



**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 26, 2007**

Rectory kitchen repair: The estimated cost of the total remodel is approx. \$30,000. Donations for this project can be made to St John's – be sure to mark "for rectory kitchen" in the memo line. You can put your donation in the Sunday collection basket or drop it off at the church office. We are so grateful for your donations, Thank you.
Donations to date: \$ 4,965.00

NEW OFFICE HOURS: 9-4 (now open during lunch)

✠ Mass Intentions ~St. John the Baptist ✠	
Sat 25	7:30a ✠ Anna Elizabeth & Delbert Piliard (living) 5:30p ✠ Charles Salath by Bev Burgess Levin
Sun 26	7:30a ✠ Mary Dias by Mary Rose 9:30a People of God 12:30p ✠ Carmen Ledesma Toriz by Juanita Toriz 5:30p Grzanich family by Jane Rabo
Mon 27	7:30a ✠ Ernie Bertoli
Tue 28	7:30a Tom & Arlie Hixson (anniversary)
Wed 29	7:30a ✠ Loren & Lucille Godwin by Emilene Souza
Thur 30	7:30a ✠ Bernece Juanarena by Tony Nevis
Fri 31	7:30a ✠ John Reginato by Rosina Reginato
Sat 1	7:30a Special Intention 5:30p ✠ Manuel Bettencourt by Diane Bettencourt
✠ Mass Intentions ~St. James ✠	
Sun 26	9:00 a ✠ Jim Martine by Dave Zilch 10:30a St. Isidro Labrador
Latin Mass	2:30p Special Intention



Respect for Life Committee: "...If we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another?...Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want. This is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion." Mother Teresa, February, 1994 at the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, DC. You are invited to join a Novena of Prayer in honor of Mother Teresa from August 27 to September 5. You can download the prayer at www.PrayerCampaign.org. Our next meeting will be Monday, Sept. 17th, 3:30pm at the parish office library.

Notre Dame School: offers your child a unique educational opportunity. Our school starts each day with prayer and the word of God and ends each week with Mass hosted by the NDS students. In between, we offer excellent comprehensive academic programs, music and art, computer technology, P.E., Jr. High electives, and a competitive sports program. After school care is also available and there are many extra curricular activities available. NDS had their accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges renewed for another 6 years! Our students consistently test in the top quarter of the nation and 95% of our graduates continue their education into college. NDS has fully credentialed and award-winning teaching staff. Also new this year, NDS has added a **Transitional Kindergarten**. We have openings in all grades. 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. School started Monday, Aug 20th.

Women's Resource Clinic: is in need of the following items: baby clothes for Fall and Winter up to size 18 months, new Ultrasound machine, new or slightly used cribs, highchairs, and strollers, S-XXL maternity clothes, and diapers sizes 1-4. We also need Adobe In Design Software (or entire CS 2), monthly financial supporters and volunteer counselors and receptionists. Please keep us in your prayers. Contact Brenda at 897-6101.

Feeding the Homeless: Starting in September we will have teams feeding the homeless at the Torres Shelter on the first Friday, the second Monday, the second Wed, the second Thurs, and the third Tuesday of each month. If you are interested in helping or being part of a team please call Jerry at 342-2134. Thank you!



ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE
stjohnthebaptistchico.org

Fr. Brent's email: fbrent@stjohnthebaptistchico.org
St. John Office email address: stjohn33@sbcglobal.net



3rd week of August
Sunday Collection \$ 7,004.00
Total bills paid in July \$24,453.00
Thank you for your faithful stewardship

FIRST MONDAY: ADORATION/EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Monday, Sept 3
after 7:30am Mass
through 4:15pm Benediction.
Sign-ups are in the vestibule.
All hours must be covered.



If you have any questions or would like more information about our programs please call Andrea.

Girl's Fellowship—is being moved to Saturday's. If you haven't made it yet please join us for great conversation just for girl's. We meet in the LIFE House across from St. John's Church beginning **Saturday, August 25th from 4-6pm**. If you have any questions please call Andrea at 961-2050.

XLT: is an awesome prayer service that is still happening all through the school year on every 1st Sunday of the month. We have Praise and Worship music, a talk and Adoration. The next XLT will be **Sun September 2nd**. There is a free dinner directly after Mass and then we go back up to the church from 7-8:30pm. Everyone is welcome; teens, young adults, adults, and parents.

High School Retreat—ALPHA and OMEGA. We have a high school retreat on September 14th-16th at the St. Joseph Morello Retreat Center with St. Rose LIFE TEEN. Permission Slips will be available beginning this weekend. The cost for this retreat is \$65 per person. Scholarships are available if needed.

✦ **CFF: CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION** ✦

Religious Education Questions
Call 343-8741

CFF registration packets have been mailed. If you are new to the program please stop by the church office and pick one up.

Youth Sacrament Program is for students in 7th thru 12th grades who have not received all the sacraments (Baptism, 1st Penance, 1st Communion, confirmation). If the student has not received one or more of these sacraments their parents should enroll them in this program by calling 343-8741 or coming to the parish office to register. These classes will be held every Wed beginning Sept 26th from 3:30-5pm in the parish office.

Deaf CFF: All deaf children and young adults in the community are encouraged to participate in the Deaf CFF special Program. The teacher will teach in sign language (ASL). Classes are expected to start in Sept, watch bulletin for further details. Registration forms are available in the parish office. You can also contact our office by email at stjohn33@sbcglobal.net. Please consider being involved.

✦ **MARRIAGE & FAMILY** ✦



Marriage Encounter: Make a great marriage even better! Sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Next weekend will be Aug 24-26 in Sacramento. For more information call Stephanie & Deacon James Burkett 893-2348.

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 consisting of a weekend experience and 6 post-weekend sessions designed to give hope and help for marriages that are experiencing trouble. For additional information, go to www.retrouvaille.org or call 1-800-283-5952.

✦ **ADULT FAITH FORMATION** ✦

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the path by which adults become members of the Catholic Church. Inquiry classes begin Aug. 30 for 12 wks. The classes are held in the upper mtg. room of the parish office, 435 Chestnut St. 7-9pm. The required books are United States Catholic Catechism for Adults and the New American Bible. Call parish office for additional information on required books or Deacon Steve Schwartz at 891-0626 before August 30. All are welcome.

Prayer in Your Life: A Formation Program for the Laity. In Prayer in Your Life you discover who you are, what you are called to be, and how to deepen and develop your prayer life. An introductory teaching will be held in the parish office library at St. John's on Sat Sept 15th. Registration is at 8:15am. There is no charge for this program. The presentation will be from 8:30-11am. For more info call Erika Sajben at 566-1201.

Introduction to the Catechism of the Catholic Church: The University of Sacramento will be offering this course at the Newman Center in Chico. This is a 14 week course—Sept 5th -Dec 12th. Tuition is \$252. This one course provides the content requirement for the Basic Catechist Certificate and is approved by the Diocese of Sacramento. Team Faculty: Fr. Blaise Berg, Deacon Ray Helgeson and Joe Hollcraft. For more information or to register, call 916-443-47690 or 343-8741.

Catholics Returning Home: A Ministry of Compassion and Reconciliation is designed to reach-out and incite non-practicing Catholics to return "Home to the Catholic Church" and resume active practice of their faith. No matter how long you have been away and no matter what the reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church. For more information contact: Co-directors Ms. Sharon Haselton at 891-5334 or Deacon James Burkett at 893-2348.



SCRIPTURE
STUDY

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. On August 26th Joe will discuss the meaning of the "narrow door" and the Cardinal

Virtue of Prudence. The following week Joe will break open the virtue of humility and the most important aspect of our faith: being sons and daughters of God! Be sure not to miss this great opportunity to better understand the Bible and structure of our faith.

Holy Spirit Prayer Group: is a gathering of Catholic Christians from the Chico parishes who give praise, thanks, honor, and love to Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. They meet at 7pm on the 4th Wed of each month at the Newman Center. For more info call Sharon Haselton: 891-5334, James Burkett: 893-2348, or Nancy Overton: 899-1600.

Catholic Women's Ministry: We are anticipating another life-giving year cultivating friendships in prayer and reading with more Catholic ladies from all 3 parishes. This year we will be reading the book Experience Grace in Abundance, Ten strategies for your spiritual life by Johnette Benkovic. If you would like to join us and make new friends while growing in your faith, please order a book by calling Pat Hackney at 342-5528 or Mary Waldorf at 345-8638 and leave a message. Our first meeting will be Thursday, September 13th from 6:45-9pm at ODS Social Hall.

Mass for Single Adults: The Single Adult Ministry of the Dioceses of Sacramento in conjunction with St. James Catholic Church in Davis invites all adult singles to a Mass on Saturday, September 8th, at 5:30pm at St. James Church, 1275 B St., Davis. Mass will be followed by a brainstorming session, gathering and potluck dinner. Please bring a potluck dish to share. For more information, please contact MaryLee Barcena at 916-419-9845 or email mbarceno@earthlink.net.

Special Remembrance: On September 11th, a special Interreligious remembrance will be held at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament at 7pm. Bishop Weigand will be the presider. The service will include a presentation by young people from ten different faiths including, of course, Christianity. There will be a candle lighting ceremony, sung and instrumental music. The one-hour service will be followed by a simple reception afterwards. People of all faiths are encouraged to attend.

Healing After Abortion Retreat: Do you know someone hurting after an abortion? Still seeking peace years later? Experience the healing love of Jesus at Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, September 21-23rd, in Auburn, sponsored by the Diocese of Sacramento. The weekend retreat includes sharing of stories, spiritual exercises, sacraments and a memorial service. Open to women, men, couples and family members touched by abortion. The cost is \$150 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. Financial assistance is available. For a registration packet or more information, call Edie at 916-733-0161 or 1-888-HOPE-790 or email esickman@diocese-sacramento.org. Inquiries and participation are strictly confidential.

The Beginning Experience of Sacramento: The "Beginning Experience of Sacramento" support group is offering a special weekend program of healing, hope and encouragement for divorced, separated or widowed persons of all faiths. The weekend retreat is Friday, September 14th through Sunday, September 16th at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat Center. For more information or to request an application, please call 916-835-2282.

Coping With Life Alone: The "Beginning Experience of Sacramento" support group is offering its "Coping With Life Alone" program of healing, hope and encouragement for divorced, separated or widowed persons of all faiths. This 6 week program starts on October 4 at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Carmichael. The meetings are held from 7:15-8:45pm. There is a one-time registration fee of \$10 and a \$5 weekly fee. For more info please call 916-835-2282.



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Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.

-- Hebrews 12: 12-13

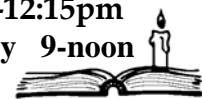
Sat 25	St. Louis of France/ St. Joseph Calasanz 9-11am Pro-Life Prayer Group 10am Confessions
Sun 26	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 2:30pm Latin Mass (in Durham)
Mon 27	St. Monica 6-8pm English AA
Tues 28	St. Augustine
Wed 29	The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist 6-9 Spanish AA
Thur 30	6-9pm Sons of Italy 7pm Rosary Group (in church)
Fri 31	6-7am Men's Bible Study (ODS) 3:30-4:30pm Adoration 6-9pm Spanish AA
Sat 1	First Saturday 9-11am Pro-Life Prayer Group 10am Confessions

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22
 Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26
 Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Mk 6:17-29
 Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51
 Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13
 Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30
 Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68;
 Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14
Liturgy of the Hours - Week I

Library Hours:

Sunday 8:30-9:30am & 10:30am-12:15pm
Wednesday 9-noon and Thursday 9-noon



Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church: is a summary of the Catechism, focusing on the key elements of the Catholic Faith. It is not meant to replace the Catechism but to help make the Catholic Faith as accessible as possible for the next generation of the Faithful. It is available in the Parish office for \$12.

United States Catholic Catechism for Adults: is a unique and groundbreaking guide for those who seek to deepen their Catholic faith. Each chapter starts with a story or lesson of faith which are then related to Catholic teachings, the Catechism and to American culture. They are available at the Parish office for \$20.

Diocesan History Books: The diocese has put together a beautiful hardcover book featuring the history of the diocese and its parishes. The books are available in the parish office. The cost is \$25.

The Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Eucharist responds to fifteen questions that commonly arise with regard to the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

Happy Are Those Who Are Called to His Supper is a series of questions and answers stating what the Church believes and teaches concerning the Eucharist and the reception of Holy Communion, who can receive and they recommend some practices that every Catholic can use for preparing to receive Holy Communion. These pamphlets are available in the parish office for \$2.