



## Second Sunday of Advent December 10, 2006

**Pancake Breakfast:** K of C will be cooking up a great pancake breakfast with sausage, eggs, coffee and juice today, Dec 10<sup>th</sup>, from 8am to 11:30am. Adults \$6, children under 12 \$3, and a family of five or more \$20. Hope to see you there!



**Retirement Fund for Religious:** *This weekend's special collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your generous commitment today will help ensure appropriate care for our Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. This benefits more than 37,000 elderly women and men religious who received only small stipends for their decades of service. Your gift makes a difference! Please give generously.*

### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

**St. John the Baptist: Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm**  
St. Thomas More, Paradise: Thurs., Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, 3:30pm  
St. Thomas the Apostle, Oroville: Tues., Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, 3:30pm  
Our Divine Savior, Chico: Mon., Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon

#### ✠ Mass Intentions ~St. John the Baptist ✠

Sat 9	7:30a	✠ Susan Blick & Maria Arvisu by Nina Fojas
	5:30p	✠ Harry Cinguini by Cinquini Family
Sun 10	7:30a	✠ Nancy Stapp
	9:30a	People of God
	12:30p	Dave & Jean Rabo(living) by anonymous
	5:30p	Adrienne Carlson by anonymous
Mon 11	7:30a	Bertoli Family (living & deceased)
Juanita		
Tue 12	7:30a	✠ Merv Mayer by Jean Mayer
Wed 13	7:30a	Gail Boswell & Mary Carlson by Gail
	7:00p	✠ David Gomez by Martin Hernandez
Thurs 14	7:30a	✠ Millie Dabrowski by Norleen Manwill
Fri 15	7:30a	John & Linda Shea ( 40 <sup>th</sup> anniversary)
	8:45a	✠ "Baby Sam" Holderbein by Sue Garcia
Sat 16	7:30a	✠ Manuel Bettencourt by Rueben & Pat de la Cruz
	5:30p	Elsie Pimentel (living) by Boutwell' s

#### Mass Intentions ~St. James

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

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Arlene Borges, Mike Hutter, and for their family and friends.

**Christmas Flowers:** This year, as in years past, the Art and Environment Committee will be accepting donations for Christmas flowers and decorations. Your donation may be in the name of your family, in memory of a Loved One, or in thanksgiving. Please return donation envelopes to the office or put into the collection basket. Extra envelopes are in the vestibule.



Budget amount needed  
Collection amount

\$12,680.00  
\$11,068.00

### ✠ PARISH & SCHOOL NEWS ✠

**Calling All Donors:** Notre Dame School would like to invite current and previous donors to our Hispanic Scholarship Program to assist financially needy families. For the past several years, large donations to this program have given many students who would otherwise be unable to attend NDS the opportunity to receive a quality Catholic Education. If you are one who has contributed, or someone who would like to begin to do so, please stop by our office or contact NDS at 342-2502. Thank you, St. John's, for the support you provide your parish school!

**Knights of Columbus:** "ALL YOU CAN EAT 2007 CRAB FEED!!" Saturday Feb 3, 2007 doors open at 5pm, dinner served at 7pm, raffle at 9pm at St. John's. Donation is \$35. To purchase tickets call Jim Kelly 891-1990, Michael Powell 680-4672, Hector Hernandez 892-1036, Mike Johnson 893-2803, Dan Terrell 899-0101 or you can purchase them at the parish office at St. John's 343-8741. **Tickets will not be sold at the door.** Tickets must be purchased by Jan 15<sup>th</sup>. **Menu:** All you can crack and clean crab, chowder, bread, salad, hardboiled eggs, beans, wine/cocktails, beer on tap and there will be a \$10 corkage fee for all wine brought into the crab feed. Come and enjoy a great meal and be entertained by the Chico Children's Choir.



#### Giving Tree & Angel Tree:

Thank you to everyone who took a tag for a child or for one of our elderly last weekend. Please remember to deliver the gift, **already wrapped with the tag taped to it**, to the parish office by Dec. 15 and it will be delivered for you. Call 343-8741 if you have any questions.



**Respect Life Committee** Look for date of Jan meeting in following bulletins. Meetings are from 3:30-5pm in the parish office.

**Catholic Singles Community:** "How good it is, how pleasant where the people dwell as one." Psalm 133:1 Our first meeting was held Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>. All are invited to join us for mass at St. Thomas More in Paradise on Sat Dec 16<sup>th</sup>. We will be going out for dinner afterward. Please meet in front of the Parish Hall at 4:45. For more information you may contact Bernadette at 566-4055.

#### Vespers— Evening Prayer

Join the choir to pray the Liturgy of Hours Evening Prayer on Tuesday Dec 19<sup>th</sup> at 6-6:30pm in the Church.



**HELP NEEDED!!!** The Altar Society is in deperate need of help! The ladies are getting tired or are in ill health and would like to form six teams of two to rotate doing one hour of work on Saturday mornings. There is no heavy work involved just care of altar and sanctuary. Please call Thelma 342-4393 or Lil 342-3008 for more information.

**BRING YOUR CHURCH BULLETIN:** Five and Eye restaurant on the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> St. and Ivy will give 10% back to our church when you bring in your bulletin and purchase a meal! They are open for breakfast, lunch and dinner!



[www.chicolifeteen.org](http://www.chicolifeteen.org)

Andrea Florez, Youth Director  
530-961-2050

PARENTS if you are interested in helping with snacks, with set-up, or clean-up and you have NOT already signed-up please call me at the number listed above to put yourself on the list.

**LIFE TEEN** (grades 9-12) This Sunday, Dec. 10th we have our Christmas Party to end the year with a bang. Please bring a white elephant gift under \$5.00 for a gift exchange. See you there.

**EDGE** (grades 7-8) Family Christmas Caroling Dec 11<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7pm. Please come as a family to share Christmas Carols with some of our neighbors. We will be meeting in the parking lot of ODS. This event is weather permitting, if it is raining we will have to cancel.

**LIFE TEEN** and **EDGE** ministries Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale Dec 17<sup>th</sup> **HAS BEEN CANCELLED**. Please call Andrea for more information.

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

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**Religious Education Questions**  
Call Jason Van Buskirk 343-8741

Email: [jvanbuskirk@stjohnthebaptistchico.org](mailto:jvanbuskirk@stjohnthebaptistchico.org)

**CFF: Registrations are always welcome year round!**

**CFF Christmas Tree: On Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> from 12:30-1:00 p.m. in the Church vestibule.**

**Epiphany Party: Scheduled for the evening of Sunday, January 7th in the Cafeteria. Exact time and more information in next week's bulletin.**

**Confirmation:** If your child is in grades 7-12 and needs to receive this sacrament please call Jason by Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Mandatory Sacrament Parents' Class:** The next Sacrament Parents' Class is Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Upper Meeting Room. Only parents going through our program for the 1<sup>st</sup> time are required to attend all the monthly classes, though all are encouraged and welcomed. Child Care during this class is now available!

**RCIA Adapted for Children:** Sacrament Preparation for kids in grades 2-6 who need to be baptized, AND, children in grades 3-6 who need to receive 1<sup>st</sup> Confession and/or 1<sup>st</sup> Communion. Next Class is Friday, Dec 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30pm in the Parish Office.

**Youth Sacrament Program (Sacrament Preparation for Youth in grades 7-12):** Classes are on Weds, from 4:30-6pm in the Parish Office Upper Meeting Room.

**Deaf CFF:** Please call Jason Van Buskirk if interested at 343-8741.

**Sacrament Registration:** Registration for Baptism, 1<sup>st</sup> Confession, and 1<sup>st</sup> Communion is underway and ends Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Forms are available in Parish Office and at the main desk of

Notre Dame School. One copy of a baptismal certificate is required for each child. Please return registrations to the Parish Office or to your child's teacher.

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✧ **MARRIAGE & FAMILY** ✧

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**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Northern Lights Love Circle:** Next meeting will be on Saturday January 6<sup>th</sup> at St. John's starting at 6:30 with a potluck dinner followed by a talk. For more information please call Stephanie or James at 893-2348, email [burkett7@sbcglobal.net](mailto:burkett7@sbcglobal.net)

**Catholic Marriage Enrichment Group:** Next meeting will be on Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:45pm. All Catholic married couples are welcome. For information, call Debbie Weinrich, MSW at 342-2878 ext 2.

**Catholic Women's Ministry:** Next meeting will be on Dec 14, 6:45-9pm at ODS Social Hall. Call Debbie Weinrich at 342-2878 ext 2.

**Marriage Encounter:** Tired of the same old Christmas gifts? Tired of spending lots of money on more doodads that wear out? How about a gift that will grow and change every day and yet last a lifetime? The gift is your love, renewed on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Upcoming weekends will be Feb. 16-18; April 20-22; June 22-24 in Sacramento. For more information call Stephanie & Deacon James Burkett 893-2348.

**Retrouaille:** 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. The next weekend in Sacramento will be February 9-11 2007. For additional information, go to [www.retrouaille.org](http://www.retrouaille.org) or call 1-800-283-5952.

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❖ **ADULT FAITH FORMATION** ❖

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**Have you received the Sacrament of Confirmation?** Bishop Francis Quinn will be at the Newman Center in Chico May 20<sup>th</sup> at 2pm to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is an opportunity for Catholic adults (especially high school and college students) to receive this gift of the Holy Spirit. Preparation for this Sacrament will begin in February. The first meeting is at 4pm on Feb 4<sup>th</sup> in the Newman Center Library or if you can make this meeting there will also be one on Thurs. Feb 8<sup>th</sup> (same place). We will be using the newly published United States Catholic Catechism for Adults. Call Tim Gannon at 680-1314 with any questions. Hope to see you!

**Catholics Returning Home:** ODS, St. John's and Newman Center will conduct an ongoing session called CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME for 13 consecutive weeks. The session will begin Mon Feb 5<sup>th</sup> 2007 from 7-8:30pm at St. John's. These sessions are for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church. . Please contact Deacon Burkett at 893-2348, 343-4248 or Sharon Haselton 343-8741.

**Christian Spirituality Class:** Features the actual lectures from the class offered at Franciscan University of Steubenville - but on audio tape only! Facilitated by Jason Van Buskirk (M.A. in Theology from Steubenville) - group prayer (Liturgy of the Hours etc) and Catholic Fellowship are part of this experience too. The class will be from 7-9 p.m. every Tuesday evening in the Parish Office Library (started Nov 14<sup>th</sup>). All interested are encouraged to call Jason at 343-8741

**Scripture Study: NOTE NEW LOCATION AND TIME: Joe Hollcraft will do the third class of a 4 part series on Advent based on the readings of the following Sunday on Wed. Dec 13<sup>th</sup> from 7-8pm at the Newman Center.** If you can't make it to the bible study it will be recorded and aired on AM 930 Sat & Sun Dec 16 & 17 at 11am. You can also access the information on St John's

website (Catholic Hour → Recent Scripture link) Don't miss this great opportunity to better understand the bible and our faith.

Diocesan Youth Office at 916-733-0152 for an Application for the program. Hurry as space is limited!

◆ AROUND THE COMMUNITY ◆

**Women's Resource Clinic:** We are in need of the following items: new or slightly used cribs, highchairs, and strollers; baby jackets up to 1 year; S-XXL maternity clothes; diapers size 1-4; Volunteer Counselors and Receptionists; Adobe In Design Software and **monthly financial supporters. Please keep us and our clients in your prayers.** Contact Judy at 897-6101 for more detail or questions.

**Catholic Daughters:** Thurs Dec 14<sup>th</sup> will be a potluck at 12:30 at ODS. Please bring a hot dish or salad. Sunday Dec 17<sup>th</sup> will be our Christmas Bake Sale after all masses at ODS. Bring donations on Saturday after 3pm.

**Torres Shelter News:** Update on Christmas Party Dec 19<sup>th</sup>: We need a couple of hams, more cookies, candy, deserts, egg nog or other beverage, vegetables and we can always use more gifts! We need help signing Christmas cards also. Let's make this a blessed Christmas for our homeless. If you are interested in helping call Jerry at 342-2134. Also, the shelter is in desperate need of blankets (new or used). Drop them off at the shelter and the staff will put them to good use! **Thank-you Knitters!** A team of women worked nearly all year long to make beautiful scarves and hats for each guest at the Torres Shelter. Carolyn Ellis coordinated their efforts by gathering and distributing donated yarn and by guiding the volunteers. Thank you so much!

◆ AROUND THE DIOCESE and beyond ◆


**Women's Weekend Retreat:** In the midst of all our hectic activities, we sometimes feel alone. Jesus invited his friends to "Come aside and rest with Him." And this very same invitation He extends to you! Come and rest in His presence during this retreat! Your friends and neighbors will be gathering on the weekend of Jan 26-28 2007 at Christ the King Retreat Center in Citrus Heights. For reservations call Lyn Dorenzo 891-8026 or Rita Staring 895-1214 or the Retreat Center at 916-725-4720.

**Calling Single Catholic Men:** Have you ever thought about becoming a Catholic Priest? You are invited to attend a Discernment Retreat, 4pm on Friday, Jan 26<sup>th</sup> through 1pm, Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> 2007 at St. Patrick's Seminary to better understand if a vocation to the ministry of God's priesthood is for you! Single Catholic men, 21years of age or older, are invited. The weekend is designed to provide the tools needed to help you determine if God might be calling you to a vocation to the priesthood. The Retreat will include prayer, discussion and presentations about the priesthood, group interaction and following the daily routine of a seminarian. For more information please see your parish priest.

**Saints of Italy Pilgrimage:** Join Fr. Steven Avella on a tour of Milan, Asti, Sienna, Assisi, Casia, Loreto, San Giovanni Rotondo, Monte Sant' Angelo and Monte Cassino June 14<sup>th</sup> - June 29<sup>th</sup> 2007. Contact Karen Chapplear at 916-952-7560 for more details.

**Youth Mission Trip to Mexico:** The Diocese of Sacramento Youth Office is collaborating with the Los Embajadores Missionary Program to take 24 teens and 6 adults from our Diocese to Tijuana, Mexico in June 2007. Grounded in service work, the program is a week-long experience that serves as a conduit for building relationship with the Mexican people, allows the youth to learn how to form a supportive and interdependent community, and gain a firmer understanding of the social justice issues that underlie poverty. The cost for the week is \$350. Participation is based on an Application process and is open to high school students currently in grades 9-12. If you are interested in joining us, please contact the

◆ CALENDAR ◆

<b>Sat 9</b>	9-11am Pro-Life Prayer Group 10am Confessions	
<b>Sun 10</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> 10:45 CFF LIFETEEN after 5:30 mass	
<b>Mon 11</b>	<b>St Damasus I</b> 7pm Jr. Life 6-8 AA in English	
<b>Tues 12</b>	<b>Our Lady of Guadalupe</b> 6:30 Choir practice (ODS)	
<b>Wed 13</b>	<b>St. Lucy</b> 6-9 Spanish AA 7pm Spanish mass 7pm BSA #2	
<b>Thur 14</b>	<b>St John of the Cross</b> 7pm Rosary Prayer Group	
<b>Fri 15</b>	6-7am Men's Bible Study (ODS) 9:00am NDCS mass <b>3:30-4:30pm Adoration</b> 6-9pm Spanish AA	
<b>Sat 16</b>	9-11am Pro-Life Prayer Group 10am Confessions	

**Library Hours:**

**Sunday** following the 9:30am mass to 12:15pm  
**Tuesday** 9am-noon  
**Wednesday** 9-noon  
**Thursday** 9-noon and 5-6pm

**Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church:** What is it? It's a summary of the Catechism, focusing on the key elements of the Catholic Faith, formatted with a question and answer approach. It is not meant to replace either the Catechism or textbooks but to help make the Catholic Faith as accessible as possible for the next generation of the Faithful. We have a new shipment of them available in the Parish office for only \$12.

**Catechisms of the Catholic Church** are also available in the Parish office for \$15 (a 25% discount).

**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. If you are interested in purchasing one they are available at the Parish office for \$20.

**Pope's Prayer Intentions for December**

**General Intention:** That Christ, meek and humble of heart, will inspire those responsible for nations to use power wisely and responsibly. **Mission Intention:** That in every part of the world missionaries will live out their vocation with joy and enthusiasm, faithfully following in Christ's footsteps.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26  
**Tuesday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-3  
**Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30  
**Thursday:** Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15  
**Friday:** Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

**Liturgy of the Hours II**

12/10/06