



✦ PARISH & SCHOOL NEWS ✦

Advent Penance Services:

St. Thomas Oroville – Mon Dec 15th at 6:00pm
 St. Thomas Paradise – Wed Dec 17th at 3:30pm
 ODS – Thurs Dec 18th at noon
 St. John's – Mon Dec 22nd at 7:00pm



Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.
 – 1 Thessalonians 5:16

**Third Sunday of Advent
 December 14, 2008**



Vespers— Evening Prayer: Join the choir to pray the Liturgy of the Hours Evening Prayer on Tuesdays Dec 16th and 23rd from 6-6:30pm in the Church.



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.



Angel and Giving Tree: Thank you to everyone who took a tag for one of our elderly or a tag from our Angel Tree for the children. 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. **If anyone is interested in delivering the gifts to the children, please call Karen or Bruce Neadly at 345-4350**

Christmas Party '08 for the Homeless: The Christmas party for the homeless in Chico is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 16 from 5-7pm at ODS Social Hall. Please call Jerry Converse at 342-2134 if you have any questions. We hope many of you will join us for a warm evening with the homeless.

WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST: Sat Jan 24, 2008. An awesome experience! There is a comfort travel bus that will pick up at St. John's at 4am and return by 7pm. For more information call Andrea Florez at 961-2050. Call the parish office to register and reserve your spot 343-8741. Cost is \$35 per person. Look for more details in the bulletin soon.

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ✦		
Sat 13	7:30a	✦Jose Luis Flores by Sandra Hernandez
	5:30p	✦Vince & Mina Starwyck by Jim Yerbic
Sun 14	7:30a	✦John & Mary O'Hara by John
	9:30p	People of God
	12:30p	no intentions
	5:30p	no intentions
Mon 15	7:30a	Nicole Jarmush (living/b'day) by Mom/ Dad
Tues 16	7:30a	✦Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wed 17	7:30a	✦Michelle Thompson by Don & Hilda
	7:00p	no intention
Thur 18	7:30a	✦Vince & Mina Starwyck by Jim Yerbic
		Dino & Nancy Rabo (living/71st Anniv)
Fri 19	7:30a	✦Yvonne Richard
		Cleo Richard (living)
Sat 20	7:30a	Chris Rabo (living/b'day)
	5:30p	✦Louis, Arline & Tony Borges by The Borges'
		✦Kathy Logan by Ann Logan
✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ✦		
Sun 14	9:00a	✦Mel Langerwerf
	10:30a	No intention
<i>Please pray for the repose of the souls of Mary Collins, Maria Esperanza Castro and for their family and friends.</i>		

1st week of December

Collection	Actual	Budget
Dec 7 th	\$11,990	\$13,343
Year to Date	\$175,480	\$222,380

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

Library Hours:

Sunday 8:15-9:30am ; 10:30am-12:30pm and
 Sunday evening 6:30-7:00pm.
 Thursday 9-11am



CALENDAR ✦

Sun	14	Third Sunday of Advent 2:30pm Latin Mass
Mon	15	6-8pm English AA 7-9pm Spanish Cursillo
Tues	16	6pm Vespers 6:30p Choir practice
Wed	17	6-9pm Spanish AA
Thu	18	6-10pm Knights of Columbus
Fri	19	3:30-4:30pm Adoration 6-9pm Spanish AA
Sat	20	10am Confessions

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Women of Grace Women's Ministry: If you are interested in joining the Great Adventure bible study group we meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at ODS Social Hall from 6:45-9pm. Our next meeting will be Thursday, Jan 8th. Bring your bible and your Catechism. If you have questions, please call Mary Waldorf at 898-6398 or Pat Hackney at 342-5528.

Saturday Night Bible Study: Join George Wing for a review of the Sunday scripture readings every Sat night, 7-8:30pm. Each of the four lectionary selections will be meditatively considered after prayerful reading. Special emphasis is placed on understanding the typological arrangement of the readings, and considering how the message of the scriptures can be applied immediately to our Christian life. Following the discussion there will be time for intercessory and quiet, contemplative prayer. For more information call 342-4472.



Scripture Study/Radio: Joe Hollcraft is live on AM 930 at 11:00am-12:00 each Saturday and Sunday (re-aired). Tune in to the Catholic Hour. This week Bob Cross will join Joe and they will discuss the relationship between prayer and faith. The following week Joe will consider the Annunciation of Mary. You can E-mail Joe at jholljmi@yahoo.com if you have any questions about the radio program and/or the Catholic faith.

Rosary Prayer Group: The Rosary Prayer Group meets on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. If you would like to participate call 342-2323 or 898-1183.

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.

CFF: CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education Questions - Call 343-8741

Dec 21st the CFF classes will celebrate Posadas at 10:30am.

Sacramental Parents Classes are for parents who have children receiving Sacraments this year. The required classes will be on **Sunday Jan 25, Feb 1 & 22, March 1 & 8, April 5, 19 & 26. The class in January will focus on the Seven Sacraments.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27
 Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32
 Wednesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
 Thursday: Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
 Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
 Saturday: Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
 Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89;
 Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38



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LIFE TEEN (grades 9-12) – Prove It! Join us on Sunday for our last regular Life Night of the year. We will meet in the Upper Meeting Room from 7-8:30pm. We can't wait to see you there.

LIFE TEEN – Come celebrate Christmas with a party on December 21st. Bring a gift for a white elephant gift exchange no more than \$5 and your favorite sweet treat to enjoy with your friends.

GUYS ONLY – Saturday the 20th we are going to meet at the youth house from 6-9 be there to hang out with the guys.

GIRLS ONLY – Hello there ladies we will be hanging out at Andrea's house baking some cookies and enjoying some Christmas movies. Join me on Sat Dec 20th from 11am-2pm. See you there!

EDGE (grades 7&8) – Join us for EDGE this week from 7-8:30pm at the Newman Center Hall this is our last EDGE Night of the year.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY

Respect for Life Committee: Some states have laws regulating abortions, such as parental notification, partial birth abortion, and informed consent. The freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) would nullify these existing state laws, and prevent all states from passing any laws that would restrict abortions in any way. More details can be found in the Statement of the President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops at www.usccb.org/comm/archives/2008/08-174.shtml. **Pray that FOCA will not become law and act by writing letters to our lawmakers and president elect.** Please consider going to Planned Parenthood on Vallombrosa on Wednesdays or the Women's Feminist Abortion Center on Humboldt on Fridays. Come anytime from 10 am to 4 pm.



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.

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

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).

