



The Kingdom of Heaven Is at Hand.

**Second Sunday of Advent  
December 9, 2007**

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ✦	
Sat 8	7:30a ✦Mina & Vince Starwyck 5:30p ✦Rose Giannotti by Sam Giannotti
Sun 9	7:30a ✦John & Mary O'Hara by John O'Hara 9:30a <b>People of God</b> 12:30p no intention Latin Mass 2:30p <b>Special Intention</b> 5:30p Laurie Rabo (living & b'day) by Mike & Jane Rabo
Mon 10	7:30a ✦Vince Starwyck by Lil Fortino
Tue 11	7:30a <b>The Bertoli Family (living &amp; deceased)</b>
Wed 12	7:30a ✦Arline Borges by Consolation Min 7:00p <b>Martin Larios (living)</b> by Martin Majana
Thur 13	7:30a <b>Gail Boswell &amp; Mary Carlson (living/b'day)</b> by Gail Boswell
Fri 14	7:30a <b>Dan Fischer (living)</b> by Connie Fischer 8:30a ✦Samantha Holerbein by Sue Garcia
Sat 15	7:30a ✦John & Mary O'Hara by John O'Hara 5:30p ✦William Kaps & Vince Starwyck by Thelma Kaps
✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ✦	
Sun 9	9:00a ✦Alice Konyn by Peter Konyn 10:30a no intention
<p><i>Pray for the repose of the soul of Ellen Scofield, Gerda Hase, Archbishop Kirima, Joe Miguel and for the comfort of their family and friends.</i></p>	

**Weekly Offering**

<u>1<sup>st</sup> week of December</u>	
Sunday Collection	\$10,383
Rectory kitchen repair	\$ 100 (total to date: \$9,649)
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$10,483</b>

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

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES**  
Newman Center – Tues Dec 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:15pm  
St Thomas, Oroville – Thurs Dec 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm  
St. John's – Mon Dec 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm  
St. Thomas More, Paradise – Dec 19 at 3:30pm



**PLEASE NOTE:** The parish library will be closed on Sun Dec 9<sup>th</sup> due to the make-up picture day for our directory.

**Retirement Fund for Religious:** This weekend, Dec 8 & 9, there will be a special collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your generous commitment today will help ensure appropriate care for our Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift makes a difference! Please give generously. Envelopes are in the vestibule.

**Spaghetti Feed** The Knights of Columbus will host a spaghetti feed **TODAY Sunday, Dec 9, from 5:30-8pm at St. John's.** Adults \$8, Children (under 12) \$4 and a family (parents and two or more children) \$20. Tickets will be available at the door.

**Vespers— Evening Prayer:** Will be at ODS church this Tues. Dec. 11 at 6pm. Please join the choir to pray the Liturgy of the Hours Evening Prayer. Dec 18 Vesper's will be back at St. John's.



**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 and Angel Trees:** Thank you to everyone who took a tag for one of our elderly last weekend or a tag from our Angel Tree for the children. 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. **If you can help deliver the gifts for the children please call Karen or Bruce Neadly at 345-4350 to help.**

**Christmas Party for the Homeless Dec 18<sup>th</sup>:** We had a good initial response to our request for food and volunteers. We still need hams, vegetable dishes and deserts. Please call Dani Elliott at 894-5518. Also needed are socks and toiletries to give to the homeless as presents. Call Carmen Loza at 892-0238.

**Catholic Daughters:** Dec 13<sup>th</sup> Potluck luncheon, 12 noon, at Our Divine Savior Social Hall with meeting to follow. Please call Lil at 342-3008 if you have any questions.

ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE  
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(NEW E-MAIL)  
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Andrea Florez, Youth Director 530-961-2050

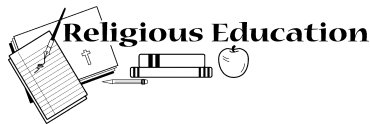
**LIFE TEEN – NO LIFE NIGHT.** The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Spaghetti Dinner this Sunday night from 5:30-7:30pm in the NDS cafeteria. All proceeds from the dinner go to support NDS and LIFE TEEN and EDGE Youth Ministries.

**Youth 2000 -** Retreat registration forms are due by Dec 16<sup>th</sup>. 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 – 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.

**LIFE TEEN – Christmas Party next week. No EDGE**

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



**Religious Education Questions**  
Call 343-8741

**Posada Celebration:** On Dec 16<sup>th</sup>, CFF will celebrate the traditional Hispanic celebration of Mary and Joseph trying to find a room in Bethlehem (La Posada). There will be a procession, prayers, piñatas and goodies. Don't miss this wonderful Hispanic tradition! Call Raquel or the office at 343-8741 if you have any questions.

**Youth Sacrament Program** is for students in 7<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grades who have not received all the sacraments (Baptism, 1<sup>st</sup> Penance, 1<sup>st</sup> Communion) and students in 8<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

**Tuesday Jan. 22 (UMR at 7pm)**  
**Tuesday Feb. 19 (UMR at 7pm)**

◆ **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 4<sup>th</sup> Wed of each month at the Newman Center. For more information call Sharon Haselton: 891-5334 or James Burkett: 893-2348.



**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 Dec 8<sup>th</sup> (program to be re-aired Dec 9) Joe will be joined with Bob Cross to consider the figure of St. John the Baptist in light of the Advent season. Joe and Bob will also discuss the many traditions and symbols that we all have become familiar with during the Christmas time. The following week Joe will continue his Advent reflections in light of the Gospel of Matthew. 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](mailto:jholljmi@yahoo.com) if you have any questions about the radio program and/or the Catholic faith.

◆ **MARRIAGE & FAMILY** ◆



**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 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:** 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).

**A must see Pro life movie:** BELLA is coming to the Pageant Theater here is Chico on Dec 7<sup>th</sup> for one week. Invite friends and family to see this awesome pro life movie. For more information go to [www.pageantchico.com](http://www.pageantchico.com)

**BE ALERT:** A new movie, *The Golden Compass*, is set to be released on December 7<sup>th</sup> throughout the U.S. and translated into 32 different languages as well. The movie is based on a trilogy, *His Dark Materials*. The author, Phillip Pullman has said in an interview that this trilogy concentrates upon this theme: "I Want to kill God in the minds of Children... I want them to decide against God and the Kingdom of Heaven" quote from Phillip Pullman. *The Golden Compass*, a sanitized version of the book, wants to have children and young people rebel against parents, teachers, the Church, and anyone in authority.

**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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Travel to France:** Pilgrimage to Catholic France ( Lourdes & Other Sacred Sites) with Fr. Steve Avella, May 13<sup>th</sup> thru May 28<sup>th</sup> 2008. For details call Karen Chappellear, 916-652-7560. Leaves from SFO.

**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. 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:esickman@diocese-sacramento.org).



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

<b>Sun 9</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> 9am-noon RCIA 10:45am-noon CFF <b>5:30-8pm K of C Spaghetti Feed</b> <b>2:30pm Latin Mass</b> 6:45pm Life Teen 7pm Novena OLG	
<b>Mon 10</b>	6-8pm English AA 6:30-8pm BSA #2 (Convent) 7-9pm Spanish Cursillo 7pm Novena to OLG	
<b>Tues 11</b>	<b>St Damasus I</b> 6pm Vespers (at ODS) 6:30pm choir practice (at ODS) 6pm Novena OLG 7pm Grupo Carismatico	
<b>Wed 12</b>	<b>Our Lady of Guadalupe</b> <b>5am Procession &amp; Mananitas</b> <b>5:30a mass</b> <b>6am social in cafeteria</b> <b>5pm procession</b> <b>5:30pm OLG mass</b> 3:30-5pm Youth Sacrament Class 6-9pm Spanish AA 7pm BSA #2 (at ODS just for this week)	
<b>Thur 13</b>	<b>St Lucy</b> <b>6pm K of C</b> 7pm Rosary	
<b>Fri 14</b>	<b>St John of the Cross</b> 6-7am men's Bible Study (ODS) 6:15am Bible Study ( St John's) <b>3:30-4:30pm Adoration</b> 6-9pm Spanish AA 7pm Span confirm class	
<b>Sat 15</b>	10am Confessions 12-noon Spanish CFF 6pm Spanish Coro	

**Library Hours: CLOSED SUN DEC 9TH**

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

**Wednesday 9-noon and Thursday 9-noon**



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 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**

