

EASTER SUNDAY

When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:6-8

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 12:00 pm 7:00 pm

Reconciliation / Confession Saturday 3 - 4:30 pm & by appointment

All Other Sacraments Please call the office for information.

Clergy

Fr. Renier Siva Pastor Fr. Cleetus Karakkat Parochial Vicar Dennis Gorsuch Jim McFadden William Goeke Deacons Fr. Ignatius Haran Pastor Emeritus

Parish Office

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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

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 / Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24) / Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 / Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad." (Ps 118)

Gospel Meditation

By Father John Muir

"When Jesus had risen, early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene,out of whom he had driven seven demons." (Mark 16:9)

Popular Catholic piety sometimes posits that the newly risen Jesus appears first to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a happy thought, but it's simply not what the scriptures report. We are told quite directly that he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, "out of whom he had driven seven demons."

Why would the gospel writer remind us of this unsavory detail of Mary's past? Historians tell us women were not qualified to give legal testimony. On top of that, to be possessed by not just one, but seven demons, is unsavory and terrifying. What damage had they done to her? What did she do to allow herself to be home to such evil? It doesn't seem to matter. Jesus chose Mary Magdalene to be the first one who saw him risen from the dead. He decided she was qualified.

Do you think that you are disqualified from seeing and announcing the risen Jesus because of your past demons? Maybe they are the demons of despair, confusion, self-hatred, pride, addiction, failure, boredom, laziness, or other sins. Well, don't. In the light of the Risen Jesus, all these past demons make our witness that much more believable — only if we allow ourselves to be touched by the liberating hand of Christ, just as Mary Magdalene did.

Scripture Reflections

First Reading

Peter speaks about himself and the other apostles as "witnesses" to Jesus' public ministry as well as his death and resurrection from the dead. What are some ways you could give witness to the risen Jesus this week?

Second Reading

Paul encourages the Christians in Corinth to see themselves as a community defined by sincerity and truth rather than malice and wickedness. Does this describe your circle of friends? **Gospel**

The two women (Mary Magdalene and the other Mary) experience a range of emotions (from fear to being overjoyed) as they encounter first the angel and then the resurrected Jesus. How do you imagine you would react to encountering Jesus risen from the dead?

Dear Parishioners,

Easter Greetings!

"He is Risen, Alleluia!" If the message of Easter can be summed up succinctly, most likely, these words best express the joy of Easter. Short and sweet, indeed. They are very familiar too.

One of the reasons why I said they are familiar is, of course these words are scriptural, as we can see them in the gospel of Matthew; " *He is not here, for He has been raised just as He said. Come and see the place where he lay*" (*Mt* 28:6).

Realizing that Jesus has been raised from the dead, His disciples announced to their fellow disciples this great news. Overwhelmed with joy, they courageously proclaimed the joy of Easter. "*Then they went away quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed, and ran to announce this to His disciples*" (*Mt 28:8*). The disciples' resolve was tested, but they remained faithful to their mission of proclaiming the good news that indeed Jesus has been raised from the dead.

As Jesus' present-day disciples, we ought to do the same. The task of announcing the joy of Easter will never be easy, our determination will be tested, we will be challenged, mocked, and discouraged but Jesus said: *"those who endure to the end will be rewarded."* And so, clasp your crucifix, hold on to it tightly, for the journey of discipleship especially nowadays will be as rocky as this economic turmoil. Sacrifices will be as costly as the inflation that is yet to come. You will be asked to make necessary sacrifices for the greater glory of God.

As disciples, always remember these words: "...if anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."

On behalf of Fr. Cleetus, Fr. Haran, the Deacons, and the Staff of the Parish, we wish you a Blessed and Happy Easter! May the joy of Easter scatter the darkness of fear and uncertainties that our future holds.



I invite you and your family to come celebrate the Sacred Triduum with us. Together, we proclaim our steadfast and unrelenting faith in the Risen Christ.

Yours in Christ, **Fr. Renier Siva** Pastor

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Easter: The Resurrection of the Lord

Saturday (No Morning Mass or Confession) 8:15pm - Easter Vigil

Sunday (No 6pm Mass) Church: 7:30am, 9am & 11:30am Gallagher Hall: 11:45am

The Adoration Chapel will be closed both days.

Mass Cancellation There is no 6:30am Mass on Monday, April 10.

New to the Parish?

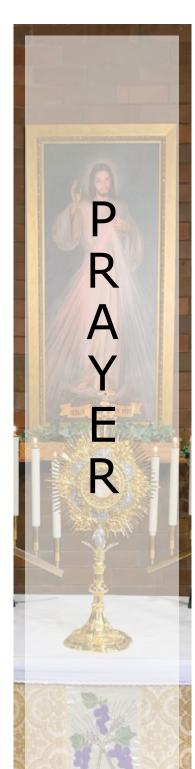
Contact: Joyce Starosciak jastaros@gmail.com, 916-740-4628

The St. John the Baptist New Parishioner Welcoming Ministry is holding an orientation session for new parishioners on Saturday April 15, 2023 at 3:15 pm. 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 will end before Mass. Please contact Joyce to register.

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time in conversation with our

Lord is at the center of

our lives.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 9th 7:30am Yader Rodriguez Carlos Henriquez 9:00am People of the Parish 11:30am Joe Lashinsky 11:45am

Monday, April 10th 8:15am Frank Opeka (*healing*)

Tuesday, April 11th 6:30am 8:15am

Wednesday, April 12th 6:30am 8:15am Souls in Purgatory Randy Umipeg (*healing*)

Thursday, April 13th 6:30am 8:15am

Friday, April 14th 6:30am 8:15am Cathy Kovarik+ (birthday) Christian Palisoc (birthday)

Saturday, April 15th 5:00pm Connie Cabusas (*birthday*)

April is Dedicated to: The Holy Eucharist/Blessed Sacrament

Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for April For a culture of peace and non violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.



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.

Audra Baker Barbara Mead Betty May Camille Pangle Chris Maxey Cristina Martinez Daniela Martinez Daniel Tafolla Darcy Pierce Debbie Schreiber Dorothy Wilhite Frank Opeka Fr. Ted Santiago Geraldine Giapazzi Greg Baker Joy Bryla Kimanh Davis Lataytia Martinez Lupe Hagge Margie Baker Margie Reilly Mel Ortega Mike McEvoy Pete Lisson Randy Elliot Robert Hagge Sister Patty Carahu Thomas Rawson Tyler McEvoy

Prayers for Our Troops

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

Andrew Pecha 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.

Christopher Kovarik Diane Wiedel Greg Moeller John Thompson Joe Lashinsky Kat Reyes Laura Argumedo Nick Bongosia Patricia Chenier Rosemary Thomas Scott A. McEvoy Shirley Dascallos Susan Suboc Tim Hays Wanda Walker Yader Rodriguez

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.

O God, You raised up St. John the Baptist to prepare a perfect people for Christ. Fill Your people with the joy of possessing His grace, and direct the minds of all the faithful in the way of peace and salvation. Grant that as



St. John was martyred for truth and justice, so we may energetically profess our Faith in You, and lead others to the Way, the Truth, and Eternal Life. Amen.



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 chapel will be closed on Holy Saturday & Easter Sunday.

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					

Confession

Saturdays: 3 - 4:30 pm & by appointment Confessions at this time are offered outside of the confessional. We will continue a face to face format in a larger setting.

Respect Life Ministry

"365" Days for Life Tues, Wed, Thurs, 8am-2pm Planned Parenthood, 201 29th St, SAC Contact: Joanne Dudgeon 916-607-2228

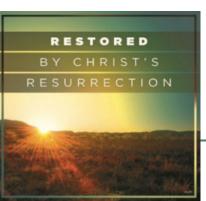
This ministry is on going because 4,000 babies are aborted each day in our country. We go to pray for these innocent "voiceless" human beings, offering alternatives to moms and dads. Many women have no idea just how many resources are out there for them.

Join us on Wednesdays to pray as there is a carpool from St Johns leaving at 10:30am and staying from 11:00am-1:00pm Contact Joanne.

Caregiving

"It may never have occurred to you that caregiving is pro-life. Your compassion, dedication, and hard work are testimonies to the value of human life."

Visit www.usccb.org/committees/pro-lifeactivities/elderly-care-materials. Or call 1-866-582-0943 to place an order for a Caring for Your Aging Loved Ones Pamphlet and many other materials.



The hosts of heaven exult and sing aloud in mighty triumph!

Let the earth be glad as glory alights and night reigns no more.

Let the Church rejoice at the victory of her Lord and Master, Who paid the debt of Adam, Who frees those doomed to die, Who heals the broken-hearted and bind up their wounds, Who forgives the sinner and raises up the lowly, Who destroys death forever, Whose Kingdom shall have no end.

God our Father, eternal is your love for us! Christ the Son, in victory you reign! Holy Spirit, set the Easter fire ablaze in our hearts. Together you live and reign and ransom your people, one God forever and ever.

Amen.





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

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April 12, Wednesday, 6:30 pm Contact: David Brauer dabrauer@hotmail.com

Join us for an evening of inspiring music and powerful prayer with Praise and Worship! Praise and Worship will take place in the Church. All are welcome!

Join Deacon Jim McFadden

8 Week Workshop on Pope Francis' Encyclical Fratelli Tutti Tuesdays, April 11 - May 30, 7:00pm Via Zoom Contact: Theresa Grant tgrant@talkpathlive.com

- April 11 Dark Clouds Over a Closed World April 18 — A Stranger on the Road April 25 — Envisaging and Engendering an Open World
- May 2 A Heart Open to the Whole World

May 9 - A Better Kind of Politics

- May 16 Dialogue and Friendship in Society
- May 23 Paths of Renewed Encounter
- May 30 Religion at the Service of Fraternity in our World

See parish website for weekly content description.

NOTE: The workshop will follow the study guide to the Encyclical Letter of Pope Francis by Marcus Mescher (Paulist Press). Access to this guide is recommended, but not required. 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. Weekly attendance is not required. Session recordings will be available on YouTube.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats for Healing after Abortion English: April 28-30

Español: 25-27 de agosto

Rachel's Ministry is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful abortion emotions and begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing.

For more information, call 916.733.0161 or email projectrachel@scd.org. All messages are confidential.



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

Easter Sunday and Object Permanence

When you play peekaboo with a very young baby who has not yet developed object permanence, you actually feel kind of mean. As soon as your hands obscure your face, their little eyes widen with alarm and their expression crumbles into confusion and despair.

Because they can no longer see you, they believe you no longer exist. Their little brains are unable to understand that just because a thing cannot be seen, it is still there, still alive, still full of love and care and protection.

Aw, man, you can hear them thinking. I guess I don't have a mom anymore.

On Easter morning, Mary Magdalene sees the burial cloth but no body. Her human mind makes sense of the situation the best way it knows how, she assumes the Lord has been taken. I'm sure I would have thought the same thing, in her position.

She cannot conceive, on her own, the reality that Christ has risen from the dead. It doesn't matter that he has told his disciples again and again that this will happen. They weren't ready to understand then.

In many ways, Easter is when the human race really achieved object permanence. But we still struggle with it, don't we? I certainly do. So often I can be heard accusing God: "You weren't there. Where were you? I couldn't find you."

But I looked for him in the flesh. I looked for him in the stale yeast of the world — in money or success or affirmation or (worst of all) convenience and pleasure. Of course, I would not find him there, among the dead.

Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. — Colossians 3:2



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Stewardship of Treasure the Lord Has Entrusted to Us Weekly goal: \$25,529.00

Weekly Offerings:

March 25/26

\$ 14,541

2nd Collection

This weekend our 2nd collection will be for our Bldg & Maintenance Fund.

St. Vincent de Paul

2023 Annual Benefit for the Poor Raffle Tickets for Trip to Hawaii Contact: Mercy Knight 916-402-4104

Just a reminder that raffle tickets for a trip to Hawaii are still available to purchase. Only \$10 per ticket and all of the proceeds from the ticket sales will remain here at our St. Vincent de Paul. For questions or more information, please contact Mercy or St. Vincent de Paul at 916-985-4630.

Knights of Columbus Council 6197 Save the Date August 12, Saturday 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Gallagher Hall

Knights of Columbus 2023 Pacific Islander Aloha Festival and Scholarship Fundraiser . Celebrating the "Aloha Spirit" with Island Culture, Tradition, Food, and Entertainment. We cordially invite you to join us for our 11th 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.

Live the Liturgy

Inspiration For the Week

We are witnesses of all that Christ has done — in our lives, in our souls, in our hearts. We have seen the empty tomb. We have touched the abandoned burial cloths. "Go tell my brothers," Jesus commands us. "Do not be afraid."

SJND Fundraiser

Gala & Auction May 6, Saturday, 5pm - 11:30pm Gallagher Hall

Celebrate a successful 2022-2023 year and support out largest fundraiser.

Appetizers, seated dinner, silent and live auction, Pop Rocks band.

Tickets: \$125, \$25 all-you-can-drink. Black tie optional. For tickets and schedule visit: auction.sjnds.org

Knights of Columbus 40 Cans for Lent February 25 - April 9

A charity program that connects traditional Lenten alms-giving with the nutritional needs of poor families and homeless in the greater Folsom area. Inspired by Christ's 40 days of fasting in the desert it has been a huge success for the men of Bishop A Gallegos Council 6197, St. John the Baptist. The program is simple, collect cans of food and/or a packaged food item each day during the 40 days of Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending on Easter Sunday.

What food should I donate?

- Healthy, non-perishable food
- Items with intact, un-opened, consumer or commercial packaging
- Items with 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
- Beans, Rice
- Healthy cereals, Peanut Butter
- Baby food & baby formula

Drop off items onto our Knights of Columbus Cart before and after weekend Masses during Lent. Items can also be dropped off at the St. Vincent de Paul location on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 am to 12.



Jn 20:1-9

It was very early in the morning on Sunday. The tomb stone was rolled away. Jesus was gone. All that was left inside were the strips of linen cloth. When John and Peter saw it, they were amazed. They did not understand all the promises the prophets wrote about Jesus yet. However, they knew he was alive. He had risen from the dead!

Mission for the Week

Bake Resurrection Cookies with your family tonight. You can find the recipe online at

http://homehearth.virtualave.net/ rescookie.html.

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"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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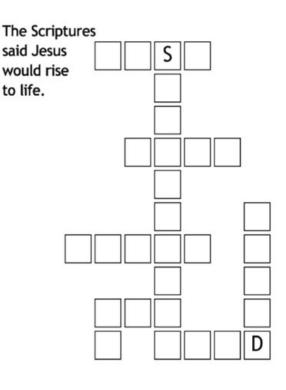


God, I thank you for bringing Jesus back to life.



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Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares.



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 Dcn. Bill Goeke, 916-673-7996 Fridays, 1:30pm. Music Room

Divine Mercy Devotion/Cenacle Leilani Badley, 703-855-6241 -Chaplet/Rosary/Morning Prayer -Divine Mercy Chaplet/Mass -Cenacle - Leilani Badley, 703-855-6241 -Cenacle-Spanish - Ana Haid, 916-956-1177

Eucharistic Adoration Veronica Thomas, thomas_vera@yahoo.com Sign Up for adorers is in the vestibule

Marian Cenacle (Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle)

-English – 1st Wednesday of the month, 10am Sally Gomez, 916-693-2411 -Spanish – Every Saturday Ana Haid, 916-956-1177

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

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 Theology on Tap

Aaron Santos, 916-985-2065 WINGS (Women in Growth Spiritually)

Parish Office, 916-985-2065 Youth/Young Adults Ministries Aaron Santos, asantos@folsomcatholic.org

Parish Committees/Councils

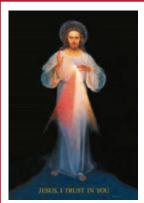
Finance Council Joyce Starosciak, 916-740-4628 **Liturgy Committee** Barbara Bowden, 916-984-9476 **Pastoral Council** Shannon Frazier, 916-761-2912

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 **Grupo Pastoral Hispano** Rommel Hernández, 530-387-1009 Knights of Columbus Hugo Schmidt, 916-817-4541 **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** Shannon Langer, 916-985-7338 **Extraord. Ministers of Holy Communion** Steve & Maryanne 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, 916-984-9284 **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."

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Message and Devotion to the Divine Mercy

This is an invitation to the preparation and celebration of the Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday. A Universal Church Feast observed on the First Sunday after Easter Sunday, April 16, 2023. Divine Mercy Sunday may be the greatest day of the year because of the immeasurable amount of grace Jesus promised to pour forth on this day. The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received by emphasizing in a new way the timeless message of God's mercy.

Jesus promised for the Feast of Mercy: " The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." (Diary 699)

Novena of the Divine Mercy: April 7 – 15, 2023

Jesus promised "By this novena, I will grant every possible grace to souls." (Diary 796) April 7 – April 14 5:00 p.m. Church Chapel April 15 4:30 p.m. Church

On April 10 – April 14, we invite you to join us in the Garden Room after the Novena for potluck, fellowship and watch segments of the film Divine Mercy 101 to learn more about Saint Faustina Kowalska's revelations from our Lord requesting this feast.

Celebration of the Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday: April 15 (Vigil) and 16, 2023

Chaplet of the Divine Mercy will be prayed 20 minutes before all Masses Mass/Consecration to Jesus, the Divine Mercy • Reception in the courtyard after all Masses

If you would like more information please contact Leilani Badley, Leilani.badley@gmail.com, (703) 855-6241



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