



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Catholic Church

AUGUST 1, 2021



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." - Jn 6:32-33

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

William Goeke

Jim McFadden

Deacons

Fr. Ignatius Haran

Pastor Emeritus

Parish Office

Mon.- Fri. 8:30 am- 4:30 pm
307 Montrose Drive, Folsom
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FolsomCatholic.org

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Bulletin

FolsomCatholic.org/bulletin

Bulletin Date	Ads Due by 5pm
August 8	July 29
August 15	August 5
August 22	August 12

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

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15 / Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b] / Eph 4:17, 20-24 / Jn 6:24-35

"The Lord gave them bread from heaven."

(Ps 78)

Gospel Meditation

"You cannot see the forest for the trees" is a widely known saying that can bring wisdom to our understanding of our journey. Often, our sight becomes limited to what is immediately before us. We lose touch with lessons and experiences from the past and promises and hope for the future. As human beings, we have the privilege of being able to choose things. What I like and don't like, want, and don't want can be major preoccupations of our minds and hearts. Our preferences and desires begin to define us more than the simple fact of our being.

Who we are matters more than what we are or what we have. If we don't move beyond the external and superficial stuff to what really is of essence, we risk becoming very unsettled, disorientated, angry, and unhappy. We fail to see the bigger picture of hope and promise that lies ahead and the Divine Presence that has sustained and carried us before.

We like it when the "now" time of our lives satisfy us. Even the people who witnessed Jesus feed the five thousand got confused and distracted. It felt good when thousands of people were able to eat. They wanted to know what they could do to get this to happen again! But Jesus quickly reminds them that this is not the point of this sign. As much as the now time of our lives is of concern, it is not what is ultimately important. We need to learn the difference between being and doing, drawing more strength from who we are and who God is rather than what is happening around us and the choices we can make. Jesus is the true bread that came down from heaven. Jesus is the very incarnate presence of God who sustains life and assures us that we will not perish. This is not easy to understand and feel. We have to practice being in the presence of ourselves, others, creation, and God. We are brought to a holy place when we encounter the sacredness of being. This is real prayer.

Then, we learn to trust. It is when we cease trusting that we start to become afraid, uncertain, apprehensive, and doubtful, and overly self-concerned. We even start to grumble. God has our back. That is the essential powerful message of the living bread come down from heaven. God, who is alpha is also omega, the beginning and the end, and has everything in between in his care as well. A woman once remarked that her most powerful God moment happened when she and her husband cuddled with their new baby for a time. Without exchanging words and using only the affection communicated through sight and touch, they rested in being with each other. This brought them to the sacred, where they realized that a greater Being was with them. It was real. They knew that they were part of something bigger, intimate, and profound. When we rest in the Living Source of life, we will find that our souls are no longer hungry or thirsty.

Scripture Reflections

First Reading

Early in their Exodus journey, the Israelites expressed fear and frustration to Moses. God heard and responded to their "grumbling" by sending bread from heaven. When you have you experienced God answering your plea for help?

Second Reading

Paul told the Ephesians that as believers in Christ you should "put away" the bad parts of "your former way of life." How have you done this in your life as a believer in Christ?

Gospel

We hear today the introduction of Jesus' extended "bread of life" discourse. In referring back to the ancient Israelites who ate "manna" (bread) in the desert, Jesus tells the crowds: "I am the bread of life." How would you explain to someone how Jesus sustains you?



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

Releasing Grief from the Body

Mass and Healing Ritual

August 14, 9 - 10:30 am

Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center
6520 Van Maren Lane, Citrus Heights, CA

Contact: Nicole Zamora

Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services
916-840-2138, info@cfcssacramento.org

Join us for Mass celebrated by Rev. Jack Conley C.P., Passionist Priest along with Deacon Mike and Chaplain Barb Turner. You will be invited to join us in releasing grief by speaking in one to two words your grief out loud as we wash your hands as Christ washed the feet of his disciples. Mass will be outside in the Marian Grotto. Event is hosted by Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center and Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services of the Diocese of Sacramento. Advance reservation is requested. <https://www.cfcssacramento.org/events/releasinggrief/>

Job Openings at the Diocese

Have you ever considered working for the Diocese of Sacramento? The Diocese of Sacramento is a place where you are able to grow your faith while serving the ministry and mission of the Bishop of Sacramento. As Catholics, we believe that all persons are called by God to contribute to the sanctification and transformation of the world, by fulfilling their own particular duties in the spirit of the Gospel and Christian discipleship. Listed below are openings that are currently seeking to be filled by our practicing Catholics.

- Director of Social Ministry,
Catholic Charities and Social Concerns
- Executive Administrative, Bishop's Office
- Associate Director,
The Catholic Foundation
- Database Administrator,
The Catholic Foundation
- Program Coordinator,
Davis Newman Center
- Shared Services Accounts Receivable Clerk,
Catholic Schools Department
- Bookkeeper and Admin., Radio Santissimo

To apply for a position, please email a short cover letter, resume, and application to personnel@scd.org. Positions are open until filled. For more information and complete job descriptions, visit www.scd.org/ employment.

Religious Education

We Need You

We especially need help on Tuesdays!

Contact: Shannon Langer
916-985-7338, slanger@folsomcatholic.org

*Volunteer as a catechist or
share teaching as a co-catechist.*

When considering whether or not to volunteer as a catechist, it's good to contemplate the Spiritual Works of Mercy. "Today more than ever we need men and women who, on the basis of their experience of accompanying others, are familiar with processes that call for prudence, understanding, patience and docility to the Spirit" (Joy of the Gospel, 171, Pope Francis) As a catechist, you model how to "bear wrongs patiently" when you try not to be critical; when you overlook another's mistakes and assume the best of others. It's a declaration of love for Jesus, for our younger brothers and sisters (and their families) in a world full of anger, violence and retribution. Help us build the Kingdom of God on earth! Training and support provided. Contact Shannon Langer.

Save The Date

Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge

September 11, Saturday, 9:00am

St John the Baptist Soccer Field

Contact: Knights Dick Phelan 916-221-0596
or Percy Park, 916-936-6145

*Faith in Action - Community Program
A Higher Purpose*

Provide an athletic outlet for young people, boys and girls, ages 9 to 14 through penalty kick competition designed for players to demonstrate their skills. The Soccer Challenge is a great way for councils to engage in their communities with an athletic event for youth that encourages the values of sportsmanship and healthy competition. Children demonstrate the most important skill in soccer – shooting accuracy on the penalty kick – and compete to reach the international level of competition.

Please contact brother Knights Dick Phelan or Percy Park for your Soccer Application Form and/or more details.



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

Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 1st

7:30am Andrew Bower†
 9:00am People of the Parish
 11:30am James Siruno (birthday)
 1:30pm Jose Manuel Reyes† & Roberto Varela†
 6:00pm

Monday, August 2nd

6:30am The Philip Young Family
 8:15am Theresa Montemayor (healing)

Tuesday, August 3rd

6:30am Catherine Squires
 8:15am Tommy Nunez Valenzuela†

Wednesday, August 4th

6:30am Christina Bito (healing)
 8:15am

Thursday, August 5th

6:30am
 8:15am

Friday, August 6th

6:30am Baby Olamit
 8:15am Family Mazari Haid

Saturday, August 7th

5:00pm Donald Koelfgen†

Observances

We Celebrate This Week

Mon: St. Eusebius of Vercelli,
 St. Peter Julian Eymard

Wed: St. John Vianney

Thu: The Dedication of the Basilica of
 St. Mary Major

Fri: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Sat: St. Sixtus II and Companions,
 St. Cajetan

August is Dedicated to: The Immaculate Heart of Mary

Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for August The Church

Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

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.

Arlis Himmelmann	Karen Bookey
Bonnie O'Dell	Kimanh Davis
Catherine Squire	Larry Boushey
Chris Cordova	Lora Iliff
Christopher Kovarik	Lucy Tran
Colleen Barler	Margaret Kimball
David Allingham	Marelou Montemayor
Dennis Barler	Melvin Solie
Eberado Madueno	Minh Davis
Evelyn Ronquillo	Monica Heffel
Geraldine Giacobazzi	Randy Elliot
Gloria Bladel & Family	Roger Boushey
Joseph Cardenas	Sheila Montemayor
Joshua Weidinger	Tom Rawson

Prayers for Our Troops

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

Michael Dalupan

Prayers for the Recently Deceased

We pray for the souls of all who have died, our family members, friends, and parishioners. May they rest in peace.

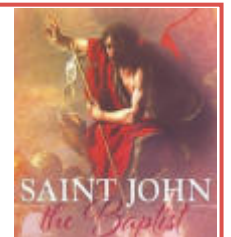
Agrifino Angeles	Maria Di Costanzo
Alfonso Cruz	Maria Novello
Andrew Bower	Marjorie Cutone
Bob McIntyre	Marilyn Dorr
Carlos Henriquez	Martha Ritchey
David Fredericks	Nona Piha
Doris Hodge	Norma Aley
Esperanza Olson Garcia	Puspa Banka
Fabian Generao	Raul Edward Martin
Hilarion Aspera	Richard Legget
Janina Frys	Robert Coughlin
Jong Nam Han	Sister Mary Virginia, RSM
Karen Norris	Soledad De Maria Urdaneta
Luella Heney	Therese Brelivet
Luz Villamil-Hoyt	Victorino Vargas
Madeline Easton	William Heffel
Maria M. Acosta	



Prayer Requests

Prayer requests for the sick, military or recently deceased may be made by calling our Parish Office. Names will appear for four months.

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.





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

40DaysforLife"365"

Contact: Wynette Sills, 916-955-1577
2322 Butano Drive, Sacramento Contact
40DaysForLife.com/Sacramento

May the Holy Spirit open eyes and hearts to the humanity of children in the womb. Help Save Lives in Sacramento! Come and see what miracles God has planned for you. Our focus is Tuesdays, 8am-4pm, busy surgical abortion days. Carpool from St. John's on Tuesdays, 1pm -3pm. Contact Joanne Dudgeon, 916-607-2228.

Live Stream Mass

scd.org/coronavirus/livestream-mass

Please visit the Diocesan page. It lists Parishes which are currently live streaming Sunday and Daily Masses.

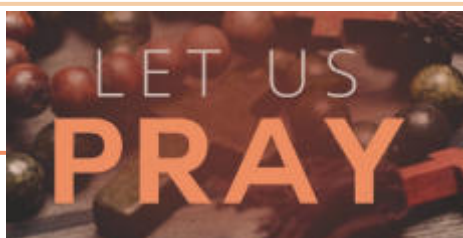
Church Hours

The church is no longer open all day. It will be open according to the scheduled Mass and Confession hours.

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.



Covid-19: A Prayer of Solidarity

*For all who have contracted coronavirus,
We pray for care and healing.*

*For those who are particularly vulnerable,
We pray for safety and protection.*

*For all who experience fear or anxiety,
We pray for peace of mind and spirit.*

*For affected families who are facing difficult decisions
between food on the table or public safety,
We pray for policies that recognize their plight.*

*For those who do not have adequate health insurance,
We pray that no family will face financial
burdens alone.*

*For those who are afraid to access care due
to immigration status,
We pray for recognition of the God-given
dignity of all.*

*For our brothers and sisters around the world,
We pray for shared solidarity.*

*For public officials and decision makers,
We pray for wisdom and guidance.*

*Father, during this time may your Church
be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all.*

*Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing.
Be with us, Lord.
Amen.*



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time in conversation with our
Lord is at the center of
our lives.



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

Breaking Open the Word

Contact: Shannon Langer
916-985-7338

If you've attended 9:00 a.m. Mass in the past month, you've probably noticed a group of people being dismissed after the homily. These people are our parish catechumens who are preparing for (or considering) baptism. In this group we have one who has been preparing for baptism since last fall and a few others who are considering that step for themselves.

When a child over the age of reason (which is 7) or an adult starts to consider becoming Catholic, they go through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (and Adapted for Children). Last fall, during an outdoor Mass, Indica participated in a Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumen. She has been preparing for her baptism, confirmation and Eucharist since then. She is our official Catechumen (unbaptized). The others are starting the process of Pre-Catechumenate or Inquiry. They will make this official step when they feel ready.

Since they are not one in Baptism with us yet, they do not participate in the breaking of the bread (Eucharist) in the Church, but, instead, go to a room to break open the Word and learn what God is calling us to. They continue their Mass there and then take a short break before they continue to their official class time. Please keep them in your prayers!

(Incidentally, we are looking for people who love to share the Word of God who might be interested in becoming a Breaking Open the Word leader. It's simple and only lasts the half hour of Mass time! Guidance will be provided along with resources. Please prayerfully consider this ministry. For more information please give Shannon a call.

Praise and Worship

August 11, Wednesday, 6:30pm, Church
Contact: David Brauer
dabrauer@hotmail.com

Join us for an evening of inspiring music and powerful prayer with Praise and Worship! Praise and Worship will meet in person in the Church. We hope you join us!

Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Contact: Aaron Santos
(209)627-8621
asantos@folsomcatholic.org

We are "soft" launching our youth ministry groups - Edge and Lifeteen. Sunday, August 8 & 15, 3:30-5pm, Parish Hall. Please join us.

We are currently looking for volunteers to help with our youth ministry groups, Edge on Tuesdays and Lifeteen on Sundays.

If you are interested in our Young Adult Ministry, please contact Aaron.

Practicing Graciousness in the Desert

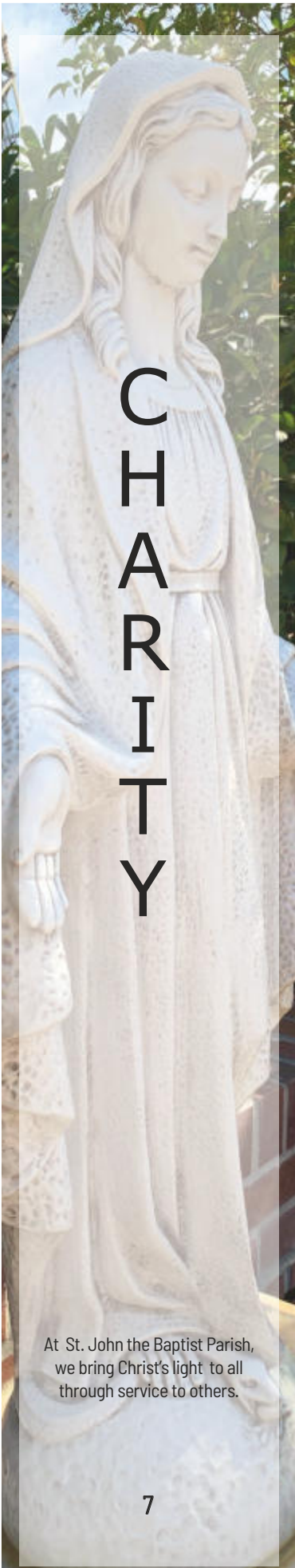
Looking back over my journey of parenthood, I know there were days when I traveled the extra mile for my children. I made their toast the way they like it, let them play in the park an extra ten minutes, or let them go to the movies with their friends and I finished up the chores on my own. And then, it happened: the attitude. The request for the smallest thing from one of them is met with disdain or bewilderment.

Sometimes you can be made breathless with the ingratitude of another person who takes so much and with so little shame, only to scoff at the idea that they, too, give even the smallest amount.

But if we're being honest with ourselves, we will admit that we do the exact same thing to God. Haven't we all been the Israelites in the desert at one point or another? God has parted our Red Sea in some way. He's led us out of some great trial, given us some great blessings. But then we run into a little resistance somewhere along the way and we throw up our hands. How could you do this to us, Lord? How could you ask this of us? No, I can't go any further. No, I won't do any more.

Persisting in the blindness to the many ways God continues to protect us is nothing short of a temper tantrum. It robs our Everyday Stewardship of its graciousness, of our ability to accept with joy the trials of life because we are also constantly aware of its blessings.

~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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

Stewardship of Treasure the Lord Has Entrusted to Us

Weekly goal: \$25,529.00

Weekly Offerings:

July 24/25 \$13,338

2nd Collection

This weekend our second collection will be for our RE Program and SJND.

Next weekend our second collection will be for our Building & Maintenance Fund.

Support Our Advertisers

Our bulletin is an important way for the parish to continue to communicate with you. Through the paid advertising by the businesses listed in the back there is no cost to St. John for the bulletin. Let them know you appreciate their parish support.

Inspiration for the Week

When we lose our ability to trust, we become afraid. When we are afraid, we may begin to grumble and question whether where we are is where we need to be. For us who have faith, we even question whether God is who God says He is. Trust is so important to our success on our journey. Often, the road of our lives can become a bit treacherous. We may find ourselves feeling more unsettled than comfortable and less fulfilled than we would like to be. As much as we try, the pieces of our puzzle don't quite fit together as they ought. We wonder if we will ever experience happiness again. Then, something reminds us that God is very much present in this mess we call life. God is still bringing hope out of despair and life out of death. After all, God is the true bread that comes down from heaven to give life. All that is necessary is for us to trust in this truth, even when we may be lacking in some of life's essentials. The God who gives life is the same God who sustains it. He is also the same God who assures us that we will not perish.



"YOU MUST ACCEPT YOUR CROSS; IF YOU BEAR IT COURAGEOUSLY, IT WILL CARRY YOU TO HEAVEN."

Exodus Project - A Pathway to Re-Entry

Get involved with Restorative Justice

exodus-project.org

916-669-0611

Help those returning to their communities from Incarceration

A special works of Saint Vincent de Paul, Exodus Project offers spiritually-based mentorship and resources to men and women of all faiths coming out of incarceration in the Sacramento Area. Our resources include interim housing, employment services, clothing, and legal services. Exodus aims to be a bridge of support and compassion during the tenuous transition from incarceration back into the community.

Be a Force for Change

Exodus Project is looking for mentors to work one-on-one with people during the final months of their incarceration and for six months post-release. Men are matched with men and women are matched with women.

We are looking for mentors from all walks of life. Men and women who are criminal justice impacted or are in recovery are strongly encouraged to apply. Mentors offer non-judgemental listening, encouragement, and guidance. Mentors can also provide practical support with housing, healthcare, and employment.

It is a commitment of six to eight hours per month for a year. The 18-hour training is comprehensive and led in large part by returning citizens. Our next mentor training is scheduled to begin August 19, 2021. Visit our website, exodus-project.org. If you have any questions about becoming a mentor please email scastleman@svdp-sacramento.org or cienna@svdp-sacramento.org



KID'S CORNER

Sharing the Gospel

Just one day earlier, Jesus multiplied five loaves of bread and two fish to feed over five thousand people. In today's Gospel, some of those people came looking for Jesus, hoping to get another free lunch. They didn't understand that Jesus wants all people to believe in him. Through faith in Jesus, you can live forever. In heaven you will never be hungry or thirsty again.

Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel

FOOD THIRSTY MIRACLE	MANNA FAITH BREAD	LIFE HUNGRY COMES
fodo	<u>f</u> <u>o</u> <u>o</u> <u>d</u>	
mriceal	_____	
mnana	_____	
berad	_____	
lfie	_____	
cmose	_____	
hnurgy	_____	
fatih	_____	
thritys	_____	

Mission for the Week

If you believe in Jesus, you can look to heaven one day. Read Revelation 21:3-7 with your family. Heaven will be wonderful!

Prayer

God, fill me up with love for Jesus.

Read the Gospel and Color

Jn 6:24-25



"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.

Welcoming Ministries

Communications Ministry

Parish Office, 916-985-2065

Ministers of Hospitality

Shannon Bleeker, 916-200-8059

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

MINISTRIES

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

What can I do to help our family practice our faith each day?

Some families practice their religion together as just another event on their schedule: go to church, observe Lent, help at the parish picnic, go to a meeting, volunteer time, make your confession, use your envelope... But the focus needs to be on who we are—God’s people, in relationship with him, loved, forgiven, and redeemed, and called to live and proclaim the Gospel. Our awareness of God’s presence and our sense of mission are supported by the daily rituals, celebrations, and traditions that help us stay focused. Sharing our faith strengthens us and clarifies the beliefs and values of Christian living.

Daily family practices include time for prayer—before meals, before bed, before important meetings and activities. Attend Sunday Mass together and discuss the homily afterward. Create family celebrations for holy days and holidays. Make religion a regular part of your discussions. Include others, especially the elderly and the less fortunate, in your activities and charitable efforts. By applying the virtues of faith, hope, and love to each day, faith becomes part of who your family is. It influences how you act towards others, what you value, and how mindful of God you are. Faith is the leaven of life that helps all of us rise to our calling and dignity as God’s people.



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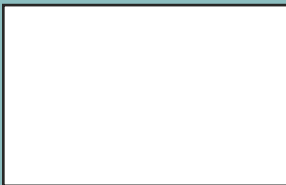
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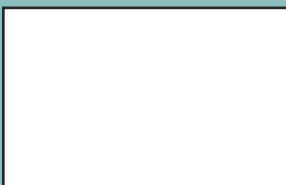
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