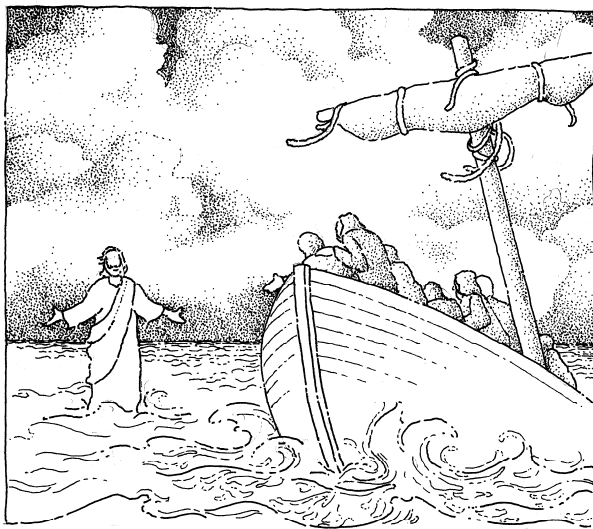




Holy Day of Obligation, Feast of the Assumption, Friday Aug 15: Mass times at St. John's will be 7:30am, 5:30pm in English and 7pm in Spanish. The Newman Center will have a Vigil Mass Aug 14th at 5:30pm.



It is I; do not be afraid.

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 10, 2008**

◆ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ◆		
Sat 9	7:30a	◆John & Mary O'Hara by John O'Hara
	5:30p	◆Julia Silva
Sun 10	7:30a	◆Holy Souls in Purgatory by Jane Rabo
	12:30p	Cervantes Family (living & deceased) by Natalia Cervantes
	5:30p	◆George Gordon by Bev Burgess-Levin
Mon 11	7:30a	◆John Frey by Lona Stalker
Tues 12	7:30a	◆Mary O'Hara by John O'Hara
		◆Maria Pacheco by Consolation Mstry
Wed 13	7:30a	◆Jose Luis Florez by Sandra Hernandez
Thurs 14	7:30a	◆Holy Souls in Purgatory by Rosina Reginato
Holy Day		
Fri 15	7:30a	◆Yvonne Richards
	5:30p	◆Neil McElrath by Karen Monroe
Sat 16	7:30a	DJM Intentions
	5:30p	◆Rose Giannotti by Sam Biannotti
◆ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ◆		
Sun 10	9:00a	no intention
	10:30a	Obdulia Arevalo (living) by Arevalo Family

Pray for the repose of the soul of Yvonne Richard, Paula Morales, Nettie Galich, Kathrine Avila, Cleo Flores, Martha Padilla, and for the comfort of their family and friends.

Catholic Communication: This Weekend August 9-10 there will be a second collection in support of the annual Catholic Communication Campaign. In this 21st century, Catholics are challenged to spread the good news of our faith by modern means as well as traditional ones. Print, radio, internet, and television materials and programs are supported by your donations, including our local Diocesan projects. Your support is both needed and appreciated. Thank you.

A Night of Praise and Worship: Monday August 11th from 7-8:30pm at St. John's. Take some time to sing and pray before the hectic school year gets started! Everyone is welcome!! Music provided by Rick Dorenzo, Edson Gomersall and Karen Rose.

Notre Dame School offers your child a unique educational opportunity. Each day begins with prayer and scripture, and each week culminates with our student-led school Mass. In between, we offer comprehensive academic programs recognized for their excellence, in addition to music and art, computer technology, P.E., Jr. High electives, and a competitive sports program. After school care is also available, as well as many extra curricular activities. Notre Dame School is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges through 2012. Our students consistently test in the top quarter of the nation and 95% of our graduates continue their education into college. Notre Dame has fully credentialed and award-winning teaching staff. There are openings in all grades, so come check us out! Please contact Connie Freitas or Chris Seibert at the school office at 342-2502 or visit www.ndschico.org Tuition assistance is available for those who qualify.



Torres Shelter: We welcome any groups or individuals in the parishes to join us on the first Friday, the second Wednesday or the third Tuesday of the month. Please call Jerry Converse at 342-2134 to voluntee



Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.
-- Psalm 85:12

**1st Week of August
Sunday Collection \$10,607.00**

May your faithful generosity bring you blessings of joy, for the Bible says, "God loves a cheerful giver!"
--2 Corinthians 9:7

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LIFE TEEN

Life Teen - We had a great summer with Guys/Girls Night Out, Bible Study with Mike Ritter, Movie Nights, the Lock-in and Praise and Worship Nights. Thanks to everyone who helped and to all the teens who participated.

Registration for the 2008-09 School Year: It's time to register for this years Life Teen and Edge Programs. Please look for more information coming soon.



Religious Education Questions
 Call 343-8741

REGISTRATION PACKETS HAVE BEEN SENT. IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOURS, OR IF YOU ARE NEW, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT 343-8741.

(EVERYONE MUST REGISTER EVERY YEAR)

First Communion and Confirmation Pictures can be picked up at the parish office

First Communion Certificates & Banners

If you did not pick up your child's 1st Communion Certificate or Banner at the reception for First Communion, you can pick it up at the parish office.

❖ **ADULT FAITH FORMATION** ❖

Catholics Returning Home: An Invitation for Non-Practicing Catholics. Were you raised Catholic but do not come or seldom come to Church anymore? Are you a Catholic who now feels separated from the Church? Maybe you are divorced? Would you like more information about what you can do? Do you feel alienated from the Church? Maybe the church feels cold and you don't feel accepted? We welcome all that want to come. No matter how long you have been away and no matter the reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church. There is no obligation. Please come and join us for informal listening sessions and an update of the Catholic faith. For more details call Deacon James Burkett at 893-2348 or Sharon Haselton at 891-5334.

Holy Spirit Prayer Group: They meet at 7pm on the 4th Wed of each month at the Newman Center. For more information call Sharon, 891-5334 or James, 893-2348.



Scripture Study/Radio: Joe Hollcraft is live on AM 930 at 11:00am-12:00 each Saturday and Sunday (re-aired). Joe will have a different guest each week. Each program will be devoted to the readings from the Mass. This week (August 9th and August

10th) Joe will break open the word conscience and offer a teaching on the Cardinal Virtue of Fortitude. The following week Joe will offer a teaching on perseverance and its virtue to complete and perfect all things. Be sure not to miss this great opportunity to better understand the Bible and the structure of our faith. E-mail Joe at jholljnj@yahoo.com if you have any questions about the radio program and/or the Catholic faith.

Image of God—Nature has perfections in order to show that she is the image of God, and defects to show that she is only God's image.

-- Blaise Pascal

✧ **MARRIAGE & FAMILY** ✧

"Northern Lights" Community Love Circle: For more information please call Stephanie or James at 893-2348, email burkett7@sbcglobal.net



Respect for Life Committee: The election is coming up soon and we must be aware that there are some non-negotiable issues: abortion, euthanasia and embryonic stem cell research. These

things are intrinsically evil. Supporting a politician or organization that promotes these evils is being an accessory. Let us pray for wisdom and understanding of the Church's teachings at the ballot box. Please consider going to Planned Parenthood on Vallombrosa on Wednesdays or the Women's Feminist Abortion Center on Humboldt Rd on Fridays. Come anytime from 10am to 4pm to pray for the lives of the unborn children.



Marriage Encounter: Make a great marriage even better! Sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekend scheduled is Aug 15th-17th. Call Stephanie & Deacon James

Burkett at 893-2348 for more information.

Natural Family Planning (Creighton model) Classes: Are you ready to do a great thing for yourself and your marriage? Classes are available right here in Chico. Contact Jackie Hollcraft M.S.; P.A.C. (899-0243).

Retrouvaille: This is a program to give hope and help for marriages that are experiencing trouble. For additional information call 1-800-283-5952.

Women of Grace Conference: Join us in Sacramento at the downtown Hyatt Hotel for our 9th National Conference Sept 19-21. Is God Calling You to a Weekend of Grace? Join women from across the country and experience the transforming power of God's love. Go home renewed, refreshed and rejuvenated in your vocation as a Daughter of God! Discover your true identity. Enter into the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Get equipped for your mission in life. Be set free from the wounds of the past. Learn practical strategies for living the abundant life God has in mind for you! Conference Pricing: Conference & Dinner \$225, Conference Only \$125, Dinner Only \$125, Teen Registration \$60, Teen Registration with Dinner \$160. For more information and to register call 1-800-558-5452.

University of Sacramento: This fall the University of Sacramento will be offering Introduction to the Catechism of the Catholic Church CCP 201 at the Newman Center. Students will be introduced to the content, origins and history of the classic catechesis as found in Scripture and the Tradition of the Church. This course will focus primarily on the four pillars of the Catechism: the Creed, Liturgy and Sacraments, Life in Christ and Prayer with an emphasis on teaching, or handing on these truths to others. This course satisfies the Diocese of Sacramento's requirements for basic catechist certification. Instructors: Joseph Hollcraft, MS; Fr. Chris Frazer, MA; Fr. Blaise Berg, STD. The course will meet on Wed evenings, and begins on August 27. For more info about this course and others, and for registration forms: www.universityofsacramento.org

Mercy Catholic High School in Red Bluff is now accepting applications for the 2008-09 school year. Mercy High School is a fully accredited college preparatory school. Please call the school at 527-8313 for further information and to set an appointment.

Host Families needed for Exchange Students: Mercy High School is looking for warm, loving homes for our international students for the 2008-09 school year. We have 8 students enrolled, 2 boys from Brazil, 2 boys from South Korea, 2 girls from Slovakia and 1 boy and 1 girl from Hong Kong. Students have their own health insurance and a room and board stipend is provided to the hosting family. If you are interested in opening up your home to an exchange student, please call the school at 527-8313.

Pilgrimage: (Nov 6th-20th) Join Fr. Enrique Alvarez on his journey to the Holy Land, Jordan, and Egypt. There is no joy like the joy of being in the Holy Land. Walking where Jesus walked, a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, standing on the Mount of Beatitudes, praying in the Garden of Gethsemane and celebrating together at the Tomb over our Lord's resurrection! Then on to Mt. Nebo where Moses stood overlooking the Jordan Valley. From there the trip will continue on to Petra and climb Moses Mountain where God delivered the Ten Commandments. There will also be a visit to St. Catherine Monastery in the Sinai Desert. Please call the parish office at 343-8741 for more information.

Sun 10	19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2:30pm Latin Mass
Mon 11	St. Clare 6-8pm English AA 7-9pm Spanish Cursillo 7-8:30pm Praise & Worship
Tues 12	7pm Grupo Carismatico
Wed 13	St. Pontian and St. Hippolytus 6-9pm Spanish AA
Thur 14	St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe 6pm Sons of Italy 7pm Rosary
Fri 15	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day of Obligation Mass schedule: 7:30am, 5:30pm 8-9am Adoration 6-9pm Spanish AA
Sat 16	St. Stephen of Hungary 10am Confessions



Library Summer Hours:



Sunday 8:15-9:30am & 10:30am-12:30pm

Pope Benedict XVI's Prayer Intentions for August

General: *That the human family may learn to respect God's plan for the world and become ever more aware that Creation is God's great gift.*

Mission: *That the answer of the entire people of God to the common calling to holiness and mission may be promoted and fostered by means of careful discernment of charisms and constant commitment to spiritual and cultural formation.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Mt 17:22-27
- Tuesday: Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
- Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Mt 18:15-20
- Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Mt 18:21 — 19:1
- Friday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
- Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Mt 19:13-15
- Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

Liturgy of the Hours - III

