



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Catholic Church

MARCH 8, 2020



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.” - Mt 17:5b

Week at a Glance

Sunday

All Masses | Church
Second Collection
Building & Maintenance Fund

7:15pm | Parish Hall
LifeTeen

Monday

7pm | Church
Confession

7pm | St. John Paul II Room
Being Sent into the Desert

Tuesday

After 8:15am Mass | Church
Stations of the Cross

3:30pm | Church
Companioned Prayer
Who is Keeping You From God?

6:30pm | St John Paul Room
Edge

Wednesday

11am | Garden Room
Women's Games

5:30pm | Parish Hall
K of C Soup Dinner

6:30pm | Church
Praise and Worship

7pm | Church
Confession

Thursday

7pm | St. John Paul Room
Spanish Divine Mercy
Cenacle

7pm | Marian Room
Listening for God in our Lives

Friday

5pm | Parish Hall
K of C Fish Dinner

6:30pm | Church
Stations of the Cross

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
Mon. - Sat.	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
or 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

Social Media:

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Bulletin

FolsomCatholic.org/bulletin

Bulletin Date	Ad Due by 5 pm
March 15	March 5
March 22	March 12
March 29	March 19

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

Gn 12:1-4a / Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22] / 2 Tm 1:8b-10 / Mt 17:1-9

Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

- Mt 17:4-5

Gospel Meditation

Psychology has taught us a great deal about family dynamics and how we have come to be the person we find ourselves to be. We are comprised of such a mixed bag of blessings and obstacles with their graced moments and sinful ones. Think back on the journey of your life and how the many different and varied choices that you made influenced the direction your life. If you didn't go on that first date with your spouse, who would be beside you today? If you chose to be in one place rather than another, what would have happened to the course your life has taken? We are on such a wonderful, exciting journey. What is most incredible and awesome is that we are not alone! God is with us. He inspires, heals, opens doors, and calls us every moment of our lives.

The very life we have is due only to Him.

We can all sit down and list adjectives describing who we are. One may find him or herself more artistic than another or quicker with wit. We have unique gifts and talents and have the great gift of free will, which we treasure. Our histories come with more baggage for some and less hurdles for others, but we all have to find our way through the path we are on. However, have you ever given much thought to who you really are? That question has more merit than may at first appear.

We know ourselves as we live out our earthly journey. But do we know our heavenly self? What we know here is only one small part of who God has made us to be. The disciples really thought they knew Jesus until they went up the mountain. We also may think we know our true selves, too. We know that in eternal life we shall not only see God, but become like Him. Who will you be? What surprise do you think God has for you?

Scripture Reflections

First Reading

Abram took a tremendous risk in trusting the Lord and following the divine call to leave behind his own land and home. What has been the biggest risk in your Lenten spiritual journey thus far?

Second Reading

Paul encouraged his beloved co-worker, Timothy, to be open to suffering for the sake of the Gospel. What gives you strength when you bear hardship for the Gospel message?

Gospel Reading

Peter, James, and John were frightened at the revelation of Jesus' divinity.
How do you cope with fear in your faith life?



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

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Precautions Are Still in Place

To protect the health and well-being of everyone please remember:

- The use of the Communion cup is suspended temporarily.
- Receive the Body of Christ in the hand (although receiving on the tongue is permitted)
- Do not shake hands. Offer the sign of Peace to those around you with a simple nod, saying "peace be with you."
- Do not hold hands during the Our Father.
- The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and other Holy Days does not apply to those who are sick. If you are sick, stay home and take of yourself.

Knights of Columbus Soup Dinner

March 11, 18, 25, April 1, Wednesdays
5:30 - 6:30pm, Parish Hall

The Knights of Columbus will be providing a Soup Dinner on all Wednesdays in Lent except during Holy Week. The meal will consist of a filling soup, rolls and a salad. While there will be no direct cost to those attending, free will donations will be gladly accepted.

Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Dinners

March 13, 20, 27, April 3
Parish Hall, Doors open at 4:30 pm
Dinner at 5 - 6:00pm

The menu will consist of:

Baked fish fillets
Mac and cheese or potato cassereole
Cole slaw or Green Salad
Veggies, Corn bread

A no host bar will be available

Prices are:

\$10 for adults and children over 12
\$5 for children 12 and under (under 5-free)
\$30 for a family (2 adults and 2+ under 12)

Ticket sales will be at the door

All are welcome and encouraged to join in the Stations of the Cross which will begin in the church after dinner at 6:30pm.

St. John's Fellowship Festival

Contact Bill Carpentier
916-730-8560
bill.e.carpentier@me.com

Our Parish festival team is seeking volunteers to make this year's event (June 27th) the best it can be for our St. John's family. We are looking for volunteers to help with organization of the festival during the months of February, March, April, and May. And we need help setting up and staffing the event between the hours of 4pm - 9pm. Additionally, if you have vocal skills, play an instrument, are part of a musical or dance group, please send me your contact information and, subject to committee approval, you could be part of our live entertainment! We'd LOVE to have you join our team. Can we count on your help to make this the best family fun event we've ever had?

"You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give."
~Winston Churchill

Baptismal Preparation Class

March 21, Saturday, 9am
Garden Room
Contact: Parish Office, 916-985-2065

Attention Parents and God-parents. If you would like to attend the next class, please call the Parish office to register.

Volunteers Needed

Contact: Shannon Langer
Religious Education Office, 916- 985-7338

Children's Liturgy is currently looking for volunteers during the 9:00 am and 11:30 am Masses. The purpose of the Liturgy of the Word for Children is to provide God's Word in the language they can understand and then to invite them to respond in lives lived out in faith and action. Volunteers work on average once per month and lessons are provided. If you are interested in this special ministry, please call Shannon.

PRAYER



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

Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 8th

7:30 am Casto & Consuelo Galang
(40th Wedding Anniv)

9:00 am David Phelan†
11:30 pm People of the Parish
6:00 pm Frances Ramirez†

Monday, March 9th

6:30 am The Oscar's Mazari
8:15 am Tricia Heimbigner

Tuesday, March 10th

6:30 am Soledad Voss†
8:15 am Dennis Knight†

Wednesday, March 11th

6:30 am Josefina Schwaiger†
8:15 am Elmer Waldschmidt†

Thursday, March 12th

6:30 am Maria Ramona Albulan *(thanksgiving)*
8:15 am Frank Marver†

Friday, March 13th

6:30 am John Bryant†
8:15 am Frank Marver†

Saturday, March 14th

8:15 am Joe Gonzales *(birthday)*
5:00 pm Brian Martinez†

Observances
We Celebrate This Week
Mon: St. Frances of Rome

March is dedicated to:
St. Joseph

Pope Francis'
Monthly Intention for March
Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

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. For Mass intentions please visit the Parish Office to reserve a particular Mass time.

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.

Alana Ramsay	Judy Wilkins
Alice Sulik	Karen Clouser
Annie Brozosky	Larry Armour
Aurora Bertulfo	Liam Ocampo
Ada Watson	Lorraine Mayrand
Carmencita Ortiz	Matthew Khuu
Daniella Alvarez-Limon	Max Castro
Bob Taylor	Mike Venturini
Bob Matranga	Natalie S. Marhauer
Bonnie Spencer	Oliver Carreon
Carman Hogan	Pam Morin
Don Hendrickson	Pat Koelfgen
Don Paul Howell	Paulita Narcisco
Eric Coscolluela	Rebecca Yap
Fr. David Shaw	Romy Cypher-Strauch
Frederick Nidoy	Sabrina Nunes
Gilbert Mendivil	Sean Roth
Gordon Ferriss	Thoa Gilpin
Gloria Mendivil	Vista Costa
Herbert Kohagura	Vince Matranga
Jared Ellerson	Walter Cwynar
Jim Esfner	Vickie Lustan
Joann Pasterski	

Prayers for Our Troops

We pray for our military personnel abroad and at home, and for their families.
Nicole Kuntz-Harding

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.



Andrew Kurimay	Magdalena Malixi
Ann McLaughlin	Majida Haque
Anne Pachote	Mary Brisbin
Diane Pallari	Mary Grimes
Doris McKeon	Mary Jane McMahon
Duke McCully	Mike Diorio
Erlinda Estepa	Nicolas Gomez
Frank Brugger	Patrick Pallari
Guerrino Zanet	Pedro Oquendo
Irma Henriquez	Quy Pham
Isabel Vilorio	Rhyss Undajon-Haskell
John Drumm Sr.	Sanh Nguyen
John O'Malley	Sr. Bridget Mary
Joseph Dickenson	Flynn, RSM
Julian Ocampo	Sr. Kathleen Kinane
Karen Maez	Sr. Mercedes Braga, SHF
Liberato Mariano Jr.	Teresita Ochoa
Lisa Hueffed	Theresa Gonzalez

**GIVE GOD
YOUR WEAKNESS,
AND HE'LL GIVE YOU
HIS STRENGTH.**

The Adoration Chapel

Open to everyone 7 days a week

Monday through Friday: 9:00 - 8:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 - 5:00 pm, Closed the 5th Saturday of the Month

Sunday: 7:00 - 1:00 pm

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be recited daily at 3:00 pm.

Perpetual Adoration is held in the Adoration Chapel on the

1st Friday of the month after 8:15 am Mass through 4:00 pm on Saturday.

Eucharistic Adoration Ministry Hours of Need

For information please contact: Veronica Thomas, 916-817-8685

We need additional adorers for days and times listed below

Monday:	10 - 11:00 am	11 - 12:00 pm	4 - 5:00 pm	7 - 8:00 pm
Tuesday:	12 - 1:00 pm	4 - 5:00 pm	7 - 8:00 pm	
Wednesday:	11 - 12:00 pm	6 - 7:00 pm		
Thursday:	9 - 10:00 am	12 - 1:00 pm	2 - 3:00 pm	5 - 6:00 pm
Friday:	12 - 1:00 pm	1 - 2:00 pm	2 - 3:00 pm	6 - 7:00 pm 7 - 8:00 pm
1st Saturday:	11 - 12:00 pm	12 - 1:00 pm	3 - 4:00 pm	
2nd Saturday:	3 - 4:00 pm	4 - 5:00 pm		
3rd Saturday:	2 - 3:00 pm			
4th Saturday:	3 - 4:00 pm			
Sunday:	8 - 9:00 am	10 - 11:00 am		

Please prayerfully consider signing up for 1 hour a week with the Lord in the Adoration Chapel. You will never regret it!

Prayer Opportunities At St. John the Baptist

Companioned Prayer (Tue, 3:30 pm)

Daily Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

Morning Prayer (after 8:15 am Mass)

-Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacles

-1st Saturday, 6pm, Adoration Chapel

-2nd Wednesday, 8pm Adoration Chapel

Respect Life Ministry

40 Days for Life Campaign

February 26 - April 5

Contact: Joanne Dudgeon, 916-607-2228 or

Kathy Baxter 916-337-6824

Together, we can change the course of history and make the killing of preborn children unthinkable. You are invited to join our pro-life movement to build a world where every child is welcomed and all life is respected. Sign up online at 40daysforlife.com/sacramento.

Come out to the clinic if only for one hour to be a visible sign of God's love in prayer. God bless you all!

February 26-April 5

FPA Abortion Clinic

2322 Butano Dr. Sacramento

Mon-Fri 8am-6pm

Carpools available from St. John's on Wednesdays after 8:15am Mass or after school at 3:30pm. Contact: Joanne or Kathy Baxter.

Lenten Schedule

*Lent a time to reflect on the
Paschal Mystery more intently*

Stations of the Cross

Fridays: 6:30 pm

Tuesdays: after the 8:15 am Mass

Confession

Mondays: 7pm - 8pm

Wednesdays: 7pm - 8pm

Saturdays: 3pm - 4:30 pm

Normal Saturday times

Penance Service

April 1, Wednesday

6:30 pm



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

LENT 2020

Being Sent into the Desert

March 2 - April 6, Mondays

7:00 pm Gallagher Hall/St. John Paul II Room

Contact: Deacon Jim, macfam500@att.net

March 9: *Listen!*

Our magnificent first reading is a short passage from the beginning of the 12th chapter of the book of Genesis. We see at this point in the creation story jealousy, rivalry, anger, murder, imperialism, arrogance, drunkenness, indeed, a wickedness has spread over the entire face of the earth. So what does God do? He sends a rescue operation! The rescue operation is going to come in the form of a people trained to listen again to the voice of the Lord. During this season of Lent we must also become a people trained to listen so as to be rescued by the Resurrection.

Formed.org

"Journey throughout Lent toward a life with a deeper reliance on Christ. Receive daily reflections and challenges to fuel your Lenten journey."

FORMED On Demand is an online media library which includes: video-based study programs, feature films, audio presentations, and eBooks. The website includes content for all ages and all levels of engagement with the Church.

A link to FORMED is available through our parish website at folsomcatholic.org/ resources under Continued Learning. A Code is not needed to sign up. Once on the FORMED website type in Folsom in the "Find your Parish or Organization" box then select St. John the Baptist. Click "Next" then enter your name and email to create your own personal account.

We hope that everyone makes use of this valuable resource that the parish is providing to deepen and enrich our Catholic faith.

Couples for Christ

Christian Life Program

March 28, Saturday, 8-5pm

March 29, Sunday, 8-12pm

Garden Room

Contact: Myrah Empleo 661-993-4721

Registration is free. Contact Myrah for details.

Praise and Worship

March 11, Wednesday

6:30 pm, Church

Contact: Sheila Fitzpatrick, 925-437-0798

Sheilafitz1@yahoo.com

Want to learn more about the love of God and the power of the Holy Spirit? Join us for an evening of inspiring music and powerful prayer, at our monthly Praise and Worship. Followed by refreshments and fellowship. All are welcome!

Our Lady of Fatima Ministry

Contact: Henry Altamirano

925-899-7769

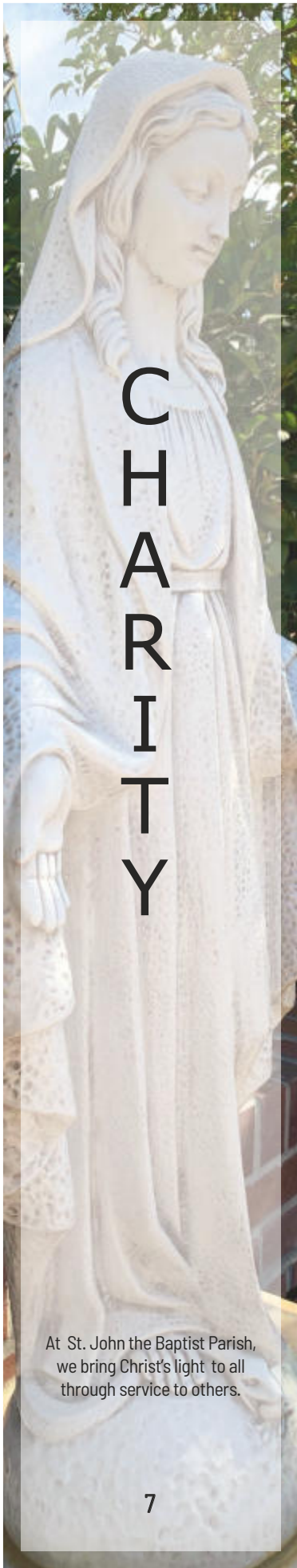
Our goal is to spread the praying of the rosary throughout the parish community.

A core group takes the image of Our Lady of Fatima from one house to another every Monday. The image along with a booklet of prayers and how to pray the rosary stays at the home for one week. The hosting family is asked to pray the rosary daily including the Vocation prayer to the priesthood and religious life. If you are interested in hosting Our Lady in your home, please contact Henry to sign up.

We also have Our Lady of Fatima procession every 13th of the month starting in May and ending October 13th at 6:30pm.

Inspiration of the Week

Have you ever given much thought to who you were really created to be? Our lives are the product of various circumstances, choices, predetermined scenarios, and a whole host of events and inherited baggage. All of these components come together and form the person we understand ourselves to be. Jesus knew who he was and who he was becoming. He showed his transfigured self to his disciples on a high mountain and revealed to them who he was really meant to be. The weaknesses, imperfections, fears, and impressions that we carry with us often color our choices and hinder us from really seeing the greater picture of who we are. What do you imagine your transfigured self to be? Jesus promises a new life in heaven. Have you ever given much thought to what that may mean for you .



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

2nd Collection

Thank you to those who contributed to our 2nd collection last weekend for our RE Program and SJND. Contributions totaled \$2860.

This week our 2nd collection is for our Building and Maintenance Fund.

SJND Scrip Gift Cards

Our California winter-turned-spring might be the inspiration you need for home projects or getting your garden in gear! Stock up on supplies with a Scrip gift card to Lowe's, Home Depot, Target or Walmart. You'll cross another item off your to-do list and SJND School can help keep tuition manageable for Catholic school parents, thanks to your support

Time, Treasure, and Talent

"Jesus teaches us another way:

Go out. Go out and share your testimony, go out and interact with your brothers, go out and share, go out and ask.

Become the Word in body as well as spirit."
~Pope Francis

We would like to thank all our parishioners who stopped by our Ministries Fair last weekend. From all appearances it looked like a success! There were many in attendance, lots of information and lots of goodies to munch on! We hope that you were able to find something that sparked an interest and also gained some information if you have a need.

There were over 30 ministries represented. All brought with them a wealth of information about their particular ministries. Thanks for all you do for the parish and community!

All the ministries active here at St. John the Baptist are listed on page 9 of our bulletin. If you need information please don't hesitate to contact the person listed under the ministry.

*"Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you."
(Ps 33)*

Stewardship of Treasure the Lord Has Entrusted to Us

Weekly goal: \$25,529.00

Offering for Ash Wednesday is \$5490

Offering for February 29/March 1 is \$22,647

On-line donations are not included

The 6 Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent – Prayerful

When my children were younger, they could make me laugh and sometimes cry. I would have conversations about animals, nature, outer space, and so many amazing things in life. I would play with them one day and then work to bandage a boo-boo the next. There were so many dynamics to our relationship. However, one aspect was my favorite. It was when one of them would snuggle up next to me on the couch silently, often leading to sleep. There was no better feeling, and I didn't want to move for anything. It is crazy to think of all the things we would do together, and my favorite was when we essentially were doing nothing.

Do you think God desires a portion of you? Without a doubt, He wants all of you: the good, the bad, and the ugly. Walking with Him daily is so important, and we can never become the disciples and stewards we need to be without a deepening relationship. Yet, prayer is not just talking and listening. It is also being. We sometimes seek to communicate so much and do so many things that we forget the value of stewardship of presence. The giving of ourselves completely to another often requires us to simply be with that person. We feel their presence. We rest in their being. No words are needed because words would destroy the moment. This is what we are called to in a relationship with God. This is good stewardship because it is about giving of our very presence to God and receiving strength from that resting in Him. Sometimes, all we need is to snuggle up to our God on the couch.

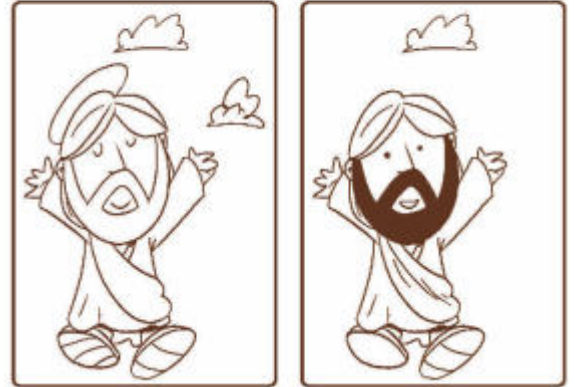
-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Sharing the Gospel

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus showed his closest friends – Peter, James, and John – what heaven would be like. Jesus' friends were amazed to see Moses and Elijah talking to Jesus. Moses and Elijah had gone to heaven hundreds of years before this day. Then Peter, James and John heard God's voice from the cloud. Jesus, their friend and teacher, was God's Son. They fell down in fear. You might, too, if you were there.

Puzzle

Find seven differences in this scene of Jesus in Heaven.



Mission for the Week

If you could see Jesus in heaven today, what would you talk about? What would you ask him?

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to save me from the devil's tricks.



"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

Loreen McMahon, 916-933-1330

Ministers of Hospitality

Shannon Bleeker, 916-200-8059

New Parishioner Welcoming Ministry

Lori Hopper, 916-337-0139

Ushers

Stanley Posis, 916-705-9192

Prayer Ministries

Companioned Prayer

Bill Stobbe, 916-505-3800

Divine Mercy Devotion/Cenacle

Pat Koelfgen, 916-989-2915

-*Chaplet/Rosary/Morning Prayer*

-*Divine Mercy Chaplet/Mass*

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

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

Eucharistic Adoration

Veronica Thomas, thomas_vera@yahoo.com

Perpetual Adoration—1st Fri 9am - Sat 4pm

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

Sheila Fitzpatrick, 925-437-0798

Religious Education

Shannon Langer, 916-985-7338

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Debbie Duncan, 916-798-0201

Theology on Tap

Aaron Santos, 916-985-2065

WINGS (Women in Growth Spiritually)

Sue Collins, 916-337-6237

Youth/Young Adults Ministries

Aaron Santos, asantos@folsomcatholic.org

Parish Committees/Councils

Finance Council

Elizabeth Beigh, 916-730-1291

Liturgy Committee

Barbara Bowden, 916-984-9476

Pastoral Council

Outreach/Charity Ministries

Bereavement Hospitality/Receptions

Nina Pucci, 916-947-6386

Catholics for Life

Kathy Baxter, 916-337-6824

Gabriel Project

Helen Boyd, 916-367-8071

Grace Quilters Ministry

Catherine Scott, 831-402-4681

Grupo Pastoral Hispano

Anna Haid, 916-956-1177

Knights of Columbus

Dick Phelan, 916-221-0596

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 x4206

-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)

John Knight, 916-985-4630

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Servers

Hugo Schmidt, 916-817-4541

Children's Liturgy during Mass

Parish Office, 916-985-2065

Extraord. Ministers of Holy Communion

Steve & Maryanne Ashley, 916-479-2214

Lectors

Patti Midtlyng, 916-837-8322

Liturgical Environment

Arlette Peterson, 916-983-1389

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

Please send ministry updates and corrections to
Loreen McMahon, mcmahon510@comcast.net.

MINISTRIES

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



R C I A



RCIA and Scrutinies

The Season of Lent is of the utmost importance for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Lent is period three for the RCIA process and is called Purification and Enlightenment. It functions as a 40-day retreat for the Elect and Candidates.

First off, the elect is the name the church gives to those who will be baptized at Easter Vigil. They are the "chosen ones of God" or "Elect". The candidates are those who are baptized in one of the other Christian churches. During this season, they are focused on a final purification and cleansing of their hearts and lives for the reception of Jesus Christ.

On the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent we celebrate what are called scrutinies. At these scrutinies we use the Year A readings. These three gospels focus on the woman at the well, the man born blind, and Lazarus. After the homily, the Elect are called forward to be prayed over and encouraged in their formation. They are searching the depths of their hearts to align them with Christ. This is where "scrutinies" come from. This year March 15th it will be at 9:00am Mass, March 22nd at 11:30am Mass, and March 29th at the 6:00pm Mass.

This is such a beautiful and meaningful time for our Elect and candidates. Please take the time to join in prayer with them and to keep them in your prayers. Below you will find a list of our Elect and Candidates for this year who will receive their sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

Elect: Jenny, Chelsea (2nd grade), Ava (2nd grade), Angelina (2nd grade), Landon (8th grade)
Candidates: Michael, Richard, Tony, Christian, Sarah, Shirley, Kyle

**By the way, YOU have an important part in this process as well.
You serve as witnesses to their journey and prayer partners!
Have a blessed Lent!**



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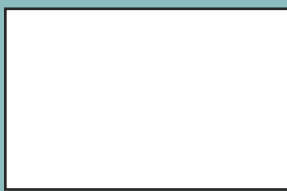
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