



Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart. --Psalm 90:12

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 1, 2010

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ✦

Sat 31	7:30a	ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA Amanda Horrocks (living)
	5:30p	✦ Maria Barros by Joe & Bernice Toste
Sun 1		18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	7:30a	✦ Maria Barros by Joe & Bernice Toste
	9:00a	People of the Parish
	10:30a	Zoe Miller (living) by Joan O'Brien
	12:30p	Cervantes/Llamas (living) by Natalia Cervantes
	5:30p	✦ Chuck Morrison by North Valley Derm.
Mon 2		ST. EUSEBIUS OF VERCELLI
	7:30a	✦ Anna Elizabeth Pilliard by Delbert Pilliard
Tues 3	7:30a	✦ John Reginato & living family by Rosina
Wed 4		ST. JOHN MARY VIANNEY
	7:30a	✦ Jim O'Toole & living family by John O'Hara
	6:30p	no intention
Thur 5	7:30a	Special Intention by Garcia Family
Fri 6		TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
	7:30a	✦ Dorene Paetz by Duane Paetz
Sat 7		ST. SIXTUS II & COMPANIONS
	7:30a	Karen Kulland (living) by Duane Paetz
	5:30p	Mike Rabo Family (living)
		✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ✦
Sun 1	9:00a	Jane Rabo (living)
	10:30a	Natalie Chavez (living/b'day) by Mom & Dad
		<i>Please pray for the repose of the soul of David Beebe and for their family and friends.</i>

4th week of July

<u>Collection</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
July 25	\$6,514	\$7,280
Year to date	\$472,618	\$507,150
St. James total for July 25:	(\$683)	

Dear St. John's Family,

The Lord is so good! I asked the Lord to provide my daily bread for this year of mission and He has provided! My total partnership raised is \$9,715, which is 80% percent of my goal! I am so thankful for all of the support I have received from St. John's parish. If you would like to be included in my personal mailing list or send, prayer requests please e-mail me at js.pereida@gmail.com. I will continue to hold St. John's in my prayers. **God Bless, Jandi Sue Pereida**

Hospitality Today: "Come by the Library after 9am Sunday Mass for coffee, tea, juice and a snack. Meet new people and visit with old friends".

From the Pastor's Desk

This last week has been "National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week." This week always coincides with the anniversary of the Encyclical of Pope Paul VI, entitled "Humanae Vitae" or "Of Human Life," in English. On July 25, 1968, Pope Paul promulgated this very important document in which he affirmed the goodness and beauty of marital sexuality, underscored the devastating effects of contraception, sterilization and abortion on family life and the culture and highlighted Natural Family Planning as a morally permissible way for couples to space the births of their children.

Pope Paul VI explained that there are two meanings of Christian marriage, the unitive and the procreative, and that these two meanings are intimately linked. The Pope noted that when the unitive and procreative meanings of marriage are separated, the spiritual life of the couple and the future of the family can be compromised. Prophetically, Pope Paul VI predicted that if couples were not faithful to God's design for them and faithful to the Church's teachings on married love, other things would come to pass such as increases in the rate of infidelity, divorce and abortion. Certainly, over the last forty or so years, we have experienced this in our country and elsewhere in the west.

Natural Family Planning is part of the good news about marriage and family that we should all be informed about so that we can pass that good news on to others (at the appropriate age): our children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends, couples preparing for marriage, spouses and physicians. For more information about NFP, I encourage you to seek educational pamphlets in the church vestibule, look up important websites on the internet (www.canpf.org for example) or contact one our certified NFP instructors: Jackie Hollcraft (899-0243) and Jenni Schaeffer (893-5474). Let's all commit ourselves to getting out the good news!

In Christ Jesus, Father Blaise Berg

Dear Adorers:

We are ambassadors of the Holy Eucharist. Generously invite your family, friends and loved ones to join you or to share an hour of Adoration. If you have any questions please call Erika at 330-2594 or Javier at 566-0358. Below is another testimony of a parishioner whose life has been transformed by taking the time to sit with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.



"Since I started visiting the Blessed Sacrament in my hour of worship, I have experienced the presence of my Lord Jesus in me. When I'm there I like to talk to God and ask him to help me with my problems, or things I have to do. For example, I asked him with all my heart to help me pass my GED exam, I said God I have exams tomorrow, take my hand and guide me to the perfect answer, I know you're going to help me. When I spoke with God this way, I felt the emotion within me, as if God said do not worry because I was going to pass my exam. I have asked God this and many things, and he has not disappointed me. I am very grateful. So dear reader, I invite you to spend an hour with God, and give yourself the opportunity to experience the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in you." Salvador V. Rodriguez

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

RCIA Classes: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process by which adults become members of our Catholic faith community. **An introductory meeting will be held on Thursday, August 19th at 7:00pm and the first of twelve weekly Inquiry classes begins Thursday, September 2nd at 7:00pm.** The meetings are held in the upper meeting room of the parish office (435 Chestnut St.). All are welcome and there is no obligation. For additional information contact Deacon Steve Schwartz at 891-0626.



Scripture Study/Radio: Joe Hollcraft is live on AM 930 and FM 107.5 at 11:00a-12:00p each Saturday and Sunday (re-aired). Each week Joe will offer a teaching and reflection on the readings from the Mass. In addition, he will look at all the important questions that people are asking about the faith today. **This week, July 31st & Aug 1, Joe will explore key verses to identify and know as faithful Catholics. Among other things, Joe will examine Mary, the Pope, the True Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, and the biblical vision of faith. Due to Joe's absence this program will re-air next week.** Do not hesitate to send Joe any of your questions jholljmj@yahoo.com

Women of Grace Conference: Join us for the 10th National Women of Grace Conference "Healed for Holiness" held in Sacramento, September 17-19. On this amazing weekend you will be set free from wounds of the past and discover your calling as a daughter of God. Be renewed, refreshed and rejuvenated in your vocation during this exciting weekend with EWTN host Johnnette Benkovic. Register before August 31st and receive the discounted price of \$85. Call today - 1-800-558-5452.

Rosary Prayer Group will meet on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the church. For more information, call 898-1183 or 342-2323.

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

CFF: CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education Questions - Call 343-8741

NEEDED: Our Children's Faith Formation (CFF) Religious Ed Program is in need of teachers for Pre-K, 5th & 6th grade classes. If you are interested in helping with this very important ministry please call the parish office at 343-8741 and talk to our Director of Religious Education Raquel Ruiz. CFF begins in September.

FIRST COMMUNION PICTURES ARE FINALLY HERE! PLEASE COME AND PICK THEM UP AT THE PARISH OFFICE.

ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE

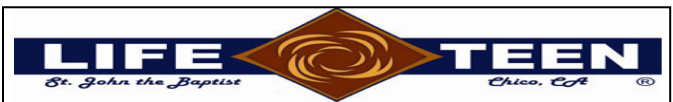
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Life Teen – Enjoy your summer with family and friends.
See you in September.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY

CHICO OUTLAWS FAITH NIGHT: The Chico Outlaws baseball team has given us 50 vouchers for anyone who would like to attend the Outlaws game on Aug 6th for FREE!! If you are interested you can pick up a voucher at the parish library after 7:30am or 9am Mass today or at the parish office during the week. You can redeem the voucher on the day of the game at the stadium box office or at the Outlaws Office during the week. Sounds like a great way to spend time with your family and our community!



Respect for Life: Everyone is welcome to pray in front of Planned Parenthood on Wednesdays, which is now located at 3100 Cohasset Road, between Lupin and Lassen and/or the Women's Feminist Abortion Center on Humboldt on Fridays. Please pray for the mothers, fathers, and the safety of the unborn babies. Come any time from 9am to 12 noon.



Marriage Encounter: The next local Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be August 27-29 in Sacramento. Early registration is highly recommended. Contact Stephanie and 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 Jenni Schaeffer (893-5474) or Jackie Hollcraft M.S.; P.A.C. 519-5081).

Retrouvaille: This is a program to give hope and help for marriages that are experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment, betrayal and deep misery. For additional information call 1-800-283-5952.

Library Hours & News:

Sunday 8:15-12:30pm & Thursday 9-11am



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 28:1-17; Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Mt 14:22-36
Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Jer 31:31-34; Mt 16:13-23
Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19;
Lk 9:28b-36
Saturday: Hb 1:12 — 2:4; Mt 17:14-20
Sunday: Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33; Hb 11:1-2, 8-19
[1-2, 8-12]; Lk 12:32-48 [35-40]

Liturgy of the Hours Week II

