

## A VOICE CAME FROM THE HEAVENS, SAYING,

"THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, WITH WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED." - MT 3:17

## Week at a Glance

Sunday All Masses | Church Second Collection for Building & Maintenance

9am | Gallagher Hall Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship

> **Tuesday** 3:30pm | Church Companioned Prayer Francis de Sales

6:30pm | St John Paul Room Edge

Wednesday 11am | Garden Room Women's Games

#### Thursday

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

#### **Friday**

6:15pm | Chapel Divine Mercy Ministry Chaplet, Rosary, Cenacle

Saturday 9am | Garden Room Baptismal Preparation Class

#### 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 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 Vica**r

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

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## Welcome to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

We are a community where we welcome all as members of the Body of Christ. We are welcoming, faithful, passionate, joyful, authentic, sacramental, loving and charitable.

## **Today's Readings**

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 / Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b] / Acts 10:34-38 / Mt 3:13-17

After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

- Mt 3:16-17

### **Gospel Meditation**

The Catechism of the Catholic Church gives four reasons for the Incarnation, why God became man in Jesus Christ. The third reason is "to be our model of holiness." All of Jesus' words and actions model for us what we ought to do. He also shows us how we're meant to be. Jesus' baptism ought to remind us of our own baptism and of the importance of baptism in the Christian life.

The Baptism of the Lord reminds us of our Trinitarian identity. When we are baptized, we stand in solidarity with Christ, bathed in the waters he sanctified. There, the Father proclaims our adoption into the family of God. "'This is my beloved son [this is my beloved daughter], with whom I am well pleased.'" And the Spirit, too, descends. We are filled with the Spirit's grace and power to continue Christ's mission on earth. We received these gifts in the sacrament, and they continue to dwell within us through sanctifying grace. We can — and should — invite God to stir up these graces of our baptism and consider them in our own lives.

Does Christ feel like a distant relative two thousand years in the past? Or do you see him as someone who can be encountered here and now? Ask yourself where you find your sense of dignity and worth. Do you still search for it in success, social status, and selfish pursuits? Or are you able to rest in being a beloved child of God? Remember, baptism gives us a call and a charge to change the world. Do you pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you? Or are you so focused on your own life that you miss the mission? This week, let's do as Jesus did. Let's live in our baptism!

## **Scripture Reflections**

**First Reading** 

Today's reading is often called one of Isaiah's "servant of the Lord" poems. According to Isaiah, the Lord's servant "shall bring forth justice to the nations." What do you think this type of justice looks like?

#### Second Reading

Peter came to the insight that God "shows no partiality" to those who are baptized and believe in Jesus. Why does this message remain challenging to many believers today?

Gospel Reading What do you find most remarkable about Matthew's account of the baptism of Jesus?



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

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## Knights of Columbus Council Free Throw Championship

January 12, Sunday 9am -12 Gallagher Hall Contact: Greg Sinclair glsinclair@sbcglobal.net

The Knights of Columbus, Council 6197 Free Throw Championship is open to the public for all boys and girls, ages 9 - 14. Participants compete against competitors of the same age and gender. Participants shoot 15 free throws. A copy of participant's birth certificate must accompany each entry form. Age group "cutoff date" is Jan 1. Forms require signature of parents or guardian. Forms available at the competition or online: www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/programs/ free-throw-championship/1598-free-throwentry-form-score-sheet.pdf

#### Simbang Gabi - Thank You

Contact: Myrah Empleo, 661- 993-4721 or Lourdes Lorenzo, 916-984-4313

"No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks." - St. Ambrose

Gratitude is one of the most underrated virtues. Jesus is the ultimate Servant. He came to serve us during His time here on Earth. To thank someone is to recognize Christ in others. Thus, it is with a grateful heart that we recognize Father Renier for his devoted support of Simbang Gabi. In addition, the success of Simbang Gabi would not have been possible without the endless contributions of time, talent, and treasure by the parishioners of St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity. An exceptional "thank you" to the volunteers whose joy was felt every evening in the quiet hopes and labor expressed by all as they served an average of 250-350 parishioners every night as well as 550 parishioners on the final night. Simbang Gabi is not simply a tradition to be held every Advent season; it is observed by Catholics to prepare oneself for birth of Jesus Christ by inviting Him into our lives. It is held every year from December 15th-23rd. If you are interested in joining the Simbang Gabi committee, please contact Myrah or Lourdes.

#### **Baptismal Preparation Class**

January 18, 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.

#### **Ecumenical Panel & Prayer Service**

Thursday, January 23 Panel: 2pm, Prayer Service: 7pm Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Contact: Deacon Dennis Gorsuch 916-984-8550, or E-mail: dennisgorsuch@comcast.net

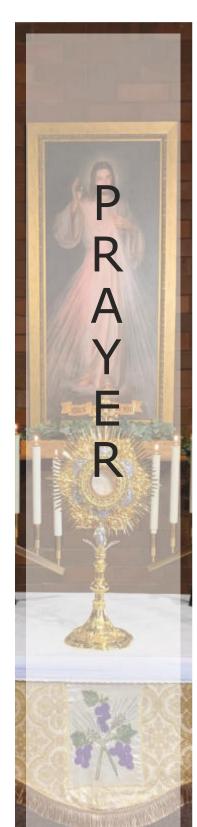
A special Ecumenical event will take place at the Cathedral during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Join us for the panel discussion at 2pm featuring several religious leaders, including Bishop Mark Holmerud of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Sierra Pacific Synod, and Rev. Michael Vaughan, Vicar General of the Diocese of Sacramento, In the evening, there will be a Prayer Service with Bishop Mark Holmerud as the Speaker. For more information, please contact Deacon Dennis.

### World Marriage Day

February 15, Saturday 11:00am Mass with Bishop Jaime Soto Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Contact: Office of Family & Faith Formation 916 - 733-0133

Join us as we honor marriage and salute the beauty of faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in married life.

During this Mass, there will be a special blessing for sacramentally married couples and an opportunity for them to renew their marital commitment. An informal reception will follow for couples and their families. Special certificates will be distributed at the reception honoring couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (10, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 50+). If you plan to attend, please register at: www.scd.org/wmd. If you have questions, please call the contact listed above.



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

#### **Mass Intentions**

#### Sunday, January 12th

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Richard & Warrene Jarboet
11:30 pm Quy Phamt
6:00 pm Lenon Padillat

Monday, January 13th 6:30 am Sandra Sanchez (*birthday*) 8:15 am Raquel Pamatian

**Tuesday, January 14th** 6:30 am Tony Da Guipa+ 8:15 am Loretta Del Mondo

Wednesday, January 15th 6:30 am Magdalena Malixit 8:15 am Anthony Pham N. Quyt

**Thursday, January 16th** 6:30 am Marissa Leard (*birthday*) 8:15 am Bill Beaulieut

**Friday, January 17th** 6:30 am The Murphy Family 8:15 am Sally Gomez (*birthday*)

Saturday, January 18th 8:15 am Rosa Canela & Fernando Cordova (50th Wedding Anniv) 5:00 pm Christine Kowalski+

## Observances We Celebrate This Week

Sun: The Baptism of the Lord Mon: St. Hilary Fri: St. Anthony Sat: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

#### January is dedicated to: The Holy Name of Jesus

#### Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for January Promotion of World Peace

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

#### **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.

Alan Ramsay Annie Brozosky Aurora Bertulfo Ava Watson Baby Daniella Bert Mateo **Bob** Taylor Bob Matranga Cher Juliet Christopher Cordova Denise Phfa Don Hendrickson Don Paul Howell Eric Coscolluela Ernest Deus Evalia Hipolito Frederick Nidov Gilbert Mendivil Gordon Ferriss Gloria Mendivil Herbert Kohagura Jared Ellerson Jessica Breazeale

Joann Pasterski Joey Durse Judy Wilkins Karen Beckman Liam Ocampo Lorraine Mayrand Michael Debellis Natalie S. Marhauer Oliver Carreon Pam Morin Pat Koelfgen Paulita Narcisco Pierre Lavapie Rebecca Yap **Rene Rodriguez** Romy Cyber-Strauch Shirley Benecke Shirley Joseph Thoa Gilpin Tina Mills Vista Costa Vince Matranga

#### **Prayers for Our Troops**

We pray for our military personnel abroad and at home, and for their families. John Massey Sgt. Alan Price

#### 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.

Ann Danielsen Barbara Doherty Colette Koch Dennis Knight Destiny Estrada Doris Bourgeois Doris McKeo Duke McCully Frank Brugger Isabel Viloria John Drumm Sr. John O'Malley Karen Maez Lenon Padilla Liberato Mariano Jr. Magdalena Malixi Maria Duenas Mario Penman Marv Brisbin

Mary Grimes Mary Jo Morris MaryJo Cordona Callahan Mike Diorio Nicolas Gomez Quy Pham Raleigh Radin Romy Elvambuena Sanh Nguyen Sister Antinia Sr. Bridget Mary Flvnn, RSM Sr. Kathleen Kinane Sr. Mercedes Braga, SHF Stephen Rando Thelma Lyon Theresa Gonzalez Tom Baker

#### Welcome Our Newest Members of the Catholic Faith who were baptized in December

Lily Gabrielle Santiago Maxine Amara Gomez Daniel Jace Zipay Jr.

## **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: James Banach 916-803-0821 or Veronica Thomas, thomas\_vera@yahoo.com

Tuesday:	10 - 11:00 am 12 - 1:00 pm	11 - 12:00 pm 4 - 5:00 pm	4 - 5:00 pm 7 - 8:00 pm	7 - 8:00 pm		
5	11- 12:00 pm 9 - 10:00 am	6 - 7:00 pm 12 - 1:00 pm	2 - 3:00 pm	5 - 6:00 pm		
5	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				

We need additional adorers for days and times listed above. Please prayerfully consider signing up for 1 hour a week with the Lord in the Adoration Chapel. You will never regret it!

### **Respect Life Ministry**

#### Roe v. Wade Mass

January 22, Wednesday, 12:10pm Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament 1017 11th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 scd.org/event/annual-pro-life-mass-reparation -roe-v-wade-anniversary.

The annual Roe v. Wade Mass, sadly commemorating the 47th year of nationally legalized abortion, with over 60 million babies killed, will be held at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. In the Diocese of Sacramento, January 22 is designated as a Diocesan Day of Reparation. All are asked to observe this Day of Reparation through fasting, prayer, penance and works of mercy. See the Diocesan website for details.

# 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

## **Mass Intention Requests**

The 2020 Mass Intention Book is open and ready for scheduling. Please note there is a limit of 5 intentions per family. For more information, please call or visit the Parish Office, 916-985-2065.

#### Inspiration of the Week

The Baptism of Jesus is similar in purpose to our own. As Jesus was distinguished as the beloved Son in whom God is well pleased, so, too, are we. We share that same special favor with God and are brought into an intimate relationship with Him. Does this reality change how we feel about ourselves? It certainly does. Baptism forever changes us and calls us to the ministries of mercy and humility. God has formed each of us in our mother's womb and asks us to be a light for all people. We carry this light humbly as we know who ultimately has a claim on us and to whom we belong. We then are called to live our lives in imitation of Christ and become incarnate vessels of mercy. Our world needs to be touched by compassion and only we can complete the task.





#### Edge

January 14, Tuesday 6:30pm - 8pm Contact: Aaron Santos asantos@folsomcatholic.org or 916-985-2065

Please note the new day and time we will be meeting. Please meet in the St. John Paul room.

# Exploring the Saints at Companioned Prayer

Tuesdays, 3:30 – 5:00 pm, Church Chapel Contact: Bill Stobbe, 916- 505-3800

St John's Companioned Prayer ministry will be exploring some of our favorite saints as our spiritual companions. We invite you to participate, be part of our discussion and prayer. No need to sign up in advance – just show up Tuesday afternoons at 3:30.

Francis de Sales – Dec 31, Jan 7 & 14 Ignatius of Loyola – Jan 21 & 28, Feb 4

Divine Mercy Ministry Chaplet, Rosary & Cenacle January 17, Friday, 6:15pm, Chapel Contact: Zoeanne Tafolla, 707-333-7359

"Divine Mercy Ministry's is inviting all to come and join us to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and rosary. A cenacle, "small faithsharing group study" will follow in the Garden Room, where we will read and discuss a portion of St. Faustina's diary, the Catechism, and Holy Scriptures. There will be refreshments served during the cenacle meeting. Please join us in the chapel and the Garden Room. Call Zoeanne for more information.



## A Journey through the Parables, Part 2

January 20 - February 17, Mondays, 7pm Gallagher Hall - St. John Paul II Room Contact: Dcn Jim McFadden macfam500@att.net

Join Dcn. Jim for a faith-sharing experience.

**Jan 20 :** *Who Did What the Father Wanted*? The Parable of the Two Sons teaches us about the ambiguities of living with imperfections as disciples. Neither of the sons had their act together. But the one who had the humility to change his mind and do what was asked was the exemplary one. As individuals and as a parish community, are we willing to admit when we were wrong and then embark on a new course of action?

Jan 27 : "I Cancel Your Entire Debt." Feb 3 : "I Want my House to be Full" Feb 10 : "Law or Love?" Feb 17 : "The Man God Helped"

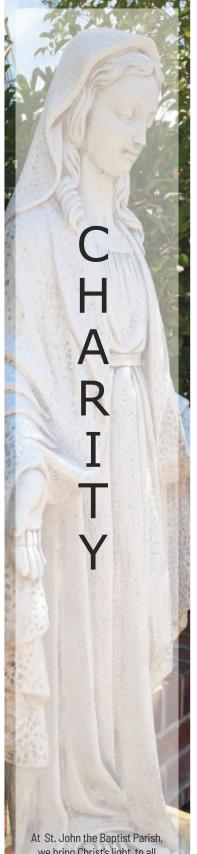
## **Spring Scripture Studies**

Contact: Teresa or Lee Weider 916-983-8065 laweider631@gmail.com

Sessions will begin the week of Feb 3rd. The Studies include:

- *Lectio Eucharist* a study on the biblical roots of the Eucharist and God's plan for our salvation.
- *Romans* a Jeff Cavins study on St. Paul's letter to the Romans and the connections between Jesus, Christianity and the Old Testament prophecies.
- *Entertaining Angels* a journey with Fr. Mitch Pacwa on the saints, the Catechism and Scripture to remind us of God's precious gift to us in the good angels.

Sign-up and more information is on the parish website. Scripture Studies offer fellowship, enrichment, and an opportunity to learn more about our beautiful Catholic faith. Everyone is welcome!



## **Second Collection**

This weekend our second collection is for our Building and Maintenance Fund.

Last weekend our second collection was for St. John Notre Dame and our RE program. Together we collected \$3072.

Also, Thank You for your continued support for our St. Vincent de Paul Ministry. On December 28/29 we received a total of \$2950 for this second collection.

#### Loaves and Fishes

"Jesus guide me towards a life of love for all" January 18-19, Vestibule Contact: Cathy Kovarik, 916-353-0688

Let us share with the less fortunate. The designated cart will be in the vestibule January 18 weekend. Especially requested are cup-of-soups, peanut butter and cheese crackers, hot chocolate and oatmeal packets, breakfast bars, raisins and fruit cups. Bibles, holy cards, rosaries and religious reading material also appreciated. Donations may be dropped off at the Parish Center during the week. The Divine Mercy Ministry continues to be grateful for your donations. They were able to serve over 300 homeless at Friendship Park last month! This breakfast program starts their day in a positive way with smiles of caring and food we bring from you!

#### SJND Scrip Gift Cards

Dinner and a movie made easy with Scrip! Visit the Scrip table before or after Mass to stock up on cards to Regal/United Artist Theaters, Century Theater, Chicago Fire, Marly & Moo, Red Robin, Sutter Street Steakhouse and more. Buying Scrip is a great way to help our parish school--thank you for your support!

"The Lord will bless his people with peace. " (Ps 29)

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

Offering for Simbang Gabi (Dec 15-23) is \$6389 Offering for December 25 is \$43,770 Offering for Dec 28/29 is \$18,661 Offering for Jan 4/5 is \$24,204 On-line donations for December totaled \$22,890

## Lessons from Baptizing a Frog

I used to lead an RCIA session on baptism, where I would bring in my Kermit the Frog toy from when I was a child and pretend to baptize it. It was a session I especially made sure I led when we had children preparing for Easter sacraments. You would think Kermit would have become super holy having been baptized so many times, year after year. But, if he had been real, he would not have been any holier due to multiple baptisms than he was after the first baptism. He couldn't be re-baptized. (Not to mention, of course, he is a FROG.)

When Jesus came to John for baptism, he transformed the baptism of repentance that John was practicing into a baptism of redemption. And although we are called to repentance over and over in our life, redemption comes to us only once. We cannot get baptized again in the Jordan or Sea of Galilee because of romantic notions, or come into the Catholic Church by a second baptism so we can start all over. Our baptism, whether we can remember it or not, is a one-time deal. But it is the real deal. Whether you feel it or not, you are sealed for Christ, and the stain of original sin has been washed away.

Too many of us take that moment for granted. Yes, you may have been baptized as an infant. But much time has passed since then, and you can work to understand the impact that it had on your life. We sometimes look for a good time to begin living a stewardship way of life. However, that time already passed, and God has been waiting. We are called to reflect on our baptism and respond to the call it has placed on our lives. We can respond and be disciples, or we can be like Kermit the Frog, always searching for a new start that never comes -Tracy Earl Welliver

we bring Christ's light to all through service to others.

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"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

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## Sharing the Gospel

Jesus came to John one day to be baptized. Jesus was God's Son, and had no sin for John to wash away in the Jordan River. But Jesus wanted to be baptized anyway, to please his Father in heaven. God looked down from heaven, and when Jesus came out of the river, God sent his Spirit to rest on Jesus like a dove. Then God spoke from heaven for John and everyone else to hear. God said, "This is my son."



Ask your parents to tell you about the day when you were baptized.



Dear God, thank you for showing John that Jesus was your Son.





Unscramble	e words from today's Go	spel:
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Jordan	water	
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rodJan		
devo		
batidpez		
vocie		

## 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 -Offered to Everyone, Tue, 3:30pm Divine Mercy Devotion/Cenacle

Pat Koelfgen, 916-989-2915 -Chaplet/Rosary/Morning Prayer, Mon-Sat after 8:15 Mass, Divine Mercy Chapel -Divine Mercy Chaplet/Mass, call for info -Cenacle - Zoeanne Tafolla, 707-333-7359 -Cenacle-Spanish - Ana Haid, 916-956-1177

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Veronica Thomas, thomas\_vera@yahoo.com -Adoration Chapel open Mon-Fri, 9am-8pm, Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 7am-1pm. **Perpetual Adoration**—1st Fri 9am through 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

## **Spiritual Growth Ministries**

#### Adult Scripture Study

Lee & Teresa Weider, 916-983-8065 Marriage Encounter

Dennis & Carrie Crawford, 530-878-3744 -Faith-based program & couples weekend for marriage enrichment.

Praise & Worship Sheila Fitzpatrick, sheilafitz1@yahoo.com Religious Education

Parish Office, 916-985-2065

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)** Debbie Duncan, 916-798-0201 *-Information & instruction on becoming a Catholic* 

Theology on Tap Aaron Santos, Parish Office, 916-985-2065 WINGS (Women in Growth Spiritually) Sue Collins, 916-337-6237

Youth/Young Adults Ministries

#### Aaron Santos, asantos@folsomcatholic.org -Middle School/Edge, High School/Life Teen

## Parish Committees/Councils

Finance Council Elizabeth Beigh, 916-730-1291 Liturgy Committee Barbara Bowden, 916-984-9476 Pastoral Council - Coming Soon.

## **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 -Aid pregnant mothers in need.

**Grace Quilters Ministry** Catherine Scott, 831-402-4681 -Creating artistic lap quilts for infirmed, home bound members of our parish community.

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 -Bring Eucharist to sick & homebound, T/Sun.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Catherine Scott, 831-402-4681

Prison/Restorative Justice Ministry -Folsom Prison - Fr. H. Gomez, 916-985-2561 x 4206

#### -CSP Sacramento - Dcn Bill Goeke, 916-733-0262 School Ministry (St. John Notre Dame) Keith Martin, Principal, 916-985-4129 Senior Visitation

Charlene Agles, charleneagles@gmail.com -Visit homebound seniors in our community.

#### St. Vincent de Paul (Helping Hands) John Knight, 916-985-4630

-Assistance to those in need in our community Helping Hands - open MWF, 9-12pm

## **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, 916-939-7205

Lectors

Barbara or Charlotte Ferreira, 209-480-1153 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 -Join us for bridge, rummy, etc. Weds. 11:00am.

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

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



## Why Do Catholics Baptize Infants, While Some Other Christian Denominations Wait Until Adulthood?

To understand when we baptize, it's important to know what baptism is. Baptism removes original sin, and we are reborn into the family of God, adopted as His sons and daughters. We become joint heirs with Christ and sharers in his mission.

Early on, baptism was given immediately upon personal conversion, such as the three thousand baptized at Pentecost. Some Christian churches today emphasize baptism specifically as personal conversion. As such, they would not baptize young children who have not yet consciously chosen to follow Christ. As the Church slowly grew, whole households were baptized together upon the deep conversion of one of the leaders (Acts 16). From this evidence, we can surmise that may have included children who were just beginning to hear the Christian message. This would not have been uncommon, especially for Jewish converts. Circumcision marked entrance into the Old Covenant for men. This occurred, without the express consent of the infants, to male children eight days after their birth.

