



# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

## *Catholic Church*

JULY 19, 2020



**16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



“The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.” - Mt 13:43a

## Sacraments

### Masses

All Masses  
are currently suspended  
until further notice

### 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

The office is closed for  
in-person visits and meetings  
until further notice. Please call  
and leave a message.

307 Montrose Drive, Folsom  
Phone: 916-985-2065

Website:  
FolsomCatholic.org

Social Media:  
@FolsomCatholic

## Bulletin

FolsomCatholic.org/bulletin

Bulletin Date	Ad Due by 5 pm
July 26	July 16
Aug 2	July 23
Aug 9	July 30

## 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

Wis 12:13, 16-19 / Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 [5a] / Rom 8:26-27 / Mt 13:24-43

*"The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom  
all who cause others to sin and all evildoers."*

(Mt 13:41)

## Gospel Meditation

Grace and sin, belief and unbelief, good and evil all exist together. While we wrestle with these two dimensions of reality inwardly, they are also witnessed in the actions and words of others. Many, all too often, beat themselves up because of their sin. We are also all too quick to pass judgment on others whom we perceive to be in error and walking down a wrong path. God does not make rash judgments, nor should we. Patience is the order of the day as is an understanding that God is ultimately the caller of the shots.

Our faith tells us that while God allows the wheat and the weeds to coexist, the wheat will always triumph. As long as we can cultivate even a little faith and a small measure of desire for God, He can produce abundant blessings and good things. Even when the weeds seem to have triumphed, there still may be a small measure of faith remaining that can be cultivated and grown. It doesn't take much! Unless a person totally allows the weeds to reign, there is always to be found at least a small measure of faith, good, light, and love.

With even this small portion, God can produce abundant growth.

Admittedly, it is easy to give into the weeds, and they grow very quickly. Any gardener knows this to be true. Sometimes, the weeds even seem more attractive and vibrant. Dealing with weeds can quickly become a losing battle, and they can look healthier and grow faster than the very plants we are trying to protect. It's easy to give into them and let them win.

While God will deal with all things in due time, we are responsible for keeping things in check in the short term. It is our task to keep our eyes fixed on God's presence and mercy. We are asked to avoid judgment. And, it is not our responsibility to deal with the weeds in someone else's garden, only our own. One garden is enough responsibility for anyone.

Weeds have power. We have to realize this. While they can appear attractive and healthy, they can quickly choke us off from God's presence. Our task is one of maintenance and cultivating a desire for God. Even the smallest kernel of faith can grow into something wonderful. In God's time, the eternal harvest will come, and we will no longer have to worry about the weeds.

## Scripture Reflections

### First Reading

The Jewish sage speaks of God as master of all who judges us with clemency and governs us with leniency. What are some areas of your life that make you grateful for a merciful God?

### Second Reading

Paul teaches the Christians in Rome that the Spirit helps us "to pray as we ought." When do you find yourself most at prayer?

### Gospel Reading

We hear today a series of parables describing aspects of the kingdom of heaven: the parable of the weeds among the wheat, the parable of the mustard seed, and the parable of the yeast. What do you think makes Jesus' parables such an effective method for teaching about the mystery of the kingdom of heaven?



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we welcome all  
as members of  
the Body of Christ.

### Call for a Tour Today

916-985-4129  
www.sjnds.org

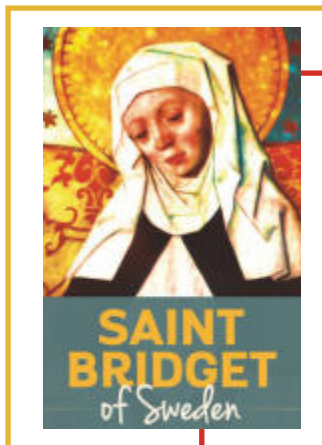


St. John Notre Dame School will be open for in-classroom instruction - 5 Days a Week! School starts August 17th, 2020. If you are interested in a faith community dedicated to academic excellence, schedule a tour today! \*Tuition rate for St. John the Baptist parishioners: \$6,150.00

### Religious Education for 2020-21

Contact: Director of Religious Education  
Shannon Langer, 916-985-7338

Registration for Religious Education for 2020-21 is now open. You can find the registration parent letter, registration form, and calendar on the parish website. Please go to [folsomcatholic.org/re](http://folsomcatholic.org/re) and check the Documents section. Registration can be mailed to the parish office care of "Shannon Langer". If you have questions, please contact Shannon.



"The world would have peace if only men of politics would follow the Gospels. "

Feast Day:  
July 23

### Masses Suspended

All daily and weekend Masses are suspended until further notice

The rising number of infections and deaths due to COVID-19, is alarming. Even as we exercise all the necessary precautions in our churches, the risk of infection is greater. Governor Gavin Newsom announced on July 13, 2020, the suspension of most indoor activities, which includes church services in thirty counties in the State of California. Bishop Soto has directed parishes within these counties to cooperate with State and local public health officials. The counties affected in our diocese are: Colusa, Glenn, Placer, Sacramento, Solano, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba.

[folsomcatholic.org](http://folsomcatholic.org)

Please check our website for any updates regarding COVID-19 status here in our parish.

### They are PHISHING again Scam emails & text messages

- Do you have a moment to make a purchase for me?
- I want you to help with a quick favor.
- I'll need you to buy a Target or Amazon gift card for me at any nearby store.
- Message/email me back immediately when you receive this message.

Have you received similar messages via email or text supposedly from our parish priest? Please do NOT respond, send money or make any purchases. If there is any doubt call the parish office to verify.

Fr. Renier, Fr. Cleetus or the Diocese will never ask you to send gift cards or money by email.





## Mass Intentions

**Sunday, July 19th**

Manuel Ferreira†

**Monday, July 20th**

Grace Soriano (birthday)

**Tuesday, July 21st**

Newly Baptized of Our Parish

**Wednesday, July 22nd**

Lucy Rico

**Thursday, July 23rd**

Duane M. Morris†

**Friday, July 24th**

Children of Our Incarcerated Brothers & Sisters

**Saturday, July 25th**

Patrick & Mary Hold

## Observances

### We Celebrate This Week

**Mon:** St. Apollinaris

**Tue:** St. Lawrence of Brindisi

**Wed:** St. Mary Magdalene

**Thu:** St. Bridget

**Fri:** St. Sharbel Makhluf

**Sat:** St. James

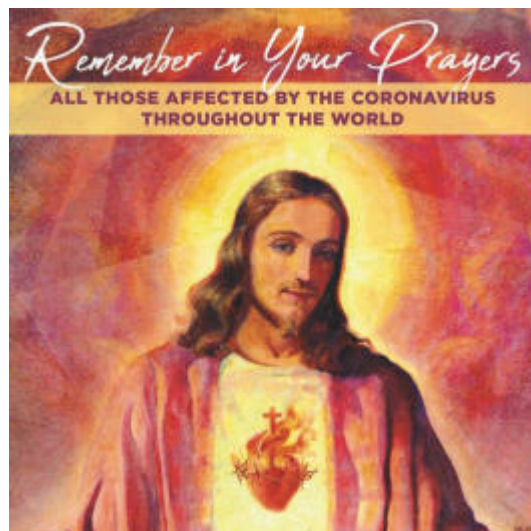
### July is Dedicated to:

The Precious Blood of Our Lord

## Pope Francis'

### Monthly Intention for July Our Families

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.



## 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.*

Carmencita Ortiz

Cher Juliet

Christopher Kovarik

Hunt Linn

Jason Nhan

Joey Durse

Kimanh Davis

Leo Galang

Liam Ocampo

Matthew Khuu

Pat Koelfgen

Walter Cwynar

### Prayers for Our Troops

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

Michael Dalupan

Nicole Kuntz-Harding

### Prayers for the Recently Deceased

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

Ann McLaughlin

Anne Acosta

Anne Pachote

Bernie Powers

Beverly Verdugo

Bob Matranga

Brian Trevisan Maxey

Bud Powers

Cal Dexter

Chris McDowell

Delia Yambao

Diane Pallari

Francisco Tiffer

Gilbert Mendivil

Jesus Gaytán

Julian Ocampo

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Lamberto Bachiller

Maria Gill

Mary Theis

MaryJo Barrett

Pedro Oquendo

Richard Rutledge

Rose Imbriani-Ajalat

Sanh Nguyen

Susan Wong

Teresita Ochoa

Tony Zuniga

William McCain



On July 24th, we celebrate the feast of a saint who ran away from home! St. Sharbel was born Yussef Antoun Makhluf in the Lebanese countryside in the mid-1800's. His life was a simple one, attending school, caring for the family cow, and taking long solitary walks to contemplate the beauty of creation. When his family pressured him to marry, the young man quietly left home without a word. He traveled on foot to a nearby monastery. When his family caught wind of where he had gone, the decision had been made. After being ordained a priest, St. Sharbel still showed a longing for solitude. He received permission to become a hermit. His reputation for holiness, however, led to a busier life than he might have liked! Many people sought him for advice and blessings. St. Sharbel's life reminds us that a life of prayer -- even an unconventional one -- is attractive!



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



### The Adoration Chapel

The Adoration Chapel is closed until further notice  
Adoration has been moved to the Church

A link to an Adoration Video (50mins) is located at the top of our website.  
Click on the box labeled "Adoration Video" and a YouTube video will pop up  
to play the video.

Another Adoration Video (30mins) is also posted and pinned on our Facebook page.

A Facebook account is not necessary to view.

Once on our Facebook page click on the Monstrance picture to start the video.

[www.facebook.com/FolsomCatholic](http://www.facebook.com/FolsomCatholic)

### Live Stream Mass

[scd.org/coronavirus/livestream-mass](http://scd.org/coronavirus/livestream-mass)

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



### Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary for Protection from Coronavirus

O Mary, you shine  
continuously on our  
journey as a sign of salvation and hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you,  
Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in  
Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.  
You, Salvation of the Roman People,  
know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that,  
as you did at Cana of Galilee,  
joy and feasting might return after this  
moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform ourselves to the Father's will  
and to do what Jesus tells us:  
He who took our sufferings upon Himself,  
and bore our sorrows to bring us,  
through the Cross, to the joy of the  
Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection,  
O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our  
pleas – we who are put to the test – and  
deliver us from every danger,  
O glorious and blessed Virgin.

### Church Hours

#### Monday - Friday

The church will remain open for those  
who would like to pray before the  
Blessed Sacrament from 8am-4:30pm.

#### Saturday - Sunday

On the weekends, the church will be open  
from 7am-6pm.

**Please keep in mind your  
minimum 6ft "social distancing"**

### Confession

**Saturdays: 3 - 4:30 pm  
and by appointment**

Please note confessions at this time will  
still be offered but not in the confessional.  
We will be doing a face to face format in a  
larger setting in order to maintain the  
recommended minimum 6ft "social  
distancing."

**"BE A GIFT OF LOVE  
AND COMPASSION  
FOR ONE ANOTHER."**

**St. Mary Mackillop**



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.

## Extra Ordinary Times July 23 - November 12

Contact: Jennifer Campbell  
jcampbell@scd.org, 916-733-0135  
scd.org/ExtraOrdinary

Join us every other Thursday night at 9:00pm on FB LIVE @SCDOYYA for a Young Adult retreat where our retreat leaders will help you dive into the upcoming Sunday reading, explore the life of a young saint, and challenge you during ordinary times.

## Virtual Camp Pendola Summer 2020

July 26-31: Mission Possible  
Contact: Jennifer Campbell  
jcampbell@scd.org  
(916)733-0135.

Don't miss out on Virtual Camp Pendola this summer via Zoom. We have one more week of theme-based fun planned with directed activities and some for campers to do with their families. For more information and to register your child visit [www.pendola.org](http://www.pendola.org).

## Inspiration of the Week

Grace and sin are found together. As much as our hearts long for union with God, there is always that part of us that resists. As much as I wholeheartedly believe in God, there is a dimension of disbelief with which I also wrestle. Even though we may seek purity and integrity in all of our thoughts, words, and deeds, there is also the path toward weakness and sin that we find ourselves traversing. Just as weeds can easily overtake the best of gardens, so too can weakness and sin overtake and overwhelm a person. The call is to realize the power the weeds of sin have to choke us off from God's presence. While God allows the wheat and the weeds to exist together, we must keep our eyes fixed on God's mercy and forgiveness and resist the death that comes from giving way to sin and evil. In God's time, the eternal harvest will come, and we will no longer have to worry about the weeds. For now, we must be vigilant and regularly seek the assistance of the Master Gardener.

## Quo Vadis (Where Are You Going?)

July 30 - August 2, 2020  
Contact: Marisela Smith  
msmith@scd.org, 916-733-0258

We are pleased to announce that we will not be cancelling the Quo Vadis Retreat! We will be offering this retreat virtually via Zoom!

Boys ages 13-17 will learn about the Priesthood, Diaconate and Married Life through daily on-line sessions. Using this virtual tool, there will be time for fellowship, games and prayer about their vocation.

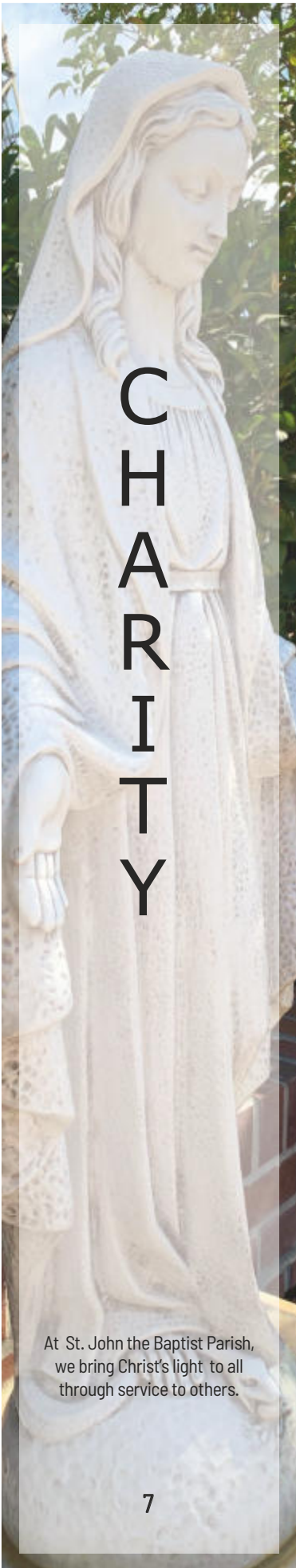
Cost: \$10 donation (for expenses involved). Registrations will not be accepted after July 24 (Families who are experiencing financial hardship, can contact the Office of Priestly & Religious Vocations to apply for a scholarship).

Register online: <https://scd.formstack.com/forms/quovadis>.



### Mary Magdalene

makes her first named appearance in Luke 8:2. She is one of several women following Jesus. Luke specifically mentions that Mary had previously been delivered from demonic possession. Whatever her life looked like before she met Jesus, it wasn't good! Because of this association with being a repentant sinner, Mary Magdalene has been associated with other similar stories in the Gospel. Mary Magdalene shows up again by name at the end of the Gospels, when she stands with the Blessed Virgin Mary at the foot of the Cross. Mary is also present in the garden of the resurrection. She is one of the woman who goes to bring spices to Jesus' tomb, where they find the stone rolled away. Mary stays in the garden weeping, believing his body has been stolen. Jesus approaches her and calls her by name, and she becomes the first witness to the resurrection! While many of the details of Mary Magdalene's life have been lost to time, she is an example of powerful conversion, deep faith, and intimate love for Christ. **Feast Day: July 22**



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

## St Vincent de Paul Update

After much prayer and contemplation, we have decided to close our doors once again. This is not an easy decision, but we believe it is the right thing to do and is based on the following:

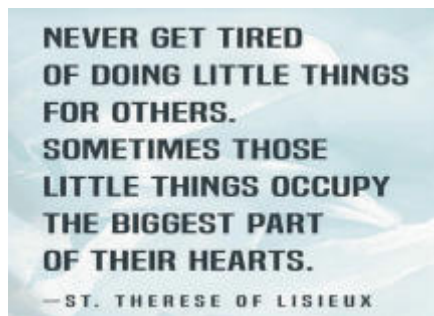
- Cases in Sacramento County have continued to increase.
- The guidelines from the state, county and request from our diocese is for those of us over 65 and those who have vulnerable health conditions should continue to shelter-in-place.
- Lastly, based on the low number of clients who have come to our doors, we are reassured that our local food bank is taking good care of our community. In addition, the majority if not all of our phone messages are from those who want drop off donations of clothing and miscellaneous items not for families or individuals in need of food or financial assistance.

Reopening will be based on the impact of the virus - that it is safe to return and serve. We will continue to monitor the virus situation and keep you informed with regards to our second reopening.

God bless you and your families.

## Food Collection

Please CONTINUE to help our community by donating canned and non-perishable goods to our food collection. Donations will be distributed locally. All who are able are encouraged to contribute what they can to this collection. Canned goods of all kinds (meats, veggies, fruits, soups, chili), boxed pastas, rice, and cereal will be appreciated. A cart is in the vestibule during open hours of the church for collecting your donations.



## Stewardship of Treasure the Lord Has Entrusted to Us

Weekly goal: \$25,529.00

Weekly Offerings:

June 1 - June 14	\$41,448.00
June 20/21	\$10,125.00
June 27/28	\$13,314.00
July 4/5	\$10,996.00
July 11/12	\$17,214.00

June online donations \$29,307.00

Thank you to those who have been so generous to the parish with their contributions. If you are unable to attend Mass, please use online giving or your weekly envelopes can be mailed to the parish office. Again "Thank You" for your continued support. It is heartwarming to see your support of St. John.

## Do What Needs to Be Done

A friend recently confided in me that although he prayed frequently each day and was involved heavily in his parish, he did not sense much fruit coming from it all and was left feeling unsatisfied. I assured him he was not alone. I told him of a deceased pastor of mine who had spoken frequently about being in this type of situation. Even as a priest, he knew all too well of how we can feel like we are simply going through the motions. It is precisely at those times that continuing to pray and practicing good stewardship is most important, because it would be easier to simply take a break and risk never coming back. He liked to say, "Do the drill," meaning just do what needs to be done.

We are all called to be mature disciples who answer the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost. We cannot choose when and where the call will come. We cannot schedule our stewardship in a way that is always most convenient for us. Even when the fruits of our faithful efforts seem hidden from us, we hold to the promise that we are never called to give of ourselves for nothing. God is working through us and in us. No matter how dry the land may seem, seeds are being planted to yield a harvest greater than we can ever realize. Stay strong and do the drill!

~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## Sharing the Gospel

As God's child, you are the wheat in God's field. As you love and trust God more, your faith will grow. You will see others around you who love God, too. God will be happy to see you growing up in God's love. As you grow taller and stronger, you will also notice others around you who ignore or hate God. God will get rid of those weeds. Then he will bring you into heaven.

## Mission for the Week

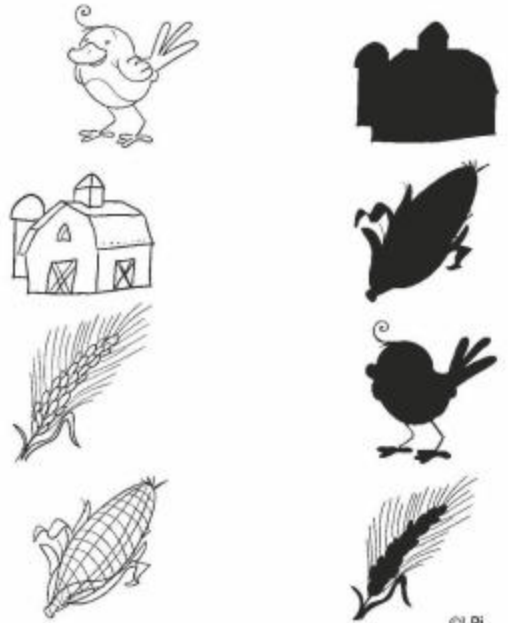
Help your parents in the garden. Watch how carefully weeds need to be pulled, so you don't pull up the good plants, too.

## Prayer

God, help my love and faith to grow strong.

## Puzzle

Find the matching shadow.



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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."



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

## Welcoming Ministries

### Communications Ministry

Loreen McMahon, 916-933-1330

### Ministers of Hospitality

Shannon Bleeker, 916-200-8059

### New Parishioner Welcoming Ministry

Lori Hopper, 916-337-0139

### Ushers

Stanley Posis, 916-705-9192

## Prayer Ministries

### Companioned Prayer

Bill Stobbe, 916-505-3800

### Divine Mercy Devotion/Cenacle

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

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

### Marian Cenacle (Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle)

-*English* – 1st Saturday of the month

Sally Gomez, 916-693-2411

-*Spanish* – 2nd Wednesday of the month

Ana Haid, 916-956-1177

### Our Lady of Fatima

Henry Altamirano, 925 - 899-7769

## Spiritual Growth Ministries

### Adult Scripture Study

Lee & Teresa Weider, 916-983-8065

### Couples for Christ

Myrah Empleo, 661-993-4721

### Praise & Worship

Sheila Fitzpatrick, 925-437-0798

### Religious Education

Shannon Langer, 916-985-7338

### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Debbie Duncan, 916-798-0201

### Theology on Tap

Aaron Santos, 916-985-2065

### WINGS (Women in Growth Spiritually)

Sue Collins, 916-337-6237

### Youth/Young Adults Ministries

Aaron Santos, asantos@folsomcatholic.org

## Parish Committees/Councils

### Finance Council

Elizabeth Beigh, 916-730-1291

### Liturgy Committee

Barbara Bowden, 916-984-9476

### Pastoral Council

## Outreach/Charity Ministries

### Bereavement Hospitality/Receptions

Nina Pucci, 916-947-6386

### Catholics for Life

Kathy Baxter, 916-337-6824

### Gabriel Project

Helen Boyd, 916-367-8071

### Grace Quilters Ministry

Catherine Scott, 831-402-4681

### Grupo Pastoral Hispano

Anna Haid, 916-956-1177

### Knights of Columbus

Dick Phelan, 916-221-0596

### Pastoral Care Ministry

Dan Dunne, 916-817-1675; Sunday

Candice Ralston, 916-806-8090; Tuesday

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Catherine Scott, 831-402-4681

### Prison/Restorative Justice Ministry

-Folsom Prison - Fr. H. Gomez, 916-985-2561 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)

John 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

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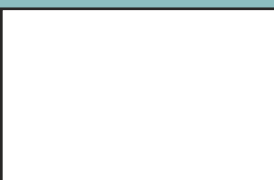
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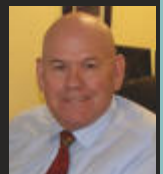
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