

# 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." - Mt 16:15-16

## 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 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

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#### 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 22:19-23 / Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc) / Rom 11:33-36 / Mt 16:13-20

"Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands." (Ps 138)

## **Gospel Meditation**

By Father John Muir

Isn't it a bit weird that Catholics call the Pope "papa," father? This Sunday provides us with essential Scriptural background on the papacy, the petrine office. Jesus gives Peter the "keys to the kingdom of heaven," after witnessing to the special grace Peter has to know Jesus' true identity. Many have pointed out that the "keys" refer back to the figure of Eliakim, King David's prime minister. True enough. But notice this is not mere authority or power. It's a family relationship. The Lord says to Eliakim, "He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem" (Isaiah 22:21). David's prime minister was a spiritual father to the family of Israel. Peter, and his successors, will be spiritual fathers in the family of the Church.

This means we have a serious obligation to not only recognize the Pope's authority, but also to love him with the affection of children for their papa. We should never speak about him with disrespect or rancor. We should listen to him with trusting hearts, and ignore the slander thrown at him in various media. When we show the world we are loving and obedient to our Holy Papa, perhaps they'll see more clearly that the Church is indeed God's beloved family

# **Scripture Reflections**

#### **First Reading**

The Lord condemns Shebna (the master of King Hezekiah's palace) for ignoring Isaiah's prophetic warning and gives to Eliakim the authority and honor that belonged to Shebna. What helps you stay focused on following God's commandments?

#### Second Reading

Paul celebrates the wisdom and knowledge — the mystery — of God. If you could ask God one question, what would it be?

#### Gospel

In Peter confessing Jesus as "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," Jesus gives him the authority to hold the keys to the kingdom of heaven. How do you use authority in your life?



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#### Knights of Columbus Council 6197 Aloha Festival 2023 Oops we forgot one...

"BIG MAHALO" to Stacy Ralston - Poi Ball Demonstration, Dance, and Audience participation who performed at this year's Aloha Festival.

#### Soccer Challenge Competition September 9, Saturday, 10am Soccer Field (in back of Gallagher Hall) Contact: Dick Phelan, 916-221-0596 or Percy Park, 916-936-6145

Open to the public, local schools and all boys and girls, ages 9-14 performing the "penalty kick" competition. We will have Soccer Challenge Application/Score Sheets #4578 available the day of registration or contact Dick or Percy. Please do not forget to also bring a copy of your child's birth certificate to verify their age group for the competition.

# Security Ministry Team Volunteers Needed

Contact: Jim Miller cosmomiller@earthlink.net

The Security Ministry is looking for volunteers to join our Security Team, serving at your weekly Mass of choice. No experience is needed. We will orient and train all new volunteers. For more information or to sign-up, please contact Jim.

# Scam Emails & Text Messages

Parishioners and parish staff have been receiving scam emails and text messages supposedly from our parish priests requesting to contact them regarding donations or monetary matters. The scammer will write messages using very personal greetings and indicate there is a need to get gift cards or funds quickly to create a sense of urgency. Please do NOT send money or respond to these people. These messages are NOT from our priests. Our Pastor or clergy members will not solicit donations via emails or texts. If there is any doubt call the parish office to verify.

## Labor Day Holiday September 4, Monday

There will only be one Mass celebrated. Please join us at 8:15am. The Parish Office will be closed in observance of the holiday.

# New to the Parish?

Orientation Session September 9, Saturday, 3:15 pm Contact: Joyce Starosciak jastaros@gmail.com 916-740-4628

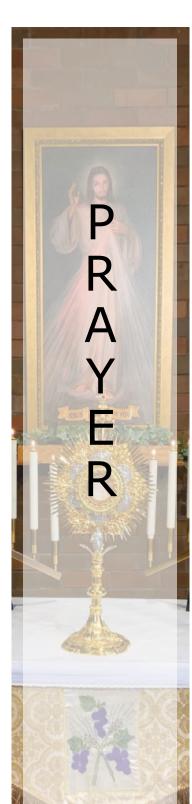
St. John the Baptist New Parishioner Welcoming Ministry is holding an orientation session for new parishioners. You will meet other new parishioners, learn about our ministries, take a guided tour of the parish facilities, and receive a small gift to welcome you. The orientation continues into 5pm Mass where a Blessing will be conferred on all new parishioners. Please call or email Joyce to register.

# **Celebrating San Lorenzo Ruiz**

September 23, Saturday 10:30am, Novena 11:00am, Mass Contact: Lili Rehwald 916-220-2483, Irehwald@gmail.com

St John's parish will be hosting one of the Diocesan Novena Masses to celebrate the feast day of San Lorenzo Ruiz. He is the first Filipino canonized in 1987 by St Pope John Pall II. Join us for the Novena and Mass. A reception will follow after the Mass in Gallagher Hall.





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

# Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, August 27th

7:30am Helen Starosciak+ People of the Parish
9:00am Emilia Alcordo+
11:30am Stewart & Mia Wallace (wedding) Stanley Zajac+
6:00pm

#### Monday, August 28th

6:30am 8:15am Joy Bryla+

#### Tuesday, August 29th

6:30am 8:15am Nita Honorio (*birthday*) Consolacion Fuentes (*birthday*)

#### Wednesday, August 30th

6:30am Diane Finn 8:15am Leonardo Mateo+ Juan Fuentes+

#### Thursday, August 31st

6:30am 8:15am Mia Fuentes (birthday) Aleyamma Joseph+

#### Friday, September 1st

6:30am 8:15am Gil Dizon+ Kris Platarote (healing)

Saturday, September 2nd 5:00pm Teresita Nidoy+ Edie Hawkinson (birthday)

## Observances We Celebrate This Week

**Monday** St. Augustine **Tuesday** The Passion of St. John the Baptist

# August is Dedicated to:

The Immaculate Heart of Mary

## Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for August For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

#### 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.

- Aaron Samson Bill Kalahao Bill Malmstrom Bill Valentine Christopher Nuez Gina Tabrizy Gloria Marquez Joanna Cucchi Jose Lustan Kimanh Davis Kyle Pasterski
- Mahalia Long Manuel Abina Marmolil Ocampo Maryann Burriesce Nancy Wilkins Percy Munsell Ray Easton Richard Meagher 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.

Anastasia Samson Ann Buckmaster Aurora Castro Barbara Lowenkron Blade Strong Carolyn Alifano Christian Ladd Sr. Cora Gonzales Frances Nigro Helen Starosciak Jose Carvajal

#### Joy Bryla Leona Gines Lorenzo Alejandro Guerra Maureen Russell Pacita Barrameda Paul Stevenson Percy Munsell Randy Elliot Shirley Dascallos 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.



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# 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: Tuesday:		1	4 - 5pm	5 - 6 pm	6 - 7 pm 7 - 8 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		
Saturday: Sunday:			-	12 - 1 pm	1-2 pm 2-3 pm	3-4 pm

#### **Respect Life Ministry** "365" Days for Life

Wednesday, Thursday, 8am-2pm (Late term surgical abortion days) Planned Parenthood, 201 29th St, SAC Contact: Joanne Dudgeon 916-607-2228

"May Catholics work to protect human life through faith-filled engagement in the public square." USCCB

Love, compassion, and assistance are peacefully offered to women in need at the Planned Parenthood clinic.

Join us on Thursdays to pray from 11:00am-1:00pm. There is a carpool from St Johns leaving at 10:30am. Contact Joanne.

#### Save the Date 16th Annual Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home Dinner September 10, 2023 5pm Social Hour, 6pm Dinner, 7pm Program Armaans Palace Event Hall 2301 Longport Ct, Elk Grove, CA 95758

Visit their website at BGMHSacramento.org to purchase tickets. Please include: Attendee name(s) your telephone number, & dinner selections with your payment of \$85 per person. Keep in mind, this is their largest fundraiser of the year.



# **Divine Mercy Ministry**

September 3, Sunday 12:45pm, church

All are invited to join us in praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet in English and Spanish as a family in Christ here at St. John the Baptist.

In St. Faustina's diary, Jesus asked "Say unceasingly the Chaplet that I have taught you...even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My Infinite mercy."(Diary p. 687)



# Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist

"If we but paused for a moment to consider attentively what takes place in this Sacrament, I am sure that the thought of Christ's love for us would transform the coldness of our hearts into a fire of love and gratitude." ST. ANGELA OF FOLIGNO



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

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**Inspiration For the Week** 

"Who do you say that I am?" Let our whole lives be the answer, given not in words, but in action. If the world looked at your life, your decisions, your words, and your deeds, would they conclude that you are a person who believes Christ is the son of the living God?

# Live the Liturgy

designed for the average busy life of the lay person. Learn how to use your gifts to influence your work, society, and your relationships for the good and draw others to our Lord. If you are seeking to strengthen your spiritual life, or learn to see as Jesus sees, and to judge and act with him, then Lay Mission is where you belong. Cohort 3 is scheduled to start 2023. For more information, go to laymission.net or call Laura.

Are You On FiRE?

**Contact: Aaron Santos** asantos@folsomcatholic.org

Mark your calendars for ON FiRE 2023 on Saturday, September 16th from 9am – 9pm at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom in Vallejo, CA. This annual event for youth and young adults starts with a Mass con-celebrated by the Bishops of Northern California and Nevada and ends with exclusive ride time in the park after it is closed to the general public. And in between there is an all-youcan-eat lunch, reconciliation, a vocations carnival, a concert and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. To learn about our ON FiRE talent and to get more information go to www.onfirenorcal.com. Tickets will be on sale soon. If you have any questions, contact Aaron.

Lay Mission Project Contact: Laura Wicklman 916-933-8471 laymission.net

The Lay Mission Project is an apostolate which focuses on the secular mission of the Laity in the Church - that's us! Lay Mission prepares us for the sake of our fundamental calling to transform secular society through living the faith in all aspects of life: in the family, socially, in one's occupation, etc. It is

#### **Fall Adult Scripture Studies**

Contact Teresa or Lee Weider 916-398-1116 laweider631@gmail.com

Fall Scripture Studies will begin the week of September 18th. Two studies will be offered

- 1) First Corinthians: The Church and the **Christian Community**
- 2) Lectio Eucharist

Each study will have a morning and an evening class. See more information and signup on the paper flyers in the vestibule or the parish website folsomcatholic.org. Scripture studies offer fellowship, spiritual enrichment, and an opportunity to learn more about our beautiful Catholic faith. Everyone is welcome! Please contact Teresa or Lee Weiderif you have questions.

# **10-Week Online Series** with Deacon 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

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.





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# **2nd Collection**

Thank you for your support for last weekend's Collection for the Church in Latin America. This donation will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean communities. Next weekend our 2nd collection is for our RE Program and SJND.

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

Who Do You Say That I Am?

I once knew a very devout woman whose adult godchild had fallen away from the practice of the faith. This godchild still believed in God, and even felt a sense of belonging in the Church. He was a good and kind person. But poor catechesis and a society that confuses pleasure with joy had left him lax in practice, without an appreciation of the sacraments. He was making choices that threatened his soul.

His godmother wanted more for him. She planned to speak with him about his life, hoping to encourage him to return to the practice of the faith. She knew that, when she brought this up, he would reply that it wasn't important to attend Mass or to receive the Eucharist, that was all just "extra."

She told me that she was going to begin their conversation by asking him the question Jesus poses to Peter in Matthew 16:15 — the critical question in all our lives, the question whose answer will define what we become in this world and the next.

Her godson knew the answer. She was confident, unshakably, that he did. He may have forgotten it or ignored it. He may have tried to convince himself he wasn't entirely sure. He may have refused to give an answer. But he knew it. He knew the answer.

There is a reason that, after Peter's response, Jesus gives him the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

"Who do you say that I am?"

Let our whole lives be our answer.

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." — Matthew 16:16

# Holy Men and Women from the Americas

Teresa Fardella was born on May 24, 1867, in New York to parents of Irish



and Sicilian nobility. The family moved to Trapani, Italy when she was two years old. At age 11, her Irish mother passed away and Teresa was sent to an Italian boarding school that her aunt supervised. Early in life, Teresa had a deep faith and loved the Lord. She wanted to become a sister and consecrate her life to Jesus in service of the Church, but, at age 16, her father forced her into marriage instead. She became the wife of Italian military officer Raffaele De Blasi.

For Teresa, being married to an officer meant lots of traveling and moving. As her husband was assigned to different cities, Teresa lived her faith by focusing on serving the poor wherever they landed. Often, she would seek out children and adolescents living on the street and provide care for them, trying to lift them out of poverty.

In 1896, while living in Mantua, Italy, she organized her efforts and founded the Poor House of Saint Joseph, to help serve those in need there. A few years later she saw the need to form a women's religious order to staff and care for the Poor House. To meet this need, she founded the Poor Daughters of the Crowned Virgin. Although she was wealthy, Teresa found value in living alongside those she served and often forwent the luxuries she was originally accustomed to. Teresa's husband was, again, transferred — this time back to Trapani where Teresa grew up - and she was forced to accompany him. While in Sicily, though, she continued to organize charitable work. When Teresa's husband died in 1937, she devoted herself even more deeply to these works of mercy.

Following her husband's death, she officially entered the religious institution she founded. She professed her vows as a Poor Daughter of the Crowned Virgin and finally was able to realize her dream of becoming a sister. She passed away in Trapani on August 26, 1957, at the age of 90 after a long life of charity and love for the poor. She was proclaimed Venerable by Pope Francis on November 9, 2017.



"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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MA Read the Gospel and Color



# TO Mission for the Week

Tell God you are sorry for your sins. Ask God to help you follow Jesus' example.



God, I thank you for sending your Son, Jesus to be my Savior.



Mt 16:13-20

God had sent great prophets to his people. Jeremiah, Elijah, and John the Baptist were faithful to God. They told God's people to love each other. But God's people would not listen. That is why God sent his Son Jesus to be your Savior. With Jesus' help, you can turn back to God. Because of Jesus, you can love others. Because of Jesus, you can look forward to heaven.

S Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel

<del>John</del> prophets Peter	Father blessed Elijah	Christ revealed Jeremiah
Jhno	<u>John</u>	
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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 Fridays, 1:30pm. Music Room

**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

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



#### WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED Why do we use incense at Mass?

The use of incense in religious ceremonies and worship is a practice that predates Christianity, and which is also found in many other religious traditions today. Incense, which is made from resin infused with aromatic spices and oils, is one of those fundamentally human symbols that incorporates more than one of our senses, helping us to reflect on realities that transcend the everyday details of our lives.

The use of incense in the Church's liturgy — in the Mass, as well as in devotions to the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours — is inspired by the use of incense in the Jewish tradition. In the writings of the Old Testament, we hear about incense being used in the worship of the temple, and Psalm 141 asks, "Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering" (vs. 2). The image here is that, as the incense gently rises to heaven, our prayers also rise to God as something sweet and pleasant.

Another ancient use of incense that has also become part of our Catholic tradition is the idea that when we incense something, it's because it is something special or sacred. This is why the Book of the Gospel is incensed during the Liturgy of the Word and the bread, wine, priest celebrant, and congregation are incensed at the presentation of the gifts. To this, we can also add the incensing of the Blessed Sacrament during eucharistic adoration and benediction, and the body of the deceased at the end of the Mass of the Resurrection (the Funeral Mass).







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