



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Catholic Church

JANUARY 23, 2022



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free.*

- Lk 4:18

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
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FolsomCatholic.org

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@FolsomCatholic

Bulletin

FolsomCatholic.org/bulletin

Bulletin Date Ads Due by 5pm

January 30	January 20
February 6	January 27
February 13	February 3
February 20	February 10

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

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 / Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 / 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27 / Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

"Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life."

(Ps 19)

Gospel Meditation

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

Scripture Reflections

First Reading

Ezra and Nehemiah were the religious and political leaders of Judah in the mid-5th century BC. They grounded their leadership in Scripture ("the book of the law.") What role does sacred Scripture have in guiding your life?

Second Reading

Paul used the human body as an analogy for the "many parts" of the Christian community in Corinth that should unite as the "one body" of Christ. In what ways do you find this a challenging vision for community?

Gospel

Today's reading contains both the opening prologue to the Gospel of Luke and the initial reaction to Jesus' return to his hometown of Nazareth. Luke is the only Evangelist to provide us with a prologue outlining his motivation to write his Gospel. What details do you find most interesting from Luke's prologue?

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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



TK and Kindergarten
OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, January 30

RSVP today by calling
916-985-4129 or visiting our
website for more information.

sjnds.org/openhouse2022

SJND

Spring Musical Vocal Director Needed

Contact: Haleigh Lunas-Johnson
haleighlunason@gmail.com

The students of SJND need a vocal director to help them perform Aladdin Jr this Spring. No experience required. Looking for someone who has a passion for singing and working with children. Please contact SJND parent and Musical Executive Producer Haleigh Lunas-Johnson if you are interested, to learn more.

Annual Men's Retreat

Contact: Doug Heinz at (916) 983-4516
Retreat Center (916) 725-4720 Ext. 307
www.ChristTheKingRetreatCenter.org

Join the men of our parish for a weekend retreat at Christ the King Retreat Center. You'll be amazed how much the retreat will help you find how God is active in your daily life. To make sense of the last year and a half, the retreat will be stepping back to look at God's plan for our world — the state of our church, the state of our country, and our own personal lives. The weekends of February 4-6, 11-13, or 25-27 are available. For more information or to make your reservation, call Doug Heinz or the Retreat Center. You can also visit the Center and register for the retreat on line.

Plant Your Works in the Word

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life .

~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 23rd

7:30am Isidoro Alcordo†
 9:00am Irma Henriquez†
 11:30am Pierre Lavapie†
 6:00pm People of the Parish

Monday, January 24th

6:30am Jacoba Dolores Andrade†
 8:15am Patrick Rehill†

Tuesday, January 25th

6:30am Larry Yost†
 8:15am Jerome, Christina, & Samantha David

Wednesday, January 26th

6:30am Tom Prendergast†
 8:15am Pierre Lavapie†

Thursday, January 27th

6:30am Reinee Reyes-Dang (birthday)
 8:15am Irma Henriquez†

Friday, January 28th

6:30am Loretta Vigil† & Art Fortis†
 8:15am Pasterski Family

Saturday, January 29th

5:00pm Helen Donoghue†

Observances

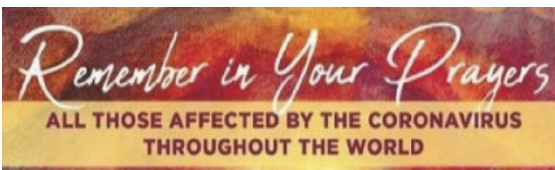
We Celebrate This Week

Sun: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time;
 St. Vincent, St. Marianne Cope
Mon: St. Francis de Sales
Tue: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Wed: Sts. Timothy and Titus
Thur: St. Angela Merici
Fri: St. Thomas Aquinas

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.



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	Katrina Bojorquez
Amelia Barlow	Kimanh Davis
Anh Tang	Lily Wood
Calvin Dickerman	Lucy Tran
Cathy Lowe	Margie Reilly
Cayme Family	Mario Palma
Christopher Kovarik	Maureen Jarboe
Danielle Reda	Minh Davis
Dennis Rust	Nancy Wilkins
Dominador Palma	Richard Mason
Gary Lowe	Rick Moon
Hardip S. Dosangh	Tom Porter
Joseph Cardenas	Zoila Henriquez
Junior Palma	

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

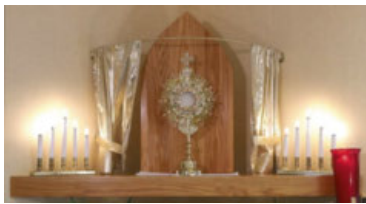
We pray for the souls of all who have recently died, our family members, friends, and parishioners. May they rest in peace.



Alfredo Bito	John Gomez
Art Fortis	Joseph Rendon
Anthony King	Joseph Szymusik
Arlene Malandrone	Juana Bernert
Beatrice Cisneros	Kathleen Lowe
Beatrice Rhea	Lenor Tucker
Brendan Harrington	Leopoldo Martinez
Charles Schurman	Lois Boeck
Chris Cordova	Luis Lopez-Alvarez
Delores Torok	Marcella Raper
Don Russell	Marelou Montemayor
Edgar Curameng	Maria Luisa Sia
Esmeralda Farrales	Marianna Ort
Felisa Curameng	Marianne Giordani
Gonzalo Bito	Nikia Aaliyah Davis
Helen Donoghue	Patricia Cwynar
Helen Nayakkara	Pierre Lavapie
Hilarion Aspera	Ranibel Babylon
Ilona Johnson	Rene Dios Sabino
Irene M. Biancanello	Richard Keough
Jaime Manabat	Richard Nedwick
James McArdle	Robert Henriquez
James Ronald Kister	Robert McLaughlin
James Sullivan	Roberta Saniga
Janice Laverde	Savannah Smith
Jennifer Batish	Van Pham
Jim Sullivan	Virginia Olson
John Donoghue	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

Monday:	9 - 10 am	12 - 1 pm	4 - 5pm	5 - 6 pm	6 - 7 pm
Tuesday:	12 - 1 pm	4 - 5pm	5 - 6 pm	6 - 7 pm	
Wednesday:	4 - 5 pm	6 - 7 pm	7 - 8 pm		
Thursday:	5 - 6 pm	6 - 7 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

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.

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



A Prayer for Persons Suffering from the Coronavirus

*“You shall not fear the terror of the night
nor the arrow that flies by day,
nor the pestilence that roams in darkness,
nor the plague that ravages at noon.”
Ps 91:5-6*

*Merciful God,
hear our fervent prayer for all who
suffer from the coronavirus.*

*May those who are infected receive
the proper treatment
and the comfort of your healing presence.*

*May their caregivers, families and neighbors be
shielded from the onslaught of the virus.*

*Give solace to those who grieve the
loss of loved ones.*

*Protect and guide those who strive to
find a cure,
that their work may conquer the disease
and restore communities to
wholeness and health.*

Help us to rise above fear.

*We ask all this through the intercession
of Our Lady of Lourdes,
and in the name of your Son, Jesus,
and the Holy Spirit,
now and forever.*

Amen.

<https://www.chausa.org/>



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



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

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 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*

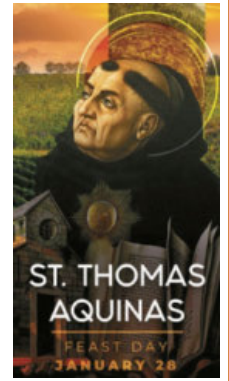
A hardcopy of "*On Care for Our Common Home (Laudato Si')*" is recommended. Obtain the encyclical letter via the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website store <https://store.usccb.org/collections/pope-francis>

To register 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.

Inspiration for the Week

People can easily lose a sense of the sacred and transcendent. When we lose a sense of God's special presence, we need to be brought back. Ezra brought people back to the word of God and they realized what they were missing. Jesus proclaims God's word in the synagogue with true conviction and tells those gathered that he is the fulfillment of all that Isaiah taught. Even though people get lost, distracted, discouraged, and often journey down the wrong path, God's timeless law remains. When we allow ourselves to truly hear God's word and act on it, that living word slowly, over time, changes us. It has the power to soften and mold us, creating within us a joyful spirit. We realize the truth in what God speaks and become open to God's love. Gradually and gently God leads us back where we belong. We discover again the sacred character of life and the wonder of God's power. It is no wonder that Luke addresses his remarks to Theophilus. It is a name that means "beloved of God," a name that can be used by anyone who desires friendship with God.

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, "The Summa Theologiae." Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great. His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The Summa Theologiae, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology. The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, he died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today.



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. 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>



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

St. Vincent de Paul Note of Gratitude

This is a BIG thank you for your generosity and support! From the food donations for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners to the Christmas gifts for the children in our community, you made it happen. We also thank you for the coats and jackets and the food donations through the Knights of Columbus. You have made the holidays easier and brighter for many and we are grateful. We also appreciate your ongoing food, clothing and financial donations. Your financial support makes it possible for St. Vincent de Paul to continue to assist with rent and utilities. May God bless you and your families.

Loaves and Fishes

January 26, Wednesday

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

*"Happy are generous people, because they give some of their food to the poor."
Proverbs 22:9*

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! All will be delivered Wednesday, January 26. Thanking you in advance for your generous sharing this month. There is always joy in giving!

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

Stewardship of Treasure the Lord Has Entrusted to Us

Weekly goal: \$25,529.00

Weekly Offerings:

January 15/16 \$ 14,054

Total Online donation for
the month of December

Weekly donation	\$ 30,244
Maintenance	\$ 3,806
SVDP	\$ 1,778
RE/School	\$ 2,287

2nd Collection

Next weekend the fifth Sunday of the month, our 2nd collection will be for St. Vincent de Paul.

Carmelite Monastery Benefit Luncheon

February 12, 2022, Saturday, 11:30am

St. Mel's Catholic Church
4745 Pennsylvania Avenue
Fair Oaks, California 95628

Contact: Brenda
blmcc77@gmail.com

The Auxiliary of the Carmelite Monastery in Georgetown is hosting a benefit luncheon for the sisters. Doors open at 11:30am. The luncheon will include spaghetti, salad, bread, antipasto, and dessert. There will be raffle prizes, and a silent auction of great gifts, including a retreat at the Monastery! It will almost be St. Valentine's Day so come pour some love on our Carmelite Sisters! Bring your spouse, your BFF, or your prayer group and have some fun! Tickets are \$25 per person. To register go online to www.carmeliteauxiliary.org and scroll down to the luncheon tab or contact Brenda.





KID'S CORNER

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

Sharing the Gospel

The prophet Isaiah wrote about Jesus a long time before he was even born. When Jesus read Isaiah's words, they described Jesus perfectly. Jesus did come to free people from sin, to help those in pain, and even to help blind people see.

✝️ Mission for the Week

Look up Isaiah chapter 61 and read it with your family. Then read Luke 4:14-21. Jesus kept all of those promises!

🙏 Prayer

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to help us.

🧩 Puzzle

Circle these words from today's Gospel

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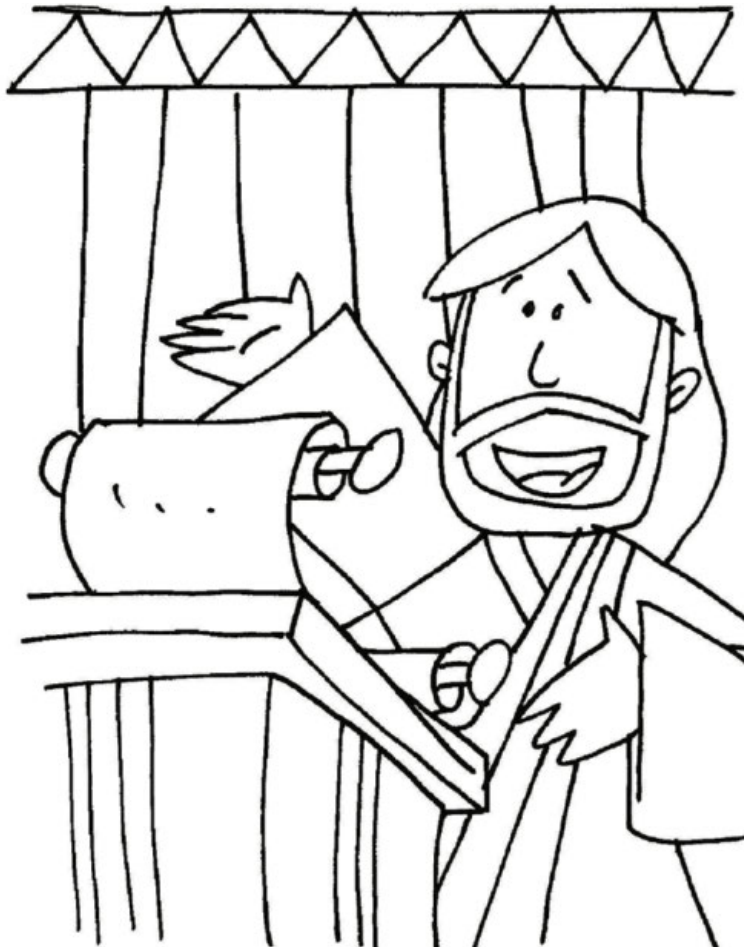
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🖍️ Read the Gospel and Color

Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



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

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* - 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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Liturgy Committee

Barbara Bowden, 916-984-9476

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Catholics for Life

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Gabriel Project

Debbie Sultan, 916-337-5786

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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

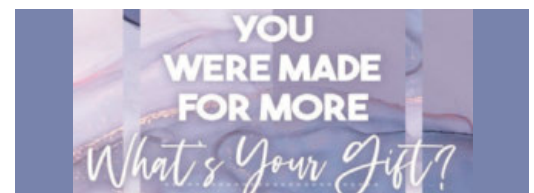
Connie Aley, 916-984-9284

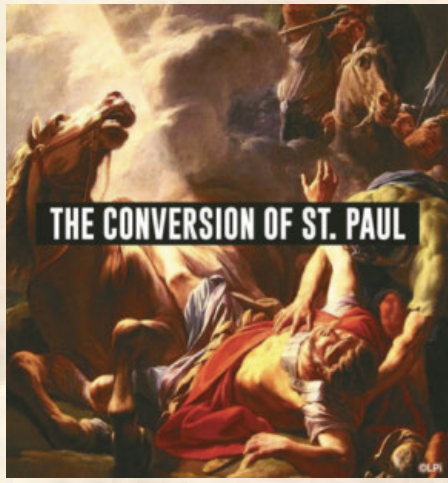
Women's Game Day

Roberta Puzio, 916-933-2561

MINISTRIES

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





**January 25 is the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul and the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
What does one have to do with the other?**

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity consists of eight days beginning January 18 (at that time the feast of the Chair of Peter), and ending on January 25, the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. The Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, founded in the early twentieth century in Graymoor, NY, sought to promote unity among Anglicans and Roman Catholics. Paul James Wattson, a former Episcopalian priest, founded the community, which was formally accepted into the Catholic communion.

The idea for Christian unity soon began to catch on, and by the 1930s, more and more Christians welcomed such a focus. Suggestions for prayer and education are distributed each year, emphasizing a jointly chosen theme. The 1964 Vatican II document on ecumenism, Unitatis Redintegratio, gave a great boost to the octave, so that today many Christians worldwide promote and participate in the octave time of prayer.

The emphasis on both Peter and Paul aptly fits into the rationale of the octave. Peter is seen as the source of unity within the Christian tradition. Paul is highlighted due to his vision of bringing all to Christ. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an ideal opportunity to pray for and promote respect, understanding, and, hopefully, eventual unity among Christians. To learn more, visit geii.org.

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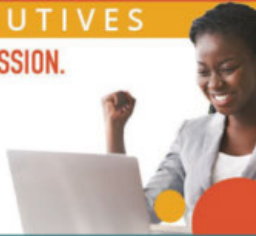
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
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