



# 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." - Mt 22:21

#### **Sacraments**

#### Masses

A mask is required and must be worn at all times. Please sign in for contact tracing purposes.

Weekend Mass Times Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm Sunday 7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm Daily Mass Times Mon. - Fri. 6:30 am

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

The office is closed until further notice. Please call and leave a message. 307 Montrose Drive, Folsom Phone: 916-985-2065

*Website:* 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**

Is 45:1, 4-6 / Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 [7b] / 1 Thes 1:1-5b / Mt 22:15-21

"Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites?" (Mt 22:18)

## **Gospel Meditation**

Nobody enjoys paying taxes. Despite our displeasure in being forced to do so, we also realize that the monies generated from taxes allows governments to provide essential services for its people. Corruption really gets our goat, however. When we witness malfeasance, overspending, irresponsibility, and dishonesty in governmental spending, the grave injustices make an already unpleasant and arduous task even more difficult. The inappropriate distribution and use of hard-earned monies can leave a person quite angry and disconnected. It's bad enough the government wants something from me, now God does, too?

God is not concerned necessarily with our money, although its proper use does factor into our faith life. As the payment of secular taxes speaks of our allegiance to the government, our return to God speaks of our allegiance to God. All of creation, even the entire universe, is fashioned in the image and likeness of God. What speaks to God and has meaning and relevance to him? All of creation and indeed our very selves! God delights in us and when we present ourselves back to him, he delights even more! As the payment of secular taxes is designed to secure the equitable distribution of goods and services to all people, so is our return of ourselves to God in gratitude meant to advance God's kingdom here on earth.

When our exclusive and sincere allegiance is given to God, God can use us to set things right and straight again. The wounds of sin distort our relationship and disorder our world. By giving ourselves and all of creation back to God in gratitude, we acknowledge the proper Creator and Author of life for who He is and devote our labors exclusively to God's kingdom and the justice, peace, or order God envisions. In giving back to God all that belongs to God, we set the axis of our lives correctly and put our priorities in proper order. All of our relationships, especially with God, our brothers and sisters, and all of creation are perceived more clearly as they really are. Using, accumulating, wasting, exploiting, hording, and self-preservation are no longer necessary.

## **Scripture Reflections**

#### **First Reading**

Cyrus was king of the mighty Persian Empire (559-529 BC) while Israel was exiled in Babylon. The prophet Isaiah revealed God would use Cyrus to free Israel from captivity. What lesson do you think Israel was supposed to learn from this revelation?

#### Second Reading

In his opening remarks in First Thessalonians, Paul speaks of the power and conviction with which he preached the gospel to them. How do you show the conviction of your faith?

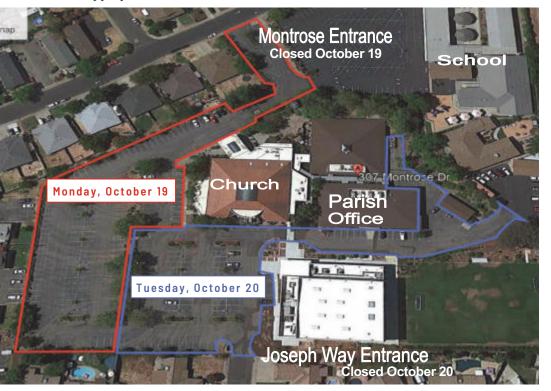
#### Gospel

The religious leaders in Jerusalem were unable to trap Jesus with a seemingly trick question. How do you respond to non-believers who try to challenge or trick you in matters of your beliefs?

## **Parking Lot Resealing**

October 19 & 20

Our parking lots will be resealed on the dates noted and will not be accessible on those days. Please use the appropriate entrance.



## Advertise in the Bulletin! Contact: Gina Shaughnessy (952) 356-6488, gshaughnessy@4LPi.com

Gina Shaughnessy, our parish representative from LPi, is working on setting up the advertising for our bulletin for the upcoming year. Given the COVID-19 situation, she is working on the ads remotely. We hope that parishioners who have a business will consider sponsoring an ad on the back of the bulletin, since the revenue from the ads is what makes the bulletin possible, at no cost to the parish. Also, if you know of any other business in the community that would like to support the parish, please let them know about this opportunity. Advertisements can be purchased for a business, family, or a sponsorship ad can be purchased supporting community service organizations such as emergency pregnancy counseling, the local food shelf, etc. As you might imagine, we could use some extra support this year, as many businesses have suffered as a result of COVID-19, and other unforeseen events this year. Please give these ideas some thought. We need and appreciate your help! If you are interested in getting more information, please contact Gina.

## Theology of the Body and How to Introduce it to Young People

October 20 & 22 in English or October 27 & 29 in Spanish from 7-8:30pm Livestreamed at www.scd.org/OYYA-TOB

In today's culture, teaching the purpose of our bodies, sexuality, life and love can be a challenge. The beauty of Theology of the Body is designed to meet that challenge. It provides a counter-cultural, yet authentic view of the human person and the extraordinary story of our creation as unrepeatable individuals. This 2-part workshop will give a basic overview of what Theology of the Body is and present strategies on how to talk about this topic.

> "Give the Lord glory and honor. " (Ps 96)

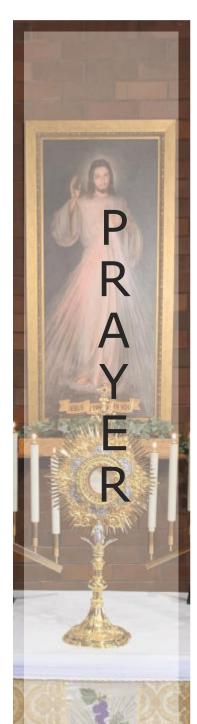
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## Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 18th Hermelinda Ruelast & Dannae Godinez (birthday)

Sam Lico+ People of the Parish Roy Camello+

Monday, October 19th Judith Rupasinghe

**Tuesday, October 20th** Necitas Palamos<sup>+</sup> & Dorotea Alorro

Wednesday, October 21st Denny Anspach+

Thursday, October 22nd Rolando Garcia+

Friday, October 23rd Richard Rutledge+ Christina Penman+

Saturday, October 24th Concordia Ramirez+ People of the Parish

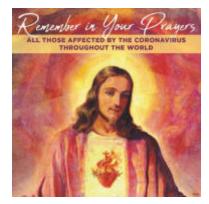
## **Observances** We Celebrate This Week

Mon: Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, and Companions Tue St. Paul of the Cross Thu: St. John Paul II Fri: St. John of Capistrano Sat: St. Anthony Mary Claret

October is Dedicated to: The Rosary

## **Pope Francis'** Monthly Intention for October The Laity's Mission in the Church

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.



## **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.

Christopher Kovarik Kimanh Davis Danny Taffola Jen Fancher Jesse Diaz Joanne Harden Kainoa Wood

Mark Penman Phyllis Dexter Robert Coughlin

#### Pravers 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.

Anne Acosta Bernie Powers Brian Trevisan Maxey Bud Powers Cal Dexter Chris McDowell Daniel Kelly Doug Jackson Francisco Bejarano Gilbert Mendivil Herbert Kohagura Jean Mellberg Jean Walsh Joyce Margaret Elliott Kay Warren

Lamberto Bachille Lillian Robert Loraine Roche Maria Gill Maria Perez Maurico Padilla Nasri Michael Ofelia Bagabaldo Pete Sidhu Rose Imbriani-Ajalat Tommy Nunez Valenzuela Sunta de Rivera Susan Wong

#### **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.

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.





## **The Adoration Chapel**

The Adoration Chapel is closed until further notice Adoration has been moved to the Church

A link to an Adoration Video (50mins) is located 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

## **Live Stream Mass**

#### 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.

Please keep in mind your minimum 6ft "social distancing"

## 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 recommended minimum 6ft "social distancing."

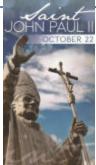




## HELP SAVE LIVES IN SACRAMENTO!

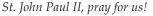
Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

- Vigil location: FPA Abortion Clinic, 2322 Butano Drive, Sacramento
- Vigil hours: 8:00 to 6:00pm on Mon, Tues, Fri, Sat. 11:00-6:00 Wed Closed Thurs
- Local Contact: Susan: 530-320-1614 Email: susanalive@gmail.com
- Learn more: Get involved! Sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign: 40 daysforlife.com/sacramento



On October 22nd, we celebrate the pope who inspired the world! Born Karol Wojtyla, Pope John Paul II became the first-ever Polish pope. He came of age in the early 20th century and lived through both the Nazi and communist occupations of Poland. His resistance activities were cultural,

operating an underground theater company and entering a secret seminary. He was ordained a priest in 1946 and later a bishop. He was elected pope in 1978. As pope, the interests that captured his heart as a young man continued -- his pastoral concern for young people, his philosophical emphasis on the human person, and his devotion to Mary and to the mercy of God.







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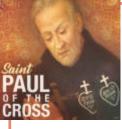
## The Gospel of Matthew

An Online 15-Segment Zoom Series Presented by Deacon Jim McFadden October 27, Tuesday, 7 pm Contact: Theresa Grant tgrant203@aol.com

Session 8:

*Jesus and his students — the Disciples* Every teacher needs students; so, Jesus is going to gather them around him, who will carry out his Mission, once he is now longer physically with his followers. We are going to examine how Jesus calls his disciples and how they are to be in the world. This chapter (10) is a breakthrough image of what a disciple is. It forces us to ask what kind of disciple was Jesus himself because he life was about doing his Father's will. Jesus is calling his students to participate in who he was; we'll look at Chapter 10 as a description of Jesus himself.

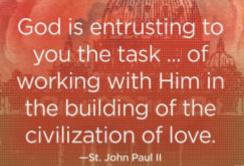
To register for the series, please email Theresa Grant. You will receive an email prior to the scheduled session with the Zoom online link & instructions. Please check your spam/junk mail in case you do not receive the email in your inbox.



Born in northern Italy in 1694, Paul Daneo lived at a time when many regarded Jesus as a great moral teacher but no more. After a brief time as a soldier, he turned to

solitary prayer, developing a devotion to Christ's passion. Paul saw in the Lord's passion a demonstration of God's love for all people. In turn that devotion nurtured his compassion and supported a preaching ministry that touched the hearts of many listeners. He was known as one of the most popular preachers of his day, both for his words and for his generous acts of mercy. In 1720, Paul founded the Congregation of the Passion, whose members combined devotion to Christ's passion with preaching to the poor, and rigorous penances. Known as the Passionists, they add a fourth vow to the traditional three of poverty, chastity, and obedience, to spread the memory of Christ's passion among the faithful. Paul was elected superior general of the Congregation in 1747, spending the remainder of his life in Rome.

Feast Day: October 20



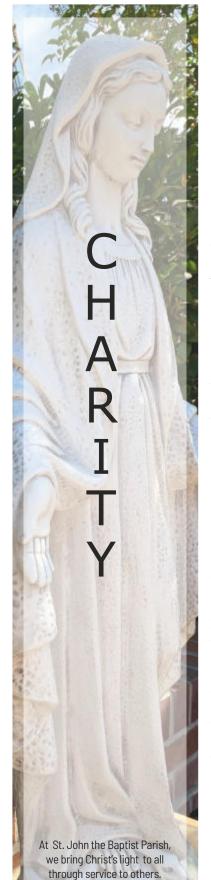
## Chosen

It is getting close to Election Day and I suppose most of us have an idea of how we will cast our vote. We have tried to discern where candidates stand on important issues and what type of leader they might be if elected. However, there is a good chance that when we go into a voting booth, we will cast at least one vote for a person who we never heard of and to do a job we do not understand. We know the more notable people in the more notable contests, but some of those on the ballot as we get further into it? Who knew that was going to be on there?

In life we will at times be asked to make a choice about something or someone we know little about. Our choices will not always be as informed as we would like. Then, when we do know some information needed to make a choice, we still don't know everything. We may support a candidate and not really know him or her personally.

When God chose you and me, He had all the information needed to make the choice. The crazy thing is He chose us anyway! He knew we would sin, turn our backs on Him, and sometimes not be very good ambassadors for Him. However, He still chose us because He loves us. We are a chosen people. We are His own. I don't know about you, but if given the chance I am not sure I would have chosen myself. I rejoice that God sees in me something that at times seems hidden to me.

~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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## Stewardship of Treasure the Lord Has Entrusted to Us

Weekly goal: \$25,529.00 Weekly Offerings: October 10/11 \$11,881.50

Online donations for September Weekly Collection: \$28,467.81 Building and Maintenance Fund: \$1647

## **2nd Collection**

Today, on World Mission Sunday, we respond, "Here I Am, Send Me," to our baptismal call to mission, and we offer, at the Eucharistic celebration, our prayers and our generous financial support, through the Society for Propagation of the Faith, to continue the mission of Jesus. Today we are "sent" out to witness to mission in the world through our prayers and sacrifices for our brothers and sisters around the world. As little as...

- \$25 helps support a catechist for a month in remote Latin America
- \$75 provides for the work of religious Sisters caring for orphaned children in Africa
- \$100 assists families in sending their children to schools in Asia

As always, your prayers are your most treasured gift to the Missions. Your prayers and financial help, offered today, WORLD MISSION SUNDAY, support mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who are Christ's witnesses to a world so in need of His healing, love, and peace.

Last weekend our 2nd collection was for our Building and Maintenance Fund. Together we collected \$ 2211.

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 www.peterspence.va/en.html.



Loaves and Fishes Contact: Cathy Kovarik 916-353-0688

The homeless being served at Loaves and Fishes were filled with gratitude for the sharing from our parish in September. Our collection is ongoing. You will find the designated cart in the church vestibule ready for your donations daily during open church hours (7:30am-4:30pm). Most requested items are cup-of-soups, peanut butter and cheese crackers, drink boxes and bottled water, oatmeal packets, breakfast and ntri-bars,, raisins and fruit cups. Peanut butter and jelly jars also appreciated for volunteers making sandwiches. All donations will be taken down October 28. Would you like to help drive?

Please call Cathy for details. Our Divine Mercy Ministry thanks you for your donations!

## **Inspiration for the Week**

In the time of Jesus, a Roman coin bore the image of Caesar and it was precisely this coin that was returned to the emperor in the form of tax. What bears God's image? Scripture tells us that human beings are made in the likeness and image of God. In truth, however, all of creation, even the entire universe, is fashioned in the image of God! Everything radiates Divine Presence and the spark and essence of God's very life exists in all things. God breathes the life of Himself into all things. If we have to give back to civil authorities what speaks to them, then what do we give back to God? While the answer is simple, the implications are profound. We are asked to give back to God our very selves! Ultimately, all creation is in the process of returning to God and is on a journey of finding its final truth and essence in Him. As we continue that journey, all we have, all we are, all we see, and all we are responsible for must be offered back to Him. God is the beginning and the end of all things. Do our lives reflect this Divine allegiance?



"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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## Sharing the Gospel

When you grow up and earn money, you will have to pay taxes. Taxes pay for many good things that keep us safe and healthy. When you grow up in your faith, you will want to give God some of the money you earn, because all you have is a gift from God.

## $T^{igstyle Mission}$ for the Week

Take care of God's world. Together as a family, clean up trash that's lying around inyour neighborhood.



God, teach me to use money wisely so my community and my church can grow.



Complete the picture of the piggy bank.





Mt 22:15-21



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 Loreen McMahon, 916-933-1330 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** Bill Stobbe, 916-505-3800 **Divine Mercy Devotion/Cenacle** Zoeanne Tafolla, 707-333-7359 -Chaplet/Rosary/Morning Prayer -Divine Mercy Chaplet/Mass -Cenacle - Zoeanne Tafolla, 707-333-7359 -Cenacle-Spanish - Ana Haid, 916-956-1177 Eucharistic Adoration Veronica Thomas, thomas\_vera@yahoo.com Perpetual Adoration—1st Fri 9am - Sat 4pm 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 Sheila Fitzpatrick, 925-437-0798 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 Elizabeth Beigh, 916-730-1291 Liturgy Committee Barbara Bowden, 916-984-9476 Pastoral Council

**Outreach/Charity Ministries Bereavement Hospitality/Receptions** Nina Pucci, 916-947-6386 **Catholics for Life** Kathy Baxter, 916-337-6824 Gabriel Project Helen Boyd, 916-367-8071 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) John Knight, 916-985-4630

## Liturgical Ministries

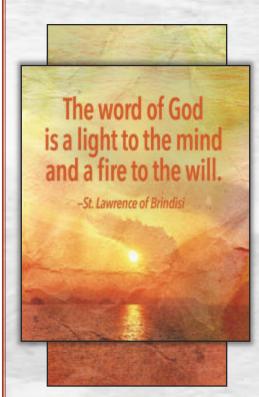
Altar Servers Hugo Schmidt, 916-817-4541 Children's Liturgy during Mass Shannon Langer, 916-985-7338 Extraord. Ministers of Holy Communion Steve & Maryanne Ashley, 916-479-2214 Lectors Patti Midtlyng, 916-837-8322 Liturgical Environment Arlette Peterson, 916-220-5968 Music - See choir director after 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 McMahon, mcmahon510@comcast.net.

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



## Why Does the Church Have Different Liturgical Cycles?

While most Catholics know that the Church Year is divided into various seasons (e.g. Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, etc.), many are unaware that the one Church Year is not like the one that follows. While the main seasons and feasts are the same from year to year, the 3-year cycle for Sundays and the 2-year cycle for weekdays means that, as a general rule, the readings in the Lectionary that we hear at Mass will change from year to year, helping us to have a richer encounter with Sacred Scripture. Each new cycle begins with the beginning of the liturgical year, the First Sunday of Advent.

The reasoning behind this innovation is outlined in Sacrosanctum Concilium, the "Dogmatic Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy" of the Second Vatican Council: "The treasures of the bible are to be opened up more lavishly, so that richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God's word. In this way a more representative portion of the holy scriptures will be read to the people in the course of a prescribed number of years" (no. 51). This was fully achieved in 1969 when the new cycles of readings were approved by Pope Saint Paul VI. To learn more about the Liturgy of the Word within the Mass, visit: www.usccb.org/prayer-andworship/the-mass/order-of-mass/liturgy-of-the-word/index.cfm





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