



# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

## *Catholic Church*

DECEMBER 5, 2021



## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*“Every valley shall be filled  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low.  
The winding roads shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth,  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”*

*- Lk 3:5-6*

## 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 / 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

William Goeke

Jim McFadden

### 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

FolsomCatholic.org/bulletin

### Bulletin Date Ads Due by 5pm

December 12	November 30
December 19	December 7
December 26	December 13
January 2	December 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

Bar 5:1-9 / Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3] / Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 / Lk 3:1-6

*"The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy."*

(Ps 126)

## Gospel Meditation

St. Ambrose shares some wisdom on our need to prepare the way and open the door for Christ. "You see that when the Word of God knocks hardest on your door, it is when his hair is wet with the dew of the night. In fact, he chooses to visit those who are in tribulation and trial, lest one of them be overwhelmed by distress. So, his head is covered with dew, with drops, when his body is laboring hard. It is important to keep watch so that when the Bridegroom comes, he is not shut out. If you are asleep and your heart is not keeping watch, he will go away without knocking; but if your heart is alert for his coming, he knocks and asks for the door to be opened to him."

When life gets overwhelming and difficult and we find ourselves feeling a bit downhearted and miserable, these words can bring great comfort.

We sometimes choose to remain stuck in our uncomfortable darkness and being stuck becomes our norm. In this time of self-focus our hearts are closed to the graces and life God desires to give us. Wrapped in the robe of mourning and misery, we fail to see the mercy, justice, and love the Bridegroom wants to bring. If we take seriously the need to prepare the way for Christ and open our hearts in preparation for his visit, we can hear God's gentle voice calling us deep within.

It beckons us to seek out its source and discover the inner calm and peace that can prevail over the darkness of despair. Sometimes our darkness is so dark that it may seem unsurmountable.

Trusting in the spiritual friends who journey with us, and God's promise may bring a glimmer of light even when it is most difficult to keep our hearts' doors open. Sometimes, the only light in the darkness is found in trusting the faith of others both past and present.

We have to trust that God has already begun the accomplishment of good work in us and that humanity is on an incredible journey to something wonderful and awesome. God is not done.

When we open the doors of our hearts, straighten the paths of our lives, and prepare the way, Jesus can come with God's simple gifts of peace, grace, and joy. Life throws a great deal at us. It is easy to get tired and confused. We have to train our hearts to keep watch, discern what is of value, and forge ahead. Not allowing ourselves to become so weighed down by things and brought out of focus is a tremendous goal to achieve this Advent season. God is knocking. Answer the door.

You will see and understand life in ways you never thought possible before.

## Scripture Reflections

### First Reading

Baruch offers the captive Israelites in Babylon a vision of hope in which their broken relationship with God will be fully restored. What aspects of your relationship with God are in need of restoration?

### Second Reading

Paul offers an opening prayer of joy for the believers in the city of Philippi. As the season of Advent continues, what brings joy to your life?

### Gospel

With Luke placing the preaching and activities of John the Baptist in its historical and political context, he communicates the idea that God is acting in real, human history.

What do you see as the power of this assertion?

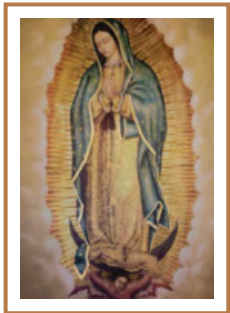




At St. John the Baptist Parish,  
we welcome all  
as members of  
the Body of Christ.

**Bishop Gallegos Council 6197**  
**Keep Christ in Christmas Religious Cards**  
Contact: SK Percy Park  
916-936-6145, dbk576@aol.com

The Knights of Columbus invite you to KCIC - *Keep Christ In Christmas* - through our religious card program! We plan to sell these cards in front of our church this Sunday.



**Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
**Novena and Mass**  
Contact:  
Rommel Hernandez,  
530-387-1009 or  
Beatriz LeCam  
916-765-3569

The Lady of Guadalupe Mass will be on Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm. The rosary novena will be from December 3 to December 11 at 7:00 pm via zoom. Please contact Rommel or Beatriz for more information. The mass and the novena will be in Spanish.

**Please Register**

New and non-registered parishioners, we encourage you to register with our Church in order to enjoy the full benefits of our parish family. Download the on-line form at [folsomcatholic.org/new](http://folsomcatholic.org/new). Forms are also available in the vestibule and parish office.



**Holy Day of Obligation**  
**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**  
Wednesday, December 8  
*Mass times:*  
6:30 am, 8:15 am,  
12:00 Noon, 7:00 pm

*"Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing!"* From the beginnings of the Church, spiritual writers and theologians have acknowledged the innocence and holiness of Mary. St. Irenaeus called her the "new Eve." Both faced with the pure freedom to accept or reject God, Mary began with work of redemption with her yes to Christ! The Church began to celebrate the feast of Mary's conception in the early Middle Ages. In 1854, Pope Pius IX infallibly declared that Mary was free of original sin from the first moment of her conception. On this feast day, we celebrate the beauty and goodness of Our Lady!

**Scam Emails & Text Messages**

Parishioners and parish staff have again been receiving scam emails and text supposedly from our parish priests requesting the recipients to contact them in regard to donations or monetary matters. Please do NOT send money or respond to these people. If there is any doubt call the parish office to verify. The Parish/Diocese will never ask you to send gift cards or money by email.

**ST. JOHN NOTRE DAME SCHOOL**



**WEEK OF GIVING**  
December 6th—10th

St. John Notre Dame School takes pride in the quality Catholic education we provide for our children. We have been recognized as the top private school in the area nine years in a row. We are blessed to be a community of committed leaders, dedicated teachers, and generous parents and parishioners.

Our goal this year is to raise \$45,000. Please make a donation today at <http://sjnds.org/weekofgiving>. You may also send in a personal check to SJND (Week of Giving), 309 Montrose Drive, Folsom. All contributions are tax deductible.

*We are incredibly grateful for your support!*



[sjnds.org/weekofgiving](http://sjnds.org/weekofgiving)



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

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, December 5th

7:30am Genaro & Antonia De Leon+  
 9:00am Nicholas Gomez+  
 11:30am Kathi Hamlon+  
 1:30pm Levi Gonzalez  
 6:00pm People of the Parish

### Monday, December 6th

6:30am Ana Maria Zaragoza  
 8:15am Alfred Gomez+

### Tuesday, December 7th

6:30am Eddie Campos+  
 8:15am Nadia & Denise Bruce & Family

### Wednesday, December 8th

6:30am Anastacia & Angelita Tantinco+  
 8:15am Ron Smith+  
 Noon Ventura & Nannie Lustan+  
 7:00pm Marcelo & Teodora Austria+

### Thursday, December 9th

6:30am Eddie Campos+  
 8:15am Fortunato Almero+

### Friday, December 10th

6:30am Lorenza Mejia+  
 8:15am Arman Tecson (*thanksgiving*)

### Saturday, December 11th

5:00pm People of the Parish

## Observances

### We Celebrate This Week

**Mon:** St. Nicholas

**Tue:** St. Ambrose

**Wed:** The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Thu:** St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

**Fri:** Our Lady of Loreto

**Sat:** St. Damasus

### December is Dedicated to: The Immaculate Conception

### Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for December Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

## 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.*

Amelia Barlow	Leopoldo Martinez
Anh Tang	Lily Wood
Baby Terran Smith	Lucy Tran
Calvin Dickerman	Luis Lopez-Alvarez
Cayme Family	Marelou Montemayor
Christopher Kovarik	Mario Palma
Chris Ely	Maureen Jarboe
Dave Asmus	Michael Sullivan
Dave Loveall	Minh Davis
Dominador Palma	Nancy Wilkins
Dorothy Wilhite	Pierre Lavapie
Hardip Dosangh	Richard Mason
John Bothelio	Rick Moon
Joseph Cardenas	Rose DeHerrera
Joseph Flores	Savannah Smith
Junior Palma	Snyder Family
Katrina Bojorquez	Vickie Lustan
Kimanh Davis	

### Prayers for Our Troops

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

Brian Manning	Michael Dalupan
	Shaquara Manning

### 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.*

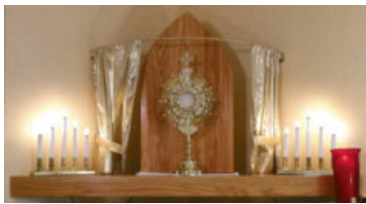


AB Martinez	Jennifer Batish
Alfredo Bito	Jimmy Ledda Tan
Art Fortis	Joe Cadungog
Anthony King	John & Helen
Arlene Malandrone	Donoghue
Beatrice Cisneros	Joseph Szymusik
Beatrice Rhea	Juana Bernert
Bob Miranda	Juanita Bersabal
Bud Geisner	Maria Luisa Sia
Catherine Squires	Marianna Ort
Cathy Kovarik	Marianne Giordani
Cheryl Cassel	Nikia Aaliyah Davis
Chris Cordova	Oliver Deegan
Corey Hendon	Patricia Cwynar
Don Russell	Pierre Lavapie
Eddie Duarte	Ranibel Babylon
Edgar Curameng	Rene Dios Sabino
Felisa Curameng	Richard Nedwick
Francisco Henriquez	Robert Henriquez
Gonzalo Bito	Ruben Antonio Sanchez
Hilarion Aspera	Susan Goltiao
Ilona Johnson	Theresa Ann Collins
Irene M. Biancanello	Virginia Olson
Jaime Manabat	Xavier Kennedy
James Ronald Kister	

### Prayer Requests

Please call the office for Prayer Requests. Names will appear for four months.





## The Adoration Chapel

Chapel hours are: Mon-Fri 9am - 8pm,  
Sat 9am - 5pm and Sun 7am -11am

First Friday of every month Eucharistic Adoration:  
9am to 7pm in the church

The Adoration Ministry has immediate need for dedicated adorers for these hours

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

To sign up please contact Veronica Thomas at [thomas\\_vera@yahoo.com](mailto:thomas_vera@yahoo.com)

### Confession

**Saturdays: 3 - 4:30 pm**  
and 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

Planned Parenthood  
201 29th Street, Sacramento, Ca 95816  
Contact: Joanne Dudgeon  
916-607-2228

779 babies were saved from abortion these recent 40 Days for Life (including seven here in Sacramento), which means over 20,000 babies have been rescued and mothers helped since 40 Days for Life started, praise the Lord!

Your life-saving prayers are still needed at the Planned Parenthood Sidewalk,, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays (8am to 1pm), which are busy surgical abortion days. Carpool available from St Johns on Wednesdays from 11am-1:00, contact Joanne or you can sign up for Tuesday or Wednesday hours at our 40 Days for Life website, so that we know who is coming when, allowing us to make sure people and resource packets are always present.

*Jesus, we trust in You, as we unite together, peacefully praying for an end to abortion and for the eternal salvation of all souls.*



### Advent Reflection

**Blessed Advent to you all!**

Today we continue the "joyful expectation" of the birth of Christ in history, the present, and the future. Today we hear the words of John the Baptist calling people of his time

to repentance. Now, this baptism that John was calling people to is not the same baptism that we Christians celebrate. However, John's baptism is at the root of our Christian baptism. John's baptism had its roots in the "oblation washing" of the Jewish people before undertaking anything of great importance.

Christian baptism is a sacrament to wash away original sin so as to enter sinless into the Christian community. It is the one sacrament that is celebrated by all Christians, even those Christians who are not in communion with Rome.

Johns enjoys us to "prepare the way of the Lord." His call is to be taken in the widest sense. This preparation is a personal preparation, and is also a communal preparation. We are called to make sure we are ready to meet the Lord, and this means that we need to make a difference in the world to make it better, to make it more peaceful, and to make it more just. We are called to protect each other's dignity and share of our abundance with others so that each may live a life that is centered on helping others.

Prepare the way!



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

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

### Advent 2021- An Online Series

Deacon Jim McFadden  
November 23 - December 14  
7:00 pm, Via Zoom  
Contact: Theresa Grant  
tgrant@talkpathlive.com

**Week 3 (12/7):** *Rejoice and Be Glad: Why and How?*  
**Week 4(12/14):** *A New Ark for a New Covenant*

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. Recordings available!

### Praise and Worship

December 15, 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!  
Join us for a great spiritual boost in the middle of the week!



St. Nicholas of Bari (March 15, 270 – December 6, 343), the bishop of Myra in the fourth century, is the saint that Santa Claus is modeled after. Known for his kindness and generosity to the poor, the story has it that St. Nicholas once tossed bags of gold through the open window of a poor man’s house to help his daughters avoid a life of prostitution. According to legend, the gold landed in stockings dangling on the corners of the beds, which is why many of us celebrate St. Nicholas Day by hanging stockings and filling them with candy, fruit, and small toys. Not much else is known about this beloved saint, but regardless, his reputation as a generous man continues today.



On December 9, 1531, Our Lady appeared to a simple Aztec Indian who had converted to the Catholic faith, Juan Diego. Three days later, at Juan Diego’s request, Mary provided a sign so the local bishop would believe

that she actually had appeared. Roses grew out of the cold winter soil, and when Juan Diego opened his cloak to show the bishop what he had found, an image of Our Lady appeared on the fabric. These occurrences led to the conversion of most of Mexico and remain today a strong sign of Our Lady’s concern and love for us.

**Feast Day December 9**

### God’s Personal Assistants

If you have ever planned a large-scale event, whether it’s a musical performance or a religious conference, you may have dealt with someone’s personal assistant. Possibly this person would be a representative of the keynote speaker or the master of ceremonies for the local bishop; perhaps it’s even the staffer of a local politician or the lackey of a well-known musical act.

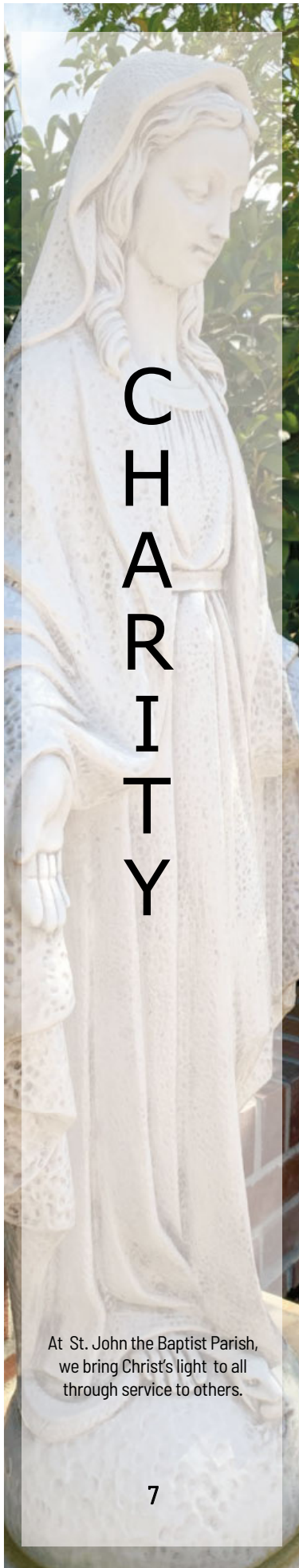
Personal assistants are masters of stewardship — overseeing things in their boss’ absence. They prepare the way. This person’s job is to get everything ready for the person in charge, so that when he or she shows up — whoever he or she is — it’s smooth sailing for them to do whatever it is they need to do: sing, speak, pray, mingle, what-have-you. It’s usually a big job full of little things, a gig where attention to detail is key.

God is the guest of honor in our life, the keynote speaker, the main event. And what He wants — what He needs — to do is to change our hearts. Constantly, over, and over, and over again.

We are all His personal assistants in this endeavor. We need to prepare the way of the Lord, to make straight His paths. We need to make everything ready so that when He shows up — however He shows up, whether it’s in the form of a neighbor in need or a burning bush right in front of us — everything is ready for Him to do His job.

~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS





## 2nd Collection

This weekend our second collection is for our RE Program and SJND. Next weekend is for our Building and Maintenance Fund.

Thank you to those who contributed to our 2nd collection the weekend of November 20/21. Contributions to Catholic Campaign for Human Development totaled \$1477. With this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country.

### St. Vincent de Paul

**"Christmas" Turkey and Food Donations**  
Helping Hands  
916-985-4630

St. Vincent de Paul will continue to accept turkey and ham donations as well as the sides (stuffing, yams, cranberry sauce, etc.) after Thanksgiving so that we can provide for Christmas dinners. Thank you again for your support and generosity.

### Christmas "Giving Tree"

November 28 - December 15

Our "Giving Tree" in the vestibule of our church gives us an opportunity to once again ensure that the families in need in our community will have Christmas gifts.

As in the past, the tree will have ornaments for children ranging in age from 1 to 12 years old. Red ornaments are for the boys and green ornaments are for the girls. Each child will receive 2 to 3 gifts. You can select an ornament (or two), and we ask that you place your unwrapped gifts in the Christmas barrels behind the Giving Tree. The ornament can be taped to the gift, but it is not necessary. A gift can be put in the barrel even if you did not select an ornament.

We hope to distribute all gifts by December 21st so it would be very helpful if you can drop gifts off in the barrels by December 15th. Note that we will still take gifts after the requested due date. Gifts that are not given out for Christmas will be used for children's birthdays.

Your support of those in need is apparent and we are thankful.

## Stewardship of Treasure the Lord Has Entrusted to Us

Weekly goal: \$25,529.00

Weekly Offerings:

November 20/21	\$24,772
November 27/28	\$14,986

### Annual Catholic Appeal

Having just celebrated Thanksgiving, a time to reflect with gratitude for the many blessings God has given us. Catholics throughout our Diocese are invited to view the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal "Report of Gratitude." See how, together as Catholics, parishioners have allowed 18 Northern California charities to provide instant and meaningful response to men, women and families in need. This year, more than 314,000 individuals and families. The full report can be viewed at [www.scd.org/gratitude](http://www.scd.org/gratitude).

The 2021 Appeal is approaching \$3.7 million in commitments so far. Our parish receives 25% of any gift made by parishioners here. If you have not yet participated, prayerfully consider a donation. No contribution, no act of charity is ever too small or insignificant.

Envelopes are available here at the parish or donate online at [scd.org](http://scd.org).

### Inspiration for the Week

Sometimes, especially when life gets overwhelming and difficult, we can find ourselves feeling a bit downhearted and miserable. Wallowing in this uncomfortable darkness seems to be our norm and it's difficult to see a way out of, or through, this experience. If we listen carefully enough, we will hear God's voice calling out deep within, beckoning us to seek out its source and discover the inner calm and peace that can prevail over the darkness of despair. Faith tells us that God has already begun the creation of a good work in us and is with us, bringing it to completion, until Christ Jesus comes again. It is this light of God's glory for which we are asked to pave the way and straighten the paths of our lives so that it can shine. With all that life can ask of us and bring to us, it is our task to constantly discern what is of value. So that we do not get so weighed down by things that we no longer see, or feel, God's salvation.

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



## Sharing the Gospel

Have you ever played a game where you asked for a "do-over" so you could try again? When John told his neighbors to be baptized, he wanted them to have a second chance, A "do-over." He wanted to give them a fresh, clean start with God.



Circle these words from today's Gospel

BAPTIZED	JOHN	CROOKED
FORGIVEN	DESERT	SMOOTH
ISAIAH	STRAIGHT	ROUGH

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## ✝️ Mission for the Week

When you catch yourself being selfish, not following directions, or using hurtful words, stop. Say you're sorry, ask for forgiveness, and then try again.



Dear God, when I find myself doing or saying things that you would not like, help me to stop and start over.

## 🖍️ Read the Gospel and Color

Lk 3:1-6



"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 or see a Minister of Hospitality after Mass.

# MINISTRIES

## Welcoming Ministries

### Communications Ministry

Parish Office, 916-985-2065

### Ministers of Hospitality

Parish Office, 916-985-2065

### New Parishioner Welcoming Ministry

Joyce Starosciak, 916-740-4628

### Ushers

Stanley Posis, 916-705-9192

## Prayer Ministries

### Companioned Prayer

Dcn. Bill Goeke, 916-673-7996

### Divine Mercy Devotion/Cenacle

Zoanne Tafolla, 707-333-7359

-*Chaplet/Rosary/Morning Prayer*

-*Divine Mercy Chaplet/Mass*

-*Cenacle* - Zoanne Tafolla, 707-333-7359

-*Cenacle-Spanish* - Ana Haid, 916-956-1177

### Eucharistic Adoration

Veronica Thomas, thomas\_vera@yahoo.com

*1st Friday of the Month - 9am - 7pm (church),*

*Sign Up for adorers is in the vestibule*

### Marian Cenacle (Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle)

-*English* - 1st Saturday of the month

Sally Gomez, 916-693-2411

-*Spanish* - 2nd Wednesday of the month

Ana Haid, 916-956-1177

### Our Lady of Fatima

Henry Altamirano, 925-899-7769

## Spiritual Growth Ministries

### Adult Scripture Study

Lee & Teresa Weider, 916-983-8065

### Couples for Christ

Myrah Empleo, 661-993-4721

### 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

Nina Pucci, 916-947-6386

### 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 (Helping Hands)

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

Georgia Oatmeyer, 916-201-3193

### Family Fellowship

Carol Stephenson, 916-952-6744

### Gift Shop

Connie Aley, 916-984-9284

### Women's Game Day

Roberta Puzio, 916-933-2561

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





## Why do we make changes in the Mass? Some seem so small and unimportant. Are they really necessary?

The celebration of the Eucharist is at the heart of our identity as Catholics. Our purpose as a Church community revolves around the Eucharist. Everything we are and everything we do is measured not only by how well we celebrate, but also by how well we live the sacrament.

If that is so, then we as a community will always strive to celebrate the Mass as best we can. The reasons for some changes might seem more obvious than others, but there is a reason behind each one.

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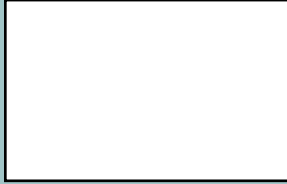


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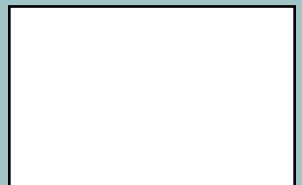
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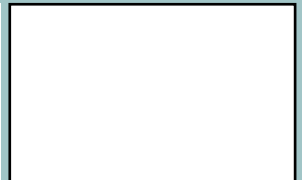
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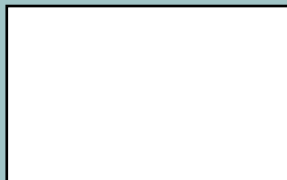
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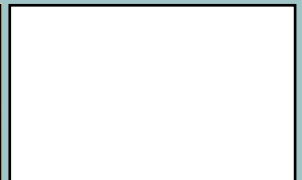
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