



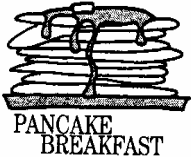
**December 4, 2005
Second Sunday of
Advent**

~From the Desk of Fr. Terry~

Please welcome Fr. Manuel Soria as Parochial Vicar Pro-tem. He is scheduled to arrive on Dec. 7th.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Next Sunday, Dec 11 from 8-11:30am here at St. John's. Pancakes, eggs, juice, sausage, coffee, juice & champagne. Adults \$5 and children under 12yrs- \$3.



ADVENT Penance Services

St. John the Baptist: Monday, December 5th 7pm
Newman Center: Tuesday, Dec. 13th 5:30pm
St. Thomas More, Paradise: Thurs., Dec. 15th, 3:30 & 7pm
Our Divine Savior, Chico: Mon., Dec. 19th, noon & 7pm
St. Thomas the Apostle, Oroville: Tues., Dec. 20th, 3:30pm

Vespers— Evening Prayer

Tuesday evenings 6-6:30pm in the Church- join Fr Terry to pray the Liturgy of Hours Evening Prayer.



THE HERALD'S CALL Few of us know what it is like to be in exile. Perhaps we have, at one time or another, been homesick or estranged from family. But we do many things in life that exile us, put us at a great distance from God. John the Baptist, herald of Christ, today is shown calling people to end that exile by his baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. It is this repentance, Peter tells us in his letter, that we ought to be about as we await the return of the Lord. Even though Advent is not focused on repentance in the same way or to the same degree that Lent is, our repentance is definitely one component of our own making straight a path for the coming of the Lord. We remember Jesus' words from last week's parable to be watchful; for the master does not necessarily end our exile, our distancing, by returning us to him, but by returning to us, and expecting us to be prepared and ready when our days of separation are at an end.

**FIRST MONDAY: ADORATION/EXPOSITION
OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT is tomorrow**

All day Monday, December 5th
after 7:30am Mass to 6:45pm Benediction.
Sign-ups are in the vestibule.
All hours must be covered.

Come spend a holy hour with Jesus
exposed in the Blessed Sacrament



The Church office email address: churchoffice@stjohnthebaptistchico.org

Fr. Terry's email address:
Highlander44@sbcglobal.net

Fr. Terry's web-site
fiterryfulton.org

Calendar for the week

Sat. 3 FIRST SATURDAY
St. Francis Xavier
Confessions 10-11am

Sun. 4 Second Sunday of Advent
Childcare at 9:30a mass, upper meeting room of school
Children's Liturgy of the Word, 5:30p mass

Mon. 5 St John's Parish Penance Service 7pm
JrLife 7:00-8:30pm. Upper Mtg Rm of school.
See LifeTeen section for JrLife info.

Tues. 6 St. Nicholas

Wed. 7 St. Ambrose;

English- Vigil mass, the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 5:30pm (Vigil for Holy Day of Obligation)

Español- Misa a las 7:00 pm. Vigila de La Inmaculada Concepción de la Virgen María (Vigila de la Día de precepto)

Thurs. 8 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses: English- 7:30 am, 8:45am & 5:30pm
Misa: Español- 7pm Día de precepto.

Fri 9 San Juan Diego
Adoration 3:30-4:30p

Sat. 10

Sun. 11 Third Sunday of Advent

Childcare at 9:30a mass, upper meeting room of school
Children's Liturgy of the Word, 5:30p mass

Mass Intentions ~St. John the Baptist

- Sat 3** 7:30a Special Intention
- Sun 4** 7:30a † Rose Giannotti (†)
- 9:30a For the People of God
- Spanish** 12:30p
- 5:30p † Gilbert Moya (†) and Evelyn Muñoz (living)
- Mon 5** 7:30a † Maria de las Angeles Mota (†)
- Tues 6** 7:30a † Joe & Elide Mary Bertoli (†)
- Wed 7** 7:30a † Mary Van Buskirk (†) and Jason Van Buskirk (living)
- Spanish** 7:00p
- Thurs 8** 7:30a † Mina Starwyck (†)
- 9:00a † Soledad Steward (†)
- Fri 9** 7:30a † Susan & Merle Blick & Maria Fojas (†)
- Sat 10** 7:30a † John Reginato (†) & his living family
- Vigil 5:30p † Rosa Schaefer (†)
- Sun 11** 7:30p † Ernie Bertoli (†)
- 9:30a For the People of God
- Spanish** 12:30p
- 5:30p † Joe & Mary Miguel (†)

Mass Intentions ~St. James

- Sun 4** 9:00a † Orville Pickering (†)

† Indicates deceased

A weekly Holy Hour is held at St. John's every Friday, 3:30-4:30p. Come spend some time with Jesus exposed in the Blessed Sacrament.



The Feast of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) is celebrated by the Universal Church on Dec. 8th. There will be vigil masses on Dec 7th at 5:30pm in Eng. & 7pm in Span. Masses on Dec. 8th, are 7:30am, 9:00am, & 5:30pm in Eng. and 7pm. in Span.



St. John's Christmas Party for the Homeless. December 14th. If you want to participate in some way please call Jerry Converse 342-2134.

Catholic Ladies Relief will have their annual Christmas Luncheon on Tues., Dec. 6 We will begin at 12:00 noon in the social hall at ODS, 566 E. Lassen Ave.

Catholic Daughters Pot Luck Dec. 8th at noon, at Our Divine Savior on East Lassen. Bring a hot dish or salad to share. The dessert will be furnished.

Retirement Fund for the Religious (Religious Institutes) is the bishop's December special collection. Almost 33,000 women religious and more than 5,500 men religious are past the age of 70. Retired religious continue to visit the sick, tutor children, and volunteer in parishes and work among refugee populations. Your donation helps alleviate the spiraling costs of health care. In 2004, 528 institutes received grants made possible by this appeal. Please be generous.



Kid Corral: Next meeting is Dec 10th to make candy trains for the kids at the Jesus Center. Kids of all ages are welcome. Call Hillary Gomez or mom, Kelly) 891-4500.

Support Catholic Radio in the Chico area. Listen to "The Catholic Hour: Why Be Catholic" featuring Joe Hollcraft as the host. Please tune in KKXX AM930 at 11AM on Saturdays (live) and 11AM Sundays (encore). If you would like to sponsor this program on the air please contact the office- 343-8741.

Christmas Decorations. What demonstrates Christmas better than a beautifully decorated Church during the holiday season? 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 into the collection basket. Extra envelopes are in the vestibule.

Pope Benedict XVI has announced a Plenary Indulgence for the 150th Anniversary of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Dec. 8th. The decree states that the Indulgence may be obtained according to Church norms, including sacramental confession within 8 days (individual confession during the Dec. 5th 7pm Penance Service will fulfill the requirement), reception of Eucharist, and prayer united with the Pope's intentions. Don't miss the great gift the Church is offering.

The Caring Tree/Basket for homebound parishioners:

Be sure to get your wrapped gift into the parish office by Dec. 15th so it can be delivered in time for Christmas. God bless you. We want them all to know that we the parishioners of St. John and St. James have not forgotten them.



The Angel Tree helps children of prisoners. If anyone would like to be a Santa's Helper and deliver gifts, please call Karen or Bruce Neadly 345-4350.

WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST 2006: Make history- join thousands of West Coast pro-lifers on Jan. 21, 2006 for the 2nd Annual Walk for Life West Coast. Join us in challenging the idea that abortion has been a good choice for women, for men, for families and for our society. Join us as we proclaim that Abortion Hurts Women, Men and Children and that We All Deserve Better than Abortion. Help proclaim a message of Life and Peace throughout the streets of San Francisco. The Walk for life will begin at 11am at Justin Herman Plaza (near the Ferry Bldg. in San Francisco). For more info-call 415-586-1576 or visit website www.walkforlifewc.com.

Sacramento Diocese participants can celebrate 8am mass at St. Rose Church, 5961 Franklin Blvd., Sac. A bus for San Francisco departs from St. Rose parking lot after the 8am mass. Bus reservations are required, the cost is \$15 per person. Bus reservation deadline is Jan 11. To reserve contact Lenore Mullarkey, 916-395-9370.

Attention Federal and Military Employees ~ Did you know that LIFE TEEN (the youth program at St. John's) is an approved charity through the Christian Service Charities (CSC) portion of the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) payroll deduction program? During the fall of each year, federal and military employees are contacted asking to support the CFC. Would you please consider identifying LIFE TEEN as your selected CSC charity? To do so, identify our CSC number- #2030. If you have any questions about LIFE TEEN involvement in this annual giving campaign, please contact Donna Killoughey Bird, Development Director for LIFE TEEN, Inc. at 480.820.7001.



The newly restored Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament is open after 28 months of restoration. The opportunities to participate in the Rededication which are open to all who wish to participate are:

- Friday, Dec. 9, 7:30pm the Rev. Edward Collins Memorial Christmas at the Cathedral. Free. Featuring the Children's Christmas Honor Choir and the Sac. Diocesan Choir under direction of Jackson Schoos.
- December 11, Cathedral Mass 3:00pm
- Tours are available following the 12:10pm Mass on Wednesdays and following the 9 & 11am masses on Sundays. There are some significant changes to the Cathedral

Mark Your Calendars Now: Dr Alexander Shaia, noted Scripture Scholar, Speaker, and Author will make a presentation on the gospel of Mark; Friday, Jan. 27, 7-8:30pm and Saturday, Jan 28, 9am-3pm at Sacred Heart Parish Center in Red Bluff.



A Special Thanks!! The blood drive was a great success! Thanks especially to all those who had to wait. The Blood Bank is planning to have more blood draw chairs and more staff next time to reduce the waiting time. St. John's donated 37 units- way to go!!!!

HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST

CATHOLICS FOR LIFE is sponsoring a Respect Life Essay Contest. A \$250 prize will be awarded to the 1st place student winner and \$150 to the 2nd place winner. All high school age students living in the Diocese of Sacramento are invited to participate. This includes those in public, parochial or home school.

Contestants are to research and write an original PRO-LIFE essay. The topic is:

"How does abortion hurt women's equality as well as degrade individual women?"

Essays are judged on the student's ability to articulate their understanding of the issues, to present current facts and information and to include the message of the Gospel in relation to those issues. The essay should be 1500 typed words, or less, on 8 1/2" x 11" single sided pages. Due date is Jan. 3, 2006.

Mail essays to: Catholics for Life
c/o Sally Fisher, Educational Chair
3 Somer Ridge Dr. #127
Roseville, CA. 95661-5265

Or e-mail to: sallyf@bigvalley.net.

Please send the essay in the body of the e-mail and not as an attachment.

If you have any questions please call Sally at (916) 780-5305. CATHOLICS FOR LIFE will gratefully accept sponsorship to offset cost of prize money.

Widowhood Program: Come and meet new friends, eat good food and learn about interesting programs that are available. We meet for breakfast on Mondays and lunch on Wednesdays and love to have new people join us. For more info on this great program, give Anne a call at 342-4291 on Monday and Wednesday afternoons.

Our parish is alive and vibrant, spreading the Good News of Christ and building the Kingdom both here and in the community, in no small part because of all of you who participate in ministry at St. John the Baptist and at St. James Mission. We thank God for all of you. God's Blessings be upon each and every one of you and yours.

✧ **MARRIAGE & FAMILY** ✧

Marriage Encounter Community Night. Attention Encountered couples, we meet in the upper meeting room of the school from 6:30-8:30pm. on the first Saturday of the month. Please join us. Call Stephanie and James Burkett 893-2348 for details.

RETRouvaille- Help for Hurting Marriages! Tens of thousands of marriages headed for divorce have successfully been saved by attending a Retrouvaille program. If you are thinking of separation or divorce or you are already separated or divorced but want to try again, then we believe Retrouvaille can help. For additional info, see the websites: www.retrouvaille.org or Sacramento@RetroCA.com. You can also call Fred and Barbara at 800-283-5952 or Fran at 916-362-2525. Retrouvaille (the French word for "rediscovery") is a live-in weekend and non-live-in post-weekend program for married couples. The emphasis is on a technique of communication between a husband and wife. A series of in-depth presentations are given by one of three married couples and a priest that focuses on a specific area of a marriage relationship. Post-weekend sessions continue the marriage renewal begun on the weekend and review earlier concepts in greater depth, introduce new ones and help you to apply these concepts to your own marriage.

Marriage Encounter We are looking for a few good Marriages! If you have a good marriage and want to make it a great marriage, come to a Marriage Encounter Weekend! Call Dorothy & Aric Cook 891-0426

Want to be part of the statistic that has less than 2% divorce rate? Then Natural Family Planning is what you want! In addition to less than a 2% divorce rate, it is better than all other methods in achieving or avoiding pregnancy, it has no side effects, is very low cost, and treats both women and men with respect.

NFP (Creighton model) classes are available right here in Chico as well as in Yuba City. Contact Jackie Hollcraft P.A.C., M.S. (899-0243) in Chico or Dr. Gretchen Marsh (671-9625) in Yuba City. This model is introduced in our Marriage Prep. classes.

Catholic Marriage Enrichment Group Our next meeting is in the upstairs meeting room above the office at St. John the Baptist on Wed., Dec. 7th, 6:45 - 9pm. We will be discussing a method to enhance communication between husbands and wives. Please join us! Anyone who is married is welcome. For more info contact Debbie Weinrich at Sierra Counseling Service 342-2878.



If you would like to be on the Lifeteen mailing list please contact Rob at 342-4687 leave us a message and a phone number.
www.chicolifeteen.org

Religious Education Questions ? : Call Jason Van Buskirk 343-8741

Jr. High Students: Blessed are they who Hunger
 Meet the Gluttons, a family who eats and eats and eats and never gets full. Can anything fill them up? Join us in the Upper Meeting Room of Notre Dame School this Monday at 6:45! Meeting ends 8:30pm. Bring your friends!
 Next Week : The 5th Beatitude

CFF Today. Gather in the Gym for Opening Prayer at 10:45!

High School Students: The Apostles Act out! Learn all about the early days of the Church and what it was like for the apostles after the resurrection! Join us in the Upper Meeting Room of Notre Dame School right after the 5:30 LIFE TEEN Mass. Bring your friends!
 Next Week: The Miracles and Teachings of Jesus
 Youth House School Hours: We're open Mon-Thurs. Mon. 3pm-4:30pm; Tues. 3pm-8pm; Wed. 3pm-5:30pm and Thurs. 3pm-8pm (these times are sometimes subject to change, so call first to make sure we're open.)

Families. Plan to come as a family to the Parish Advent Penance Service Monday, Dec. 5th at 7pm. There will be several priests there for individual confession. Let your children see your faith in action. If they have already made their 1st confession, help them do an examination of conscience and follow your example. If they have not yet made their 1st confession, this is a good opportunity for them to see a penance service and have you explain that we receive God's forgiveness through the priest and that the priest is bound to never tell anything he hears in confession. Young, old, or in between, just ask the Holy Spirit and He will help.

LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES!! We have been given a great opportunity to screen **The Chronicles of Narnia** the day before it's released! Paradise Pines is giving the Catholic Youth Groups in the North Valley the opportunity to check out this awesome movie Thursday Dec 8th at 6:45 PM. The cost is a very cheap \$5.75. Contact Rob for more details. 342-4687.

SACRAMENTS

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS - IN THE ZONE PRAYER GROUP meets every Thursday at 5:00pm. Join us at the Youth House as we study Christ's living word in the Scriptures from Genesis to Revelations. All high school students are welcome!!

Sacrament Registration ends Friday, December 16th. Each sacrament requires a separate registration form. These have been handed out in the 2nd and 6th grade classrooms. One copy of your child's baptismal certificate must be turned in. Please return registration forms to the Parish Office or to your child's teacher.

XLT: (Exalt) Come together for praise and worship in front of Exposition of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament (in church). Open to all teens and young adults in the Deanery ages 14-30.

Sacrament Parent's Class: Next class is Tuesday, December 6th, 7-8 p.m. in the Upper Meeting Room.

Join the CORE! We are currently looking for new CORE Team members, ages 18 thru 118 with a heart for teens. If you are interested please call 342-4687 and ask for Rob.

Youth Sacrament Preparation For Teens
 For teens in grades 7-12 who need Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion and/or Confirmation. Registration: at the church office or with Jason. Classes meet on Wednesdays, 4:30-6pm in the Office.

Collections for last Sunday
 St. John St. James
 \$ 7,413 \$413
 Thank You for Your Generosity to St. John's & St. James

Domingo 4 2° Domingo de Adviento

Lunes 5

Martes 6 San Nicolás

Miércoles 7 San Ambrosio
Misa a las 7:00 pm. Vigila de La
Inmaculada Concepción de la
Virgen María
Coro 6:30p
Confesiones 6:30p
A.A. en Español 7pm

Jueves 8 Misa a las 7:00pm Inmaculada
Concepción de la Virgen María-
Día de precepto

Viernes 9 San Juan Diego
Clase de Oración 7pm
El grupo de jóvenes 7pm
A.A. en Español 7pm

Sábado 10

Domingo 11 3° Domingo de Adviento



Los Ministros de la comunión a los enfermos le a
munidad de habla hispana de San Juan Bautista, si usted
conoce o tiene algún familiar que por enfermedad, o
razones medicas no puede dejar su casa, y desea recibir la
Sagrada Comunión por favor de llamar a: Teresa Aguirre.

De el Regalo de Una Familia. Hágase un Padre de
Crianza temporal de Remi Vista. Para mas información por
favor llame al 893-4784 Visite nuestro sitio de web en
www.remivista.com

Nuevos Feligreses. Están ustedes registrados en la
Iglesia? Si no lo están, lo pueden hacer cualquier día de la
semana de 9am a 4:30pm. Las formas de registro están
disponibles en la oficina. También lo deben hacer si han
cambiado de domicilio. No cuesta nada. Gracias.

Grupo de Oración de la Renovación Carismática
Católica Hispana: Se reúne los martes en el salón superior
de la escuela a las 7:00pm. Para más información llame a
María Kraatz 891-5591.

La Asociación Guadalupana los invita a su reunión el
último martes de cada mes a las 7:00pm. En la biblioteca.
Son todos bienvenidos.

INVITACION ESPECIAL: El grupo de jóvenes se
reúne todos los viernes a las 7:00pm. Te invitamos a ti
joven, a conocer mas personas, y tener un rato de
entretenimiento con personas de tu edad te esperamos.
Para mas información llamar al teléfono 343-0829.

Pray for ...

- Fr. Terry as he transitions to his new assignment in Woodland.
- the Holy Spirit to choose our new priest and bless our community
- all Priests and Religious
- our Bishops, William Weigand, Richard Garcia, and Francis Quinn
- for the intentions of Pope Benedict XVI
- the many, many sick and suffering of our parish family
- the victims and relief workers of tragedies
- our military men and women.
- an end to abortion.
- healing for those women and men wounded by abortion
- our political leaders and our country to respect and defend life in all its stages
- Christian marriages and families
- vocations to the priesthood and religious life
- success of the Catholic high school project
- Fr. JB, his many projects in Kenya and our sister parish, St. John the Baptist, in Nyeri, Kenya.
- the holy souls in Purgatory
- the intentions of our parishioners
- those who have no one to pray for them

"St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen"

❖ PARISH INFORMATION ❖

Welcome to Our Community



Registrations: We are so happy that you have decided to join us. To register with St. John's or our mission church, St. James, fill out a registration form available in the vestibule of the church or church office & drop it in the collection or at the office (343-8741) located across the street from the parking lot at 435 Chestnut St.

Marriages: make arrangements with the priest no less than 6 months in advance of your desired date. For an appointment with the priest call the office 343-8741.

Baptisms: The required Baptism classes are offered every other month in English and every month in Spanish. Come to the office for a baptism registration form and class information or call the office 343-8741 for information.

Children's Faith Formation (C.F.F.): Pre-K through 6th grade. **September–May.** Registration is in August. Classes begin Sept 11th. Contact Jason Van Buskirk, DRE at the office 343-8741.

Children's Sacraments: Requires at least 2 years attendance in Religious Education (CFF or Notre Dame School). Registration is in August. Contact Jason for info. 343-8741.

Confirmation: Is received in the 6th grade and requires a minimum of 2 years attendance in an approved religious education program. Call Jason 343-8741 for more info.

Youth Sacrament Program: For youth in grades 7-12 who need sacraments: Baptism, First Penance, First Communion and/or Confirmation. Contact Jason 343-8741. Registrations are from Aug. 22 – Sept. 16. Classes begin Oct. 12.

Rite of Christian Initiation Adapted for Children: (RCIC) If your elementary age children have missed Baptism or First Communion contact Jason Van Buskirk 343-8741.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Interested in what the Church teaches, in becoming a Catholic, or have missed some sacraments, please contact Deacon Steve Schwartz 891-0626.

❖ BIBLE STUDIES ❖

Men's Bible Study: meets every Friday morning 6-7am in the Knights of Columbus Room at Our Divine Savior Parish Hall. Also join them for breakfast after from 7-8am if you can. Call Deacon Steve Schwartz 891-0626 for details.

Women's Bible Study: Tuesday mornings 9-11am at Terry Matthews' home. Prayer, fellowship, discussion of daily readings and Scott Hahn scripture study. Everyone is welcome—no prior experience needed! Call Terry 893-1644 for details.

Bible Study with Joe Hollcraft: You can hear Joe "live" on the radio, "**The Catholic Hour: Why Be Catholic**". on KKXX AM930 at 11:00am live on Saturdays and re-aired on Sundays at 11:00am.

❖ PRAYER GROUPS ❖

Eucharistic Adoration: Weekly: every Friday 3:30-4:40pm
Monthly: the first Monday of the month, all day 8:00am—7:00pm. Benediction is from 6:45-7pm.

XLT: (Exalt) open to all teens and young adults in the Deanery ages 14—30. Meets in the Church on the last Thursday of the month at 7:00PM

Holy Spirit Prayer Group: meets the 4th Wednesday of each month at the Newman Center at 7pm. Call Carolyn Cyr 891-4815 or Deacon James Burkett 893-2348 for information.

Rosary Prayer Group: meets in the Church on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm. (English)

Pro-Life Prayer Group — Missionaries to the Unborn: Help rescue the unborn through prayer. Every Saturday 9:00am.-11:00am. we pray outside the Feminist Women's Health Center abortion mill, 1469 Humbolt Rd. (across from the police station) Pray with us and stand for Life. Questions? Call Jim 891-0427.

In The Zone Prayer Group: High School students meet Thursday evenings, 5:00pm in the Youth House.

Kid Corral For kids of all ages! See Parish News for more information or call Hillary Gomez at 891-4500 (or mom, Kelly)

Grupo de Oración and Jr. Grupo meets Tuesday evenings in the upper meeting room of the school at 7:00pm (Spanish)

Legión de María Rosario meets on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm. Contact Raquel Ruiz for more information 343-8741 (Spanish)

Clase de Oración meets Friday evenings at 7-9pm. (Spanish) in the cafeteria.

Readings for the week of 12/5-12/11

Mon: Is 35: 1-10; Lk 5: 17-26
Tues: Is 40: 1-11; Mt 18: 12-14
Wed: Is 40: 25-31; Mt 11: 28-30
Thurs Gn 3: 9-15, 20; Eph 1: 3-6, 11-12; Lk 1: 26-38
Fri: Is 48: 17-19; Mt 11: 16-19
Sat: Sir 48: 1-4, 9-11; Mt 17: 9a, 10-13
Sun: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1: 46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5: 16-24; Jn 1: 6-8, 19-28

Theme for 12/11 "Rejoice Always"

Liturgy of the Hours ~ Week II

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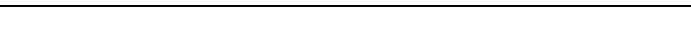
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Bethlehem Christian Families A few weeks ago, hand carved, olive-wood religious articles from Bethlehem in the Holy Land were available for sale after the masses. These are a result of the workmanship of over 85 Christian families who make their livelihood selling their Nativity scenes, rosaries, crucifixes, Last Supper designs and various other religious statues to tourists. As the tourist trade has fallen off dramatically, relatives abroad are making these beautiful articles available so the families can maintain a Catholic presence in Bethlehem and the Jerusalem area. If you are interested in more info please see www.BCF-Olive.com or email Bcf@Bcf-Olive.com.

NFP (Couple to Couple League) is available in Paradise with Neil and Mary Essila. The cost is \$75 per couple. Please call Neil or Mary at 876-8206.

Catholic Married Couples Group The next meeting will be on Dec. 7th at St. John the Baptist from 6:45–9pm. All Catholic married couples are invited no matter how long you have been married. We are watching a video and discussing how we can apply the principles to our marriages. This is a great opportunity to get to know other couples in our greater Catholic community and support one another in living out our sacramental vocation. For more info call Debbie Weinrich at Sierra Counseling Service 342-2878.



The Bishop's Collection: The regular monthly diocesan collection for September is for Diocesan Priests Retirement. Envelopes are in the Vestibule for your convenience.

Pray for ...

✧ **AROUND THE DIOCESE and beyond** ✧

Attention prayerful single men! The New Camaldoli Hermitage in Big Sur, the Marists Fathers and Brothers in Berkley, Prince of Peace Abbey in Oceanside, Holy Trinity Trappist Monastery in Huntsville, Utah and Gethsemani Abbey in Trappist, Ky. Will be hosting group and individual “Live-in Experience” vocational retreats soon. Work and pray with the monks. Weekend dates are also available. There is no cost but space is limited. For information call toll free 1-800-221-1807.

“St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the

devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen”

XLT- Have you wondered what it is? XLT (exalt) If you are between 14 & 30 yrs old and like to sing and praise God, this is an opportunity for you to praise, worship and grow in your faith. Join our young adult Catholic community and the LifeTeen Band in worshipping God on the last Thursday of every month at 7pm here at St. John’s in the church.



✧ **OTHER NEWS** ✧

✧ **NFP Natural Family Planning** ✧

NFP (Creighton model) classes are available right here in Chico and as well as in Yuba City. Contact **Jackie Hollcraft P.A.C., M.S. (899-0243)** in Chico or Dr. Gretchen Marsh (671-9625) in Yuba City. This is the model that is introduced in our Marriage Prep. classes.

NFP (Couple to Couple League) is available in Paradise with Neil and Mary Essila. The cost is \$75 per couple. Please call Neil or Mary at 876-8206.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING—NFP

If you missed the introductory session held here but are interested in finding out more about NFP or if you are ready to start, call Jackie Hollcraft 899-0243. Leave a message if she is not home.

Catholics Returning Home: Were you raised Catholic but when you come to Mass you find it hard to understand, because of all the changes? Are you feeling separated or alienated from the Church? Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church as it is today? Would you like to feel at home in the Catholic Church again? No matter how long you have been away and no matter what the reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Lord and with the Catholic Church. Please join us for these informal listening sessions and update of the Catholic faith. The sessions are held on Monday evenings starting Sept. 12, 7:30-8:30. We are meeting in the parish office, upstairs @ 435 Chestnut St. For more info. call Deacon James Burkett 893-2348.

Widowhood Program: “Friends are quiet angels who lift us to our feet when our wings have trouble remembering how to fly”. Come and meet new friends, eat good food and learn about interesting programs available. We meet for breakfast on Mondays and lunch on Wednesdays. For more info on this great program, call Anne at 342-4291 on Monday and Wednesday afternoons.

St. Patrick’s Home for Children is desperate for foster families. If you think you would like to be a foster parent or a benefactor of St. Patrick’s Home for Children, Inc. call Steve Isbell: 916-386-1603

American Cancer Society programs, 754 Mangrove Ave. (Safeway shopping center) 342-4567, option 3.for reservations.

Prostate Cancer Support Group. Learn about diagnosis and treatment options. We meet the 3rd Thurs. of every month at the Enloe Conference Center, Room 101.

Strength for Caring: A free program providing education and support for those living with or caring for someone with cancer.

Please think about volunteering We need clerical, phoning, drivers and many other positions. Call us today. 342-4567.

For hand-made baptismal gowns and other apparel for that special little one, call Blessed Event at 893-9339.

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Cost Cutting: In our efforts to curb spending we looked for ways to lessen our mailing costs and found that the company who provides our donation envelopes will send them directly to your homes. This saves us a lot in postage. You will be getting more than one month's envelopes at a time. Thank you for your patience as we make this change.

An explanation follows:

Parents, are your children ready to hear God's word proclaimed and explained to them at their level? St. John's has revived the "Children's Liturgy of the Word" ministry. Children Pre-K – 4th grade are welcome to join us for a celebration of the Liturgy of the Word designed especially for them. As soon as a ministry team is gathered, we will initially begin the program at the Sunday 5:30 pm Mass.

After the opening prayer the children will be invited to come forward for a blessing before their dismissal. The children will follow the same liturgical calendar and will hear the same readings as you, but on their level. They will learn the parts of the Mass and how to be a joyful and active participant. After their Liturgy, the children will return to Mass during the collection.

For the ministry team, we need adult volunteers to help lead, read, help with crowd control and musicians/song leaders. You don't need to have children to get involved with this ministry and we will provide you with all the materials and training that you need. No skills are required – just a heart for teaching children about God.

If you would like to volunteer or just have some questions about this ministry, please call us: Matt & Pamela Meuter 566-0425 or email: pamelameuter@hotmail.com

Want be part of the statistic that has less than 2% divorce rate? Then Natural Family Planning is what you need! In addition to less than a 2% divorce rate, it is better than all other methods in achieving or avoiding pregnancy, it has no side effects, is very low cost, and treats both women and men with respect **NFP (Creighton model) classes are available as close as Yuba City.** Contact Dr. Gretchen Marsh (671-9625)

OR.....

If you prefer the Billings Ovulation Method of Fertility Management there is a new series of instruction for NFP starting in Sept. If you would like to schedule and appt. for the Billing Method or just want to discuss NFP and the Church's views on the topic and how it can enhance your marriage, please call, Kim Cole at 275-2282 or email Kim at WatkinsCole@AOL.com.

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Rosary 7pm in the church

Mass in english: 7:30, 9:30am & 5:30 pm
Misa en Español: 12:00 noon & 7:00pm

◆ More News ◆



Feeding the Homeless (second Wednesday & third Tuesday of the month). Thank you, we have adequate volunteers to feed the homeless at the Torres Shelter on our two days in August. Our list of new volunteers continues to grow. In addition, many who prepare and serve have such a good experience that they ask to come back frequently. If you want to help on Sept. 14th or 20th, call Jerry Converse 342-2134.

Women's Resource Center, a medically licensed Christian ministry in Chico, committed to supporting women who have experienced or are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy, is accepting applications for Director of Education, a part-time, paid position. Call Connie 897-6103 if interested in applying.

Lifeteen: In the Zone Prayer Group 5pm @ the
Lifeteen Youth House

Fri 11 **(Our Lady of Lourdes World Day of the Sick)**
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (3:30-4:30p)

The Altar Society needs help! We are not an organization with meetings or dues. Our work is a ministry of the church. This ministry consists of several teams of two or three people who are assigned to a given month. We work an hour or so each Saturday of that month preparing the church for Sunday Masses. For many years, a small dedicated group has been attending to this ministry but due to ill health, etc., we are in need of new dedicated helpers. We need you no matter what your age. Remember the Church is our House of Worship and every little bit of help you give is a big help to all of us.

Please... we need additional helpers. Call now and volunteer. Thank you, call Thelma Seiler 342-4393 or the Church office 343-8741.

✠ **TIME, TALENT, TREASURE** ✠

We invite you to participate in our parish by volunteering for any of the following ministries:

Ministry	Contact Person
<u>Adult Education</u>	Jason Van Buskirk 343-8741
Adult Faith Formation	Jason Van Buskirk 343-8741
Catechist Formation	Jason Van Buskirk 343-8741
Catholics Returning Home	Deacon James Burkett 893-2348
RCIA	Deacon Steve Schwartz 891-0626
Women's Bible Study	
Young Adult Bible Study	
Scripture Study	
<u>Altar Servers</u>	Fr. Terry 343-8741
<u>Altar Society</u>	Thelma Seiler 342-4393
<u>Baptism Prep class</u>	Aric & Dorothy Cook

Call the parish office to register
Extra-ordinary ministers of the Eucharist
Lectors
Hospital visitation
Homebound & Convalescent

✠ **PILGRIMAGES** ✠

Treasures from our Tradition

In a few weeks' time, at the chrism Mass of the diocese, fresh sacramental oils will be blessed and chrism consecrated for us in every parish. Olive oil is the main ingredient of chrism, but olive oil with some exotic additives that change its character and purpose. Rich balsam and perfumes separate chrism from the pantry. Food no longer, neither is this oil for grooming or toning muscles. It has a breathtaking aroma that is both alluring and enduring.

The prayer of consecration is a good Lenten meditation since it focuses us on the goal of our journey, linking it with the olive-bearing dove at the end of Noah's stormy voyage of forty days. The dove signaled the birth of a new world, a society reborn from the wreckage of the old, drowned world of sin. At the end of our Lenten journey, the oil of chrism will be poured down in abundance on the brows of catechumens and infants, as well as on those to be confirmed or ordained. Lent puts us in touch with the hard edges of life in need of salvation, and the chrism of Easter joy redeems and restores.

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The Trinity Cross: Every five years the bishops of every diocese in the world go to Rome to make their "ad limina Apostolorum" (to the threshold of the Apostles) visit by praying at the tombs of Sts. Peter and Paul. During their visit they provide detailed accounts of the affairs of their diocese to the successor of Peter, the Pope.

Five years ago our bishops brought back to the faithful of the diocese, Eucharist medals that were blessed by Pope John Paul II. Many of you still wear or carry them. This year, Bishops Weigand and Garcia were in Rome in May and have brought back crucifixes from their ad limina visit.

This crucifix depicts the Holy Trinity and is modeled after a 16th century fresco in a Dominican church in Florence, Italy. The letters P.P. on the back are the abbreviation of an ancient title of the Pope. They stand for the Latin words "Pastor Pastorum" or the Shepherd of Shepherds. All of the crucifixes have been blessed by the Holy Father.