



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

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 / ConfessionSaturday3 - 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

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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 40:1-5, 9-11 / Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1] / Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 / Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

"O bless the Lord, my soul." (Ps 104)

Gospel Meditation

"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ." — Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk

impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

Scripture Reflections

First Reading

The prophet Isaiah was called to bring words of comfort and good news to the beleaguered Israelites held captive in Babylon. How do you minister to those in your life struggling to find God's presence?

Second Reading

Paul taught Titus that baptized believers are called "to live temperately, justly, and devoutly." How well do you think you live by this moral and ethical standard?

Gospel

We hear today the account of the baptism of Jesus and God's words from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." What do you imagine Jesus did (prior to the start of his public ministry) that was so pleasing to God?



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

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

We are a group of dedicated compassionate individuals, from our 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 or may be aware of anyone that would benefit from our Ministry, please contact the Parish Office, or contact Charlene. There are brochures in the church vestibule.

Walk For Life 2022

Saturday, January 22, 2022 (All day) Contact: Moises De Leon 916-733-0133, mdeleon@scd.org

walkforlifewc.com

Join us January 22, 2022 at the 18th Annual Walk for Life West Coast! Your care. Your voice. Your presence. Their lives. Stand for the most defenseless among us.

Walk for Life West Coast is a gathering to peaceably protest abortion, walking through San Francisco every year on or near January 22, the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the U.S. Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion.

Walk for Life Events

- Mass: 9:30am Archbishop Cordileone will concelebrate with other bishops at St. Mary's Cathedral
- Info Faire: 11:00am to 12:30pm Civic Center Plaza, San Francisco
- Rally: 12:30 to 1:30pm
- Walk: 1:30pm. After the rally will proceed down Market Street to Justin Herman Plaza

Walk with us! Walkers of all ages, backgrounds, races, and creeds join us every year for a joyous celebration of life. Contact Moises for more information.

New to the Parish?

Contact: Joyce Starosciak jastaros@gmail.com 916-740-4628

The St. John the Baptist Welcoming Ministry is holding two orientation sessions for new parishioners:

- January 8, 3:45 pm
- January 9, 10:15 am

You will get to meet other new parishioners, learn about our ministries, and take a guided tour of the parish facilities. The orientation will end before mass. Please contact Joyce to register.

> Let Your Voice Be Heard Week of January 16 & 23 Contact: Shannon Frazier

rsfrazier4@comcast.net

Pope Francis has called for a world-wide synod of bishops which will take place in Rome 2023. He has titled the synod, "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission."

The Holy Father is inviting every Catholic to participate at the diocesan level through a process of "listening and discernment." These sessions will be conducted in each parish throughout the world. When the bishops come together for the synod in 2023, they will present the life-giving experiences, burdens, challenges and dreams of the people to the Holy Father. As baptized members of the Body of Christ, we have the right and responsibility to share in the church's life and mission and to speak of our experiences, hopes, and challenges.

Our parish will be hosting several listening sessions during the weeks of January 16 and January 23, 2022. This will be your opportunity be heard and to give voice to the direction of the Church. Please contact Parish Council Chair Shannon Frazier to participate in one of the listening sessions. Each session will be approximately 1 hour in length with morning and evening hours to accommodate work and school schedules.

May the Holy Spirit show us what God's priorities are for his Church today and moving forward.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 9th

7:30am Rico Family
9:00am People of the Parish
11:30am Marjorie Cutonet
6:00pm Leilani Beacoupt

Monday, January 10th 6:30am Jeff Alkire Sr.+ 8:15am Rico Family

Tuesday, January 11th 6:30am Spencer Catalan (*special intention*) 8:15am Michael Joyce+

Wednesday, January 12th 6:30am Xavier Kennedy+ 8:15am Riley's Mom (special intention)

Thursday, January 13th 6:30am Sandy Sanchez (*16th birthday*) 8:15am Kenneth Knight*t*

Friday, January 14th 6:30am Sanchez Family (*in thanksgiving*) 8:15am Marianne Giordani*t*

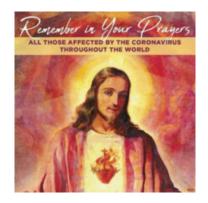
Saturday, January 15th 5:00pm Maria & Giovanni Clarizo+

> Observances We Celebrate This Week Thu: St. Hilary

January is Dedicated to: The Holy Name of Jesus

Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for January For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



At St. John the Baptist Parish,

time in conversation with our

Lord is at the center of our lives.

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.

- Alice Sulik Amelia Barlow Anh Tang Calvin Dickerman Cathy Lowe Cayme Family Christopher Kovarik Danielle Reda Dominador Palma Gary Lowe Joseph Cardenas Joseph Flores
- Junior Palma Katrina Bojorquez Kimanh Davis Lily Wood Lucy Tran Mario Palma Maureen Jarboe Minh Davis Nancy Wilkins Richard Mason Rick Moon Rose DeHerrera

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.

Alfredo Bito Art Fortis Anthony King Arlene Malandrone Beatrice Cisneros Beatrice Rhea **Brendan Harrington** Cathy Kovarik Cheryl Cassel Chris Cordova Delores Torok Don Russell Eddie Duarte Edgar Curameng Esmeralda Farrales Felisa Curameng Gonzalo Bito Helen Donoghue Hilarion Aspera Ilona Johnson Irene M. Biancaniello Jaime Manabat Iames McArdle James Ronald Kister Jennifer Batish Jim Sullivan Jimmy Ledda Tan John Donoghue

John Gomez Joseph Rendon Joseph Szymusik Juana Bernert Juanita Bersabal Kathleen Lowe Leopoldo Martirez Lois Boeck Luis Lopez-Alvarez Marcella Raper Marelou Montemayor Maria Luisa Sia Marianna Ort Marianne Giordani Nikia Aaliyah Davis Patricia Cwynar Pierre Lavapie Ranibel Babylon Rene Dios Sabino **Richard Nedwick Robert Henriquez** Roberta Saniga Ruben Antonio Sanchez Savannah Smith Susan Goltiao Van Pham Virginia Olson Xavier Kennedy

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.



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

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

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

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

Planned Parenthood 201 29th Street, Sacramento, Ca 95816 Contact: Joanne Dudgeon 916-607-2228

779 babies were saved from abortion this recent 40 Days for Life (including seven here in Sacramento), praise the Lord!

Your life-saving prayers are still needed at the Planned Parenthood Sidewalk,, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays (8am to 1pm), which are busy surgical abortion days. Carpool available from St. Johns on Wednesdays from 11am-1:00, contact Joanne or you can sign up for Tuesday or Wednesday hours at our 40 Days for Life website, so that we know who is coming when, allowing us to make sure people and resource packets are always present.

Jesus, we trust in You, as we unite together, peacefully praying for an end to abortion and for the eternal salvation of all souls.

Pray for God's blessing in the new year.

Remember us, O God; from age to age be our comforter. You have given us the wonder of time, blessings in days and nights, seasons and years.

> Bless your children at the turning of the year and fill the months ahead with the bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ.

You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever.

Amen.







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Workshop on Pope Francis' Environmental Encyclical Laudato Si'

Join Dcn Jim McFadden for 7-Week Online Series

January 11 - February 22, 7pm Contact: Theresa Grant tgrant@talkpathlive.com

Week 1 (1/11): Introduction to Laudato Si' Week 2 (1/18): What is Happening to our Common Home? Week 3 (1/25): The Gospel of Creation the Pope's Franciscan Vision Week 4 (2/1): Human Roots of the Ecological Crises Week 5 (2/8): Integral Ecology Week 6 (2/15): Guidelines for Action Based on Dialogue

Week 7 (2/22): Ecological Education and Spirituality

Participants can obtain the encyclical letter via the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website: https://store.usccb.org/ products/on-care-for-our-common-homelaudato si_pos=1&_sid=75ac05401&_ss=r

The encyclical is also available on line, but a hardcopy is recommended.

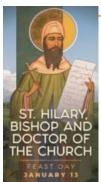
To register for the series, please email Theresa Grant. You will receive an email prior to the scheduled session with the Zoom link & instructions. Please check your spam/ junk mail in case you do not receive the email in your inbox.

World Marriage Day 2022 Renewal of Vows

Saturday, February 12, 2022, 9:30 am Mass at St. Lawrence the Martyr Church North Highlands, CA

Diocese of Sacramento Office of Family and Faith Formation (916) 733-0133

Join us as we honor marriage and salute the beauty of faithfulness, sacrifice, and joy in married life. There will be a special blessing for sacramentally married couples and an opportunity for them to renew their marital commitment. After Mass, there will be an opportunity to receive a blessing and picture with Bishop Soto. Special certificates will be distributed at the reception honoring couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (10, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 50+). Please register at: https://catholic.formstack.com/forms/ wmd2022



Born a pagan, St. Hilary (c. 315 - c. 367) studied philosophy and the meaning of life, eventually making his way through the bible. He became a convert and was appointed bishop of Poitiers in 353. Sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the

Arians, St. Hilary defended the Nicene Creed against a popular heresy, Arianism. He was exiled to Phrygia for opposing Roman emperor Constantius II, who preferred the heresy which denies Christ's divinity. From Phyrgia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy. Eventually he was allowed to return to Poitiers, but did so by a circuitous route, preaching against Arianism all the way. St. Hilary was likely the first writer of hymns in the West, his writings on the Trinity, Psalms and Gospel of Matthew survive today. St. Hilary was created Doctor of the Church, a title given to those who provided important contributions to theology and doctrine, in 1851 by Pope Pius IX.

Inspiration for the Week

Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That's exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased.



Knights of Columbus

Final Week to Donate Contact: SK Percy Park 916-936-6145, dbk576@aol.com

Coats for Kids

You can donate:

New or gently-used winter coats and jackets for children, teens and adults. Winter accessories like gloves, mittens, scarves, beanies, hats. Sleeping bags are also accepted. Please wash all gently-used coats and jackets if needed.

Food for Families

Most requested food items: Canned meats, stew, chili and vegetables Pasta & pasta sauce beans, rice, healthy cereals peanut butter, baby food & formula.

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

Loaves and Fishes

January 26, Wednesday Contact: Greta Tecson, 916-337-2014 or Zoeanne Tafolla, 707-333-7359

We are grateful for God's indescribable gifts of Love. The Divine Mercy Ministry continues to sponsor a collection for the homeless at Friendship Park. In 2021, we were able to feed an average of 200 people once a month. Thank you St. John community for your generosity in feeding those less fortunate in this past year. Thank you Grace Quilters for donating over 200 hats and scarfs for distribution in December and for the families who donated over 200 bagels and all of the Christmas Cookies! The collection cart remains in the church vestibule for dropping off your donations. Items most requested are cup-of-soups, peanut butter and cheese crackers, hot chocolate and oatmeal packets, nutritious breakfast bars, raisins and fruit cups. With the cold winter weather, warm jackets, socks, gloves and hats are also very much appreciated! Thanking you for your generous sharing. There is always joy in giving!

Would you like to help serve at Loaves and Fishes? Contact Zoeanne or Greta.

2nd Collection

This weekend our 2nd collection will be for our Building & Maintenance Fund.

Our Sincere Gratitude

Thank you to those who have been so generous to the parish with their contributions. It is heartwarming to see your support of St. John. We are grateful.

I Hope I Am Like Him

"Who is this Christ? Is he like you?"

Perhaps you've heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

"He is nothing like me," the saint is said to have answered. "But I hope I am like him."

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. "One worthier than I is coming," he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God's will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let's examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God's plan?



"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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Sharing the Gospel

Your Dad says, "Wash your hands, please. It is almost time to eat." After you wash your hands really well, your Dad smiles. He says, "That's my boy. You did a good job!" In today's Gospel, it was time for Jesus to be baptized. After his baptism, Jesus talked to God his Father in prayer. Jesus did everything his Father asked. God was happy with his Son and said, "I'm pleased with you."

T^{CO} Mission for the Week

Find out what makes God happy. As a family, read John 15:9-12.

I want to make you and my pare

God, I want to make you and my parents happy.



Find and circle these words from today's Gospel.

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MA Read the Gospel and Color

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



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 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 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 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 – Every Saturday 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

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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."

At my grandson's Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done? Is it something new?



When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: "See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers, and this is symbolized by the white garment.





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