



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Catholic Church

AUGUST 29, 2021



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15

Sacraments

Weekend Mass Times

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

1st Sunday Spanish 1:30 pm

Daily Mass Times

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

Holy Day Mass Times

6:30 am
8:15 am
12:00 pm
7:00 pm

Reconciliation / Confession

Saturday 3 - 4:30 pm
& by appointment

All Other Sacraments

Please call the office for information.

Clergy

Fr. Renier Siva

Pastor

Fr. Cleetus Karakkat

Parochial Vicar

William Goeke

Jim McFadden

Deacons

Fr. Ignatius Haran

Pastor Emeritus

Parish Office

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

Website:

FolsomCatholic.org

Social Media:

@FolsomCatholic

Bulletin

FolsomCatholic.org/bulletin

Bulletin Date	Ads Due by 5pm
September 5	August 26
September 12	August 31
September 19	September 9

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

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8 / Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a] / Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 / Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

"The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord. "

(Ps 15)

Gospel Meditation

Albert Einstein said that the "true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination." Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules and rituals and consider the job done. Quite contrarily, the Gospels demands creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God's children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are.

For Jesus, it often meant breaking a few rules. Well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God's compassion, mercy and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition. This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar knocking on our door or the sinner looking for mercy. It is no wonder, then, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgment and self-preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into which we can easily fall. Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed!

Here enters the need for imagination and the distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent person. It takes a good measure of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God's word and not merely a hearer. Being a person who doesn't just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That's why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless. Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It's risky business taking the step to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, infidelity, greed, malice, sexual improprieties, licentiousness, envy, arrogance, folly, and the like takes courage. That's why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling.

Scripture Reflections

First Reading

As Moses prepared the Israelites to settle and live in the Promised Land he urged them to stay close to God's commandments and statutes in order to become a "great nation."

Why do you think so many nations stray from this idea?

Second Reading

In the opening verses of his letter, James urges his readers to be "doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves." Why do you think this is wise advice?

Gospel

In returning to the Gospel of Mark, we hear today how the religious leaders from Jerusalem questioned Jesus about keeping "the tradition of the elders." Jesus responded with the importance of being clean of heart. Why is this such a challenging spiritual exercise?



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

Knights of Columbus

Soccer Challenge Competition

September 11, Saturday, 9:00am

St John the Baptist Soccer Field

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

This Knights of Columbus Youth Program is "open" to the public and all boys and girls, ages 9-14 performing the "penalty kick" competition. Each contestant receives 3 practice kicks followed by 15 consecutive kicks from the penalty line. All age groups kick from the same distance.

Please contact Knights Dick Phelan or Percy Park for Soccer Challenge Application/ Score Sheets Form #4578. These forms will also be available the day of registration. Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate to verify their age group for the competition. Eligibility determined by age as of September 1.

Registration begins at 9am. Competition ends at 1pm with the Awards Ceremony.

Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Contact: Aaron Santos

209-627-8621

asantos@folsomcatholic.org

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

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

NorCal ON FiRE Jam

September 18, Saturday, 9:00 – 8:30pm

Contact: Aaron Santos

asantos@folsomcatholic.org or

916-985-2065

ON FIRE 2021 will be live and in-person at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom. We will be together again with youth and young adults from the 9 Northern California and Nevada dioceses for a day of fellowship, prayer, and fun! We will start with a Mass with bishops from the sponsoring diocese, have an all you can eat lunch, time to go on rides, and be inspired by our speakers Fr. Radmar Jao, SJ and Sr. Josephine Garrett. Please contact Aaron if you are interested in purchasing tickets.

New to the Parish?

Contact: Joyce Starosciak

jastaros@gmail.com

916-740-4628

The St. John the Baptist Welcoming Ministry is holding two orientation sessions for new parishioners:

- September 11, 3:45 pm
- September 12, 10:15 am

You will get to meet other new parishioners, learn about our ministries, and take a guided tour of the parish facilities. The orientation will end before Mass. Attendance via zoom is an option, if you cannot attend in person. Please contact Joyce to register.

Give it all Back

Pop culture has given us a unique idea of the term justice. Justice, we often think, is about taking. Taking what's owed. Taking revenge. Taking what we deserve. This worldview tends to make mincemeat of our Catholic social teachings. Seeking the good of the poor, a call to community and participation, solidarity — on the face of it, in a society where everything must be earned and we are encouraged to hoard for ourselves whatever success we can achieve, these principles look a lot like highway robbery.

But when you remember the presence of an omnipotent, all-loving and all-merciful God, it turns our gunslinging sense of justice on its head. For how does justice inhabit the same universe as a God who is so quick to give and indeed to forgive?

Well, very easily, when we remember Who exactly is the source of every good and perfect thing in this world. There is no law that cannot be traced back to the Word. And the Word saves our souls.

Is that justice? No, that is a gift. It is the reckless, indulgent gift of a father whose love is greater than His anger. What is justice in the Biblical sense?

The answer is simple. Look at your life. See the hours in your day? See your spouse, your kids, your grandkids? See the house they live in, the money in your wallet, the food in your fridge, the breath in your lungs?

Calling it all your own, refusing to share any of it — that's robbery. Giving it all back to the One who gave it to you — that's justice.
~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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

Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 29th

7:30am Mila Matute†
9:00am People of the Parish
11:30am Leonardo Remedios†
6:00pm Chris Ely (birthday)

Monday, August 30th

6:30am Karen Duggan†
8:15am Bob Miranda†

Tuesday, August 31st

6:30am Joe Cadungog†
8:15am Aleyamma Joseph

Wednesday, September 1st

6:30am Eddie Campos†
8:15am Ramon Ewican†

Thursday, September 2nd

6:30am Trinidad Gaytan†
8:15am Eamon Sweeney†

Friday, September 3rd

6:30am Eddie Campos†
8:15am Barney Hays

Saturday, September 4th

5:00pm People of the Parish

Observances

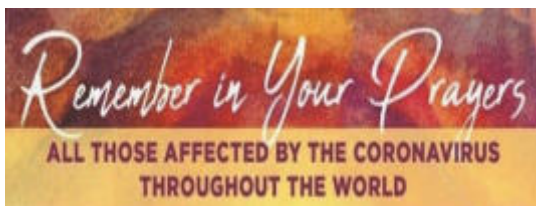
We Celebrate This Week

Fri: St. Gregory the Great

August is Dedicated to: The Immaculate Heart of Mary

Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for August The Church

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



Intercessory Prayers

Prayers for the Sick

*We pray for our sick parishioners, family and friends,
and those in need of healing of the body and soul.*

Arlis Himmelmann	Karen Bookey
Baby Terran Smith	Kimanh Davis
Bonnie O'Dell	Larry Boushey
Chris Cordova	Leopoldo Martinez
Chris Ely	Lora Iliff
Christopher Kovarik	Lucy Tran
Colleen Barler	Margaret Kimball
David Allingham	Marelou Montemayor
Dennis Barler	Melvin Solie
Dorothy Wilhite	Minh Davis
Eberado Madueno	Monica Heffel
Geraldine Giacobazzi	Pierre Lavapie
Hardip Dosangh	Roger Boushey
John Bothelio	Snyder Family
Joseph Cardenas	Tom Rawson
Joshua Weidinger	Vickie Luster

Prayers for Our Troops

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

Michael Dalupan

Prayers for the Recently Deceased

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



AB Martinez	Luella Heney
Alfonso Cruz	Maria M. Acosta
Andrew Bower	Maria Novello
Bob McIntyre	Marjorie Cutone
Bob Miranda	Martha Ritchey
Bud Geisner	Oliver Deegan
Catherine Squires	Puspa Banka
Corey Hendon	Raul Edward Martin
David Fredericks	Robert Coughlin
Esperanza Olson Garcia	Sister Mary Virginia, RSM
Fabian Generao	Soledad De Maria Urdaneta
Francisco Henriquez	Theresa Ann Collins
Hilarion Aspera	Therese Brelivet
Janina Frys	Victorino Vargas
Joe Cadungog	William Heffel
Jong Nam Han	
Karen Norris	

Prayer Requests

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

St. John the Baptist,
May we be strengthened by
your prayers and good
example as we prepare the
way for the healing power
of Jesus.





The Adoration Chapel

Chapel hours are: Mon-Fri 9am - 8pm,
Sat 9am - 5pm and Sun 7am -11am

First Friday of every month Eucharistic Adoration:
9am to 7pm in the church

The Adoration Ministry has immediate need for dedicated adorers for these hours

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

To sign up please contact Veronica Thomas at thomas_vera@yahoo.com

40DaysforLife"365"

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

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

Live Stream Mass

scd.org/coronavirus/livestream-mass

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

Church Hours

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

Confession

Saturdays: 3 - 4:30 pm
and by appointment

Confessions at this time are offered outside of the confessional. We will continue a face to face format in a larger setting.



*God of all creation,
you have given us the responsibility of a
steward, one who cares for something.
Our stewardship is to care for our common
home, the earth.*

*We look to your goodness
shown to us by all the good gifts the earth
bestows upon us:*

*The rain to water the ground.
The crops that spring from the ground.
The animals that roam the fields.
The medicines that come from the plants.*

*We also look to you for the wisdom
to care for this creation of yours:
Give us wisdom to know how and when
this good earth needs our special attention.*

*Helps us not to be shortsighted
and assume that the earth can heal itself
without our help.*

*You created us from the earth and we
depend upon it for our health.
We ask all from you, and give
all back to you.*

*This we do in Jesus' name
who is our brother and savior.*

Amen.



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



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

Join The Knights Of Columbus

Join Today - Free Membership*

For new online membership applications submitted the entire month of August. Visit kofc.org/joinus enter code: MCGIVNEY2020

*for 1-year of online membership, regular dues are \$30/year thereafter.



Inspiration for the Week

What makes a person wise and intelligent? Certainly it is not the ability to memorize facts or minute details about a situation. What makes a person wise and intelligent is when their words and actions harmoniously unite and produce virtue. A person can know many facts and even do the right actions but still have a grave flaw in their character. We sometimes want to delude ourselves into thinking that as long as we are “doing” everything correctly, we are automatically in right relationship with all. Such is sadly not the case in the kingdom of God. We are called not to be just hearers of the Word, but doers as well. That means getting to the heart of what laws and rituals are meant to signify and nurture. If we do not bring the actions home, where they belong, and allow them to speak of the goodness, mercy, compassion, and love of God, then they are simply empty worthless gestures. Welcome the Word that has been planted within you so that you can be a truly wise and intelligent disciple of Jesus Christ.

Praise and Worship

September 8, Wednesday, 6:30 pm

Contact: David Brauer
dabrauer@hotmail.com

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

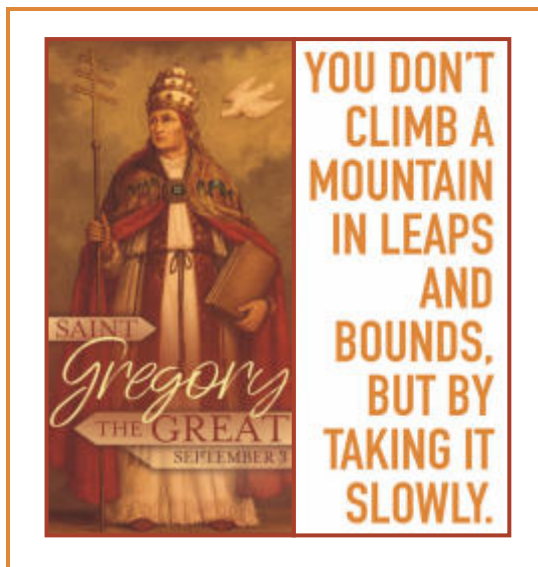
Stand Up for Life Campaign: SB245 Advocacy Outreach

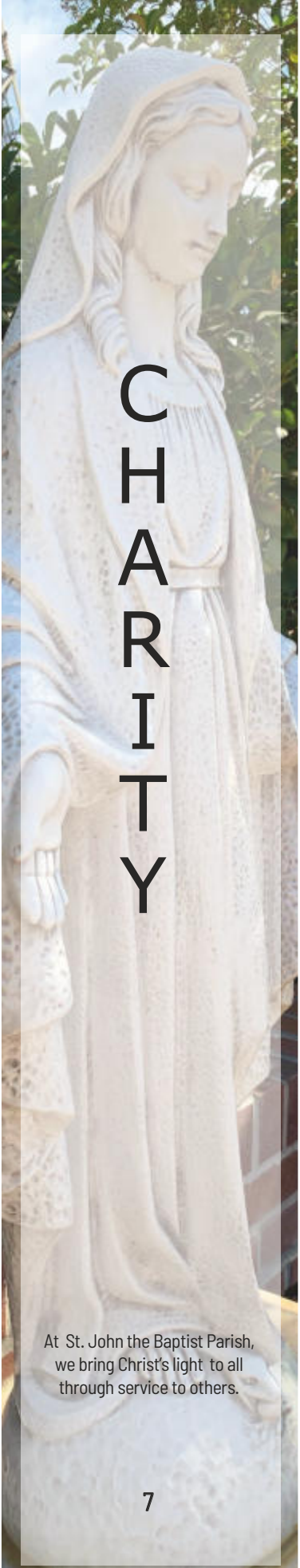
We are in urgent need of your support to protect those most vulnerable. Bishop Soto is urging each person to take some time to make calls to their State Representatives and to ask to oppose SB 245.

"SB 245 violates the covenant of life and love by discarding those who are seen as useless and necessary. The pandemic has made clear that we are all essential in the eyes of God." This bill expands abortion by removing deductibles, co-payments, and other cost-sharing.

State Legislators will be heading back to State Capitol to vote on August 16 - September 17. Let us make our voices heard by signing letters to your Representatives, and making calls to your Representative's office.

Information about this bill and useful resources are available on the Diocesan website at <https://scd.org/sb245>





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

Stewardship of Treasure the Lord Has Entrusted to Us

Weekly goal: \$25,529.00
Weekly Offerings:

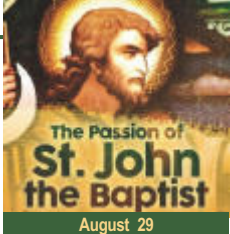
August 21/22 \$16,025

2nd Collection

This weekend the fifth Sunday of the month our second collection will be for St. Vincent de Paul. Donations are used to assist families in our community with rent and utilities, and if needed, to purchase food to restock the pantry. Envelopes will be in the vestibule.

We thank you in advance for your ongoing support. Your donations - financial, food, clothing and household items - have made it possible for us to address the needs of our families.

If you have any questions or need information, we are open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon or you can call us at 916-985-4630. May God bless you and your families.



“Now Herod had arrested John, bound and put him in prison on account of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip, for John had said to him, “It is not lawful for you to have her.” Although he wanted to kill him, he feared the people, for they regarded him as a prophet. But at a birthday celebration for Herod, the daughter of Herodias performed a dance before the guests and delighted Herod so much that he swore to give her whatever she might as for. Prompted by her mother, she said, “Give me here on a platter the head of John the Baptist.” The king was distressed, but because of his oaths and the guests who were present, he ordered that it be given, and he had John beheaded in the prison. His head was brought in on a platter and given to the girl, who took it to her mother. His disciples came and took away the corpse and buried him; and they went and told Jesus.” (Mt 14)

Jesus grieved the death of John and took seriously the threat it posed for him. He withdrew with his disciples for a time to ponder its meaning and to find inspiration in John's courage and faith. We are invited to do the same. ncronline.org

Senior Visitation Ministry Who We Are

Contact Charlene Agles
charleneagles@gmail.com, 916-984-9602

We are a group of dedicated compassionate individuals, from St. John's Parish, who volunteer their time in visiting the home-bound and elderly in our community who live alone or in an assisted living facility. During their visits they may offer SPIRITUAL and EMOTIONAL SUPPORT, COMPANIONSHIP and SOCIALIZATION. Men, women, and couples are welcome to have visits from our Ministry.

If you are interested in having someone visit you, a relative, friend, acquaintance or may be aware of anyone that would benefit from our Ministry, please contact the Parish Office, go to the Parish website, or contact Charlene. There are brochures in the church vestibule. We are hoping to be able to start visiting again in the very near future.

Fundraising Dinner

14th Annual Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home
September 12, 2021, Sunday
Armaans Palace Event Hall
2301 Longport Ct., Elk Grove, CA 95758
bgmhsacramento.org/events

\$85/ per person
5pm Social Hour • 6pm Dinner Service
7pm Program

Three Dinner Entree Choices:
Marinated Tri Tip
Grilled Garlic Herb Chicken
Vegetarian Pasta

(each served with grilled seasonal veggies, roasted Yukon potatoes, & caprese salad)

Space is limited. Reservations will be required and need to be in by August 31, 2021. Questions call (916) 395-3962 ext.105. Please leave a message and a volunteer will return your call.

Send reservations to:
BGMH Dinner:
PO Box 221155. Sacramento, Ca 95822
Please include your telephone number, & dinner selections with your payment.

Buy your Raffle tickets too!
\$10 each or 5 for \$45
Download raffle tickets at
bgmhsacramento.org/events



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."

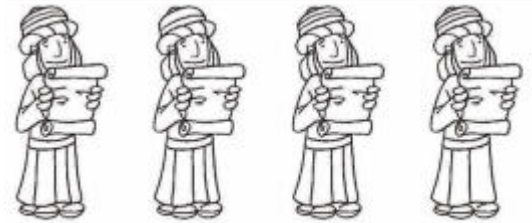
Sharing the Gospel

Wash your hands before you eat! Did you know that rule came from God, so that we would stay healthy? In today's Gospel, the Pharisees liked to wash their hands and follow God's rules, only because they liked to show off. Don't be like those Pharisees. When you follow God's rules, do the right thing out of love for God.



Puzzle

Find the matching pair



✝️ Mission for the Week

The next time you wash your hands, thank God that he made rules to keep us all safe, healthy and happy.



Prayer

Dear God, help me to keep my heart clean, full of love for you and other people.

✍️ Read the Gospel and Color

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



ANSWER: three and six

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

Welcoming Ministries

Communications Ministry

Parish Office, 916-985-2065

Ministers of Hospitality

Shannon Bleeker, 916-200-8059

New Parishioner Welcoming Ministry

Joyce Starosciak, 916-740-4628

Ushers

Stanley Posis, 916-705-9192

Prayer Ministries

Companioned Prayer

Dcn. Bill Goeke, 916-673-7996

Divine Mercy Devotion/Cenacle

Zoanne Tafolla, 707-333-7359

-*Chaplet/Rosary/Morning Prayer*

-*Divine Mercy Chaplet/Mass*

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

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

Eucharistic Adoration

Veronica Thomas, thomas_vera@yahoo.com

1st Friday of the Month - 9am - 7pm (church),

Sign Up for adorers is in the vestibule

Marian Cenacle (Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle)

-*English* - 1st Saturday of the month

Sally Gomez, 916-693-2411

-*Spanish* - 2nd Wednesday of the month

Ana Haid, 916-956-1177

Our Lady of Fatima

Henry Altamirano, 925-899-7769

Spiritual Growth Ministries

Adult Scripture Study

Lee & Teresa Weider, 916-983-8065

Couples for Christ

Myrah Empleo, 661-993-4721

Praise & Worship

David Brauer, dabrauer@hotmail.com

Religious Education

Shannon Langer, 916-985-7338

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Shannon Langer, 916-985-7338

Theology on Tap

Aaron Santos, 916-985-2065

WINGS (Women in Growth Spiritually)

Parish Office, 916-985-2065

Youth/Young Adults Ministries

Aaron Santos, asantos@folsomcatholic.org

Parish Committees/Councils

Finance Council

Joyce Starosciak, 916-740-4628

Liturgy Committee

Barbara Bowden, 916-984-9476

Pastoral Council

Shannon Frazier, 916-761-2912

Outreach/Charity Ministries

Bereavement Hospitality/Receptions

Nina Pucci, 916-947-6386

Catholics for Life

Kathy Baxter, 916-337-6824

Gabriel Project

Debbie Sultan, 916-337-5786

Grace Quilters Ministry

Catherine Scott, 831-402-4681

Grupo Pastoral Hispano

Rommel Hernández, 530-387-1009

Knights of Columbus

Hugo Schmidt, 916-817-4541

Pastoral Care Ministry

Dan Dunne, 916-817-1675; Sunday

Candice Ralston, 916-806-8090; Tuesday

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Catherine Scott, 831-402-4681

Prison/Restorative Justice Ministry

-Folsom Prison - Fr. H. Gomez, 916-985-2561 x 4206

-CSP Sacramento - Greg Mellor,
Catholic Chaplain, 916-985-8610 x6425

School Ministry (St. John Notre Dame)

Keith Martin, Principal, 916-985-4129

Senior Visitation

Charlene Agles, 916-984-9602

St. Vincent de Paul (Helping Hands)

Mercy Knight, 916-985-4630

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Servers

Hugo Schmidt, 916-817-4541

Children's Liturgy during Mass

Shannon Langer, 916-985-7338

Extraord. Ministers of Holy Communion

Steve & Maryanne Ashley, 916-479-2214

Lectors

Patti Midtlyng, 916-837-8322

Liturgical Environment

Arlette Peterson, 916-220-5968

Music - See choir director after Mass.

Additional Ministries

Children's Babysitting at Mass

Georgia Oatmeyer, 916-201-3193

Family Fellowship

Carol Stephenson, 916-952-6744

Gift Shop

Connie Aley, 916-984-9284

Women's Game Day

Roberta Puzio, 916-933-2561

MINISTRIES

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

Laudato Si' : On Care For Our Common Home

“Praise be to you, my Lord.”

These are the words that open Pope Francis’ encyclical on ecology and care for God’s creation. These words, quoting St. Francis of Assisi’s beautiful canticle, remind us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. Pope Francis’ encyclical letter Laudato Si’ was released in June 2015. Five years later, in 2020, Pope Francis invited all Catholics and people of good will to celebrate its fifth anniversary by protecting families and future generations through action to care for our common home. Each of us are called to take concrete steps – from reducing consumption to working for political change – to better care for creation. Here are some ideas.

1. Become more aware of our connectedness. Care for one another and creation includes understanding that “everything is connected” (no. 91) and that the economy, politics, community involvement, and technology all affect the future of the planet and humankind. How can we become more aware of our connectedness?
2. Changes to lifestyle and consumption habits can make a big difference. For example, get a re-usable water bottle, take shorter showers, walk, bike or take public transportation instead of driving, recycle, compost food waste, and buy energy efficient appliances.
3. Make changes institutionally at your parish, school, or workplace. For example, start recycling and composting, use washable dinnerware in cafeterias, share electronically instead of printing, do an energy audit, and install solar panels.
4. Support local efforts to solve environmental problems. Community groups around the country are working to make city, county, and state-wide changes that can make a big difference. Find out what is going on locally and get involved
5. Contact your members of Congress to share Pope Francis’ message and urge action to address climate change.



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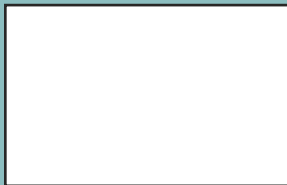
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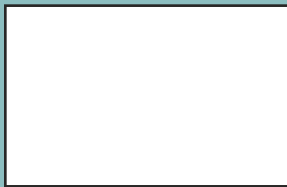
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