



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Catholic Church

DECEMBER 31, 2023



THE HOLY FAMILY

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

Sacraments

Weekend Mass Times

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

1st 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

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
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Website:

FolsomCatholic.org

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@FolsomCatholic

Bulletin

FolsomCatholic.org/bulletin

Bulletin Date Ads Due by 5pm

Jan 7	Dec 19
Jan 14	Jan 4
Jan 21	Jan 11
Jan 28	Jan 18

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

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 / Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 /
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 / Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

"The Lord remembers his covenant forever. "

(Ps 105)

Gospel Meditation

By Father John Muir

I remember the first time my older sister asked me if I wanted to hold her newborn son. Terrified, I told her I didn't think it was a good idea. My résumé had nothing to suggest I would be a qualified baby holder. But she warmly told me, "I'll help you hold him." It struck me that she is baby's mother. She is the one who decides who is qualified to hold him. I took him in my arms and soon I began to feel comfortable with that tiny little warm cooing creature in my arms, and soon I no longer feared holding him. Now, twenty-seven nieces and nephews later, holding a newborn child is one of the great joys of my life.

Do we sometimes think that Jesus is given only to the highly qualified, special religious people? In the Gospel of Luke today we hear about the presentation of the Lord in the temple. The newborn son of God is passed around like a baton in a relay race, not guarded like a precious jewel or a breakable china dish. We can see him going from the arms of Mary to Joseph, then to the priest performing the ceremony, then to Simeon the old man, then to Anna the old widow. Each one receiving him and then handing him to the next.

A tidal wave of joy and thanksgiving follows wherever he is placed.

Believe me, you are qualified to hold Jesus in your arms. How can I say that with such confidence? Because the mother decides who is qualified. The Blessed Virgin, embodied in the Church, holds him out to you and me. She rejoices to place him in our arms to hold, and to hand him on, too.

Scripture Reflections

First Reading

Abraham and Sarah relied on their faith in the Lord as they struggled with family matters. When have you needed to rely on faith when it comes to your family?

Second Reading

Hebrews teaches us that at every challenge in his life, Abraham consistently trusted and obeyed God. When have you had to surrender complete trust to God?

Gospel

In their purification ritual in the Jerusalem Temple, Mary and Joseph learn news from Simeon and Anna about their newborn baby, Jesus. In your family, how do you deal with startling or unsettling news?

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

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Holiday Closure & Mass Cancellation

The Parish Office will be closed on December 22 - January 1 for the Christmas and New Year's holiday. Beginning December 26 through January 12, only the 8:15am Mass will be celebrated on the weekdays.

Liturgical Environment Ministry

We are looking for help

Contact: Arlette Peterson
916-220-5968

The Liturgical Environment Ministry is looking for help. We would greatly appreciate a couple of hours of your time on:

- Tuesday January 9, to take down church decorations.

If you think you could be available for any of those days, please call Arlette.

In Advance, thanks for your help.

W.I.N.G.S.

Women IN Growth Spiritually

January 18, Thursday, 9am
Garden Room

Contact Trista Gooderham
612-382-7655
mrsgooderham@gmail.com

First kickoff meeting. We are so excited to bring back the women's ministry to the parish. We have some daytime and evening events planned. We will begin a mini-series on four women in scripture starting with the story of Hannah. Light snacks and refreshments provided. And mark your calendars for the upcoming events:

- February 1, 9am, *Deborah*
- February 15, 9am, *Mary Magdalene*
- February 29 6-8pm, *Evening Social Gathering*
- March 7, 9am, *Esther*

Please contact Trista for further details or visit the parish website.

Live the Liturgy

Inspiration For the Week

God's timing is not always our timing. Sometimes, we have to wait years for the answer to our prayer. Never despair. Remember that God keeps His word.

Knights of Columbus

2024 Free Throw Championship

January 13, Saturday

Registration/Warm-up: 9am

Competition: 10am – 12:00 pm

*Schedule. subject to number of entrants

Contact: Greg Sinclair

glsinclair@sbcglobal.net

The Knights of Columbus, Council 6197 Free Throw Championship is open to the public for all boys and girls, ages 9 - 14. Participants shoot 15 free throws against competitors of the same age and gender. A copy of participant's birth certificate is required. Age group cutoff-date is Jan 1.

Entry forms require signature of parents or guardian. Forms at the event or online



We're looking for a "few good catholic men"

Contact: Percy Park

916-936-6145, dbk576@aol.com

In 1882, Father Michael J. McGivney gathered a small group of parishioners in St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn. His purpose was to establish a group of men, united in their faith and to provide for Catholic families in times of need. This was the beginning of the Knights of Columbus. Guided by the principles of charity, unity, and fraternity members of the Knights of Columbus work to overcome the hardships that people face in their parishes and communities. We are a growing organization - more than 1.9 million members - and for over 130 years have committed to overcome the challenges of the need for food, shelter, warm clothing and financial security, as well as provide aid for widows and orphans in our local communities. Joining your local council of the Knights of Columbus can change your life. As a Knight, you have the opportunity to strengthen your parish, give back to your community, grow in your faith and gain exclusive access to our portfolio of top-quality insurance products to financially protect your family. Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practical (that is, practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See. Please contact Percy if you have any questions or we could meet to fill out the Application Form 100 (available in the vestibule) to join the Knights.

PRAYER



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

Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 31st

7:30am People of the Parish
 9:00am Vivian Yu
 Robert Leites+
 11:30am
 6:00pm Afif Issa+ & Najat Stephan+
 Theresa Trieu

Monday, January 1st

8:15am Victoria R. Abiade Manning
(special intention)

Tuesday, January 2nd

8:15am Alowiches Loeb+
 Brian J. Uriani Manning
(special intention)

Wednesday, January 3rd

8:15am Bianca K. Kaisia Manning
(special intention)
 Margaret Martin+

Thursday, January 4th

8:15am Jasmine Doan *(birthday)*
 Rochi Cabusas *(thanksgiving)*

Friday, January 5th

8:15am Carmen & Jose Godinez
(21st wedding anniv)
 Joann Siruno-Perez *(birthday)*

Saturday, January 6th

5:00pm People of the Parish
 Adaline Dalupan *(2nd birthday)*

December is Dedicated to:

The Immaculate Conception

Observances

We Celebrate This Week

Monday

Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Tuesday

Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

Wednesday

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Thursday

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Friday

St. John Neumann

Saturday

St. André Bessette

Pope Francis'

Monthly Intention for December

For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

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.

Annette Bauman	Lily Wood
Annie Dalupan	Lorenzo Alameda
Barbara Mertzlufft	Manuel Abina
Ben Ang	Mary Puzio
Cynthia Villegas	Mason Weber
Eva Ang	Michael Taheny
Evelyn Solomon	Paulite Narciso
Gordon Ferriss	Pete Lisson
Gretchen Reindl	Ray Easton
Haz Funez	Ray Gortzinger
Janet Osborne	Shelly Puzio
Jennie Cook	Sheryl dela Cruz
Joe Peluso	Sue Poppen
John Leonard	Susan Silva
Jon Emerson	Thomas Rawson
Kimanh Davis	Virginia Miller
Kyle Pasterski	

Prayers for Our Troops

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

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

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	Jovita Victorio
Angelito Nicolas	Judith Girard
Bill Platz	Ludwika Lewandowski
Dale Richardson	Maria Luisa Vierra
Digna Libunao	Maria Victoria Colmeiro
Dorothy Wilhite	Mario Palma
Evelyn Walker	Rita Joy Kramnic
Gabriel Fernandez	Robert Coate
Gary Tolle	Shirley Dascallos
Gloria Bladel	Teresita Vitug
James Spangler	
Josefina R. Gonzalez	





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 Chapel will be closed:
December 31 - January 1

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	11-12 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
201 29th Street, Sacramento
Contact: Joanne Dudgeon
916-607-2228

You are invited to peacefully pray with us to help spread the word about this important community outreach. Please join us in prayer as we assist women and men in their decision to choose life for their unborn babies with the Word of God and the many resources available to them. Bring a folding chair and meet us at St. Johns leaving at 9:30am and praying from 10am-noon. Our focus is Thursdays on this late term abortion day as babies in the womb can be aborted at 6 months. Mother Teresa traveled the globe condemning abortion, never afraid to speak truth in love. "The greatest destroyer of peace today is the cry of the innocent unborn child." Today millions of unborn children are being killed, but we say nothing." Consider the thought of becoming involved.



Companioned Prayer Ministry

Wednesdays, 9:30am, St. John's Church
First Saturdays, 9:15 am, Holy Trinity Church
Contact: Michelle Hendricks
www.CompanionedPrayer.org

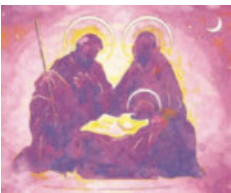
Are you filled with inner joy and peace at the coming of Jesus, looking ahead to His coming again?

Our Wednesday morning prayer gathering here at St. John's Church invites you to meet us for an introductory welcome beginning at 9:15 following the morning Mass.

As we celebrate Christmas in our hearts and community, The Companioned Prayer Ministry here at St. John's offers you an opportunity to continue the celebration of Jesus's coming to us and our world at Christmas. Come share your faith, joy, and Christmas peace with us.

Be still...and know the love and peace of God...

Join us in prayer, reflection, and sharing as we rejoice in the goodness of God to send His Son to us as Love, filling us with His peace and joy!



Prayer for the Family

Dear Lord,
We lift our families to you in prayer — every generation!

Bind our wounds, forgive our debts, show your mercy!

Lead us to deeper communion with each other and You.

Help us, too, to be a holy family.
Amen.



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



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



St. Augustine taught, when we say “amen” before receiving Holy Communion, we are saying “amen” not only to Christ the head, but to all the members of his body. So profound is this communion that it endures beyond death: we have fellowship not only with the members of the Church on earth but with the saints in heaven, who are cheering us on and helping us draw closer to Christ.”

SAVE The DATE
Eucharistic Revival Study
Contact Shannon Frazier
rsfrazier4@comcast.net

The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to the Eucharist here in the United States. This 3-year revival is in its second year, which focuses on parishes across the country. During the Year of Parish Revival, Saint John the Baptist parish invites you to participate in the **Jesus and the Eucharist Study**. The study will immerse participants in the kerygmatic proclamation and unveil God’s saving work in the Eucharist.

Classes in English:

- Wednesdays, Feb 7 - March 20
Morning Session: 9am, Garden Room
Evening Session: 6pm, Parish Hall
- Thursday, Feb 8 - March 21
Zoom Session: 7pm

Classes in Spanish

- Fridays, Feb 9 - March 22
Evening Session: 6pm, Garden Room
- Fridays, Feb 9 - March 22
Zoom Session: 6pm

Please mark your calendar to unite with fellow parishioners for this spiritually enriching parish wide small group study. Let it be your Lenten Challenge in 2024.

Registration and more information will follow in the parish bulletin, on the St John the Baptist website, and Facebook or contact Shannon Frazier.

Praise and Worship

January 10, Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Church
Contact: David Brauer
dabrauer@hotmail.com

Join us for an evening of inspiring music and powerful prayer with Praise and Worship! Praise and Worship is a ministry of worship, prayer and fellowship, where we have an opportunity to come together in the middle of the week as brothers and sisters in Christ to grow closer to our Lord. Our theme for this month will be the Baptism of the Lord. Please join us!

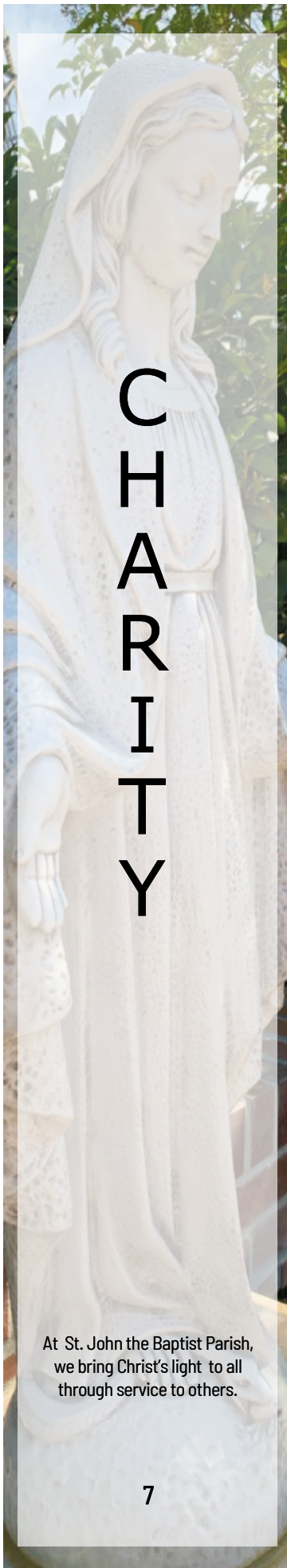
Workshop with Dcn Jim McFadden
“Don’t Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table”
written by Louie Giglio

Jan 8 - Feb 5, Mondays, 7-8:30pm
Guadalupe Room
Contact: Theresa Grant
tgrant@talkpathlive.com

Every day we fight a battle against the enemy who wants to wage a war in our minds and hearts. Perhaps the greatest casualty of this interior struggle is our own peace of mind, which makes us edgy, anxious, and vulnerable to fears and doubts. The good news is that we don’t have to live in this mental war zone because we have been invited to an intimate relationship with the triune God. Indeed, we hear in Psalm 23 that the Good Shepherd will protect and guide us along our journey: “You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.” Our enemy, the Devil, is not intended to join us there. That’s why we cannot let the enemy take a seat at our table. Join us for a five-week workshop as we reflect upon Louie Giglio’s book. In addition to the book, it’s recommended that participants also purchase the study guide. For an overview of the book, see Giglio’s YouTube video on that same topic. Because of the personal and sensitive nature of this workshop, we are conducting the sessions in-person. Although Zoom attendance will be available, we strongly encourage live, in-person participation as the sessions will not be recorded

- Session 1 (1/8): *The Table Before us*
- Session 2 (1/15): *The Tactics of the Enemy*
- Session 3 (1/22): *The Battle for our Mind*
- Session 4 (1/29): *The Path to Victory*
- Session 5 (2/5): *God’s Invitation Always Stands*

To RSVP please contact Theresa.



STEWARDSHIP

The Knights of Columbus Faith in Action Programs

Through Sunday, Jan 14, 2024

Contact: SK Percy Park

916-936-6145, dbk576@aol.com

SK Hugo Schmidt

916-813-0843, hugoschmidt@gmail.com

Coats For Kids

You can donate new or gently-used children's winter coats. We also collect warm coats and jackets for teens and adults. Please wash all gently-used coats and jackets if needed. Winter accessories like gloves, mittens, scarves, beanies, hats, and sleeping bags are also accepted.

Food for Families

What food should I donate?

Healthy, low-sodium, low-sugar, non-perishable food only. Donations assist families, so we encourage donations in sizes you would use at home.

- Items with intact, un-opened, consumer or commercial packaging. Items with non-breakable packaging (no glass please). Plastic containers, tin cans and boxed items are best.
- Food within the expiration date on the packaging.

What are the most requested food items?

- Canned meats: tuna, chicken, turkey, ham, stew & chili, canned vegetables
- Pasta & pasta sauce, canned beans, rice
- Healthy cereals, Peanut Butter
- Baby food & baby formula

Drop Off Locations

- "Knight's Cart", located outside in front of the church, near the doors before, during, and after all Masses on Saturday and Sunday
- St. Vincent de Paul location, adjacent to SJND on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9am to Noon; phone # 916-985-4630.

ALL donations and proceeds go directly to St. John's St. Vincent de Paul ministry for our local community, surrounding communities, people in need and the homeless.

(Practicing) Catholic

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Sword and the Family

In the first few weeks of parenthood, the tears flowed fast and freely, and with very little provocation.

Sometimes I wept because it was getting dark out, and sometimes because the sun was coming up. Sometimes I wept because the days were so unbearably long. Sometimes I wept because they were so cruelly short and slipped past so quickly, bearing away with them forever these inaugural moments of my daughter's life — moments I knew I would long for on my deathbed.

So, the inclusion of the Presentation of Christ in the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary has always struck me. The Blessed Mother, just a few weeks after giving birth, standing at the holy temple: Is she tired? Is she emotional? Is she frightened? Is she happy? We cannot know for sure, but if she is anything like most of the postpartum women I know, she is all four. But she stands there dutifully, offering her baby to the Lord, and this is what she is told, "A sword shall pierce your heart."

Joyful? I would have snatched the baby back, called the police and sobbed for a week.

But Mary knows that Simeon speaks the truth, and she cannot receive God's will with anything less than joy, even if it means a pierced heart.

Family means love, but love means — what, exactly? Pleasure, fulfillment, contentment? Yes, but so much more, too. Love means you have much to lose.

How full is family life with these beautiful moments which, on the surface, look and feel painful — but hold within them the opportunity to be like Mary, to bow our heads and once again say "Yes, Lord."

"Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another..."
— Colossians 3:12

 Read the Gospel and Color

Lk 2:22-40



Mary and Joseph went to the temple and presented the baby Jesus to God. Two older people recognized that Jesus was the Messiah. They gave him special blessings. They thanked God for this child. Just like Mary and Joseph, your parents gave thanks to God when you were born. They were very happy God gave you to them. They had you baptized in church, and presented you as a gift to God, too.

 Mission for the Week

I will offer everything I do for you, Lord, Jesus Christ.

 Puzzle

Find 8 differences.

 Prayer

Lord, thank you for bringing the baby Jesus into my life.



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

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)

Trista Gooderham, 612-382-7655

Youth/Young Adults Ministries

Aaron Santos, asantos@folsomcatholic.org

Parish Committees/Councils

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Patty Robertson, 916-220-3600

Liturgy Committee

Barbara Bowden, 916-984-9476

Pastoral Council

Shannon Frazier, 916-761-2912

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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 Wine Distribution

Why haven't Catholic Churches gone the way of disposable cups for wine distribution?

If a Catholic has ever attended a Protestant worship service and saw the communion service that was offered for that community, one of the things that might have stood out was the use of small, disposable cups for distributing the wine or grape juice. This is in stark contrast to the precious metal chalices used in Catholic churches during the Mass.

Although practices for Protestant Christians can vary (ranging from large shared chalices, to personal-use cups, to dipping the bread in the wine/grape juice), the norms governing Catholic practices are fairly direct: "Sacred vessels are to be made from precious metal. If they are made from metal that rusts or from a metal less precious than gold, then ordinarily they should be gilded on the inside.

In the Dioceses of the United States of America, sacred vessels may also be made from other solid materials that, according to the common estimation in each region, are precious ... they are to have bowls of nonabsorbent material" (nos. 328-330). Rather than being a commentary on the beliefs or practices of those other communities, these rules are intended to highlight the reverence that Catholics have for the bread and wine consecrated at Mass, which become the Body and Blood the Lord.



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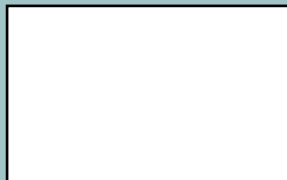
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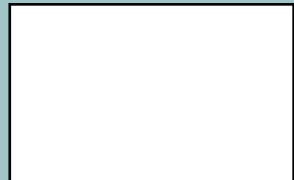




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