



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Catholic Church

JANUARY 1, 2023



MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

And Mary kept all these things,
reflecting on them in her heart. - Lk 2:19

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
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Bulletin

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Bulletin Date	Ads Due by 5pm
Jan 8	Dec 20
Jan 15	Jan 5
Jan 22	Jan 12
Jan 29	Jan 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

Nm 6:22-27 / Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a) / Gal 4:4-7 / Lk 2:16-21

"May God bless us in his mercy."

(Ps 67)

Gospel Meditation

Father John Muir

We hide ourselves and our secrets from God because we are afraid. Even Mary can seem too perfect to approach. The shepherds find the strength to speak to Mary and Joseph at the moment they see the child in the manger. They open their hearts and share what they've experienced. Saint Luke writes of the shepherds, "When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child."

When I was a college student, I visited Rome. Beggars often approached and said, "Mangia? Mangia?" I didn't speak Italian and thought, "Why are they speaking about the Christmas nativity scene?" My friend said, "Mangia means eat. They're hungry." That's when I realized more deeply than ever before that Mary puts her baby in a place designed for hungry animals to eat.

See that baby in the manger in your heart. Imagine Mary kneeling nearby looking at you with love. She doesn't cling to God for herself. In that cave, from the beginning, she quietly offers her son to hungry souls. The manger means vulnerable self-offering love. That's the sign. This week that same manger opens our hearts to tell Mary about our lives, too.

Scripture Reflections

First Reading

This priestly prayer was originally for the ancient Israelites who dedicated themselves to the Lord in the time of Moses. The prayer is filled with the hope of God's blessing, generosity, kindness, and peace. Which part of this prayer (God's blessing, generosity, kindness, or peace) do you most need this week?

Second Reading

Paul teaches "the fullness of time had come" in Mary's birth of Jesus in that all believers are now "heir" (adopted sons and daughters) to God's promises made to Israel. Have you ever been "heir" to something from your family?

Gospel

Luke teaches us that Mary — even as a young woman — reflected in her heart the events she was experiencing with her newborn son, Jesus.

How often do you pray and reflect on events within your own life or in the life of others?

Parish Office Holiday Closure

The Parish Office will be closed January 2 in observance of the New Year's holiday.

The Knights of Columbus Council 6197

2023 Free Throw Championship

January 14, 2023, Saturday
9 am – 1 pm* (register @ 9am)

*Schedule subject to number of entrants
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 shoot 15 free throws against competitors of the same age and gender.

A copy of participant's birth certificate must accompany each entry form. Age group "cutoff date" is Jan 1. Forms require signature of parent or guardian. Forms available at the event or online:
<https://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/programs/free-throw-championship/1598-free-throw-entry-form-score-sheet.pdf>

Volunteers needed:

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. – Setup for the event
9:00 – 12:00 pm – Keep score, register applicants, and rebound.

This Knights event is "OPEN" to the public, SJND students, local schools, children attending R.E. classes at St. John, St. John's Youth Group, and children and/or grandchildren of Knights of Columbus.

Please Register or Update Your Parish Contact Information

Non-registered parishioners, we encourage you to register with our Church in order to enjoy the full benefits of our parish family. For those already registered, please be sure that you have kept the Parish Office up to date with your phone numbers and addresses; both email and home. We have discovered that some of our parishioners' contact phone numbers, addresses and emails have been changed over the years and are no longer valid.

You can register or update your information by downloading a form from our website at folsomcatholic.org/new.



The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."

Live the Liturgy

Inspiration For the Week

The shepherds returned from Bethlehem "glorifying and praising God." They were affected deeply by the sight of the infant Messiah and the message of the angels. What would the world look like, if we allowed ourselves to be likewise impacted by the word of God?

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



PRAYER

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

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 1st

7:30am Angeline Rabadam+
9:00am Albert Quesnel+
Hermie Francisco (*birthday*)
11:30am Paul Lemoge+
Anthony Almazan+
1:30pm Joseph & Purificacion Siruno+
6:00pm Joseph John Pham+

Monday, January 2nd

6:30am Oliver Morton+
8:15am Khanh Doan (*healing*)

Tuesday, January 3rd

6:30am Chuck Dingman+
8:15am Marcel & Teodora Austria+

Wednesday, January 4th

6:30am Jasmine Doan (*birthday*)
8:15am Lauren Dalupan (*birthday*)

Thursday, January 5th

6:30am
8:15am Sarah Anderson (*special intention*)
Joann Siruno-Perez (*birthday*)

Friday, January 6th

6:30am Adaline Dalupan (*1st birthday*)
8:15am Lori Rico+
Thomas Cornwell+

Saturday, January 7th

5:00pm Prasana & Placida (*35th wedding anniv*)
LaVerne King+

Observances We Celebrate This Week

Monday

Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

Tuesday

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Wednesday

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Thursday

St. John Neumann

Friday

St. André Bessette

Saturday

St. Raymond of Penyafort

January is Dedicated to:

The Holy Name of Jesus

Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for January For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

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.

Angeles Montemayor	Jonathan Pacheco
Antonio Matos	Joy Bryla
Christina Martinez	Kimanh Davis
Cora Gonzales	Kyle Pasterski
Danny Martinez	Lance Alameda
David Ryan	Margie Reilly
Debbie Finnegan	Mary Ann Heinen
Denise Scanlan	Michael Ort
Dennis Brosterhous	Sergio Rico
Jim Curry	Tess Beltran
Jim Reed	
Jody Park	

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 recently died, our family members, friends, and parishioners. May they rest in peace.

Bob Ely	Katherine Springer
Carol Flack	McLaughlin
Elaine Sharp	Oliver Morton
Janice Crawford	Patrick Warholc
Janine Martin	Patrick Van Derwood
John P. Kurlinski	Rita Swingle
	Tristen Williams

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.

Mass Intention Requests

The 2023 Mass Intention Book is open and ready for scheduling. Scheduled Mass Intentions are being accepted for the first quarter of the year (January - March only). Limit of 5 intentions. Please visit the Parish Office with your request.



World Day of Peace
January 1



The Adoration Chapel

Chapel hours are: Mon-Thu 9am - 8pm,
Sat 9am - 5pm and Sun 7am -11am
Friday Adoration is in the church: 9am to 7pm

The Chapel will be closed December 31 & January 1

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

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

Confession

Saturdays: 3 - 4:30 pm & by appointment

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

Respect Life Ministry

"365" Days for Life

Tues, Wed, Thurs, 8am-2pm
Planned Parenthood
201 29th St, Sacramento
Contact: Joanne Dudgeon
916-607-2228

We praise God for the **540 babies saved, 6 abortion workers converted, and 12 abortion facilities closed.** These are the outcomes that we know of during this past "40 Days for Life" campaign nationwide. There may even be more babies saved because moms don't always share this news with people outside the clinic. Thank you all for your prayers, fasting, and being a witness for life.

Our focus now are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, which are late term surgical abortion days.

Prayer and help continue throughout the year so if you can come out to pray, bring a folding chair and come with us on a Wednesday leaving St. Johns at 10:30am staying from 11:00am-1:00pm. Call Joanne.

Mary, Mother of God

This solemnity is a rather recent addition to the cycle of seasons, Sundays, and feasts in our liturgical year. We have Pope Paul VI to thank for the 1974 enshrining of the devotion to Mary into our calendar on January 1.

It is also a day in our calendar as a World Day for Peace.

Let us pray...

*God of heaven and earth,
you came to us and took our earthly flesh
through the gift of Mary's yes.*

*She is our Mother in faith,
as she is your earthly mother.*

*We are thankful beyond our ability to
thank you for the gift of her Son as our
brother and savior.*

*Through her self-giving,
we have been reconciled to you.*

*Bless us as we begin this New Year
and endow us with the desire and ability
to create a world of peace.*

*We ask all this,
through the intercession of Mary to you,
one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

Amen.





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

Lay Mission Project

Contact: Laura Wicklman
916-933-8471

The Lay Mission Project is the only known formation for the Laity. Lay Mission Project is designed to provide knowledge, resources, community, tools and education to cultivate a relationship with our Savior, Jesus Christ and to continue his work in this world. St. John the Baptist has had 2 cohorts journey through the Lay Mission project. They have seen their lives change, deepen their relationship with Christ and be transformed. A 3rd cohort will be starting in 2023. Look for future announcements in the bulletin. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Laura and please see the Lay Mission Project website for a brief introduction at: laymission.net.

11-Day Catholic Pilgrimage to Italy

Join Fr. Jovito Rata & Fr. Renier Siva
May 29 - June 8, 2023
\$3,995

Including: Assisi, Lanciano, San Giovanni Rotondo, Monte Sant'Angelo, Pietrelcina, Rome & the Vatican.

All-inclusive from San Francisco, CA. Daily Mass at the holy sites. A detailed brochure is available for pickup in the Parish Office.

Fight for Freedom: 7 Ways Everyone Can Stand Up Against Human Trafficking

January 18, Wednesday, 7-8:30 pm
Good Shepherd Parish
9539 Racquet Court, Elk Grove, CA
Antony Ta, ata@scd.org

Is human trafficking happening in Sacramento? Does it target certain people or all? How does it affect me?

January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Young adults in their 20s & 30s are invited to the next "Into the Mix" for this important conversation. Molly Sheahan from the California Catholic Conference will provide us with an engaging conversation on how it affects our community and what we can do to fight it. For information or to register visit: <https://www.scd.org/intothemix2023>



(Practicing) Catholic

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

She Kept All of These Things in Her Heart

"What was my first word? Who was there when I was born? When did I start to walk? Which toys did I play with? What made me cry when I was a baby?"

My oldest has reached the age where she has started to ask questions like this. As she grows up, she is realizing that, in order to understand the world around her, she must first understand herself. This makes her insatiably curious about her own identity, her history — her "origin story," as they say in the movies.

I've got most of it documented either in writing or in photos, but even if it's a detail that wasn't scribbled in a baby book or saved to my digital cloud, it's a memory that I can quickly summon and make real for her as we snuggle and talk about who she was, who she is, and who she may become.

I'm the mom. I have kept all of these things in my heart.

The Blessed Mother knew more about God before opening a book than most of us could discover after a lifetime of study and prayer. There is no one whose knowledge of Christ was so intimate, so deep, so simultaneously ordinary and extraordinary, as the human woman who bore him, birthed him, nursed him, raised him and eventually gave him up.

In the way that I can tell my daughter everything there is to know about the part of her life she cannot recall, Mary can tell us everything we need to know about Christ. All we have to do is ask.

*Mary kept all of these things in her heart.
- Luke 2:19*

~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



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:

December 17/18 \$ 16,314.50
2nd Collection: \$ 2,065
Retirement Fund for Religious

2nd Collection

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

The Knights of Columbus

"Coats For Kids" and "Food for Families"

Saturday, Oct 22 - Sunday, Jan 8, 2023

Contact: SK Hugo Schmidt

916-813-0843, hugoschmidt@gmail.com

We are collecting new or gently used (*washed*) children's winter coats and accessories - gloves, scarves, beanies, hats, heavy socks and sleeping bags. We also accept winter items for teens and adults.

Most requested food item: canned meats, stews, vegetables, beans, pasta and sauce. rice, cereal, peanut butter, baby food & formula, whole turkey and/or ham with all of the "fixings" for the Fall & Winter Holidays. Please leave items on the Knight's cart in the vestibule after all Masses or drop off at St. Vincent de Paul on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays, 9am-Noon.

Prison Ministry

Christmas Card Collection

Last day to donate is January 1

Catholic Chaplain Greg Mellor is collecting Christmas and holiday cards for the prisoners at California State Prison, Sacramento (New Folsom). Cards can be placed in the labeled boxes in the narthex. **Please make sure that donated cards meet the following requirements:**

- NO ribbon
- NO Mass cards, novena cards, etc. from religious orders and retreat centers
- NO glitter
- NO writing in cards

Our Sincere Gratitude

Thank you to those who have been so generous to the parish with their contributions. It is heartwarming to see your support of St. John. If you are unable to attend Mass, your weekly envelopes can be mailed to the parish office or use online giving at www.folsomcatholic.org/onlinegiving.

Don't hesitate to call Kashmir for help at: (916) 985-2065 ext.17. Again "Thank You" for your continued support.

Listen. Think. Act.

That is a mantra or slogan for many different groups. Some seek to battle prejudice and bias. Other groups hope to eliminate poverty or reduce crime. I have even found some companies use it as a way of increasing engagement among their employees. In a nutshell, it is about taking in what you have heard and then reflecting on it before you act. The most fruitful actions are those that take place after careful reflection.

This is an important thing to remember for those trying to live a stewardship way of life. If we are honest with ourselves, too often most of us jump to conclusions too quickly or act in ways that cause friction because we didn't really think about the consequences of our actions. We are moving too fast in a world that seems to be moving ever faster.

When the shepherds came to visit Jesus, the newborn King, they told Mary everything that the angels had told them. Luke tells us that after hearing all this, she "kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." No response. No panic. No action. Her reflection was the appropriate response.

In this New Year, you and I would do well to remember this Gospel account of Mary, the Mother of God. Let us resolve to listen more, reflect often, and then act accordingly. We are called to use our gifts wisely, sowing them in good soil. If we just throw them out, allowing them to simply fall wherever they may, have we really used them for God's glory? We need to listen. Think. Then act.

~Tracy Earl Welliver.MTS



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



Lk 2:16-21

Mothers think their babies are pretty special, and Mary was no different. She probably kissed his nose, snuggled his little cheeks, and sang songs to him. But a lot of people thought her baby was special. Mary had more than just curious relatives showing up to visit. Angels praised God, and shepherds came running to see the baby, too. When it was time to name him Jesus, Mary knew he was the Savior.

 Mission for the Week

Ask your parents what they enjoyed about you as a little baby. You might also want to look at some baby pictures together.

 Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel

MARY
JOSEPH
BABY

SHEPHERDS
JESUS
ANGEL

LISTENED
WONDERFUL
NAMED

 Prayer

Dear God, thank you for letting everyone know that Jesus was more than a special baby. He was the Savior. In Jesus' name, Amen.



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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

Dcn. Bill Goeke, 916-673-7996

Divine Mercy Devotion/Cenacle

Leilani Badley, 703-855-6241

-*Chaplet/Rosary/Morning Prayer*

-*Divine Mercy Chaplet/Mass*

-*Cenacle* - Leilani Badley, 703-855-6241

-*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 Wednesday of the month, 10am*

Sally Gomez, 916-693-2411

-*Spanish* – *Every Saturday*

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

Lay Mission Project

Laura Wicklman, 916-933-8471

Praise & Worship

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Religious Education

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Shannon Langer, 916-985-7338

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Shannon Frazier, 916-761-2912

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Knights of Columbus

Hugo Schmidt, 916-817-4541

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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 (311 Montrose Dr.)

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

Parish Office, 916-985-2065

Family Fellowship

Rachel Marsh, 916-945-6992

Gift Shop

Connie Aley, 916-984-9284

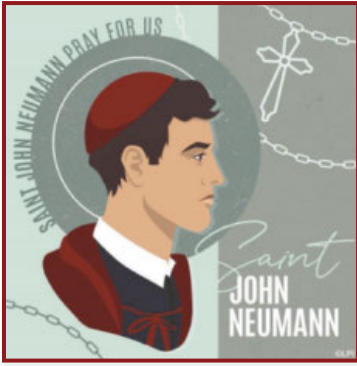
Women's Game Day

Every Wednesday, Garden Room, 11am - 4:30pm.

Roberta Puzio, 916-933-2561

MINISTRIES

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



Feast Day: January 5

Saint of the Week - Examples of Our Faith

In 2023, we will be highlighting holy men and women from the Americas who are canonized or in the process of canonization. We hope their stories inspire your faith!

St. John Neumann is the patron saint of educators, immigrants, and, due to the miracles that secured his canonization, sick children. This is a fitting patronage as he was a lover of education and learning from a very young age. In fact, when he was a child, his mother called him “my little bibliomaniac” due to his preoccupation with reading. Born in 1811 Bohemia, in what is now the Czech Republic, he attended the university in Prague preparing for ordination. However, his local bishops were not ordaining new priests at the time because Bohemia was overstocked with priests. He inquired about ordination all over Europe but received the same answer everywhere. Not one to be deterred, John then applied to several United States dioceses. Receiving no immediate responses, the saint took a leap of faith and decided to just immigrate to the United States in 1836, during his 25th year, with only \$40 in his pocket. This risk paid off when he was ordained in New York a month later.

Early in his priesthood he worked primarily as a missionary to German immigrants in Buffalo. His missionary work also created an opportunity for him to spend time in Maryland, Virginia, Michigan, and Ohio. When he was 29, he joined the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists), a congregation of priests and brothers dedicated to helping the poor and most abandoned. He was their first member to profess vows in the United States.

In 1852, at the age of 41, Neumann became the fourth Bishop of Philadelphia. During this time, he organized the individual parochial schools in his region into a diocesan system. This change allowed Catholic schools to quickly increase the number of pupils enrolled by almost twentyfold. Over the course of his ministry, St. John expanded the number of Catholic schools in his diocese from 2 to 100! His passion for education extended to immigrants, like himself, and his love for learning languages made it possible for him to hear confessions in English, Spanish, French, Italian, Dutch, and Gaelic! A man of the people, he could often be found outside the church walls visiting people who were sick, staying in taverns and public houses to teach, and celebrating Mass in people’s homes at their kitchen tables. He was canonized on June 19, 1977, following three miracles, two of which regarded the healing of youth from grave illnesses. St. John Neumann was the first American man to be canonized a saint.

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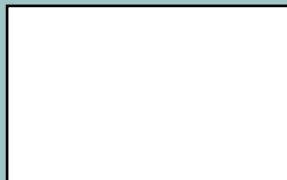
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