



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 15, 2009

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ✦

Sat 14	7:30a	✦ Donna Ahern by W.C. & Pat Ahern
	5:30p	no intention
Sun 15	7:30a	✦ Yvonne Richard Cleo Richard (Living)
	9:00a	People of God
	12:30p	no intention
	5:30p	✦ Herbert Buskirk by Crete Family
Mon 16	7:30a	no intention
Tues 17	7:30a	✦ Agnes Reilley by Consolation Ministry
Wed 18	7:30a	no intention
	7:00p	no intention
Thur 19	7:30a	Laura Theaker (living)
Fri 20	7:30a	David Bender by Rabo Family
Sat 21	7:30a	no intention
	5:30p	no intention

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ✦

Sun 15	9:00a	no intention
	10:30a	Javier Arevalo and family Arnulfo Flores and family
		<i>Please pray for the repose of the soul of George Santos Sr., Sam Giannotti, Maria Contereras, Raymond Lopez and for his family and friends.</i>

2nd week of February

<u>Collection</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Feb 8 th	\$7,881	\$12,337
Year to date	\$274,767	\$352,046

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

FOR SALE: 1997 Ford Expedition SUV, excellent condition, 160,000 miles, \$5,000. For more info, call the Newman Center at 342-5180.

REMINDER OF MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES

The Mass Schedule for Sundays is as follows: 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am (Latin), 12:30pm (Spanish) and 5:30pm (Life Teen) English CFF will start at 10:15am.

The office will be closed Monday, Feb. 16, in honor of President's Day.

Thank you: On behalf of all at Notre Dame School and St. John's Parish, we would like to thank Father Simon Twomey and the parishioners of Our Divine Savior Parish for your generous donation of \$5,000 to Notre Dame School. May the good Lord bless you abundantly!

Fr. Blaise Berg, Pastor Chris Seibert, Principal
 St. John the Baptist Parish Notre Dame School

Annual Catholic Appeal: Commitment Weekend for the 2009 Annual Catholic Appeal is next weekend. Please be generous in your pledge to help people in need in our diocese and in our parish community, seminarians who are currently in formation, and those communities that are growing and in need of new churches. Last year, our parish received \$3,820 back from the Appeal, which was used for general needs. This year we plan to allocate our 25% parish share to local charitable needs. Each and every gift will make a difference, no matter the size. God's return to you will be even more generous.

Essay Contest: In celebration of the gift of Catholic education, the Diocesan School Board and the Catholic School Department are pleased to announce the "Celebrate Service Essay Contest." The contest is open to 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students who are not presently enrolled in a Catholic school in the Diocese of Sacramento. The top prize is tuition (up to \$4,000!) for the 2009-2010 academic year at any Catholic elementary school in this Diocese. The second prize is a \$100 savings bond, and third prize is a \$50 savings bond. Winning essayists will be announced in early March. Students who enter will write an essay addressing "how celebrating service changed my life," up to a maximum of 500 words, and submitted by Wednesday, February 25. For more information, go to www.diocese-sacramento.org for an official entry form, rules and provisions.

Legion of Mary: God is pressing for a greater, wider and stronger devotion to his Blessed Mother Mary. We are Legion of Mary servants coming together on Wednesday mornings at ODS at 9am. We begin by praying the rosary for the world, the church and our Holy Father. We evangelize and minister to the sick, visit the homebound and elderly. All are welcome to attend. Please call Lois Manica at 345-9310 for more information. If you would like information about our Spanish Legion of Mary please call Lupe Guerra at 899-7995. They meet on Thurs, 7pm at ODS.

◆ **ADULT FAITH FORMATION** ◆

Women of Grace Women's Ministry: If you are interested in joining the Great Adventure Bible Study Group we meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at ODS Social Hall from 6:45-9pm. Our next meeting will be Thursday, Feb 24th. Bring your bible and your Catechism. If you have questions, please call Mary Waldorf at 898-6398.



Scripture Study/Radio: Joe Hollcraft is live on AM 930 at 11:00am-12:00 each Saturday and Sunday (re-aired). Tune in to the Catholic Hour. This week Feb 14th-15th (re-air) Joe will examine leprosy and being "made clean" in light of the sacrament of Confession. The following week Joe will begin a series of reflections on Lent. You can E-mail Joe at jhollmj@yahoo.com if you have any questions about the radio program and/or the Catholic faith.

Rosary Prayer Group: The Rosary Prayer Group meets on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. If you would like to participate call 342-2323 or 898-1183.

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



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LIFE TEEN—Push-Up Pops, do you ever feel a little sad, or have friends who feel down? How do you stay joyful in the face of hard times? Join us for Life Teen tonight after the 5:30pm Mass in the Upper Meeting Room to find out how to do this.

Bible Study— If you want to know more about scripture and our faith come and hang out with other teens who want the same. On Saturday, Feb 21st from 9-10am at the youth house, Jeff Weinrich will be starting a bible study that will meet every other Saturday. Just bring your bible! For more information call Jeff at 518-9410.

Guys Only—Join us for guys fellowship on Feb 21st, 6-8pm at the youth house.

Girls Only—Calling all GIRLS! Join us on Feb 21st from 2-5:30pm at the youth house for some time with the ladies, laughing and sharing our faith. Bring a friend and a couple dollars for Jon N Bon's. I can't wait to see you all. Call Andrea for more information.

SPRING RETREAT - Pick up your permission slip for the Life Teen Retreat, from Andrea or the office. The cost is \$70 per teen. Full or partial scholarships available.

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

Religious Education Questions - Call 343-8741

Sacrament Dates:

1st Penance – Saturday, March 7th at 11am

Confirmation – Saturday, May 2nd at 10am and 2pm

1st Communion – Saturday, May 9th at 10am and 2pm

Sacramental Parents Classes are for parents who have children receiving Sacraments this year. The remaining required classes will be on **Sunday Feb 22, March 1 & 8, April 5, 19 & 26.** The class will be held from 11am-12noon in the Upper Meeting Room of Notre Dame School.

The meeting on Sunday Feb 22 will be on Lent. All parents are welcome.

◆ **MARRIAGE & FAMILY** ◆



Respect for Life Committee: Most are familiar with the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA). Unfortunately FOCA has a little know "evil twin", the Prevention First Act, or PFA. This bill which more than doubles taxpayer funding for contraception and abortion, is being falsely promoted as legislation that promises to reduce abortions. Statistics demonstrate otherwise: Contraception promotes the behavior that leads to MORE abortions and the PFA will fund them, while FOCA promises that the unwanted babies that result can be aborted without any restrictions. The PFA will: -Increase Planned Parenthood funding by \$100 million yearly, compliments of taxpayers.

-Mandate that all prescription insurance programs must cover abortion-inducing "contraceptives." This is morally objectionable and promises to raise insurance costs.

-Would deny federal funding to pro life hospitals that object to providing these "contraceptives."

-Provide funding for "comprehensive" sex education and exclude funding for "abstinence-only" programs

This act is not about the reduction of abortion, but the funding of abortion providers. Please be aware of this bill as it gains steam. Please consider going to Planned Parenthood on Vallombrosa on Wednesdays or the Women's Feminist Abortion Center on Humboldt on Fridays. Come anytime from 9am to 12 noon.

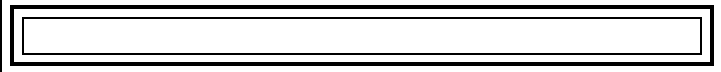
Natural Family Planning (Creighton model)

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)



Marriage Encounter: Make a great marriage even better! Sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekend is **April 24-26 2009.** Call Stephanie & Deacon James Burkett at 893- 2348 for more information.

Retrouvaille: This is a program to give hope and help for marriages that are experiencing trouble. For info call



✦ **AROUND THE DIOCESE and beyond** ✦

Annual Men’s Retreat, Feb 20th-22nd: It’s almost time for our annual men’s retreat weekend. Sign up now for the weekend of Feb 20-22 at Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center. For more information and a reservation contact John Sutthoff at 343-4040 or email jsutthoff@clearwire.net.

Natural Family Planning (NFP): The Creighton Model FertilityCare system teaches couples how to live in harmony with God’s gift of fertility, rather than looking for ways to alter or interrupt the natural process. While highly effective at avoiding pregnancy, it is also used effectively to achieve pregnancy, making it a true method of family planning. In addition, it can assist a trained medical consultant in the diagnosis and treatment of infertility and other gynecologic problems. For the next Introductory Session at Mercy Women’s Center in Sacramento, please call 916-614-2200.

Midweek Retreat: Are you with us? Jesus is inviting you to enter into His joy by sharing in His Word and blessings at our annual mid-week retreat. This retreat is for Men, Women or Couples. Please join us at Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center on March 24-26. For more information please call the Retreat Center at 916-725-4720.

Healing After Abortion Retreat March 27th-29th: Struggling after an abortion? Still seeking peace years after the choice? Come to a Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat, March 27th-29th in Auburn, sponsored by the Diocese of Sacramento. The weekend retreat is a unique and effective process designed specifically to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. There are many exercises to help you grieve your loss and an opportunity to understand and release the deep feelings of anger, shame, guilt and grief that frequently accompany an abortion experience. This process is extremely helpful for those who struggle with forgiving themselves or others. Open to women, men, couples and family members touched by abortion. The cost is \$175. Financial assistance is available. For a registration packet or more information, call Debbie at 916-733-0161 or send email to projectrachel@diocese-sacramento.org. Inquiries and participation are strictly confidential.

Diocese of Sacramento Lay Formation Institute will be offering a class on Prayer, Spirituality & Spiritual Growth through Spiritual Direction on Saturday February 28th from 9am-4pm at the Newman Center. Come learn more as Mrs. Sharon Laitinen, M.R.E., Diocesan Director of English Catechesis, talks about Christian spirituality, prayer, holiness and spiritual direction. Cost is \$25 and 6 hrs. credit for renewal of Catechist Certification. The day will start with Mass at 8am and there will be a 1 hour lunch break. Please bring a lunch or plan to eat out. For more information or to register call 916-733-0123. Everyone is welcome. Scholarships and discounts available upon request.

CALENDAR ✦

Sun	15	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 6:45-8:30pm Life Teen
Mon	16	Office Closed – President’s Day 6-8pm English AA
Tues	17	6:30 Choir Practice
Wed	18	6-9pm Spanish AA
Thu	19	5-9pm Sons of Italy
Fri	20	3:30-4:30pm Adoration 6-9pm Spanish AA
Sat	21	St. Peter Damian 10am Confessions

Library Hours:

Sunday 8:15-12:30pm (NEW HOURS)
Thursday 9-11am



EMHC AND LECTOR SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

TIME	EMHC	LECTOR
5:30pm Sat	Karen Neadley Mary Poulin *	Arlie Hixson Tom Hixson
7:30am Sun	Diane Hooper Jean Mayer Ona Mertens	Yolanda Holt Yvonne Vanoni
9:00am Sun	Diane Smith Barb Bertapelle Stephanie Beyers Cathy Boutwell Dan Boutwell	Donna Houston Claire Johnson

* This Mass requires 3 EMHC

Pope Benedict’s Intentions for February

General: *“That the pastors of the Church may always be docile to the action of the Holy Spirit in their teaching and in their service to God’s people.”*

Mission: *“That the Church in Africa may find adequate ways and means to promote reconciliation, justice and peace efficaciously, according to the indications of the Second Special Assembly for Africa of the Synod of Bishops.”*



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26
- Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33
- Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
- Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Mk 9:2-13
- Sunday: Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25; Ps 41;
2 Cor 1:18-22; Mk 2:1-12

Liturgy of the Hours II

2/15/09

Clean Out Your Closets and Cupboards! Catholic Daughters will be having a Spring Cleaning Rummage Sale May 1st and 2nd. Look for more information in future bulletins.