



# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

## *Catholic Church*

### JULY 7, 2024



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue,  
and many who heard him were astonished. - Mk 6:2



## Sacraments

### Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm  
Sunday 7:30 am  
9:00 am  
11:30 am  
6:00 pm

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Spanish 1:30 pm

### Daily Mass Times

Mon. - Fri. 6:30 am, 8:15 am

### Holy Day Mass Times

6:30 am, 8:15 am, Noon  
7:00 pm

### Reconciliation / Confession

Saturday 3 - 4:30 pm  
& by appointment

### 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. Julius Kaburu

### Parochial Vicar

Fr. Ignatius Haran

### Pastor Emeritus

Dennis Gorsuch

Jim McFadden

William Goeke

### Deacons

## Parish Office

Mon.- Fri. 8:30 am- 4:30 pm  
307 Montrose Drive, Folsom  
Phone: 916-985-2065

### Website:

FolsomCatholic.org

### Social Media:

@FolsomCatholic

## Bulletin

FolsomCatholic.org/bulletin

### Bulletin Date Ads Due by 5pm

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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

Ez 2:2-5 / Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 (2cd) / 2 Cor 12:7-10 / Mk 6:1-6a

*"Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy."  
(Ps 123)*

## Gospel Meditation

*By Father John Muir*

Recently I watched a bunch of YouTube videos on how to optimize willpower in the face of weakness. The message was: do not accept your weakness. Crush it. Dominate it. In one video, however, at the end of a rant by a willpower coach, the muscular stoic admitted, "You'll never actually get what you want, no matter how hard you try." Amazingly, he admitted that willpower alone is not sufficient for us weak-willed humans.

What does God want us to do with our weaknesses, if crushing them with willpower won't work? For example, what should I do with my tendency to arrogance and self-isolation? Or my procrastination? Or my intellectual and physical limitations? Or my selfishness?

The counter-intuitive answer is clear in this week's words from St Paul, "I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses in order that the power of Christ may dwell in me (2 Cor. 12:9)." Boast of our weaknesses? Paul isn't promoting weak-mindedness or laziness. Rather, he perceives that Jesus loves us not despite our weaknesses but because of them. Boasting of our weakness means claiming human will is not all we have. It means turning to God whenever we feel weak, which—let's face it—is almost all the time. When we do, we learn to love our weaknesses, because it's there that we meet the strength of Christ. This week, I challenge us to find ways to boast not in willpower but in weakness.

## Scripture Reflections

### First Reading

The Lord encourages Ezekiel to be courageous in his role as a prophet, regardless of the response of the Israelites. Can you think of a time when you had to be courageous in facing uncertainty?

### Second Reading

Paul learned a "thorn in his flesh" that was given to him to teach him that God's grace alone should be sufficient for his ministry. What are some obstacles in your life you have had to overcome?

### Gospel

We hear how the villagers of Nazareth were "offended" by Jesus and lacked faith in him. How do you support family or friends who have been hurt by others?



# WELCOME

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

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## Meet our new Pastor, Fr. Giovanni Gamas



My name is Father Giovanni Gamas. I was born on March 15, 1979 and raised on the island of Bohol in the Philippines to Timoteo and Norma Gamas. I have four brothers and a sister. I am the second to the eldest. My older brother is also a priest. My sister is a graduate of geodetic engineering and is also a teacher. One of my younger brothers is a lawyer, the other one is a computer engineer but is also studying law. The youngest one is a geodetic engineer. My father is a retired geodetic engineer. My mother is a retired high school teacher. My grandparents were all farmers.

I grew up in a very Catholic family and my parents were active members of our local church. My father was a past grand knight of the Knights of Columbus and my mother was a member of the Catholic Women's League. My brothers and I were all altar boys when we were growing up. We served at Mass every Sunday. My parents were very religious and our Catholic faith had a great influence on my decision to become a priest.

My education began in public elementary and intermediate schools, but continued in a Catholic High School. When I was in 4th grade, I started thinking of becoming a priest, there after I took more interest as my education continued to be focused around Catholicism. During the course of my studies I learned to speak four languages: Cebuano (my native dialect), Tagalog (our national language), English and Spanish (I studied Spanish for 10 weeks in Morelia, Michoacán, Mexico in 2004). After graduating High School, at the age of 17, I enrolled in a Seminary College in Tagbilaran City, Bohol, in the Philippines, following in the footsteps of my older brother. I graduated from Seminary College in 2001 with a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy. Thereafter, I applied at the Diocese of Sacramento to continue my priestly studies in the United States. I came to the United States in December of 2001; upon my arrival I studied at Sacramento City College for a semester. Then, I was sent to Mount Angel Seminary in Oregon to continue my theological studies. I graduated from Mount Angel in May of 2007 with a double Master's Degree in Theology and Divinity. After a long journey (11 years) of seminary formation, at the age of 28, I was ordained a priest on June 29, 2007 by Most Reverend William Weigand at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, in Sacramento together with six other men. They called us the "Magnificent Seven".



After my ordination, I was assigned as the parochial vicar of St. Joseph Church in Elk Grove for a few months. Then, I was moved to St. Basil Parish in Vallejo and stayed there for almost 3 years. After that, I was assigned as the parochial vicar of Holy Rosary Church in Woodland for 2 years. Then, the Bishop assigned me as the Chaplain of St. Francis High School and parochial vicar of St. Joseph a Church in North Sacramento. After that I was appointed Pastor of St. Monica Church in Willows and stayed there for almost 5 years prior to being assigned to St. John Vianney where I served as pastor for the past 6 years.

## Promote Your Business While Supporting Our Parish

Donna Touros  
916-284-4438  
Dtouros@4lpi.com

Ad sales from business owners help cover the printing cost of our church bulletin. Donna Touros from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. It is the support of the business community that helps to make our church thrive. Please consider purchasing a print and/or digital ad as your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!



NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic  
Revival**

*Jesus established the Eucharist as a means of  
uniting himself intimately and powerfully  
with his followers in every age.  
(Lectio Eucharist Bible Study)*

## Just a Reminder

### Keep Our Church Clean & Silence Your Phone

Please help us keep our church clean. Food and drinks are not allowed in the church. As a courtesy to everyone at Mass, please remember to silence your cell phone.



# P R A Y E R

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

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, July 7th

7:30am Amber Merrill+  
9:00am Greg & Liz Sinclair (35<sup>th</sup> Anniv)  
Gloria Marquez+  
11:30am Liliana Libbon (birthday)  
1:30pm People of the Parish  
Tony Sanchez (birthday)  
6:00pm Anna Marie Castro+

### Monday, July 8th

6:30am Grandparents+ of Thomas Family  
8:15am Cora Gonzales+  
Stanley Brock+

### Tuesday, July 9th

6:30am  
8:15am Robert T. Blask+

### Wednesday, July 10th

6:30am  
8:15am Shelly Koski+

### Thursday, 11th

6:30am Adelaida Brenner+  
Beatriz LeCam (in thanksgiving)  
8:15am

### Friday, July 12th

6:30am  
8:15am Aisling Murphy-Collins+

### Saturday, July 13th

5:00pm Jim Reed+  
John Knight+

## Observances

### We Celebrate This Week

#### Monday

St. Junipero Serra

#### Wednesday

St. Thomas

#### Friday

St. Anthony Zaccaria  
St. Elizabeth of Portugal

#### Saturday

St. Maria Goretti

### July is Dedicated to: The Precious Blood of Our Lord

## Pope Francis'

### Monthly Intention for July For The Pastoral Care of The Sick

Let us pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, bestows the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones, and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope.

## 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.*

Adaline Dalupan	Lilia Tanjoc
Agnieshka Ossowska	Luisa Penman
Baby Gianna Brooks	Karen Spiess
Benedict Doan	Kyle Pasterski
Charlene Agles	Macy Knadle
Dave Hodson	Marmo Lil Ocampo
Eberardo Madueno	Matthew Awbrey
Elzira Elfilali	Michael Long
Gloria Marquez	Paul Halloran
Gordon Ferriss	Paulita Narciso
John Leonard	Percy Park
John Said	Vien Tran
Johnny Johnson	

### Prayers for Our Troops

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

Andrew Pecha	John Lopez
Brandon Heffel	Joshua Penman
Carl Crossman	Marc Jules Ocampo
David Tressler	Michael Dalupan
Dylan Flynn	Samuel R. Rodriguez

### 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.*



Allan MacDonnell	Mario Palma
Anastia Umma	Mary Steiner McInnis
Bill Platz	Maureen Bradshaw
Bruce Hamman	Mimi McCall
Cirilo Garcia, Jr.	Pat Bagley
Elaine Dougherty	Phyllis Batt
Fe Abano	Roger Lopez
Gabriel Morales	Rory O'Bar
Gloria Marquez	Rudolfo Guese
Jim Reed	Sarah Maya
Joana Marie Daysor	Theresa Thomas
Jonamel Elemينو	Timothy J. Andrade
Jose Antonio De la Cruz	

## Prayer Requests

Prayer requests for the sick, military or recently deceased may be made by calling 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 [thomas\\_vera@yahoo.com](mailto:thomas_vera@yahoo.com)

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

## Respect Life Ministry

Parish contact: Joanne Dudgeon  
916-607-2228

*A Prayer for Life*

*Father and maker of all, you adorn all creation  
with splendor and beauty, and fashion human lives in  
your image and likeness.*

*Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your  
hands, and renew among your people a readiness to  
nurture and sustain your precious gift of life.*

*Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen*

If anyone is interested in praying with the  
Respect Life team at the abortion mill, call  
Joanne.

## Our Lady of Fatima Procession

July 13, Saturday, following 5pm Mass  
Vestibule

Contact: Henry Altamirano  
925-899-7769

Join us for our monthly processions on the  
13<sup>th</sup> of the month from May to October at  
5:30pm except in July at 6:15 pm and Octo-  
ber at 5 pm. We need four men each  
month to help carry the statue of Our Lady of  
Fatima in the procession.



### Prayer for Truth

*Dear Lord,  
Your prophets were  
those who spoke  
Your Truth.*

*Help me to be a speaker of truth as well, one  
who reminds of Your love, encourages the  
lowly, and points ever more deeply to You.  
Amen.*

## Companioned Prayer Ministry

### St. John's Prayer Circles

Immaculate Heart of Mary:

Mondays, 9:45 am, Church Chapel

Sacred Heart of Jesus:

Wednesdays, 9:45 am, Church Nave

Contact: Michelle Hendricks

[mhendricks@CompanionedPrayer.org](mailto:mhendricks@CompanionedPrayer.org)

*Come experience this prayer of listening to  
God in prayer...*

Have you noticed how Companioned  
Prayer circles are scheduled to meet in the  
silence of our church, in the presence of  
Jesus in the tabernacle for the purpose of  
entering the sacred silence of God found  
within each one of us? This sacred space is  
reserved and planned to be free from  
exterior distractions such as computers, cell  
phones, non-essential talking, and other ex-  
terior noises so that there is an opportunity  
for each person to focus on and listen to God  
in prayer. If you would like to experience  
the love and compassion of Jesus as your  
companion within a quiet way of listening  
to God in prayer, accompanied by a faith  
companion, come pray with us.

## Live the Liturgy

### Inspiration For the Week

When Jesus taught in the synagogue of  
his native place, he didn't fit the image of  
the Messiah the people expected. They  
dismissed him. Let's learn from their ex-  
ample and remember that God often  
comes to us in forms that are surprising  
— even challenging.



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



# SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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

## VBS 2024

### "Scuba - Diving into Friendship with God"

July 29-August 2, 2024

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Daily Sign-in: 8:45 a.m. - 8:55 a.m.

Location: Gallagher Hall

Ages: Kindergarten through 5th grade

Fee: \$30 per student

Contact: Shannon Langer

slanger@folsomcatholic.org

Registration can be done online. We hope to see you there.

We are also looking for volunteers to prepare and run this amazing weeklong event. We are looking for Middle and HS students to be part of our prep team. Prep dates will be every Tuesday starting June 25, 11-6pm in the Parish Hall.

Registration and more information can be found at [folsomcatholic.org/VBS](http://folsomcatholic.org/VBS).

Registration is due by July 19.

The National  
Eucharistic Congress  
is COMING SOON!

### Eucharistic Congress

July 17-21, 2024

Lucas Oil Stadium

Indianapolis, Indiana

[www.eucharisticcongress.org](http://www.eucharisticcongress.org)

*A Catholic Experience Unlike Any Other.*

Our Catholic family will gather to experience profound, personal renewal through the power of Christ's love. Like a new Pentecost, this transformation will flow out from Indianapolis to bring revival in our communities as the Church returns to her first love—the source and summit of our faith. Please keep these members of our parish in prayer; **Rachel Boyd, Rachel Marsh, Aaron Santos, and Riley Silva** as they prepare, journey and participate in this profound revival experience.

## (Practicing) Catholic

### Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

#### A Prophet and His Native Place

"A prophet is not without honor except in his native place." It could be the slogan of high school reunions everywhere.

I speak from experience — I didn't go to my high school reunion, but I do live in the same area in which I grew up. Ghosts from the past lurk in every grocery aisle and gas station. Former classmates fill my prescriptions at the pharmacy. I am always sure to see an old teacher or two at the Fourth of July parade.

If my teenage self knew that this was her future, she would be horrified. She wanted to grow up and move away, not because she didn't like living in this town, but because she wanted to reinvent herself. And you can't reinvent yourself in your native place. In your hometown, you'll always be exactly what you are — no more, no less.

The same was true for Jesus, who was probably the only person actually worthy of admiration at his high school reunion. When he returned to his native place, he was what he had always been — God and man, Messiah, miracle-worker. This is not something he became, it was always within him.

But the people of Nazareth cannot accept it. Why?

Well, probably for the same reason that I wanted to reinvent myself when I was 16. We don't often see anything worth venerating in the "right now" of our lives. We think happiness is a promotion or a pay bump away. We think we'll finally be holy when we find the time to take that silent retreat. We think we will be beautiful when we lose ten pounds.

The Nazarenes lived with God right under their noses, and they didn't realize it. So, when he came in all his greatness, the dissonance was too much to bear, and they rejected him. They didn't want that God — the one they had dismissed or overlooked or ignored. They wanted a different one. A shinier one. One that didn't look like the "right now" of their lives.

But that's where God is, folks. He's in the right now, and nowhere else. He's waiting there for you, with all the happiness, holiness, and beauty your life needs.

*Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." — Mark 6:4*



# CHARITY

## 2nd Collection

This Sunday our second collection is for our RE Program and SJND.

## SAVE THE DATE

**2024 Knights of Columbus  
Pacific Islander Aloha Festival and  
Scholarship Fundraiser**

August 10, 2024, Saturday  
Gallagher Hall  
5pm to 10:00 pm

Lot's of good Fun, Food, Entertainment,  
Raffles, Silent Auction, Photo Booth.  
We are selling "tickets" starting June 15 & 16  
(every other weekend) through August 3/4.  
**NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD ON THE  
DAY OF THE ALOHA FESTIVAL**

## Divine Mercy Ministry

**Loaves and Fishes Breakfast Feeding**

July 24, Wednesday

Contact:

Catherine Scott, 831-402-4681  
Greta Tecson, 916-337-2014

The Divine Mercy Ministry continues to be grateful for the generous response received in the collection of food for the homeless. You are truly sharing God's love with others less fortunate with your contributions. The collection cart remains in the church vestibule for dropping off your donations. Items most requested:

- cup-of-soups, raisins, nuts
- peanut butter and cheese crackers
- hot chocolate packets, oatmeal packets
- bottled water, fruit juices
- nutritious granola bars, fruit cups
- jelly/jam
- ceramic cups

Fresh fruits are welcome and should be dropped off the day before, on Tuesday during church open hours. Bibles, holy cards, rosaries and religious reading materials are also appreciated. All donations will personally be handed out at Friendship Park with smiles of caring and encouragement.

Are you interested in driving or helping serve, call Greta or Catherine.

## Saint of the Week Examples of Our Faith

Born Caterina

de' Pazzi, to a noble family in Florence, St. Mary Magdalen de' Pazzi (April 2, 1566 – May 25, 1607), has been called the "ecstatic saint" or "The Passion Flower of the Eucharist," because of the trance-like state, or ecstasy, she entered for long periods after receiving Holy Communion. An ecstasy is when a person's internal and external senses are completely occupied by God, so much so that the individual is entirely unaware of anything other than God.

Caterina learned to meditate at age 9, and took her first communion at age 10, which was young for her time. She was so moved by the experience that she took a personal vow of virginity. She longed to be able to receive the blessed sacrament every day and so at 16, she entered the Carmelite convent of Santa Maria del' Angeli, which had a special dispensation to celebrate the Eucharist daily.

As a novice she took the name Mary Magdalen. In 1584, she became so ill that the sisters feared she would die and so she was allowed to profess her vows from a stretcher in the chapel. What followed was a miracle. For 40 days she would enter a state of ecstasy lasting several hours after receiving Holy Communion. She recovered from her illness and her sisters recorded the teachings she offered during the ecstasies, they are collected in "Revelations and Intelligences." Her years of ecstasies and visions, which she saw as witness of her sins rather than a reward for her holiness, were followed by five years of temptation, doubt, and suffering.

She led an exemplary life of service as mistress of novices and postulants, and eventually the superior. She died on May 25, 1607, after a long excruciatingly painful illness. She was beatified by Pope Urban VIII in 1626 and canonized by Pope Clement IX in 1669.

St. Mary Magdalen de' Pazzi, pray for us!



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



## Read the Gospel and Color

**Mk 6:1-6a**

Have you ever felt left out? Jesus did. In today's Gospel, Jesus visited his relatives and old friends. These were the people he grew up with, the people who knew him the best. All of a sudden Jesus was not acting like he used to. They heard that Jesus was healing people, raising people from the dead, and telling evil spirits to leave. Jesus was even teaching about God's kingdom, like he really knew what he was talking about! Well, Jesus' old friends and neighbors did not like it one bit. How sad for them. God's own Son wanted to help them, but they didn't want it.

## Mission for the Week

Read today's Gospel with your family. Talk about ways that people sometimes turn Jesus away. Pray together, asking God to keep you close to Jesus.

## Prayer

Dear God, help me to listen to you and to accept the help that you want to give me. Amen.

## Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel.

Jesus	power	prophet
taught	miracle	heal
wisdom	town	faith

Jseus	<u>J</u> <u>e</u> <u>s</u> <u>u</u> <u>s</u>
pwers	— — — — —
phetrop	— — — — —
fathi	— — — — —
tnow	— — — — —
wisomd	— — — — —
taghtu	— — — — —
mirclea	— — — — —
hale	— — — — —



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



# MINISTRIES

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

Our parish is enriched with many ministries, please consider learning about and engaging in one or more of our ministries. Call the contact listed .

## Welcoming Ministries

### New Parishioner Welcoming Ministry

Joyce Starosciak, 916-740-4628

### Greeter Ministry

Lori Hopper, 916-337-0139

### Ushers

Stanley Posis, 916-705-9192

## Prayer Ministries

### Companioned Prayer

Michelle Hendricks,  
mhendricks@companionedprayer.org  
*Mondays, Immaculate Heart of Mary Prayer Circle*  
*Wednesdays, Sacred Heart of Jesus Prayer Circle*  
9:45 am, Church Chapel

### Divine Mercy Devotion/Cenacle

Leilani Badley, 703-855-6241  
- *Chaplet/Rosary/Morning Prayer*  
- *Cenacle* - Leilani Badley, 703-855-6241  
- *Cenacle-Spanish* - Nury Pun, 916-212-7201

### Eucharistic Adoration

Veronica Thomas, thomas\_vera@yahoo.com  
*Sign Up for adorers is in the vestibule*

### Marian Cenacle (Marian Movement of Priests)

- *English* - 1st Wednesday of the month, 10am  
Sally Gomez, 916-693-2411  
- *Spanish* - Every Saturday  
Carmen Gaytan, 916-757-3893

### Our Lady of Fatima

Henry Altamirano, 925-899-7769

## Spiritual Growth Ministries

### Adult Scripture Study

Lee & Teresa Weider, 916-398-1116

### Couples for Christ

Myrah Empleo, 661-993-4721

### Faith Untapped

Rachel Marsh, 916-945-6992

### Lay Mission Project

Laura Wicklman, 916-933-8471

### 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

### WINGS (Women in Growth Spiritually)

Trista Gooderham, 612-382-7655

### Youth/Young Adults Ministries

Aaron Santos, asantos@folsomcatholic.org

## Parish Committees/Councils

### Finance Council

Patty Robertson, 916-220-3600

### Liturgy Committee

Barbara Bowden, 916-984-9476

### Pastoral Council

Shannon Frazier, 916-761-2912

## Outreach/Charity Ministries

### Bereavement Hospitality/Receptions

Parish Office, 916-985-2065

### Filipino Apostolate

Lili Rehwald, 916-220-2483

### Gabriel Project

Debbie Sultan, 916-337-5786

### Grace Quilters Ministry

Catherine Scott, 831-402-4681

### Knights of Columbus

Tom Ireland, 310-347-7180

### Ministerio Pastoral Hispano

Beatriz LeCam, 916-765-3569

### 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

### Respect Life Ministry

Joanne Dudgeon, 916-607-2228

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

Keith Martin, Principal, 916-985-4129

### Senior Visitation

Charlene Agles, 916-984-9602

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

Mercy Knight, 916-985-4630

## Liturgical Ministries

### Altar Servers

Hugo Schmidt, 916-817-4541

### Children's Liturgy during Mass

Rachel Boyd, 916-296-3712

### Extraord. Ministers of Holy Communion

Steve & Mary Anne 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

Parish Office, 916-985-2065

### Family Fellowship

Rachel Marsh, 916-945-6992

### Gift Shop

Connie Aley, 916-337-3607

### Security Ministry

Jim Miller, 916-220-4311

### Women's Game Day

Every Wednesday, Garden Room, 11am - 4:30pm.  
Roberta Puzio, 916-933-2561



## Why Do We Do That—Catholic Life Explained

### Face-to-Face Confession

*In today's digital world, do we really need to be face-to-face with a priest to confess our sins?  
Would Facetime or Zoom ever be allowed?*



The question of whether or not Catholics can celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation virtually (via social media, by phone, or in some other way) is a question that has actually been around for several years. The recent COVID-19 pandemic brought the question back in a new way, especially as many parishes were forced to introduce a sort of “social distanced” confession, with the sacrament being celebrated outdoors.

In reflecting on this question, however, there are a couple points that we want to keep in mind. First, as the Code of Canon Law observes in different places, the faithful have a right to the sacraments of the Church and the Church’s ministers have a responsibility to make them accessible. At the same time, however, we always have to be sure that we respect the nature of the sacraments themselves.

Although modern forms of technology and communication can help us in our work of evangelization catechesis, the Pontifical Council for Social Communication has reminded us that, “Virtual reality is no substitute for the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, the sacramental reality of the other sacraments, and shared worship in a flesh and blood human community. There are no sacraments on the internet” (The Church and the Internet, no. 9). Although our encounters with others on the internet and via social media can be considered “real” in one sense, in the sacraments we encounter Christ in a personal and ecclesial way. It is never just a private experience but is always grounded in the life of the Church and this means that it must truly be personal, including the contact between the confessor and the penitent. While the convenience or ease of online celebrations might be appealing for many reasons, at heart, we always want to keep in mind the fullness of the Church’s tradition and the meaning of the sacraments.

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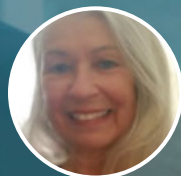
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