



# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

*Catholic Church*

JANUARY 28, 2024



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole  
region of Galilee. - Mk 1:28

## Sacraments

### Weekend Mass Times

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

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Spanish 1:30 pm

### Daily Mass Times

Mon. - Fri. 6:30 am, 8:15 am

### Holy Day Mass Times

6:30 am, 8:15 am, Noon  
7:00 pm

### Reconciliation / Confession

Saturday 3 - 4:30 pm  
& by appointment

### All Other Sacraments

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

## Clergy

Fr. Renier Siva

### Pastor

Fr. Julius Kaburu

### Parochial Vicar

Fr. Ignatius Haran

### Pastor Emeritus

Dennis Gorsuch

Jim McFadden

William Goeke

### Deacons

## Parish Office

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

### Website:

FolsomCatholic.org

### Social Media:

@FolsomCatholic

## Bulletin

FolsomCatholic.org/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

Dt 18:15-20 / Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8) / 1 Cor 7:32-35 / Mk 1:21-28

*"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."  
(Ps 95)*

## Gospel Meditation

*By Father John Muir*

I love movies about exorcisms. Apparently, so do many others. The 2023 movie "Nefarious" features a possibly possessed inmate on death row. Critics were not impressed, but audiences scored it at 97% on the website Rotten Tomatoes. Most people have an appreciation for the demonic realm, even if cultural elites are generally embarrassed about it. As is standard in exorcism movies, the afflicted person (in this case, a man named Edward Brady) thinks and acts like multiple persons. He is someone besides himself. We know what that is like.

We feel fake sometimes, not ourselves.

The same dynamic is on dramatic display this week in the Gospel. Jesus the Exorcist approaches a possessed man who utters, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?"

Notice the plural, us. The basic effect of the demonic is division. The man's identity is fractured, divided, and thus many. Jesus powerfully expels the spirit by saying, "Quiet! Come out of him!" Jesus' word has the power to restore the man's singularity — him — and indeed it does.

All this helps us to dismiss childish images of demons sporting red goat tails. Equally, it overcomes the cultured aloofness that dreams demons are mere metaphors for evil. We see instead that fallen angels are conscious and intelligent beings who orient their agency toward division. They bring about schism where there should be unity, e.g., in persons, families, communities, politics, and so on. Thankfully, Jesus commands demons to flee from all these places to restore wholeness and peace.

What if we made room for his word where we need it?

## Scripture Reflections

### First Reading

Moses taught the Israelites that God would raise up a prophet like him to teach them the Lord's commands. But he also forewarned about false prophets. How can we avoid listening to false prophetic voices?

### Second Reading

Paul expresses his desire for the Corinthian believers to be free of anxiety so they can focus their attention and energies on Jesus. What distracts you from the Lord?

### Gospel

Mark informs us that early in Jesus's public ministry his "fame spread" quickly throughout Galilee because of his powerful deeds, such as the healing of the demon-possessed man in today's reading. Is there something or someone in your life that you pray Jesus would heal?

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

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## Liturgical Environment Ministry

Arlette Peterson and the Environment Committee want to thank all those who so kindly gave so much of your time to help make the church and Hall so beautiful for Christmas AND then, to help take down everything at the end of the holiday season. We could have never done it without all your help.

## Palms Needed

Please bring any of your palms from last year's Palm Sunday. There is a basket in the vestibule. We will need them to burn for this year's Ash Wednesday.

## Pilgrimage Tour

Ireland, Scotland & England

August 16 - 29, 2024

\$7,195 All-inclusive from  
San Francisco, CA

You are invited to join Fr. Jovito Rata and Fr. Renier Siva on a 14-day Catholic Pilgrimage Tour to Ireland, Scotland & England. Includes: Dublin, Glendalough, Kilkenny, Cashel, Cobh, Blarney, Killarney, Ring of Kerry, Cliffs of Moher, Galway, Westport, Knock, Belfast, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Liverpool, Oxford, London & more! Daily Mass at the holy sites. Brochures with itinerary and registration form are available in the Parish Office and vestibule.

## Welcome

## Newly Registered Parishioners!

Please welcome to our Parish Family

Mary and John Abarado  
Maria Chettiar  
Daniel and Rachelle Child  
Greg and Jennifer Lane  
Taylor and Derek Lee  
Christian and Janeczka Palisoc  
Maria and Robert Scharf  
Jeff Shunta  
Alexander and Megan Tengolics

## World Marriage Day 2024

February 3, 1:00 pm

St Charles Borromeo Parish  
7584 Center Parkway, Sacramento  
Contact: Dcn Danny Patterson  
916-733-0133 or  
Jazmin Ortiz, 916-733-0123

Join us as we honor marriage and salute the beauty of faithfulness, sacrifice, and joy in married life. There will be a special blessing for sacramentally married couples and an opportunity for them to renew their marital commitment. After Mass, there will be an opportunity to receive a blessing and picture with Bishop Jaime Soto. Special certificates will be distributed at the reception honoring couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (10, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 50+). If you plan to attend, please register at [www.scd.org/wmd2024](http://www.scd.org/wmd2024). If you have questions, contact Dcn Danny or Jazmin.

# St. John Notre Dame



## Catholic Schools Week



January 28th - February 2nd

We would love SJB parishioners to join us for the following events:

- 1/29/24: Eucharistic Procession starting at the Historic Church @ 8:00am and ending in the SJB Courtyard around 9:30am
- 1/31/24: Sr. Libby Fernandez, Founder of Mercy Pedalers, will be our guest speaker 8:00am in Gallagher Hall

For more details, call the school office at (916) 985-4129



PRAYER

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 28th

- 7:30am Michael LaLama+
Norma Rutledge+
9:00am Sean O'Sullivan+
Anne Marie Perez (birthday)
11:30am Oscar Sanchez (birthday)
Scott Anthony McEnvoy+
6:00pm Jason Nhan (special intention)
Jane Hinman+

Monday, January 29th

- 6:30am Andrew Bova
Ezekiel Omar Burciaga (Thanksgiving)
8:15am The Rawson Family
The Dingman Family

Tuesday, January 30th

- 6:30am Bryan Leard (birthday)
Bernidita & Winnie Freda Halog
8:15am Lorraine Arbuck+
Natividad Japlit+

Wednesday, January 31st

- 6:30am Helen Starosciak+
8:15am Bill Lipchik (birthday)

Thursday, February 1st

- 6:30am Elija Ta (birthday)
8:15am Henry Awbrey (3rd birthday)

Friday, February 2nd

- 6:30am Walfrido L. Galang+
8:15am Purificacion Siruno+

Saturday, February 3rd

- 5:00pm Khuu Family
Frank Myers+

January is Dedicated to:
The Holy Name of Jesus

Observances
We Celebrate This Week

- Wednesday
St. John Bosco
Friday
The Presentation of the Lord
World Day for Consecrated Life
Saturday
St. Blaise
St. Ansgar

Pope Francis'
Monthly Intention for January
For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic 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.

- Albertano Estudillo Joe Peluso
Annette Bauman John Leonard
Arlette Peterson Kristine Turnier
Bert Mateo Kyle Pasterski
Elizabeth Mateo Lorenzo Alameda
Emma Ward Lourdes Tanchuling
Evelyn Solomon Mary Puzio
Fr. Ted Santiago Michael Fisher
Haz Funez Shelly Puzio
Jennie Cook

Prayers for Our Troops

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

- Andrew Pecha John Lopez
Brandon Heffel Joshua Penman
David Tressler Michael Dalupan
Dylan Flynn

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.

- Amber Merrill Juanito Magno
Bill Platz Judith Girard
Bob Leites Lily Wood
Dale Richardson Lolita Baya
Dan Ignacio Lucing Mateo
Digna Libunao Ludwika Lewandowski
Elaine Massey Maria Luisa Vierra
Evelyn Walker Mario Palma
Gabriel Fernandez Natividad Japlit
Gloria Bladel Ronald Pitto
Helen Hanson Teresita Vitug
Josefina R. Gonzalez

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.



One thing is for certain: when we encounter Jesus, we are changed forever. Even if we choose not to follow Jesus, something is radically different.

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



## Adoration

The Adoration Chapel hours are: Mon-Thu 9am - 8pm,  
Sat 9am - 5pm and Sun 7am - 11am  
Friday Adoration is in the church: 9am to 7pm

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](mailto:thomas_vera@yahoo.com)

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

## Respect Life Ministry

Planned Parenthood Abortion Mill  
201 29th and B Street, Sacramento  
Contact: Joanne Dudgeon  
916-607-2228

We offer alternatives to abortion because every child is a precious blessing from God. And all life needs to be protected. You can bring a folding chair or ask for one to be provided, join our carpool and pray for dads, moms, and babies. Meeting time at St John's is at 9:30am Thursdays from 10am-noon. We bring Christ's love and hope to women making a "choice" that will sadly change their lives forever. Contact Joanne.

## Companioned Prayer Ministry

Wednesdays, 9:30am, St. John's Church  
First Saturdays, 9:15 am, Holy Trinity Church  
Contact: Michelle Hendricks  
[www.CompanionedPrayer.org](http://www.CompanionedPrayer.org)

We invite you to come on Wednesday mornings to our prayer gatherings here at St. John's. Join us for an introductory welcome beginning at 9:15 after morning Mass. Prayer follows at 9:30.

**Please note:** During the months of February through March we will be meeting on Mondays. Companioned Prayer will not be meeting the 1st Saturday of February at Holy Trinity Church, El Dorado Hills. Updates will be posted in future bulletins.

## World Day for Consecrated Life

Day of prayer for women and men  
in consecrated life

This special day will be celebrated in the Church on Friday, February 2, and in parishes over the weekend of February 3-4. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

## Vocations Cross

*"The harvest is rich, but there are few laborers to gather it in. Beg the Lord of the Harvest to send laborers into the harvest." –Matthew 9:37-38*

Beginning this Lent we will be inviting our parish families to participate in the Vocations Cross Program. It is our hope to support the Church in her effort to pray for priests and for an increase in priestly and religious vocations. Each weekend a family will have the opportunity to embrace praying for vocations at home together. For one week the individual or family takes the Cross into their home and commits to saying the prayers provided on a daily basis. This may also be a good time to reflect together upon God's call of service to His Church. The kit is then returned the following weekend and will be passed on to a different family. We hope this will encourage all of us to pray for the gift of vocations. Please watch for more details in the coming bulletins.



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time in conversation with our  
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At St. John the Baptist Parish,  
we foster a  
commitment to lifelong  
spiritual growth.

### W.I.N.G.S.

February 1, Thursday, 9am  
Garden Room  
Contact: Trista Gooderham  
612-382-7655  
mrsgooderham@gmail.com

Join us as we continue our mini-series on four women in scripture. This week we will hear about *Deborah*. Light snacks and refreshments provided. Mark your calendars for the upcoming events:

- February 15, 9am, *Mary Magdalene*
- February 29 6-8pm, Evening Social Gathering
- March 7, 9am, *Esther*

Links to the resources used in the discussions are available on the document pictured on the WINGS page at [folsomcatholic.org/wings](http://folsomcatholic.org/wings). Please contact Trista for further details or visit the parish website.

### Men's Retreat

February 9 - 11, 16 - 18  
March 1 - 3, or April 5 - 7  
Contact: Doug Heinz, 916 - 983 - 4516  
Retreat Center, 916 - 725-4720 Ext. 307

Many people have expressed their fear for the next generation. So, join the men of our parish for a weekend retreat at Christ the King Retreat Center to ponder what the Spirit might be telling us how to look upon the hurt and hatred we see around us, and center upon God's dream for the next millennium. Four weekends are available. The cost of \$250 includes a single room (two nights), 6 meals, and the retreat program. For more information, contact Doug or the Retreat Center. You can also visit the Center and register for the retreat on line at: [www.ChristTheKingRetreatCenter.org](http://www.ChristTheKingRetreatCenter.org)

### Live the Liturgy

#### Inspiration For the Week

With one swift command, Jesus freed a man from the possession of evil spirits. He has that same power to banish the shadow of sin from our own lives. Let's invite him into our hearts, asking him to cleanse the darkness he finds there.

### Eucharistic Revival Study

**Jesus and the Eucharist**  
Beginning the week of February 7  
Contact Shannon Frazier  
rsfrazier4@comcast.net

*In-person registration will take place this weekend after all Masses in the vestibule.*

We would like to invite you to grow closer to Jesus alongside fellow parishioners through the **Jesus and the Eucharist Study**. This 7-week study was specifically designed for this Year of Parish Revival, and we will be joining many other parishes throughout the US in participating in this small group study. Each session is full of rich theological content, powerful testimonies, and unique and timely messages from individual bishops across the country. This is a great opportunity to dive more deeply into the richness of our Eucharistic faith.

This study will be a special time to grow in community within our parish as we walk this sacred year together. Sessions are available morning and evenings, in-person and Zoom, and in English and Spanish.

To register or for more information visit [www.folsomcatholic.org/eucharisticrevival](http://www.folsomcatholic.org/eucharisticrevival) or scan the QR code. Registration forms are also available in the vestibule.



### Workshop with Dcn Jim McFadden

**"Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table"**

written by Louie Giglio

Jan 8 - Feb 5, Mondays, 7-8:30pm

Guadalupe Room

Contact: Theresa Grant

[tgrant@talkpathlive.com](mailto:tgrant@talkpathlive.com)

Join us as we reflect upon Louie Giglio's book, *Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at your Table*. In addition to the book, it is recommended that participants also purchase the study guide. In person participation is preferred, but attendance via Zoom will be available. Sessions will not be recorded due to the sensitive nature of the material. To RSVP please contact Theresa.

- Session 4 (1/29): *The Path to Victory*
- Session 5 (2/5): *God's Invitation Always Stands*

## 2nd Collection

Next weekend our 2nd collection is for our RE Program and SJND.

### Eucharistic Saints 2024

St. Ignatius of Antioch (35-108) was a bishop of Antioch in the first century

which, at the time, was the capital of Syria. One of the earliest bishops, he was a disciple of the apostle John and was a prolific writer and teacher of the early faith.

Throughout his ministry, he emphasized the importance of the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine, considering the Eucharist as the "medicine of immortality" and "the flesh of our Savior Jesus Christ." His writings, particularly his seven epistles, passionately affirmed the significance of partaking in the Eucharistic celebration as a means to unite with Christ and fellow believers. He urged the faithful to hold fast to the teachings of the apostles and the sacraments passed down through the generations.

During the reign of Roman Emperor Trajan, St. Ignatius was arrested for his faith and condemned to be taken to Rome for execution. While in chains making the long journey with Roman soldiers from Syria to Rome, St. Ignatius was allowed to meet with many of the faithful and to write letters to neighboring Christian congregations. His seven epistles from this time and his conviction in the face of martyrdom served as an inspiration to many. His writings live on today as important teachings of the early Church, shedding a light into early Christian theology.

St. Ignatius was martyred in Rome's Colosseum when he was thrown to the lions and devoured. He's remembered as the patron saint of Church unity, and the Eucharist. St. Ignatius of Antioch, pray for us!



## (Practicing) Catholic

### Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

#### What Have You to Do with Me, Jesus of Nazareth?

Inevitably, when we read the story of the Garden of Eden, my children try to imagine what life would be like if Adam and Eve had not sinned against God.

"Would we have to go to school?" they ask me. "Would we get sick? Could we eat whatever we want? Would we get older?"

I tell them the only thing I know for sure about a world without sin is that we would be happier. I can see confusion in their faces — Why? How? — but I have none of the concrete answers they want. I don't know how to describe a happiness untouched by sin.

The moment sin entered the world, a chasm erupted between God and mankind. There is now a space between humanity and the divine, a cavernous and seemingly impassable void into which God calls for us, unendingly. And because we are lost in the dark, and miserable, instead of following his voice when we hear it, instead we reply: "What do you want?"

"What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?"

Did the unclean spirit know, when he cried out all those thousands of years ago in Capernaum, that he was giving voice to a question which defined the human condition? They are the words of a demon, yes, but they are also my words. Far, far more often than I care to admit, when God is reaching for me, I look upon His hand with contempt and confusion. When I am grappling with a problem or a sin which overwhelms me, again and again I forget that I already know the solution.

The tragedy of original sin is not that we live in a world where we cannot eat what we want, where we age, and where we become sick and die. The tragedy of sin is that we have forgotten how to be happy. We look at happiness and we think: "What do you want with me?"

*"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." — Psalm 95:7*

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

 Read the Gospel and Color

Mk 1:21-28



Grass stains. Tomato sauce. Brightly colored fruit drinks. When these nasty stains stick to your clothes, it is tough to get them out. Regular soap won't work. You need something stronger. Jesus is really strong, too. In today's Gospel, a nasty evil spirit screamed when it saw Jesus. Jesus was so powerful, he cleaned that evil spirit right out.

 Mission for the Week

Make a new label for your family's stain pre-treatment bottle. Trace around the bottle, write Mark 1:21-28 in big letters, and decorate your label with a picture of Jesus. Tape your new label to the bottle so you and your parents remember how strong Jesus is.

 Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel.

quiet	spirit	shook
teaching	Jesus	shout
amazed	Holy One	obey

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 Prayer

God, you are much stronger than evil. Nothing is too hard for you to clean.



"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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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

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### 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

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### Religious Education

Shannon Langer, 916-985-7338

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Shannon Langer, 916-985-7338

### WINGS (Women in Growth Spiritually)

Trista Gooderham, 612-382-7655

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Aaron Santos, asantos@folsomcatholic.org

## Parish Committees/Councils

### Finance Council

Patty Robertson, 916-220-3600

### Liturgy Committee

Barbara Bowden, 916-984-9476

### Pastoral Council

Shannon Frazier, 916-761-2912

## Outreach/Charity Ministries

### Bereavement Hospitality/Receptions

Parish Office, 916-985-2065

### Filipino Apostolate

Lili Rehwald, 916-220-2483

### Gabriel Project

Debbie Sultan, 916-337-5786

### Grace Quilters Ministry

Catherine Scott, 831-402-4681

### Knights of Columbus

Tom Ireland, 310-347-7180

### Ministerio Pastoral Hispano

Beatriz LeCam, 916-765-3569

### Pastoral Care Ministry

Dan Dunne, 916-817-1675; Sunday  
Candice Ralston, 916-806-8090; Tuesday

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Catherine Scott, 831-402-4681

### Prison/Restorative Justice Ministry

-Folsom Prison - Fr. H. Gomez, 916-985-2561 x 4206  
-CSP Sacramento - Greg Mellor,  
Catholic Chaplain, 916-985-8610 x6425

### Respect Life Ministry

Joanne Dudgeon, 916-607-2228

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

Keith Martin, Principal, 916-985-4129

### Senior Visitation

Charlene Agles, 916-984-9602

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

Mercy Knight, 916-985-4630

## Liturgical Ministries

### Altar Servers

Hugo Schmidt, 916-817-4541

### Children's Liturgy during Mass

Rachel Boyd, 916-296-3712

### Extraord. Ministers of Holy Communion

Steve & Mary Anne Ashley, 916-479-2214

### Lectors

Patti Midtlyng, 916-837-8322

### Liturgical Environment

Arlette Peterson, 916-220-5968

### Music - See choir director after Mass.

## Additional Ministries

### Children's Babysitting at Mass

Parish Office, 916-985-2065

### Family Fellowship

Rachel Marsh, 916-945-6992

### Gift Shop

Connie Aley, 916-337-3607

### Security Ministry

Jim Miller, 916-220-4311

### Women's Game Day

*Every Wednesday, Garden Room, 11am - 4:30pm.*  
Roberta Puzio, 916-933-2561

# MINISTRIES

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



## WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

### Communion & Mortal Sin

I have a friend who receives communion, but who I know for a fact is in a state of mortal sin.

Should I tell our priest? Is it my responsibility to say something?

While we may always want to do what is best for our friends and family members, we have a responsibility to respect their privacy and their conscience. In its reflections on the Eighth Commandment (“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor”), the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, “Respect for the reputation of persons forbids every attitude and word likely to cause them unjust injury. [One] becomes guilty: -of rash judgment who, even tacitly, assumes as true, without sufficient foundation, the moral fault of a neighbor; -of detraction who, without objectively valid reason, discloses another’s faults and failings to persons who do not know them; of calumny who, by remarks contrary to the truth, harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgments concerning them” (no. 2477).

We will never truly know what is in a person’s mind, heart, and soul; only God knows those things. We should, of course, take our concerns to God and entrust the person about whom we are concerned to God’s grace and mercy. If we have concerns about the spiritual wellbeing of someone with whom we are close, we should go to the person themselves and talk about our fears and concerns. Unless it is a case of abuse or endangerment (which we have a moral and even legal responsibility to report to the appropriate authorities), we ultimately do not have the freedom to share another’s persons faults or sins, however good we think our intentions might be.

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**Stephen Ruch**  
Family Service Advisor



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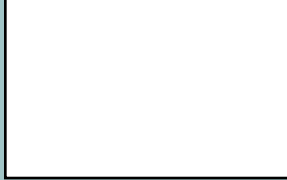
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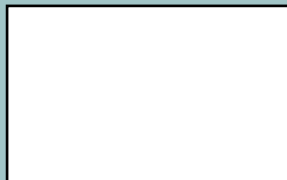
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