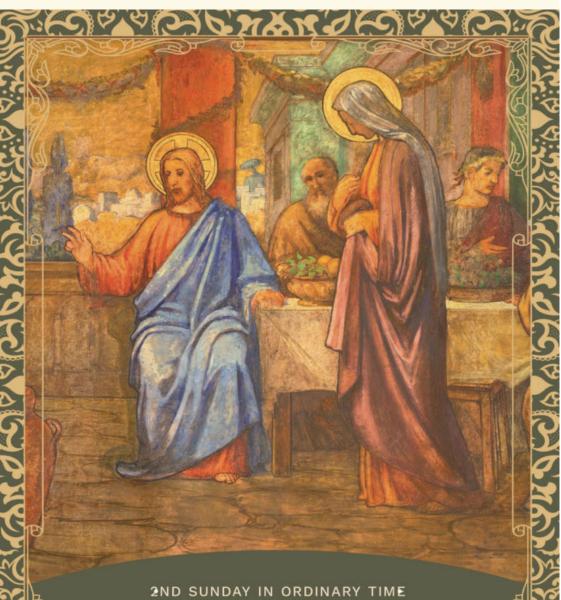


## Welcome to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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.



"DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU."

#### Mass Times Weekend

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm Sunday 7:00 am, 9:00 am 11:30 am, 6:00 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month 1:30 pm (Spanish)

**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

Sacraments Reconciliation/Confession Saturday 3-4:45 pm

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. Jibin Jose Parochial Vicar Fr. Ignatius Haran Pastor Emeritus William Goeke Dennis Gorsuch Jim McFadden Deacons

#### Parish Office

Mon – Thu: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Closed for lunch from 1 - 2pm Fri: Closed all day to the public 307 Montrose Drive, Folsom Phone: 916 - 985 - 2065

> *Website:* FolsomCatholic.org

#### **Gospel Meditation**

By Father John Muir

A friend invited me to an invitation-only wine-tasting event. There were over two hundred varieties of wine. Having no idea how to approach such a massive selection, I wandered aimlessly among the tables, sipping this and that. At the end of the evening my friend asked if I had tried some of the exceptionally expensive wines. I hadn't. "The really good stuff disappears first," he said. "My man, you missed out on some amazing vino." I was so disappointed. I wasted my chance for amazing once-in-a-lifetime wine. The wine I tasted was, well, blah.

Don't we often feel a similar disappointment in life? I missed this or that opportunity. If only I had known. Optimism sputters and fades. The glory days are gone. The chances, it seems, for the really great things in life come and go so quickly. Then they are gone forever. The good stuff goes first. Then life is just blah.

Not so with the Lord Jesus. In Jesus' miracle at the wedding at Cana, the steward of the feast says, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then...an inferior one" (John 2:10). That's the natural downward progression of life. The good stuff disappears quickly. But he says of the groom (who symbolizes Jesus), "But you have kept the good wine until now." This is the ever-improving trajectory of the realm of God's grace. With Jesus, the "good wine" of divine love, hope and peace gets better as our journey of faith progresses. Where are your greatest disappointments? Don't give in to the lie that the really good stuff is gone. Tell Jesus you've run out. Then learn how to taste that amazingly good wine, because he saves the best until now.

#### **Scripture Reflections**

#### **First Reading**

Isaiah spoke of God's delight in Jerusalem and desire to see Israel as His spouse. What married couples do you know who genuinely take delight in each other?

#### Second Reading:

Paul taught the Corinthians that the gifts of the Holy Spirit to individuals are meant to benefit and unify the community. What gifts do you have that you think benefit others?

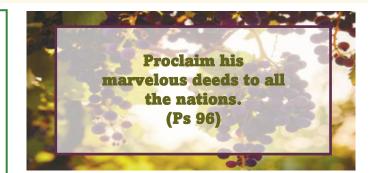
#### Gospel

After all the wine was consumed, Jesus turned water into wine for the bride and groom at the wedding. When have you received an unexpected gift from someone?

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

#### Readings & Observances for the week of January 19, 2025

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 62:1-5 / Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3) / 1 Cor 12:4-11 / Jn 2:1-11 Monday: St. Fabian, St. Sebastian Heb 5:1-10 / Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 / Mk 2:18-22 **Tuesday: St. Agnes** Heb 6:10-20 / Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c / Mk 2:23-28 Wednesday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of **Unborn** Children Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 / Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 / Mk 3:1-6 Thursday: St. Vincent, St. Marianne Cope Heb 7:25-8:6 / Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 / Mk 3:7-12 Friday: St. Francis de Sales Heb 8:6-13 / Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 / Mk 3:13-19 Saturday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 / Ps 117:1bc, 2 / Mk 16:15-18 Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 / Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 (see Jn 6:63c) / 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27 / Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



#### Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for January For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

#### Live the Liturgy Inspiration For the Week

We are all the servants at Cana. Each of us, at various times, finds ourselves confused and unsure, empty where we should be full, unprepared where we should be ready. When we falter, Mary's words give us direction: "Do whatever he tells you."

## WELCOME



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

#### Holiday Closure January 20, Monday

The parish office will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr Day.

## Sunday Pastoral Care

Contact: Dan Dunne sundaypastoral@folsomcatholic.org

The Sunday Pastoral care ministry needs parishioners to bring Communion to the homebound, one Sunday a month, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. We welcome individuals, couples, and families to serve. Training provided. Receive a blessing, be a blessing! For more information, please contact Dan.

#### **Parish Bingo**

Saturday, February 1, 6pm, Parish Hall Contact: Leilani Badley divinemercy@folsomcatholic.org

The Divine Mercy Ministry and Knights of Columbus invite you to Parish Bingo Night. What do you love about our Faith? Share your love by wearing a religious article of clothing, jewelry, etc. Bingo cards are \$20.00 for 10 games. Win cash prizes and more! You must be 18 years or older to participate in the bingo game. Proceeds will go to the Divine Mercy Ministry Faith Formation and Outreach Programs. Questions please reach out to Leilani.

#### Knights of Columbus Council 6197 Free Throw Championship Results

The Knights of Columbus Council 6197 held their annual Council Free Throw Championship on Saturday, Jan 11. The results of the competition were as follows:

Gender	Age	Name	
Boys	10	Landon Olamit	Champion
	10	Nicholas Coyle	Participant
	10	Dillon Marshall	Participant
	11	Santino Justo	Champion
	12	Weston Marshall	Champion
Girls	9	Emily Edwards	Champion
	9	Rose Edwards	Participant

Age Group Champions will receive an engraved plaque. Winners from the Council Free Throw Championship will compete at the District 7 Free Throw Championship, on Saturday, February 8, at St. John's Parish Hall Gym.

#### Welcome New Parishioners! Please welcome to our Parish Family

Reginald & Juanita Baptiste Michelle & Brian Cutler Merlina Castri & Chase Cutler Colleen & Jeff Fee Katrina & Ken Le Gerlue & Mary Marquez Ashley & Micah Nunnetey Ceasar & Angelica Pimentel Michael Tering Rejo Thekkudan Daniel & Miranda Van Attenhoven Jose & Sabrina Zuniga

#### Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope December 24, 2024 - January 6, 2026

A jubilee year is a time in which God's holiness transforms us. The Bible indicates that the holy year was intended to be marked as a time to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation. In 1470, Pope Paul II declared that Holy Years would be celebrated every 25 years. Holy Year, or Jubilee Year, includes special celebrations and pilgrimages, strong calls for conversion and repentance, and special opportunities to experience God's grace through the sacraments, especially confession. Pope Francis stated in his February 2022 letter announcing the Jubilee 2025: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire..." The Jubilee Year will offer the faithful opportunities to participate in various jubilee events at the Vatican and in their own dioceses. Please check the bulletin and parish website for opportunities, activities and events to come. A Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope Brochure/Guide is available in the vestibule. Please take only one per family.



## PRAYER



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

#### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, January 19th

7:00am Ferdinand Fuentes+
9:00am People of the Parish Roberta Puzio (healing)
11:30am Todd Anderson (birthday) Vidal & Josie Ramirez+
6:00pm Ferdi & Minda Fuentes (anniv) Placida & Prasanna Rupasinghe (anniv)

#### Monday, January 20th

6:30am 8:15am Alice Sulik+ Timothy Rupasinghe (*birthday*)

#### Tuesday, January 21st

6:30am 8:15am Steve Neumann+ Schwester Antonia+

#### Wednesday, January 22nd 6:30am James Ta (*birthday*)

8:15am Thiru & Angela Edward

#### Thursday, January 23rd

6:30am Sheila Leard (*birthday*) 8:15am Apolonario Gocong+

#### Friday, January 24th

6:30am 8:15am Feliciano Ramirez (healing)

#### **Saturday, January 25th** 5:00pm Nuala Fox

Nancy Wilkins+

#### 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.

Andrew Speer Camelita Montgomery Emma Ward Esther Cannizzaro Feliciano Ramirez Gretchen Reindl John Ledna Kathy Halloran Loretta Carrasco Margie Reilly Maria Hernandez Nhan Lee

Ross Thayer Sharon Molina Sophia Hernandez Virginia Miller

#### 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.

Agatha Kister Christian Reuffo Christian Cortez Darlene Beneto Dixie Hawkins Ed Theis Evelyn Heffel Franco Ramirez Jill Pelayo Lloyd Reiser Luis Altamirano Matthew Winkler Michael McEvoy Pete Taitano Richard Lovine Santo Syquia Shirley Rogers Suzanne Low Tricia C. Pascual Vien Tran

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

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

Andrew Pecha Brandon Heffel Carl Crossman Darryl Hudson David Tressler Dominik Torres Dylan Flynn Joaquin Cruz John Lopez Joshua Penman Marc Jules Ocampo Michael Dalupan Samuel R. Rodriguez

#### **Prayer Requests**

Please call 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 adoration@folsomcatholic.org

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



## SPIRITUAL GROWTH



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

#### **Respect Life Ministry**

Planned Parenthood Abortion Business 201 29th and B Sts, Sacramento Contact: Deacon Danny Patterson 916-733-0133, dpatterson@scd.org St. Johns Contact: Joanne Dudgeon respectlife@folsomcatholic.org

Come with us to be a sign of God's love and hope for women and their unborn babies. St. Johns prays at the abortion clinic on most Thursdays from 10am-noon and has carpools LEAVING our church at 9:30am. Contact Joanne.

#### Monthly Prayer Guide: January

www.respectlife.org/prayer-guides

#### 9 Days for Life Novena

Sign up to join Catholics across the country in praying for the end to all abortion during the 9 Days for Life novena from January 16-24. www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup.

> Mass of Reparation January 22, 12:10–1pm Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament

Join Bishop Soto for a Mass of Reparation for the sin of legalized abortion inflicting the people of California. January 22 marks the anniversary of the lamentable 1973 U.S. Supreme Court Decision, Roe v. Wade. While Roe was overturned in 2022, Proposition One was passed in California, embedding the practice of unrestricted access to abortion in our State Constitution. Recognizing the sin of legalized abortion still afflicting the people of California, in the Diocese of Sacramento, January 22 is designated as a Diocesan Day of Reparation. All are asked to observe this day through fasting, prayer, penance and works of mercy.

#### Companioned Prayer Ministry The Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) Prayer Circle Tuesday, St. John's Church chapel Contact: Michelle Hendricks companionedprayer@folsomcatholic.org

The Companioned Prayer IHM Prayer Circle meets weekly listening and responding to the Sunday readings. As we companion each other in prayer, we rejoice knowing just how deep and personal God's love is for each of us. The Holy Door opens to invite us to participate in the Great Jubilee of 2025 as Pilgrims of Hope. The Companioned Prayer Ministry takes time this year to pray and reflect upon different aspects of hope as we journey with the Lord, each other, our church, and our world.

#### New Workshops with Dcn Jim McFadden BASIC THEOLOGICAL QUESTIONS Based on the Magis Center Modules Beginning January 13, 7pm via Zoom Contact: Theresa Grant tgrant@talkpathlive.com

Deacon Jim is hosting a new 7-week series. Information on sessions and registration can be found on our parish website homepage under Ministry News/Events. Note: Weekly attendance is not required. Recordings available!

January 13: Evidence for the Existence of the Soul January 20: Evidence for God's Existence from Science January 27: Evidence of God's Existence from Philosophy February 3: Evidence of Jesus' Resurrection and Divinity February 10: Why Be Catholic? February 17: True Happiness February 24: Why Would an All-loving God Allow Suffering?

#### WINGS

We are Family Series Garden Room, 9am Contact: Trista Gooderham wings@folsomcatholic.org

We invite all women to join us for our mini series discussion. Coffee and light snacks provided. Please RSVP to Trista. Visit folsomcatholic.org / wings for meeting materials.

January 16: Word of the Year February 6: Garden of her Womb February 20: God as Jesus the Son March 6: God as the Holy Spirit

#### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Special Annual Event

Tuesday, January 21, 11:30am-2:45pm St. Francis of Assisi Church 1114 26th Street, Sacramento, California 95816 Contact Deacon Paul Friedrich deaconpaul@olaparish.net

You are invited to attend a Special Annual Event during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Sponsored by the North State Ecumenical Conference (NSEC), which was established in 1968 and is comprised of Christian faiths in the Greater Sacramento Area. For more information see the parish website under Ministry News/Events for the flyer.



# CHARITY

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

#### **Online Donations**

To make a donation, update a weekly donation or donate to our maintenance fund scan the QR code and follow the directions.



**2nd Collection** Our 2nd collection is for our Youth Ministries.

#### **Divine Mercy Ministry**

Loaves & Fishes Breakfast Feeding January 22, Wednesday Contact: Greta Tecson or Catherine Scott gracequilters@folsomcatholic.org

Divine Mercy Breakfast Feeding December 18, 2024 - Thank you everyone for being the hands, feet and voice of the Lord! We are very thankful for our volunteers who delivered food and the volunteer helpers at L&F. The following were all made with loving hands by volunteers at our parish kitchen: boiled eggs, Ham & Cheese sandwiches and PBJ sandwiches. Lots of food donations from our generous parishioners included water and dried soup, protein bars, juice, and fresh fruit.

The collection cart remains in the church vestibule for dropping off your donations. Fresh fruits are welcome and should be dropped off the day before, on Tuesday during church open hours. <u>Most requested items:</u> 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 and socks. Bibles, holy cards, rosaries and religious reading materials are also appreciated. Keep the religious articles coming. Always welcome are socks and mugs. Are you interested in driving or helping serve –always looking for new volunteer servers . Contact Greta.



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# **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."

# Ma Read the Gospel and Color

#### Jn 2:1-11

Mary had great faith in God. She also knew that God could do anything. So when the wedding servers ran out of wine, she knew Jesus could help. She said, "Do whatever Jesus tells you to do." That's the smartest thing any of us can do.



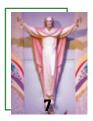
Dear God, help me to do everything you say. I know you can do anything.



What does Jesus tell you to do in his word, the Bible? Find out by reading the Bible for 15 minutes a day with your family. You could start by reading Luke. S Puzzle

Find two identical jars.





#### **PARISH MINISTRIES**

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

### Welcoming Ministries

**New Parishioner Welcoming Ministry** Joyce Starosciak,

parishionerwelcome@folsomcatholic.org

Greeter Ministry Lori Hopper, greeters@folsomcatholic.org Ushers

Stanley Posis, ushers@folsomcatholic.org

#### **Prayer Ministries**

**Companioned Prayer** Michelle Hendricks, companionedprayer@folsomcatholic.org 9:45 am, Church Chapel Tuesdays: Immaculate Heart of Mary Prayer Circle

#### Divine Mercy Devotion / Cenacle

Leilani Badley, divinemercy@folsomcatholic.org -Chaplet / Rosary / Morning Prayer -Cenacle - Leilani Badley -Cenacle-Spanish - Nury Pun, misericordiadivina@folsomcatholic.org

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Veronica Thomas, adoration@folsomcatholic.org Sign Up for adorers is in the vestibule

# Marian Cenacle (Marian Movement of Priests)

-English – 1st Wednesday of the month, 10am Sally Gomez, mariancenacle@folsomcatholic.org -Spanish – Every Saturday Carmen Gaytan, cenaculomariano@folsomcatholic.org Our Lady of Fatima

Henry Altamirano, olfatima@folsomcatholic.org

## Parish Committees/Councils

Finance Council Patty Robertson, financecouncil@folsomcatholic.org Liturgy Committee Barbara Bowden, liturgycommittee@folsomcatholic.org

Pastoral Council Shannon Frazier, pastoralcouncil@folsomcatholic.org

#### **Faith Formation**

Christian Initiation for Adults Are you interested in Baptism? Shannon Langer, slanger@folsomcatholic.org Religious Education Shannon Langer,

slanger@folsomcatholic.org St. John Notre Dame (School Minis-

**try)** Keith Martin, Principal

info@sjnds.org

#### **Liturgical Ministries**

Altar Servers Hugo Schmidt, altarservers@folsomcatholic.org Children's Liturgy during Mass Rachel Boyd, clow@folsomcatholic.org Extraord. Ministers of Holy Communion

Steve & Mary Anne Ashley, emohc@folsomcatholic.org

Lectors Patti Midtlyng, lectors@folsomcatholic.org

Liturgical Environment Arlette Peterson, liturgicalenv@folsomcatholic.org Music - See choir director after Mass.

#### **Spiritual Growth Ministries**

**Adult Scripture Study** Parish Office, info@folsomcatholic.org **Couples for Christ** Myrah Empleo, cfc@folsomcatholic.org **Faith Untapped** Parish Office, info@folsomcatholic.org Lay Mission Project Laura Wicklman, laymission@folsomcatholic.org **Praise & Worship** David Brauer, paw@folsomcatholic.org SJTB Men's Ministry Tyler Boyd, mensministry@folsomcatholic.org WINGS (Women in Growth Spiritually) Trista Gooderham, wings@folsomcatholic.org

Youth/Young Adults Ministries Aaron Santos, asantos@folsomcatholic.org

#### **Outreach/Charity Ministries**

Filipino Apostolate Lili Rehwald / Lourdes Lorenzo

filipinoapostolate@folsomcatholic.org

**Gabriel Project** Debbie Sultan, gabrielproject@folsomcatholic.org

Grace Quilters Ministry Catherine Scott, gracequilters@folsomcatholic.org

Knights of Columbus Tom Ireland, kofc@folsomcatholic.org

Ministerio Pastoral Hispano Beatriz LeCam, ministeriopastoral@folsomcatholic.org

Pastoral Care Ministry Dan Dunne, (Sunday) sundaypastoral@folsomcatholic.org Candice Ralston, (Wednesday) wedpastoralcare@folsomcatholic.org

Prayer Shawl Ministry Catherine Scott,

prayershawl@folsomcatholic.org **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,

respectlife@folsomcatholic.org
Senior Visitation

Charlene Agles, seniorvisitation@folsomcatholic.org

**St. Vincent de Paul (311 Montrose Dr.)** Mercy Knight, svdp@folsomcatholic.org

#### **Additional Ministries**

Children's Babysitting at Mass

Parish Office, info@folsomcatholic.org **Family Fellowship** Rachel Marsh, familyfellowship@folsomcatholic.org

**Gift Shop** Connie Aley, giftshop@folsomcatholic.org

Security Ministry Jim Miller, safety@folsomcatholic.org

**Women's Game Day** *Wednesday, Garden Room, 11- 4:30pm* Parish Office, info@folsomcatholic.org

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Feb 2	Jan 23			
Feb 9	Jan 30			
Feb 16	Feb 6			



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