



# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

## *Catholic Church*

### MAY 9, 2021



## 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

“It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another.” - Jn 15:16-17

## Sacraments

### Masses

Mass is currently celebrated in the church. 6ft social distancing and a mask is required and must be worn at all times. Please sign in for contact tracing purposes.

### Weekend Mass Times

Sat: 5:00pm (Sunday Vigil)

Sun: 7:30am, 9:00am,

11:30am & 6:00pm

### Daily Mass Times

Mon-Fri: 8:15am

### 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**

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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

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 / Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b] / 1 Jn 4:7-10 / Jn 15:9-17

*"The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power."*

(Ps 98)

## Gospel Meditation

"Remain in my love," and, "I call you friends," are powerful words that are found in John's Gospel. Most of us probably have them committed to memory or have at least heard them proclaimed dozens of times. They are words that can easily become trite and quickly glossed over without fully pondering and digesting their profound beauty. When we take the time to immerse ourselves in them, they can radically change our lives and our relationships. They can open up new doors of adventure and hold countless possibilities for meaning. The essence of love and friendship are things that can easily be taken for granted. They have always been there and are a significant part of our lives. Many would say that they could not live without love and friendship, and they put a great deal of care into preserving, deepening and sustaining them. Love and friendship share a mutual relationship with each other that deserves more reflection.

Where does love come from? We can consider relationships that have not succeeded and conclude that they were somehow due to our "failures in love." In doing so, we assume that human beings are the ones responsible for love, its success and also its failure. While our weakness, emotional composition and sinfulness can easily impact our ability to love, its origin is not human. God is love. God is love's author and origin. When we love, it is God who loves in and through us. It is because of this divine closeness that Jesus is able to call us friends! It is not because of anything we have done but simply because of who we are. Realizing and contemplating this awesome reality becomes a game changer across the board. It gives us reason to clear the table of anything that can adversely affect the way we love so that we can open the door for its author to shine forth.

Coming upon this truth is what leads folks like St. Francis of Assisi to leave that which is comfortable and worldly and live a radical life. They relate with the love of God that radiates in and through all living things and appreciate their sacredness. It was having an intimate experience of God's love and friendship that propelled St. Francis and others to embrace simplicity, act nonviolently, pursue humility, love enemies, care for the earth and open up avenues for true justice. Understanding this profound truth will also help us find peaceful solutions to world's problems, restore relationships with our sisters and brothers, bring the grace of loving stewardship to creation and heal many wounds. Once we begin to see how wonderfully holy all of life really is, we discover joy. We lose our need for fear, develop a fierce fortitude, act prudently and seek justice. There is great power in love because it comes from God. It will never fail. It also enjoys the company of two other friends who are eager to become our friends as well: faith and hope. These are just as important to have and to share.

## Scripture Reflections

### First Reading

In the home of the Gentile-believer, Cornelius, Peter revealed one of the most significant insights from the early Church: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality." Where do you see this message of unity needed today?

### Second Reading

John saw love at the very core of God's divine identity. In fact, for John, "God is love." For this reason, believers are called to love one another. How do you keep this virtue paramount in your life?

### Gospel

During his farewell discourse, Jesus refers to his disciples as his "friends." How often do you think of Jesus as your "friend?"

## Parish Office is Open

The Parish Office is now open for regular business hours Mon.- Fri., 8:30 am- 4:30 pm.

### Praise and Worship

May 11, Tuesday, 6:30 pm  
Contact: Sheila Fitzpatrick  
Sheilafitz1@yahoo.com

Join us for an evening of inspiring music and powerful prayer with Praise and Worship! We will be live streaming on the St. John the Baptist Facebook page via Facebook Live. All are welcome!

### 2021-2022 Religious Education

Contact: Shannon Langer  
Director of Religious Education  
916-985-7338 or  
slanger@folsomcatholic.org

Registration for next year's Religious Education is open! Please go to the parish website for the packet to register your children! ALL sacraments require two years of preparation meaning 1st and 2nd grade for Reconciliation and Eucharist, and Confirmation 1 and Confirmation 2 for Confirmation. We will start in late August and end on the first weekend of May. Calendar will be coming soon.

### Parent Support

**Talking To Your Children About Love, Sex and Marriage**  
May 17, Monday, 8:00pm,  
Streaming live on YouTube  
Contact Jennifer Campbell  
jcampbell@scd.org  
www.scd.org/parentsupport

Presented by the Diocese of Sacramento Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Join us for our monthly Parent Support Session for May. Deacon Kevin Staszko, John Watkins and Moises De Leon will share ideas for talking to your children. The team will help you to learn your rights as a parent to review and opt out of sex education in the public schools. Share where to find resources to teach about love, sex and marriage from a Catholic perspective.

## Camp Pendola Summer 2021

www.pendola.org  
Contact: Jennifer Campbell  
jcampbell@scd.org or 916-733-0135

Camp Pendola is excited to announce our programming plan for Summer 2021! This summer we will be offering day camps campers entering 1st grade through entering 7th grade at four parishes around the diocese for four weeks in July. For middle and high school teens we will be offering day trips to hiking trails and adventure courses in the greater Sacramento area. And for families we will be opening up our cabins to rent in Camptonville.

### Camp Pendola is hiring

Are you looking for a summer job that will create lifelong memories for you and everyone you connect with this summer? We are looking for fun, faith filled, caring and energetic applicants to fill our summer camp positions! Check out our website for information about the available positions at our Family Camp, Day Camp or Teen Programs at [pendola.org/employment](http://pendola.org/employment). For any questions contact Jennifer.

### Inspiration for the Week

God is love. These three simple words deserve a great deal of attention. They have the power to transform our relationship with God from something that is static and distant to one that is personal and real. We all know the power of love and how important it is to completing all of the human and divine circuits of our lives. But we do not often consider the awesome fact that it is given to us as a gift and is not simply part and parcel of the human package. God is the author of love and love itself. When we truly love another human being, it is really God being God in and through us. The love to which we are called and the love of which the Gospel speaks is a selfless love that seeks the wellbeing of not only our significant others but of all of our brothers and sisters. This love, which is of God, is a love that will endure all things and bring immeasurable joy when experienced. It is the most sincere form of friendship.

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## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, May 9th

Corazon Alunan+  
All Mothers  
All Mothers  
Laarni Domingo+

### Monday, May 10th

Lorenza Mejia+

### Tuesday, May 11th

Paulinamiae Miranda

### Wednesday, May 12th

Billy Halloran+

### Thursday, May 13th

Rosita Tecson (*thanksgiving*)

### Friday, May 14th

Santiago Rico Guillen (*4th birthday*)

### Saturday, May 15th

Romeo L. Cabusas+

## Observances

### We Celebrate This Week

**Sun:** Mother's Day

**Mon:** St. Damien de Veuster

**Wed:** Sts. Nereus and Achilleus,  
St. Pancras

**Thu:** Our Lady of Fatima

**Fri:** St. Matthias

**Sat:** St. Isidore

### May is Dedicated to:

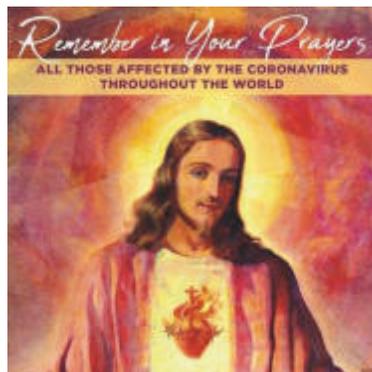
The Blessed Virgin Mary/Our Lady

## Pope Francis'

### Monthly Intention for May

#### The World of Finance

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.



## 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.*

Adelina Zendejas	Lucy Tran
Christopher Kovarik	Marelou Montemayor
Elfega Larsen	Margarita Garcia
Evelyn Ronquillo	Maria Garcia
Eusebio Santos	Marites Brooks
Gloria Bladel & Family	Mark Penman
Jocelyn Patio	Minh Davis
Joe Bierek	Randy Elliot
Joseph Cardenas	Robert Coughlin
Joshua Weidinger	Sheila Montemayor
Kimanh Davis	Silda Galang
Lance Costa	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.*

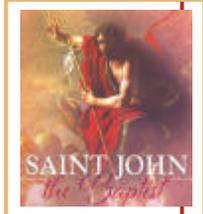


Agrifino Angeles	Jose Alfredo Aspera
Andrew Bower	Lorenza Mejia
Anita Rivera	Luz Villamil-Hoyt
Beatrice Iddamalgoda	Madeline Easton
Caridad Montemayor	Maria Di Costanzo
Carlos Henriquez	Marilyn Dorr
Charlotte Hughes	Maryann Manzitto
Diana Dahm	Nona Piha
Doris Hodge	Norma Aley
Elena Aquino	Paul DuPont
Eli Marquez	Richard Legget
Herminia Villacorte	Romeo Vasquez
Hilarion Aspera	Sonny Lasoya
Joan McArdle	Steve Beneto
	Thomas Lazore

## 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

**Eucharistic Adoration : First Friday of every month, 9am to 7pm**

**Sign up for adorers is in the vestibule**

A link to an Adoration Video (50mins) is located on 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](http://www.facebook.com/FolsomCatholic)

### Live Stream Mass

[scd.org/coronavirus/livestream-mass](http://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 wear a mask and 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 social distancing of 6ft.



### Prayer for Mothers

During the season of Easter, what a great time to remember our mothers and ask for God's blessing on them. It is God who ultimately gave us life. It is through God's unselfish love--mirrored in our mothers' willingness to associate their love with God's and take the risk to love us into life--that we have the opportunity for life. We remember our mothers this Mother's Day with much love. Let us pray for each of them:

*Heavenly Father,  
from the beginning you have chosen  
to entrust the human person to mothers  
in a special way.*

*We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers;  
for their tenderness, care, and compassion,  
for their intuition and encouragement,  
for their commitment and sacrifice.*

*Bless all mothers this day.  
Keep, strengthen, and refresh them  
in your loving care.  
May they be blessed by our open-hearted  
love and gratitude.  
Amen.*



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## Global Rosary 'Marathon' for end of COVID-19

**"The church prayed fervently to God." (Acts 12:5)**

Throughout the month of May, The Catholic Church dedicates the month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Vatican has announced a rosary initiative dedicating the month of May to prayer for an end to the coronavirus pandemic. Specific intentions related to the pandemic will also be included. Pope Francis will open the month of prayer on May 1, asking for Mary's intercession. The world's Catholic shrines would be involved in a special way as promoters of the rosary among Catholics. Thirty of the shrines will take turns leading a daily live-streamed rosary at 12 pm (EST). The thirty shrines each receiving a rosary blessed by Pope Francis will conduct the rosary in their language and according to their own tradition, explains the Pontifical Council for Evangelization.

On May 1 at 6 p.m., Pope Francis will kick off this special month in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, praying before the Madonna of Succour (Our Lady of Help), a famous representation of the Virgin venerated from the 7th century, found in the Gregorian chapel, above the altar of St. Leo. Restored in 2013 under the pontificate of Pope Francis. It is considered the preeminent Marian icon of St. Peter's. The Argentine pontiff has placed himself under her protection. The concluding Rosary, scheduled for May 31, is expected to be delivered from the Vatican Gardens. A list of Shrines where the Rosary will be prayed each day at 6:00 p.m. (CET), with links to watch live or afterwards on demand can be found at:

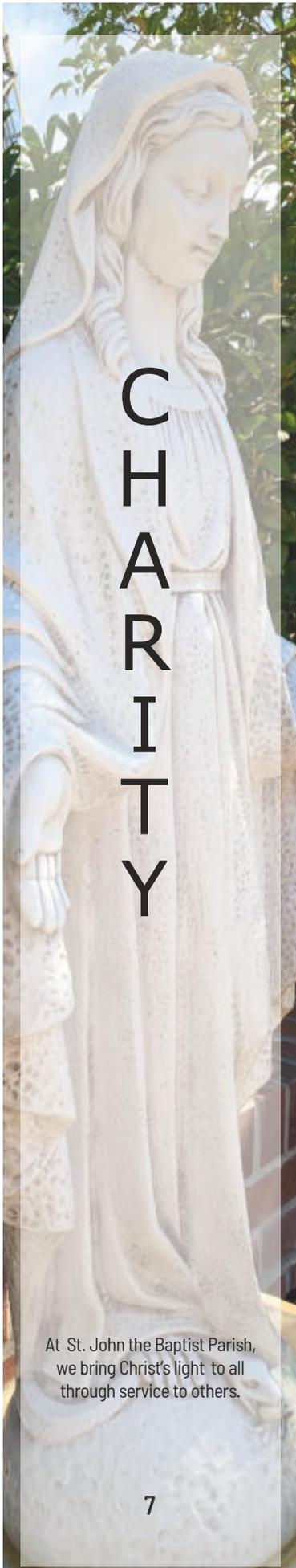
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### Rosary Marathon Calendar:

- May 1:** Saint Peter's (Vatican): Prayer for wounded humanity led by the Pope.  
**May 1:** Our Lady of Walsingham (England) Prayer for the deceased.  
**May 2:** Jesus the Savior and Mother Mary Sanctuary (Nigeria): Prayer for those who could not say goodbye to their loved ones.  
**May 3:** Czestochowa Shrine (Poland): Prayer for the sick.  
**May 4:** Basilica of the Annunciation (Holy Land): Prayer for pregnant women.  
**May 5:** Sanctuary of Our Lady of the Rosary (South Korea): Prayer for children and adolescents.  
**May 6:** Our Lady of Aparecida (Brazil): Prayer for young people.  
**May 7:** National Shrine of Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage, also known as the Antipolo Cathedral (Philippines): Prayer for families.  
**May 8:** Our Lady of Luján (Argentina): Prayer for people involved in communication.  
**May 9:** Our Lady of Loreto (Italy): Prayer for the elderly.  
**May 10:** Our Lady of Knock (Ireland): Prayer for people with disabilities  
**May 11:** Notre-Dame de Banneux (Belgium): Prayer for the poor and people in economic difficulty.  
**May 12:** Notre-Dame d'Afrique (Algeria): Prayer for lonely people who have lost hope  
**May 13:** Shrine of the Blessed Virgin of the Holy Rosary (Portugal): Prayer for prisoners.  
**May 14:** Our Lady of Health (India): Prayer for scientists and medical research institutes.  
**May 15:** Mary Queen of Peace (Bosnia and Herzegovina): Prayer for migrants.  
**May 16:** St. Mary's Cathedral (Sydney, Australia): Prayer for victims of violence and trafficking.  
**May 17:** Basilica of the Immaculate Conception (Washington, D.C., United States): Prayer for those responsible for international organizations.  
**May 18:** Notre-Dame de Lourdes (Paris, France): Prayer for nurses and doctors.  
**May 19:** Shrine of the House of the Virgin (Meryem Ana, Turkey): Prayer for people at war and peace in the world  
**May 20:** Our Lady of Charity of Cobre (Cuba): Prayer for pharmacists and health personnel.  
**May 21:** Our Lady of Nagasaki (Japan): Prayer for social workers.  
**May 22:** Our Lady of Montserrat (Spain): Prayer for volunteers.  
**May 23:** Our Lady of the Cape (Canada): Prayer for law enforcement, military and firefighters.  
**May 24:** (To be determined) Prayer for those who guarantee essential services.  
**May 25:** Ta'Pinu National Shrine (Malta): Prayer for teachers, students, and educators.  
**May 26:** Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Mexico): Prayer for workers and entrepreneurs.  
**May 27:** Mother of God Pochavskaya (Ukraine): Prayer for unemployed people.  
**May 28:** Shrine of Our Lady of Altötting (Germany): Prayer for bishops, priests and deacons  
**May 29:** Our Lady of Lebanon (Lebanon) Prayer for consecrated persons  
**May 30:** Virgin of the Holy Rosary of Pompei (Italy): Prayer for the Church  
**May 31:** Vatican Gardens (Vatican): Prayer for the end of the pandemic and the return to work

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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.

## 2nd Collection

This weekend's second collection is for our Building and Maintenance Fund.

Thank you for your support of last week's second collection for our RE Program and SJND. Together we collected \$1,537.

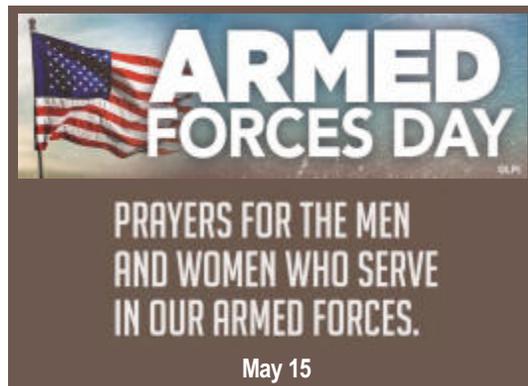
Next week our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Sacramento to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc).

### Stewardship of Treasure the Lord Has Entrusted to Us

Weekly goal: \$25,529.00

Weekly Offerings:

May 1/2      \$12,945.77



## Choosing to Love One Another

Love one another. The greatest commandment, the simplest commandment — and if you've ever loved anyone, you know it's also the hardest.

I'm man enough to admit it. I've seen one or two of those cheesy Hallmark movies that are especially popular around the holidays. Boy meets Girl. Boy and Girl encounter a catastrophic roadblock to their relationship — they're coaches of rival high school volleyball teams, or he runs a dog kennel and she works at a feline rescue, so it could never, ever work out, right? But sprinkle a little movie magic over the whole situation and Boy and Girl find what Hallmark tells us is true love.

I could make a list of all the things that are inaccurate about these movies, and something I would put right near the top — maybe even above the sometimes-unbelievable storylines — is the idea that love is a feeling.

See, I'm not sure if it's accurate to call these movies love stories. Attraction stories, sure. But if you've ever forgiven someone who's hurt you, nursed a dying parent, gotten up for an infant's night feeding or let your kid have the last piece of cake, you know that real love is a verb. It's something you do. And it is almost always a choice.

Love one another. How often do we hear this? How often do we think about what it really means? How often do we take a moment to consider the action Jesus is asking us to take and the choice he is asking us to make?

~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

KID'S CORNER

Sharing the Gospel

I would be really happy, if only I was ? rich ? popular ? better looking ? the boss. Those selfish wishes sound great, but they cannot give you true happiness inside. In today's Gospel, Jesus shares the three secrets to his complete happiness: (1) Jesus obeyed God; (2) Jesus knew God loved him; (3) Jesus loved other people enough to die for them. Wow. Jesus was completely happy, but he was not selfish at all. In fact, Jesus told his friends if they followed his loving example, they could be completely happy too. Follow Jesus to be filled with happiness from the inside out.

Mission for the Week

Read John 15:9-17 with your family. God loves you, and he wants you to be completely happy, but you need to let go of your selfishness. You can obey God and love others by sharing your time with them. You can show your love for God by sharing your money with others, too.

Puzzle

Find the heart that matches



Prayer

God, on my own I am selfish. Thank you for loving me. Help me to obey you. Help me to love other people as much as Jesus does

Read the Gospel and Color

Jn 15:9-17



"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

Parish Office, 916-985-2065

### 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

*1st Friday of the Month - 9am - 7pm, 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

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

Debbie Sultan, 916-337-5786

### 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)

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

Please send ministry updates and corrections to  
Loreen McMahan, mcmahan510@comcast.net.

# MINISTRIES

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

## What is the difference between a “Saint” and a “Blessed”?

The process of proclaiming someone as a saint in the Catholic Church has evolved over the course of many centuries. In the beginning, those honored as saints were almost exclusively biblical figures or martyrs. However, after the legalization of Christianity in the fourth century, new holy women and men came to be honored as saints, and this was often done by popular acclaim or by the local bishop or abbot.



It was Pope Gregory IX (who was pope from 1227 to 1241) who officially proclaimed that only the pope had the authority to add someone to the official list (the “canon”) of saints. This is the meaning of the word “canonization.”

Today, the saint-making process includes several steps, including detailed studies of the person’s life and a recognition that they died as a martyr or lived a life of “heroic virtue.” Once someone is recognized as a martyr or if a miracle is attributed to their intercession, they will be beatified and honored as “Blessed.” This means that they can be celebrated by Catholics in a particular country or region or by the members of certain religious community. If another miracle occurs and is approved, then the “Blessed” is canonized and honored with the title “Saint,” meaning that they are now officially recognized as a universal model of holiness and an intercessor.

**St. Mary Cemetery & Funeral Center** FD2263  
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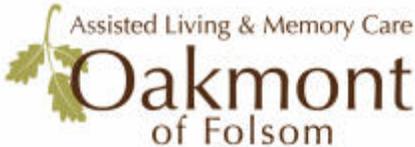
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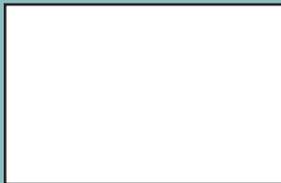
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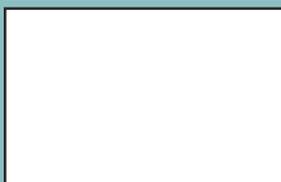
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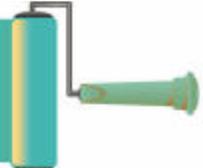


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