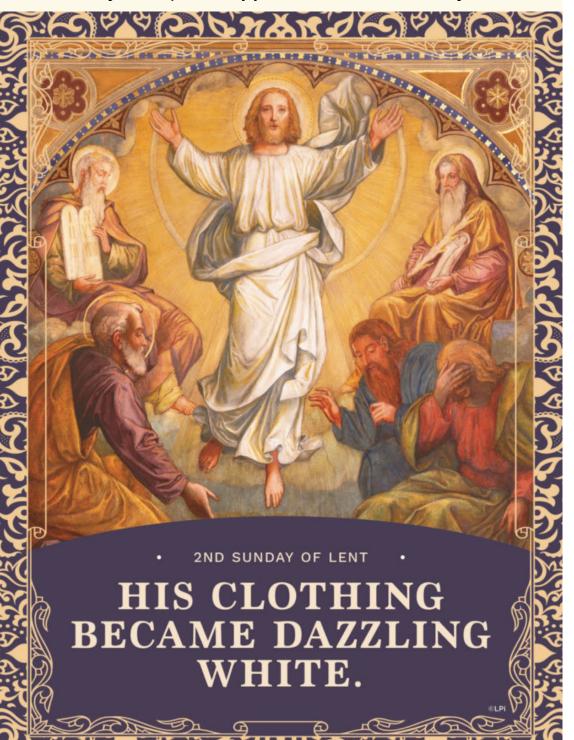


# Welcome to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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.



# Mass Times

Weekend Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm Sunday 7:00 am, 9:00 am 11:30 am, 6:00 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month 1:30 pm (Spanish)

**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

#### **Sacraments**

Reconciliation/Confession Saturday 3-4:45 pm

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. Giovanni Gamas Pastor Fr. Jibin Jose Parochial Vicar Fr. Ignatius Haran Pastor Emeritus William Goeke Dennis Gorsuch Jim McFadden Deacons

## **Parish Office**

Mon – Thu: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm Closed for lunch from 1 – 2pm Fri: Closed all day to the public 307 Montrose Drive, Folsom Phone: 916 – 985 – 2065

> *Website:* FolsomCatholic.org

## **Gospel Meditation**

By Father John Muir

St. Thomas Aquinas said that friends share three things: time, possessions and secrets. For example, how do I know if you're my friend? Well, let's say we've been to Mexico together, you've tried my shaky attempts at pasta carbonara, and you know what ridiculous costume I wore in a music video I filmed in my early twenties. We, dear reader, are definitely friends. We've shared time, possessions and secrets.

How does friendship with Jesus develop? The same way. Jesus lives and eats with his disciples. Then he takes Peter, James and John to Mount Tabor and there reveals to them his deepest secret: his glorious, divine Sonship. The majesty of God shines from within his humanity in a way that goes beyond description. God the Father confirms this "secret," saying, "This is my chosen Son, listen to him" (Luke 9:35). It's all so precious that "they fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone." Do we take time to be alone with Christ, to allow him to mystically share this "secret" with us as his dear friends?

Lenten challenge: This week, identify one time when you experienced an awareness of some specific aspect of Jesus — perhaps on a retreat, at Mass, in prayer or in an act of service. Spend ten minutes consciously re-living that experience in your heart. If you can't recall one, set aside at least two hours this Lent as a mini retreat, either alone in nature or in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Focus on him and ask him to share the secrets of his heart with you. He will. Then, as his friend, share the secrets in your heart.

## **Scripture Reflections**

#### First Reading

The Lord God promised Abram land and many descendants because Abram put his faith in the Lord. Why do you have faith in God?

#### Second Reading

Paul teaches the Corinthians that upon Jesus' return, he will change our bodies to conform with his glorified body. Can you imagine what a glorified body will be like?

Gospel

As Peter, James and John witnessed Jesus' transfiguration, they heard God say, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." As the season of Lent continues, what do you hope to hear from God?

## March is Dedicated to: St. Joseph

### Readings & Observances for the week of March 16, 2025

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 / Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14 / Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1 / Lk 9:28b-36 Monday: St. Patrick Dn 9:4b-10 / Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 / Lk 6:36-38 Tuesday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem Is 1:10, 16-20 / Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 / Mt 23:1-12 Wednesday: St. Joseph 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 / Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 / Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 / Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a Thursday: Jer 17:5-10 / Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 / Lk 16:19-31 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a / Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 / Mt 21:33-43, 45-46 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 / Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 / Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 / Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a) / 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 / Lk 13:1-9 Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7 / Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8) / Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 / Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



## Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for March For Families in Crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

## Live the Liturgy Inspiration For the Week

The Apostles do not realize what is happening during the transfiguration. They are confused and afraid, and then they hear a voice from the cloud: "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." Sometimes in life, all we have is the voice of God. Listen to it.

# WELCOME



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

## **Knights of Columbus**

Lenten Fish Dinners Fridays During Lent March 21 & 28, Apr 4 & 11 Times: 4:30pm – 7pm

Baked fish dinner with a salad bar Prices: Adults (13 years and older) \$15 Children (5 – 12 years of age) \$5 Children under 5 are free Family of 4 or more (2 adults + 2 or more under 12) \$35

# Knights of Columbus: 40 Cans for Lent March 5 – April 20

This charity program that connects traditional Lenten alms-giving with the nutritional needs of poor families and homeless in the Folsom area has been a huge success for the men of Council 6197. The program is simple- collect canned/packaged food items each day during the 40 days of Lent.

What food should I donate: Healthy, non-perishable food. Items with intact, unopened, consumer or commercial packaging, non-breakable packaging (no glass please). Food within the expiration date on the packaging

#### What are the most requested food items?

• Canned meats like tuna, chicken, turkey, ham, stew and chili, canned vegetables

• Pasta & pasta sauce, peans, rice

• Healthy cereals, peanut butter, baby food & baby formula Drop off the food items into our Knights of Columbus Cart located outside in front of the church designated with signs "40 Cans for Lent" before and after every Mass on Saturday and Sunday Items can also be dropped off at the St. Vincent de Paul location next to SJND school building and parking lot on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 am to 12 Noon.

# **Filipino Apostolate Ministry**

## A Moment of Genuine Personal Encounter with the Lord Jesus

Saturday, April 5, 9am - 4pm, Church Contact: filipinoapostolate@folsomcatholic.org

Join us for this Jublilee Lenten Recollection. Our guest speaker is Fr. Mark Reburiano from St. Gregory Parish, San Mateo. Today's theme is Pilgrims of Hope. There is no cost to attend and no need to sign up. A complimentary light lunch and snacks will be provided.

# **Annual Catholic Appeal Weekend**

Through the Annual Catholic Appeal we offer ourselves as missionaries of hope to those who suffer in our communities

We may not all work on the front lines of charity, but through the Annual Catholic Appeal, our whole community leans in to help our Catholic charities... and our own parish... to sustain programs

and ministries that help lift our neighbors and friends out of the hardships of poverty. The Annual Catholic Appeal is dedicated solely to the social mission of the Church here in Northern California. Last year, 509,000 people were helped



by Appeal-funded charitable works. Please be as generous as you can. Every gift makes a profound difference in someone's life.

# **Knights of Columbus Council 6197**

**Catholic High School Scholarships** Contact: Dick Phelan, dickphelan@comcast.net

We are pleased to announce that Catholic High School scholarship applications are currently available. To request an application contact Dick Phelan. Completed applications with accompanying documents are to be submitted no later than April 15, 2025.

## **St. Vincent de Paul** Raffle Ticket Fundraiser

St. Vincent de Paul is once again selling raffle tickets for a trip to Maui: \$10 per ticket. Grand prize is for a six-night, seven-day stay at the Sheraton Maui Resort & Spa. Also includes airfare for two, Hertz Rental Car \$500 Voucher and \$1,000 American Express Gift Card. Second prize is a \$500 VISA Gift Card. The drawing will be held at the 19th Annual Benefit for the Poor on April 25, 2025. Winner does not have to be present to win. Tickets can be purchased at St. Vincent de Paul or by contacting Mercy Knight at 916-402-4104. We will also sell tickets in the vestibule after the weekend Masses as often as we can. All proceeds from ticket sales will remain here at our Folsom Conference. Thank you for your support!

Confessions Saturdays during Lent (March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12) 2pm - 4:45pm Mon - Fri, March 24 - 28, 6pm – 7pm Mon - Fri, March 31 - April 4, 6pm – 7pm Stations of the Cross Tuesdays, after 8:15am Mass Fridays, 7pm





# PRAYER

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

## **Mass Intentions**

#### Sunday, March 16th

7:00am Benedict Khanh Doan (healing) John Vijaya Kumar+

9:00am Joselito Lawas+ Lily Sanchez+ 11:30am Daryl Clements+ Carol Marquart+

6:00pm People of the Parish Lee Bowdent

#### Monday, March 17th

6:30am Jose Henriquez (birthday) 8:15am Arman & Greta Tecson (thanksgiving) Mikey Collins (birthday)

#### Tuesday, March 18th

6:30am Dave Morton (healing) 8:15am Danilo Payawal+

#### Wednesday, March 19th

6:30am Lucio Prades+ Mario Tronci+ 8:15am The Pasterski Family Michelle Renee Bailey+

### Thursday, March 20th

6:30am 8:15am Jeroena Zevallos+ Lawrence Tai+

#### Friday, March 21st

6:30am Brooklyn Grace Lee (1st birthday) 8:15am Agnes Rowel+

#### Saturday, March 22nd

5:00pm Brian Martinez+ Carrie Collins (birthday)



#### **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.

Andrew Speer Barbara Disbrow Carmelita Montgomery Dave Morton Eileen Hewitt Gerri Lampman Gretchen Reindl **Jason Vicente** 

Jody Park Kathy Halloran Kathy Teel Kyle Pasterski Mike Deal Margie Reilly Michael Langer Paul Halloran

Roshel Montemayor Ross Thayer Shannon Langer Scott Emerson Silvia Gamez Tom Brey Virginia Miller

#### **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.

Felix Cardenas Alan McNichols Alvaro Martinez, Jr April Waterman Carol Marquant Joe Garcia Cavetano Barrera Christian Cortez Jose Vaca Duanne Hagel Elma Silvestri Evelyn Heffel

**Jackie Ortiz Jessie Padilla** John Hannigan Karen Holthus Lee Bowden Lily Sanchez

Luis Altamirano Marion Cavalieri Mary Thavamalar Marvjo Horton Matthew Winkler **Richard Lovine** Robert Balandra, Jr. Robert Kristoff Ted Krause Tom Rawson

#### **Prayers for Our Troops**

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

Andrew Pecha Brandon Heffel Carl Crossman Darryl Hudson David Tressler Dominik Torres

Dylan Flynn Edward Garcia Eliseo Rios Joaquin Cruz John Lopez Ioshua Penman

Marc Jules Ocampo Michael Dalupan Noah M. Karakas Samuel R. Rodriguez

#### **Prayer Requests**

Please call our Parish Office. Names will appear for two months. Please visit the Parish Office for Mass Intentions.

## **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 adoration@folsomcatholic.org

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

# SPIRITUAL GROWTH



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

# **Family Lenten Challenge**

St. John the Baptist Parish Families are you up for a challenge? The Parish Council is inviting all families and individuals to participate in the Weekly Family Lenten Challenge. Pick up a challenge sheet in the vestibule and see if you or your family can complete all six of the challenges before Easter.

- March 16: Attend the parish Stations of the Cross devotion on Friday evening at 7:00 pm
- March 23: Pray the Rosary Sorrowful Mysteries on Tuesday and Friday.
- March 30: Bring non-perishable items to the altar during the offertory. The items presented will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul.
- **April 6:** Gift an Easter card to an elderly person in a nursing home, your neighborhood, or to others needing encouragement.
- **April 13:** This is Holy Week: Read the Passion of Jesus in the Gospel of John 18:1-19:42, or attend one of the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Holy Saturday) services.

## WINGS

# Contact: Trista Gooderham wings@folsomcatholic.org

Join the women of WINGS! We will be reading a book called *Searching For & Maintaining Peace*, listening to a corresponding podcast and meeting for a light breakfast and discussion. Visit folsomcatholic.org/wings for the podcast and book links.

March 20, 9am - Battling for Peace // Preface - Part One 1-3 April 3, 9am - It's All Good - It Is Well With My Soul //

- Part One 4-7
- April 17, 9am Trusting God Will Provide // Part Two 1-6
- May 1, 9am Abandoning Ourselves To The Shepherd // Part Two 7-13

May 15, 9am - Bringing Beauty Out Of Our Mess // Part Two 14-18

May 19, 6pm - End of Year Celebration + Exploring Saints That Maintained A Deep Inner Peace // Part Three

# **Choir Director Needed**

Contact: Parish Office, 916 - 985 - 2065

A Choir Director is urgently needed for the 6pm Sunday Mass. For more information contact the Parish Office.

# Lenten Bible Study with Dcn Jim McFadden

#### Lent 2025: Let's Get in Shape! March 3—April 14, 7pm via Zoom Contact: Theresa Grant tgrant@talkpathlive.com

Deacon Jim is hosting a new 7-week series. Information on sessions and registration can be found on our parish website homepage under Ministry News/Events. **March 17:** The Transfiguration: The Divine Life Revealed **March 24:** Who is God? **March 31:** The Prodigal Son: "Everything I have is yours." **April 7:** The Woman Caught in Adultery: Mercy brings sinners back to life **April 14:** Palm Sunday: The Master has need of you

## Respect Life Ministry 40 Days for Life

March 5- April 13 Vigil Location: Planned Parenthood Abortion Business

Vigil Eccettori: Harmed Fatertinood Abortion Busiless 201 29th and B Sts, Sacramento Vigil Hours: Monday through Saturday, 7:30am-6:30pm Local contact: Deacon Danny Patterson 916-733-0133, dpatterson@scd.org St. John's contact: Joanne Dudgeon respectlife@folsomcatholic.org

The 40 Days for Life campaign is well underway this Lenten season through April 13. Come pray with us! Prayer is one of the best ways to get involved in kingdom work. What a wonderful privilege it is to be able to participate in God's mission by asking Him to help His children and impact His creation. Bring a folding chair and join us in our carpool on Thursdays, leaving the church at 9:30am or sign up online at at www.40daysforlife.com/sacramento or contact Joanne for more details.

# **Companioned Prayer Ministry**

The Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) Prayer Circle Tuesdays, St. John's Church chapel Contact: Michelle Hendricks CompanionedPrayer@folsomcatholic.org

The Companioned Prayer Ministry is currently hosting the second weekly session of our Lenten series, "Listening to God in Our Lives." For all who are attending, remember to bring a prayer journal to this session and your prayerful thoughts about the Jubilee/Lenten reflection handed out in the first session. This week's Monday evening session will meet on March 17. The Wednesday morning session will meet on March 19.

# CHARITY



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

## Thank You Divine Mercy Breakfast Feeding Contact: divinemercy@folsomcatholic.org

Our Divine Mercy Ministry continued with the monthly Breakfast, Feeding Jesus through the poor and the hungry at Loaves and Fishes (L&F) Friendship Park. We served about 200 clients Wednesday morning on February 26. Thank you everyone for being the hands, feet and voice of the Lord! In our parish kitchen our volunteers boiled 510 donated eggs, prepared 184 ham & cheese and over 500 PBJ sandwiches. They also bagged over 300 Noah's bagels. All foods were then taken to Friendship Park. Thank you to all for all their efforts to feed those at Loaves & Fishes. Blessings to all. Our cart remains in the vestibule for your donation. Keep the religious articles coming. Always welcome are socks and mugs. New volunteer servers are always needed email if you are able to help. Jesus, we trust in you...SAVE THE DAY: Next Breakfast Feast Wednesday, March 26.

## Prison Ministry Wanted: Easter and Mother's Day Cards

We are collecting cards for the inmates to send to their families. Please drop off cards in the marked box located in the vestibule, by March 31 for Easter cards and April 21 for Mother's Day cards. Please NO prayer intention cards from religious orders and retreat centers. Cards cannot have glitter, metallic material or ribbons. Thank you for supporting our incarcerated brothers in Christ!

# 2nd Collection

Next weekend our second collection will be for the *Catholic Relief Services Collection*. This collection provides funding for Catholic Relief Services, the USCCB Office's of International Justice and Peace, Migration and Refugee Services, and Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees, relief work of the Holy Father, and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network. For more information visit: ww.usccb.org/national-collection/catholic-relief-services-collection.

# **Online Donations**

To make a donation, update a weekly donation or donate to our maintenance fund scan the QR code and follow the directions.





# **KID'S CORNER**

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

MA Read the Gospel and Color



## Lk 9:28b-36

One night when Jesus prayed, Jesus showed Peter, James and John what he would look like in heaven. Jesus' face changed and his clothes glowed brightly. Jesus even talked to Moses and Elijah, who had gone to heaven many years earlier. Jesus was different. He was from God!



Dear Jesus, I can hardly wait to see what you really look like in heaven.

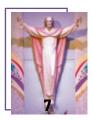


Find something that glows in the dark. As you see it in a dark room, imagine how brightly Jesus must have glowed.



Help Jesus find his way to his tent.





# **PARISH MINISTRIES**

Our parish is enriched with many ministries, please consider learning about and engaging in one or more of our ministries. For information email the contact listed.

# **Welcoming Ministries**

**New Parishioner Welcoming Ministry** Joyce Starosciak, parishionerwelcome@folsomcatholic.org

Greeter Ministry Lori Hopper, greeters@folsomcatholic.org Ushers

Stanley Posis, ushers@folsomcatholic.org

# **Prayer Ministries**

**Companioned Prayer** Michelle Hendricks, companionedprayer@folsomcatholic.org 9:45 am, Church Chapel Tuesdays: Immaculate Heart of Mary Prayer Circle

#### Divine Mercy Devotion / Cenacle

Leilani Badley, divinemercy@folsomcatholic.org -Chaplet / Rosary / Morning Prayer -Cenacle - Leilani Badley -Cenacle-Spanish - Nury Pun, misericordiadivina@folsomcatholic.org

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Veronica Thomas, adoration@folsomcatholic.org Sign Up for adorers is in the vestibule

# Marian Cenacle (Marian Movement of Priests)

-English – 1st Wednesday of the month, 10am Sally Gomez, mariancenacle@folsomcatholic.org -Spanish – Every Saturday Carmen Gaytan, cenaculomariano@folsomcatholic.org Our Lady of Fatima

Henry Altamirano, olfatima@folsomcatholic.org

## Parish Committees/Councils

Finance Council Patty Robertson, financecouncil@folsomcatholic.org Liturgy Committee Barbara Bowden, liturgycommittee@folsomcatholic.org

Pastoral Council Shannon Frazier, pastoralcouncil@folsomcatholic.org

# **Faith Formation**

Christian Initiation for Adults Are you interested in Baptism? Shannon Langer, slanger@folsomcatholic.org Religious Education Shannon Langer,

slanger@folsomcatholic.org **St. John Notre Dame (School Ministry)** Keith Martin, Principal

info@sjnds.org

# **Liturgical Ministries**

Altar Servers Hugo Schmidt, altarservers@folsomcatholic.org Children's Liturgy during Mass Rachel Boyd, clow@folsomcatholic.org Extraord. Ministers of Holy Communion

Steve & Mary Anne Ashley, emohc@folsomcatholic.org Lectors

Patti Midtlyng,

lectors@folsomcatholic.org **Liturgical Environment** Arlette Peterson, liturgicalenv@folsomcatholic.org **Music -** See choir director after Mass.

# **Spiritual Growth Ministries**

Adult Scripture Study Parish Office, info@folsomcatholic.org Couples for Christ Myrah Empleo, cfc@folsomcatholic.org Faith Untapped Parish Office, info@folsomcatholic.org Lay Mission Project Laura Wicklman, laymission@folsomcatholic.org Praise & Worship

David Brauer, paw@folsomcatholic.org SJTB Men's Ministry

Tyler Boyd, mensministry@folsomcatholic.org WINGS (Women in Growth Spiritually)

Trista Gooderham, wings@folsomcatholic.org

Youth/Young Adults Ministries Aaron Santos, asantos@folsomcatholic.org

# **Outreach/Charity Ministries**

Filipino Apostolate

Lili Rehwald / Lourdes Lorenzo filipinoapostolate@folsomcatholic.org

Gabriel Project Debbie Sultan, gabrielproject@folsomcatholic.org

Grace Quilters Ministry Catherine Scott, gracequilters@folsomcatholic.org Knights of Columbus

Tom Ireland, kofc@folsomcatholic.org Ministerio Pastoral Hispano

Beatriz LeCam, ministeriopastoral@folsomcatholic.org

Pastoral Care Ministry Dan Dunne, (Sunday) sundaypastoral@folsomcatholic.org Candice Ralston, (Wednesday) wedpastoralcare@folsomcatholic.org

Prayer Shawl Ministry Catherine Scott, prayershawl@folsomcatholic.org

Prison/Restorative Justice Ministry -Folsom Prison - Fr. H. Gomez, 916-985-2561 x 4206 -CSP Sacramento - [vacant/TBD],

Catholic Chaplain , 916-985-8610 x6425

**Respect Life Ministry** Joanne Dudgeon, respectlife@folsomcatholic.org

Senior Visitation Charlene Agles, seniorvisitation@folsomcatholic.org

**St. Vincent de Paul (311 Montrose Dr.)** Mercy Knight, svdp@folsomcatholic.org

## **Additional Ministries**

Children's Babysitting at Mass

Parish Office, info@folsomcatholic.org Family Fellowship Rachel Marsh,

familyfellowship@folsomcatholic.org Gift Shop

Connie Aley, giftshop@folsomcatholic.org

Security Ministry Jim Miller, safety@folsomcatholic.org

**Women's Game Day** *Wednesday, Garden Room, 11- 4:30pm* Parish Office, info@folsomcatholic.org

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Mar 30	Mar 20				
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