

The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord, as water covers the sea.
 – Isaiah 11:9

Second Sunday of Advent December 5, 2010



Holy Day of Obligation: Wednesday, December 8th
 we celebrate the **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. Mass times are as follows:
 7:30am, 8:45am (Notre Dame School), 4pm (Latin Mass), 5:30pm, and 6:45pm (Spanish).

✧ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ✧	
Sat 4	7:30a ST. JOHN OF DAMASCUS DJM intentions
	5:30p ✧Manuel Bettencourt by Diana Bettencourt
Sun 5	7:30a SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ✧Richard Vercruyssen by Vercruyssen Family
	9:00a People of the Parish
Spanish	11:00a ✧Jose Barriga by Barriga Family
	Latin 1:00p no intention
Mon 6	5:00p ✧Nick & Mary Frances Spaniola by The Currin's
	7:30a ST. NICHOLAS ✧Gloria Meirellas by Murgia Family
Tues 7	7:30a ST. AMBROSE ✧Sister Jane Golden
	Wed 8 Holy Day
NDS	7:30a THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ✧Josephine Kimbell by Ralph & Ana LaRossa
	Latin 8:45a Notre Dame School Families
Spanish	4:00p no intention
	5:30p Jim Kelley (living)
Thur 9	6:45p Teresa Aguirre & family (living)
	Fri 10 Bhp. Soto
Sat 11	7:30a ST. JUAN DIEGO no intention
	7:30a no intention
Sun 28	7:00p Community of St. John's Parish
	7:30a ST. DAMASUS I The Bertoli family (living/deceased) by Juantia
	5:00p no intention
	7:00p ✧Ramon Moreno by Moreno Family
	✧ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ✧
	9:00a ✧Claire Grzanich by Grzanich Family
	<i>Please pray for the repose of the souls of Sister Jane Golden, Richard Meyer, Mark Kelly and for their family and friends.</i>

4th week of November

Collection	Actual	Budget
Nov 28	\$5,330	\$6,630
Year to date	\$159,546	\$178,729
Catholic Ladies Relief: \$1,258 (Thanksgiving collection)		
St. James total for Nov 28: (\$393)		

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

From the Pastor's Desk

Please consider coming to **Lessons and Carols**, next Sunday, December 12th at 2:30 pm in the church. Last year was the first time we had this liturgical prayer service here, and those who participated were so glad they did. Lessons and Carols are a mixture of Scripture readings and Advent hymns which trace the history of salvation up to the event of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem. The choir has been preparing some beautiful hymns, and I am really looking forward to it. It is a very good way to get into the Advent spirit. Also, don't forget about the **Advent Reflection** on Tuesday evening, December 14th, at 7 pm in the church. I will be giving some reflections based on Scripture with the assistance of a slide show of sacred art. The reflection will not last longer than an hour. Finally, I would like to invite you to the **Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe celebrated by Bishop Soto** on Friday evening, December 10th, at 7 pm. The Mass will be in Spanish and English, and will give us a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community to celebrate the feast of our Co-Patroness of the Diocese (along with St. Patrick) and our Patroness of the Americas!

I will be away this Sunday morning, December 5th, to attend the dedication of **Our Lady of the Snows**, a new church in **Lake Almanor**. It is always an occasion of grace when we are able to open a new church in our Diocese.

Blessed Advent to you all!
 Father Blaise Berg

Advent Penance Services

Newman Center – Tues Dec 7th at 7:15pm
 St. Thomas Oroville – Mon Dec 15th at 7:00pm
 Our Divine Savior – Thurs Dec 16th at noon
 St. John's – Mon Dec 20th at 7:00pm



Special Collection Dec 11-12: "As expenses continue to increase and economic difficulties tighten our income, we appreciate more and more the help of the Retirement Fund," notes a woman religious. Your tax-deductible donation to the retirement Fund for the religious supports the day-to-day care of thousands of elder sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Please Share in the Care and give generously to.


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".




Caring Tree & Angel Tree: Thank you to everyone who took a tag. Please drop off all gifts by Dec 15 at the parish office. Call 343-8741 with question.

Altar Server Training: If you are a new altar server, please come Tuesday, December 14th at 3:15pm or Saturday, December 18th at 10am to the church for a training session. For anyone in 4th grade and up.

To St. John Parishioners: You are invited to join with us in celebrating the life and death of Sister Jane Golden, RSM. She was the principal of Notre Dame School in the 70's/80's. Funeral Mass will be Monday, Dec 6, 11am at Our Lady of Mercy Chapel 535 Sacramento St., Auburn.





Adoration Chapel
*"The Eucharistic Presence "is a Presence in the fullest sense: a Substantial Presence whereby Christ, the God-Man, is wholly and entirely present"
 (Pope Paul VI)*

God is made really and truly present in the Holy Eucharist at Holy Mass for us to receive as our Spiritual Food. He dwells in our tabernacle and is enshrined in the monstrance for us to adore.
 For more information contact: Javier (566-0358) or Erika (330-2594).

Knights of Columbus will be selling See's Candy after all Masses now until December 19th.

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!

KKXX "Chico's Life Radio": Former Chico television reporter Jerry Olenyn is hosting a half hour program weekday mornings at 8:30am. "Our goal is to be a hub for organizations to get their messages out. We want everyone in the community to feel they can use our airwaves to better the lives of people of all denominations." Listen at 104.5 FM and 930 AM.

Catholic Daughters Pot Luck will be on Dec 9th, 12noon at ODS with meeting to follow. Please bring a salad or hot dish. Remember to bring peanut butter for food locker.

Single Adult Ministry Retreat: For single, divorced, widowed and never-married Catholics. Sat, Dec 11, 9:30am-5pm at Mercy Center in Auburn. Cost \$40 (lunch included). This one-day retreat will be a wonderful opportunity to take a break from the busyness of our lives to grow in relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ as we prepare for the celebration of His birth. For all the details or to register, call 916-733-0153.



Youth Director Jeff Weinrich
343-8741

"Come join us at our new time of 6:15pm in the upper meeting room this Sunday for a lifenight on the Media and how we as Catholics should be aware of its effects on us."

Religious Education Questions - Call 343-8741

Sacrament Catch up Class: This Sunday's class for parents of children catching up on Sacraments will be on the Holy Spirit and the Virtues.

Required Parent Sacrament Class: Next Sunday, December 12th there will be a **required class** on NFP for all parents of children receiving Sacraments.

✦ ADULT FAITH FORMATION ✦

Catholics Returning Home: Sessions began on Monday Nov 29. If you would like to come, please join us from 7-8:30pm in the Prayer Room at Our Divine Savior. This is a collaborative ministry of the Chico Parishes. For more information contact Sharon Haselton 891-5334 or Deacon Burkett 893-2348.



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, December 4th and 5th, Joe will offer a teaching on the biblical vision to the Kingdom of God. Among other things, Joe will look at why many are misinterpreting Christ's use of kingdom and ultimately the problems this is causing in many Christian circles.** The following week, Joe will reflect upon the figure of St. John the Baptist. Send Joe questions to jholljmi@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 has completed the book of Revelations. Our next venture will be to study the Gospel of Matthew. Our next meeting will be Dec 9th. 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.

Young Adult Conference with Mark Hart – Jan 15, 2011: Spend some time reflecting on your life and faith with other young adult Catholics in their 20s and 30s (college age, married and single) at an excellent day that will affirm, challenge and inspire you! Free childcare available. It will be held at Holy Trinity, El Dorado Hills from 9am-5pm. Register by calling Kevin Staszko at 916-0152 or online at yaconference.com.



Respect for Life: Becoming a voice for the child in the womb, and for the embryonic human being at risk of becoming a mere object of research, and for the neglected sick and elderly is one of many ways we can teach our fellow citizens that “The Measure of Love into Love Without Measure.” While critics want to portray the Church’s witness as a narrow and negative ideology, it is just the opposite: A positive vision of the dignity of each and every human being without exception, each loved equally by God and so equally deserving of our love and our nation’s respect.

–Cardinal Daniel N. DiNard

Everyone is welcome to pray in front of Planned Parenthood on Wednesdays, which is now located at 3100 Cohasset Road, between Lupin and Lassen and/or the Women's Feminist Abortion Center on Humboldt on Fridays. Please pray for the mothers, fathers, and the safety of the unborn babies. Come any time from 9am to 12 noon.

7th Annual March for Life/San Francisco 2011

Update: The cost of the trip to S.F. is \$ 40.00 per person which is due and payable in full. Method of payment may be cash, cashiers check or personal checks payable to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. You will want to bring snacks and water for the trip since there will be no breakfast stop. There will be a dinner stop at a fast-food plaza on the way home. Please be at St. John's Church at 4:00AM. Bus departs promptly at 4:15AM. Come prepared for inclement weather. For information or questions contact: Mary Waldorf 530- 898-6398 or evenings 530- 345-8638 . May God bless you and your loved ones with the gift of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Pray before each step you take as you prepare to peacefully proclaim our message in even greater numbers this coming year.



Marriage Encounter: Would you like to give each other something really special this Christmas? How about a gift filled with romance and excitement? That’s just the beginning of what you will receive on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter. 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. **Topic December 9th: St. Nicholas**

Christmas Party 2010 for the Homeless

The Christmas party for the homeless in Chico is scheduled for Monday, Dec 20th at Our Divine Savior Parish Hall from 4:30pm to 6:30pm. To make a contribution for one of the following please call the person in charge:

•Money for gifts certificates and volunteers to help set up, greet, and clean up: Jerry, 342-2134

•30lbs of turkey meat, 2 spiral hams, side dishes, vegetables, and desserts: Kate McCarthy, 891-0513

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Library News & Hours:

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



An undiscovered fact about the Parish Library is that we have children’s books, CD’s, videos and DVD’s. Three of the books that you children might be interested in having you read to them are:

God Cares When I’m Grouchy by Elspeth Campbell Murphy. These are three stories for children based on bible verses that help get that cranky kid on the right path.

A Childs First Catholic Dictionary – Few words with lots of pictures, this work is a good source for your child to understand what Catholicism is all about, for example: “Emmanuel – Emmanuel means ‘God is with us.’ Emmanuel is also another name for Jesus.” The entry is accompanied with color drawings of the nativity.

Quit? Not Me! by Raymond & Dorothy Moore. A book about inculcating dependability in children. In this book you will meet John and Davey who by a careless error brag that they can keep a promise offered to their grandfathers. What was that promise and did they keep it? Check out the book in the parish library to find the answer.

Pope Benedict XVI Intentions for December

General: That our personal experience of suffering may be an occasion for better understanding the situation of unease and pain which is the lot of many people who are alone, sick or aged, and stir us all to give them generous help.

Missionary: That the peoples of the earth may open their doors to Christ and to His Gospel of peace, brotherhood and justice. From the Vatican, 31 December 2008

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
 - Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
 - Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
 - 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: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11
- Liturgy of the Hours Week II

