

Out of Egypt



*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
December 30, 2007*

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ✦

Sat 29	7:30a	✦ Joseph Miguel
	5:30p	✦ Nora O'Brien
Sun 30	7:30a	Tom Hixson (living/B'day) by Arlie Hixson
	9:30a	People of God
	12:30p	✦ Jose & Cleotilde Guízar by Carmen Guízar
Latin Mass	2:30p	Special Intention
	5:30p	✦ John & Sally Avila by Joann Stevens
Mon 31	7:30a	✦ Miguel Valine by Laura Mendonca
Tue 1	9:00a	✦ Don Heffren by Bev Burgess Levin
Spanish	11:00a	no intention
Latin Mass	12:30p	Special Intention
Wed 2	7:30a	✦ Ellen Scofield by Thelma Seiler
	7:00p	NO SPANISH MASS
Thur 3	7:30a	✦ Vince Starwyck by John & Linda Shea
Fri 4	7:30a	✦ Joe Miguel by Holy Ghost & Fatima Club
	8:30a	NO NDS MASS (vacation)
Sat 5	7:30a	✦ Rafael Mota by Maria Correa
	5:30p	✦ Manuel & Elsie Maciel by Joann Stevens

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ✦

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

Pray for the repose of the soul of Ellen Scofield, Gerda Hase, Archbishop Kirima and for the comfort of their family and friends.

✦ PARISH & SCHOOL NEWS ✦

Mass Schedule for New Years Day (Holy Day of Obligation)
9am in English, 11am in Spanish, 12 noon in Latin

Parish Office Hours during the Christmas Holidays:

Dec 31 st	Closed
Jan 1 st	Closed
Jan 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th	9am-12pm

There will be no Children's Liturgy at the 5:30pm mass on December 30.

NDS "After Christmas for Classrooms 2007": Last year's Christmas for Classrooms was such a great success that we could not go without offering all Parish Members another chance to think of Notre Dame Catholic School as one of your contributions for the year. This year we will be presenting our Christmas for Classrooms program on Jan 26 & 27. Last year, your generous contributions for NDS brought in more than \$9,000 for some extra projects that have been needed for years, but were beyond the reach of our regular improvement budget. This year special CFC projects include: new drinking fountain in the gym, new sink, drinking faucet, cabinet, counter and upper storage cabinet in 2nd grade, and renovation and workstations in the elementary hallway. Look for more information in the weeks ahead.

WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST: Sat Jan 19, 2008. An awesome experience! There is a comfort travel bus that will pick up in Chico. For more information call Erika Sajben 566-1201. Call the parish office to register and reserve your spot 343-8741. Cost is \$37 per person.

GROUP PICTURES: Thank you to everyone who has sent in pictures for the directory. It's not too late if you would still like your organizations or ministry represented in the directory. Please send in pictures to the parish office no later than Jan 7. Be sure and attach necessary information. You may also send a digital copy to the parish office email address. Please call the office if you have any questions 343-8741.

Weekly Offering

4th week of December

Sunday Collection	\$ 6,576
Rectory kitchen repair	\$ 520 (total to date \$10,169)
TOTAL:	\$ 7,096

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

--2 Corinthians 9:7

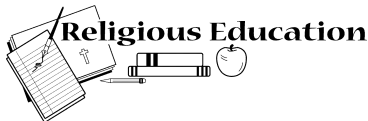
ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE
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LIFE TEEN – EDGE – We are taking a Christmas break during this busy season. Please enjoy this time with your family and friends. **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! My God bless you and your families during this Christmas Season!**

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



Religious Education Questions
Call 343-8741

CFF: Enjoy the Christmas season and we will see you all back on Jan 6, 2008. Happy New Year!

Sacramental Parents Classes are for parents who have children receiving Sacraments this year. The required classes will be **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 Sacramental Parents 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.



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Over all other virtues put on love, this is, the bond of perfection.

-- Colossians 3:14

✦ **ADULT FAITH FORMATION** ✦

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. This week we will re-air the Dec 22nd- Dec 23rd

program which Joe and Ann Baumgartner considered the deeper sense of Christmas. Be sure not to miss this great opportunity to better understand the Bible and the structure of our faith. You can email Joe at jholljmj@yahoo.com if you have any questions about the radio program and/or the Catholic faith.

✦ **MARRIAGE & FAMILY** ✦



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Respect for Life Committee: Prayer for Advent – God of Life, We rejoice in the promise of your coming. You have sent your Son, born in Bethlehem. He is the Prince of Peace, and the one in whose name all oppression shall cease. May we welcome His coming each day and prepare for His coming at the end of time. May we build a culture that welcomes Him by welcoming every child, born and unborn. We pray through the same Christ our Lord. Amen. **Please join us for the next Respect Life Committee meeting on Dec 18th 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: 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).

Retrouvaille: 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. For additional information, go to www.retrouvaille.org or call 1-800-283-5952.

Happy New Year!

Thank you to all who contributed to the Christmas party for the homeless at ODS. Decorations were festive and the food was bountiful. The NDS children's cards were beautiful and brought tears to the eyes of many guests. The presents were also abundant and beautifully wrapped and very much appreciated. The volunteer workers brought joy and great love to the guests. It was a blessed event. Thank you to all.

Women's parish Retreat at Christ the King will be January 25-27. The theme is : I Am Who Am... Delighting in the River of Grace. We have rooms reserved for out parish so please call Rita Staring 895-1214 or Lyn Dorenzo 891-8026 if you are interested. This is a great time to rest and renew yourself in god through liturgy and prayer, silence and solitude.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

"Octave" comes from the Latin word for "eight," and since eight is one step beyond seven, the number of days in a week, it has long been seen as a symbol of perfection, completion, and new beginnings. Early Christians called Sunday the "eighth day," since it was the day after the Sabbath and a day of resurrected life, the Lord's Day. By the seventh century, people regarded the eight days after Easter Sunday as one great day, an octave, one glorious feast when people were forbidden to fast or kneel. In the seventh century, Pentecost acquired an Octave, too. Christmas didn't claim the honor of a continuous feast, but it did get an Octave Day. January 1 is the oldest Marian feast, the Octave of Christmas. It was originally a feast of the motherhood of Mary, although for centuries until 1969 it was called the Feast of the Circumcision. Our reformed calendar follows the earlier tradition of celebrating Mary as Mother of God.

Today's Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph is a modern one, instituted in 1921. Strains on family life then, with the world emerging from the first "Great War," were enormous. From its inception, this feast was clearly intended to inspire people with an image of family harmony even amid difficulties.

In 1969 the Feast of the Holy Family was moved to its present position, the Sunday within the Octave of Christmas. When Christmas falls on a Sunday, this feast is bumped to December 30, but is not a holy day. The Gospels chosen in 1969 all depict stressful times in the life of the family of Jesus: the Presentation (with the warning of future sorrow), the flight into Egypt, and Mary and Joseph's frantic search for their son in Jerusalem. The feast's former place in the calendar is taken now by the Baptism of the Lord.

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Sun 30	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph 9am-noon RCIA NO CFF 2:30pm Latin Mass NO Life Teen
Mon 31	The Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas/St. Sylvester I 6-8pm English AA NO BSA #2 (Convent) 7-9pm Spanish Cursillo
Tues 1	Mary, Mother of God/Holy Day Octave Day of Christmas New Year's Day Masses 9am English 11am Spanish 12:30p Latin St. Basil the Great / St. Gregory Nazianzen OFFICE OPEN 9am-12pm 6-9pm Spanish AA
Thur 3	Most Holy Name of Jesus OFFICE OPEN 9am-12pm 7pm Rosary
Fri 4	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton/First Friday OFFICE OPEN 9am-12pm 6-7am men's Bible Study (ODS) 6:15am Bible Study with Fr. Brent All are welcome! 3:30-4:30pm Adoration 6-9pm Spanish AA
Sat 5	St. John Neumann/First Saturday 10am Confessions 6pm Spanish Coro

Library Hours:

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

Wednesday 9-noon and Thursday 9-noon



The library staff would like to thank all those who have given so generously to the library fund. Have a Happy New Year! Closed Jan 2nd.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

Tuesday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps. 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Jn 1:29-34

Friday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Liturgy of the Hours - Week IV

