

# THE HOLY FAMILY

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The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

#### **Sacraments**

#### Masses

A mask is required and must be worn at all times. Please sign in for contact tracing purposes.

Weekend Mass Times 3:00pm (Sat) 10:00am & 11:30am (Sun) Soccer Field

> Daily Mass Times Currently cancelled

#### 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**

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#### Bulletin

FolsomCatholic.org/bulletin

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Jan 3	Dec 18
Jan 10	Dec 29
Jan 17	Jan 7

# 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**

Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 / Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 / Lk 2:22-40

"The Lord remembers his covenant forever." (Ps 105)

#### **Gospel Meditation**

Tragedy and disappointment are inevitable. What sees you through this? There will be challenges, changes, unexpected circumstances, interrupted plans, hurts, and injustices experienced by every human being at some point in their lives. We will be asked to adjust our plans, change course, and even encounter suffering and death. Where do we learn all of the lessons we need to live life well? Some of them we learn along the way but much of what we bring to life, positive and negative, comes from our early beginnings, our families. This is our early world and provides the blueprint for how we see the bigger, more inclusive world, which unfolds before us.

Our families of origin can be sources of grace, heartache or a combination of both. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication, and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. They can also determine whether we have an accessible and healthy relationship with God. Many of life's challenges can literally bring us to our knees and require that we possess a strength of character that resides well beyond the superficialities of our world. At some point we will all need three coping gifts that can be given to us only by God: faith, hope, and love. Our families help us learn that we are not the ones responsible for their creation, but God!

Our experience of early family life colors all of our relationships and what we expect to achieve from life in general. Resolving conflicts, dealing with difficulty and suffering, celebrating accomplishments, prioritizing our needs, listening to God's call, understanding relationships, understanding disappointment, learning about the virtues and living a centered focused life are all lessons our families either succeed in teaching or do not. To succeed, as God has designed and ordered our world, is to discover his presence and then trust that Presence. The Holy Family can teach even the most dysfunctional family how to best use God's gifts of faith, hope, and love to find him and do his will. Their simple humble example is always before us, showing us the way.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

# **Scripture Reflections**

#### **First Reading**

The story of Abram and Sarah and their struggle to have a family centers on Abram's faith in the Lord. When have you needed to rely on faith when it comes to your family?

#### **Second Reading**

The author of Hebrews holds up Abraham as a model for the faith. When have you had to unconditionally trust in the Lord?

#### Gospel

Only Luke records the presentation in the Temple of the baby Jesus. Simeon reveals to Mary and Joseph insights into Jesus and his destiny. How do you imagine Mary and Joseph understood Simeon's words?



# Check Our Parish Website For Updates

folsomcatholic.org

Please check our website for any updates regarding the status here in our parish. You will also find links to the Diocese latest updates regarding the Sacraments and services. There are links to an Adoration video, a list of parishes live streaming daily and Sunday Masses as well. Links to the Prayer for a Spiritual Communion as well as guidance to an Act of Perfect Contrition are also available there.

Bulletins are also posted. Just click on the word "Bulletin" located near the top of our Home page. A limited number of printed copies are also available in the vestibule.

# St. John's Gift Shop

Our Parish Gift Shop is open for your shopping needs by appointment only. Please check the sign posted on the gift shop door to contact Connie.

#### **2021 Mass Intentions**

Scheduled Mass Intentions are being accepted for the first quarter of the new year (Jan through March only). Since the Parish Office remains closed, please mail in or call the office with the intention and a possible date and time you would like to reserve. If the particular Mass is not available we will reserve the next open opportunity. There is a limit of 5 intentions per family.

Donations can be made online or mailed to the Parish Office. Please include "Mass Intention for" and the prayer intention noted in the memo section of the check or in the comments on the online giving form.





# Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Holy Day of Obligation

Mass celebrated Friday, January 1, 10am, Soccer Field

This solemnity is a rather recent addition to the cycle of seasons, Sundays, and feasts in our liturgical year. We have Pope Paul VI to thank for the 1974 enshrining of the devotion to Mary into our calendar on January 1.

Helping a friend, volunteering for the church or school event, shoveling the sidewalk — all of these actions require a yes. Becoming your parent's medical power of attorney, resigning from a job or accepting a new one — our lives require yes after yes. Each one sets us up for even more choices. On January 1st, we celebrate Mary as Mother of God. This title is monumental. It elevates a simple girl from Nazareth to the most highly revered woman in all creation. And it all started with a simple yes! But it didn't end there. Being free from sin doesn't mean being free from temptation. Mary had countless opportunities to say yes or no to God throughout her life. She is an example for us on the power of graced perseverance! Whatever your resolutions or decisions in the coming year, ask for Mary's intercession to say yes.

Let us pray...

God of heaven and earth, you came to us and took our earthly flesh through the gift of Mary's yes. She is our Mother in faith, as she is your earthly mother.

We are thankful beyond our ability to thank you for the gift of her Son as our brother and savior.

Through her self-giving,
we have been reconciled to you.

Bless us as we begin this New Year and endow us with the desire and ability to create a world of peace.

We ask all this, through the intercession of Mary to you, one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.



## **Mass Intentions**

Scheduled prayer intentions will be offered by the priests of the parish during their private mass.

#### Sunday, December 27th

Jean Diatta+ John Maccoux+

### Monday, December 28th

George Thomas+

#### Tuesday, December 29th

Yvy Dam (birthday)

#### Wednesday, December 30th

Venancio Fernandez+

#### Thursday, December 31st

Billy Halloran+

#### Friday, January 1st

Hernando Nagano

#### Saturday, January 2nd

Theresa Montemayor (birthday)

# Observances We Celebrate This Week

Mon: The Holy Innocents
Tue: St. Thomas Becket
Thu: St. Sylvester I

Fri: Mary, The Holy Mother of God World Day of Peace

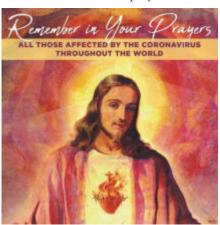
**Sat:** Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

# **December is Dedicated to:**

The Immaculate Conception

# Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for December For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.



# **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 Dharmo Dhillon Jesse Diaz Joanne Harden Jody Park

Kainoa Wood

Kimanh Davis Mark Penman Robert Coughlin Sarah Norberg Zachary Whiten

#### 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.

Clifford W. Kinney
Doug Jackson
Francisco Bejarano
Herbert Kohagura
Jean Mellberg
Joyce Margaret Elliott
Kay Warren
Lillian Robert
Loraine Roche
Nasri Michael
Ofelia Bagabaldo

Oliver Nash Pete Sidhu Prabasheeni Iddamalgoda Purificacion Siruno Tommy Nunez Valenzuela

Sunta de Rivera

#### **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.





### **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.

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#### **Live Stream Mass**

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

### **Church Hours**

Monday - Friday

The church will remain open for those who would like to pray before the Blessed Sacrament from 8am-4:30pm.

#### Saturday - Sunday

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

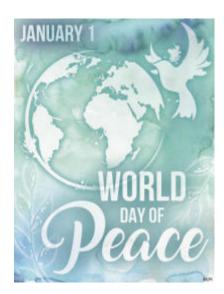
Please keep in mind your minimum 6ft "social distancing"

#### Confession

Saturdays: 3 - 4:30 pm and by appointment

Please note confessions at this time will still be offered but not in the confessional. We will be doing a face to face format in a larger setting in order to maintain the recommended minimum 6ft "social distancing."





To the Queen of Peace, the Mother of Jesus Christ "our peace" (Eph 2:14)

I entrust my urgent prayer for all humanity at the beginning of the year ... to which we look with hearts full of hope, notwithstanding the dangers and difficulties that surround us. May Mary show us, in her Son, the Way of peace, and enlighten our vision, so that we can recognize Christ's face in the face of every human person, the heart of peace!

Prayer of Pope Benedict XVI for the World Day of Peace (Jan. 1, 2007)







# The Gift of Family

What a year it has been! How will we speak of these times a decade from now? As time goes by, our impressions of this past year will certainly change. How we feel today about dealing with a killer virus and all the chaos surrounding that is still fresh for all. I would assume that most of us right now are also holding those we love a little closer and hugging them a little harder. Hopefully, even if the fears and concerns of 2020 dissipate in the future, the way we feel toward our family should never leave us.

Stewardship is certainly about everything. God has given us so much, great and small, profound and common. One of the greatest gifts that all have received is family. Families take all shapes and sizes and some look very different than others. For some, family is a caretaker or temporary guardian. For others it is a friend when everyone else seems to have vanished. The bottom line is that, to quote a song from many years ago, "people need people."

When God gave the world His only Son, the Incarnation did not come on a cloud or with a flash of light. He was born into a family. Jesus understood the gift of family all his life. Do you think that if having a family wasn't important God would have still included this in the plan of salvation? As this year draws to a close, remember your stewardship many days begins and ends with the people closest to you. Don't misuse or take for granted this precious gift. God gives us gifts on purpose, even to His only begotten Son .

~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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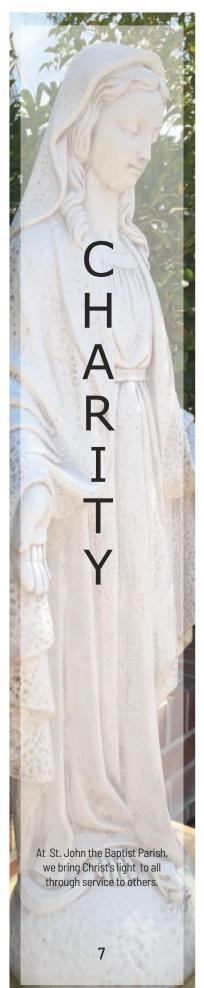
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A link to FORMED is available through our parish website at folsomcatholic.org/ resources under Continued Learning. A code is not needed to sign up. Once on the FORMED website type in Folsom in the "Find your Parish or Organization" box then select St. John the Baptist. Click "Next" then enter your name and email to create your own personal account.

We hope that everyone enjoys use of this valuable resource that our parish is providing to deepen and enrich our Catholic faith.

# **Inspiration for the Week**

While families come in all shapes and sizes and no two are the same, they all need a common focus and grounding. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with a proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. In additional to all of these things, the axis of every family has to be centered on faith. It is here that we can learn about the virtues and discover the windows to God Himself in His gifts of faith, hope, and love. We can learn, modeling our experience after the Holy Family, how to use these as anchors in our lives so that we can live out the other virtues with greater integrity. Because our human families struggle with weakness and sin, we have to come back to the Holy Family often for inspiration and guidance. In the bond of love that they shared, they clung to the anchor of God Himself and endured challenges far greater than many we will ever face.



# Stewardship of Treasure the Lord Has Entrusted to Us

Weekly goal: \$25,529.00 Weekly Offerings: December 12/13 \$12,353.80

#### 2nd Collection

This month's collection for the Building and Maintenance totaled \$2222.63.

#### **Our Sincere Gratitude**

Thank you to those who have been so generous to the parish with their contributions. For those of you who are able, please continue supporting our parish financially as generous as you can. You can continue mailing your collection envelopes and for those who are interested in using our online giving, don't hesitate to call Kashmir for help at: (916) 985-2065.

Again "Thank You" for your continued support. It is heartwarming to see your support of St. John.

# Do You Have Any Christmas Themed Unused Greeting Cards Available

The Christmas and holiday seasons are especially difficult times for people who are incarcerated. Chaplain Greg Mellor invites you to contribute to this year's New Folsom Prison Christmas Card Drive. With the help of donors, over 5,000 Christmas cards will be distributed so that each inmate will have two cards to send to family and friends. Unused Christmas cards can be placed in the box in the vestibule from now through December 31.





# **Inspiration for the Week**

Does the world realize that it is waiting? As we go about all of the busyness of our lives and entertain our distractions, there are many holes and gaps in our lives that need to be filled. We are always wanting more, but not really sure what that "more" needs to be. Fulfillment, happiness, contentment, and true satisfactions are fleeting occurrences and often come to us in illusive ways. What we think is the ultimate fix to our anxious emptiness really is only a fancy trend that we entertain. The world does not realize any more today than it did over two thousand years ago that it is waiting for a Savior. We need a Savior. We need to see and embrace the God who has broken into history and become one with us. It is this union of God and man that sets us on a straight path, orders our relationships, establishes proper focus and goals, and tells us whose kingdom we really are meant to serve. The world does not know how truly lost it is. Do you realize how lost you are and that the One you need most is here among us and within your grasp?



# **Sharing the Gospel**

Mary and Joseph went to the temple and presented the baby Jesus to God. Two older people recognized that Jesus was the Messiah. They gave him special blessings. They thanked God for this child. Just like Mary and Joseph, your parents gave thanks to God when you were born. They were very happy God gave you to them. They had you baptized in church, and presented you as a gift to God, too.



I will offer everything I do for you, Lord,





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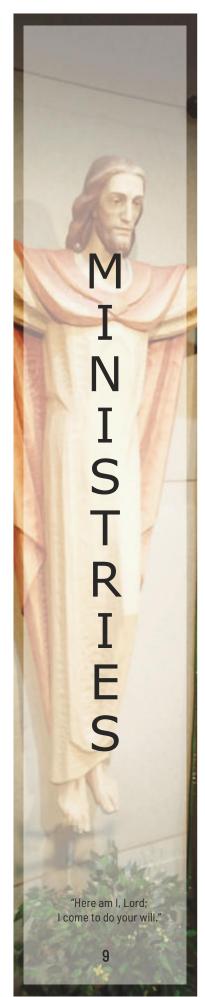


Jesus Christ.



Lord, thank you for bringing the baby Jesus into my life.





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**

Zoeanne Tafolla, 707-333-7359

- -Chaplet/Rosary/Morning Prayer
- -Divine Mercy Chaplet/Mass
- -Cenacle Zoeanne 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**

#### **Finance Council**

Elizabeth Beigh, 916-730-1291

## **Liturgy Committee**

Barbara Bowden, 916-984-9476

**Pastoral Council** 

# **Outreach/Charity Ministries**

#### **Bereavement Hospitality/Receptions**

Nina Pucci, 916-947-6386

#### **Catholics for Life**

Kathy Baxter, 916-337-6824

#### Gabriel Project

Helen Boyd, 916-367-8071

#### Grace Quilters Ministry

Catherine Scott, 831-402-4681

#### **Grupo Pastoral Hispano**

Anna Haid, 916-956-1177

#### **Knights of Columbus**

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  $\times\,4206$ 

-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

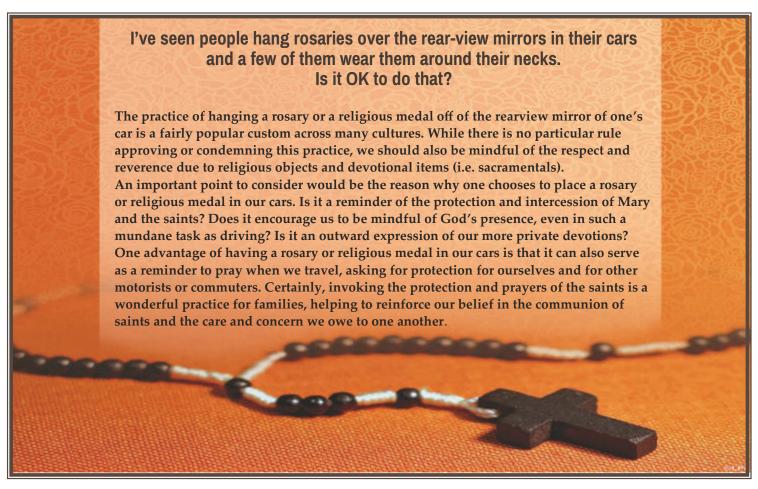
#### Gift Shop

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.





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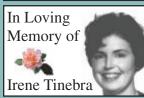


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