



# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

## *Catholic Church*

### APRIL 3, 2022



## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." - Jn 8:6b-7

## Sacraments

### Weekend Mass Times

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

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Spanish 1:30 pm

### Daily Mass Times

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

### Holy Day Mass Times

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

### Reconciliation / Confession

Saturday 3 - 4:30 pm  
& by appointment

### All Other Sacraments

Please call the office for information.

## Clergy

Fr. Renier Siva

### Pastor

Fr. Cleetus Karakkat

### Parochial Vicar

William Goeke

Jim McFadden

### Deacons

Fr. Ignatius Haran

### Pastor Emeritus

## Parish Office

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

### Website:

FolsomCatholic.org

### Social Media:

@FolsomCatholic

## Bulletin

FolsomCatholic.org/bulletin

### Bulletin Date Ads Due by 5pm

April 10	March 29
April 17	April 5
April 24	April 12
May 1	April 21

# 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

Is 43:16-21 / Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3] / Phil 3:8-14 / Jn 8:1-11

*"The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy."*

(Ps 126)

## Gospel Meditation

We love to make examples out of those who have erred and done wrong. Publicly punishing others serves as a means of demonstrating the consequences for what is deemed inappropriate or wrongful behavior. While this may appear an effective way of achieving conformity to established rules, it runs the real risk of distorting motivation. Obviously, we want people to do what is right and pursue healthy, virtuous behaviors and ideals. But is fear of punishment ever the best motivation for avoiding one action in favor of another?

Doing something out of fear is never healthy. Focusing exclusively on our behavior and what others expect or think, leads to living life with a self-focused superficiality. We become more concerned about protecting ourselves from something negative and unpleasant, than investing ourselves in the freedom, wonder and awe of being human! We can still find our way to the unacceptable or inappropriate behavior as long as we do not get caught! Being a whole, focused, and God-centered human being requires more. It demands an investment of the heart. Virtuous, moral, and mature lifestyles reflective of the Gospel necessitate love.

When we experience and recognize love, God's unconditional love, in the depth of our soul, we fall in love with what we have found. We then find ourselves leaving destructive and sinful actions behind in search of something more holy, dignified, true, integral, and loving. This is really "mercy realized." God's tremendous, loving, eternal forgiveness and willingness to bring us back to something more real and tender is transformational. The respect for myself that I receive from God is so life changing that it causes me to run quickly away from anything sinful and self-destructive to things that are whole and holy.

There are many people who want nothing more than to judge or criticize us. What would actually stoning the woman caught in adultery really accomplish? Nothing more than the inflation of the already self-righteous egos of a few men who think they have power. They have no power because they are sinners too, just like everyone else. What all of us have is the humble ability to express sorrow for pursuing destructive thoughts and actions and receive the power of God's mercy. Then, Jesus' request to "go and sin no more" will be one we proudly heed and follow.

## Scripture Reflections

### First Reading

Active during Israel's captivity in Babylon around 550BC, the prophet Isaiah reminds the Israelites of God's saving acts in their history and offers hope for a new future beyond exile. How does your faith in the Lord offer you hope in times of distress?

### Second Reading

Paul speaks to the Philippians of his firm belief that what matters most in his life is his intimate connection to Christ Jesus. How do you think anyone develops this depth of passion for Jesus?

### Gospel

The scribes and the Pharisees tested Jesus' fidelity to the Mosaic Law by using a woman caught in the act of adultery. In reply, Jesus exposed the hypocrisy of the religious leaders and showed mercy on the sinful woman. When has someone shown you mercy over judgment?



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### The Family Lenten Challenge Fifth Week of Lent

#### Gift an Easter card

Give an elderly person in a nursing home, your neighborhood, or to others needing encouragement.

#### Lenten Rites for RCIA

This Sunday at the 11:30am Mass we celebrate the final scrutiny. As we reflect on the raising of Lazarus, we anticipate the rebirth through baptism coming for our Elect. Along with the final scrutiny, we will present the Elect with the Lord's Prayer. The Lord's Prayer is particular special to us as it is the prayer that Christ gave us. Please continue to pray for Indica, Cain, Grace, Brady, Jordan, and Casandra as they finish their preparations. Please also pray for Nick and Noreen as they prepare for their profession of faith and Confirmation and Eucharist. Last, please pray for Patrick as he prepares to complete his sacraments as a baptized Catholic.

#### Palm Sunday Procession Before Mass

On Palm Sunday, April 10th, we will return to our pre-pandemic Palm procession. You are encouraged to arrive early to find your seats and then proceed out to the courtyard for the procession. You will receive your palms there. If you have old palms, SAVE THEM! We will be collecting them prior to Ash Wednesday next year to burn them for the ashes on Ash Wednesday. Thank you.

#### New Parishioner Welcoming Logo Design Contest

Contact: Joyce Starosciak  
jastaros@gmail.com, 916-740-4628

Calling all artists! We are looking for a logo to be used on a welcoming gift for new parishioners. The design should be clear and fit in a 2" by 3" rectangle. The logo should represent the parish mission statement as a welcoming parish. Submit original artwork in .jpg or .pdf format to jastaros@gmail.com. Deadline is April 20 and the winner will be notified by May 18. The winning prize is a \$50 gift card and a welcome gift featuring the logo.

#### Knights of Columbus Final Fish Dinner This Lent

April 8, 5:30 -7pm, Parish Hall

Doors open at 5:00pm

Tickets sales at the door, no host bar

Menu: Baked fish fillets, Mac & Cheese, Potato Casserole, Cole Slaw, Salad mini-bar, Veggies, Cornbread.

\$12 - adults & children over 12

\$6 - children under 12, Free -children under 5

\$35 for family - 2 adults & 2+ children under 12

#### Make a Way

What's your comfort zone: emotionally, professionally, personally? We all have one. But did you realize that you can have one spiritually? Think about what you like and what you don't particularly enjoy when it comes to church, prayer, and liturgy. We all have "those songs" we crinkle our noses at, either because they're too modern or too old-fashioned. We all have "those people" in our parish whose ideas we aren't so sure about, whether that's because they're trying to change too much or because they seem always to be looking toward the past. Also, when was the last time you sat on the OTHER side of the church during Mass?

As much as we may not want to admit it, even (and especially) as people of God, we get deeply attached to our own personal comfort zones — and we tend to view those outside with distrust.

But what if God had a comfort zone? What if He viewed us, in our sin and our misery, as too "far away" from Himself to reach? Thankfully, our God is a God who "opens a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters." Our God is a God who does "something new."

The call to stewardship demands that we look outside of ourselves. Our thoughts, our opinions, our preferences — these things are not important to the steward. Even if there is a vast, dry desert of discord, or a seemingly endless wasteland of opposing views between us and our neighbor, God challenges us to "make a way" out of our comfort zone, that together we may announce His praise.

~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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**Mass Intentions**

**Sunday, April 3rd**

- 7:30am Mac Smith†
- 9:00am Cesar Perez†
- 11:30am Daryl Clements†
- 1:30pm People of the Parish
- 6:00pm Corey Hendon†

**Monday, April 4th**

- 6:30am Carmeza Moncada†
- 8:15am Emmy & Aldo (*thanksgiving*)

**Tuesday, April 5th**

- 6:30am Patricia Larmer†
- 8:15am Jack & Helen Jackson†

**Wednesday, April 6th**

- 6:30am Manfred Schaubmayer
- 8:15am James Clark†

**Thursday, April 7th**

- 6:30am Queen Victoria Rene Abiade Manning
- 8:15am Louis Silva†

**Friday, April 8th**

- 6:30am Mafumga Elias Sulus
- 8:15am Sophia Paytress (*birthday*)

**Saturday, April 9th**

- 5:00pm In Thanksgiving

**Observances**

**We Celebrate This Week**

- Mon: St. Isidore
- Tue: St. Vincent Ferrer

**April is Dedicated to:  
The Blessed Sacrament**

**Pope Francis'  
Monthly Intention for April**

For health care workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

**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         | Margie Reilly        |
| Amelia Barlow       | Melody Packett Souza |
| Calvin Dickerman    | Richard Long         |
| Danielle Reda       | Rick Moon            |
| Dennis Rust         | Rose DeHerrera       |
| Gary Lowe           | Tom Porter           |
| Jesus Tarongoy, Sr. | Victor Roque         |
| Louise Chien        | Zoila Henriquez      |

**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.*



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| Alfredo Acosta        | Jim Sullivan         |
| Arnel Ergina          | Joe Crivello         |
| Beatriz Truxton       | John Gomez           |
| Brendan Harrington    | Joseph Rendon        |
| Cathy Lowe            | Kathleen Lowe        |
| Cesar Perez           | Kazimiera Myszkowska |
| Charles Schurman      | Lenor Tucker         |
| Delores Torok         | Leopoldo Martinez    |
| Elizabeth Waligora    | Lois Boeck           |
| Esmeralda Farrales    | Lorenzo Pinon        |
| Eusebio "Bong" Santos | Louis Silva          |
| Frank Martin          | Luis Lopez-Alvarez   |
| Gale Richardson       | Marcella Raper       |
| Gerald F. Kobalter    | Marelou Montemayor   |
| Giuse Le Van Yen      | Margaret Kimball     |
| Hardip S. Dosangh     | Marianne Simas       |
| Helen Nayakkara       | Mike Foley           |
| Irene Fortuna         | Pat Masini           |
| James McArdle         | Patricia Cwynar      |
| James Sullivan        | Patrick Cummings     |
| Janice Laverde        | Pierre Lavapie       |
| Janice Liberti        | Richard Keough       |
| Jenny Gutierrez       | Robert McLaughlin    |
| Jesus Tabera          | Roberta Saniga       |
| Jim Clark             | Savannah Smith       |
| Jim McKelvey          | Van Pham             |

**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.





## The Adoration Chapel

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

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

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

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

To sign up please contact Veronica Thomas at [thomas\\_vera@yahoo.com](mailto:thomas_vera@yahoo.com)

### Confession

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

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

### Stations of the Cross

Tuesdays, following 8:15am Mass  
Fridays, 7pm, Church

### Respect Life Ministry

**"40 Days" for Life  
Worldwide Prayer Vigil**

March 2 - April 10  
Monday - Saturday, 8am-6pm  
Planned Parenthood  
201 29th St., Sacramento, CA  
Contact: Joanne Dudgeon  
916-607-2228

[www.40daysforlife.com/sacramento](http://www.40daysforlife.com/sacramento)

You're invited to join the "40 Days" for Life prayer vigil to build a world where every child is welcomed and all life is respected.

Be a sign of God's love by praying at the clinic. Carpools from St. Johns on Thursdays. Contact Joanne.

*"The Child is presented in the Temple because the Child belongs to God. Children are not the property of their parents, nor of the government. They - and we - belong to God Himself."*

### Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet

**Starts April 15, 2022, Good Friday**  
5pm each of the 9 days before the Feast of the Divine Mercy Sunday (except Easter Vigil Saturday and Easter Sunday, April 16 and 17, 2022)  
Divine Mercy Chapel  
Contact: Zoanne Tafolla  
[ztafolla@gmail.com](mailto:ztafolla@gmail.com), 707- 333-7359

*"On each day of the novena you will bring to My heart a different group of souls and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy....On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My passion, for the graces of these souls."*

All are invited to join us. We will start each evening with prayer and pray the novena and chaplet together. We will be having a social gathering after the prayers in the Garden Room, which should conclude around 7:00pm.

We will finish our Novena with the opportunity for confessions on Saturday, April 23 (Divine Mercy Vigil) and praying the Chaplet 20 minutes prior to all Masses on Divine Mercy Sunday.

To receive the extraordinary graces of this feast, the only condition is to receive Holy Communion worthily on Divine Mercy Sunday (or the vigil celebration), by making a good Confession beforehand (up to 10 days) and staying in the state of grace, and receive with great trust in Divine Mercy.

For more information contact Zoanne.



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SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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

**Lenten Study w/Deacon Jim**

**Session 6: The Passion Narrative of Luke's Gospel**  
 Tuesday, April 5, 7pm  
 Contact: Theresa Grant  
 tgrant@talkpathlive.com

For session information, go to the parish website [folsomcatholic.org](http://folsomcatholic.org). Click on Ministry News/Events for session flyer or see vestibule monitors. To register please email Theresa Grant. You will receive an email prior to the scheduled session with the Zoom link & instructions.



April 4  
**ST. BENEDICT THE AFRICAN**

St. Benedict the African was born in 1524 in San Fratello, Sicily to Africans parents who had been taken as slaves. Some accounts say that because of his parents' loyal service Benedict was given his freedom at birth, others say his freedom was granted when he turned 18. At 21 he joined a society of hermits living under the rule of St. Francis of Assisi eventually succeeding as their leader. When the Pope disbanded the society, Benedict joined the Order of Friars Minor and he was sent to Palermo, to the Franciscan Friary of St. Mary of Jesus. He worked in the kitchens and despite being illiterate and a lay brother he also served as Master of Novices, and as Guardian of the Community. Known throughout his life as a brilliant cook under whose hands food seemed to multiply miraculously, a healer, and a spiritual leader with profound understanding. He is honored as the patron saint of African Americans.

**Lectio Eucharist**

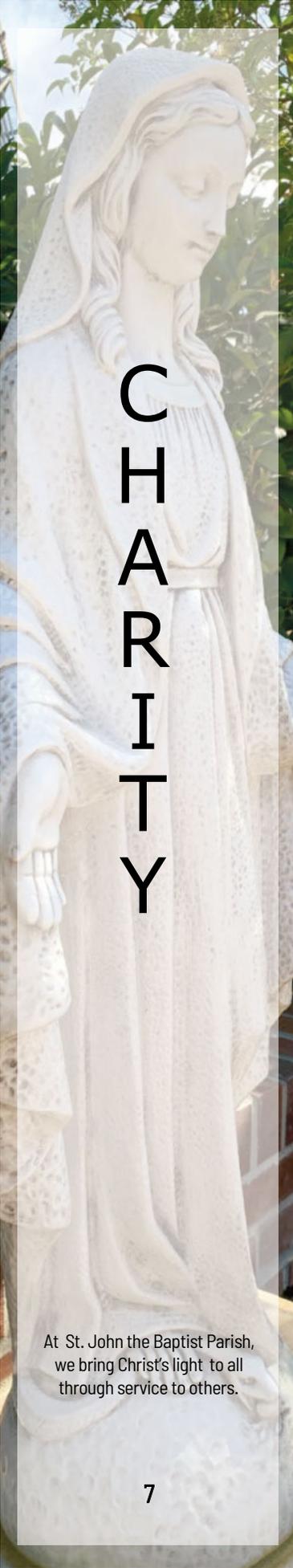
**10 Week Zoom Bible Study**  
 Starting on April 21, 2022  
 2 separate weekly sessions  
 Thursdays at 12 noon and 7pm  
 Contact: Angela  
 916-342-3368  
 REcatechists60@gmail.com

Why does the Church teach that the Holy Eucharist is the "source and summit" of our faith? Why does she insist that the Holy Eucharist is the "True Presence" of Jesus Christ? Do you believe? If you do, can you explain to someone all the reasons behind this belief? If you don't believe, why not?

In either case, it would enrich your faith to find out how God planned The Eucharist from the very beginning when Adam and Eve had to leave the Garden of Eden. Come dive into scripture with us and find out how God weaved this gift of love through our Salvation History so that everyone who believed can have food for their souls as they journey through life. This eye opening bible study will leave you feeling thoroughly loved and awed. The study will be offered through zoom, so get your family and friends, near and far to join us as we discover God's incredible gift to each of us.

For questions or to sign up, call or text Angela.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<p><b>April 3</b>  <b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>                      "I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him."  <i>(Philippians 3:8-19)</i></p>	<p><b>April 4</b>                      St. Isidore of Seville is often considered the patron saint of the Internet. Pray that your interaction on social media will be marked by respect and model the love to which Christ calls us.</p>	<p><b>April 5</b>                      Pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary for the Pope's Intention for April: For health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.</p>	<p><b>April 6</b>                      "The person who shares worthily in the Eucharist is enabled more and more to live the new law of love given by Christ precisely because Christ communicates himself in the sacrament of the altar. The foundation of our personal and moral transformation is the communion with himself that Christ establishes in Baptism and deepens in the Eucharist."  <i>(USCCB, The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church, no. 34)</i></p>
THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	LENT 2022
<p><b>April 7</b>                      St. John Baptist de la Salle was a great Catholic educator, especially devoted to ensuring that the poor could receive a Catholic education. Say a prayer for the success of efforts to make Catholic education more widely available.</p>	<p><b>April 8</b>                       As Lent draws to a close, pray the Stations of the Cross and reflect on Jesus' saving Passion and Death.</p>	<p><b>April 9</b>                      "Sharing in Christ's own mission, the family through Baptism is 'priest, prophet and king'; priest, prophet and king, through the offering of sacrificial love and adoration of God; prophet through the witness to supernatural reality of God's Kingdom; and king, through the order and harmony that the family fosters within the home, community, and Church."  <i>(USCCB, Called to the Joy of Love, p.11 [pdf])</i></p>	<p><b>Reflect.</b>  <b>Repent.</b>  <b>Restore.</b>                      Daily Inspiration for Your Lenten Journey  <a href="http://www.usccb.org/lent">www.usccb.org/lent</a></p>



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

**St. Vincent de Paul**  
**Annual Benefit for the Poor Dinner**  
Contact: Mercy Knight  
916-402-4104

The Sacramento Diocesan Council of St. Vincent de Paul is hosting the 16th Annual Benefit Dinner. The guest speaker is Elizabeth Disco-Shearer, CEO of Disaster Services of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of the United States. Location and details for the dinner are as follows.

**Doubletree Arden**  
**2001 Point West Way, Sacramento**  
**5:30 p.m. - Reception, 6:30 p.m. - Dinner**  
**7:30 p.m. - Program**

Tickets are \$150 per person and can be purchased online on the website: svdp-sacramento.org. Thank you for your support.

**Raffle Tickets for Trip to Hawaii**  
St. Vincent de Paul is still selling raffle tickets for a trip to Hawaii - only \$10 each. Tickets can be purchased at St. Vincent de Paul on Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. You can also contact Mercy. All proceeds from the ticket sales will remain with our Folsom St. Vincent de Paul Conference.

**Knights of Columbus**  
**40 Cans for Lent**  
Wednesday, March 2 - Sunday, April 17  
Contact: SK Percy Park  
916-936-6145 or dbk576@aol.com

Food items should be healthy, nonperishable, and in unopened, unbreakable packaging. Food must be within the expiration date on the packaging.

- Most requested food items:**
- Canned meats like tuna, chicken, turkey, ham, stew and chili
  - Canned vegetables, Pasta & pasta sauce, Beans, Rice
  - Healthy cereals, Peanut Butter
  - Baby food & baby formula

Food items may be placed on the Knights of Columbus designated cart located outside the front of the church entrance before and after every weekend Mass during Lent. Cans and packaged food items can also be dropped off at St. Vincent de Paul during their open hours.

**Prison Ministry**  
**Spring Card Collection**  
March 2 - May 1

*Easter & Mother's Day Cards Needed*

This opportunity for the inmates to send cards is hugely important. **Please note** cards need to be plain and have no fancy decorations like glitter or ribbon. Cards should not be used and should not have any writing in them. A box will be placed in the vestibule to collect the cards.

**2nd Collection**

This weekend our 2nd collection is for our RE Program and SJND.

Thank you for your contributions to last weekend's collection for *The Catholic Relief Services Collection*. Together we collected \$1710.

**Stewardship of Treasure the Lord Has Entrusted to Us**

Weekly goal: \$25,529.00  
Weekly Offerings:

March 26 /27                      \$ 19,304

**Inspiration of the Week**

Mercy makes us attentive to the voice of truth. We do not know what ever happened to the woman caught in adultery, after her encounter with Jesus. It is hoped that she found what she needed to feel true sorrow. What we do know is that through his gentle and wise persuasiveness, Jesus puts the Pharisees in their place and opens the door to grace for this child of God. Being exploited and used to test and discredit Jesus, she who is publicly known to be a sinner is now the victim. Jesus never tolerates people being used and immediately rushes to her defense. As the author of mercy, Jesus became her advocate and opened the door for her to God's love. Jesus also stands between us and the harsh, judgmental, and often hurtful stance of our world. He invites us to grace, to leave the sin that binds us, and for which we are often criticized, and pursue a life of virtue and freedom.

## Sharing the Gospel

When we do something wrong, God does not want to punish us. God just wants us to stop, learn from our mistake, and make better choices next time. Try to remember that the next time you catch a friend sinning. Instead of tattling, talk to your friend, and gently help your friend do what is right.

## ✝️ Mission for the Week

Name one thing you have done wrong. Jesus can forgive you for your mistakes. Try to forgive other people, too.

## 🙏 Prayer

Dear God, help me to be kind to my friends when they make mistakes. Help me remember that sometimes I make bad choices, too.

## 🖍️ Read the Gospel and Color

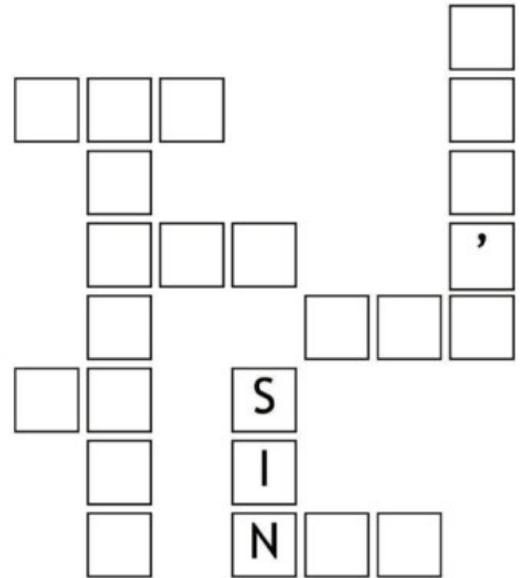
Jn 8:1-11



## 🧩 Puzzle

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares.

You may go now, but don't sin anymore.



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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

### New Parishioner Welcoming Ministry

Joyce Starosciak, 916-740-4628

### Ushers

Stanley Posis, 916-705-9192

## Prayer Ministries

### Companioned Prayer

Dcn. Bill Goeke, 916-673-7996

### Divine Mercy Devotion/Cenacle

Zoanne Tafolla, 707-333-7359

-*Chaplet/Rosary/Morning Prayer*

-*Divine Mercy Chaplet/Mass*

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

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

### Eucharistic Adoration

Veronica Thomas, thomas\_vera@yahoo.com

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

*Sign Up for adorers is in the vestibule*

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

-*English* - 1st Saturday of the month

Sally Gomez, 916-693-2411

-*Spanish* - 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

### Praise & Worship

David Brauer, dabrauer@hotmail.com

### Religious Education

Shannon Langer, 916-985-7338

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

Shannon Langer, 916-985-7338

### Theology on Tap

Aaron Santos, 916-985-2065

### WINGS (Women in Growth Spiritually)

Parish Office, 916-985-2065

### Youth/Young Adults Ministries

Aaron Santos, asantos@folsomcatholic.org

## Parish Committees/Councils

### Finance Council

Joyce Starosciak, 916-740-4628

### Liturgy Committee

Barbara Bowden, 916-984-9476

### Pastoral Council

Shannon Frazier, 916-761-2912

## Outreach/Charity Ministries

### Bereavement Hospitality/Receptions

Parish Office, 916-985-2065

### Catholics for Life

Kathy Baxter, 916-337-6824

### Gabriel Project

Debbie Sultan, 916-337-5786

### Grace Quilters Ministry

Catherine Scott, 831-402-4681

### Grupo Pastoral Hispano

Rommel Hernández, 530-387-1009

### Knights of Columbus

Hugo Schmidt, 916-817-4541

### Pastoral Care Ministry

Dan Dunne, 916-817-1675; Sunday

Candice Ralston, 916-806-8090; Tuesday

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Catherine Scott, 831-402-4681

### Prison/Restorative Justice Ministry

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

-CSP Sacramento - Greg Mellor,

Catholic Chaplain, 916-985-8610 x6425

### School Ministry (St. John Notre Dame)

Keith Martin, Principal, 916-985-4129

### Senior Visitation

Charlene Agles, 916-984-9602

### St. Vincent de Paul (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

Parish Office, 916-985-2065

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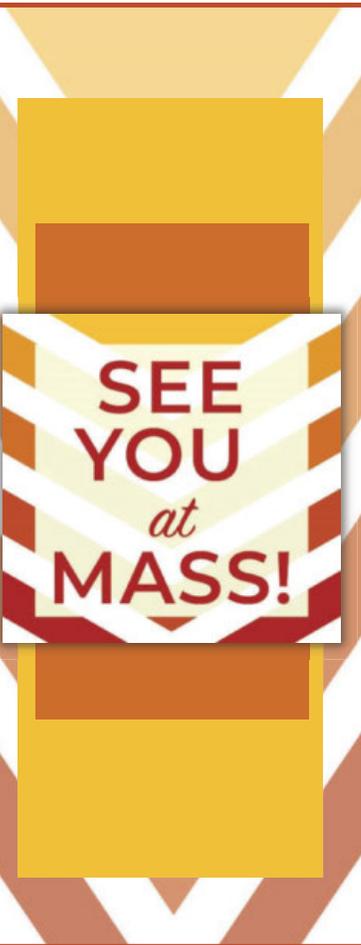
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If we simply leave after we receive communion, we risk two things. First, there is the possibility that we will turn our reception of communion into a purely personal, individual experience that is separated from our common experience of worship — and communion in the fullest sense — and, second, we lose an opportunity for gratitude and serious reflection if we simply leave after communion. This time of thanksgiving, reflection, and, ultimately, missioning are important and, in the end, an essential part of the celebration of the Mass

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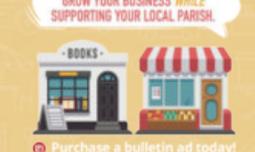
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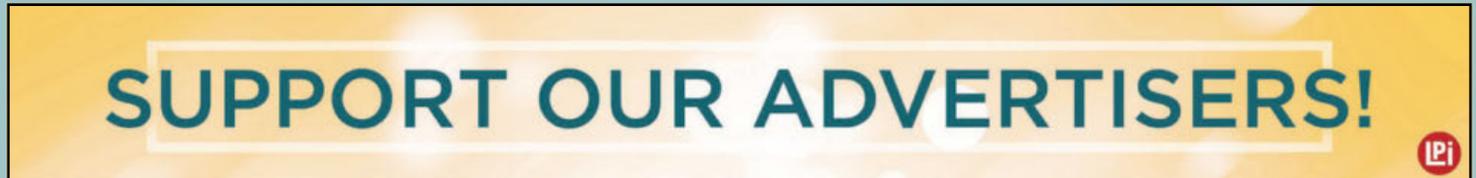

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