



Fourth Sunday of Advent December 24, 2006



2006 Christmas Schedule

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
Christmas Eve Masses
 Family Mass 5:30pm (English)
 7:30pm (Spanish)
 Readings and Carols 11:30pm (English)
Christmas Day Masses
 Midnight Mass 12:00am
 7:30am and 9:30am (English)
 12:30pm (Spanish)
Solemnity of Mary
December 31-No Vigil Mass
New Years Day – Daily Mass 7:30am

◆ **PARISH & SCHOOL NEWS** ◆

JOB OPPORTUNITY: Notre Dame School seeks a Custodian to fill an after-school position. Five to six hours nightly. Appropriate placement on the diocesan pay scale and benefits offered. Contact 342-2502, or stop by 435 Hazel St. for an application.

Calling All Donors: Notre Dame School would like to invite current and previous donors to our Hispanic Scholarship Program to assist financially needy families. For the past several years, large donations to this program have given many students who would otherwise be unable to attend NDS the opportunity to receive a quality Catholic Education. If you are one who has contributed, or someone who would like to begin to do so, please stop by our office or contact NDS at 342-2502. Thank you, St. John's, for the support you provide your parish school!

Knights of Columbus: "ALL YOU CAN EAT 2007 CRAB FEED!!" Saturday Feb 3, 2007 doors open at 5pm, dinner served at 7pm, raffle at 9pm at St. John's. Donation is \$35. To purchase tickets call Jim Kelly 891-1990, Michael Powell 680-4672, Hector Hernandez 892-1036, Mike Johnson 893-2803, Dan Terrell 899-0101 or you can purchase them at the parish office at St. John's 343-8741. **Tickets will not be sold at the door.** Tickets must be purchased by Jan 15th. **Menu:** All you can crack and clean crab, chowder, bread, salad, hardboiled eggs, beans, wine/cocktails, beer on tap and there will be a \$10 corkage fee for all wine brought into the crab feed. Come and enjoy a great meal and be entertained by the Chico Children's Choir.



WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST: Sat Jan 20, 2007. An awesome experience! There is a comfort travel bus that will pick up in Paradise and Chico. For more information or to register and reserve your spot call Erika Sajben 566-1201 or 330-2594. Cost is \$29 per person.

HELP NEEDED!!! The Altar Society is in deperate need of help! The ladies are getting tired or are in ill health and would like to form six teams of two to rotate doing one hour of work on Saturday mornings. There is no heavy work involved just care of altar and sanctuary. Please call Thelma 342-4393 or Lil 342-3008 for more information.

BRING YOUR CHURCH BULLETIN: Five and Eye restaurant on the corner of 5th St. and Ivy will give 10% back to our church when you bring in your bulletin and purchase a meal! They are open for breakfast, lunch and dinner!

ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE
stjohnthebaptistchico.org

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

✠ Mass Intentions ~St. John the Baptist ✠	
Sat 23	7:30a Rosanna Correa (living) by Maria 5:30p ✠ Colleen Howard by Gala Ybanez
Sun 24	7:30a Boutwell family by Cathy Boutwell 9:30a People of God 11:00a Special Intention 12:30p no intencion 5:30p Carlana Boutwell (birthday) by Mom
Mon 25	Midnight Susanne Delima & Family (living) 7:30a William & Nila Mendonca & Family (living) by Erika Sajben 9:30a People of God 12:30p Teresa Aguirre & Family
Tue 26	7:30a Dino & Nancy Rabo (69 th Anniv) by David & Jean Rabo
Wed 27	7:30a Caroline Sajben (B' day) by Mom & Dad 7:00p no intencion
Thurs 28	7:30a Don & Mary Carlson (Anniv) by Gail Boswell
Fri 29	7:30a ✠ Linda Morgado Spring by Marlene Shanks 8:45a NO MASS (VACATION)
Sat 30	7:30a ✠ Ed Dabrowski by Norleen Manwill 5:30p Tom Hixson (B' day) by Arlie Hixson
Mass Intentions ~St. James	
Sun 24	9:00 a no intencion 10:30a no intencion 5:30p Missionaries of Mercy by DJM

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Arlene Borges, Mike Hutter, and for their family and friends.

OFFERING TOTAL FOR 2nd WEEK OF DECEMBER

Budget amount needed	\$12,680.00
Collection amount	\$8,563.00



www.chicolifeteen.org

Andrea Florez, Youth Director
530-961-2050

PARENTS if you are interested in helping with snacks, with set-up, or clean-up and you have NOT already signed-up please call me at the number listed above to put yourself on the list.

Happy Advent! Both LIFE TEEN and EDGE Youth Ministries are on a Christmas Break too. Good luck to all those teens preparing for finals we will be praying for you.

If you have any questions or would like more information about our programs please call Andrea.

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

Religious Education Questions
Call Jason Van Buskirk 343-8741

Email: jvanbuskirk@stjohnthebaptistchico.org

No CFF for Sunday, December 24th or Sunday, December 31st.



A very Blessed and Holy Christmas to everyone! CFF will resume as usual **Sunday, January 7th.**

CFF: Registrations are always welcome year round!

CFF Christmas Tree: On Saturday, December 23rd from 12:30-1:00 p.m. in the Church vestibule.

Mandatory Sacrament Parents' Class: The next Sacrament Parents' Class is Tuesday, January 9th from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Upper Meeting Room. Only parents going through our program for the 1st time are required to attend all the monthly classes, though all are encouraged and welcomed. Child Care during this class is now available!

RCIA Adapted for Children: Sacrament Preparation for kids in grades 2-6 who need to be baptized, AND, children in grades 3-6 who need to receive 1st Confession and/or 1st Communion. Next Class is Friday, January 5th from 6:30-7:30pm in the Parish Office.

Youth Sacrament Program (Sacrament Preparation for Youth in grades 7-12): Classes are on Weds, from 4:30-6pm in the Parish Office Upper Meeting Room.

Deaf CFF: Please call Jason Van Buskirk if interested at 343-8741.

Sacrament Registration: Registration for Baptism, 1st Confession, and 1st Communion is underway and ends Wednesday, December 20th. Forms are available in Parish Office and at the main desk of Notre Dame School. One copy of a baptismal certificate is required for each child. Please return registrations to the Parish Office or to your child's teacher.

✧ **MARRIAGE & FAMILY** ✧

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Northern Lights Love Circle:

Next meeting will be on Saturday January 6th at St. John's starting at 6:30 with a potluck dinner followed by a talk. For more information please call Stephanie or James at 893-2348, email burkett7@sbcglobal.net

Catholic Marriage Enrichment Group: Next meeting will be on Jan 3rd at 6:45pm. All Catholic married couples are welcome. For information, call Debbie Weinrich, MSW at 342-2878 ext 2.

Catholic Women's Ministry: Next meeting will be on Jan 11th, 6:45-9pm at ODS Social Hall. Call Debbie Weinrich at 342-2878 ext 2.

Marriage Encounter: Tired of the same old Christmas gifts? Tired of spending lots of money on more doodads that wear out? How about a gift that will grow and change every day and yet last a lifetime? The gift is your love, renewed on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Upcoming weekends will be Feb. 16 – 18; April 20-22; June 22-24 in Sacramento. For more information call Stephanie & Deacon James Burkett 893-2348.

Retrouaille: This is a program consisting of a weekend experience and 6 post-weekend sessions designed to give hope and help for marriages that are experiencing trouble. The next weekend in Sacramento will be February 9-11 2007. For additional information, go to www.retrouaille.org or call 1-800-283-5952.

❖ **ADULT FAITH FORMATION** ❖

Have you received the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Bishop Francis Quinn will be at the Newman Center in Chico May 20th at 2pm to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is an opportunity for Catholic adults (especially high school and college students) to receive this gift of the Holy Spirit. Preparation for this Sacrament will begin in February. The first meeting is at 4pm on Feb 4th in the Newman Center Library or if you can make this meeting there will also be one on Thurs. Feb 8th (same place). We will be using the newly published United States Catholic Catechism for Adults. Call Tim Gannon at 680-1314 with any questions. Hope to see you!

Catholics Returning Home: ODS, St. John's and Newman Center will conduct an ongoing session called CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME for 13 consecutive weeks. The session will begin Mon Feb 5th 2007 from 7-8:30pm at St. John's. These sessions are for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church. . Please contact Deacon Burkett at 893-2348, 343-4248 or Sharon Haselton 343-8741.

Christian Spirituality Class: Features the actual lectures from the class offered at Franciscan University of Steubenville – but on audio tape only! Facilitated by Jason Van Buskirk (M.A. in Theology from Steubenville) - group prayer (Liturgy of the Hours etc) and Catholic Fellowship are part of this experience too. The class will be from 7-9 p.m. every Tuesday evening in the Parish Office Library (started Nov 14th). All interested are encouraged to call Jason at 343-8741

Scripture Study: NOTE NEW LOCATION AND TIME: Joe Hollcraft will do the last class of a 4 part series on Advent based on the readings of the following Sunday on Wed. Dec from 7-8pm at the Newman Center. If you can't make it to the bible study it will be recorded and aired on AM 930 Sat & Sun Dec 16 & 17 at 11am. You can also access the information on St John's website (Catholic Hour → Recent Scripture link) Don't miss this great opportunity to better understand the bible and our faith.

✧ **AROUND THE COMMUNITY** ✧

Women's Resource Clinic: We are in need of the following items: new or slightly used cribs, highchairs, and strollers; baby jackets up to 1 year; S-XXL maternity clothes; diapers size 1-4; Volunteer Counselors and Receptionists; Adobe In Design Software and **monthly financial supporters. Please keep us and our clients in your prayers.** Contact Judy at 897-6101 for more detail or questions.

Catholic Daughters: Our Dec 14th meeting has been postponed to Dec 21st because of renovations being done at ODS. It will be at 11:30am at La Hacienda Restaurant.

Torres Shelter News: Christmas Party Coming Along Wonderfully—A dozen people signed cards, sorted, matched and wrapped scarves, hats, and shirts for the Dec 19th party at the Torres Shelter! We signed the cards from “Chico’s Catholic Communities”. The quality, colors and variety of the gifts are truly outstanding. Everyone has worked together and provided everything needed to make this a Christmas Party to remember! I wish you could all be there to experience the joy our homeless will feel because of your generous giving! You can be proud of the cooperation among the parishes and the outpouring of so many people. Thank you so much!

✧ **AROUND THE DIOCESE and beyond** ✧



Women's Weekend Retreat: Give her a Special gift of your love: 40 hours of peace and quiet, rest and joy. Give her a Weekend Retreat with the women of the parish. We have rooms reserved for the weekend of Jan 26-28 2007 at Christ the King Retreat Center in Citrus Heights. For reservations call Lyn Dorenzo 891-8026 or Rita Staring 895-1214 or the Retreat Center at 916-725-4720.

Calling Single Catholic Men: Have you ever thought about becoming a Catholic Priest? You are invited to attend a Discernment Retreat, 4pm on Friday, Jan 26th through 1pm, Sunday, January 28th 2007 at St. Patrick's Seminary to better understand if a vocation to the ministry of God's priesthood is for you! Single Catholic men, 21years of age or older, are invited. The weekend is designed to provide the tools needed to help you determine if God might be calling you to a vocation to the priesthood. The Retreat will include prayer, discussion and presentations about the priesthood, group interaction and following the daily routine of a seminarian. For more information please see your parish priest.

Saints of Italy Pilgrimage: Join Fr. Steven Avella on a tour of Milan, Asti, Sienna, Assisi, Casia, Loreto, San Giovanni Rotondo, Monte Sant' Angelo and Monte Cassino June 14th – June 29th 2007. Contact Karen Chappelle at 916-652-7560 for more details.

Youth Mission Trip to Mexico: The Diocese of Sacramento Youth Office is collaborating with the Los Embajadores Missionary Program to take 24 teens and 6 adults from our Diocese to Tijuana, Mexico in June 2007. Grounded in service work, the program is a week-long experience that serves as a conduit for building relationship with the Mexican people, allows the youth to learn how to form a supportive and interdependent community, and gain a firmer understanding of the social justice issues that underlie poverty. The cost for the week is \$350. Participation is based on an Application process and is open to high school students currently in grades 9-12. If you are interested in joining us, please contact the Diocesan Youth Office at 916-733-0152 for an Application for the program. Hurry as space is limited!

✧ **CALENDAR** ✧

Sat 23	St. John of Kanty 9-11am Pro-Life Prayer Group 10am Confessions	
Sun 24	4th Sunday of Advent NO CFF NO LIFETEEN	
Mon 25	BIRTH OF JESUS NO Jr. Life 6-8 AA in English	
Tues19	6:30 Choir practice	
Wed 20	6-9 Spanish AA 7pm Spanish mass 7pm BSA #2	
Thur 21	St Peter Canisius 7pm Rosary Prayer Group	
Fri 22	6-7am Men's Bible Study (ODS) NO MASS NDCS Christmas Vacation 3:30-4:30pm Adoration 6-9pm Spanish AA	
Sat 16	9-11am Pro-Life Prayer Group 10am Confessions	

Library Hours:

Sunday following the 9:30am mass to 12:15pm
Tuesday 9am-noon
Wednesday 9-noon
Thursday 9-noon and 5-6pm

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church: What is it? It's a summary of the Catechism, focusing on the key elements of the Catholic Faith, formatted with a question and answer approach. It is not meant to replace either the Catechism or textbooks but to help make the Catholic Faith as accessible as possible for the next generation of the Faithful. We have a new shipment of them available in the Parish office for only \$12.

United States Catholic Catechism for Adults: is a unique and groundbreaking guide for those who seek to deepen their Catholic faith. Each chapter starts with a story or lesson of faith which are then related to Catholic teachings, the Catechism and to American culture. If you are interested in purchasing one they are available at the Parish office for \$20.

Diocesan History Books: The diocese has put together a beautiful hardcover book featuring the history of the diocese and its parishes. The books are available in the parish office. The cost is \$25.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for December

General Intention: That Christ, meek and humble of heart, will inspire those responsible for nations to use power wisely and responsibly. **Mission Intention:** That in every part of the world missionaries will live out their vocation with joy and enthusiasm, faithfully following in Christ's footsteps.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday:	Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45
Friday:	1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
Saturday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
Sunday:	Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Liturgy of the Hours III

