  
The post- pandemic revitalization  
of our Parish*

*For all of our members in their work and for all those we serve. Pray for us that we may receive the courage and strength to persevere in announcing the Good News of Jesus Christ, who came to seek and save the lost, to heal the broken hearted and to bind up their wounds.*

*May we be guided by the Holy Spirit with good words of counsel for those in need. May we be strengthened by your prayers and good example as we prepare the way for the healing power of Jesus to heal and transform those entrusted to our care.*

*We ask all of this through Our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Amen*

Say 1: Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be...



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## Summer Independent Online Scripture Studies

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

Our parish is offering a variety of individual online Scripture Studies for the summer. This is an opportunity for parishioners to continue to work on their faith journey during this time when we can't easily get together. Study at your own pace and in your own home with online classes from Ascension Press, Augustine Institute and St. Benedict Press. The available studies include the following -

- The Gospel of John (8 weeks)
- Bible Timeline (both the 8 week study or 24 week study)
- St. Paul Letter to the Romans (8 weeks)
- Walking Towards Eternity (8 weeks)
- Lectio Eucharist (10 weeks)
- Lectio Peter (10 weeks)
- Lectio Mark (14 weeks)
- Kingdom of Happiness (8 weeks)

We have reduced the suggested donation to \$20 for each study (which includes a workbook and access to the online video study) to help clear out excess inventory and provide a little financial relief to parishioners. Please call Lee or Teresa Weider if you are interested or have any questions on the studies. We'll provide the details on how the studies will work and how to get the workbook. Have a great summer, stay safe and God Bless you all.



Today, we remember the plight of millions of people across the globe displaced from their homes by war, famine, corruption, and other violence. These people are part of our human family, and their needs are Christ's needs. In Matthew 25, we see God's heavenly expectations for disciples. We are to meet Jesus in the least among us - the hungry, the thirsting, those without adequate shelter or clothing, the ill, and even the incarcerated. This shouldn't be too much of an imaginative stretch. After all, Christ himself knew what it was to be a refugee. St. Joseph took the Holy Family to Egypt, fleeing from the wrath of Herod. Jesus spent his first few years of life as a stranger in a strange land. Mary knew what it was like to navigate an unfamiliar marketplace and to be surrounded by a foreign tongue. Joseph had a practical trade but had to start from nothing all the same. Let's pray for all refugees today and to see in them our own story of faith.

## RCIA

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

Are you interested in being baptized or in becoming Catholic? RCIA is for you! We are beginning a new group shortly, so please contact us now. Please call or email Shannon Langer, Director of Religious Education.

## Waking God

A show of hands, ladies and gentlemen. Have any of you been given the silent treatment and had absolutely no idea why?

On the flipside, have any of you have sworn you're not going to demean yourself by explaining, for the thousandth time, that you need extra help with the kids before soccer practice, or that you feel ignored when your spouse doesn't ask how your day went?

But sadly, love doesn't give you the ability to read minds. And in the end, we learn the lesson again and again, we have to verbalize our feelings, our needs, our wants. Expecting your partner to anticipate your needs is guaranteed to end badly.

It's the same with God, even though, oddly enough, He does have the ability to read minds. But He still desires us to explain ourselves to Him, doesn't He? "I'm feeling scared of this." "I'm really worried about that." "God, I think I need x, y and z. Help me. Please."

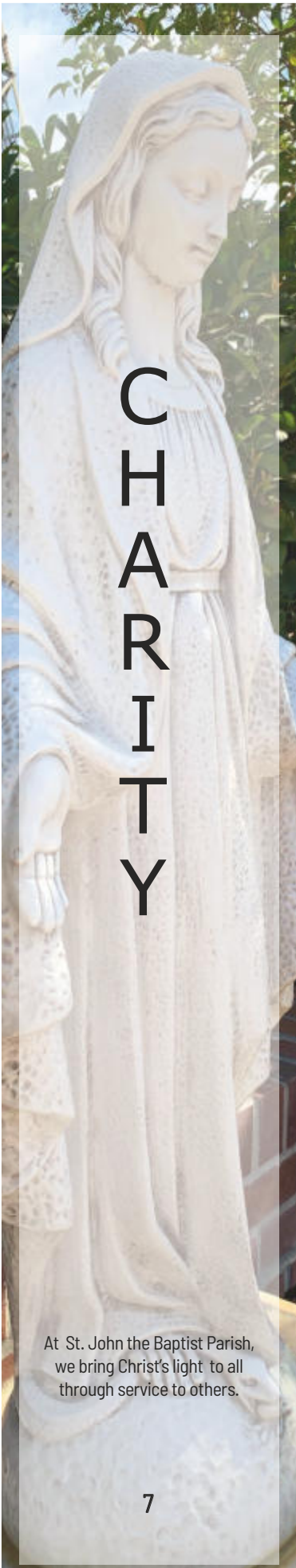
Jesus slept on that boat, as it was tossed and turned by the waves, until his disciples woke him. "Why were you sleeping?" they ask. Well, geniuses, he was sleeping because they hadn't woken him up yet. They had wasted time cowering in fear, waiting for him to act. They gave him the silent treatment and they didn't even know it.

God doesn't desire us to verbalize our needs as a way of keeping us submissive. He's not that petty. What He desires is the communication — that's what really counts. That act of opening yourself up, of becoming vulnerable, of relying on Him, trusting Him. If it feels like God is asleep in your life, ask yourself this, have you tried waking Him up?

~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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



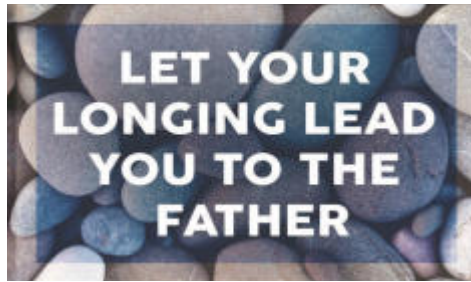
At St. John the Baptist Parish, we bring Christ's light to all through service to others.

## 2nd Collection

Thank you for your support for the RE and SJND collection on June 5/6. Together we collected \$1434.00

Thank you for your support for the Building and Maintenance collection on June 12/13. Together we collected \$2614.00

Next week, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which unites us and Catholics around the world more closely with the Holy Father in two ways: it supports the structures of the Holy See through which the Pope governs the Church as well as his charitable efforts to assist victims of war, oppression, natural disasters, and others most in need. Please be generous. For more information, visit <http://www.peterspence.va/en.html>.



## Inspiration for the Week

Do we trust that God will take care of us and has things under control? When life gets difficult, shaky or painful, we may find ourselves wondering what we may have done to deserve this fate. Often, we go to great lengths to explain suffering away, as if it has no purpose and ought not to exist. In an attempt to get God on our side in our battle against suffering, our prayer can mirror a question asked by the disciples: do you not care that we are perishing? As we are asking that question of God, God is asking of us: do you not yet have faith? It is for certain that God does not intentionally inflict pain upon us. God has no sinister plot to test our faith or trip us up. Rather, the unconditional, restorative and rejuvenating power of God's love can bring light out of the greatest darkness and gives hope in the midst of deep despair. We have to be patient and ride out the storm. It is our task to deepen our faith that God will calm the wind and draw meaning out of that which seems senseless.

## Stewardship of Treasure the Lord Has Entrusted to Us

Weekly goal: \$25,529.00

Weekly Offerings:

June 5/6 \$16,857.55  
June 12/13 \$16,062.73

## Loaves and Fishes

June 23, Wednesday

Contact: Cathy Kovarik, 916-353-0688 or Greta Tecson, 916-337-2014

*"The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve"*

Our next day to deliver and serve the homeless at Friendship Park is Wednesday, June 23. The cart is available for non-perishable donations all month long. Most requested are bottled water, juice boxes, Cup-of-soups, peanut butter or cheese crackers, fruit cups, breakfast bars, nuts and raisins. The donation cart remains in the church vestibule during open church hours. Holy cards and rosaries are once again being collected. Thank you always for your donations. Would you like to drive or personally hand out donations? Please call Cathy or Greta for details.

## Help for Sister Nora's Place

Contact: Cathy Kovarik, 916-353-0688 or Joanne Dudgeon, 916-607-2228

Sister Nora's Place is part of Loaves and Fishes and this Volunteer opportunity requires providing ONLY ONE meal, ONCE a year. We need a volunteer for the first Wednesday of EITHER August, September, or December. Those are the months we are still in need. St. Johns has 9 people participating so hopefully 3 more people can complete our yearly commitment. Sister Nora's Place provides long-term overnight shelter and case management for 10-15 women who have experienced trauma, serious mental and physical health concerns, and chronic homelessness Please call Cathy or Joanne for questions or if you can help. This ministry is in memory of Kathryn Perez.



"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

The disciples of Jesus had a very scary night, because their faith was not very strong yet. They were crossing the sea in their boat, just as Jesus asked them to do, when a huge storm came up. Their boat was filling up with so much water they thought they would all die. When they woke Jesus up, he simply spoke to the wind and the waves, and the storm stopped completely. Now they were really scared. Who was Jesus, anyway? The wind and waves listened to him!

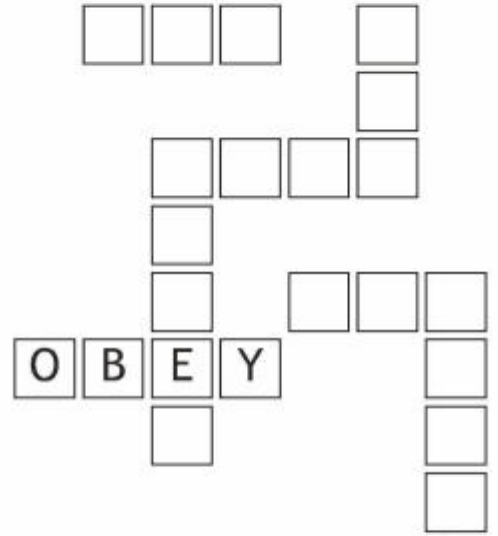
### ✝️ Mission for the Week

Sit down with your family, and read Mark 4:35-41 out loud. Then talk about the things you are afraid of. Pray to God, ask for help, and believe that God is stronger than any problem you have.

### 🧩 Puzzle

Fill this Gospel message into the empty squares

Even the wind and waves obey him!



### 🙏 Prayer

Dear God, sometimes I feel afraid, too. Help me to remember that you are stronger than any problem I have. Amen.

### 🖍️ Read the Gospel and Color

Mk 4:35-41





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

Shannon Bleeker, 916-200-8059

### New Parishioner Welcoming Ministry

Lori Hopper, 916-337-0139

### 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, 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, 510-820-5743

### 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

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

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)

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

Please send ministry updates and corrections to  
Loreen McMahan, mcmahan510@comcast.net.

# MINISTRIES

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



## Just a reminder... Is it ever Ok to leave Mass before it ends?

This is an interesting question because beneath the surface there seems to be an assumption that if it's okay, then why do we have to stay after we receive communion? The short answer is "no," but we definitely want to go a bit deeper as we consider why.

First, when we think about questions like this, we must consider this in adult terms. If there is something gravely important that we need to do, then we must attend to that. However, if it is a matter of convenience or preference, then we really have to stop and think again. First, while we always want to recognize the importance of sacramental communion in the Mass, we also need to understand how important the time of thanksgiving and prayer after communion is. This is summarized in the Prayer After Communion offered by the celebrant and then we are also commissioned to "Go forth" during the Dismissal of the Mass, reminding us that we have been entrusted with a gift — the Word of God and the Presence of Christ in the sacrament — and that we are to share that gift with others.

If we simply leave after we receive communion, we risk two things. First, there is the possibility that we will turn our reception of communion into a purely personal, individual experience that is separated from our common experience of worship — and communion in the fullest sense — and, second, we lose an opportunity for gratitude and serious reflection if we simply leave after communion. This time of thanksgiving, reflection, and, ultimately, missioning, are important and, in the end, an essential part of the celebration of the Mass.

**St. Mary Cemetery & Funeral Center** FD2263  
**Calvary Cemetery & Funeral Center** FD2262

*For immediate assistance  
anytime day or night please call*

**916-452-4831**



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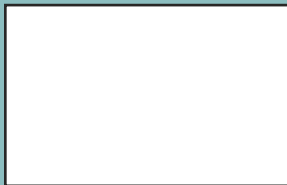
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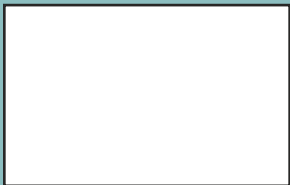


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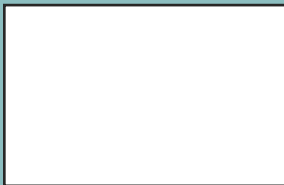



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