



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Catholic Church

AUGUST 23, 2020



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

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	7:00 pm
Sunday	7:00 am
	8:00 am
	7:00 pm

Daily Mass Times

Mon. - Fri. 6:30 am

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

FolsomCatholic.org/bulletin

Bulletin Date **Ad Due by 5 pm**

Aug 30 Aug 20

Sep 6 Aug 27

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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 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 [8bc]/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

"He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

(Mt 16:15)

Gospel Meditation

The only way to know God is to love God. Our minds will never fully grasp the mystery of God, but our hearts and souls can learn to love the mystery. Years ago, when life had a more innocent quality to it, we believed what we were told or witnessed, unless there was direct evidence otherwise. This was especially true if the information came from someone in authority. In a sense, we were a bit more gullible on one hand but also more trusting on the other. The latter is an admirable quality that sadly can be eroded when we realize we have been duped. With education and technological advances, we find ourselves more skeptical and less likely to too quickly accept and believe what we see and hear.

For all of the good that social media can do, it can also easily distort reality and truth. Photoshop and a myriad other technological truths can add to, fabricate, and make even the non-existent seem real. It is amazing. How far do we allow this obviously justifiable skepticism to take us? Questioning and doubting are healthy elements of any good relationship as long as we don't allow them to turn us away from a deeper experience of love and encounter. If we cannot get our minds around something or empirically justify or prove it, we tend to declare it a hoax, untrue, or unauthentic and walk away. The very same trust that can quickly be eroded is exactly what is essential for all of our relationships, especially our relationship with God. With all things and people that make a profound claim on us, we have to trust in the absence of knowledge. Full self-investment involves plunging completely into the unknown!

Simon Peter said to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Peter came to this knowledge, which is not "head knowledge" because of the relationship he shared with Jesus and what God was able to reveal in and through that relationship. Peter simply "knew" because of love that this is who Jesus really is. The silent exchange of love between friends, and not an intellectual exercise of the mind, brought Peter to this place. When we stop and think about it, there are many things in life that we simply know but do not completely understand. When someone sacrifices their own well-being for another, it may not make intellectual sense when examined. But it makes a world of sense when it is carried out. The vastness of reality and an encounter with incomprehensible mystery all lead us to profound silence where we simply know something to be true. Have you trusted enough to allow your relationship with God to bring you to this place or are you still too skeptical?

Scripture Reflections

First Reading

The Lord condemns Shebna (a scribe under King Hezekiah) for ignoring Isaiah's prophetic warning and elevates Eliakim with "a seat of honor." How well do you listen to prophetic voices?

Second Reading

We hear today Paul's concluding remarks from Romans 9:11 (reflections on God's plan of salvation for Jews and Gentiles). Paul contends that God's ways are beyond our understanding. Do you find this comforting or unsettling?

Gospel Reading

Jesus informs Peter that his confession of him as "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" is divinely inspired. How do you imagine Peter personally reacted to the news of this revelation?



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

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Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Recently, we received a number of inquiries regarding the use of parish facilities during this difficult and challenging time. Different ministries are wondering if they may use a room for their small gathering, but as of this time, I regret to inform you that parish facilities are not available even for small gatherings until further notice.

I really admire your enthusiasm and dedication for your ministry, but know that we are dealing with the enemy that we cannot see. Needless to say, we have to be extra careful. We have to think of the well-being not only of our own but also of those who are most susceptible, some of whom are members of our immediate family.

Nevertheless, I encourage all ministries to use other virtual avenues for your ministry's gathering. May the love and protection of Jesus our Lord, the sole Physician and Healer of our body and soul come upon us through the intercession of Mama Mary, our spiritual Mother.

To Jesus through Mary,
Fr. Renier Siva, Pastor

Religious Education Registration

Contact: Shannon Langer
slanger@folsomcatholic.org

During this uncertain time, it's been difficult to figure out what is next! RE started on August 23rd, but you have ONE MORE CHANCE to register by Friday, August 28th. Remember that your child needs 2 years of preparation for First Reconciliation/Eucharist and Confirmation. All classes will be distance learning this year. Please contact Shannon Langer for registration questions. See you soon!

*"Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of
your hands."
(Ps 138)*

The Gospel of Matthew An Online Series Presented by Deacon Jim McFadden

September 8, Tuesday, 7 pm
Contact: Theresa Grant
tgrant203@aol.com

This 15-segment series will meet via Zoom. Each lecture will consist of lecture followed by discussion.

Session 1: *Matthew — The Jewish Gospel*
The earlier followers of Jesus, who were Jewish-Christians, believed that this Gospel was meant for them. That's why many regard Matthew as the Jewish Gospel.

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.

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Please visit our website for any updates regarding COVID-19 status here in our parish.

Inspiration for the Week

To stand in the presence of God is to stand in the presence of incomprehensible mystery. We are people of proofs and facts. With good reason, we are becoming more doubtful of what presents itself to us, as technology makes it easy to fabricate false images and distort what is actually true. What we think is real actually may not be. We become skeptical. Does this skepticism affect our relationship with God? To have faith in God means that we must be willing to trust in the absence of full knowledge. To know the mind of God means we would know God himself, and that is impossible. To acknowledge Jesus as the Christ means we acknowledge that the reality and presence of an incarnate God has a fundamental claim on who we are. When we name this truth, we participate in a depth of knowledge that stretches us far beyond the scope of our minds. It brings us to silence, which is the only way to touch our soul.

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 23rd

Carmen Santa Maria†
Dennis Knight†
Emilia Alcordo†

Monday, August 24th

John Collins†

Tuesday, August 25th

Jacalyn Joseph†

Wednesday, August 26th

Freddy (birthday)
Antonio Reyes†

Thursday, August 27th

The Murphy Family
Joseph Rico

Friday, August 28th

Eddie Hawkinson (92nd birthday)

Saturday, August 29th

Leonardo Remedios†
Inez Baciocco†

Observances

We Celebrate This Week

Mon: St. Bartholomew

Tue: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz

Thu: St. Monica

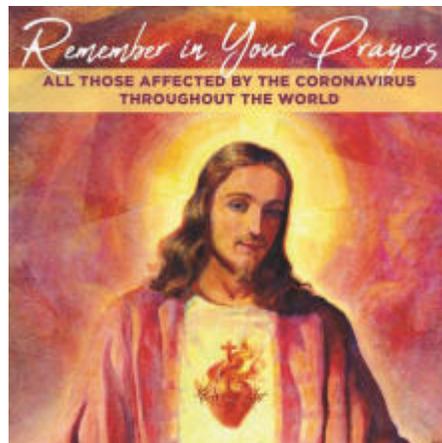
Fri: St. Augustine

Sat: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

August is Dedicated to: The Immaculate Heart of Mary

Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for August The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.



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
Kimanh Davis
Pat Koelfgen
Phyllis Dexter
Sunta de Rivera
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	Kay Warren
Bernie Powers	Lamberto Bachiller
Brian Trevisan Maxey	Maria Gill
Bud Powers	Maria Perez
Cal Dexter	Maurico Padilla
Chris McDowell	Nasri Michael
Daniel Kelly	Richard Rutledge
Delia Yambao	Rose Imbriani-Ajalat
Francisco Tiffer	Susan Wong
Gilbert Mendivil	Tony Zuniga
Jean Walsh	



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.



Lord, may I have the strength of
Your Son and the strength of
St. John the Baptist as
I carry my own crosses in life.

May I remain strong in faith and
filled with hope as I hear You calling
me to embrace my cross.

Jesus, I trust in You.

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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 at the top of our website.
Click on the box labeled "Adoration Video" and 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

scd.org/coronavirus/livestream-mass

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

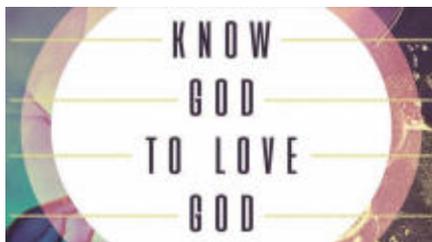
On the weekends, the church will be open
from 7am-6pm.

**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."



Prayer Opportunities At St. John the Baptist

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacles
English/Spanish

Divine Mercy Devotion/Cenacles
English/Spanish

*Please view our Ministries Page (9)
for contact information regarding these
prayer ministries*

Respect Life Ministry

Wednesdays, 8am to 11am.

Contact: Joanne , 916- 607-2228

Please join the people who pray at the largest
Planned Parenthood abortion business in
Sacramento at 29th and B Street (201 29th
Street, Sacramento) on Wednesday mornings,
from 8am to 11am. Call Joanne if you are
interested.

If Wednesdays are not good for your
schedule, join Wynette and her group at 2322
Butano Drive, Sacramento. This is the same
location that the 40 Days for Life prayer vigils
are held, two major national events in the
Spring and again in the Fall.

Mark your calendars for September 23rd
through November 1st. Monday through
Fridays, 8am-6pm for the next Fall 40 Days
for Life. God bless you!



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Are Your Children Rejecting the Faith? Remember St. Monica's Story...

How can we stay hopeful instead of sink into despair?

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Educating children has always been a tough job, but for Christian parents today it almost always means swimming against the current. Many of us feel alone and ill-equipped to protect our children from the secular world that is so far from the spiritual values we wish to pass on.

What can we say when our child loudly complains when it's time for Mass? What's the point of having family prayer when it quickly turn into a shouting match? What when your children seem to reject all you're trying to share and pass on, what's to be done?

Trust in God

The first thing to do –and to redo every time – before you try to find an answer to these questions, is to entrust everything to God: your doubts, your pains, your questions, your regrets, your sleepless nights, your tears and your hopes. These children are first and foremost his. He loves them more than we ever could. He knows what is best for them. He is ever ready to forgive all sins and bring good out of evil.

The Lord does not intervene as if by magic. He respects us too much for this. But He always answers those who call upon Him. The reasons we sometimes can't hear Him is either because we're not ready to receive his answer, we're too impatient, or we're looking for an answer we believe to be the right one, but our designs do not always correspond with those of God.

Never wallow in guilt

We're not perfect; it happens that as parents we make serious mistakes. But there's no point wallowing in guilt: it is poison. The sentiment of guilt is a snare used by the devil. What comes from God is the repentance, the pain for hurting those we love.

Repentance does not consist in mulling over our remorse, like the prodigal son, instead it sets us on the path to God. The sacrament of Penance exists so He can accord us his forgiveness, to take us back into his grace, to raise and to heal us. And when God has forgiven us, it is done: going back to ruminate over one's sin is to doubt His love for us.

Ask loved ones for help

God has given us brothers and sisters who are also parents. Of course, every family is unique and there's no point in comparing situations. However, most of the time the reason we remain alone with our problems is because we simply don't dare to share them. We can feel so much shame that we aren't the image of "a good Christian family" that we refuse to reveal our secret struggles. We fear being judged, misunderstood, or rejected and yet, what precious help we can be for each other! Sometimes just sharing a problem helps us find a solution. And in our hours of difficulty, it is generally the little things that help us to hold on: a smile, a call of a friend, a small sign of affection, etc. Let us more than ever rely on each other, let us be close to one another, open and available. Let us patiently listen to one another and accept each other without judgment. It is hard, but with the help from God, all becomes possible.

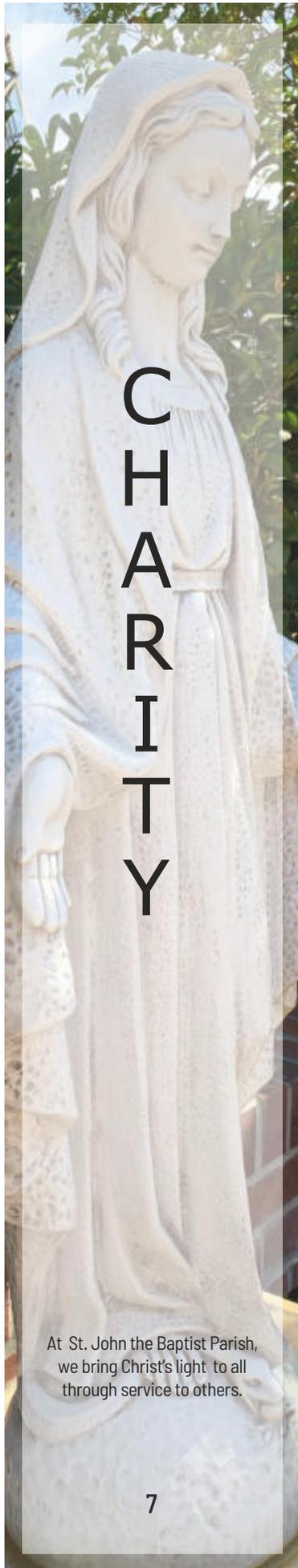
Turn to St. Monica — the patron saint of parents in distress

"The child of those tears shall never perish," such were the words of comfort that one bishop offered St. Monica, as she prayed, mourning her son Augustine, whom she saw drawing farther away from God. When he finally left for Italy, she believed him completely lost. But it was there that God was waiting for him. "The child of those tears" became the great St. Augustine. As for St. Monica, she became the patron saint of all parents in distress about their children.

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At St. John the Baptist Parish,
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.

Thank You

Thank you for your generous support last week of the Collection for the Church in Latin America. We collected \$ 77, which will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean so they in turn can share the Good News with others. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click "How to Give" on the left. Your gift makes a difference!

Thank You from St. Vincent de Paul

This is a long overdue note of appreciation for the continued support we have received these past six months. Although we have not been able to reopen our doors, you have donated food, clothing and financially. We continue to listen to our phone messages and assist as needed. Very few, if any, have been requests for assistance. Most messages have been from those who want to donate clothing and food. However, in July, we received requests for rental assistance, and we were able to assist six families with rent. We look forward to the day when we can open our doors again and resume serving our community. Thanks to you, we will be ready.

In March, we were preparing for our Annual Benefit Dinner and Raffle Ticket drawing. We were able to sell a number of tickets before Masses were suspended. Our dinner which is the Sacramento Council's biggest fundraiser was cancelled and the drawing was moved from April to July 25th. We were able to sell more tickets, but we didn't sell the winning ticket. The winner was Marion Bishop, from St. Mel's in Fair Oaks. Half of our ticket sales come back to our St. Vincent de Paul Conference. We are grateful for your support.

Food Collection

Please CONTINUE to help our community by donating canned and non-perishable goods to our food collection. Donations will be distributed locally. All who are able are encouraged to contribute what they can to this collection. Canned goods of all kinds (meats, veggies, fruits, soups, chili), boxed pastas, rice, and cereal will be appreciated. A cart is in the vestibule during open hours of the church for collecting your donations.

Stewardship of Treasure the Lord Has Entrusted to Us

Weekly goal: \$25,529.00

Weekly Offerings:

August 15/16 \$10,026

Our Sincere Gratitude

Thank you to those who have been so generous to the parish with their contributions. If you are unable to attend Mass, please use online giving or your weekly envelopes can be mailed to the parish office.

The Choice of Stewardship

What does it mean to be a good steward? Does it mean to be an active parishioner, or something more? Are we better stewards because we give more in terms of our money and time to our parish, or are we called to do even more than that?

The truth is that stewardship is a way of life. We are not simply called to be active parishioners, but instead be active disciples all the time. In fact, what we learn to do in our parish should serve as preparation for the mission field of the world. What have we really done if we only act like disciples of Jesus Christ while we are assembled with others who claim to be the same?

The choice before us is to give of ourselves in all aspects of our day and life. The call of Jesus will come in our everyday lives with our co-workers, family, and friends more often than it will within our parish community. First, if we can't become good stewards when we are among those who proclaim Jesus as Lord, how will we be able to do so when we are with those who are non-believers? Second, when our muscles of gratitude, generosity, and graciousness are strengthened within our parish community, we are more able to meet the challenges of this world. However, we do not become good stewards by accident. We must always choose to live this way. What will you choose?

~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Sharing the Gospel

God had sent great prophets to his people. Jeremiah, Elijah, and John the Baptist were faithful to God. They told God's people to love each other. But God's people would not listen. That is why God sent his Son Jesus to be your Savior. With Jesus' help, you can turn back to God. Because of Jesus, you can love others. Because of Jesus, you can look forward to heaven.

Mission for the Week

Tell God you are sorry for your sins. Ask God to help you follow Jesus' example.

Prayer

God, I thank you for sending your Son, Jesus to be my Savior.

Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel

John
prophets
Peter

Father
blessed
Elijah

Christ
revealed
Jeremiah

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Read the Gospel and Color



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

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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

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

Liturgy Committee

Barbara Bowden, 916-984-9476

Pastoral Council

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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."

Mary and the Saints

Why do Catholics pray to Mary and the saints?

One of the statements of faith we make when we pray the Nicene Creed and the Apostles Creed is that we believe in "the communion of saints." The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that this communion (another word for community) includes all the faithful on earth, the souls in Purgatory, and the blessed women, men, and children who are in heaven. This teaching is grounded in our belief that, through Baptism, we are united with Christ and to one another with bonds that are stronger even than death.

And so from the time of the early Church, Christians have turned to other believers for prayers and assistance, including those who have gone before us, confident that God hears the prayers of all of His children. While we ask the saints (and one another) for prayers and support, we remember that the saints join us in prayer. But it is God who blesses and sanctifies us.

When we think of Mary and the saints in heaven, we have to remember that we can turn to them for intercession and assistance because they were faulted, limited human beings, just like us. This means that they are able to understand our struggles, doubts, fears, joys, and hopes. But as we learn their stories, we can also begin to recognize that they stand out in the history of the Church because they persevered in their commitment to follow Christ. Whether they were ordained, vowed religious, martyrs, husbands, wives, or even children, they show us that holiness is possible. We can not only follow their example but also benefit from their prayerful support.

Our devotion to the saints and gratitude for their witness, prayers, and protection should also be an inspiration for us, especially when we become aware of the needs of others or when others ask us to pray for them. We are called to share the blessings we receive. This is also part of our own journey of growing in holiness.



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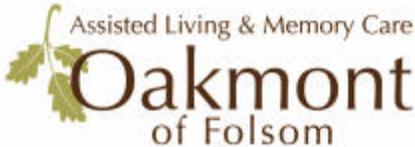
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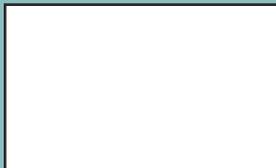


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