

## 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous." - Mt 13:49-51

#### 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

#### Website: FolsomCatholic.org Social Media: @FolsomCatholic

#### **Bulletin**

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August 6	July 27				
August 13	August 3				
August 20	August 10				
August 27	August 17				

## 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**

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 / Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (97a) / Rom 8:28-30 / Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

"Lord, I love your commands." (Ps 119)

#### **Gospel Meditation**

By Father John Muir

Our culture seems more polarized and divided than ever. Into this wounded situation, our Catholic faith has a healing remedy to offer: the gift of wisdom. When the Lord offers to give King Solomon anything the monarch desires, he requests "an understanding heart" (1 Kings 3:9). In his polarized situation, the King doesn't ask for power to defeat his enemies. He asks for a wise and understanding heart to judge right from wrong. This wisdom is elevated and fulfilled in Jesus who teaches us to bring forth "both the new and the old" (Matthew 13:52).

In our fractured society, we Christians should stop pining for political power to crush our perceived enemies. That often just makes things worse. Rather, it's much more useful to beg for the grace of true wisdom which transcends both sides of the aisle. This places us in a fresh position from which we can help our culture see what is true and good all across the ideological spectrum. Sometimes we'll look like liberals (e.g., in our love for the poor and marginalized) and other times like conservatives (e.g., in our sexual ethics and views on religious freedom). Because this wisdom is free from ideological narrowness, it will help to heal these painful fractures. Lord Jesus, this week, pour into us your healing wisdom.

#### **Scripture Reflections**

#### **First Reading**

The young King Solomon asked the Lord in prayer for a wise and discerning heart, and it was granted to him. What gift would you ask from the Lord?

#### Second Reading

Paul teaches the believers in Rome that God calls us "according to his purpose." Do you have a sense your purpose in life? If so, what is it?

#### Gospel

Jesus offers several kingdom of heaven parables to the disciples: buried treasure and fine pearls (a priceless discovery) and the large catch of fish (an invitation to all). With these parables, what do you think Jesus is teaching us about the kingdom of heaven?



#### Security Ministry Team Volunteers Needed Contact: Jim Miller cosmomiller@earthlink.net

The Security Ministry is looking for Security Team 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.

#### Celebrating San Lorenzo Ruiz Volunteers Needed Contact: Lili Rehwald 916-220-2483, rehwald@gmail.com

St John's parish will be hosting one of the Diocesan Novena Masses to celebrate the feast day of San Lorenzo Ruiz, the first Filipino canonized in 1987 by St Pope John Pall II. The Novena Mass will be on Saturday, September 23, at 11:00 am with reception to follow after the Mass. We are in great need of volunteers who would like to be part in the planning and preparation of this event. No experience necessary, just a big heart and willingness to serve. If interested, please contact Lili. Our first meeting will be on August 10 at 6 pm in the Garden Room.

#### **Mass Cancellation**

Please note the 6:30am weekday Mass will be cancelled from June 26 - August 11.

### Just a Reminder

**Keep Our Church Clean** Please help us keep our church clean. Food and drinks are not allowed in the church.



## Children's Liturgy

Contact: Rachel Boyd 916-296-3712

Children's Liturgy of the Word is getting prepared to start again! We are looking for adults who are willing to work in pairs to lead the kids in their Liturgy of the Word! Training will be provided on Sunday, August 13th, from 10:30am to 11:15am (at the latest!). We are also looking for middle schoolers/high schoolers to help shepherd the children to and from the church! Please contact Rachel by text or phone if you have questions or are interested.

We will begin on Sunday, August 20th, with 9am Mass for three weeks before we expand to 11:30am Mass as well beginning on Sunday, September 10th.

Children's Liturgy of the Word allows kindergartners through 4th graders to hear the readings in language easier for them to understand.

#### Knights of Columbus Council 6197

Aloha Festival and Scholarship Fundraiser August 12, Saturday, 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm Gallagher Hall

*Celebrating the "Aloha Spirit" with Island Culture, Tradition, Food, and Entertainment.* 

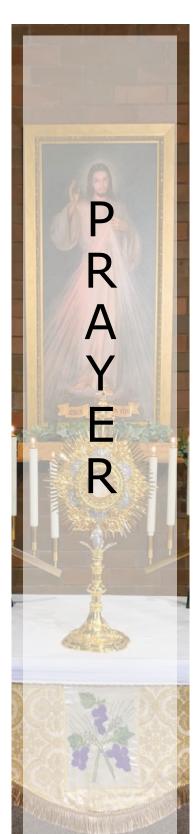
We cordially invite you to join us for our 10th Annual Family event of fun, food, and entertainment. All proceeds benefit our Scholarship Program to promote higher education and Youth Activities to promote healthy competition. We are also selling "tickets" after all weekend Masses in front of church.

#### Welcome Fr. Julius

As of July 1st Father Julius Kiogora Kaburu is officially our new Parochial Vicar. Originally from Kenya, St. John's will be his third assignment since his arrival to the United States in 2019. His previous assignment was at Good Shepherd in Elk Grove. Please welcome him and introduce yourselves when you see him around our campus!

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

#### Mass Intentions

Sunday, July 30th

7:30am Cora Gonzalest Antonia De Leont
9:00am Chris & Tara Olamit (10 yr anniv)

Maybel Tuazon (*birthday*) 11:30am Anastacia Samson+

People of the Parish Jose Friast

6:00pm Alyssa Armstrong (healing)

#### Monday, July 31st

8:15am Anastacia Samson+ Fr. Jose Ribeiro+ Victor S. Sison+

Tuesday, August 1st 8:15am Emma Stevens (healing) Caridad Garcia Shaw+

Wednesday, August 2nd 8:15am Mae & Edward Gorsuch+

**Thursday, August 3rd** 8:15am Jacob Olamit (*birthday*)

Friday, August 4th 8:15am Bob Miranda+

Saturday, August 5th 5:00pm Tom Scott, People of the Parish

#### Observances We Celebrate This Week

Monday St. Ignatius of Loyola Tuesday St. Alphonsus Liguori Wednesday St. Eusebius of Vercelli St. Peter Julian Eymard Friday St. John Vianney Saturday The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

#### July is Dedicated to: The Precious Blood of Jesus

#### Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for July For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

#### 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 Billy Ereno Christopher Nuez Dolores Doorman Eddie Hines Griffin Koerber Herminia Cullado Ifeoma Ugwu Joanne Davis Jose Lustan Kimanh Davis Kyle Pasterski
- Mahalia Long Manuel Abina Margie Reilly Marmolil Ocampo Patti Midtlyng Percy Munsell Richard Meagher Steve Pohorsky Zien Tran

#### Prayers for Our Troops

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

> Andrew Pecha John Lopez Michael Dalupan

#### 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.

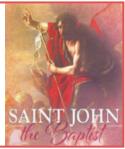
Anastasia Samson Aurora Castro Barbara Lowenkron Betty Lauck Carolyn Alifano Christian Ladd Sr. Cleo Grace de Leon Cora Gonzales Frances Nigro Jennifer Nelson Jose Carvajal Joy Bryla

#### Leona Gines ' Lorenzo Alejandro Guerra Lydia Hernandez Maureen Ross Michael Haran Michael Ramczyk Pacita Barrameda 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.

St. John the Baptist, May we be strengthened by your prayers and good example as we prepare the way for the healing power of Jesus.

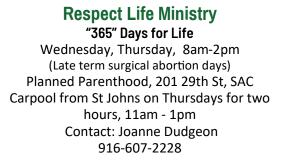


#### Adoration

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

The Adoration Ministry has immediate need for dedicated adorers for these hours listed. To sign up please contact Veronica Thomas at thomas\_vera@yahoo.com

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



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 in this much-needed ministry. All it takes is prayer. We offer assistance and Christ's love to women in what is often a crisis pregnancy. Contact Joanne for more info.

> Save the Date September 10, 2023

Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home Annual Dinner Fundraiser. Details to follow as the event gets closer.



Following Christ will take everything we have. Are we ready to give it all? At the end of our lives, let us hope we can say truthfully that we sold all we had in order to purchase the field which contained the great treasure.



#### **Prayer for Healed Identity**

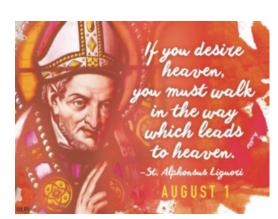
Dear Lord,

"A fine pearl." Is that how you see us?

*Help us to understand the value you place on us.* 

May the depth of your love for us reach into the deepest parts of ourselves and heal our wounds.

Amen.





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

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Contact: David Brauer dabrauer@hotmail.com

Join us for an evening of inspiring music and powerful prayer with Praise and Worship! This 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 Centered on Christ. All are welcome!

Praise and Worship August 9, Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Church

#### Faith Untapped Ministry

**Presents: Answering the Call** August 16, Wednesday, 7-8:30pm Parish Hall Ages 18 yrs+ only **Contact: Rachel Marsh** 916-945-6992

Faith Untapped, also known by others as *Theology on Tap is coming to St Johns!* 

Please come join us every 3rd Wednesday of the month to listen to a new speaker touch on different aspects of our faith. Appetizers and beverages (alcoholic & non alcoholic) will be served as well as an opportunity to meet and socialize with others. This will be a reoccurring event you don't want to miss. Mark your calendar for our 1st event with Fr. Guillermo Hernandez, Director of Vocations for our Diocese. We hope to see you there! 18yrs and older only please.

#### 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.

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

#### The Falling Action and the Field

In my freshman year of high school, I was fairly miserable at identifying the five essential elements of plot (exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution).

To this day, the only reason I remember anything about them at all is because my English teacher used episodes of Scooby Doo to illustrate the different elements. Falling action vs. climax is where I got tripped up, the two are similar, and only discernible if you examine them relative to each other.

Every Scooby Doo episode has a big dramatic sequence (the climax) where the ghost/monster/zombie chases The Gang through the haunted mansion. The falling action is what comes immediately after: searching for her glasses that she lost during the chase, Velma bumps into a pulley wheel disguised behind a tapestry and realizes the ghost/monster/zombie is actually the janitor in a costume, hooked up to an elaborate cable system jerry-rigged throughout the mansion. Meddling kids.

I confused the two because, to me, they are both equally dramatic: the chase and the fallout.

It occurs to me that, if you look at the course of salvation history, we are living in the falling action, not the climax. Take the parable of the treasure in the field: we have found the treasure. But we haven't yet bought the field.

I often make the mistake of thinking I am still lost in the climax, searching for the truth. But I know exactly where the truth is.

What I need to be concerned with is this: am I doing what I need to do to buy the field?

"Wonderful are your decrees; therefore I observe them. The revelation of your words sheds light, giving understanding to the simple." - Psalm 119

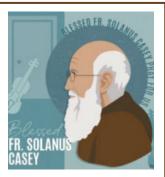
#### **2nd Collection**

This weekend's second collection is for St. Vincent de Paul, and we are hopeful that you are able to donate. The number of households we serve has increased. In addition, given the higher cost of food and groceries, we are not limiting our families to once a month for food. Thankfully, we are still receiving food donations from Safeway, Trader Joe's, Grocery Outlet and you, our parish family. God bless you and your families.

Next weekend, our second collection will be for the Mission Cooperative Appeal, an annual program in which missionaries from around the world speak at each parish. The goal of this appeal is to increase awareness of missionary work and to raise funds to help missionary organizations continue their evangelization efforts. Our parish will be visited by Fr. Charles Niwagaba with the University of St. Joseph Mbarara in the Archdiocese of Mbarara in Uganda. He will share with us their courageous evangelization efforts on behalf of the Catholic Church and give us an opportunity to support their work.

#### Holy men and women from the Americas

Bernard Francis Casey was born November 25, 1870, to Irish immigrant parents in Oak Grove, Wisconsin. When he was 8 years old, he contracted diphtheria which left him with a permanently damaged voice — only able to speak softly and quietly. As a youth, he moved frequently and was unable to finish his schooling. Instead, he took on all sorts of odd jobs, even as a prison guard, before he decided to pursue the priesthood at age 21.



Due to his limited education, he entered the minor seminary of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. He found that the classes there, taught in either Latin or German, were too difficult as he had no knowledge of either language. The school advised him to, instead, join a religious order and complete his education there. He took this advice to heart and, while in prayer before a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, he heard what he described to be Mary's voice telling him to "go to Detroit." He applied to Detroit's Order of Friars Minor Capuchin and entered as a novice in 1887. He was given the religious name "Solanus," after Saint Francis Solanus, because both the saint and

Casey loved to play the violin. Although he still struggled with his studies, he received his ordination to the priesthood on July 24, 1904.

Since he always fell behind when it came to his theological education, his ordination was to that of a "simplex" priest. This meant that, although he could celebrate Mass, he was not permitted to hear confessions or to preach doctrinal sermons due to the limitations of his education. His first assignment was to the Sacred Heart Friary in Yonkers, New York, following which he spent time serving at churches near Pen Station and Harlem.

During his 14 years in New York he quickly became known for his pastoral approach and listening ear and people began seeking him out for blessings and prayer for their ailments. In 1924 he ransferred to Detroit where he took up the same type of work at St. Bonaventure Monastery. His reputation as a holy man grew quickly and people would come far and wide to visit "The Doorkeeper", as he was commonly known, for prayer and counseling. On an average day, Fr. Casey could have up to 200 visitors seeking time with him!

During his time at St. Bonaventure's, Casey helped found the Capuchin Soup Kitchen to feed those in need in Detroit during the Great Depression. Fr. Casey spent the last decade of his life with the Capuchin novitiate in Huntington, Indiana. When his health began to fail, he was transferred back to Detroit to be hospitalized. He passed away in Detroit in 1957. At his funeral, 20,000 people visited to pay him their respects before he was buried at St. Bonaventure. Following a miracle confirmed by the Vatican in 2017, Pope Francis beatified Fr. Casey, raising his title to "Blessed."

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



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

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MA Read the Gospel and Color



## TO Mission for the Week

Put God's kingdom first. Read a Bible story every morning.



God, help me to love your kingdom more than the things I have.



Mt 13:44-52

Your toys can break. Your books can tear. Your clothes can shrink and stain. Things don't last forever. The kingdom of heaven does last forever. It is like a treasure. Heaven is worth more than anything you own. In both stories, the person who found the treasure sold everything else just to be a part of God's kingdom.

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Find and circle these words from today's Gospel

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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 **Catholics for Life** Kathy Baxter, 916-337-6824 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 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."

#### **Companioned Prayer Ministry**

Don't miss these opportunities to join in this special prayer time with our Lord and fellow members of the Body of Christ.

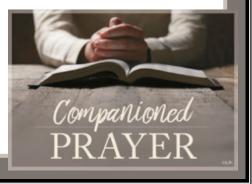
The Companioned Prayer Groups of St. John the Baptist, Divine Savior and Holy Trinity extend a warm welcome to St. John the Baptist parishioners to join our ongoing first Saturday prayer gatherings. This coming month our gathering will be held on **August 5th, at Holy Trinity Parish.** 

You are most welcome to attend Mass, in honor of the Blessed Mother, at 8:15 a.m., followed by recitation of the rosary.

Our Companioned Prayer gathering will begin at 9:15 am in the View Room off the narthex of the church. Come join us and experience this beautiful prayer and the Lord's grace. A light breakfast will be provided.

St. John's Companioned Prayer Group meets weekly on Fridays at 1:30 p.m. in the Music Room off the narthex of the church. Come be a part of this personal prayer and caring community.

Please contact Michelle regarding companioned prayer or prayer gatherings. Michelle Hendricks mhendricks@companionedprayer.org





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