

Mass Times Weekend

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, Noon 7:00 pm

Sacraments Reconciliation/Confession Saturday 3-4:45 pm

All Other Sacraments

Please call the office for information. Please note for marriages please call the office at least 12 months in advance.

Clergy

Fr. Giovanni Gamas **Pastor** Fr. Ignatius Haran **Pastor Emeritus** William Goeke Dennis Gorsuch Jim McFadden **Deacons**

Parish Office

Mon – Thu: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Closed for lunch from 1 - 2pm Fri: Closed all day to the public 307 Montrose Drive, Folsom Phone: 916 - 985 - 2065

> *Website:* FolsomCatholic.org

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.



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." - Lk 3:5-6

Gospel Meditation

By Father John Muir

In the year 1995, in the seventeenth year of my life, when Fife Symington was governor of Arizona, Bill Clinton was president of the United States, Chuck Keiffer was pastor of St. Theresa parish in Phoenix, Arizona, and Ron and Mary were my parents, the word of God came to my youth minister Eric and through him I started to see the salvation of God. Soon, Christ came into my life never to leave. I'm thankful beyond words.

Why am I being so specific, you ask? Because in the Gospel this week we hear the specific names of people holding civic and religious authority in first century Palestine when "the word of God came to John the Baptist:" Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate, Herod, Philip, Lysanias, Annas, Caiaphas, and Zechariah. All this is meant to help us see that God breaks into our history, into real human events. Jesus is no mere myth. He is the Word-which-breaks-in, in concrete moments, you might say. And now we anticipate his coming once again in our specific situations.

Advent challenge: Name as many civic and religious leaders who are in authority currently in your life. Now, name who the potential John the Baptists may be. A spouse? A friend? A podcaster? A work colleague who brings God's word to you? Spend a moment considering that this comprises the concrete, historical setting into which Christ wishes to come. Then, with these specifics in mind, pray: "Come, Lord Jesus. Come."

Scripture Reflections

First Reading

The prophet Baruch offers the Israelites in Babylonian exile a vision of hope in which their broken relationship with God will be fully restored. Is there a broken relationship you could help heal this Advent season?

Second Reading

Paul prays with joy over the partnership he experiences with the believers in Phillipi.

What relationships in your life bring you joy?

Gospel

Luke is careful to place the activities of John the Baptist in their proper historical and political context, showing how God acts in human history. Can you think of a time in your personal history when you felt God present?

December is Dedicated to: The Immaculate Conception

Readings & Observances for the week of December 8, 2024

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9 / Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3) / Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 / Lk 3:1-6

Monday:

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Gn 3:9-15, 20 / Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 / Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 / Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Our Lady of Loreto

Is 40:1-11 / Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 / Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: St. Damasus I Is 40:25-31 / Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 / Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab / Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 / Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Friday: St. Lucy

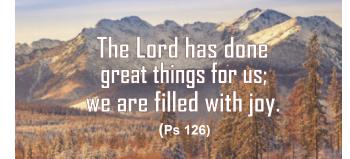
Is 48:17-19 / Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 / Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: St. John of the Cross

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 / Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 / Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Zep 3:14-18a / Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6) / Phil 4:4-7 / Lk 3:10-18



Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for December For Pilgrims Of Hope

Let us pray that the coming Church Jubilee Year 2025 strengthens us in our faith; helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

Live the Liturgy Inspiration For the Week

John the Baptist was appointed to prepare the way for the Lord. This Advent, follow his example and prepare the way for the Lord. Invite the Lord to make straight the roads in your life that wind, and to smooth all that is rough in your heart.

WELCOME



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

2024 Parish Family Christmas "POTLUCK" Dinner and Party New Update

December 14, Saturday, 6pm, Gallagher Hall Contact: Lili Rehwald, 916-220-2483

Join fellow parishioners for this POTLUCK celebration. Everyone is invited! There will be raffles and prizes, caroling, ugly sweater contest, and much more. Please bring the following (based on your last name) to share: A-M: Main Dish, N-R: Dessert, S-Z: Salad/Side Dish

Welcome New Parishioners! Please welcome to our Parish Family

Joseph Bryerton Heather Burruel Melissa and Steven Holstad Ryan and Jacqueline Koewler Pamela and David Lanzone

Arely Macias and Richard Lotti Elvzza Sena Felipa and David Stone Travis and Crystal Taketa

St. Vincent de Paul **Christmas Giving Tree** November 23-December 17 Contact: Mercy Knight 916-985-4630

As in the past, we have hung ornaments on the tree for children in need in our community - ranging in age from 1 to 13 years old. The ornaments reflect the ages of children who have been registered to receive gifts. Each child will receive two to three gifts.

- Red ornaments are for the boys
- Green ornaments are for the girls

We request that gifts be unwrapped and placed in the Christmas barrels. We are also asking that gifts be dropped off as soon as possible and by December 17, 2024.

Simbang Gabi 2024

Rosary Prayers & Novena Masses December 15-23 December 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 6:30pm December 21, 11am, December 15, 22, 4pm Contact: Lili Rehwald, 916-220-2482 Lourdes Lorenzo, fasjbc@gmail.com

Please join us. Rosary starts 30 minutes before Mass. Daily potluck to follow each Mass in Gallagher Hall except on Dec 19 which will be in the Parish Hall. On the final evening, Dec 23 join us for a Christmas potluck celebration and program. Please view the flyer available on the parish website for information as well as the list of celebrants.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation December 9, Monday Join us for Mass at 6:30am, 8:15am, 12 noon, 7pm.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Novena, Serenade and Mass Dec 3-11, 7pm Novena Dec 12, 6:00 pm Rosary and Serenade, 7:00pm Mass Contact: Carmen Gudino 916-764-2491

Come and celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. A novena will be prayed in the Divine Mercy Chapel inside the church. A Rosary and serenade will take place on Dec 12th at 6:00pm in the main church followed by the Mass at 7:00pm. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall afterwards. Everyone is welcome!

Lost and Found

Do you have books, keys, eye glasses, rosaries, religious items, jewelry, hats, clothing, water bottles, things your children are missing, and you just don't know where else to look? Our Lost and Found is getting full. Please come and check for any lost items. Lost and Found is located in the St. John's Gift Shop. The gift shop is open before and after Mass on Saturday and Sunday.



Christmas Mass Times

This year for Christmas Eve, we are taking away the double Mass at 4:00pm/4:15pm and ADDING a 6:30pm Mass. Please note that the

4:00pm will fill up and so plan accordingly for a different time (like the 6:30pm!). THERE WILL BE NO MASSES IN GALLAGHER HALL! Mass is most appropriately done in the Church, and this will help eliminate some of the parking issues.

Christmas Eve Masses: 4pm, 6:30pm, 12:00am(Midnight) Christmas Day Masses: 7am, 9:00am, and 11:30am FYI: You only need to attend ONE of these 6 Masses to fulfill your Christmas Holy Day.

Please note going forward starting on December 29 the new Sunday Mass schedule will be in effect: Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:30 am, 6:00 pm





PRAYER

Adam Perez

Elsa Baccay

Andrew Speer

Esther Molina

Feliciano Ramirez

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

Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 8th

7:30am Maria Franco (birthday) Fr. Jacobo (*birthday*) 9:00am Ron Smith+ Elsa Lawas+ 11:30am Kristoffer & Reynalou Reyes (thanksgiving) People of the Parish 6:00pm Rick Nichols+ Daniel & Ivy Castro (21st anniv)

Monday, December 9th

6:30am Eduardo Estacio+ Emma Doctora+ 8:15am Steve Neumann Shawn Sevev+ Noon Jess & Patsy Enriquez

Benecio Genelsa Jr.+ 7:00pm Benigno Chanco Fuentes+

Tuesday, December 10th

6:30am	People of the Parish
	Salvador Orozco (birthday)
8:15am	Arman Tecson (birthday)
	Albert & Sarah Anderson (thanksgiving)

Wednesday, December 11th

6:30am Stanley Brock+ Angeles Montemayor+ 8:15am Augustus Martinez (birthday) John Hidahl+

Thursday, December 12th

6:30am Stanley Brock+ 8:15am Guadalupe Goseco+ Laurie Jackson 7:00pm Jatziri & Dayami Galindo Aspera (birthday)

Friday, December 13th

6:30am 8:15am Evangeline Magbanua+ Nicolas Gomez+

Saturday, December 14th

5:00pm Al Pavik+ Anthony Thong Nguyen+



Debbie Martinez John Ledna Kyle Pasterski Edwin Albunan Kristine Pascual

Margie Reilly

Jill Pelayo

Nhan Lee Ross Thaver Sharon Molina Tery Roundy Tricia C. Pascual Virginia Miller

Prayers for the Recently Deceased

Marife Reburiano

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.

Gretchen Reindl

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

Ada Luz Andujar	Dave F. Mateo
Adolfo Guevarra	Diana Lee Vriend
Al Pavik	Dixie Hawkins
Brix Suelto	Ed Theis
Cesar Dulong	Fianco Ramirez
Christian Reuffo	Gonzalo Tiu
Danielle Ruiz	Gregorio Rosales
Darlene Beneto	John Hidahl

Kyle Cooper Nancy Wilkins Norbert Benz Patsy Enriquez Rebeca Gonzalez Santo Seguia Shirley Rogers Vien Tran

Prayers for Our Troops

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

Andrew Pecha Brandon Heffel Carl Crossman Darryl Hudson David Tressler

Dominik Torres Dylan Flynn Joaquin Cruz John Lopez Joshua Penman

Marc Jules Ocampo Michael Dalupan Samuel R. Rodriguez

Prayer Requests

Please call our Parish Office. Names will appear for two months. Please visit the Parish Office for Mass Intentions.

Adoration

The Adoration Chapel hours are: Mon-Thu 9am - 8pm, Sat 9am - 5pm and Sun 7am -11am Friday Adoration is in the church: 9am to 7pm

The Adoration Ministry has immediate need for dedicated adorers for these hours listed. To sign up please contact Veronica Thomas at thomas_vera@yahoo.com

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

SPIRITUAL GROWTH



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

Lifeteen & Edge Contact: Aaron Santos

asantos@folsomcatholic.org

Please see the vestibule monitors or the Parish website folsomcatholic.org/youthministries for a list of the December events.

Praise and Worship

December 11, Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Church Contact: David Brauer dabrauer@hotmail.com

Join us for an evening of inspiring music, thoughtful reflection and powerful prayer with Praise and Worship! This is a ministry of worship, prayer and fellowship, where we have an opportunity to come together in the middle of the week as brothers and sisters in Christ to grow closer to our Lord. Our theme for this month will be "Joy". A light reception will follow. Please join us!

Companioned Prayer Ministry

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Prayer Circle Tuesday mornings, St. John's Church chapel Contact: Michelle Hendricks at: mhendricks@CompanionedPrayer.org

The Companioned Prayer Ministry is happy to announce that parishioners who participated in our Preparing for Advent series held in November are now members of our Advent focused Companion Prayer circle. We welcome you! You are a blessing to us! Our December Prayer Intention: *Recognizing Jesus* Special Focus: *Know Jesus within you and within others*

Online Series w/ Dcn Jim McFadden

Advent: The Infancy Narratives (Part 2) 4-Sessions beginning: Nov 25 Contact: Theresa Grant tgrant@talkpathlive.com

3rd Session (Dec 9) - The Presentation of Jesus **4th Session (Dec 16)** - The Boy Jesus in the Temple

Information on sessions and registration can be found on our parish website homepage under Ministry News / Events. Sessions are offered via Zoom. Note: Weekly attendance is not required. Recordings available!

Confession During Advent Additional Hours

There will be no Advent Penance Service. Additional hours for confession will be added on the four Saturdays of Advent (11/30, 12/7, 12/14, & 12/21). Confession hours will be from 2pm-4:30pm. In addition during the Simbang Gabi Novena Masses on December 16-20, confessions will be heard from 5-6pm.

Family Fellowship Christmas Caroling Saturday, December 14 Contact: Rachel Marsh, 916-945-6992

Please join Family Fellowship for Christmas Caroling at Park Folsom Senior center. We will meet in the Old Parish Hall at 4pm to make Christmas cards for the seniors and review the songs to be sung. After Caroling we invite all participants to join us back at Gallagher Hall for the Parish Christmas Potluck that starts at 6pm. Please see the bulletin for information on the Potluck. All ages welcome! Please contact Rachel with any questions or concerns.

Respect Life Ministry

Planned Parenthood Abortion Business 201 29th and B Sts, Sacramento Contact: Deacon Danny Patterson 916-733-0133, dpatterson@scd.org St. Johns Contact: Joanne Dudgeon 916-607-2228

Late term abortions continue on Wednesdays and Thursdays. We have a carpool going out almost every Thursday, leaving the church at 9:30am staying at the abortion mill from 10am-12pm. Join us in prayer if you can. Contact: Joanne.

WINGS

Mini Series: Under Mary's Mantle Garden Room, 9am Contact: Trista Gooderham 612-382-7655, mrsgooderham@gmail.com

We invite all women to join us for our mini series discussion. Coffee and light snacks provided. Please RSVP to Trista. Visit folsomcatholic.org/wings for meeting materials. **December 19:** Under her Mantle

CHARITY



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



Online Donations

To make a donation, update a weekly donation or donate to our maintenance fund scan the QR code and follow the directions.



"To receive in truth the Body and Blood of Christ, given up for us, we must recognize Christ in the poorest, his brethren "

- St. Vincent de Paul

2nd Collection

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

Knights of Columbus

Neighbors Helping Neighbors Saturday, October 26 - Sunday, January 12, 2025 Contact: Percy Park, 916-936-6145, dbk576@aol.com

Coats for Kids

We're looking for donations and need coats for kids, teenagers and adults, either "new" or "slightly used", but cleaned, please. We are also collecting tents, blankets; sleeping bags; socks; gloves; shoes, winter caps for kids, teenagers and adults. **So far we have collected close to 200 coats, our goal is 400+.**

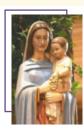
Food for Families Program

The Knights of Columbus are committed to helping end hunger through the Food for Families Program. What are the most requested food items?

- Canned meats like tuna, chicken, turkey, ham, stew and chili, canned vegetables
- Pasta & pasta sauce, beans, rice, healthy cereals, peanut butter, baby food & baby formula

Please collect non-perishable food items only. Avoid glass containers. Plastic containers, cans and boxed items are best. **Our goal is to collect at least 1000lbs by January 12, we have collected 300lbs!**

Donation Dropoff: The Knights of Columbus Cart at weekend Masses or the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry location next to SJND parking lot. They are open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 - 12 pm.



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."

MA Read the Gospel and Color



Lk 3:1-6

Have you ever played a game where you asked for a "do-over" so you could try again? When John told his neighbors to be baptized, he wanted them to have a second chance, A "do-over." He wanted to give them a fresh, clean start with God.



When you catch yourself being selfish, not following directions, or using hurtful words, stop. Say you're sorry, ask for forgiveness, and then try again.



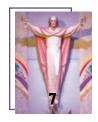
Dear God, when I find myself doing or saying things that you would not like, help me to stop and start over.



Circle these word from today's Gospel.

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PARISH MINISTRIES



Our parish is enriched with many ministries, please consider learning about and engaging in one or more of our ministries. Call the contact listed.

Welcoming Ministries

New Parishioner Welcoming Ministry Joyce Starosciak, 916-740-4628 Greeter Ministry Lori Hopper, 916-337-0139 Ushers Stanley Posis, 916-705-9192

Prayer Ministries

Companioned Prayer Michelle Hendricks, mhendricks@companionedprayer.org 9:45 am, Church Chapel Tuesdays: Immaculate Heart of Mary Prayer Circle **Divine Mercy Devotion / Cenacle** Leilani Badley, 703-855-6241 -Chaplet / Rosary / Morning Prayer -Cenacle - Leilani Badley, 703-855-6241 -Cenacle-Spanish - Nury Pun, 916-212-7201 **Eucharistic Adoration** Veronica Thomas, thomas_vera@yahoo.com Sign Up for adorers is in the vestibule Marian Cenacle (Marian Movement of Priests) -English – 1st Wednesday of the month, 10am Sally Gomez, 916-693-2411 -Spanish – Every Saturday

Carmen Gaytan, 916-757-3893 Our Lady of Fatima

Henry Altamirano, 925-899-7769

Parish Committees/Councils

Finance Council Patty Robertson , 916-220-3600 Liturgy Committee Barbara Bowden, 916-984-9476 Pastoral Council Shannon Frazier, 916-761-2912

Faith Formation

Christian Initiation for Adults *Are you interested in Baptism?*

Shannon Langer, 916-985-7338 **Religious Education** Shannon Langer, 916-985-7338 **St. John Notre Dame (School Ministry)** Keith Martin, Principal, 916-985-4129

Outreach/Charity Ministries

Bereavement Hospitality/Receptions Parish Office, 916-985-2065 **Filipino Apostolate** Lili Rehwald, 916-220-2483 Lourdes Lorenzo, fasjbc@gmail.com Gabriel Proiect Debbie Sultan, 916-337-5786 **Grace Quilters Ministry** Catherine Scott, 831-402-4681 Knights of Columbus Tom Ireland, 310-347-7180 Ministerio Pastoral Hispano Beatriz LeCam, 916-765-3569 Pastoral Care Ministry Dan Dunne, 916-817-1675; Sunday Candice Ralston, 916-806-8090; Wednesday **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 Respect Life Ministry Joanne Dudgeon, 916-607-2228 Senior Visitation

Charlene Agles, 916-984-9602 St. Vincent de Paul (311 Montrose Dr.) Mercy Knight, 916-985-4630

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Servers Hugo Schmidt, 916-817-4541 Children's Liturgy during Mass Rachel Boyd, 916-296-3712 Extraord. Ministers of Holy Communion Steve & Mary Anne Ashley, 916-479-2214 Lectors Patti Midtlyng, 916-837-8322 Liturgical Environment Arlette Peterson, 916-220-5968 Music - See choir director after Mass.

Spiritual Growth Ministries

Adult Scripture Study Parish Office, 916-985-2065 **Couples for Christ** Myrah Empleo, 661-993-4721 **Faith Untapped** Rachel Marsh, 916-945-6992 Lay Mission Project Laura Wicklman, 916-933-8471 Praise & Worship David Brauer, dabrauer@hotmail.com SJTB Men's Ministry Tyler Boyd, tyler.boyd@kidder.com WINGS (Women in Growth Spiritually) Trista Gooderham, 612-382-7655 Youth/Young Adults Ministries Aaron Santos, asantos@folsomcatholic.org

Additional Ministries

Children's Babysitting at Mass Parish Office, 916-985-2065 Family Fellowship Rachel Marsh, 916-945-6992 Gift Shop Connie Aley, 916-337-3607 Security Ministry Jim Miller, 916-220-4311 Women's Game Day Wednesday, Garden Room, 11- 4:30pm Parish Office, 916-985-2065

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Date	5pm
Dec 15	Dec 3
Dec 22	Dec 9
Dec 29	Dec 17
Jan 5	Dec 19



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