



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Catholic Church

NOVEMBER 28, 2021



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



“Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.” - Lk 21:27-28

Sacraments

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm
Sunday	7:30 am
	9:00 am
	11:30 am
	6:00 pm

1st Sunday Spanish 1:30 pm

Daily Mass Times

Mon. - Fri.	6:30 am
	8:15 am

Holy Day Mass Times

6:30 am
8:15 am
12:00 pm
7:00 pm

Reconciliation / Confession

Saturday 3 - 4:30 pm
& by appointment

All Other Sacraments

Please call the office for information.

Clergy

Fr. Renier Siva

Pastor

Fr. Cleetus Karakkat

Parochial Vicar

William Goeke

Jim McFadden

Deacons

Fr. Ignatius Haran

Pastor Emeritus

Parish Office

Mon.- Fri. 8:30 am- 4:30 pm
307 Montrose Drive, Folsom
Phone: 916-985-2065

Website:

FolsomCatholic.org

Social Media:

@FolsomCatholic

Bulletin

FolsomCatholic.org/bulletin

Bulletin Date Ads Due by 5pm

December 5	November 22
December 12	November 30
December 19	December 7
December 26	December 13

Welcome to

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

We are a community where we welcome all as members of the Body of Christ.

We are welcoming, faithful, passionate, joyful, authentic,
sacramental, loving and charitable.

Today's Readings

Jer 33:14-16 / 1 Thes 3:12-4:2 / Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b] / Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

"To you, O Lord, I lift my soul."

(Ps 25)

Gospel Meditation

Staying awake can often be a challenge, especially when we are exhausted. Life's demands have a way of zapping every last bit of energy out of us. When we are tired it affects us not only physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. All of our senses are dulled and diminished. We can overlook details, become disinterested, lethargic and apathetic, and detached.

Getting sufficient physical rest only helps so much. We need to be rejuvenated, refreshed, and reenergized in other ways. If we are psychologically exhausted, we need to understand what is draining our emotions and taxing our relationships. If we are spiritually tired, we need to find the necessary "shot in the arm" to put us back in touch with God. Unfortunately, exhaustion is seldom limited to just one part of who we are. When we lack energy and zeal it is usually the case that everything suffers. We not only are affected physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well.

In short, when we run out of gas the engine stops.

And yet, our Lord's directive is clear, "Be vigilant at all times." Even Jesus knew what "the anxieties of daily life" can do to us. One day pours into another and time quickly flies by. Any one of us can take a moment and reflect on how many wonderful, creative opportunities we miss because there is always so much "stuff" to do and so little time to do it. Usually these are missed moments of love, and if we are missing love encounters we are also missing God. Sleepwalking through life, we check the boxes next to our list of "must and have to dos" and justify it all by convincing ourselves that tomorrow is another day and there'll be more time. It may surprise us, but tomorrow is here, and time is running out. While we may like to believe that we have an "eternity" of time to do all those things that require the focus, energy, and desire we do not currently have, we don't.

We're on a limited ride and time is short.

Jesus is also clear on another point. "That day [will] catch you by surprise like a trap." If we are going to be judged on love and so easily justify not having all that much time to do so, then it seems we must shift focus a bit. St. Teresa of Calcutta tells us, "We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another." Getting to this place doesn't "just happen." It requires vigilance and discipline both with a knowledge of what is really of importance and what really needs to be the focus of our energy and time. Pray, starting now and not tomorrow, that we can stay alert, be strengthened in our faith, and prepared for whatever will come. Don't miss another opportunity to love.

Scripture Reflections

First Reading

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of God's promise to fulfill the covenant made with King David, four hundred years earlier in 1000 B.C. As we enter into the season of Advent, how might you show your fidelity to God?

Second Reading

Paul's prayer for the believers in Thessalonica is to abound in love and strength for one another in preparation for the return of Christ. How do you think communities of faith can support each other during the Advent season?

Gospel

In Jesus teaching the disciples about the coming end times and judgement day, he warns them not to be too distracted by the stresses and anxieties of daily life. How do you keep focused on your spiritual life amongst the many daily challenges we face?

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

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ST. JOHN NOTRE DAME SCHOOL



sjnds.org/weekofgiving

WEEK OF GIVING

December 6th—10th

St. John Notre Dame School takes pride in the quality Catholic education we provide for our children. We have been recognized as the top private school in the area nine years in a row. We are blessed to be a community of committed leaders, dedicated teachers, and generous parents and parishioners.

Our goal this year is to raise \$45,000. Please make a donation today at <http://sjnds.org/weekofgiving>. You may also send in a personal check to SJND (Week of Giving), 309 Montrose Drive, Folsom. All contributions are tax deductible.

We are incredibly grateful for your support!



Bishop Gallegos Council 6197
Keep Christ in Christmas Religious Cards
Contact: SK Percy Park
916-936-6145, dbk576@aol.com

The Knights of Columbus invite you to KCIC - *Keep Christ In Christmas* - through our religious card program! Our large assortment of beautiful classic and modern art, printed on high quality card stock, celebrates the birth of Christ and reminds both senders and recipients that JESUS is The Reason for the season. Cards are sold in boxed packs. We plan to sell these cards in front of our church this Sunday and December 5.

Senior Visitation Ministry Who We Are

Contact: Charlene Agles
charleneagles@gmail.com, 916-984-9602

We are a group of dedicated compassionate individuals, from St. John's Parish, who volunteer their time in visiting the homebound and elderly in our community who live alone or in an assisted living facility. During their visits they may offer Spiritual and Emotional Support, Companionship and Socialization. Men, women, and couples are welcome to have visits from our Ministry.

If you are interested in having someone visit you, a relative, friend, acquaintance or may be aware of anyone that would benefit from our Ministry, please contact the Parish Office, go to the Parish website, or contact Charlene. There are brochures in the church vestibule. We are hoping to be able to start visiting again in the very near future.

You are invited...

**1st Diocesan Commissioning of
Parish Coordinators for "Simbang Gabi"**
December 1, Wednesday, 6pm

*Join us for a concelebrated Mass with Bishop Soto
Reception & Program to follow in Gallagher Hall*

Simbang Gabi, means "Night Mass," in Filipino. It is a novena — a nine-day series of Masses in anticipation of Christmas and to honor the Blessed Mother. The tradition traces back to the arrival of Spanish missionaries in the Philippines about 500 years ago. The Masses then were held before dawn so that farmers and fisherman could participate before the usual early start of their work day. Today the practice of Simbang Gabi has been adapted locally with the Mass being moved to the evening hours. *Simbang Gabi* is another cultural way to offer God worship and praise, and a time to prepare the heart for the coming of Christ at Christmas.

Grace Quilters

December 5, Sunday
Folsom Historic District
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

This year we will be participating in Folsom's Christmas Arts and Crafts Fair 2021. Come visit our booth.

Mass Intention Requests

The 2022 Mass Intention Book is open and ready for scheduling. Scheduled Mass Intentions are being accepted for the first quarter of the year (January - March only). Limit of 5 intentions.



Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 28th

7:30am Hospicio Radin Jr.
 9:00am People of the Parish
 11:30am Bill Rossi+
 6:00pm Filomena Dizon+

Monday, November 29th

6:30am Teresita Oniot+
 8:15am Jack & Helen Donoghue+

Tuesday, November 30th

6:30am Teresita Oniot+
 8:15am Annamma George+

Wednesday, December 1st

6:30am Eddie Campos+
 8:15am Severo Oniot+

Thursday, December 2nd

6:30am Severo Oniot+
 8:15am Bienvenido Nadela+

Friday, December 3rd

6:30am Eddie Campos+
 8:15am Randall Gomez+

Saturday, December 4th

5:00pm Jimmy Ledda Tan+

Observances

We Celebrate This Week

Tue: St. Andrew
 Fri: St. Francis Xavier
 Sat: St. John Damascene

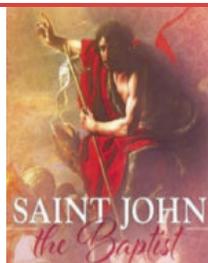
November is Dedicated to: The Holy Souls in Purgatory

Pope Francis'

Monthly Intention for November People who suffer from depression

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

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



Intercessory Prayers

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for our sick parishioners, family and friends, and those in need of healing of the body and soul.

Amelia Barlow	Leopoldo Martinez
Anh Tang	Lily Wood
Baby Terran Smith	Lucy Tran
Bonnie O'Dell	Luis Lopez-Alvarez
Cayme Family	Marelou Montemayor
Christopher Kovarik	Mario Palma
Chris Ely	Maureen Jarbo
Dave Asmus	Michael Sullivan
Dave Loveall	Minh Davis
Dominador Palma	Nancy Wilkins
Dorothy Wilhite	Pierre Lavapie
Hardip Dosangh	Richard Mason
John Bothelio	Roger Boushey
Joseph Cardenas	Rose DeHerrera
Joseph Flores	Savannah Smith
Junior Palma	Snyder Family
Katrina Bojorquez	Vickie Lustan
Kimanh Davis	

Prayers for Our Troops

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

Brian Manning	Michael Dalupan
	Shaquara Manning

Prayers for the Recently Deceased

We pray for the souls of all who have recently died, our family members, friends, and parishioners. May they rest in peace.

AB Martinez	Jimmy Ledda Tan
Alfredo Bito	Joe Cadungog
Art Fortis	John & Helen
Anthony King	Donoghue
Arlene Malandrone	Joseph Szymusik
Beatrice Cisneros	Juana Bernert
Beatrice Rhea	Juanita Bersabal
Bob Miranda	Maria Luisa Sia
Bud Geisner	Marianna Ort
Catherine Squires	Marianne Giordani
Cathy Kovarik	Nikia Aaliyah Davis
Cheryl Cassel	Oliver Deegan
Chris Cordova	Ranibel Babylon
Corey Hendon	Rene Dios Sabino
Don Russell	Richard Nedwick
Eddie Duarte	Robert Henriquez
Edgar Curameng	Ruben Antonio Sanchez
Felisa Curameng	Sr. Mary Virginia, RSM
Francisco Henriquez	Soledad De Maria
Gonzalo Bito	Urdaneta
Hilarion Aspera	Susan Goltiao
Ilona Johnson	Theresa Ann Collins
Irene M. Biancanello	Virginia Olson
Jaime Manabat	Victorino Vargas
James Ronald Kister	Xavier Kennedy
Jennifer Batish	

Prayer Requests

Please call the office for Prayer Requests. Names will appear for four months.

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



The Adoration Chapel

Chapel hours are: Mon-Fri 9am - 8pm,
Sat 9am - 5pm and Sun 7am -11am

First Friday of every month Eucharistic Adoration:
9am to 7pm in the church

The Adoration Ministry has immediate need for dedicated adorers for these hours

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

To sign up please contact Veronica Thomas at thomas_vera@yahoo.com

Holy Day of Obligation

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Wednesday, December 8

Mass times:

6:30 am, 8:15 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

Confession

Saturdays: 3 - 4:30 pm
and by appointment

Confessions at this time are offered outside of the confessional. We will continue a face to face format in a larger setting.

Respect Life

201 29th Street, Sacramento, Ca 95816

Contact: Joanne Dudgeon

916-607-2228

"Having received the gift of the Gospel of Life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society."

~USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

Tuesdays and Wednesdays are busy surgical abortion days. Come help save lives and see what miracles God is doing at this abortion mill. May the Holy Spirit open eyes and hearts to the humanity of children in the womb. Carpool from St. Johns on Wednesdays, from 11:00am-1:00pm, contact Joanne.



Advent Reflection

Blessed First Sunday in Advent

Advent and Lent are the two penitential seasons of the church year. However, Advent is a season in anticipation of the birth of Christ in time. Now, what is meant by "the birth of Christ in

time"? Our four Sundays of Advent are not just Sundays in preparation for the birth of a child destined to become the Savior of the nations, but the birth of a child every day in the hearts of every Christian and the future return of the second coming in time where everything will be taken back by our God.

In today's Gospel, for some this reading might strike fear into their hearts: "...perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright." Even today, we hear about doomsday sayers professing the end of the world on a particular date. To be sure, the end of the world will come! However, we truly do not know the time. Only God knows when God will call everything to return to him.

In the final lines of today's Gospel we are told to "be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent."

This first Sunday in the season of Advent is a time for us to joyfully await the coming of Christ for the first time, at birth; for the second time, into our everyday lives; and looking forward to the last time when he will come to take all of creation back to his Father.



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

Advent 2021- An Online Series

Deacon Jim McFadden
November 23 - December 14
7:00 pm, Via Zoom
Contact: Theresa Grant
tgrant@talkpathlive.com

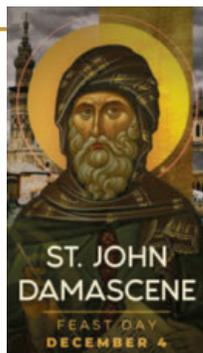
Week 1: *The End of the World as we Know It*

Week 2: *Get Ready: Transformation Happens Here and Now!*

Week 3: *Rejoice and Be Glad: Why and How?*

Week 4: *A New Ark for a New Covenant*

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



St. John Damascene (676 -749) was the son of the chief of the revenue department in the city of Damascus.

Through his father, he received a classical and theological education and attempted to

follow in his footsteps by serving in a government position. However, the Lord was calling him to a different life, and a few years later he resigned from his position and went to the Monastery of St. Sabas, where he wrote books and composed hymns along with his adopted brother, Cosmas.

St. John Damascene is best known for his writings against the iconoclasts, who opposed the veneration of images; his treatise, Exposition of the Orthodox Faith, a summary of the Greek Fathers; and his work as a poet, one of the two greatest of the Eastern Church. His devotion to the Blessed Mother and his sermons on her feasts are well known.



Young Adult Ministry

Contact: Aaron Santos
asantos@folsomcatholic.org or
916-985-2065

We currently meet with other young adults in the area every Monday, 6:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity in El Dorado Hill, for happy hour, discussion, and prayer; followed by young adult fellowship. We start in the View Room. Discussion and prayer are held in the church. Young Adult Fellowship is held in the Youth Center, typically starting at 8.

Starting in January, St. John's will be hosting a young adult fellowship in the parish hall starting at 6:30 pm on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

Preparing the Manger

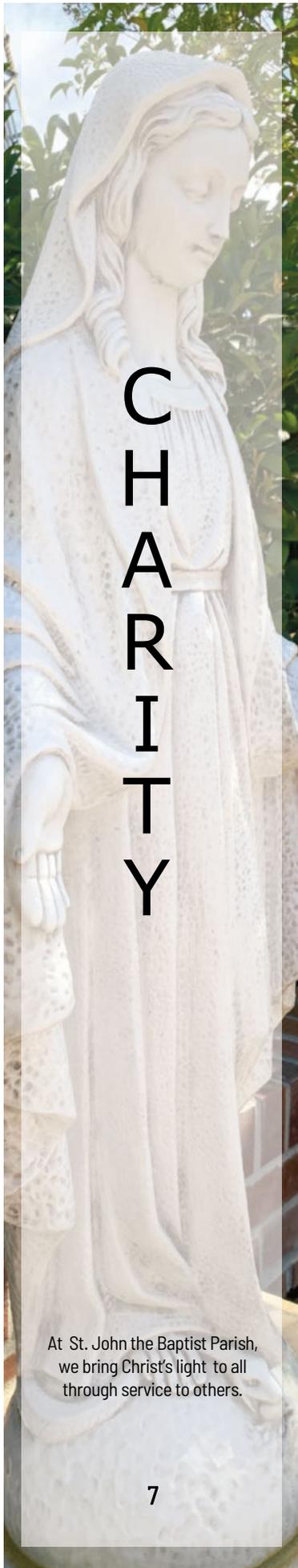
Where do you fall in the "Christmas-songs-in-November" debate — do you like them, tolerate them, or outright hate them? There's no theological problem with Christmas songs in November outside of worship, even if it's not everyone's cup of tea. But there is a problem with getting so caught up in the baggage of the season — the trimmings, the gifts, the celebrations, all of which are marvelous in their own way — that you forget to prepare the manger.

Every good Catholic knows that Lent is a penitential season. It's hard to miss that point — Lent doesn't even have any fun songs you can groove to on the radio. We are pretty good at recognizing that Lent calls us to examine ourselves. To deny ourselves. To give of ourselves. And most of all, Lent calls us to prepare, as a good steward does, for the return of our master.

It's harder for us to remember that with Advent, but Advent is just as much of an opportunity for penance, preparation, and reconciliation to God — and just as much reason, too. The very name of the season — "advent" — encourages us to focus on what is coming, not what is already here. Be on guard, the readings tell us today, "so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and (the coming of the Lord) catch you unexpectedly, like a trap."

So let us not forget — our master's advent is upon us. And let us ask ourselves: how can we prepare the manger.

~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Stewardship of Treasure the Lord Has Entrusted to Us

Weekly goal: \$25,529.00

Weekly Offerings:

November 13/14 \$21,329

2nd Collection

Thank you to those who contributed to our 2nd collection the weekend of November 13/14. Contributions to our Building and Maintenance Fund totaled \$4,490.

St. Vincent de Paul

"Christmas" Turkey and Food Donations

Helping Hands

916-985-4630

St. Vincent de Paul will continue to accept turkey and ham donations as well as the sides (stuffing, yams, cranberry sauce, etc.) after Thanksgiving so that we can provide for Christmas dinners. Thank you again for your support and generosity.

Christmas "Giving Tree"

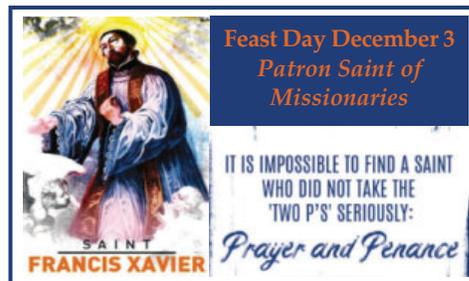
November 28 - December 15

Our "Giving Tree" in the vestibule of our church gives us an opportunity to once again ensure that the families in need in our community will have Christmas gifts.

As in the past, the tree will have ornaments for children ranging in age from 1 to 12 years old. Red ornaments are for the boys and green ornaments are for the girls. Each child will receive 2 to 3 gifts. You can select an ornament (or two), and we ask that you place your unwrapped gifts in the Christmas barrels behind the Giving Tree. The ornament can be taped to the gift, but it is not necessary. A gift can be put in the barrel even if you did not select an ornament.

We hope to distribute all gifts by December 21st so it would be very helpful if you can drop gifts off in the barrels by December 15th. Note that we will still take gifts after the requested due date. Gifts that are not given out for Christmas will be used for children's birthdays.

Your support of those in need is apparent and we are thankful.



Prison Ministry

Christmas Card Collection

The Christmas and holiday seasons are especially difficult times for those who are incarcerated. The opportunity for inmates to send cards to family and loved ones is hugely important. Chaplain Greg Mellor invites you to again contribute to this year's Christmas Card Drive for CSP-Sacramento. **Please note** the cards need to be plain and can't have any fancy decorations like glitter or ribbon. Cards should not be used and should not have any writing in them. A box is located in the vestibule to collect the cards.

Knights of Columbus

October 25, 2021 - January 15, 2022

Contact: SK Percy Park

916-936-6145, dbk576@aol.com

Coats for Kids

You can donate "new" or "gently used"- children's winter coats or winter accessories such as gloves, mittens, scarves, beanies, hats, heavy socks. Coats, jackets, winter accessories and sleeping bags for teen's and adults are also accepted. Please wash all gently-used items if needed.

Food for Families

Most requested food items are: canned meats such as tuna, chicken, turkey, ham, stew and chili, vegetables, pasta and pasta sauce, beans, rice, healthy cereals, peanut butter, baby food & baby formula. Items should have intact, un-opened, consumer or commercial packaging, non-breakable packaging (avoid glass) and within the expiration date on the package.

Clothing and Food Drop Off Locations

Items may be dropped off at the "Food Cart", located in the Vestibule during church open hours or at the "Helping Hands" location, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon; phone # 916-985-4630.

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



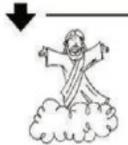
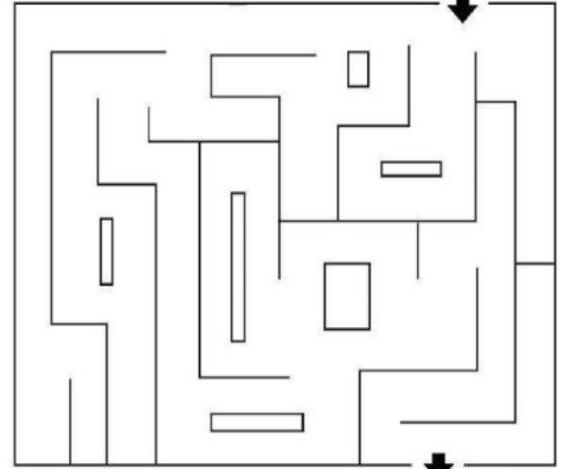
Sharing the Gospel

One day Jesus will come back to take us home to live with him in heaven. So when scary things happen around us, we do not need to be afraid. We can stand up tall, because we know heaven will be so much better than this world.



Puzzle

Help this child find the path to God



✝️ Mission for the Week

Write down one thing that scares you. Tell God about it, and ask him to help you to be brave.



Prayer

Dear God, when I am afraid, help me to be brave and trust in you. I know heaven will be wonderful.

🖍️ Read the Gospel and Color

Lk 21:25-28, 34-36



"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.

MINISTRIES

Welcoming Ministries

Communications Ministry

Parish Office, 916-985-2065

Ministers of Hospitality

Parish Office, 916-985-2065

New Parishioner Welcoming Ministry

Joyce Starosciak, 916-740-4628

Ushers

Stanley Posis, 916-705-9192

Prayer Ministries

Companioned Prayer

Dcn. Bill Goeke, 916-673-7996

Divine Mercy Devotion/Cenacle

Zoanne Tafolla, 707-333-7359

-*Chaplet/Rosary/Morning Prayer*

-*Divine Mercy Chaplet/Mass*

-*Cenacle* - Zoanne Tafolla, 707-333-7359

-*Cenacle-Spanish* - Ana Haid, 916-956-1177

Eucharistic Adoration

Veronica Thomas, thomas_vera@yahoo.com

1st Friday of the Month - 9am - 7pm (church),

Sign Up for adorers is in the vestibule

Marian Cenacle (Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle)

-*English* - 1st Saturday of the month

Sally Gomez, 916-693-2411

-*Spanish* - 2nd Wednesday of the month

Ana Haid, 916-956-1177

Our Lady of Fatima

Henry Altamirano, 925-899-7769

Spiritual Growth Ministries

Adult Scripture Study

Lee & Teresa Weider, 916-983-8065

Couples for Christ

Myrah Empleo, 661-993-4721

Praise & Worship

David Brauer, dabrauer@hotmail.com

Religious Education

Shannon Langer, 916-985-7338

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Shannon Langer, 916-985-7338

Theology on Tap

Aaron Santos, 916-985-2065

WINGS (Women in Growth Spiritually)

Parish Office, 916-985-2065

Youth/Young Adults Ministries

Aaron Santos, asantos@folsomcatholic.org

Parish Committees/Councils

Finance Council

Joyce Starosciak, 916-740-4628

Liturgy Committee

Barbara Bowden, 916-984-9476

Pastoral Council

Shannon Frazier, 916-761-2912

Outreach/Charity Ministries

Bereavement Hospitality/Receptions

Nina Pucci, 916-947-6386

Catholics for Life

Kathy Baxter, 916-337-6824

Gabriel Project

Debbie Sultan, 916-337-5786

Grace Quilters Ministry

Catherine Scott, 831-402-4681

Grupo Pastoral Hispano

Rommel Hernández, 530-387-1009

Knights of Columbus

Hugo Schmidt, 916-817-4541

Pastoral Care Ministry

Dan Dunne, 916-817-1675; Sunday

Candice Ralston, 916-806-8090; Tuesday

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Catherine Scott, 831-402-4681

Prison/Restorative Justice Ministry

-Folsom Prison - Fr. H. Gomez, 916-985-2561 x 4206

-CSP Sacramento - Greg Mellor,

Catholic Chaplain, 916-985-8610 x6425

School Ministry (St. John Notre Dame)

Keith Martin, Principal, 916-985-4129

Senior Visitation

Charlene Agles, 916-984-9602

St. Vincent de Paul (Helping Hands)

Mercy Knight, 916-985-4630

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Servers

Hugo Schmidt, 916-817-4541

Children's Liturgy during Mass

Shannon Langer, 916-985-7338

Extraord. Ministers of Holy Communion

Steve & Maryanne Ashley, 916-479-2214

Lectors

Patti Midtlyng, 916-837-8322

Liturgical Environment

Arlette Peterson, 916-220-5968

Music - See choir director after Mass.

Additional Ministries

Children's Babysitting at Mass

Georgia Oatmeyer, 916-201-3193

Family Fellowship

Carol Stephenson, 916-952-6744

Gift Shop

Connie Aley, 916-984-9284

Women's Game Day

Roberta Puzio, 916-933-2561

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

What's The Story Behind The Advent Wreath?

Each season in the liturgical calendar comes with its own local and regional rituals. During the Advent season, wreathes adorn church sanctuaries and family dining room tables. You may have said Advent wreath prayers in childhood or taken a turn lighting the candles. The Advent wreath is full of symbolism about Christ and his coming at Christmas.

The wreath is made of evergreen boughs, reminding us that the life of grace doesn't falter with the changing seasons. It always remains fresh and new. Similarly, a circular wreath reminds us of the eternal, never-ending nature of God's love.

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Heavenly Father,

we look forward to the celebration of Christmas and to the coming of the Lord in glory. Bless this Advent wreath and all of us. As we pray daily around it, fill us with your life and strengthen us for our daily tasks. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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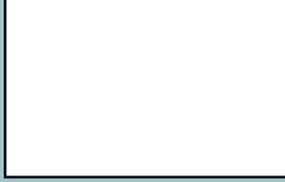
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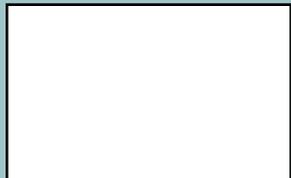
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