



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Catholic Church

JUNE 23, 2024



12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea,
“Quiet! Be still!” The wind ceased and there was
great calm. - Mk 4:39

Sacraments

Weekend Mass Times

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

1st Sunday Spanish 1:30 pm

Daily Mass Times

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

Holy Day Mass Times

6:30 am, 8:15 am, Noon
7:00 pm

Reconciliation / Confession

Saturday 3 - 4:30 pm
& by appointment

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. Renier Siva

Pastor

Fr. Julius Kaburu

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Ignatius Haran

Pastor Emeritus

Dennis Gorsuch

Jim McFadden

William Goeke

Deacons

Parish Office

Mon.- Fri. 8:30 am- 4:30 pm
307 Montrose Drive, Folsom
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FolsomCatholic.org

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Bulletin

FolsomCatholic.org/bulletin

Bulletin Date Ads Due by 5pm

Jun 30	Jun 20
Jul 7	Jun 25
Jul 14	Jul 3
Jul 21	Jul 11

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

Jb 38:1, 8-11 / Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 (1b) / 2 Cor 5:14-17 / Mk 4:35-41

"Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting."

(Ps 107)

Gospel Meditation

By Father John Muir

Right now, you and I are only worried about one of only two things: wind or water.

Bear with me. This week we hear the account of the terrified disciples waking Jesus in a sea-storm. He chastises them for their lack of faith, and then, "rebuking the wind, he said to the sea, 'Quiet, be still!'" He rebukes the wind and stills the water. In the Bible wind and water represent the two most fundamental poles of our experience of creation. Wind means heaven, spirit, that which gives identity, unity, order, light. Water stands for earth, variation, potential, that which can be drawn into identity, darkness, chaos.

Too much "wind" is when things get way too rigid, abstract and ideological — when we face oppressive leaders and tyrants, when we get addicted to our own way of doing things, when our attention is too narrowly focused on one thing. Too much "water" is excessive novelty, passivity, indifference, and chaos — when our attention is too broadly diffused on many things, when things seem to be crumbling without direction into the dark abyss. We know both terrifying experiences all too well.

The point of the miracle is that God in Christ is the One who brings final cosmic harmony between these two vital but threatening forces. He ultimately does so from the wood of the cross, when he breathes forth the wind of his spirit and pours forth the water from his side to establish a new creation, filled with harmonious peace. When the wind and water are out of control, trust him.

Scripture Reflections

First Reading

God challenges Job not to question His power over creation. Have you ever challenged or questioned God in prayer?

Second Reading

Paul speaks of believers in Christ as a "new creation." In what ways do you sense something new in your life as a Christian?

Gospel

The disciples feared for their lives while caught in a violent storm until Jesus calmed the wind and the sea. When has your faith in Jesus helped calm your fears?

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

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Farewell and Thank You Fr. Renier

All are invited to join us for
Father Renier's Farewell Reception on
Saturday, June 29, in Gallagher Hall,
following the 5:00 pm Mass.

As you know, Father Renier will be
going to his next assignment as Pastor at
St. Peter and Paul Parish in Rocklin. We
wish Father Renier the best, continued
guidance from the Holy Spirit and a
heartfelt thanks for his service here at
St. John the Baptist for the past 5 years.

VBS 2024

"Scuba - Diving into Friendship with God"

July 29-August 2, 2024

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Daily Sign-in: 8:45 a.m. - 8:55 a.m.

Location: Gallagher Hall

Ages: Kindergarten through 5th grade

Fee: \$30 per student

Contact: Shannon Langer

slanger@folsomcatholic.org

Registration can be done online. We hope to
see you there.

We are also looking for volunteers to pre-
pare and run this amazing weeklong event.
We are looking for Middle and HS students
to be part of our prep team. Prep dates will
be every Tuesday starting June 25, 11-6pm in
the Parish Hall.

Registration and more information can be
found at folsomcatholic.org/VBS.



NATIONAL
Eucharistic
Revival

*"While the whole world is doing every-
thing it can to avoid and drown out their
pain and suffering, we are reminded each
Sunday at Mass that our pain and suffering
have tremendous value when united to the
pain and suffering of Jesus on the Cross."*

- Matthew Kelly -

Mass Cancellations

The 6:30am weekday Mass is cancelled from
May 13 - June 30. Please join us at the 8:15am
Mass.

New Parishioners!

Please welcome to our Parish Family

Angela and Robert Alganion

Charlene Avery

Carol Baum

Lauren and Jason Birkenstock

Lucrecia Capuchino

Maggie Celestina

Lucia and Brandon James

Bruce and Jaclyn Mulder

Michael and Anamarie Raquedan

Shirlyn and Honorio Tacla

Eucharistic Revival Concert

Dave Brubeck's

PANGE LINGUA VARIATIONS

July 6, Saturday

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament

Cost: \$25-\$75

Registration Link

<https://cbssac.ticketspice.com/brubeck>

In 1983 the Cathedral of the Blessed
Sacrament in Sacramento commissioned
legendary musician Dave Brubeck to compose
a variation of the Thomas Aquinas hymn
"Pange Lingua, Gloriosi" ("Sing, My Tongue,
the Savior's Glory"). The work beautifully
captures the poetic spirit of the original
Gregorian chant infused with Brubeck's
signature jazz improvisation and interludes.
It was Brubeck's first sacred composition since
he had converted to Catholicism. The Dave
Brubeck Quartet first performed the work in
the Cathedral with orchestra and chorus over
two nights in May, 1983 to sell-out audiences.

On Saturday, July 6 Grammy-nominated
composer/musician Chris Brubeck, Dan
Brubeck (sons of the late maestro), and pianist
Joe Gilman will join the Cathedral of the
Blessed Sacrament Choir and Orchestra to
recreate this beautiful work in the historic and
magnificent surroundings of the Cathedral,
which celebrates its 135th anniversary this
year. Tickets to the concert and an optional
wine-and-cheese reception are now on sale!

An optional wine & cheese reception and
tours of the Cathedral [\$50 per person] will be
gin at 6 pm before the 8 pm performance.
All proceeds will be used to support the
Cathedral's Social Service Ministries.

PRAYER

Mass Intentions

Sunday, June 23rd

7:30am Amber Merrill+
People of the Parish
9:00am Anthony Almazan+
Joselito Lawas+
11:30am
6:00pm Boeck Brothers (*birthdays*)

Monday, June 24th

8:15am Elena Poytress (*birthday*)
Family Drozco-Gama

Tuesday, June 25th

8:15am Luisita Sogueco+
Anastasia Samson+

Wednesday, June 26th

8:15am Lincoln Marsh (*7th birthday*)
Rudy Velasco+

Thursday, June 27th

8:15am All Souls in Purgatory

Friday, June 28th

8:15am John F. Jenkins+

Saturday, June 29th

5:00pm Michael Vilorio (*birthday*)
Joseph & Purificacion Siruno+

Observances

We Celebrate This Week

Monday

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Thursday

St. Cyril of Alexandria

Friday

St. Irenaeus

Saturday

Sts. Peter And Paul

June is Dedicated to: The Sacred Heart of Jesus

Pope Francis'

Monthly Intention for June

For Those Fleeing Their Own Countries

Let us pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys fraught with danger and violence, may find welcome and new living opportunities in their host countries.

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.

Adaline Dalupan	Lilia Tanjoc
Agnieshka Ossowska	Luisa Penman
Baby Gianna Brooks	Karen Bookey
Barbara Duncan-Noel	Karen Spiess
Benedict Doan	Kyle Pasterski
Charlene Agles	Macy Knadle
Dave Hodson	Margaret Vopacke-Reilly
Eberardo Madueno	Marmo Lil Ocampo
Elaine Dougherty	Matthew Awbrey
Elzira Elfilali	Michael Long
Gloria Marquez	Paul Halloran
Gordon Ferriss	Paulita Narciso
Gretchen V. Reindl	Percy Park
John Leonard	Sally Ann Thomas
John Said	Theresa Martin
Johnny Johnson	Vien Tran
Joseph Giles	Virginia V. Miller

Prayers for Our Troops

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

Andrew Pecha	John Lopez
Brandon Heffel	Joshua Penman
Carl Crossman	Marc Jules Ocampo
David Tressler	Michael Dalupan
Dylan Flynn	Samuel R. Rodriguez

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.

Allan MacDonnell	Jose Antonio De la Cruz
Anastasia Umma	Mario Palma
Bill Platz	Mary Steiner McInnis
Candy Jensen	Mimi McCall
Cirilo Garcia, Jr.	Pat Bagley
Don McGhee	Phyllis Batt
Fe Abano	Roger Lopez
Gabriel Morales	Rory O'Bar
Jim Reed	Rudolfo Guese
Joana Marie Daysor	Sarah Maya
Jonamel Elemينو	Theresa Thomas

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. Please visit the parish office for Mass Intentions.

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



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 thomas_vera@yahoo.com

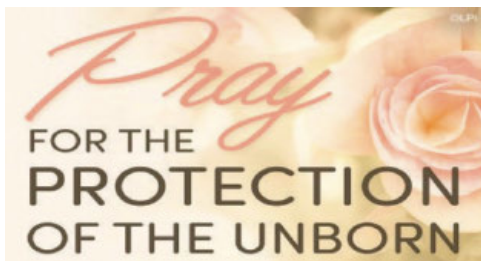
Monday:	10-11 am	11-12 pm	4 - 5 pm	5 - 6 pm	6 - 7 pm	7 - 8 pm
Tuesday:	9-10 am	12-1 pm	2 - 3 pm	4 - 5 pm		
Wednesday:	12 - 1 pm	5 - 6 pm	6 - 7 pm	7 - 8 pm		
Thursday:	9 - 10 am	11 - 12 pm	12 - 1 pm	6 - 7 pm	7 - 8 pm	
Friday:	6 - 7 pm					
Saturday:	9 - 10 am	10 - 11 am	11 - 12 pm	12 - 1 pm	1 - 2 pm	2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

Respect Life Ministry

Parish contact: Joanne Dudgeon
916-607-2228

Draw near, we beseech you, O Lord, to those contemplating abortion. As John leaped for joy in the womb of his mother when You came near, may struggling women, and the children they bear, experience Your presence. Fill them with Your Holy Spirit, that they, too, may cry for joy at Your coming. You who live and reign forever. Amen.

If anyone is interested in praying with the Respect Life team at the abortion mill, call Joanne.



Prayer for Inner Peace

*Jesus,
Speak your
command of
"Quiet! Be still!"
into the dark*

*recesses of my mind — my fears, concerns,
and anxieties. Be with me, at every moment,
no matter the storm.
Fix my eyes upon you.
Amen.*

Companioned Prayer Ministry

St. John's Prayer Circles

Immaculate Heart of Mary:

Mondays, 9:45 a.m., Church Chapel

Sacred Heart of Jesus:

Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m., Church Nave

Contact: Michelle Hendricks

mhendricks@CompanionedPrayer.org

An Introduction to Companioned Prayer June 2024

Note: For those parishioners who are participating in the four sessions, the last two sessions continue this week and next week in the church chapel.

Session 3: Monday, 6/24: 7pm - 8:30pm or
Tuesday, 6/25: 9:45am - 11:15am

Session 4: Wednesday, 6/26: 7pm - 8:30 pm
or Thursday, 6/27: 9:45am - 11:15am

All June prayer gatherings are dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

If you are interested in learning more about Companioned Prayer, please contact Michelle. You may also find more information on one of the tables in the narthex of the church.

Live the Liturgy

Inspiration For the Week

So often when we are weathering the storm, it feels like God is asleep — but we never even tried to wake Him up! Bring God your fears, your doubts, your uncertainties. He will show you that He steers the ship, and even the wind and the seas obey.



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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.

Respect Life Ministry Prayer Guide

Pray

Pray Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

Reflect

Chemical abortion is now the most common form of abortion in the United States.

Chemical abortion is a process that involves a pregnant woman taking a series of pills early in pregnancy to kill and expel a developing child from her womb. This form of abortion not only takes the life of a child, but also poses significant risks to the health and safety of women.

Despite these serious risks, chemical abortion is widely accessible. Since 2016, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has shown continued disregard for women's health by loosening safety standards, extending the limits of when the drugs can be used, and decreasing the number of required doctor's visits. Most recently, the FDA has allowed abortion pills to be prescribed through virtual appointments, ordered online, and made available at neighborhood pharmacies, enabling a nationwide mail-order abortion industry. In addition to putting women's health at risk, these policies also increase the chances that women may be exploited by violent partners or human traffickers.

In March, the Supreme Court heard oral arguments in a case that has the potential to restore limitations to chemical abortion that the FDA has removed. The Supreme Court's decision is expected to be released in June. While the case before the Supreme Court will not end chemical abortion, there is the hope of curbing its accessibility and therefore protecting the lives of pre-born children and their mothers. Let us unite in prayer as we await the Court's ruling.

Act (Choose one)

- Pray the Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life every day until the decision is released: usccb.org/prolife/nationwide-invitation-prayer.
- Choose one day this week (or each week until the decision) to offer a sacrifice for this month's intention. Consider fasting from snacks, a favorite food or drink, social media, or TV shows and movies.
- Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for this month's intention.

Source: respectlife.org/prayer-and-action

(Practicing) Catholic Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Perfect Storm

I am writing this on a Saturday morning. Saturdays are my writing days, when my husband takes over the kids and the house and I disappear into the office with an enormous cup of coffee and noise-canceling headphones. Saturdays are sacred — if work can be called sacred.

But Saturday morning is also the only time I'm able to consistently get to confession. Every other time the sacrament is offered in my area during the week, I seem to have unavoidable commitments — but on Saturday morning, all I have is work, and how can I let work come before a sacrament, as much as I might secretly want to?

I've spent a good deal of time being bitter about this, because it's just not convenient, having to carve out time from work to run to the other side of town, especially when I get there and there's a line. I sit there in the sanctuary, waiting my turn, checking the clock, stewing, fretting. Obsessing over forgetting one of my sins. Thinking of how much work I have when I get home.

Saturday mornings: a perfect storm, I sometimes call it in my head.

I forge ahead, though. I've never gotten up and dashed back to my desk. I make it into the confessional and I stammer out my pathetic little list and receive absolution. Then I go before the tabernacle to perform my penance.

It's while I am kneeling there that it happens. Always. God awakens, and he cries into the depths of my heart: "Quiet! Be still! Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?"

After teaching all day by the shore of the sea, Jesus asks his disciples to remove him from the crowds. He wants to escape the noise, the clamor, the disquiet. But the clamor follows him, because the world is full of it. Storms crop up wherever we go.

Jesus sleeps through the storm, because he understands what the disciples do not: the storms of the world cannot hurt us. They are only so much noise.

"Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?" — Mark 4:41

Mission Cooperative Appeal

2024 Mission Appeals

As part of the annual Mission Cooperation Plan, please welcome Fr. Alex Okiror from the Diocese of Soroti, Uganda. He is here this Sunday to celebrate all the Masses and to make the appeal. Below is a brief profile of the projects for which the Diocese of Soroti is seeking support. The Catholic faith continues to spread in leaps and bounds in the Diocese of Soroti. For example, every year there is an average of 30,000 Infant Baptisms. Every single Church parish in the entire Diocese is filled beyond capacity at its principal Sunday liturgies with a significant number of people standing outside the Church. After his episcopal ordination in May 2019, Bishop Joseph Eciru-Oliach had 22,600 Confirmations between June and December 0f 2019 alone! To meet the overwhelming need for pastoral services, the new bishop created 15 new parishes in the summer of 2019 and additional 13 since then. These new parishes are in dire need for buildings and other facilities (churches, rectories, halls and other health/ social/ educational amenities). The proceeds from this mission appeal will therefore be applied towards facilitating the development of these new parishes. The funds will especially be dedicated to the procurement of manufactured and/ or imported building products (cement, iron bars, roofing metals, iron sheets and paint) to enable the construction of buildings in the new parishes. In addition, most of these parishes are located in rural areas with no grid electricity and water systems. The proceeds will also be applied to securing solar electricity systems and water units: water wells/water boreholes/rain water harvesters. Every donation counts and nothing is too small. Here is a sample of what your donation could help purchase:

- \$10 can purchase one bag of cement
- \$25 can purchase one piece of roofing timber
- \$50 can purchase one bundle of 6 iron rods
- \$100 can purchase one bag of roofing nails
- \$100 can purchase one Roofing Iron Sheet
- \$1,000 can purchase 800 Gallon Water Tank for rain-water harvest
- \$5,000 can purchase a solar unit to light up the Rectory
- \$10,000 can fund the construction of a water-well or borehole for perennial water supply

For more information, please visit the following the Website:
www.soroticatholicdiocese.org

St. Vincent de Paul News Update

We begin with a thank you to our parishioners and supporters. It is because of your support and donations that we are able to satisfy the food and financial needs of our families in need. The number of families that we provide food to has more than doubled. The daily number has increased from 30 to 60, 70 and 80 families. Many of our families are working families, but the increased cost of food is what prompts them to come to us. And we do not limit them to once per month.

We are grateful that we continue to receive food donations from Trader Joe's, Safeway and Target. Again, we are grateful to you for your food, clothing, household items and financial donations. This together with a wonderful group/family of volunteers makes this all happen. God bless you and your families.

2nd Collection

Next Sunday is the fifth Sunday of the month. Our second collection will be for St. Vincent de Paul. As you may recall, the number of families that we are now serving with food has increased significantly. Thanks to your financial support and food donations, we hope to continue to provide for our families. God bless you and your families.

SAVE THE DATE

**2024 Knights of Columbus
Pacific Islander Aloha Festival and
Scholarship Fundraiser**
August 10, 2024, Saturday
Gallagher Hall
5pm to 10:00 pm

Lot's of good Fun, Food, Entertainment, Raffles, Silent Auction, Photo Booth. We are selling "tickets" starting June 15 & 16 (every other weekend) through August 3/4. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD ON THE DAY OF THE ALOHA FESTIVAL**

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

Read the Gospel and Color



Mk 4:35-41

The disciples of Jesus had a very scary night, because their faith was not very strong yet. They were crossing the sea in their boat, just as Jesus asked them to do, when a huge storm came up. Their boat was filling up with so much water they thought they would all die. When they woke Jesus up, he simply spoke to the wind and the waves, and the storm stopped completely. Now they were really scared. Who was Jesus, anyway? The wind and waves listened to him!

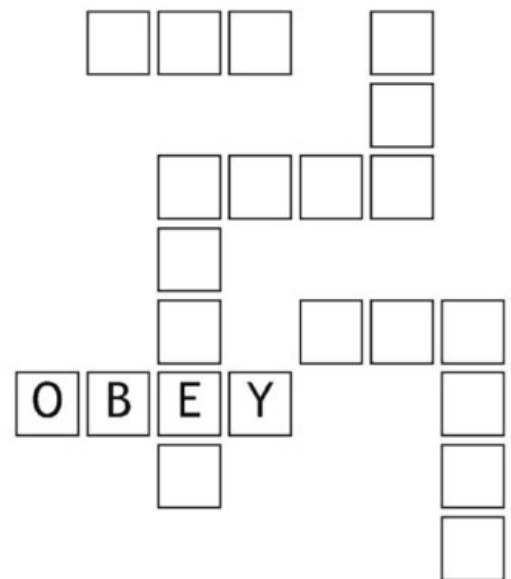
Mission for the Week

Sit down with your family, and read Mark 4:35-41 out loud. Then talk about the things you are afraid of. Pray to God, ask for help, and believe that God is stronger than any problem you have.

Puzzle

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares.

Even the wind and waves obey him!



Prayer

Dear God, sometimes I feel afraid, too. Help me to remember that you are stronger than any problem I have. Amen.



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

MINISTRIES

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

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

Welcoming Ministries

New Parishioner Welcoming Ministry

Joyce Starosciak, 916-740-4628

Greeter Ministry

Lori Hopper, 916-337-0139

Ushers

Stanley Posis, 916-705-9192

Prayer Ministries

Companioned Prayer

Michelle Hendricks,
mhendricks@companionedprayer.org
Wednesdays, 9:30 am - 11am, Church Chapel

Divine Mercy Devotion/Cenacle

Leilani Badley, 703-855-6241
- *Chaplet/Rosary/Morning Prayer*
- *Cenacle* - Leilani Badley, 703-855-6241
- *Cenacle-Spanish* - Nury Pun, 916-212-7201

Eucharistic Adoration

Veronica Thomas, thomas_vera@yahoo.com
Sign Up for adorers is in the vestibule

Marian Cenacle (Marian Movement of Priests)

- *English* - 1st Wednesday of the month, 10am
Sally Gomez, 916-693-2411
- *Spanish* - Every Saturday
Carmen Gaytan, 916-757-3893

Our Lady of Fatima

Henry Altamirano, 925-899-7769

Spiritual Growth Ministries

Adult Scripture Study

Lee & Teresa Weider, 916-398-1116

Couples for Christ

Myrah Empleo, 661-993-4721

Faith Untapped

Rachel Marsh, 916-945-6992

Lay Mission Project

Laura Wicklman, 916-933-8471

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

WINGS (Women in Growth Spiritually)

Trista Gooderham, 612-382-7655

Youth/Young Adults Ministries

Aaron Santos, asantos@folsomcatholic.org

Parish Committees/Councils

Finance Council

Patty Robertson, 916-220-3600

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

Filipino Apostolate

Lili Rehwald, 916-220-2483

Gabriel Project

Debbie Sultan, 916-337-5786

Grace Quilters Ministry

Catherine Scott, 831-402-4681

Knights of Columbus

Tom Ireland, 310-347-7180

Ministerio Pastoral Hispano

Beatriz LeCam, 916-765-3569

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

Respect Life Ministry

Joanne Dudgeon, 916-607-2228

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

Rachel Boyd, 916-296-3712

Extraord. Ministers of Holy Communion

Steve & Mary Anne Ashley, 916-479-2214

Lectors

Patti Midtlyng, 916-837-8322

Liturgical Environment

Arlette Peterson, 916-220-5968

Music - See choir director after Mass.

Additional Ministries

Children's Babysitting at Mass

Parish Office, 916-985-2065

Family Fellowship

Rachel Marsh, 916-945-6992

Gift Shop

Connie Aley, 916-337-3607

Security Ministry

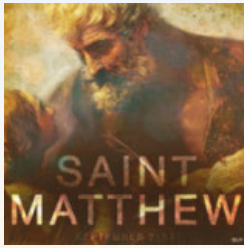
Jim Miller, 916-220-4311

Women's Game Day

Every Wednesday, Garden Room, 11am - 4:30pm.
Roberta Puzio, 916-933-2561

Why Do We Do That—Catholic Life Explained

Gospel Differences



Why do the Gospels differ in their details? I was surprised to learn that not all of the Gospels tell the same stories, for example, the Nativity. Doesn't this take away from their credibility?

Take any event that happens, from family trips to national politics and ask two or three different people to explain what happened. You will get a different version of the same story. People tend to tell the story from their perspective, and past experience shades what we recall and how we recall it. Our choice of words and what details we leave in or out is also influenced by the audience who is listening to our tales.

The Gospel writers are no different. Each one tells the story of Jesus from their own perspective. Versions differ in some details, not because one is true and the other is not, but because each Gospel writer, or Evangelist, has a different theological point to communicate as well as a different audience for whom he is writing. He picks and chooses the details of his Gospel based on what message he is preaching, what his audience may already know, and what message they need to hear. The various details of the Gospels point more to their authenticity as a record of the church's experience and understanding of Jesus. In a good study Bible, the background notes for each Gospel contain a lot of information that helps us better understand each Evangelist and his message.



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