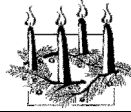




*They shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."
-Matthew 1:23*

**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 19, 2010**



◆ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ◆

Sat 18	7:30a	◆Peggy Pippin by Ralph & Ana LaRossa
	5:00p	◆Kathy Logan by Ann Logan
	7:00p	no intention
Sun 19		FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	7:30a	no intention
	9:00a	People of the Parish
Spanish	11:00a	◆Ana & Arnulfo Roldan by Roldan Family
Latin	1:00p	Ruby Family (living) by Garcia Family
	5:00p	◆Don Heffren by Bev Burgess-Levin
Mon 20	7:30a	◆Linda Morgado Spring by Marlene Morgado Shanks
Tues 21		ST. PETER CANISIUS
	7:30a	Kelly Cornell (living) by Casey O'Brien
Wed 22	7:30a	◆Colleen Howard by Gala Ybanez
Spanish	6:45p	◆Maria del Carmen by Maria Luna
Thur 23		ST. JOHN OF KANTY
	7:30a	Rosana Correa (living) by Maria Correa
Fri 24	7:30a	Carlena Boutwell (living/b'day) by Mom & Dad
	5:00p	Chris Seibert (living/b'day) by Roberta
	7:00p	no intention
Sat 25		THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
	12:00a	◆Aileen Ward by Tom & Tim Ward
	7:30a	DJM Missionaries of Mercy
	9:00a	People of the Parish
Spanish	11:00a	◆Maria del Carmen by Maria Luna
Latin	1:00p	no intention
	5:00p	NO MASS
	7:00p	no intention
		◆ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ◆
Sun 19	9:00a	◆Alice Konyn by John & Margo Konyn <i>Please pray for the repose of the souls of Jim & Mark Kelley, Sister Jane Golden, Richard Meyer, and for their family and friends.</i>

2nd Week of December

Collection	Actual	Budget
Dec 12	\$8,691	\$9,422
Year to date	\$180,021	\$195,828

St. James total for Dec 12: (\$410)

Electronic Giving Totals

2nd Week of December: \$1,330

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



Christmas Flowers: We are accepting donations for Christmas flowers. Your donation may be in the name of your family, in memory of a loved one, or in thanksgiving. You received your flower envelope with the Christmas letter and there will be some in the back of the church. Please return donation envelopes to the office or put into the collection basket.

Advent Penance Services
St. John's – Mon Dec 20th at 7:00pm



OFFICE CLOSED: The parish office will be closed from Thursday December 23rd to Sunday, January 2nd. We will be open Monday January 3rd at 11am. Have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

2011 Calendars: The 2011 calendars are in. Please pick one up in the vestibule of the church.

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". "If you are able, a small donation would be much appreciated"

Hospitality is Expanding: Hospitality is expanding to provide coffee and goodies after Sunday 7:30 Mass - If you would be interested in helping out, please contact Rick Nielsen in the Library anytime after 8:15 AM Sunday.



Caring Tree & Angel Tree: If you have not dropped off your gifts please do so by Monday morning. Gifts will be delivered Monday afternoon. Thank you for your generosity. Call 343-8741 with question.

SAVE THE DATE
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 19, 2011

Vianney

Saint Luke Productions Presents **Vianney** performed by Leonardo Defilippis. This is a gripping story of the remarkable priest who battled the devil. **The performance will be Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at 6:30pm, St. John's Church.** Admission is Free-Will Offering. Suitable for Ages 9 & Up. For more information call the parish office at 343-8741. **We welcome and encouraged you to attend.**



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Adoration Chapel

***“Advent is the
 spiritual season
 of hope”***

Come Lord Jesus, fill our hearts and souls with great love for You, as we faithfully pray with hope and joy, preparing ourselves for Your glorious return.

THE CHAPEL WILL BE OPEN AS USUAL M-F DURING THE CHRISTMAS BREAK. SO PLEASE COME AT YOUR NORMAL ADORATION TIME. IF YOU ARE GOING TO BE OUT OF TOWN PLEASE HAVE SOMEONE COVER YOUR HOUR.

For more information contact: Javier (566-0358) or Erika (330-2594).

Knights of Columbus Crab Feed: Coming February 5th 2011! This is their biggest fundraiser of the year. Tickets are available in the parish office for \$35. More details to come.



Choir News: The choir will be singing compline (the office in the liturgy of the hours that is said just before bedtime) every **Tuesday night at 7:45pm** until further notice. Anyone is welcome to join!

Central California Marian Eucharistic Conference: January 14-16 2011 in Paso Robles, CA. The theme this year “Sanctity of Marriage – Sanctity of Life” Visit our website at ccmec.org or call Pat at 805-461-5358 for further details.



Youth Director Jeff Weinrich
 343-8741

Come join us this Saturday at the youth house from 3:30-8ish for a youth house clean up day followed by free pizza and a movie. Then come join us on Sunday for our Christmas party livenight. Please bring a \$5 or less gift to exchange. This will be the last livenight of the year and we will start again on Sunday January 16th.

Religious Education Questions - Call 343-8741



**NO CFF DECEMBER 26, 2010 OR
 JANUARY 2, 2011
 HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS &
 A HAPPY NEW YEAR!
 See you on Sunday January 9, 2011**

Catholic Men’s Bible Study: Imagine this, Catholic men meeting weekly to read and study the Scriptures since 1975!! And yet that is what happening. Men from both Chico parishes and the Newman Center gather every Friday morning at 6:00a.m. in the Social Hall at Our Divine Savior, 566 East Lassen Avenue. We use the New American Bible with it’s excellent footnotes for our study. Currently, we are studying Genesis and will next be looking at Exodus, Numbers, Joshua, Judges, 1st and 2nd Samuel, 1st and 2nd Kings, Ezra, Nehemiah, 1Maccabees . We begin with an opening prayer, read a chapter and the footnotes and this is followed by group discussion. Depending on the text being studied, we usually cover 2 chapters but have done as many a 6 and as little as only part of a chapter. We end promptly at 7:00 a.m. and then some head to work while others meet at Russell’s restaurant (185 Cohasset Road) for breakfast and fellowship. Call Deacon Steve Schwartz at 891-0626 for additional information.



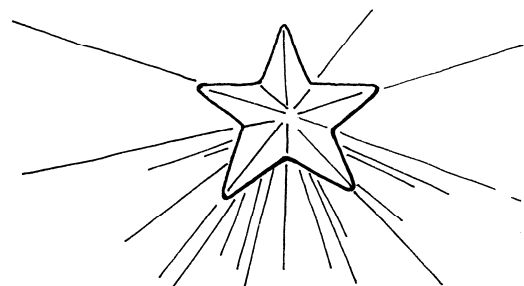
Scripture Study/Radio: Joe Hollcraft is live on AM 930 and FM 107.5 at 11:00a-12:00p each Saturday and Sunday (re-aired). Each week Joe will offer a teaching and reflection on the readings from the Mass. In addition, he will look at all the important questions that people are asking about the faith today. **This week, Dec.18th and 19th, Joe will consider the importance of a penitent heart as we near the end of the Advent season. The following week, Joe will reflect upon Christmas and the signs and symbols that surround this holiday season.** The following week, Joe will reflect upon the figure of St. John the Baptist. Send Joe questions to jholljnj@yahoo.com

Taize Service: There will be **NO Taize service during the month of December. However, please join us at the Newman Center on Thursday January 20 at 7:00 as we continue our monthly Taize service.**

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

“Praise & Prayer” Group meets the 4th Wed of each month at the Newman Center from 7-8:15pm. For more details call Sharon, 891-5334 or Deacon James, 893-2348.

Women’s Ministry Group: Our next venture will be to study the Gospel of Matthew. **The next meeting will be Jan 13th.** If you would like fellowship in prayer and scripture with other women please come join our group. We meet at 6:45 pm on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month at the Social Hall of ODS, in the Knights of Columbus room. If you have any questions feel free to call Mary Waldorf at 345-8638.





Respect for Life: The rejection of abortion has been a basic element of Catholic identity since the church's earliest days. The Didache, a manual of church morals written even earlier than the later writings of the New Testament, condemns abortion as infanticide. Athenagoras, a catechist, wrote to the Roman emperor in 177 A.D. that the church considers abortion "murder" because "the fetus in the womb is a created being and therefore an object of God's care." This tells us that opposition to the abomination of abortion is more than a partisan political position. For the Catholic, this belief goes to the heart of the mystery that Christ came into this world to reveal to us. This mystery is reflected in our country's founding document, which speaks of our being endowed by our Creator with rights that no one can take away from us or pretend that we don't have – the first of these being the right to life.

- Most Rev. Jose H. Gomez

Everyone is welcome to pray in front of Planned Parenthood on Wednesdays, located at 3100 Cohasset Rd, between Lupin and Lassen and/or the Women's Feminist Abortion Center on Humboldt on Fridays. Come any time from 9am to 12 noon.

Update 7th Annual March for Life/San Francisco

Jan 22, 2011: The cost of the bus trip to San Francisco is \$40.00 per person. Due and payable in full at time of registration. Method of payment can be cash, check or cashiers check payable to St. John's. There will be no breakfast stop on route so bring snacks and drinks for the trip. There will be a dinner stop at a fast food plaza on the way home on the day of the trip. Boarding time is at St. Johns at 4:00 am, Bus departs promptly at 4:15 am. Come prepared for inclement weather. For more info call Maureen Burns at 342-8458 or Mary Waldorf at 345-8638. May God Bless you and your loved ones with the gift of our Savior Jesus Christ. Pray for each step that you take as you peacefully proclaim the message of the dignity of life in even greater numbers this year. *If you can't go yourself but would like to sponsor a young person. Please think of donating a seat for them.*



Marriage Encounter: As a new Church year begins, it is time to take a fresh look at your marriage and enrich your relationship to what God intended for you. The next Worldwide

Marriage Encounter Weekend is February 11-13 in Sacramento. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information call Stephanie and Deacon James Burkett at 893-2348 or Barry & Julia Reynolds at 866-825-2046.

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).

"Mommy & Me" Group: Meetings will be held in the Mother Teresa Room in the Parish Office on Thursdays from 11am-12:30pm. All mothers are welcome to attend. Our group will present informal discussion topics on the role of motherhood and faith formation for our children in a warm and supportive atmosphere. Please join us! Call Elizabeth Nice for more details: 828-9069. **No meeting Dec 23 or 30. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

Christmas Party 2010 for the Homeless

The Christmas party for the homeless in Chico is this Monday, Dec 20th at Our Divine Savior Parish Hall from 4:30pm to 6:30pm. Please drop off all your donations by 4pm on Monday. If you any questions call Jerry at 342-2134

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Library News & Hours:

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



FEAST OF FAITH

Gathering

When Pope Benedict XVI visited the United States in 2008, tens of thousands gathered in Yankee Stadium to celebrate the Eucharist with him. What made them different from all the other excited crowds who have assembled there through the years? When they began to sing together, to listen together, to pray together, they ceased to be a crowd, and became a liturgical assembly. It was not where they were but what they did that set them apart.

The Gospels speak of many instances when Jesus prayed alone to his Father. But Jesus also put a special value on communal prayer. "Where two or three are gathered together in my name," he told his disciples, "there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). Jesus gave his own mission to his followers, sending them forth to do everything he did: to heal, to teach, to proclaim the kingdom. Jesus wants us to meet God in and through each other. So the Christian community continues to gather, Sunday after Sunday. When we get up on Sunday morning and come to Mass, we respond to Jesus' invitation, and we express our trust in his promise that whenever we come together, he comes, too.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zeph 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
- Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
- Friday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79
- Saturday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Midnight: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18
[1-5, 9-14]
- Sunday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14; Ps 128; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Liturgy of the Hours Week IV

