

First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2007

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Our Divine Savior – Mon Dec 3rd at 11:30am
Newman Center – Tues Dec 11th at 7:15pm
St. John's – Mon Dec 17th at 7pm
St. Thomas More, Paradise – Dec 19 at 3:30pm



Please Note: Confession time on Sat Dec 8th has been changed from 10am to 9am due to the 12noon mass scheduled to welcome Bishop Jaime Soto.

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ✦

Sat	1	7:30a	Special Intention
		5:30p	Steve Rowling (living) by Jane Rabo
Sun	2	7:30a	Antonio, Louis & Arline Borges by Borges Family
		9:30a	People of God
		12:30p	✦Adolfo Zepeda by Zepeda Family
Latin Mass		2:30p	Special Intention
		5:30p	✦Mike Hutter by DJM friends
Mon	3	7:30a	✦Mary VanBuskirk by Lona Stalker
Tue	4	7:30a	✦Charles Shea by Linda Shea
Wed	5	7:30a	✦Richard Vercruyssen by Rene Vercruyssen
		7:00p	✦Patrosinia Zolano by Lupe Alfaro
Thur	6	7:30a	✦John Reginato by Rosina Reginato
Fri	7	7:30a	✦Kathleen Lynch by Cassie Kelly
		8:30a	✦Merval Mayer by Jean Mayer
Sat	8	7:30a	✦Mina & Vince Starwyck
		5:30p	✦Rose Giannotti by Sam Giannotti

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ✦

Sun	2	9:00a	no intention
		10:30a	no intention

Pray for the repose of the soul of Joe Miguel, Vince Starwyck, and for the comfort of their family and friends.

Weekly Offering

4th week of November

Sunday Collection	\$5,801
Thanksgiving Collection	\$ 463 (for Catholic Ladies Relief)
Maintenance Collection	\$ 35 (total mo. to date \$2,792)
Rectory kitchen repair	\$ 100 (total to date: \$9,549)
TOTAL:	\$6,399

May your faithful generosity bring you blessings of joy, for the Bible says, "God loves a cheerful giver!"
--2 Corinthians 9:7

FIRST MONDAY: ADORATION/EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday, Dec 3rd after 7:30am Mass through 3:15pm followed by Benediction. Sign-ups are in the vestibule. All hours must be covered



✦ PARISH & SCHOOL NEWS ✦



Welcome Bishop Jaime Soto Please join us in welcoming our new coadjutor bishop to St. John's, Saturday, December 8, Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This will be a Regional Mass of Welcome at noon with a reception following in the cafeteria. The priests of the Sutter Butte Deanery will concelebrate.

Retirement Fund for Religious: Next weekend, Dec 8 & 9, there will be a second collection for the more than 37,000 men and women retired religious that still need our support. Please give generously. Envelopes will be in the vestibule.

Vespers— Evening Prayer: Join the choir to pray the Liturgy of the Hours Evening Prayer on Tuesdays Dec 4th, 11th, and 18th at 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.

Giving Tree: Thank you to everyone who took a tag for one of our elderly last weekend. Please remember to deliver the gift, **already wrapped with the tag taped to it**, to the parish office by Dec. 17 and it will be delivered for you.

The Angel Tree helps children of prisoners. Angel tags will be available before and after every mass starting Dec 2nd. Drop off wrapped gifts with tag by Dec 17th at the parish office. Call Karen or Bruce Neadly at 345-4350 to help.

Spaghetti Feed The Knights of Columbus will host a spaghetti feed Sunday, Dec 9, from 5:30-7:30pm at St. John's. Adults \$8, Children (under 12) \$4, and a family (parents and two or more children) \$20. Call Hector Hernandez for tickets and information 892-1936.

Catholic Daughters: Bake Sale at ODS TODAY, Dec 2nd, with Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast after all masses. First Friday mass at ODS, Dec 7 at 8am.

Catholic Ladies Relief Society #3: They will hold their Christmas luncheon Tues Dec 4th at the Newman Center. Social will be at 11:30am with lunch to follow at 12:30pm. Bring a gift to share. For more information call Sandy at 345-1601.

ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE
stjohnthebaptistchico.org

Fr. Brent's email: frbrent@stjohnthebaptistchico.org
St. John Office email address: stjohn33@sbcglobal.net

(NEW E-MAIL)
Chico_It_ym@yahoo.com
Andrea Florez, Youth Director 530-961-2050

LIFE TEEN - - XLT is this Sunday December 2nd. This is an awesome prayer experience with a great talk, praise and worship, and adoration. We begin with a free dinner at 6:30pm in the cafeteria of St. John's and then back up to the church from 7:15-8:45. Our speaker this week is Marijeanne Birchard who is sharing with us what it means to her to wait expectantly.

Youth 2000 - Retreat registration forms are due by next Monday. If you still need to turn in your form please bring it to LIFE TEEN or EDGE or turn it in to St. John's or ODS parish offices. This retreat is \$45 per teen and is open to all teens age 13 and up.

EDGE - EDGE - cour-age [kur-ij, kuhr-] -noun **cour-age**

1. The quality of mind or spirit that enables a person to face difficulty, danger, pain, etc., without fear; bravery. Join us Monday, November 26th from 7-8:30pm in the ODS Gym.

Next week:

LIFE TEEN. LIFE TEEN - IN-Sense INC

EDGE - Family Christmas Caroling - If it is raining there will be NO Christmas Caroling. If the weather is questionable please call me at 530-961-2050 to hear updates on my voicemail.

Catholics Returning Home: A Ministry of Compassion and Reconciliation is designed to reach-out and encourage non-practicing Catholics to return "Home to the Catholic Church" and resume active practice of their faith. For more details contact Deacon James Burkett at 893-2348.

Holy Spirit Prayer Group: They meet at 7pm on the 4th Wed of each month at the Newman Center. For more information call Sharon Haselton: 891-5334 or James Burkett: 893-2348.

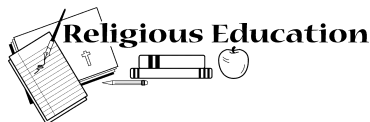


SCRIPTURE
STUDY

Scripture Study/Radio: Joe Hollcraft is live on AM 930 at 11:00am-12:00 each Saturday and Sunday (re-aired). Joe will have a different guest each week. Each program will be devoted to the readings from the Mass. **On December 1st and 2nd Joe will be joined by Bob Cross as they teach discuss on the meaning of Advent in light of the Gospel of Matthew.** The following week Joe will consider the meaning of John's words: "*Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand*" (Mt.3.1). Be sure not to miss this great opportunity to better understand the Bible and the structure of our faith. You can email Joe at jholljmi@yahoo.com if you have any questions about the radio program and/or the Catholic faith.

❖ **MARRIAGE & FAMILY** ❖

❖ **CFF: CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION** ❖



Religious Education Questions
Call 343-8741

Youth Sacrament Program is for students in 7th thru 12th grades who have not received all the sacraments (Baptism, 1st Penance, 1st Communion) and students in 8th thru 12th who have not received Confirmation. If the student has not received one or more of these sacraments their parents should enroll them in this program by calling 343-8741 or coming to the parish office to register.

Sacramental Parents Classes are for parents who have children receiving Sacraments this year. The required classes will be Sunday Dec 2; Tues Jan 22, Feb 19, March 11, April 22, and Sun May 4. Watch for details of time and place.

All CFF parents are encouraged to attend the following classes. Some topics that will be discussed will include: How to better our relationship with God at home; How we as parents can emphasize God's love to our children; Learn more about our Catholic Faith.

***Sunday, Dec. 2 (gym at 11am)**
Tuesday Jan. 22 (UMR at 7pm)
Tuesday Feb. 19 (UMR at 7pm)

A must see Pro life movie: BELLA is coming to the Pageant Theater here is Chico on Dec 7th. Invite friends and family to see this awesome pro life movie. For more information go to www.pageantchico.com

Respect for Life Committee: The Second Vatican Council reflects upon the relationship between the coming of Christ and our activity to prepare for it. The Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, tells us the spirit of Advent should naturally bolster our pro-life efforts, and the progress we make in promoting human dignity become the "building blocks" for the eternal kingdom. **Please join us for the next Respect Life Committee meeting on Dec 17th at 3:30 in the St. John's library.**

Mothers' Prayer Group: Join other mothers and children for a "pray and play" group every Thursday at 10:30am in the preschool room at ODS. If you have any questions, please call Marijeanne Birchard at 343-6912.



Marriage Encounter: Family Christmas Party will be Sat. Dec 8, 6pm at ODS. 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.

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).

Lessons & Carols at the Newman Center: Please join us for Lessons & Carols, an evening of Scripture readings and Advent Hymns at St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center on Sat, Dec 15th, at 7pm. This is a wonderful way to enter into the Advent Season. Following the Advent service, dessert, eggnog & hot chocolate will be served in the Newman Hall. All are welcome! For more info, call 342-5180.

From the Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos: *To See the World Through God's Eyes* presented on Dec 5th. Enjoy a **Day of Prayer** focused on the season of Advent led by Fr. Bush, S.J. The day begins at 9:30am with a continental breakfast, talks starting at 10am, lunch, mass, and ends by 4pm. Call 650-948-4491 for more information.

Travel to France: Pilgrimage to Catholic France (Lourdes & Other Sacred Sites) with Fr. Steve Avella, May 13th thru May 28th 2008. For details call Karen Chappellear, 916-952-7560. Leaves from SFO.

The Notre Dame Alumni Club of Northern CA. invites all those interested in music to meet Fr. Michael Driscoll, Dir. of the Masters in Sacred Music Program at the University of Notre Dame. Fr. Driscoll will be here at St. John's Sat, Dec. 8, 8:30-10am. Admission is free. There will be an open forum discussion on any topic related to liturgical music in the Mother Teresa Room of St. John's parish offices. Coffee and donuts will be served. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Schwartz at 891-0626.

FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED: Do you love Kids?! Are you ready to grow as a person and as a parent? Then open your heart and home to a child who needs you: Become a Remi Vista Foster Parent. Remi Vista, Inc. is a company that has been serving Northern California for 35 years. Their agency is comprised of Christian individuals who are dedicated to serving Christ, children and families of Northern California. They are in desperate need of new foster families in Chico, Oroville and the surrounding areas. For more information, call 893-4784 or visit their web site at: www.remivista.com

Bereaved Parents is a national non-profit self-help group that offers support, understanding, compassion and hope to parents after the death of a child. All are welcome. We meet the second Thursday of each month at 7pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 667 E. 1st Ave in room #9. For information call Cathy Boutwell, 345-8905 or Lisa Palmer, 894-7025.

Healing After Abortion Retreat: Do you know someone hurting after an abortion? Still seeking peace years later? Experience the healing love of Jesus at Rachel's Vineyard Retreat in Auburn, sponsored by the Diocese of Sacramento. A weekend retreat includes sharing of stories, spiritual exercises, sacraments and a memorial service. Open to women, men, couples and family members touched by abortion. The cost is \$150 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. Financial assistance is available. For more information, call Edie at 916-733-0161 or 1-888-HOPE-790 or email esickman@diocese-sacramento.org.

Sun 2	First Sunday of Advent 9am-noon RCIA 10:45am-noon CFF 2:30pm Latin Mass 6:45pm Life Teen
Mon 3	St Francis Xavier All Day Adoration (8-3:15) 6-8pm English AA 6:30-8pm BSA #2 (Convent) 6-7pm Spanish Liturgia 7-9pm Spanish Cursillo 7pm Novena to OLG
Tues 4	St John of Damascus 6pm Vespers 6:30pm choir practice 7pm Novena OLG 7pm Span CFF teachers mtg 7pm Grupo Carismatico
Wed 5	3:30-5pm Youth Sacrament Class 6-9pm Spanish AA 6pm Spanish Coro 7pm Span Mass – Novena OLG 7pm BSA #2 (Cafeteria)
Thur 6	St Nicholas 7pm Rosary 7pm Novena OLG
Fri 7	St Ambrose – First Friday 6-7am men's Bible Study (ODS) 6:15am Bible Study (St John's) 3:30-4:30pm Adoration 6-9pm Spanish AA 7pm Novena OLG 7pm Comite Mexicano
Sat 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception First Saturday **9am Confessions (Special Time) **10-11:30am Spanish CFF Noon – Mass of Welcome - Bishop Soto 6pm Spanish Coro 7pm Novena OLG

Library Hours:

Sunday 8:30-9:30am & 10:30am-12:15pm

Wednesday 9-noon and Thursday 9-noon



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
- Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
- Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Liturgy of the Hours – Week I

