



# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

## *Catholic Church*

OCTOBER 24, 2021



## 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. - Mk 10:51-52

## 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. 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

October 31	October 21
November 7	October 28
November 14	November 4
November 21	November 9

# 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 31:7-9 / Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3] / Heb 5:1-6 / Mk 10:46-52

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

(Ps 126)

## Gospel Meditation

When we see God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, it is only then that we will be able to cry out, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!" We have to truly want to be healed by, and in union with, God in order for us to reach out to him. If God is only an abstract idea, theory, or someone found in the pages of a book, there is no motivation for a relationship and no desire to seek him. God needs to be real in order for faith to be real. It's all about the journey.

St. Augustine reminds us that "to fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement." We strive after many things and mercy is not always one of them. We think that we can find fulfillment and healing in other things only to discover that we are still short and empty. From the moment human beings were created, God has been calling us and seeking us. He has been walking right beside the human story from the minute He first breathed life into the first human soul. Are we able to recognize God as He walks with us? At some point we have to realize that there is only one way to satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. We are called to this. However, we make the huge error of thinking that what we are hearing is coming from somewhere else. We become confused. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong.

Then and only then will we realize that it is only our Divine Master who can give us true vision and heal us. Once we recognize and reach out for the merciful presence of our loving Maker, we will be able to see with our soul, understanding the true nature and depth of all things. God's mercy is always available. It doesn't matter how far we have strayed or how blind we become, God patiently waits to console us, guide us and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him. Once we reach out, we also realize that there is no greater love to be found than God's, no human adventure that comes even close to the thrill of a spiritual search, and no human achievement even remotely as satisfying as union with Him. This is where we belong. This is salvation.

## Scripture Reflections

### First Reading

The prophet Jeremiah foreshadowed the joy that Israel would experience when the Lord delivers them from captivity in Babylon. What are some upcoming events you anticipate celebrating in the name of the Lord?

### Second Reading

The author of Hebrews tells us that God glorified Christ by making him "high priest." What are some gifts that you have received from God?

### Gospel

Jesus heard and responded to the desperate pleas of the blind man, Bartimaeus. What worries or fears do you need to bring to the Lord?

## Temporary Daily Mass Cancellation

The 6:30am weekday Mass will be cancelled from October 25 - November 26.

## St. John the Baptist Ministry Fair

November 6 & 7

Contact: Shannon Frazier  
rsfrazier4@comcast.net

You are invited to celebrate the work of our parish at the Ministry Fair after all the Masses in Gallagher Hall. Visit one of the 42 Ministry tables to learn how they serve our parish, and community.

Children's Activities \*Food \* Fellowship  
\* Free Raffle Prizes. All are welcome!

## We Need Your Help

### Liturgical Environment Ministry

Contact: Arlette Peterson  
916-220-5968

We are looking for someone who can help once a month with the cleaning, ironing and folding of the altar linens. If you can help please contact Arlette for details.

## Inspiration for the Week

"To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement." These words of St. Augustine are timeless. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong. There is only one way to satisfy the deepest longing of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. When we seek God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, we will cry out, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!" We will instinctively know that it is only our Divine Master who can restore our sight and heal us. The blind man fell in love with Jesus, embarked upon this life-saving adventure to reach him and achieved a goal many have only remotely thought possible. This is mercy in action. No matter how far we stray or how blind we become God patiently waits to console us, guide us, and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him with all our heart.

## RCIA Adapted for Kids

Last Sunday, October 17th, at the 9:00 a.m. Mass we celebrated the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens. All those words mean that we acknowledged five children who wish to be baptized, confirmed, and receive First Eucharist. They made their first profession of faith publicly! These children will be going to Easter Vigil, with God's help, this coming year. Please keep them in your prayers. Three of them are from our St. John Notre Dame School: Casandra, Jordan, and Brady. The other two are from our community: Cain and Grace. Please continue to keep our adult catechumen in your prayers as well: Indica.

*God, please bless and inspire these catechumens! Amen.*

## Music Teacher Needed

### St. John Notre Dame School

Contact: Keith Martin  
keith.martin@sjnds.org

We are currently looking for an elementary school music teacher. For more information please contact Mr. Martin, the school Principal.

## We're Looking For A Few Good Catholic Men

Contact: SK Percy Park  
916-936-6145, dbk576@aol.com

## What It Means To Be A Knight of Columbus

We are Catholic men who lead, serve, protect and defend. We share a desire to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors and role models to put charity, parish and community first. Together we are empowering men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work and in their community. Our goal is to help men, their families, and their parishes grow closer Christ. Through our programs and resources, we provide opportunities to live and spread the Catholic faith. Service and Charity are the heart of the Knights. We support a virtually boundless variety of projects. Lead your parish and community in faith, family, service and life programs through your local Knights council. For questions about joining see one of the ushers after Mass.

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



## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, October 24th

7:30am Concordia Ramirez+  
 9:00am Bob Miranda+  
 11:30am People of the Parish  
 6:00pm Eddie Duarte+

### Monday, October 25th

8:15am Maria Eugenia Andrade+  
 Rafael David+

### Tuesday, October 26th

8:15am Shirley Mae Smith+  
 Jerome Anthony Smith+  
 Bob & Shannon Adams (30th Anniv)

### Wednesday, October 27th

8:15am Danna Godinez (birthday)  
 Laura & Lourdes Francisco (birthdays)

### Thursday, October 28th

8:15am Richard Smith+  
 Andrew LeCam (birthday)

### Friday, October 29th

8:15am Rafael David+ (birthday)

### Saturday, October 30th

5:00pm People of the Parish

## Observances

### We Celebrate This Week

Tue: St. Peter Alcantara  
 Thu: Sts. Simon and Jude

### October is Dedicated to: The Holy Rosary

### Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for October Missionary disciples

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

St. John the Baptist,  
 May we be strengthened by  
 your prayers and good  
 example as we prepare the  
 way for the healing power  
 of Jesus.



## 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.*

Amelia Barlow	Kimanh Davis
Arlis Himmelmann	Larry Boushey
Baby Terran Smith	Leopoldo Martinez
Bonnie O'Dell	Lily Wood
Cayme Family	Lucy Tran
Christopher Kovarik	Luis Lopez-Alvarez
Chris Ely	Marelou Montemayor
Colleen Barler	Mario Palma
Dave Asmus	Melvin Solie
Dave Loveall	Michael Sullivan
Dennis Barler	Minh Davis
Dominador Palma	Monica Heffel
Dorothy Wilhite	Nancy Wilkins
Geraldine Giacopazzi	Pierre Lavapie
Hardip Dosangh	Richard Mason
John Bothelio	Roger Boushey
Joseph Cardenas	Rose DeHerrera
Joseph Flores	Snyder Family
Junior Palma	Tom Rawson
Katrina Bojorquez	Vickie Lustan

### Prayers for Our Troops

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

Brian Manning Michael Dalupan  
 Shaquara Manning

### 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.*

AB Martinez	Jimmy Ledda Tan
Alfredo Bito	Joe Cadungog
Anthony King	John & Helen
Arlene Malandrone	Donoghue
Alfonso Cruz	Joseph Szymusik
Beatrice Rhea	Juana Bernert
Bob Miranda	Juanita Bersabal
Bud Geisner	Karen Norris
Catherine Squires	Luella Heney
Cathy Kovarik	Maria Luisa Sia
Cheryl Cassel	Maria M. Acosta
Chris Cordova	Marianna Ort
Corey Hendon	Marjorie Cutone
Don Russell	Martha Ritchey
Eddie Duarte	Oliver Deegan
Edgar Curameng	Ranibel Babylon
Esperanza Olson Garcia	Ruben Antonio Sanchez
Felisa Curameng	Sr. Mary Virginia, RSM
Francisco Henriquez	Soledad De Maria
Gonzalo Bito	Urdaneta
Hilarion Aspera	Susan Goltiao
Ilona Johnson	Theresa Ann Collins
Jaime Manabat	Virginia Olson
James Ronald Kister	Victorino Vargas
Janina Fry	William Heffel



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



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

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.

## 40 Days for Life

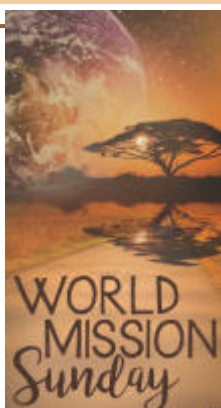
September 23-October 31  
Monday-Saturday, 8am-5pm  
[www.40daysforlife.com/sacramento](http://www.40daysforlife.com/sacramento)

If you don't know it already, roughly 3,000 babies are killed every single day in this country. That's 1.3 million babies every single year. Take a moment of silence to really think about that. It's easy to help, bring a folding chair and pray with others at the clinic during the 40 Days for Life campaign.

Join our St. John's carpool group on Thursdays from 10am-12:00pm.  
Call Joanne at 916-607-2228.

We truly believe that we will look at abortion as being the worst human rights violation of our day. People in the pro-life struggle against this culture of death, not only for the unborn but for all life are praying that in God's grace, the killing of innocent life will be unthinkable someday.

Go to the website listed above to sign up.



Pope Francis' message for World Mission Sunday this year reflects on the theme: "We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20). He reminds us that, "as Christians, we cannot keep the Lord to ourselves," as we "recall with gratitude all those men and women who by their testimony of life help us to renew our baptismal commitment to be generous and joyful apostles of the Gospel."

*Father, you will Your Church to be the sacrament of salvation to all peoples.*

*Make us feel more urgently the call to work for the salvation of our human family until You have made us one people.*

*Inspire us to continue the saving work of Christ everywhere until the end of the world*

- + Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be
- + St. Francis Xavier, pray for us
- + St. Therese of the Child Jesus, pray for us

### St. Thérèse of Lisieux Patroness of the Missions

St. Thérèse had an intense personal longing to share the Good News. She put it this way, "In spite of my littleness, I would like to enlighten souls as did the Prophets and the Doctors. I have the vocation of the Apostles. I would like to travel over the whole earth to preach Your Name and to plant Your glorious cross.... I would want to preach the Gospel on all the... continents and even to the most remote isles. I would be a missionary, not for a few years only but from the beginning of creation until the consummation of the ages."



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

## Fall 2021 Scripture Studies

Monday, October 18

Contact: Teresa or Lee Weider

916-983-8065, laweider631@gmail.com

In-Person Fall Scripture Studies will begin the week of October 18th! Learn more about your faith and scripture for everyday life. Studies will include:

- Ephesians (8 weeks, Tuesday 9:30am)
- Wisdom (8 weeks, Tuesdays, 7pm)
- James (11 weeks, Wednesdays, 7pm)
- Epic - Early Church History (10 weeks, Thursdays, 9:30am)

See the parish website for more information and sign up under Faith Formation. Individual online studies are also available. Contact Teresa or Lee for information. Everyone is welcome.

## The Gospel of Mark

A 10-Week on line series by  
Deacon Jim McFadden

October 26, 7:00 pm, Via Zoom

Contact: Theresa Grant  
tgrant@talkpathlive.com

**Session 7:** *The Mystery Begins to be Revealed.* Session 7 reflects the motif of a transformational journey before tracing the final journey to Jerusalem and the Cross. Prior to the "The Mystery Begins" we had the healing of the Blind Man at Bethsaida and Chapter 10 ends with the Blind Man Bartimaeus, which functions as a commentary of the disciples struggle to "see" who Jesus really is. We'll look at the pattern of passion prediction, misunderstanding and correction, and the Transfiguration.

A recording of each session will be available. For enrollment, please contact Theresa Grant.

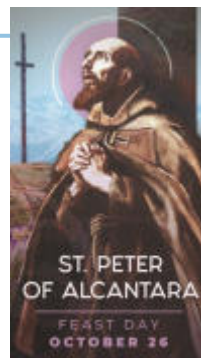


## Knights of Columbus

Fraternal Benefit Night Seminar

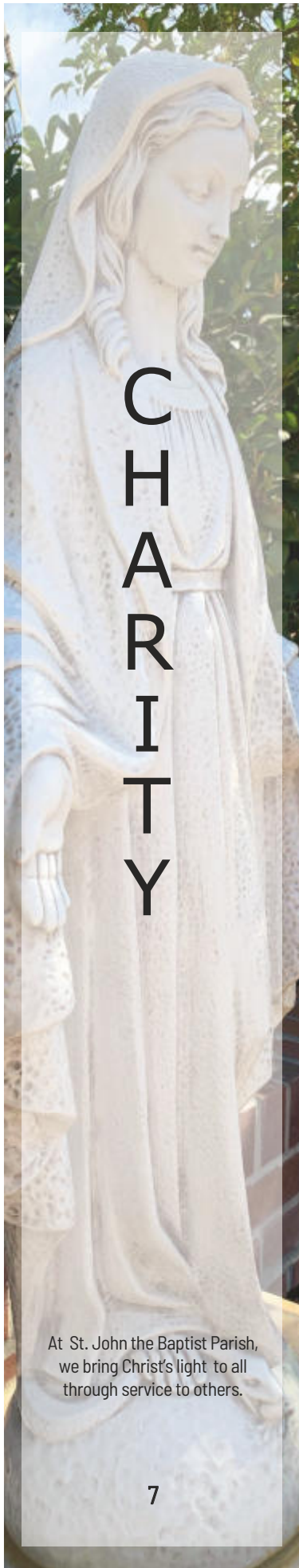
November 3

Catholic investors often face a common dilemma of choosing between investment growth and their moral values. We believe investment growth shouldn't be at the cost of your Catholic beliefs. This VIRTUAL seminar will introduce you to Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors. We will go through our faith-based investment approach and how it aligns with Catholic values and financial goals. Open to everyone. Please RSVP at [dave.moeller@kofc.org](mailto:dave.moeller@kofc.org) for a virtual link for you to participate from the comfort of your home.



St. Peter of Alcantara was born in Alcantara, Spain in 1499. His father was the Governor of the province and his mother came from a noble family. He was privately tutored and attended the University of Salamanca. After

he returned home from university, he was accepted as a Franciscan Friar of the Stricter Observance in 1515. He was ordained as a priest in 1524 and in 1525 he became Guardian of the friary of St. Mary of the Angels. Throughout his life, St. Peter of Alcantara took up his spiritual cross and preached with great success to the poor, but also spend much of his time in solitude. From 1553 to early 1555, he spent this time alone in meditation and prayer. Soon following, St. Peter made a pilgrimage to Rome, barefoot the entire way. While in Rome he obtained permission from Pope Julius III to establish friaries. St. Peter was known for frequently experiencing ecstasy, a state where he was entirely consumed with the warmth and light of the Holy Spirit. These euphoric moments were common during his prayer and meditation. When he was near death, St. Peter took to his knees and prayed. When he was offered water, he refused it, saying, "Even my Lord Jesus Christ thirsted on the Cross." He died while in prayer on October 18, 1562. On April 18, 1622, he was declared blessed by Pope Gregory XV and later canonized by Pope Clement IX on April 28, 1669.



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

## 2nd Collection

Today is World Mission Sunday. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call – to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.

### St. Vincent de Paul

Next Sunday is the fifth Sunday of the month and the second collection is for our St. Vincent de Paul Conference. Your financial support allows us to assist those in need with rent and utilities. In the past month, we assisted families with over \$6,000 in rent alone. We provided food for more than 350 people. Although we receive food donations from local grocery stores and parishioners, funds are also used to stock our food pantry. It is with your support that we can serve our families. We thank you for your generosity. God bless you and your families.

### Loaves and Fishes

October 27, Wednesday

Contact: Greta Tecson, 916-337-2014 or  
Zoeanne Tafolla, 707-333-7359

Please consider sharing food again with the homeless at Friendship Park. Most requested food items are: cup-of-soups, peanut butter and cheese crackers, drink boxes and bottle water, breakfast and Nutra-bars, raisins and fruit cups and of course any fresh fruits are always welcome.

With Fall quickly approaching, we would like to add gently used shoes, blankets, comforters and sleeping bags (in good condition) to our gifts in the coming months. The large, designated cart remains in the vestibule for collecting donations during open church hours. You can also drop off your food donations including fresh fruits Tuesday afternoon at 4:30pm, October 26th.

Are you interested in driving or helping serve? Call Greta or Zoeanne for details.

## Stewardship of Treasure the Lord Has Entrusted to Us

Weekly goal: \$25,529.00

Weekly Offerings:

October 16/17     \$12,758

### Giving as God does

Ask yourself this question — what would you pray for if you really believed God could and would do anything for you? In my experience, we all have something. We all have that miracle we're afraid to request, afraid we will be disappointed.

Do we doubt God's readiness to give because we ourselves have such an imperfect understanding of charity and love? Maybe if we had better faith in God we would be more ready to give of ourselves — and maybe if we were more ready to give of ourselves, we would understand more clearly the ways of God.

Because we're not really afraid that God can't do something. We know He can do anything. What we're afraid of is that He will do what He always does: give us what we need, not what we want.

Have you ever had a friend in need and you just wanted to give them something — a meal, a phone call, a text? Not because you knew it would help, but simply because you wanted to reach out. And have they ever said to you: It wasn't so much what you gave, but the fact that you did. You gave them what they needed even if it wasn't what they specifically asked for.

When we give in this manner, we are giving as God does. Sometimes we are afraid to ask because we don't want to be disappointed. But remember, the blind man on the road got what he asked for, but he would have gotten what he needed even if his answer had been the opposite. God's generosity is always reckless, and it's always perfect.

~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



# 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."

## Sharing the Gospel

Bartimaeus may have been poor and blind, but he sure was smart! He had the kind of faith that made Jesus smile. Bartimaeus knew exactly who Jesus was—the Messiah. And Bartimaeus knew Jesus had the power to make him see. When Jesus called him, Bartimaeus left everything behind—even his coat—just to follow Jesus.

## ✝️ Mission for the Week

Wear a blindfold at home, and ask your family members to talk to you as usual. Just by the sound of each voice, you know who is talking, right? Talk about how being blind did not stop Bartimaeus from recognizing Jesus, either.

## 🙏 Prayer

Dear God, thank you for helping Bartimaeus see you and follow you. Help me to follow his example.

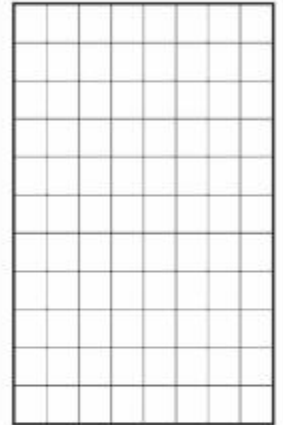
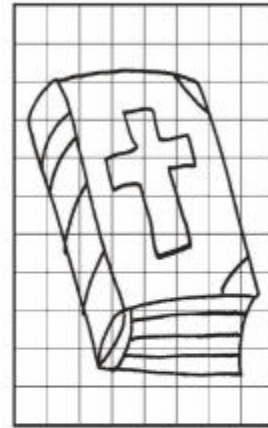
## 🖍️ Read the Gospel and Color

Mk 10:46-52



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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

Parish Office, 916-985-2065

### Ministers of Hospitality

Parish Office, 916-985-2065

### 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* - 2nd Wednesday of the month

Ana Haid, 916-956-1177

### Our Lady of Fatima

Henry Altamirano, 925-899-7769

## Spiritual Growth Ministries

### Adult Scripture Study

Lee & Teresa Weider, 916-983-8065

### Couples for Christ

Myrah Empleo, 661-993-4721

### Praise & Worship

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

Nina Pucci, 916-947-6386

### 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 (Helping Hands)

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

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

# MINISTRIES

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



## Why do Catholic weddings need to take place in a church?

Technically, there is a clause in Church law that could allow for weddings to take place outside of a church, in a suitable space under special circumstances, but it requires the rare permission of the bishop. But the meaning of marriage goes very, very deep, and the Church has a vested interest in protecting that meaning. As Catholics, we don't see a wedding as an event that needs a pleasing backdrop.

Marriage is a sacrament, both an occasion of joyful promise and symbolic solemnity. It is a spiritual event. The loving bond of marriage symbolizes the mystical union between Christ and his Church. The man and woman profess lifelong vows of fidelity, and they receive supernatural grace from God to keep their promises. Receiving the sacrament of Marriage in a church has broader symbolic meaning for the couple as well. Marriage isn't simply two people in isolation from the world around them. Marriage is the joining of families and the beginning of a new, holy mission in the life of the couple. Weddings are sacred occasions, and it's fitting that they occur in sacred spaces.

Funeral • Mortuary • Cremation • Cemetery



916-452-4831

Stephen Ruch  
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