

# Holy Spirit Church

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Fr. Juan Francisco Bracamontes, Parochial Vicar

Masses:

Daily M-F: 7am, 9am in English

Tues & Fri: 7pm in Spanish

Wed: 6:30pm in English

Sat AM: 9am in English

Sat Vigil: 5pm (Eng); 7pm (Sp)

Sunday: 6am (Sp); 7:30am, 9am,

10:30am, 12pm (Eng); 2pm (Sp)

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sat 3pm-4:30pm in English;

Español adentro del boletín.

# **Nativity of St. John the Baptist La Natividad de san Juan Bautista**

**June 24, 2018**

## **From Our Pastor**

Dear Holy Spirit Parishioners and community of Fairfield, Suisun and Vacaville,

Goodbyes, especially among family members are never easy. In over forty-six years of coming and going to Ireland, it is never easy to say goodbye to family, relatives, and friends, even when I hope to see them again in the next year.

It is within the context of family life that our lives get shaped, fashioned, and formed. Attitudes and outlooks get developed, relationships nurtured and sustained, faithful friendships celebrated, a common dignity and destiny shared.

The healthy parish replaces the healthy home and that is what I've been blessed with all these years.

While you addressed me as Fr. Downey, I merely shared that title with all the fathers and grandfathers of the parish. And without the presence and company of all the mothers, grandmothers, sisters and daughters, our lives and our parish family would be incomplete. You make and sustain parish life! The priests are merely fellow pilgrims and sojourners with you for short periods of their lives. In and through baptism, we are all one family. Brothers and sisters in the Lord Jesus.

It's a grace beyond measure to have shared personally, sacramentally, and socially in your individual and communal lives for twenty-nine years as your parochial vicar from 1983 to 1989, and as your pastor from 1995 to 2018. You have allowed me to share in your joys and sorrows, your hopes and your hurts, your living and your dying. For that I am eternally grateful.

Mixed with every goodbye are the memories we carry to our graves. I bring with me a host of the most loving and supportive memories. In and through the Eucharist, our memories become life giving and holy. Since they are united with the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, the God who gives value and validity to all human life and all memories.

So, wherever we end ourselves, we are always united around the table of God's Word and the table of God's Eucharist, you in Holy Spirit Parish and I and the other retired priests in the Priests Retirement Village in Citrus Heights.

The generosity, support and friendship with which you have blessed my life, you will, I know, continue to share with your new pastor, Fr. Joel Genabia and the other priests who minister among you.

I conclude with the old Irish Blessing:

May the roads rise up to meet you;  
May the wind be always at your back;  
May the sun shine warm upon your face;  
and may the rain fall gently upon your field;  
And until we meet again,  
May the Lord hold you in the palm of His hand.

Blessings Always,  
Fr. Michael Downey  
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## Horario de Misas Y Confesiones

Dias	Misa	Confesiones
Martes	7:00pm	4:00-6:30pm
Viernes	7:00pm	4:00-6:00pm
Sábado	7:00pm	<b>NO CONFESIONES</b>
Domingo	6:00am	<b>NO CONFESIONES</b>
Domingo	2:00pm	<b>NO CONFESIONES</b>

## Baptism/Bautismo

**Classes:** 2nd Saturday of each month at 10:00am at 1070 N Texas St. Room D.

**Baptisms:** Usually on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays at 3:30pm. Please check schedule for specific dates.

Registration package can be picked up at the Office or downloaded from the website:

[www.holyspiritfairfield.org](http://www.holyspiritfairfield.org) → sacraments → infant baptism packet

**Questions:** 425-3138 ext 501

**Bautismo** usualmente son el 2do y 4to Sábado del mes. A las 10am, **NO** haga arreglos de salon o invitaciones hasta que reserve fecha. **Próximias fechas:** Julio 14.

Clase pre bautismal *usualmente* el **1er** Lunes del mes a las 7pm en el templo, próxima clase **Julio 9**. Solicitar en la Oficina ó bajar el paquete online:

[www.holyspiritfairfield.org](http://www.holyspiritfairfield.org) → sacraments → infant baptism packet (Spanish).



## REGÁLATE UN FIN DE SEMANA!

### Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial

Les gustaría volverse a enamorar como en el inicio, cuando se conocieron? Los

invitamos a vivir el Fin de semana.

Para mas información contactar a Francisco y Patricia Caravez 530-665-0398.

***Es por tu Matrimonio, vale la pena!***

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

An amazing weekend away with your spouse. To register, please visit: [www.worldwidemarriageencounter.org](http://www.worldwidemarriageencounter.org) to register. Or for more information, contact Terry & Janet at: (916)489-3464 or at: [applications@sacramentowwme.org](mailto:applications@sacramentowwme.org).

## RCIA/RICA

For Adults preparing for baptism, confirmation and first Eucharist /Sacramentos para adultos: Magda (707) 425-3138 Ext:507  
[HSPRCIA@gmail.com](mailto:HSPRCIA@gmail.com)

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday:	2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday:	2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Ps 119:33-37, 40; Mt 7:15-20
Thursday:	2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-5, 8, 9; Mt 7:21-29
Friday:	<u>Vigil:</u> Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19 <u>Day:</u> Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
Saturday:	Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:15-17
Sunday:	Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43

## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	2 Re 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Sal 60 (59):3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5
Martes:	2 Re 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Sal 48 (47):2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14
Miércoles:	2 Re 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Sal 119 (118):33-37, 40; Mt 7:15-20
Jueves:	2 Re 24:8-17; Sal 106 (105):1b-5; Mt 7:21-29
Viernes:	<u>Vigilia:</u> Hch 3:1-10; Sal 19 (18):2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19 <u>Día:</u> Hch 12:1-11; Sal 34 (33):2-9; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
Sábado:	Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Sal 74 (73):1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:15-17
Domingo:	Sab 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Sal 30 (29):2, 4-6, 11-13; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mc 5:21-43 [5:21-24, 35b-43]

## Holy Spirit Catecismo 2018-2019

**Presentar sus certificados de bautismo y nacimiento.**

*Martes o sábado → 1ro y 2do Confirmación Grados 6to al 12vo.*

*Miércoles o sábado → 1ro y 2do de Comunión Grados 1ro al 6to.*

## Holy Spirit Faith Formation 2018-2019

**Please bring your baptism and birth certificates**

Monday, Thursday and Saturday grades 1-6

Monday night grades 7 to 12

Little Church Saturday ages 4-5

## Second Collection Next Weekend!

There will be a second collection next weekend for Peter's Pence. Thank you for your generosity!

## Thank you!!!

Thank you to all of you who helped make our Bible Camp such a success this year! We could NOT have done it without you!!!!

## Mass Intentions

### June 25 - July 1, 2018

#### Monday, June 25

7:00am Ching Pogozelski (Int)  
9:00am Edmond Violago (Int)

#### Tuesday, June 26

7:00am Wally & Suki Laforga & Family (Int)  
9:00am Major Butler Jr †  
7:00pm Monaguillos (Int)

#### Wednesday, June 27

7:00am Frank & Maria Spingola & Mary Stagnaro †  
9:00am Forgotten souls in purgatory †

#### Thursday, June 28

7:00am Javier Ochoa (Int)  
9:00am Cathleen Joy Ayson †

#### Friday, June 29

7:00am Marcelino & Cresenciana Marquez †  
9:00am Jose Balmedian †  
7:00pm Bob Wischer †

#### Saturday, June 30

9:00am Jaime Domingo & Hennerosa Annunciation †  
5:00pm Jerome Bradley †  
7:00pm Maria Ochoa †

#### Sunday, July 1

6:00am Carmen Ponce (Int)  
7:30am Calixto Escaner & Mario Dotillos †  
9:00am Filomena Garduque †  
10:30am Mildred Funtanilla †  
12:00pm People of the Parish  
2:00pm Roberto Martinez & Antonio Aboytes †

## JUAN EL BAUTISTA

Ya que el 24 de junio de este año cae en domingo, la Iglesia tiene la oportunidad para una celebración más vibrante del nacimiento de Juan el Bautista, a quien se le describe como el último de los profetas del Antiguo Testamento y también como el puente entre el judaísmo y el cristianismo. Comúnmente a Juan se le conoce como el “precursor” de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Todos los evangelios narran el mensaje básico de Juan: Arrepiéntanse, el Reino de Dios está cerca. Uno más grande que yo está cerca.

Aunque él era un predicador itinerante, vestido con piel de camello, que comía saltamontes; el legado de Juan es uno de verdadera realeza. Sus orígenes son parecidos a aquellos anunciados por Dios por medio del profeta Isaías “Tú eres mi siervo, Israel; en ti manifestaré mi gloria”. La humildad de Juan, “Yo no soy él”, fue superada por la de su Señor Jesús, el siervo humilde a quien siguió.

## Ministry Day

The Department of Evangelization and Catechesis is please to announce Ministry Days 2018, In the Footsteps of the Beloved Disciple at St Francis High School in Sacramento on Friday and Saturday, September 28th & 29th. This event is for all Catholics, especially those who are in active ministry. Registration is now open and can be completed online: [www.ministrydays.com](http://www.ministrydays.com)

## JOHN THE BAPTIST

Since June 24 falls on a Sunday this year, the Church has the opportunity for a more intense celebration of the birth of John the Baptist, who is often described as the last of the Old Testament prophets and the bridge between Judaism and Christianity. More commonly, John is known as the “precursor” of our Lord Jesus Christ. All the Gospels report John’s basic message: Repent, the kingdom is near at hand. One greater than I is coming.

Though he was a wandering preacher who dressed in camel skins and ate grasshoppers, John’s legacy is one of true royalty. His origins are similar to those foretold by God through the prophet Isaiah: “You are my servant, he said to me, Israel through whom I show my glory” (Isaiah 49:3). John’s humility —“I am not he”—was surpassed only by that of his Lord Jesus, the humble servant who followed.

## To Register at Holy Spirit Parish

Please complete the form and place in the offertory basket, mail it or bring it to the parish office. You can also register online at [www.holyspiritfairfield.org](http://www.holyspiritfairfield.org)

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. & Mrs.    Mr.    Mrs.    Miss    Ms

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

New Parishioner

Existing Parishioner - with changes

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It's midsummer day! We have the advantage of celebrating one of the great hidden treasures of our liturgical calendar on a Sunday this year. There are only three "nativity" feasts on our calendar: for the Lord, the Blessed Mother (September 8), and today's birth of the Baptist. Today's date is anchored by the Annunciation (March 25), when Mary learns not only of her own child's advent, but of Elizabeth's child. We are exactly half a year away from Christmas Eve. There are strong traditions around this feast. Just as the winter solstice provides a rich vocabulary for Christmas, so does the abundance of light at midsummer inform this celebration. Just as at Christmas, a religious festival spills over into culture. As summer light reaches its peak, the sun-drenched zones of northern Europe see people staying up all night, lighting "St. John's fires" in the long summer twilight. Bonfires seem to

be the unifying force in all these celebrations, kindled along the shores of the St. Lawrence in Quebec and Montreal, with harbor illuminations in France. You may be most interested in the custom in San Juan, Puerto Rico, the Baptist's own city. People there will leap into the sea between midnight and dawn to honor John. Why not find your way to a pool, a lake, or a sandy beach today and plunge in to recall your baptism? It's a tradition!

## TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Hoy recordamos a san Juan Bautista, primo de Jesucristo y precursor del Mesías. Juan se hizo famoso predicando la penitencia y bautizando con agua, insistiendo que vendría uno que bautizaría al mundo con fuego y el Espíritu Santo. Hoy es uno de los santos más festejados en el mundo, especialmente en zonas donde su fiesta coincidía con la llegada del verano.

Para celebrar a este santo pariente de Jesús la gente en Alicante, España, hace fogatas durante la noche de su vigilia y baila en torno a ellas. En América el pueblo Boliviano también recibe al santo con hogueras, para quemar la tierra en busca de fertilidad y purificación. Los Bolivianos también festejan echándose agua los unos a los otros.

San Juan ha sido honrado en el hemisferio Americano desde 1509 cuando Juan Ponce de León nombró la Isla de Puerto Rico en su honor. También allí hacen el juego del agua en la fiesta de san Juan ya que los fieles se echan de espaldas al océano tres veces en busca de purificación y celebración.

