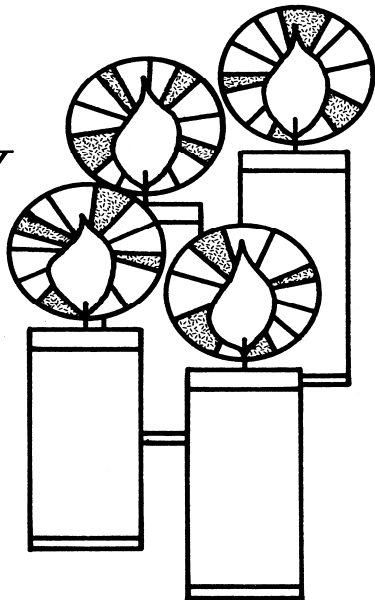


Make Ready the Way of the Lord



Second Sunday of Advent December 7, 2008

Holy Day of Obligation: Monday December 8th we celebrate the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass times are as follows: 7:30am, 9am, 11am (Latin Mass), 6pm, and 7pm (Spanish).

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ✦		
Sat 6	7:30a	✦Mary Van Buskirk by Lona Stalker
	5:30p	✦Maria & Trinidad Mota by Maria Correa
Sun 7	7:30a	✦Yvonne Richard Cleo Richard (living)
	9:30a	Parish
	12:30p	No intention
	5:30p	Matt & Keri Crete (living) by Keri
Mon 8 Holy Day	7:30a	✦Rose Giannotti by Sam Giannotti
	9:00a	NDS
Tues 9	6:00p	✦Julius Trojanowski by The Pustejovsky's
	7:30a	✦Michelle Thompson by Don & Hilda
Wed 10	7:30a	DJM intentions
	7:00p	No intention
Thur 11	7:30a	Bertoli Family (living & deceased) by Juanita
Fri 12	7:30a	✦John & Mary O'Hara by John
Sat 13	7:30a	✦Vince & Mina Starwyck by Jim Yerbic
	5:30p	✦Jose Luis Flores by Sandra Hernandez
✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ✦		
Sun 7	9:00a	✦Claire Grzanich by Spafford Family
	10:30a	No intention

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the deceased and for their family and friends.

5th week of November

Collection	Actual	Budget
Nov 30 th	\$6,894	\$5,782
Year to Date	\$168,586	\$216,598

ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE
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Advent Penance Services:

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



Vespers— Evening Prayer: Join the choir to pray the Liturgy of the Hours Evening Prayer on Tuesdays Dec 9th, 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.

Annual Caring Tree: Each year we honor our senior shut-ins - those in care homes and those in their own homes. Please consider drawing a name and buying a gift for a special person. Names will be available after masses today, Nov 29/30. We, as St John's and St. James' parishioners, will let them know that they are not forgotten...with our gifts and our prayers.

Angel Tree helps children of prisoners. Angel tags will be available before and after every mass starting Nov 29/30. If anyone would like to be a Santa's Helper and deliver gifts, please call Karen or Bruce Neady at 345-4350

Commissioning of EMHC's: There will be a commissioning of the new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) on Sunday, Dec. 7 at the 9:30am mass. ALL current EMHC's are invited to be commissioned at that time as well.

Catholic Daughters: TODAY, December 7 there will be a **Bake Sale and Boutique** following all the morning masses at ODS. You may drop off donations on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 2-4:30pm. **ALSO -Christmas Potluck** on Dec 11, 12:30pm at ODS. The regular meeting will follow. Bring salads and hot dishes to ODS. If you have any questions call Lil at 342-3008.

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. If you would like to donate a turkey, ham, sidedish, centerpiece for the tables or bring a gift, please call Jerry Converse at 342-2134. We hope many of you will join us for a warm evening with the homeless.

Library Hours:

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



❖ 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, Dec 11. Please read through Exodus Chapters 1-18. Also John 1:29, John 6; Matt 26:17, 26:26-28; 1 Peter 1:17-19; 1 Cor 5:7-8, 10:1-4. 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 Joe will discuss the Advent of a new liturgical year. The following week Joe will consider the call to prayer and the vocation of St. John the Baptist. 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: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
- Friday: Zec 2:14-17; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38
- Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



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LIFE TEEN (grades 9-12) – XLT TODAY, December 7th. Please join us in awesome prayer praising our God in music, adoration and a guest speaker.

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.

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

❖ 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.

❖ CALENDAR ❖

Sun	7	Second Sunday of Advent 2:30pm Latin Mass
Mon	8	The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary Masses - 7:30am, 9am, 6pm, 7pm (Sp) 6-8pm English AA 7-9pm Spanish Cursillo
Tues	9	St. Juan Diego 6pm Vespers 6:30p Choir practice
Wed	10	6-9pm Spanish AA
Thu	11	St. Damasus I
Fri	12	Our Lady of Guadalupe 3:30-4:30pm Adoration 6-9pm Spanish AA
Sat	13	St Lucy 10am Confessions

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