



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Catholic Church

OCTOBER 4, 2020



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“The stone that the builders rejected has become
the cornerstone.” - Mt 21:42ab

Sacraments

Masses

All Masses are celebrated outdoors in the field behind Gallagher Hall. A mask is required and must be worn at all times. Please bring your own chair and sign in for contact tracing purposes.

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil	6:00 pm
Sunday	7:00 am
	8:00 am
	6:00 pm

Daily Mass Times

Mon. - Fri.	6:30 am
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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 until further notice. Please call and leave a message.

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Bulletin

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Bulletin Date **Ad Due by 5 pm**

Oct 11 Oct 1

Oct 18 Oct 8

Oct 25 Oct 15

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 5:1-7 / Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 [Is 5:7a] / Phil 4:6-9 / Mt 21:33-43

"Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

(Mt 21:43)

Gospel Meditation

Do you ever wonder why things never seem to come together? We see glimpses of consistency, equity, justice, peace, harmony, and wellbeing, but it always falls short. Human life is still expendable and manipulated, people are used for personal advancement, countries are at war, the economy continues to face turbulence, anger and frustration are widespread, and happiness is the possession of just a few and not the many. Could it be that we are serving the wrong kingdom? We keep trying to make our kingdom work and find ourselves still scratching our heads after repeatedly failed attempts to do so. It is almost as if people are saying, "we'll get it right this time if we do ..." as if some new and secret innovation has yet to be tried.

We serve God's kingdom. We may not like hearing that, but it is true. God did not make only a few of us. God made all of humanity and all of humanity is called into service. How often do we defer any of our decision making to God? Secular leaders enjoy winking at the Sacred Scriptures and using them when they advance a cause, but are they really listened to? Even those who consider themselves believers tend to sift through God's Word, taking what seems to fit and apply and discarding the rest. After all, if we were really serving God's kingdom, we would see an abundance of fruit testifying to this fact. But what's growing on the vine is anything other than good Gospel-centered fruit.

Nothing in this world or the next belongs to us. We have such a hard time believing this and live our lives as if everything belongs to us. And, the fruit does not lie. Trees that are neglected and not properly fertilized reveal that fact. They cannot keep these deep secrets from being discovered. If God's kingdom was really being served, then life would have looked much differently after the crucifixion. By now, there would be plenty of fantastic fruit to harvest in abundance: faith, hope, love, prudence, temperance, justice, and fortitude. Do we see these in abundance around us? Why not?

Still we grapple with ownership, privilege, status, and the protection of our rights. It's all about us and what we want, think we need, and expect to acquire. When did this change of focus occur? We may be struggling with this since humanity's day in the garden and have never understood that the focus cannot be on us and the apple but on God and God's justice. Maybe the only answer is that the Kingdom be taken from us and given to someone who is willing to do a better job. Is that the fate we really want?

Scripture Reflections

First Reading

The prophets of ancient Israel often used the term "vineyard" as a metaphor for God's chosen people. Why do you think Isaiah and the other prophets saw this as an effective teaching tool?

Second Reading

Paul teaches the Philippians that prayer and a positive attitude is key to settling our anxious hearts and minds. When have you put this advice into practice?

Gospel Reading

Jesus directs this harsh parable of the tenants to the religious leaders of Jerusalem.

Do you think Jesus' words led any of them to repentance?



Youth Ministry Programs

Contact: Aaron Santos
asantos@folsomcatholic.org

Join our youth groups, now meeting via Zoom on our Facebook page. Contact Aaron for more information.

Edge: Open to students in grades 6-8
Wednesdays, 5-6pm

LifeTeen: Open to all High School Students and Lifeteen Alumni
Sundays, 7-8pm

Praise and Worship

October 14, Wednesday, 6:30pm
Contact: Sheila Fitzpatrick
Sheilafitz1@yahoo.com

Join us for an evening of inspiring music and powerful prayer, with Virtual Praise and Worship! We will be streaming on Facebook Live, from the parish's Facebook page. All are welcome!



The Battle of Lepanto

The Roman Catholic Church celebrates the yearly feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Known for several centuries by the alternate title of "Our Lady of Victory," the feast day takes place in honor of a naval victory in 1571 which secured Europe against Turkish invasion. Pope St. Pius V attributed the victory to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who was invoked on the day of the battle through a campaign to pray the Rosary throughout Europe.

The Battles of La Naval de Manila

In 1646, the Dutch attempted to invade the Philippines in an attempt to open trade in Southeast Asia. The Filipino forces had only two galleons to go against the enormous Dutch fleet. They prayed before the statue of the Blessed Virgin, requesting that she intercede for them in their impending battle. Having placed themselves under the protection of Our Lady of the Rosary, they began to pray the Rosary over and over. Five major naval battles ensued, and the tiny Philippine naval force, a combination of Spanish and Filipino sailors, turned the Dutch forces back each time. On October 6, 1646, the first celebration to honor the great victory was held in Manila. In 1662, the bishop in the Archdiocese of Manila declared the naval victory a miracle that was owed to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Gospel of Matthew

An Online 15-Segment Zoom Series
Presented by Deacon Jim McFadden
October 13, Tuesday, 7 pm
Contact: Theresa Grant
tgrant203@aol.com

Session 6: *The Sermon of the Mount (part 2).*

The heart of the Sermon is the Beatitudes, which describe what Kingdom living is about. Jesus then stretches the Beatitudes into its fullest application by examining the essential nature of the Law; teachings on anger, retaliation, and love of enemies; teachings about adultery and divorce; teachings about almsgiving, prayer, and fasting; the Lord's prayer. What Jesus is offering is a radical transformation of consciousness in which we become conformed to the Father's will.

To register for the series, please email Theresa Grant. You will receive an email prior to the scheduled session with the Zoom online link & instructions. Please check your spam/junk mail in case you do not receive the email in your inbox.

Inspiration for the Week

Who has authority over God's kingdom? While we know that the obvious answer is Jesus, that is not the answer our lives always reveal. We struggle with wanting control over God's kingdom. We wrestle with ownership, privilege, status, and the protection of our rights. However, at the end of the day nothing in this world or in the one to come belongs to us. All that we see and know to be true belong to God, and Jesus is the only one who has any authority. How often do we defer any of our decision making to God? We often conduct our business as if we are the owner, lord and master of it all, but sadly we are not. God gives us the means and the potential to bear good Gospel-centered fruit. This desire and capacity exist within each individual. Unless we really acknowledge and accept who is ultimately in charge, the type of love, justice, peace, and other good fruits God desires for the world will never be realized.

*"The vineyard of the Lord
is the house of Israel."
(Ps 80)*

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

P R A Y E R

Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 4th

People of the Parish
Michael Marver (*birthday*)
Joseph Nguyn†
John Collins†

Monday, October 5th

Jordan Boeck (*for healing*)

Tuesday, October 6th

Teodora Austria†

Wednesday, October 7th

Feliciana Garcia†

Thursday, October 8th

Francisco Bito†

Friday, October 9th

The Lustan and Dalupan Families

Saturday, October 10th

Firefighters Battling California Wildfires

Observances

We Celebrate This Week

Mon: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

Tue: St. Bruno,
Blessed Marie Rose Durocher

Wed: Our Lady of the Rosary

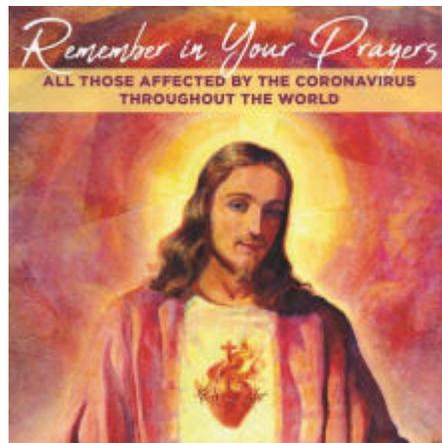
Fri: St. Denis, Bishop and Companions,
St. John Leonardi

October is Dedicated to: The Rosary

Pope Francis'

Monthly Intention for October The Laity's Mission in the Church

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.



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.

Christopher Kovarik	Mark Penman
Danny Taffola	Pat Koelfgen
Jen Fancher	Phyllis Dexter
Joanne Harden	Robert Coughlin
Kainoa Wood	Sunta de Rivera
Kimanh Davis	Vickie Lustan

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 died, our family members, friends, and parishioners. May they rest in peace.



Anne Acosta	Lillian Robert
Bernie Powers	Loraine Roche
Brian Trevisan Maxey	Maria Gill
Bud Powers	Maria Perez
Cal Dexter	Maurico Padilla
Chris McDowell	Nasri Michael
Daniel Kelly	Pete Sidhu
Francisco Bejarano	Richard Rutledge
Francisco Tiffer	Rose Imbriani-Ajalat
Gilbert Mendivil	Tommy Nunez
Herbert Kohagura	Valenzuela
Jean Walsh	Susan Wong
Kay Warren	Tony Zuniga
Lamberto Bachiller	

Prayer Requests

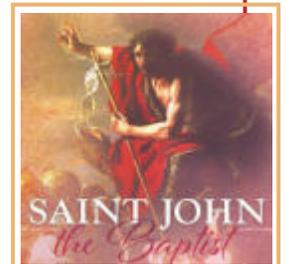
Prayer requests for the sick, military or recently deceased may be made by calling our Parish Office. Names will appear for four months.

O God,

You raised up St. John the Baptist to prepare a perfect people for Christ.

Fill Your people with the joy of possessing His grace, and direct the minds of all the faithful in the way of peace and salvation.

Grant that as St. John was martyred for truth and justice, so we may energetically profess our Faith in You, and lead others to the Way, the Truth, and Eternal Life.
Amen.



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



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 our website.

Scroll down to midpage and click on "Spend Time..."

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

Live Stream Mass

scd.org/coronavirus/livestream-mass

Please visit the Diocesan page. It lists Parishes which are currently live streaming Sunday and Daily Masses.

Respect Life Ministry

40 Days for Life Campaign

September 23 - November 1

8am-6pm, Mon, Tue, Fri, Sat

11am-6pm, Wed

2322 Butano Drive, Sacramento

Contact: Joanne, 916-607-2228

Please come and pray for life! This campaign has successfully saved thousands of babies all over the country. Their moms are given support throughout with various community resources. Participation is easy, bring a chair and pray! It's been proven that many couples change their minds when they see people praying in front of the clinic.

St. Johns is getting carpools together to go on Fridays from 11am-1pm, meeting at St. Johns at 10:30am. Or leaving St. Johns after school with Kathy on Wednesday. Call or text Kathy at 916-337-6824 or Joanne at 916-607-2228.

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."



*Heavenly Father,
Our life is your precious gift.
None of us is random. None of us is an accident. None of us is unwanted for we were all formed by your creating hand.*

*Gift us the grace to use our gift of life for your glory and the good of our neighbor.
May we never look down on anyone as unworthy of life, love, or respect; not the unborn, not the immigrant, not the poor, not the sick, not the disabled, not people of other races and not the prisoner.
Help us always to see your image in those in whom it is the hardest to see so that we can fashion a society that is welcoming to every human life and in which every human life has a chance to flourish.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



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Respect Life Reflection

Twenty-five years ago, Pope St. John Paul II wrote that the Gospel of life is at the heart of Jesus' saving message to the world (*Evangelium vitae* 1). In taking on human flesh, dwelling among us, and sacrificing his very life for our redemption, Christ reveals the profound dignity of every human person. This God-given dignity does not change with our stage of life, abilities, level of independence, or any other varying circumstance.

Rather, it is rooted in the permanent fact that each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, created to share in the very life of God himself. The human person is a "manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory" (EV 34). And we must reflect this truth in how we act and how we treat one another.

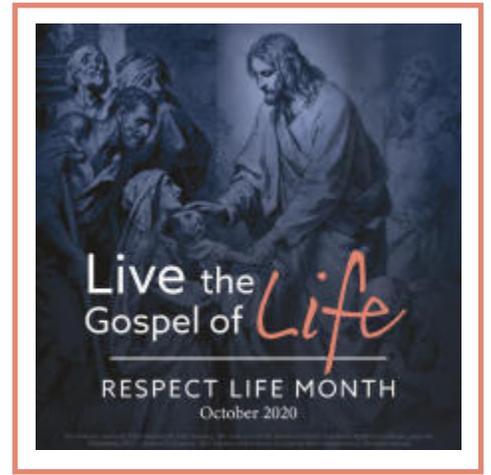
The truth of the Gospel of life is at the foundation of who we are as followers of Christ. In his earthly life, Jesus provided the perfect model for how we are to love our neighbor and live out the Gospel call: "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt. 25:40).

Jesus calls each of us to "care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible" (EV 87). The Gospel of life is intrinsic to the whole Christian life and foundational to the decisions we make on a daily basis. For, "the Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel" (EV 2, emphasis added).

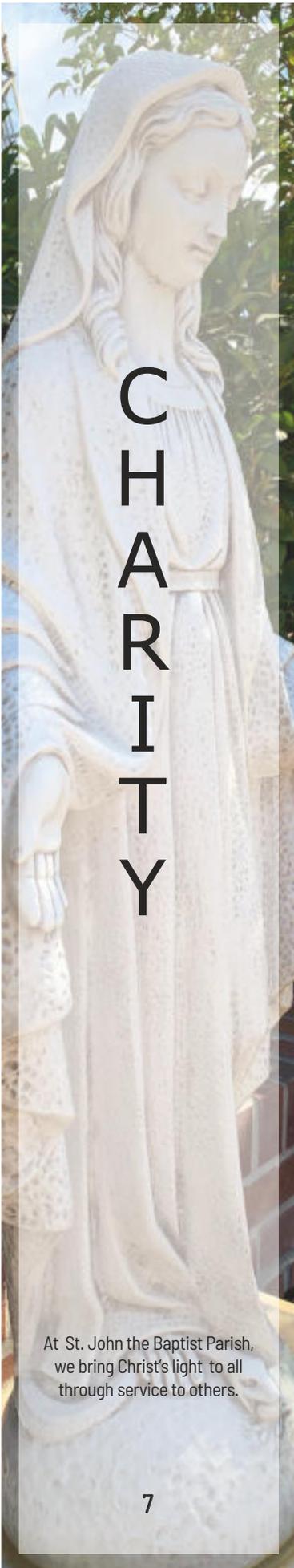
In his encyclical on the Gospel of life, Pope St. John Paul II recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. He places particular emphasis, however, on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers' wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the "least of these" in our world's estimation. Practices such as abortion and assisted suicide tragically reject the truth that human life is always to be cherished and defended with loving concern.

As the Church celebrates the 25th anniversary of Pope St. John Paul II's prophetic encyclical, let us reflect on how we personally live out the Gospel: Do I talk about and act towards others as I would talk about and treat Jesus himself? Do I inform myself of the Church's teachings and engage in the civic arena as first a follower of Christ? Do I support and advocate for laws and policies that protect and defend human life? Do I help pregnant and parenting mothers in need? Am I ready to support a loved one nearing death? Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, may Our Lord grant us the grace to truly and courageously live his Gospel of life.

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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.

Stewardship of Treasure the Lord Has Entrusted to Us

Weekly goal: \$25,529.00

Weekly Offerings:

September 26/27 \$ 7284

2nd Collection

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

Next weekend our 2nd collection will be for our Building and Maintenance Fund.

Gifts Given to Share

My oldest two children took piano lessons when they were younger. In fact, it was because my oldest wanted to learn to play so badly that we purchased a piano. He would use it for practice during his few years of lessons, and then my daughter took up the instrument. After a few years of lessons for each, restlessness set in and a type of indifference took over. The lessons and the practicing came to an end.

My youngest had not expressed much interest in piano when he was younger. Then when he was a teenager, he asked for lessons. He began to play and now he plays even for fun and to relax. When his siblings try to play, they are stuck with the truth that those days are gone and since they gave it up years ago, they can no longer really play. In many ways, they were given a gift, but since they did not use and cultivate it, they lost it.

God gives us gifts every day and we too often act like those gifts will simply always be there. The truth is, unlike God Himself, many of those gifts are not eternal. If we fail to acknowledge them and put them to use, we risk losing them in the end. What a shame. What gifts might be slowly slipping away from each of us due to our lack of interest and indifference? They might not be there if and when we change our minds.

~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Loaves and Fishes

Sister Nora's Place

Contact: Cathy

916-353-0688

St. Johns has been participating by providing a full meal the first Wednesday of each month for 16 women. We are in need of 4 more volunteers to complete our mission of a once a year commitment. The meal consists of a main course (homemade or bought), salad or vegetable, fruit, starch or rolls, desert and drinks. These ladies even like pizza night! Please help if you can. You may even double up with someone. The meal is then dropped off at their location (no contact delivery). Delivery drivers also needed. Call Joanne Dudgeon 916-607-2228 or Cathy for details.

A Little About Sister Nora's Place

Sister Nora's Place is the only overnight shelter at Loaves and Fishes. It is a 16 bed shelter to help chronically homeless, mentally ill, physically abused women learn to establish mental and physical wellness. The residents each have their own cubicle that includes a twin bed and a locking closet for their possessions. They support one another as a community. Every evening they share dinner together as a family with the generous meals provided by treasured volunteers. During the week they participate in several groups offered by the Loaves and Fishes Genesis Counseling Program. There are several groups ranging from Meditation, 12 Step/NA meetings, Daily Reflections, Life skills, and Medication support meetings. Many of the residents have learned to manage their illnesses and have become volunteers in other Loaves and Fishes programs. Some have started receiving SSI, and others have found employment. Stable affordable housing continues to be a problem.

Sharing the Gospel

You are God's child. He made you and he loves you. Make sure you act like God's child. He created a beautiful world for you to live in. God expects you to take care of it. God also created people to live around you. Love them. Then you will make God happy.

✝️ Mission for the Week

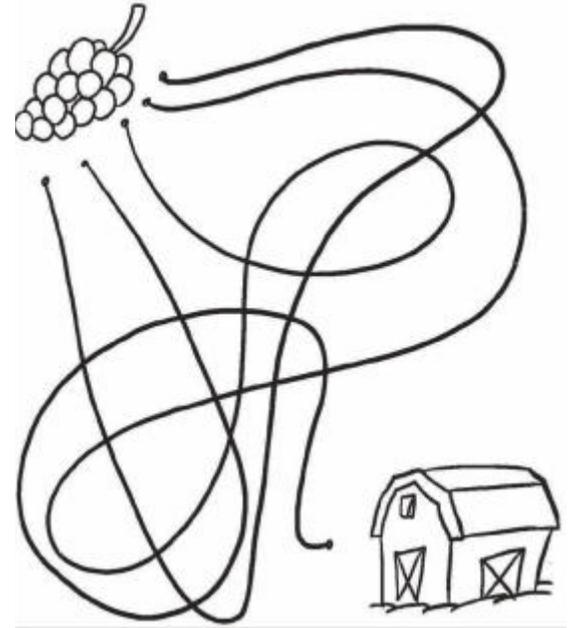
Recycle paper, plastic and glass at home, instead of throwing it away. Recycling is a great way to take care of God's world.

🙏 Prayer

Dear God, help me to take care of your world and love the people around me.

🧩 Puzzle

Help the grapes find their way home.



🖍️ Read the Gospel and Color

Mt 21:33-43



"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

Myrah Empleo, 661-993-4721

Praise & Worship

Sheila Fitzpatrick, 925-437-0798

Religious Education

Shannon Langer, 916-985-7338

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Debbie Duncan, 916-798-0201

Theology on Tap

Aaron Santos, 916-985-2065

WINGS (Women in Growth Spiritually)

Sue Collins, 916-337-6237

Youth/Young Adults Ministries

Aaron Santos, asantos@folsomcatholic.org

Parish Committees/Councils

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Elizabeth Beigh, 916-730-1291

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Barbara Bowden, 916-984-9476

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Kathy Baxter, 916-337-6824

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Helen Boyd, 916-367-8071

Grace Quilters Ministry

Catherine Scott, 831-402-4681

Grupo Pastoral Hispano

Anna Haid, 916-956-1177

Knights of Columbus

Dick Phelan, 916-221-0596

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)

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

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

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

MINISTRIES

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



*"Praise be to you, my Lord"
In the words of this beautiful canticle, St Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us.*

Season of Creation 2020 "Jubilee for the Earth"

Each year, particularly since the publication of the *Encyclical Laudato Si'* (LS, 24 May 2015), the first day of September is celebrated by the Christian family as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and the beginning of the Season of Creation, which concludes on the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi on the fourth of October. This "time for creation" offers, in the words of Pope Francis, "individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live."

The St. Francis Pledge is a promise and a commitment by Catholic individuals, families, parishes, organizations and institutions to live our faith by protecting God's Creation and advocating on behalf of people in poverty who face the harshest impacts of global climate change.

The St. Francis Pledge

I/We Pledge to:

- PRAY and reflect on the duty to care for God's Creation and protect the poor and vulnerable.
- LEARN about and educate others on the causes and moral dimensions of climate change.
- ASSESS how we-as individuals and in our families, parishes and other affiliations-contribute to climate change by our own energy use, consumption, waste, etc.
- ACT to change our choices and behaviors to reduce the ways we contribute to climate change.
- ADVOCATE for Catholic principles and priorities in climate change discussions and decisions, especially as they impact those who are poor and vulnerable.



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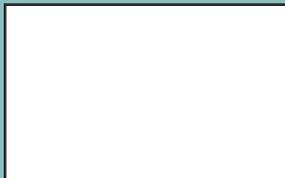
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