

# 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first." - Mt 20:1, 8

#### Sacraments

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Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm
Sunday	7:30 am
	9:00 am
	11:30 an
	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 12:00 pm 7:00 pm

# Reconciliation / ConfessionSaturday3 - 4:30 pm& by appointment

All Other Sacraments Please call the office for information.

#### Clergy

Fr. Renier Siva Pastor Fr. Julius Kaburu Parochial Vicar Dennis Gorsuch Jim McFadden William Goeke 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

Oct 1	Sept 21
Oct 8	Sept 28
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Oct 22	Oct 12

## 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**

Is 55:6-9 / Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a) / Phil 1:20c-24, 27a / Mt 20:1-16a

"The Lord is near to all who call upon him." (Ps 145)

#### **Gospel Meditation**

By Father John Muir

Once I gave my three-year-old niece a certain toy for Christmas. When she opened it, she was happy. Shortly thereafter her five-year old sister opened another present from me: the same toy, along with some play jewelry. The three-year-old cried out: "That's not fair! Why'd she get the jewelry, too?!"

Let's face it: there's something about God's grace in our religion which bugs us. We love to look at others' blessings and cry out: "That's not fair!" Catholicism is not fair in the sense that it is a religion founded on God's grace which is unmerited favor. God pours his mercy, love, and divine life upon us not because we're good but because He is infinitely good.

If you think the "not fair" quality of grace is easy to accept, consider how typically angry we get when we hear the parable of the workers who get paid way more than they deserve. The hyper-generous landowner says to the indignant hard workers, "Are you envious because I am generous?" Well, yes, they are, and so are we! Therefore, we have to reckon with this painful truth in order to move into the divine sphere of gifts, which is the world of Christ and his Church. Then we are able to move beyond a tit-for-tat world and into one where gifts are poured forth on those who don't deserve it — namely, upon us.

#### **Scripture Reflections**

#### **First Reading**

Isaiah urged his fellow Israelites who were in exile to seek the Lord who is near, merciful, and forgiving. When have you sought the Lord's presence in dark periods of your life?

#### Second Reading

Paul writes the letter to the Philippians from prison, facing a spiritual dilemma of feeling "caught between" life and death. Have you ever helped someone going through a spiritual problem?

#### Gospel

The parable of the workers in the vineyard speaks to God's generosity. In what ways do you think God has been generous to you and your family?



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#### **Chesterton Academy of Sacramento**

Parent Information Night September 27, Wednesday, 7pm St. John Notre Dame School Contact: Suzanne François admissions@sacramentochesterton.org

Chesterton Academy of Sacramento will hold a Parent Information Night at St. John Notre Dame School. Come find out about this joyfully Catholic high school. www.SacramentoChesterton.org/events

#### **Celebrating San Lorenzo Ruiz**

Schedule of Novena Throughout the Diocese 9/21 (Thu) St. Paul Parish, Sacramento 6pm - Novena, Mass to Follow 9/22 (Fri) St. Clare Parish, Roseville 6:30pm - Novena, Mass to Follow 9/23 (Sat) St. John the Baptist Parish, Folsom 10:30am - Novena, Mass to Follow **Divine Mercy Parish, Sacramento** 5pm - Holy Mass, 6pm - Novena 9/24 (Sun) St. Joseph Parish, Elk Grove 10:30am - Novena, Mass to Follow 9/25 (Mon) St. Mary Parish, Vacaville 7pm - Novena, Mass to Follow 9/26 (Tue) St. Maria Goretti Parish, Elk Grove 6pm - Novena, Mass to Follow 9/27 (Wed) Our Lady of Grace Parish, W. Sac 6pm – Novena, 7pm Mass 9/28 (Thu) St. Basil Parish, Vallejo 5:30pm - Novena, Mass to Follow 9/29 (Fri) St. Catherine of Sienna, Vallejo 5:30pm - Novena, Mass to Follow 9/30 (Sat) St. Vincent Ferrer Parish, Vallejo 10am - Holy Mass

#### Our Lady of Guadalupe Fundraiser September 17 - October 1

Contact Carmen Gudiño, (916) 764-2491

The Hispanic Pastoral Ministry at St. John the Baptist is getting ready for the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12. We will be selling chicken and pork tamales for \$30 a dozen. We will pre-sell orders from Sunday, September 17 through Sunday, October 1. Please place your pre-paid order early as only a limited number of tamales will be sold. Contact Carmen to order. Your tamale order will be available for pickup on Sunday October 8 from 1-3pm in the Garden Room.

#### **Masses Cancelled**

#### September 25 - September 29

The 6:30am Mass has been cancelled. Please join us at the 8:15am Mass.

#### October 2 - October 6

All weekday Masses are cancelled. The priests of the Sacramento Diocese will be attending the annual Priest Convocation.

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

#### The Invitation to the Vineyard

I have been working since I was 17, and in that time, I've encountered my fair share of bosses who don't like being, well, fair.

There was the retail gig that paid me less than the official minimum wage because I was a minor and scheduled me for long shifts because it meant cheaper labor. There was the restaurant manager who tried to convince me to leave seventh period early so I could waitress on a busy dinner shift (totally illegal, by the way). There was the unpaid internship with the editor who had no sense of work/life balance.

Our resumes are all full of these experiences — it's capitalism, after all. It conditions us to look out for ourselves, because we know no one else will. And it breeds an attitude of suspicion that often blooms into jealousy when we encounter the reckless mercy of God.

Most of us work hard for what we have in this life, and so we make the mistake of thinking we deserve the good things that come our way. That's all right and good when we're talking about a just wage. But sometimes we get our lines blurred and we begin to think we deserve, or have done something to earn, the salvation offered by Christ.

I am not the laborer who has borne the heat of long hours in the sun. I am the straggler, the lost one, the idler at the marketplace as the day draws to a close.

"As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways, and my thoughts above your thoughts." — Isaiah 55:9



#### **Mass Intentions**

7:30am People of the Parish 9:00am Joyce Alcordo (50th birthday) James Sorrentino+ 11:30am Bob & Manijeh Schmidt (35th wedding anniv)

Ray Capuchinna (healing) 6:00pm Jonathan Trieu Oanh Dao (healing)

#### Monday, September 25th

8:15am Bernabe Francisco+ Darius Riomalos+ Jaime Manabat+ Melquiades Gaite (healing)

**Tuesday, September 26th** 8:15am Tasha Awbrey & Babies

Wednesday, September 27th

8:15am Angeline John (birthday) Chusita Derast Palmira Siaca+

Thursday, September 28th 8:15am Joseph Randall+ Marc Fertes (birthday)

Friday, September 29th 8:15am Maria Rogers (healing)

#### Saturday, September 30th

5:00pm Joseph Pham+ Anthony Quy Pham+

#### **Observances** We Celebrate This Week

Tuesday Sts. Cosmas and Damian Wednesday St. Vincent de Paul Thursday St. Wenceslaus St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions Friday Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael Saturday St. Jerome

September is Dedicated to: The Seven Sorrows of Mary

At St. John the Baptist Parish,

time in conversation with our

Lord is at the center of

our lives.

#### **Pope Francis'** Monthly Intention for September

For people living on the margins We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

#### **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.

Alex Thomas Andrew Speer Bill Kalahao Bill Malmstrom Bill Valentine Elmo Rowel Emma Ward Gina Tabrizy George Zanarini Gloria Marquez Corazon Gargarita Joanna Cucchi Iose Lustan

Kimanh Davis Manuel Abina Maria Rogers Maryann Burriesce Michael Debellis Nancy Wilkins Percy Munsell Ray Easton Ronda Bell Steve Livingston Stu Galka Virginia Miller

#### Prayers for Our Troops

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

Andrew Pecha	John Lopez
Brandon Heffel	Michael Dalupan
David Tressler	Ryan Joseph Bryla

#### 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.

Ann Buckmaster Blade Strong Chusita Deras Helen Starosciak James Sorrentino Joy Bryla Margene Goodrich Mark Miller Maureen Russell Palmira Siaca Paul Stevenson Percy Munsell Ray Chavez Robert Gorran Shirley Dascallos Teresa Shea Victor S. Sison

#### **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.

O God,

You raised up St. John the Baptist to prepare a perfect people for Christ. Fill Your people with the joy of possessing His grace, and direct the minds of all the faithful in the way of peace and salvation. Grant that as



St. John was martyred for truth and justice, so we may energetically profess our Faith in You, and lead others to the Way, the Truth, and Eternal Life. Amen.



#### 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 thomas\_vera@yahoo.com

Monday:	10-11 am	11-12pm	4 - 5pm	5 - 6 pm	6 - 7 pm	7 - 8 pm	
Tuesday:	9-10 am	12-1pm					
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			
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

Thursdays, 10am-Noon Planned Parenthood, 201 29th St, SAC Contact: Joanne Dudgeon 916-607-2228

The "40" Days for Life Fall Campaign starts Sept. 27 - Nov. 5. This is a peaceful and educational presence at the late term abortion clinic here in Sacramento. Come with us to be a sign of God's love and hope for women and their unborn babies. St. Johns has signed up to pray on Thursdays from 10am-noon and will have carpools leaving our church at 9:30am. Contact Joanne.

Prayer is at the heart of all ministry, if unable to come out, please pray at church or at home. Signups are online for any day Mon-Fri from 8am-5pm. Visit 40daysforlife.com/sacramento. "Planned Parenthood" Very deceiving, they have NO prenatal care.



#### National Eucharistic Revival

"What we do in celebrating the Eucharist is the most important thing that happens in this world. Every time the Mass is celebrated the center of the universe is on this altar, and that's what keeps us all going."

~Cardinal Francis George

#### **Companioned Prayer Ministry**

Experience Companioned Prayer Contact: Michelle Hendricks www.CompanionedPrayer.org Wednesdays, 9:30am, St. John's church

First Saturday, October 7, Holy Trinity Church, El Dorado Hills following the 8:15 am Mass and rosary, beginning at 9:15 am in the View Room. A light breakfast will be provided.

What is Companioned Prayer? Companioned Prayer is a wonderful prayer of the presence of God in our lives, and in the companionship of one another. Our circle invites you to explore the tender experience of grace, in the mystery of our faith in the personal experience of God's inspiration. Companioned Prayer is a blending of contemplative listening and openness with personal prayer. This inner listening is practiced with another person, a companion, who helps us stay focused on our inner prayer journey. But even though it is practiced with a companion, our prayer experience is private; it is just between us and God. In this prayer group we not only discover how Companioned Prayer enlivens our own relationship with God, but we will also discover how we are a community of Christ through our presence to each other.

This is a natural process of growth and discovery that happens over time, with others.



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#### 10-Week Online Series w/ Dcn Jim

The Gospel of John Sept 18 - Nov 20, Mondays, 7pm, Via Zoom Contact: Theresa Grant tgrant@talkpathlive.com

Week 1: 9/18 - The Gospel of John-Overview Week 2: 9/ 25 - The Prologue of John's Gospel Week 3: 10/ 2 - The Call to Discipleship Week 4: 10/ 9 - The Johannine Discourses Week 5: 10/ 16 - The Bread of Life (Part 1) Week 6: 10/ 23 - The Bread of Life (Part 2) Week 7: 10/ 30 - The Raising of Lazarus Week 8: 11/ 6 - The Farewell Discourse Week 9: 11/ 13 - The Passion of Jesus Week 10: 11/ 20 - The Resurrection

Weekly session content can be found on the parish website under Ministry News/Events. To register for the series, please email Theresa Grant. You will receive an email prior to the scheduled session with the Zoom link & instructions. Please check your spam/junk mail in case you do not receive the email in your inbox.

#### **Ministerio Pastoral Hispano**

Retiro Mariano: Maria Madre de Misericordia 7 de Octubre, Sábado De 8:30 AM a 2:30 PM En el Salón Parroquial Más Información y Registración: Beatriz LeCam 916-765-3569

Ven con tu Biblia y un cuaderno para tomar notas, pues en este encuentro nos sumergiremos en un espacio de reflexión espiritual. Esta experiencia está diseñada para adultos, no habrá cuidado de niños. La donación de \$20, incluye el almuerzo.





September 24

The Office of Priestly & Religious Vocations invites you to celebrate Priesthood Sunday.

The lay faithful of each parish, school or other ministry can show their appreciation in their own special way for the priests at your parish. We thank our Lord for the institution and gift of the priesthood. Please continue praying for all priests as they, are in need of your prayers and support. Pray as well so that more young men may be open to listen to the voice of Christ who calls them.

Let us celebrate this gift and pray for our priests and for our seminarians who are in formation.

#### Prayer for Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen

www.usccb.org/prayers/prayer-priests

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

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

#### Live the Liturgy Inspiration For the Week

Let us never make the grave mistake of assuming we earn our salvation in the same way we earn a wage. It is a gift lavished upon us by a God who does not count the hours of our labor or measure the amount of our output.

#### **Respect Life Ministry**

The Gabriel Project Contact: Debbie Sultan 916-337-5786 or Joanne Dudgeon 916-607-2228

#### Pregnant? Need Help? Call 1-800-910-0191

We are blessed to have a Gabriel Project Ministry here at St. Johns. If you or anyone you know is pregnant and needs help or is a new mom, please contact Debbie or Joanne.

Through prayer and action, the church community assures the mother that she has their love and the love of Christ. With the help of parishioners, we stand ready to provide a mother with the kinds of assistance that she needs in caring for her child. These may include: Friendship and emotional support, Transportation, Prenatal care, Baby items, Education, Employment, Housing, Adoption, etc.

#### Holy Men and Women from the Americas

In Tlaxcala, Mexico, in the early 1500s, three indigenous boys embraced Catholicism after encountering Spanish Franciscan friars who were working to convert the locals of the area. Their names were Cristóbal, Antonio, and Juan. Each was martyred for their faith, making them the first Catholic martyrs on the continent.



Cristóbal was born around 1515, the eldest son of his community's

chief. As the chief's first-born son, he was to inherit the chief's position, property, and the customs of his people. Cristóbal first encountered the Franciscan friars when he was 10 years old and soon desired to be baptized. After his baptism, he went to work trying to evangelize his family.

The Spanish missionaries were attempting to stop the worship of idols among the native peoples. Knowing this, Cristóbal took it upon himself to destroy some public idols in his village. He also poured out the alcohol his family kept because he thought it was his father's dependence on alcohol that was keeping him from converting to Catholicism. Because of this destruction, his neighbors and family became enraged. They demanded the chief make an example of his son. His father, also furious, beat him with a wooden club and burned him alive. He died the following day of his injuries at age 12.

Antonio and Juan were born around 1516. Antonio was the grandson and heir of the prominent leader Xicoténcatl who was lord of the entire region. Juan was Antonio's servant. Both boys attend a Franciscan school for their education, and both converted to Catholicism at a young age. When they were around 12 years old, they endeavored, with the support of the local Franciscan friars, to travel their local region and evangelize their community.

While in the town of Tepeaca, the boys tried to convince some of the locals to destroy their idols. The local men resisted and retaliated by attacking Juan. Antonio, trying to defend him, also got caught in the attack and both children were killed.

All three boys were canonized by Pope Francis on October 15, 2017, and are collectively remembered as the young Martyrs of Tlaxcala.

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



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

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 $T^{igsir}$  Mission for the Week

Say a special prayer for each person in your family.



God, help me to be ready when you ask me to work for you.

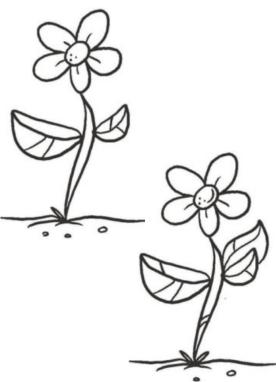


Mt 20:1 -16a

Whether you work for God your whole life, or whether you just got started, God will reward you in heaven. God doesn't want you to compare yourself with other people. God just wants you to love him with your whole heart.

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Find 8 differences



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) Parish Office, 916-985-2065

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 **Gabriel Project** Debbie Sultan, 916-337-5786 Grace Ouilters 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 Day Every Wednesday, Garden Room, 11am - 4:30pm. Roberta Puzio, 916-933-2561

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