



# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

## *Catholic Church*

### JANUARY 5, 2025

#### Mass Times

##### Weekend

*Saturday Vigil*

5:00 pm

*Sunday*

7:00 am, 9:00 am

11:30 am, 6:00 pm

*1st 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

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*Website:*

FolsomCatholic.org

#### 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.



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

## Gospel Meditation

*By Father John Muir*

Have you ever wondered why the magi had gold, frankincense, and myrrh? Matthew's Gospel tells us, "Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh" (Matt. 2:11). Why are these things their "treasures"? One possible answer is they were magicians and astrologers, and these three items were the tools of their questionable trade. In offering them to Christ, they demonstrate that they will cease using such items to predict or control life. They place this baby-king, the God of Israel, at the center of their lives, and not their own devices of control, manipulation and prediction.

Isn't that what we need to do, too? Consider, for example, the magical power of money, symbolized by the magi's gold. Seemingly whatever we ask of money, it does. It wields a god-like power over the world. It can predict the future by guaranteeing better outcomes for us — which is why it is such a tempting alternative to trusting in God. The problem is such absolute trust in money enslaves us to the economic forces that make money so powerful. In paying homage to Jesus with "gold" (i.e., tithing), we participate in his authority over (and therefore freedom from) the magical sway of money.

What things in your life do you use to predict or control your future? What in your life seems to give you power over the world? Those are your treasures. Are you tired of feeling enslaved to them? Find a way to open them and give them to Christ, and you will be freer.

## Scripture Reflections

### First Reading

Isaiah foresees a time when the people of Jerusalem will be overwhelmed with happiness and prosperity.

What gift could you receive that would bring you great joy?

### Second Reading

Paul informs the Ephesians that he received a revelation of God's plan to save all people through Christ Jesus.

What do you think makes your friends or relatives open to this idea?

### Gospel

The visit of the magi teaches us about God's desire for the whole world know about his Son, Jesus.

When do you first recall hearing about Jesus?

## January is Dedicated to:

**The Holy Name of Jesus**

## Readings & Observances for the week of

**January 5, 2025**

### Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6 / Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11) / Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12

### Monday: St. André Bessette

1 Jn 3:22—4:6 / Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a / Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

### Tuesday: St. Raymond of Penyafort

1 Jn 4:7-10 / Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 / Mk 6:34-44

### Wednesday:

1 Jn 4:11-18 / Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 / Mk 6:45-52

### Thursday:

1 Jn 4:19—5:4 / Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 / Lk 4:14-22a

### Friday:

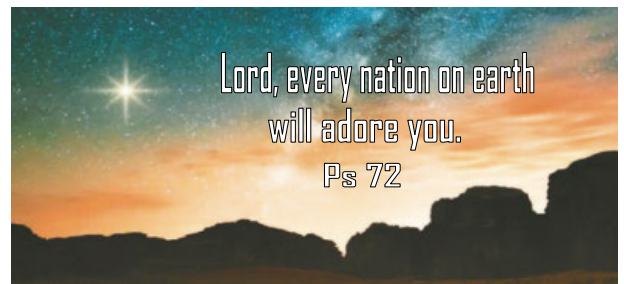
1 Jn 5:5-13 / Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 / Lk 5:12-16

### Saturday:

1 Jn 5:14-21 / Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b / Jn 3:22-30

### Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Is 40:1-5, 9-11 / Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1) / Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 / Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



## Pope Francis'

## Monthly Intention for January

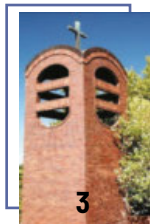
### For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

## Live the Liturgy

### Inspiration For the Week

The news of the Messiah unsettled Herod. We see his anxiety clearly in today's Gospel. This is what Christ has come to do, after all. He has come to shake things up. Are we ready to be unsettled?



## WELCOME

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

### Epiphany Door Blessing

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. What happened on Epiphany? More to the point, what is an epiphany? An epiphany is an appearance or a manifestation especially of a deity. On Epiphany we celebrate the manifestation of Christ to the Magi (the Wise Men) who were gentiles, or non-Jews. This feast originated from the Eastern Church. The symbols for Epiphany are three crowns, three gifts, Wise Men, and a five-pointed star. It is traditionally 12 days after Christmas which falls on January 6th. The United States bishops have moved this feast permanently to the first Sunday after January 1st. On this day there is a traditional blessing of homes, including churches and classrooms. Did you know that you can do blessings in your home? This is part of what it means to be the domestic church!

Today we invite you to start a new tradition with your family! The priests will be blessing pieces of chalk at the Masses. We invite you to pick up a piece of chalk along with a bag to hold it and the blessing prayer. The instructions on how to bless your home are on that prayer sheet and can be done over the door of your home to bless it for the new year. This is a beautiful tradition to begin with your family!

### Scam Emails & Text Messages

It's that time of year where you may be 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 Diocese will never ask you to send gift cards or money by email.

### Knights of Columbus Council 6197

#### 2025 Free Throw Championship

January 11, 2025, Saturday, Parish Hall

Registration: 9:00 am, Competition: 10am – 12:00 pm

\*Schedule. subject to number of entrants

Contact: Greg Sinclair, [kofc@folsomcatholic.org](mailto:kofc@folsomcatholic.org)

The Knights of Columbus, Council 6197 Free Throw Championship is open to the public for all boys and girls, ages 9 - 14. Participants shoot 15 free throws against competitors of the same age and gender. A copy of participant's birth certificate must accompany each entry form. Age group "cutoff date" is Jan 1. Entry forms require signature of parents or guardian. Forms available at the event or by scanning the QR code.



### Changes are coming!

#### Sacred Furnishings

Did you realize that the layout of our churches is guided by rules? There are guidelines as to what should be in the sanctuary and its placement! Today we are going to explore that a little bit as we discuss a change that will be coming to the Church.

In general, the sanctuary is the raised section of the altar where the priest presides over the Mass. You might notice how our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion observe this area prior to entering to prepare for communion. They wait on the ground level for Fr. Gio to partake of Holy Eucharist first. This shows the importance of the sanctuary.

The same can be said of the furniture within the sanctuary. There is proper placement for all of it. The altar, for instance, is central to the Church and everything else is somehow arranged from it. We are told that "its composition should reflect the nobility, beauty, strength and simplicity of the One it represents." It represents Christ! It should also be fixed in place.

When we enter the Church, we genuflect. Most people do this while facing the altar. However, it is actually done when facing the tabernacle which holds the Body of Christ. Our tabernacle is not in line with our altar which causes confusion in this action. Part of what will happen this year is that our tabernacle is going to be properly placed directly behind the altar in the sanctuary of the Church. It will be in line with the table of sacrifice. (For your information, we genuflect to the altar during Mass as the Table of Sacrifice.)

Secondly, is the placement of a crucifix. A cross with the image of Christ crucified is a reminder of Christ's sacrifice for us and draws us into the paschal mystery of his suffering, death, and resurrection. Each church should have a crucifix on the altar, on a wall, or suspended over the altar and clearly visible to the people. Our crucifix is currently in the Stations of the Cross garden. It will be swapped with the Risen Christ to have a beautiful crucifix on the wall in the Church above the tabernacle. This also allows us to have the 15th Station present in the Stations of the Cross garden!

Change is never easy, but these changes will bring our Church in line with our theology and give us a more beautiful sanctuary than we already have!





## PRAYER

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

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, January 5th

7:00am John Hidahl+  
 9:00am Joann Siruno-Perez  
 Socorro Luz+  
 11:30am Albert & Sarah Anderson (37<sup>th</sup> anniv)  
 Paulina & Pablo Miranda  
 1:30pm Fineta Mazzola+  
 Beatriz LeCam (thanksgiving)  
 6:00pm Dixie Hawkins+  
 Lucyna Kicinska+

#### Monday, January 6th

6:30am  
 8:15am Erika Tecson (birthday)  
 Adaline Dalupan (3rd birthday)

#### Tuesday, January 7th

6:30am  
 8:15am Richard "Dick" Long+  
 Guigmar Hernandez+

#### Wednesday, January 8th

6:30am  
 8:15am

#### Thursday, January 9th

6:30am  
 8:15am Ron Pitto+

#### Friday, January 10th

6:30am  
 8:15am Jerome Raphael David (healing)

#### Saturday, January 4th

5:00pm Fr. Art Wehr SJ+  
 Andrew (healing)

### 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.*

Emma Ward	Loretta Carrasco	Tery Roundy
Esther Cannizzaro	Margie Reilly	Virginia Miller
Feliciano Ramirez	Maria Hernandez	
Gretchen Reindl	Nhan Lee	
John Ledna	Sharon Molina	
Kristine Pascual	Sophia Hernandez	

#### 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.*



Ada Luz Andujar	Ed Theis	Nancy Wilkins
Agatha Kister	Franco Ramirez	Pete Taitano
Al Pavik	Gonzalo Tiu	Santo Syquia
Cesar Dulong	Gregorio Rosales	Shirley Rogers
Christian Reuffo	Jill Pelayo	Suzanne Low
Darlene Beneto	John Hidahl	Tricia C. Pascual
Diana Lee Vriend	Lloyd Reiser	Vien Tran
Dixie Hawkins	Michael McEvoy	

### Prayers for Our Troops

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

Andrew Pecha	Dominik Torres	Marc Jules Ocampo
Brandon Heffel	Dylan Flynn	Michael Dalupan
Carl Crossman	Joaquin Cruz	Samuel R. Rodriguez
Darryl Hudson	John Lopez	
David Tressler	Joshua Penman	

### 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](mailto:adoration@folsomcatholic.org)

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

### XLT Adoration

Sponsored by our

**Youth and Religious Education Ministries**

January 6, Monday, 5:30-7:00pm, Church

All are welcome! Join us for an evening in our Lord's presence, along with reflection and music as well. We'll see you then!

### Filipino Apostolate

**Sinulog Festival: Feast Day of Sto Niño**

January 18, Saturday

10:45am: Procession, 11:00am: Mass

Contact: Lili Rehwald or Lourdes Lorenzo

filipinoapostolate@folsomcatholic.org

Please join us for the Sinulog Festival celebrating the Feast Day of Sto Niño (Holy Child Jesus). A **POTLUCK** reception to follow after the Mass at Gallagher Hall. There will be a blessing of Sto Niño images. The Sinulog festival marks an important part of the history of Christianity in the Philippines. It recalls how Christianity began in the Philippines in 1521, when explorer Ferdinand Magellan gifted the Santo Niño image to Rajah Humabon, King of Cebu. Humabon, his wife, and his subjects were the first known Catholic converts in the Philippines. For more information, please contact Lili or Lourdes.

### Companioned Prayer Ministry

**The Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) Prayer Circle**

Tuesday, St. John's Church chapel

Contact: Michelle Hendricks

companionedprayer@folsomcatholic.org

The Companioned Prayer IHM Prayer Circle has met weekly, listening and responding to the Advent Gospel readings for each Sunday. This last week of Advent we are focusing on the theme of God's great love for us. God sent Jesus to show us the Way. As we companion each other in prayer weekly, we continue to grow in an inner knowing of just how deep and personal God's love is for each of us.

Are you ready to celebrate with joy God's great gift of Jesus to you this Christmas, and continue to journey each day in love with Love?

### New Workshops with Dcn Jim McFadden

**BASIC THEOLOGICAL QUESTIONS**

**Based on the Magis Center Modules**

Beginning January 13, 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.

Note: Weekly attendance is not required. Recordings available!

**January 13:** *Evidence for the Existence of the Soul*

**January 20:** *Evidence for God's Existence from Science*

**January 27:** *Evidence of God's Existence from Philosophy*

**February 3:** *Evidence of Jesus' Resurrection and Divinity*

**February 10:** *Why Be Catholic?*

**February 17:** *True Happiness*

**February 24:** *Why Would an All-loving God Allow Suffering?*

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

**Special Annual Event**

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

St. Francis of Assisi Church

1114 26th Street, Sacramento, California 95816

Contact Deacon Paul Friedrich

deaconpaul@olaparish.net

You are invited to attend a Special Annual Event during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Sponsored by the North State Ecumenical Conference (NSEC), which was established in 1968 and is comprised of Christian faiths in the Greater Sacramento Area. For more information see the parish website under Ministry News/Events for the flyer.

### Respect Life Ministry

**Planned Parenthood Abortion Business**

201 29th and B Sts, Sacramento

Contact: Deacon Danny Patterson

916-733-0133, dpatterson@scd.org

St. Johns Contact: Joanne Dudgeon

respectlife@folsomcatholic.org

Late term abortions continue on Wednesdays and Thursdays. We have a carpool going out almost every Thursday, leaving the church at 9:30am staying at the abortion mill from 10am-12pm. Join us in prayer if you can. Contact Joanne.



# CHARITY

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

## Online Donations

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



## 2nd Collection

Our 2nd collection is for our RE program.

## Knights of Columbus

### Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Saturday, October 26 - Sunday, January 12, 2025

Contact: Percy Park, kofc@folsomcatholic.org

#### Coats for Kids

We're looking for donations and need coats for kids, teenagers and adults, either "new" or "slightly used", but cleaned, please. We are also collecting tents, blankets; sleeping bags; socks; gloves; shoes, winter caps for kids, teenagers and adults.

#### Food for Families Program

The Knights of Columbus are committed to helping end hunger through the Food for Families Program. 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

Please collect non-perishable food items only. Plastic containers, cans and boxed items are best.

**Donation Dropoff:** The Knights of Columbus Cart at weekend Masses or the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry location next to SJND parking lot. They are open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 - 12 pm.



# 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."

## Read the Gospel and Color



### Mt 2:1-12

Isn't God amazing? He made all the stars and planets to move, so every night the sky looks a little different. When God created the world, he planned exactly when the wise men would see the star. He wanted them to find Jesus.



### Prayer

Dear God, thank you for making the planets and stars so the wise men could find Jesus.



### Mission for the Week

Visit a planetarium to learn more about the star of Bethlehem.



## Puzzle

Unscramble these words from today's Gospel

wise-men	king	Mary
child	star	gifts
born	worship	dream

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## 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,  
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#### Ushers

Stanley Posis,  
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### 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,  
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#### Our Lady of Fatima

Henry Altamirano,  
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### Parish Committees/Councils

#### Finance Council

Patty Robertson,  
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#### Liturgy Committee

Barbara Bowden,  
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#### Pastoral Council

Shannon Frazier,  
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### Faith Formation

#### Christian Initiation for Adults

Are you interested in Baptism?  
Shannon Langer,  
slanger@folsomcatholic.org

#### Religious Education

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#### St. John Notre Dame (School Ministry)

Keith Martin, Principal  
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### Liturgical Ministries

#### Altar Servers

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#### Children's Liturgy during Mass

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#### Extraord. Ministers of Holy Communion

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#### Lectors

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#### Liturgical Environment

Arlette Peterson,  
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Music - See choir director after Mass.

### Spiritual Growth Ministries

#### Adult Scripture Study

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#### Couples for Christ

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#### Faith Untapped

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### Outreach/Charity Ministries

#### Filipino Apostolate

Lili Rehwald / Lourdes Lorenzo  
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#### Gabriel Project

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#### Grace Quilters Ministry

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#### Knights of Columbus

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#### 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,  
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#### Prison/Restorative Justice Ministry

-Folsom Prison - Fr. H. Gomez, 916-985-2561  
x 4206  
-CSP Sacramento - Greg Mellor,  
Catholic Chaplain, 916-985-8610 x6425

#### Respect Life Ministry

Joanne Dudgeon,  
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#### Senior Visitation

Charlene Agles,  
seniorvisitation@folsomcatholic.org

#### St. Vincent de Paul (311 Montrose Dr.)

Mercy Knight,  
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### 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

### Bulletin Deadlines

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Bulletin Date	Ads Due by 5pm
Jan 12	Jan 2
Jan 19	Jan 9
Jan 26	Jan 15
Feb 2	Jan 23



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