

Who
do
you



say
that
I am?

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time August 24, 2008

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ✦

Sat 23	7:30a	✦Stephanie Kersten by Sutthoff's
	5:30p	✦Rita Cooper by Florence & Mary
Sun 24	7:30a	✦Robert Goldman by Sylvia Goldman
	12:30p	no intention
	5:30p	Ana Maguire (living-b'day)
Mon 25	7:30a	no intention
Tues 26	7:30a	✦Richard Mowry by Tom & Leola McCampbell
Wed 27	7:30a	✦Ernie Bertoli by Juanita
Thus 28	7:30a	✦Yvonne Richard Cleo Richard (living)
Fri 29	7:30a	✦Richard Veracruyssen by Consolation Mstry
Sat 30	7:30a	no intention
	5:30p	✦Julia Silva by Florence & Mary

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ✦

Sun 24	9:00a	no intention
	10:30a	no intention

Pray for the repose of the souls of Laura Karr, Yvonne Richard, Paula Morales, and for the comfort of their family and friends.

3rd Week of August

Sunday Collection **\$5,618**

May your faithful generosity bring you blessings of joy, for the Bible says, "God loves a cheerful giver!"

--2 Corinthians 9:7

ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE

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✦ PARISH & SCHOOL NEWS ✦



NOTE: FRIDAY ADORATION HAS GONE BACK TO 3:30-4:30pm NOW THAT NOTRE DAME IS BACK FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR.

The Pulpit and Pew: A Centennial History of St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish Chico, California 1878-1978, is now available on the parish website, <http://www.stjohnthebaptistchico.org>. Click "History and Photos" from the menu on the left-hand side of the page. Learn more about the first 100 years of our parish, Notre Dame School, the Knights of Columbus, and what unites us.

RCIA: How do adults become Catholic? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the path by which adults become members of our Catholic faith community. If you, or someone you know, are interested in learning about the Catholic faith or are interested in becoming a Catholic, please contact Deacon Steve Schwartz at 891-0626. Inquiry classes begin Thursday, September 4th. These classes are for people considering becoming a Catholic and are also for people who have questions about, or interest in, the Catholic Church. The classes are held in the upper meeting room of the Parish Office and start at 7pm. All are welcome and there is no obligation.

PARISH CENTENNIAL: The Centennial of our Church and the 80th anniversary of Notre Dame School is a time of reflection as well as celebration. Our goal is to grow in our faith so that we may each know and love God. **IF YOU HAD TO CHOOSE ONE PERSON IN THE PARISH (now, or in the past) THAT WAS MOST SIGNIFICANT IN YOUR SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT, WHO WOULD HE/SHE BE?** Contact Cathy O'Toole, 893-8760 or cotoole@stjohnthebaptistchico.org.

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.

Catholic Daughters: Their monthly Luncheon will be Wednesday August 27th starting at 11:30am. It will be held at Country Waffle on Rio Lindo. For questions please call Lorene at 343-3324.

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Andrea Florez, Youth Director 530-961-2050

LIFE TEEN Mass – Jeremy and Andrea will both be out of town on September 7th and 14th so Don and Sally Stoner have graciously volunteered to fill in for our LIFE TEEN Music Ministry on these Sundays.

XLT – We are taking a mini-pilgrimage on Sept. 7th to WOODLAND. Together with Holy Rosary, St. Rose, Holy Family and others we will have a great beginning of the year XLT. Look for permission slips in the back of the church today. We will leave at 3:00pm and arrive back at 10pm. The cost is only \$5.

Registration for the 2008-09 School Year: There will be a parent meeting in Sept for Life Teen and Edge Programs. Watch for more details coming soon.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Women's Ministry Group is beginning a new year! We will be meeting again at ODS Social Hall on Thursday September 11th from 6:45-9pm. This year we are going to study different books of the Bible. If you have any questions or would like to join the group, call Pat Hackney at 342-5528 or Mary Waldorf at 345-8638.

Catholics Returning Home is a Collaborative Ministry with three Parishes. 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? 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 on Monday September 15th, from 7-8:30pm for the next 13 weeks. We will be meeting at Our Divine Savior in the Prayer Room. This is an 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.



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 23rd and August 24th) Joe will overview several core elements to understanding the Church Fathers. This treatment will be highlighted by the inspiring martyrdom of St Polycarp of Smyrna. In addition, Joe responds to the following questions about the Catholic Faith: What is the significance of the term Catholic? Why do you pray to saints when you can go straight to Jesus? Why do you call a priest father when MT 23:9 explicitly states "call no man your father." 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.



Religious Education Questions
Call 343-8741

FIRST DAY OF CFF IS SEPTEMBER 7th

See you there!

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 -- Confirmation pictures and certificates, can be picked up at the parish office

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: Every human person is created in the image and likeness of God. The conviction that human life is sacred and that each person has inherent dignity that must be respected in society lies at the heart of Catholic social teaching. Calls to advance human rights are illusions if the right to life itself is subject to attack. We believe that every human life is sacred from conception to natural death; that people are more important than things; and that the measure of every institution is whether or not it enhances the life and dignity of the human person. (US Bishops: Faithful Citizenship – Civic Responsibility for a New Millennium, 1999) **The end to abortion must be the top moral issue in this election.** 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. 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).

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

“Catechist Ministry Day,” Sat., Sept. 13 from 8:30am to 3:45 pm at St Francis Catholic High School, 5900 Elvas Ave., Sacramento. “The Word of God in the Life & Mission of the Church” is our theme for 2008. Bishop Weigand will celebrate the opening Mass and Bishop Soto will give the keynote address. A wide variety of workshops in Spanish & English will be presented. Registration materials are available on the Diocese website, www.diocese-sacramento.org. The fee is \$25 per person, lunch included (payment must be included with your registration form). Space is limited, and workshops are available on a first come first serve basis. Registration after Sept 5 is \$30 per person. All full day participants will receive five hours toward the renewal of their Catechist Certification! Questions call 916-733-0123.

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

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 24	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 2:30pm Latin Mass
Mon 25	St. Louis of France St. Joseph Calasanz 6-8pm English AA 7-9pm Spanish Cursillo
Tues 26	7pm Grupo Carismatico
Wed 27	St. Monica 6-9pm Spanish AA
Thur 28	St. Augustine 7pm Rosary
Fri 29	The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist 3:30-4:30pm Adoration (NOTE TIME) 6-9pm Spanish AA
Sat 30	10am Confessions

Library Summer Hours:



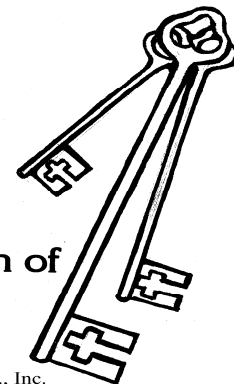
Sunday 8:15-9:30am & 10:30am-12:30pm

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.*

I will
give
you the
keys to
the
kingdom of
heaven.



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THE WEEK READINGS FOR

- Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22
- Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26
- Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32
- Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51
- Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Mk 6:17-29
- Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30
- Sunday: Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

Liturgy of the Hours - I

