



# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

## *Catholic Church*

### FEBRUARY 23, 2025

#### Mass Times

##### Weekend

*Saturday Vigil*

5:00 pm

*Sunday*

7:00 am, 9:00 am

11:30 am, 6:00 pm

*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month*

1:30 pm (Spanish)

##### 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

#### Sacraments

##### Reconciliation/Confession

Saturday 3 - 4:45 pm

##### 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. Giovanni Gamas

##### Pastor

Fr. Jibin Jose

##### Parochial Vicar

Fr. Ignatius Haran

##### Pastor Emeritus

William Goeke

Dennis Gorsuch

Jim McFadden

##### Deacons

#### Parish Office

Mon - Thu: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Closed for lunch from 1-2pm

Fri: Closed all day to the public

307 Montrose Drive, Folsom

Phone: 916 - 985 - 2065

*Website:*

FolsomCatholic.org

#### 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.



## 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." - Lk 6:36

## Gospel Meditation

*By Father John Muir*

One of my favorite new singers/songwriters is Noah Kahan. I'm a little biased because, like me, he is originally from Vermont. In a fine song entitled "Stick Season," he sings of his hope to "cancel out the darkness I inherited from dad." This lyric articulates his painful recognition of a dark spiritual "inheritance" from his father, and his hope to be free of it.

We all inherit some degree of evil from our earthly forebears. It's easy to feel doomed to repeat their darknesses.

But we're not so doomed, thank God. This week's Gospel proclaims this. Whatever good or bad we received from our parents, we have a more definitive and perfect inheritance in God. Jesus commands us, "Be merciful just as your Father is merciful" (Luke 6:36). We have a perfect Father in heaven and are destined to inherit and reflect that perfect and merciful love. We have an inheritance of light, not darkness, and thus a whole new possibility of magnanimous love.

Like any inheritance, this is a free gift to us.

What are we destined to repeat? Not the darkness of our earthly parents. We are destined to be a reflection of God's life. Jesus liberates us from the inevitability of repeating whatever evils and imperfections are in our familial or cultural upbringings. It's time to claim that perfect inheritance.

## Scripture Reflections

### First Reading

King David exercised great restraint in sparing the life of Saul. Can you think of a time when you had to take the high road with a friend or co-worker?

### Second Reading

Paul speaks of present-day believers as one day bearing the image of Christ (the "heavenly one").

How often do you think about your future life in heaven?

### Gospel

Jesus presents his followers with some very challenging morals: love your enemy, do not retaliate, and always be willing to forgive. Does this high moral standard seem possible for you personally?

## February is Dedicated to:

**The Holy Family**

## Readings & Observances for the week of

**February 23, 2025**

**Sunday: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 / 1 Cor 15:45-49 / Lk 6:27-38

**Monday:**

Sir 1:1-10 / Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 / Mk 9:14-29

**Tuesday:**

Sir 2:1-11 / Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 / Mk 9:30-37

**Wednesday:**

Sir 4:11-19 / Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175 / Mk 9:38-40

**Thursday: St. Gregory of Narek**

Sir 5:1-8 / Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 / Mk 9:41-50

**Friday:**

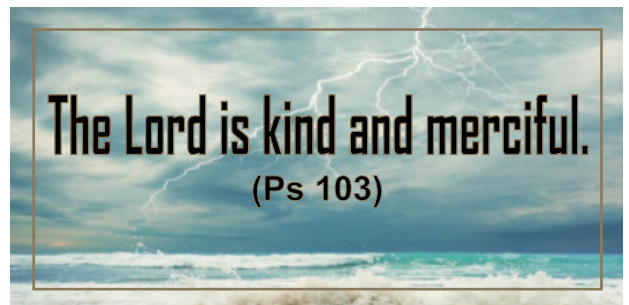
Sir 6:5-17 / Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35 / Mk 10:1-12

**Saturday:**

Sir 17:1-15 / Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18 / Mk 10:13-16

**Next Sunday: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sir 27:4-7 / Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a) / 1 Cor 15:54-58 / Lk 6:39-45



## Pope Francis'

## Monthly Intention for February

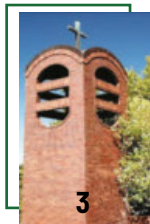
**For vocations to the priesthood and religious life**

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

## Live the Liturgy

### Inspiration For the Week

Jesus' message today is one of radical generosity and abundant mercy, and it scandalized the people of his time. It shook them to their core. It should do the same for us. Are we ready to live as Jesus lived? Are we ready to offer love in the face of hate?



## WELCOME

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

### Scripture Study

#### Lenten Journey - 5 week study

English Sessions: March 13 - April 10

Spanish Sessions: March 12 - April 9

Study starts at 6:30pm, Parish Hall

A light dinner will be served at 6:00pm

Come and be a part of your Parish community in a Lenten Journey featuring "*Daily Bread: Discover the Eucharist in Scripture*". This bible study takes a deep dive into the Eucharist prefigured in the Old and New Testaments. Upon finishing this study, you will not only understand how the Eucharist is Jesus Himself, but also be able to pass along this incredible eye-opening knowledge to your family and friends. The Eucharist is the Source and Summit of our faith but a pew research poll found that only 30% of Mass attending Catholics in 2019 believed in the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Understanding this sacred gift and passing it along is paramount to the continuation of our Church. This is a study that you'll be forever grateful that you took! Many who have taken this study marvel at how they had not seen this information before! " **Please note** a similar study in Spanish is offered -*Presencia: El Misterio de la Eucaristía*.

Let's continue on this journey of the National Eucharistic Revival as Pilgrims of Hope. Let's journey together again this Lenten Season. Seating is limited, so please sign up soon. Sign up online on the parish website scripture study page or in person after Mass on February 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, and 16. Scan the QR code for online registration.



### Knights of Columbus

#### Catholic High School Scholarships

Contact: Dick Phelan

[kofc@folsomcatholic.org](mailto:kofc@folsomcatholic.org)

The Knights of Columbus Bishop Gallegos Council 6197 is pleased to announce that Catholic High School scholarship applications are currently available. To request an application contact Dick Phelan. Completed applications with accompanying documents are to be submitted no later than April 15, 2025.

### Choir Director Needed

Contact: Parish Office, 916 - 985 - 2065

A Choir Director is urgently needed for the 6pm Sunday Mass. For more information contact the Parish Office.

### Prayer Opportunity

Every Saturday, 4:20pm, Church

The Divine Mercy Ministry and the Knights of Columbus invite you to pray the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy every Saturday before the 5pm Vigil Mass. Join us as we prepare for Mass and support those receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation. We welcome you to start a decade and pray with us.

### Prison Ministry

#### Ministering from Inside and Outside the Walls

Contact: Deacon Bill Goecke

[prisonministry@folsomcatholic.org](mailto:prisonministry@folsomcatholic.org)

"For I was in prison and you visited me." (Matthew 25:36)

Join us in ministering to our brothers in Christ at Folsom State Prison (Old Folsom) and California State Prison-Sacramento (CSP-Sac/New Folsom). There are many ways to show them our Christian love and support. You can donate Easter and Mother's Day cards during March-April, bake cookies or minister at Kairos men's retreats, and grow spiritually with them in prayer groups and Communion Services. If the Holy Spirit is nudging you as you read this, we will be available after Masses on March 1-2 for sign-ups and information, or you can email us at the above email to learn more!



#### Ash Wednesday March 5

Masses: 6:30am;  
8:15am; 12noon; 7pm

#### Stations of the Cross

Fridays, Beginning March 7, 7pm

Tuesdays, Beginning March 11, after 8:15am Mass

#### Confessions

All Saturdays during Lent (March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12)

Confessions start at 2pm.

Monday, March 24 - Friday, March 28, 6pm - 7pm

Monday, March 31 - Friday, April 4, 6pm - 7pm





## PRAYER

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

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, February 23rd

7:00am People of the Parish

Felix Cardenas+

9:00am Jim Clark+

Nestor Gubio (birthday)

11:30am Frank Zuccaro+

Eddie Olamit (birthday)

6:00pm Brighnon Keyes Borowski (birthday)

Lynne Boughton+

#### Monday, February 24th

6:30am Sergio Jr. (healing)

Cayetano Barrera+

8:15am

#### Tuesday, February 25th

6:30am Ehab Maher+

8:15am Parish healing

#### Wednesday, February 26th

6:30am Sergio Jr. (healing)

8:15am Stanley Brock+

#### Thursday, February 27th

6:30am Parish healing

8:15am Chris Collins (birthday)

#### Friday, February 28th

6:30am Parish healing

8:15am

#### Saturday, March 1st

5:00pm Dixie Hawkins+

Nancy Wilkins+

### 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.*

Andrew Speer	Gerri Lampman	Lee Bowden
Barbara Disbrow	Jody Park	Paul Halloran
Camelita Montgomery	Kathy Halloran	Ross Thayer
Eileen Hewitt	Kyle Pasterski	Scott Emerson

#### 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.*



Alan McNichols	Jackie Ortiz	Matthew Winkler
Alvaro Martinez, Jr	Jessie Padilla	Pete Taitano
Cayetano Barrera	Jill Pelayo	Richard Lovine
Christian Cortez	Joe Garcia	Robert Kristoff
Duanne Hagel	John Hannigan	Suzanne Low
Elma Silvestri	Lily Sanchez	Tom Rawson
Evelyn Heffel	Luis Altamirano	Tricia C. Pascual
Felix Cardenas	Marion Cavalieri	

#### Prayers for Our Troops

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

Andrew Pecha	Dylan Flynn	Marc Jules Ocampo
Brandon Heffel	Edward Garcia	Michael Dalupan
Carl Crossman	Eliseo Rios	Noah M. Karakas
Darryl Hudson	Joaquin Cruz	Samuel R. Rodriguez
David Tressler	John Lopez	
Dominik Torres	Joshua Penman	

### Prayer Requests

Please call our Parish Office. Names will appear for two months. Please visit the Parish Office for Mass Intentions.

### Adoration

The Adoration Chapel hours are: Mon-Thu 9am - 8pm,

Sat 9am - 5pm and Sun 7am - 11am

Friday Adoration is in the church: 9am to 7pm

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

To sign up please contact Veronica Thomas at [adoration@folsomcatholic.org](mailto:adoration@folsomcatholic.org)



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



## SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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

### New Workshops with Dcn Jim McFadden

**BASIC THEOLOGICAL QUESTIONS**  
Based on the Magis Center Modules  
Beginning January 13, 7pm via Zoom  
Contact: Theresa Grant  
tgrant@talkpathlive.com

Deacon Jim is hosting a new 7-week series. Information on sessions and registration can be found on our parish website homepage under Ministry News/Events.

Note: Weekly attendance is not required. Recordings available!

**February 24:** *Why Would an All-loving God Allow Suffering?*

### WINGS

**We are Family Series**  
Garden Room, 9am  
Contact: Trista Gooderham  
wings@folsomcatholic.org

We invite all women to join us for our mini series discussion. Coffee and light snacks provided. Please RSVP to Trista. Visit [folsomcatholic.org/wings](http://folsomcatholic.org/wings) for meeting materials.

**March 6:** God as the Holy Spirit

Join us for a Candlelight Rosary & Social in the Garden Room on Tuesday, Feb 25, 6pm.

### Deus Vocat & Quo Vadis Retreat

**For Ages 13-17**  
Saturday, March 29, 8:30am to 2pm  
Sacred Heart Parish Hall  
2355 Monroe Ave., Red Bluff, CA

The Office of Priestly & Religious Vocations, invites youth ages 13-17 to ponder God's call. Cost is \$50 (Scholarships available, if needed). For more information, please contact us at 916-733-0258 or by email at [msmith@scd.org](mailto:msmith@scd.org).

To register visit: [www.scd.org/vocations](http://www.scd.org/vocations). Registration deadline is Monday, March 24, 2025.

### Living the Jubilee

**Theme 1: To See God**

We are well into the Jubilee Year. We encourage you and your family to continue living the Jubilee throughout this year. One of the ways to do this is to reflect upon the three themes for the Jubilee introduced by Bishop Soto. Each quarter of 2025, we will be focus on a specific theme. Between now until the end of March, we invite you to reflect upon the 1st theme: For reflection and prayer resource, visit [www.scd.org/Jubilee2025](http://www.scd.org/Jubilee2025) to access these materials.

### Men's Retreat

Contact: Doug Heinz  
916- 983-4516

Join the men of our parish for a weekend retreat at Christ the King Retreat Center. You'll be amazed how much the retreat will help you find how God is active in your daily life. In today's world, cultivating true hope is challenging. The retreat will help you move beyond wishful thinking; toward entrusting ourselves into God's hands in a future not visible to us. The weekends of Feb 28-Mar 2, Apr 4-6, and May 2-4, 2025 are available. The cost of \$280 includes a single room (two nights), 6 meals, and the retreat program. You can register for the retreat on line at: [ChristTheKingRetreatCenter.org](http://ChristTheKingRetreatCenter.org) or 916- 725-4720 Ext. 301.

### Companioned Prayer Ministry

**A NEW LENTEN SERIES: Listening for God in our Lives**

Contact: Michelle Hendricks  
[companionedprayer@folsomcatholic.org](mailto:companionedprayer@folsomcatholic.org)

Announcing a special Lenten five-session series to deepen your faith with Lectio Divina-an ancient way of listening for God's inspiration in scripture, and Companioned Prayer a way to experience the tender love of Jesus in our hearts. This Lenten season you are invited to pause and notice the quiet grace-filled presence of God in your life. Come grow in His love as you prepare your heart and life this Lent.

[Mark your calendar:](#)

Wednesdays: 10-11:45 am: March 12 to April 9, or

Monday: 7pm to 8:45 pm: March 10 to April 7.

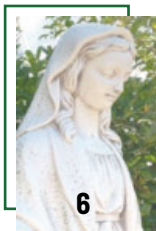
Location: St. John's Church Chapel

Sign up in the vestibule.

### Respect Life Ministry

Planned Parenthood Abortion Business  
201 29th and B Sts, Sacramento  
Contact: Deacon Danny Patterson  
916-733-0133, [dpatterson@scd.org](mailto:dpatterson@scd.org)  
St. Johns Contact: Joanne Dudgeon  
[respectlife@folsomcatholic.org](mailto:respectlife@folsomcatholic.org)

Come with us to be a sign of God's love and hope for women and their unborn babies. St. Johns prays at the abortion clinic on most Thursdays from 10am-noon and has carpools LEAVING our church at 9:30am. Contact Joanne.

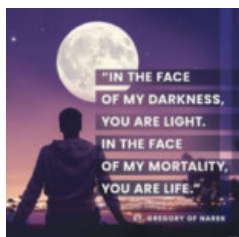


# CHARITY

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

## Online Donations

To make a donation, update a weekly donation or donate to our maintenance fund scan the QR code and follow the directions.



## Annual Catholic Appeal

**Annual Catholic Appeal helps us bring Christ's saving mercy to our brothers and sisters**

On the weekend of March 1-2 we will have the opportunity to offer ourselves as missionaries of hope to those who suffer emotional, physical and spiritual poverty. Each of our gifts, no matter the amount, makes a meaningful difference in someone's life. Catholic Charities can respond to the greatest needs in our communities.

Seminarians receive support as they prepare to serve our local parishes. Catholic schools in economically challenged neighborhoods can provide tuition assistance. 25% comes back to our parish for our own outreach to those in need. Prayerfully consider what you can give this year.



## Fundraiser

**Help Our Youth Ministry Make it to Seoul, Korea for World Youth Day 2027**

Sunday, February 23, All Day  
Red Robin Gourmet Burgers  
360 Palladio Parkway, Ste 401

St. John's Youth Ministry will be hosting a fund-raising event at Red Robin Restaurant. Our group will receive 20% of your food purchase. By making a purchase help our young adults journey to this global gathering with Pope Francis. World Youth Day is an opportunity to personally experience the universality of the Catholic Church, where young people deepen their faith, and share with the whole world the hope of many young people who are committing their lives to Christ and His Church. Don't cook today, you can also order online. Please mention St John's fundraiser or scan the QR code to access the Youth Ministry page for the fundraiser flyer.



## KID'S CORNER

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

### Read the Gospel and Color



### Lk 6:27-38

Treat others the way you want to be treated. God doesn't want us to treat other people the same way they treat you. Choose to be kind, even when other people are mean. Choose to forgive, even when someone has hurt you.



### Prayer

Dear God, help me to love other people the way you love me.



### Mission for the Week

When someone hurts your feelings this week, instead of getting even, pray for that person.



Unscramble these words from Today's Gospel.

love	pray	lend
good	give	reward
bless	kind	pity
lvoe	<u>L</u> <u>o</u> <u>v</u> <u>e</u>	
gvie	— — — —	
ptyi	— — — —	
ldne	— — — —	
besls	— — — — —	
godo	— — — —	
pary	— — — —	
rwrdea	— — — — —	
knid	— — — —	



## PARISH MINISTRIES

Our parish is enriched with many ministries, please consider learning about and engaging in one or more of our ministries. For information email the contact listed.

### Welcoming Ministries

#### New Parishioner Welcoming Ministry

Joyce Starosciak,  
parishionerwelcome@folsomcatholic.org

#### Greeter Ministry

Lori Hopper,  
greeters@folsomcatholic.org

#### Ushers

Stanley Posis,  
ushers@folsomcatholic.org

### Prayer Ministries

#### Companioned Prayer

Michelle Hendricks,  
companionedprayer@folsomcatholic.org  
9:45 am, Church Chapel  
Tuesdays: Immaculate Heart of Mary Prayer Circle

#### Divine Mercy Devotion / Cenacle

Leilani Badley,  
divinemercy@folsomcatholic.org  
-Chaplet / Rosary / Morning Prayer  
-Cenacle - Leilani Badley  
-Cenacle-Spanish - Nury Pun,  
misericordiadivina@folsomcatholic.org

#### Eucharistic Adoration

Veronica Thomas,  
adoration@folsomcatholic.org  
Sign Up for adorers is in the vestibule

#### Marian Cenacle (Marian Movement of Priests)

-English – 1st Wednesday of the month, 10am  
Sally Gomez,  
mariancenacle@folsomcatholic.org  
-Spanish – Every Saturday  
Carmen Gaytan,  
cenaculomariano@folsomcatholic.org

#### Our Lady of Fatima

Henry Altamirano,  
olfatima@folsomcatholic.org

### Parish Committees/Councils

#### Finance Council

Patty Robertson,  
financecouncil@folsomcatholic.org

#### Liturgy Committee

Barbara Bowden,  
liturgycommittee@folsomcatholic.org

#### Pastoral Council

Shannon Frazier,  
pastoralcouncil@folsomcatholic.org

### Faith Formation

#### Christian Initiation for Adults

Are you interested in Baptism?  
Shannon Langer,  
slanger@folsomcatholic.org

#### Religious Education

Shannon Langer,  
slanger@folsomcatholic.org

#### St. John Notre Dame (School Ministry)

Keith Martin, Principal  
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### Liturgical Ministries

#### Altar Servers

Hugo Schmidt,  
altarservers@folsomcatholic.org

#### Children's Liturgy during Mass

Rachel Boyd,  
clow@folsomcatholic.org

#### Extraord. Ministers of Holy Communion

Steve & Mary Anne Ashley,  
emohc@folsomcatholic.org

#### Lectors

Patti Midtlyng,  
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#### Liturgical Environment

Arlette Peterson,  
liturgicalenv@folsomcatholic.org

Music - See choir director after Mass.

### Spiritual Growth Ministries

#### Adult Scripture Study

Parish Office,  
info@folsomcatholic.org

#### Couples for Christ

Myrah Empleo,  
cfc@folsomcatholic.org

#### Faith Untapped

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info@folsomcatholic.org

#### Lay Mission Project

Laura Wicklman,  
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#### Praise & Worship

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#### SJTB Men's Ministry

Tyler Boyd,  
mensministry@folsomcatholic.org

#### WINGS (Women in Growth Spiritually)

Trista Gooderham,  
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#### Youth/Young Adults Ministries

Aaron Santos,  
asantos@folsomcatholic.org

### Outreach/Charity Ministries

#### Filipino Apostolate

Lili Rehwald / Lourdes Lorenzo  
filipinoapostolate@folsomcatholic.org

#### Gabriel Project

Debbie Sultan,  
gabrielproject@folsomcatholic.org

#### Grace Quilters Ministry

Catherine Scott,  
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#### Knights of Columbus

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#### Ministerio Pastoral Hispano

Beatriz LeCam,  
ministeriopastoral@folsomcatholic.org

#### Pastoral Care Ministry

Dan Dunne, (Sunday)  
sundaypastoral@folsomcatholic.org  
Candice Ralston, (Wednesday)  
wedpastoralcare@folsomcatholic.org

#### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Catherine Scott,  
prayershawl@folsomcatholic.org

#### Prison/Restorative Justice Ministry

-Folsom Prison - Fr. H. Gomez, 916-985-2561  
x 4206  
-CSP Sacramento - [vacant/TBD],  
Catholic Chaplain, 916-985-8610 x6425

#### Respect Life Ministry

Joanne Dudgeon,  
respectlife@folsomcatholic.org

#### Senior Visitation

Charlene Agles,  
seniorvisitation@folsomcatholic.org

#### St. Vincent de Paul (311 Montrose Dr.)

Mercy Knight,  
svdp@folsomcatholic.org

### Additional Ministries

#### Children's Babysitting at Mass

Parish Office, info@folsomcatholic.org

#### Family Fellowship

Rachel Marsh,  
familyfellowship@folsomcatholic.org

#### Gift Shop

Connie Aley,  
giftshop@folsomcatholic.org

#### Security Ministry

Jim Miller,  
safety@folsomcatholic.org

#### Women's Game Day

Wednesday, Garden Room, 11- 4:30pm  
Parish Office, info@folsomcatholic.org

### Bulletin Deadlines

folsomcatholic.org/bulletin

Bulletin Date	Ads Due by 5pm
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Mar 9	Feb 27
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Mar 16	Mar 6
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Mar 23	Mar 13
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