

**Second Sunday of Easter
(or Sunday of Divine Mercy)**

April 19, 2020

“Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

GET REAL!

Those of us who flatter ourselves that we have a “realistic” view of the world may listen to the first reading today and say, “Get real!” when we hear Luke’s account of the early, Elysian days of the Christian movement. All seems to be rosy, lots of wonders are performed, everyone shares selflessly, they eat together in “exultation,” and the Lord added to their numbers? Well, who wouldn’t be attracted to a group like this? From the wind that swept through the upper room at Pentecost as the Spirit of God blew over the face of the waters in Genesis, and the fire that appeared over each disciple as the light appeared at the dawn of creation, Luke’s intent in Acts is to show a new creation, a restoration of creation’s original goodness through the working of the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit who continues to make us into the Body of Christ. We may occasionally, like Thomas in the Gospel, say, “Get real!” but our ultimate reality in the Spirit is to work continually to make our Christian community a new creation, one in which others will find God’s joy and beauty.

MASS INTENTIONS ARE:

Dennis McCloskey, Huval Family, Joyce Arcement, Margaret Mary Mulé, Larry Kass Sr., Gloria Fabre, Carol Pieri, Paul and Kay Veith, Henry and Mary Craig, Anne Montgomery, Jon Craig, Reverend Michael Dobbins (L) and Parishioners

You are encouraged to visit St. John’s website at stjohnbaptistfolsom.org. It is updated daily with information on St. John’s parish.

Church is open daily from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. for private prayer.

PRAYER LIST

James Michael Cole, Dot Willie, Scott St. Romaine, Freddie Addotto, Fred Kopfler, Louise Cashmere, Florence Hoffman, Nita Addotto, Joseph Hadad, Richard Atkins , Roy M. Piazza, Ruthi Olson, Pam Addotto

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Envelopes	\$ 2,772.00
Loose	\$ 995.00
Building and Preservation Fund	\$ 1,290.00
Easter Offering	\$ 1,250.00
Holy Land Collection	\$ 235.00

Thank you to all who continue to send in their contributions at this trying time.

This is most needed as we continue to maintain the workings of our Church parish. E-Giving is a huge success for the first week in service. If you wish to give online, please go to: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stjohnfolsom>. You can download the [FAQs and instruction sheet here](#), or can [watch a demo short video here](#).

CANDLES WILL BURN IN HONOR OF:

Sanctuary	Jon Craig and Jon Holmes (L)
St. Joseph	Leon and David Ortemond

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7 day candle please call [796-3806](tel:796-3806).

Fr. Vincent will celebrate a private Mass at 4:30 p.m. Saturday. The Mass will be recorded and uploaded as soon as possible. View it on St. John the Baptist Catholic Church's Facebook page, or on St. John's YouTube channel at: <https://m.youtube.com/channel/UCe4axaxnnrIYAh91aqlliag>. St. John's Facebook page is accessible from the website at stjohnbaptistfolsom.org. The current plan is to continue this practice every weekend until the stay-at-home order is lifted. Please note that the church will be unavailable on Saturday after 4:00 p.m. because of the filming of Mass at that time.

The office is open for normal business, on Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am – noon, closed on Friday. Please do not hesitate to call 796-3806 if Joy can be of any assistance to you. Even though the office is open part time, she is still checking messages. Fr. Vincent continues to be available if needed for anointing and confessions. His emergency contact number is 985-474-9898.

Greetings;

We went through the unusual Holy Week this year. Even though we couldn't get together during the Holy Triduum for Masses and Veneration of the Holy Cross to commemorate our Lord's love for us through his suffering, death and resurrection, we were together in minds and hearts by online participation.

We would like to thank to our Deacons (Jay and Jeff), Amanda and Trish, Mary and Dave, women of Altar Society and those who work behind the scene. They worked hard to make our church looks so beautiful and the liturgies uplifted.

May the Risen Lord continue to protect and strengthen us in this difficult time.

Be joyful and be safe!

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL OF YOU!

Fr. Vincent

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM CORONAVIRUS

Let us pray,

Loving and faithful God, the coronavirus reminds us that we have no power and we are dependent on you. We place ourselves in your loving hands. Give eternal rest to all who have died from the virus. Place your healing hand on those who are ill, and give your protection to us in this time of fear and uncertainty. Calm our fears and help us to trust you as our faithful God. Enlighten our government and Church leaders as they are faced with important decisions. Give blessing to those in health care and protect them.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us.

Blessed Francis Seelos, pray for us. (His life was taken while caring for the sick in the yellow fever epidemic.)