



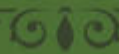
# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

## *Catholic Church*

JUNE 21, 2020



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



"Do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." - Mt 10:31

## Sacraments

### Masses

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am
	10:00 am
	12 Noon

Mon. - Sat. 8:15am

### 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

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## Bulletin

FolsomCatholic.org/bulletin

Bulletin Date	Ad Due by 5 pm
June 28	June 18
July 5	June 24
July 12	July 2

## 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

Jer 20:10-13 / Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 [14c] / Rom 5:12-15 / Mt 10:26-33

*"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father."  
(Mt 10:32)*

## Gospel Meditation

There are many things of which we can be afraid: being rebuked, rejection, anger, being challenged, having to defend ourselves, standing alone, insecurity, failure, and even death.

For some, identifying and overcoming their fears is a daunting task. Regardless of how much they may want to break the cycle of fear, they find that they remain close friends with old and dysfunctional behavioral habits and norms. Maybe what they really fear is change. There are many who gravitate to the familiar and comfortable, and find safety and security in doing so, even if they remain mired in mediocrity. Human beings have to learn that there is life beyond the "what has always been" and that happiness and depth are possible when old structures and systems have to be left behind.

Can you leave the near and dear, the comfortable and familiar, the safe and secure, and discover new opportunities? The sheer thought of doing so can bring on feelings of apprehension, intense anger, resentment, defensiveness, reluctance, resistance, and even apathy. If we have to be responsible for making the change, cowardice can creep in. If someone else is to blame for making the change, any number of possible negative reactions are possible. In the end, only one thing is required and that is God. If I can rely on and deepen my relationship with God, especially in the Eucharist along with a community of believers, then little else is of great concern. We have to figure out what is really important. It is not always what we think.

The Gospel calls us to stretch ourselves and try new things, not to remain stuck and stagnant in familiar ways. We are asked to live life more deliberately, radically, and intentionally. We are asked to leave the familiar behind and learn to live with changing, and often limiting, human structures. We cannot get too caught up in the physical, ideological, or structural systems we are used to. The Holy Spirit always leads and guides us. If we trust this, we will find ourselves doing things we never thought we could do. Always seek the path to joy and love. They keep us from falling victim to our fears and from seeking the nostalgic crutches we think we need to achieve a sense of well-being and happiness.

## Scripture Reflections

### First Reading

We hear how the prophet Jeremiah turned to God as he struggled mentally and emotionally to remain faithful to his call. When do you find yourself turning to God in prayer?

### Second Reading

Paul speaks of Adam and Christ to describe God's gift of salvation to all who believe. What do you find compelling in Paul's argument?

### Gospel Reading

Jesus forewarns his disciples that following him will involve risks and even persecution. Where do you experience risk and/or ridicule as a person of faith?



## Coming Back to the Table Just A Reminder

The healthy and safety of each one of you is of utmost importance. If you are within one of the high risk groups (65+ years, have health issues, compromised immune systems) please consider the shelter-in-place ordinances. For everyone, as an alternative please try and attend one of the weekday Masses instead where possible exposure to the virus will be less. The dispensation for Sunday Mass obligation is still in place for all.

Please refrain from congregating at the venue entrances until the doors open. Please be aware of signs posted which direct you to where to enter and exit the venue. Once a venue is full no one will be permitted to enter it.

Individuals who are coming to Mass are required to wear a mask. Please bring your own mask. Wearing gloves are also recommended but not required.

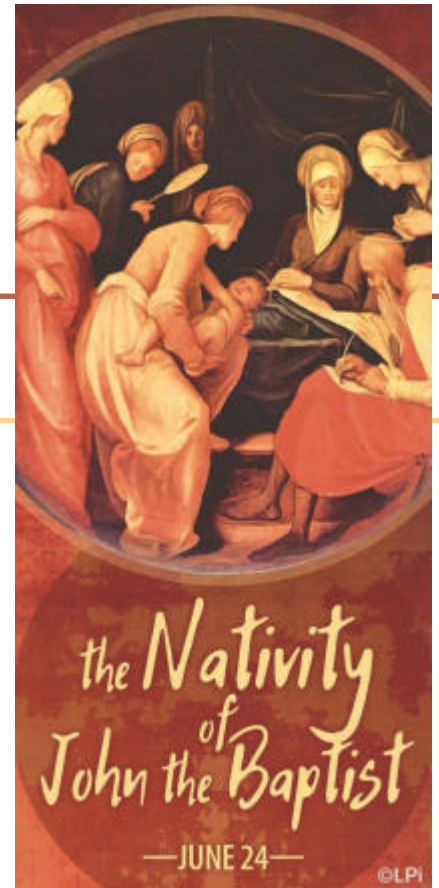
Upon entering please be sure to use the available hand sanitizer. Follow the directions of the ushers in regards to seating in the pews/seats.. Please remember to sit 6-ft apart. Those from the same households may sit closer. Worship aids will not be available.

**Communion will only be given in the hand.** Remove mask and gloves when receiving the Eucharist. Remember to keep your 6-ft social distancing as you approach the altar.

Once Mass is ended please exit through the designated doors. Please do not congregate or block these entrances. We ask that you exit the building as quickly as possible as each venue must be sanitized in preparation for the next celebration.

If after attending Mass you come down with symptoms and/or test positive for COVID-19, please notify us so that we can take the necessary precautions to ensure the safety of other parishioners, volunteers and staff.

We appreciate you adhering to these guidelines to help make our celebrations safe for all. During this time of transition please be cooperative, patient and flexible.



*“And you, child, will be called prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways.” (Luke 1:76)*

## Inspiration of the Week

Jesus knows that the challenges a disciple of the Gospel will face in the world are real. He tells all of us point blank, “Do not be afraid.” There are many things we can fear as we attempt to live the Gospel: unpopularity, being rebuked, rejection, anger, being challenged, having to defend ourselves, standing alone, insecurity, failure, and even death. Many folks know that their faith calls them to live life more deliberately and radically but are cowards when it comes to putting it into practice. We easily justify sticking with the “acceptable” norms with which we are accustomed. These only serve to keep us stuck and mired in mediocrity. The Gospel — given flesh by the very presence of Christ — seeks to stretch, challenge, and change us. We do not have to fear anything, even death. Sometimes, living with our fears brings us a sadly disordered sense of comfort. Maybe what we really fear above all else is change.

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we welcome all  
as members of  
the Body of Christ.

# P R A Y E R



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

## Mass Intentions

- Sunday, June 21st**  
 People of the Parish  
 Loraine Roche (108th birthday)  
 Jennifer Pais+  
 Anthony Hao Doan+  
 Mark Rupasinghe
- Monday, June 22nd**  
 Josephine Lico+
- Tuesday, June 23rd**  
 Art Claussen+
- Wednesday, June 24th**  
 Elena Poytress (birthday)
- Thursday, June 25th**  
 Lusionita Soguero+
- Friday, June 26th**  
 Chris McDowell+
- Saturday, June 27th**  
 Nicholas Boeck (birthday)

## Observances

### We Celebrate This Week

- Mon:** St. Paulinus of Nola, & Sts. John Fisher, Thomas More  
**Wed:** The Nativity of St. John the Baptist  
**Sat:** St. Cyril of Alexandria

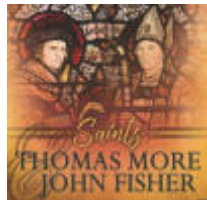
### June is Dedicated to: The Sacred Heart of Jesus

### Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for June

#### The Way of the Heart

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

King Henry declared himself the head of the Church of England and granted himself an annulment. Most leaders signed the "Oath of Supremacy," declaring the King's power over the English Church. Thomas More, then the Lord Chancellor, refused to sign. He was sentenced to death. St. Thomas More reminds us of our call to integrity and to the defense of truth in the public square. Thomas More is the patron saint of lawyers, politicians, and civil servants. St. Thomas More, pray for us!



## 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.*

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| Alice Sulik            | Kimanh Davis        |
| Ada Watson             | Larry Armour        |
| Carmencita Ortiz       | Leo Galang          |
| Cher Juliet            | Liam Ocampo         |
| Daniella Alvarez-Limon | Lorraine Mayrand    |
| Bob Taylor             | Matthew Khuu        |
| Bonnie Spencer         | Max Castro          |
| Carman Hogan           | Mike Venturini      |
| Don Hendrickson        | Natalie S. Marhauer |
| Fr. David Shaw         | Pam Morin           |
| Frederick Nidoy        | Pat Koelfgen        |
| Herbert Kohagura       | Romy Cypher-Strauch |
| Hunt Linn              | Sabrina Nunes       |
| Jared Ellerson         | Sean Roth           |
| Jason Nhan             | Vista Costa         |
| Jim Esfner             | Walter Cwynar       |
| Joey Durse             | Vickie Lustan       |
| Karen Clouser          |                     |

### 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.*



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| Andrew Kurimay   | Magdalena Malixi            |
| Ann McLaughlin   | Majida Haque                |
| Anne Pachote     | Mary Brisbin                |
| Beverly Verdugo  | Mary Theis                  |
| Bob Matranga     | MaryJo Barrett              |
| Chris McDowell   | Mary Jane McMahan           |
| Delia Yambao     | Nicolas Gomez               |
| Diane Pallari    | Patrick Pallari             |
| Doris McKeon     | Pedro Oquendo               |
| Duke McCully     | Quy Pham                    |
| Erlinda Estepa   | Rhyss Undajon-Haskell       |
| Francisco Tiffer | Richard Rutledge            |
| Gilbert Mendivil | Sanh Nguyen                 |
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| John Drumm Sr.   | Susan Wong                  |
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| Julian Ocampo    | Theresa Gonzalez            |
| Karen Clouser    | Tony Zuniga                 |
| Karen Maez       | William McCain              |
| Lisa Hueffed     |                             |





### 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.

### 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

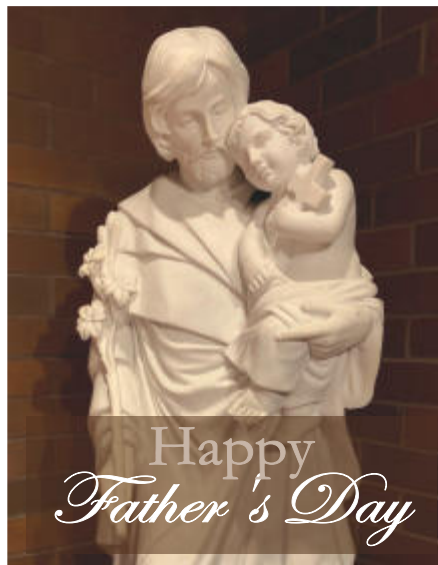
On the weekends, the church will be open  
from 7am-6pm.

**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."



### Prayer for Father's Day

Heavenly Father,  
you entrusted your Son Jesus,  
the child of Mary,  
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.  
Bless all fathers  
as they care for their families.  
Give them strength and wisdom,  
tenderness and patience;  
support them in the work they have to do,  
protecting those who look to them,  
as we look to you for love and salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.

Amen.



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## A Father's Day letter from Heaven

*"The loss of a child is a black hole into which the entire family falls". The words of Pope Francis express a pain that never goes away. Giovanni had been gone almost 8 years when his father found a letter his son had written to him before he died. It was like reading a letter from Heaven.*

By Benedetta Capelli

"Yesterday was Father's Day. My two daughters wished me a 'Happy Father's Day' first thing in the morning. But all day long, I couldn't help thinking about my son, Giovanni. When I got home, I started looking through his things, something I hadn't done since he died. I found greeting cards from friends, stickers of his football team, photographs... and a piece of paper in Giovanni's handwriting that began: 'Dear Dad...'. Massimo Raimondi is the "Dad" Giovanni addresses in the letter. He has kind eyes and working hands. Massimo spends his days assisting the needy at Rome's Caritas Centre, the Citadel of Charity that Pope Francis visited last December. He speaks slowly and thoughtfully as he tells the story of finding his son's letter.

### The letter

Since Giovanni's death, nearly eight years ago, Massimo and his wife Anna have been trying to live their lives as best they can. They attend Mass regularly, together with their two daughters, Antonella and Alessandra. But Giovanni is always present. Every 23rd of June, the feast of St. John the Baptist, his friends gather to eat a pizza in his honor. Then, on 20 March 2019, Massimo came across an unread letter addressed to him from his son.

*"Dear Dad, I know it may seem strange to you, but it's me, Giovanni, writing this letter. Every time our family was in some kind of trouble, you always blamed yourself. But maybe you didn't notice all the good you did. I could make a list for you, but it would fill a whole diary..."*

### Belief in ideals

Massimo was overcome with feelings of love and loss as he read the words of his deceased child. In the letter, Giovanni refers to the many challenges the family has had to face, situations "that would have broken anyone", he says. But he praises his father's ability to bounce back and to provide the family with a home and security. "Have you ever stopped to think", writes Giovanni, "about what you were able to build? Despite the difficulties, you continued believing in your ideals". Ideals like trusting in God's love and Providence, respecting others even if they fail to respect you, opening your home in welcome to those who have no home.

### Welcoming others

That's what happened with Daniel whose mother was in prison. Massimo, Anna, Giovanni, Antonella and Alessandra became the child's Italian family. It all started when the prison chaplain of Rome's Rebibbia penitentiary asked Massimo to accompany a young boy on a visit to his mother who was serving a jail sentence there. Massimo was volunteering at the prison facility at the time. "Every Saturday I would collect Daniel from the religious community where he lived and take him back there afterwards", recalls Massimo. "But I realized the child needed something more". So Daniel started staying over at Massimo's house, playing with his children. Eventually, the Raimondi family took him into foster care.

### A test of faith?

Giovanni's illness was totally unexpected. He woke up one morning and found he couldn't walk. The long trial of diagnoses, hospitalizations and unanswered questions began. His sisters and parents never left his side. When he died, the family was more united than ever. "Giovanni's death", says Massimo, "brought us together, thanks to our faith". On the day of the funeral, someone suggested the Lord was testing that faith. "Impossible, I said. The Lord I love so much, the Father who picked me up so many times, couldn't take my son away from me".

### He is with us

"I'm convinced he's in Heaven, waiting for us", says Massimo. "It feels like he's still with us: I see him in the kitchen, on the balcony when I'm watering the flowers". Giovanni lives on in the memories of those he loved, and who love him. They feel his presence and take comfort in imagining how happy he would have been to know he would soon be an uncle – to Nicholas, his sister's first child, and Massimo and Anna's first grandchild.

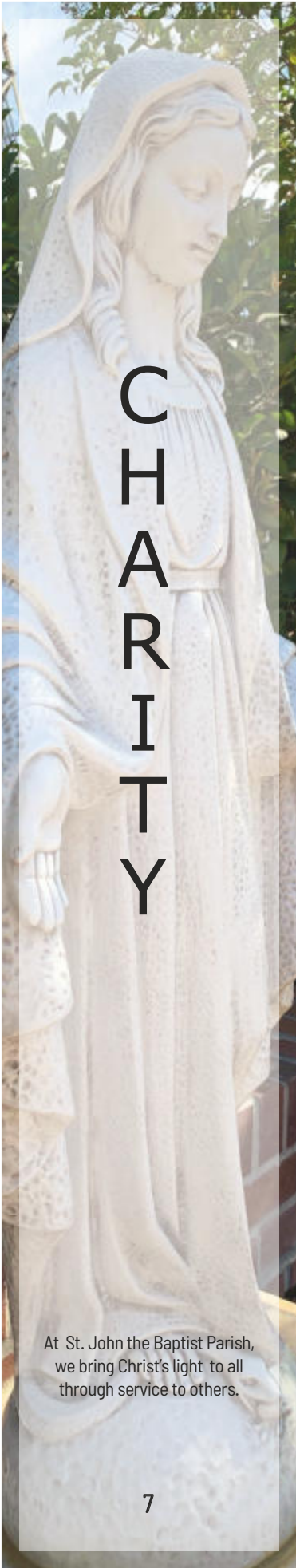
*"Dear Dad, let me tell you with all my heart: you're a winner!"*

Reading those lines from his son on Father's Day, says Massimo, was like reading something that came straight from Heaven.

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





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

## St. Vincent de Paul Update

As many of you are aware, St. Vincent de Paul has been closed due to the Corona-virus. In spite of this, you have continued to support us with your donations - food, clothing and financial. And we want to express our appreciation for your support. We are making plans to resume serving our community, but we have to ensure that it's done in a way that is safe for all. We expect to have a date by next weekend. In the meantime, we would appreciate it if you can hold on to your clothing and household donations until we open. We understand if you can't and prefer to donate to another organization that can accept your donations now. We will continue to pick up the food donations from the vestibule. Again, please accept our sincere gratitude. Take care. God bless you and your families.

## Food Collection

Thank You for your donations so far. 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.

## 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..

Use online giving or your weekly envelopes can be mailed to the parish office.

Again "Thank You" for your continued support.

## Will You Say Yes?

You find yourself in the difficult situation of being accused of blasphemy and confronting possible execution. Your crime is believing in Jesus Christ. The question is then asked of you, "Are you a Christian, a follower of the one named Jesus Christ?" Your answer may very well dictate what happens to you next. What is your answer?

It is probably easier to answer this question when the scenario is make-believe. All of us want to believe that we would say yes to the question of belief in Jesus, but strange things happen when humans panic in the face of extreme stress. As we reflect on what we would say, there are those all over the world who are being asked that very same question. It is a question that was asked of many in the first centuries of the Church. Those who respond "yes" are considered martyrs and saints.

We might not usually think of all this in terms of good stewardship living. However, our faith is also a gift we have received from God to cultivate, grow, and share with others. The more interesting question than the one posed above is, "Would an accuser even think of asking you such a question?" Would you have cultivated, grown, and shared your faith enough that anyone would even consider you worthy of asking the question? They might assume you don't know Jesus Christ at all. I don't like conflict and do not seek out conflict, but I would rather someone ask the first question posed than assume there is no reason to confront me in the first place.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



# KID'S CORNER

## Sharing the Gospel

You are God's special child. He knows all about you. He knows what you like to eat. He knows your favorite color. He knows how many teeth you have. He even knows how many hairs are on your head. No one in this world loves you as much as God loves you. Be sure to tell your friends how much God loves them, too.

## ✝️ Mission for the Week

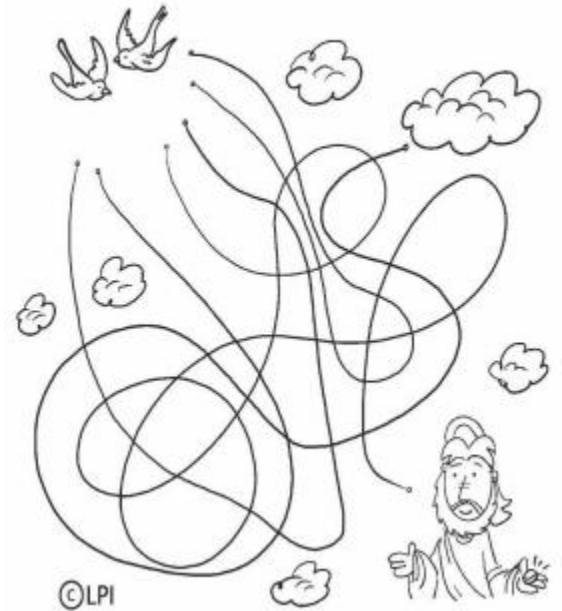
After you brush your hair, count the hairs in the brush. God knows how many hairs you lost!

## 🙏 Prayer

God, I thank you for loving me so much.

## 🧩 Puzzle

Find the right path to Jesus.



## 🖍️ Read the Gospel and Color



"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

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### Praise & Worship

Sheila Fitzpatrick, 925-437-0798

### Religious Education

Shannon Langer, 916-985-7338

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

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### WINGS (Women in Growth Spiritually)

Sue Collins, 916-337-6237

### Youth/Young Adults Ministries

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### Liturgy Committee

Barbara Bowden, 916-984-9476

### Pastoral Council

## Outreach/Charity Ministries

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### 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

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### Pastoral Care Ministry

Dan Dunne, 916-817-1675; Sunday

Candice Ralston, 916-806-8090; Tuesday

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

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### 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)

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### 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

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### 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

Please send ministry updates and corrections to  
Loreen McMahon, mcmahon510@comcast.net.

# MINISTRIES

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



## God in Daily Life

How do I bring God into the work of my daily life?

Whatever your daily work, you have an opportunity to encounter God and to follow His commandments in love. In the New Testament, we see that most of the Apostles didn't have a previous religious position. They were fishermen, tax collectors, and political activists. St. Paul was a tentmaker. Among the saints, we have doctors, lawyers, farmers, and stay-at-home moms. No matter your daily tasks, God can be present there!

One way concerns behavior. Start with an examination of conscience. Look at areas where you tend to struggle to imitate Christ at work. Do you gossip? Does brimming frustration become impatience at home? Pick one sin you struggle with, then choose a virtue to strengthen that area. If you tend to speak poorly of your co-workers, resolve to stop and to say one kind thing a day instead.

Another way relates to perspective, particularly your perspective of others. Jesus' incarnation reminds us of the value of every human being. Jesus is God, and each of us is created in God's image. When you encounter another person, you have an opportunity to see God in a new place and a new way — in that person in front of you.

Genuinely listen to them and be present to their concerns. Loving your neighbor is loving God! Our relationship with God and the love He inspires in our hearts shouldn't remain only at church on Sunday. We can — and should — let our faith animate our lives!



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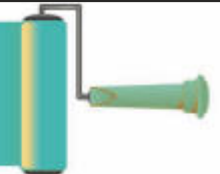
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