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**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 26, 2006**

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† Mass Intentions ~St. John the Baptist †

Sat 25	7:30a †	Madalyn Viera (†)
	5:30 †	Della Ming (†)
Sun 26	7:30a †	Ernest Lohndorf (†)
	9:30a	For the People of God
Spanish	12:30p	Rebeca Smith (living)
	5:30p †	Leona Sheridan (†)
Mon 27	7:30a †	Linda Morgado Spring (†)
Tues 28	7:30a †	Frances Lohndorf (†)
Wed 1	7:30a †	Ed Dabrowski. (†)
	9:00a	For the Unborn
Spanish	12:00p	Holy Souls in Purgatory
	5:30p	Nancy Seibert
Spanish	7:00p	St. John the Baptist Parish
Thurs 2	7:30a †	Orville Pickering (†)
Fri 3	7:30a †	Mary Van Buskirk (†)
Sat 4	7:30a	Special Intention
Vigil	5:30p †	Leonard Costa (†)
Sun 5	7:30p †	Frank Gachen (†)
	9:30a	For the People of God
	12:30p	Yola Magaña (living)
	5:30p †	Pablo de la Cruz (†)

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE March 1st

7:30am, 9:00am, and 5:30pm in English
12:00 noon and 7:00pm in Spanish
St. James in Durham: 6pm.



HORARIO PARA MIERCOLES DE CENIZA 1 Marzo

7:30, 9:00am y 5:30pm en inglés
12:00 mediodía y 7:00pm en español



FAST AND ABSTINENCE (self denial). To foster the spirit of penance and of reparation for sin, to encourage self-denial, and to guide us in the footsteps of Jesus, church law requires the observance of fast and abstinence.

Abstinence: All persons who have already celebrated their 14th birthday, are bound to abstain from meat (beef, pork, poultry) on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent.

Fasting: Everyone, from the celebration of their 18th birthday to their 59th birthday, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting on other weekdays of Lent is highly recommended.

Fasting is generally understood to mean eating one full meal each day. Two other partial meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken; but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed.

Other forms of "fasting," especially regarding alcoholic drink, needless television, video games, Internet use, and social entertainment, is of true spiritual value and is strongly encouraged. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, neither the law of fasting nor the law of abstinence obliges. If in doubt, one's parish priest or confessor may be consulted. Airport workers, travelers, and others while on board ships or airplanes are dispensed from the laws of fast and abstinence for the duration of their journey (except on Good Friday). It is desirable that they perform some other pious act instead.

NEW WEBSITE

Lost your bulletin? Need to know the news about ministries, education, youth programs, history of the parish, etc, etc, etc?

The next Tridentine Latin mass will be March 19 at 11:00am.

† Mass Intentions ~St. James †

Sun. 26	9:00a	Brad Lucas (living)
	10:30a	
Wed. 1	6:00p	Holy Souls in Purgatory

† Indicates deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Florence Travers and Jessie Dimopoulos and for their families and loved ones.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Lent, the Church's annual pre-baptismal retreat, prepares us to gather around the Easter font, renew our baptismal vows, and receive new life from the water as the elect are plunged into Christ's death and resurrection. This core meaning is more or less available, depending on whether we journey with catechumens in the parish and on the vigor of our liturgical celebration of the Triduum. Some persist in seeing Lent as a lonely journey in the wilderness; yet this week we enter the Lenten fast in solidarity with one another. The smudged foreheads you will spy throughout Ash Wednesday on buses, street corners, and supermarket aisles remind you that you are hardly alone in your desire to enact a spring cleaning regime for your spiritual life.

Long ago, this kind of repentance was available to Christians only once. Ashes and sackcloth were not raiment for a day, but permanent habits for public sinners. Fasting became a way of life, and if they sinned severely again, there was no hope of restored communion. Happily, this system did not endure. It produced reluctant Christians who even held back from baptism, like St. Augustine did, out of fear. Today we have recovered an ancient tradition that conversion and repentance are constant themes on life's journey, and that Lent is an annual opportunity to



✧ CALENDAR ✧

Sat. 25 B.V.M.

Confessions 10-11am
Spanish CFF 12-2p

Sun. 26 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Childcare at 9:30am mass in the Upper Meeting Room
CFF- English, 10:45- 12noon
LifeTeen 6:45-8:30pm

Mon. 27

Jr.LifeTeen 7-8:30pm in Upper Meeting Room
AA in English

Tues. 28

Choir 6:30p
CFF for the deaf 6-8p library
Guadalupana 7p

Wed. 1 Ash Wednesday; fast & abstinence

Eng. Masses; 7:30am, 9:00am, 5:30pm
Spanish Masses 12:00p & 7pm Misa
St. James in Durham 6pm
A.A. en Español
Coro 6:30p

Thurs. 2

Legión de Maria 7p

Fri. 3 St. Katharine Drexel

A.A. en Español
Adoration 3:30-4:30p in church
Stations of the Cross 7pm

Sat. 4 St. Casimir; First Saturday

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CFF- English, 10:45- 12noon
LifeTeen 6:45p - 8:30pm

✧ ESPAÑOL ✧

Domingo 26 8º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario;

Misa 12:30pm

Lunes 27

Martes 28

Miércoles 1 Miércoles de Ceniza Ayuno y abstinencia

Misa a las 12:00 del medio día y 7:00 pm.
Misa en Ingles a las 7:30 y 9:00 am. y a las
5:30 pm.

Misa en Dirham a las 6:00pm

La Ceniza la podrán recibir duran te todas las misas.

Coro 6:30p

A.A. en Español 7pm

Jueves 2

Viernes 3 Exposición del Santísimo

Sacramento- 3:30-4:30pm

A.A. en Español 7pm

Sábado 4 San Casimiro

CFF- 12-2pm

Domingo 5 Primer Domingo de Cuaresma.

Misa 12:30pm

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

La cuaresma tiene sus raíces en la preparación para el bautismo de adultos y en el arrepentimiento de pecadores públicos. Ambas se concentran en la conversión y en especial en los tres pilares de la misma. La cuaresma nos da la oportunidad de encontrarnos de manera fuerte y vital con estos tres pilares: ayunar, ayudar y orar.

Cuaresma es tiempo de preparación, de conversión, de reflexión. La cuaresma empieza el Miércoles de Ceniza. El recibir la cruz en nuestra frente con la ceniza, no significa que ya tenemos ganado el cielo. Significa que estamos reconociendo que hemos pecado, que hemos ofendido a Dios. Al recibir la ceniza nos estamos comprometiendo a hacer un cambio en nuestra vida

Éstas son las prácticas cuaresmales que la iglesia ha ido proclamando y practicando desde tiempos antiguos. Son prácticas que los cristianos deberíamos emplear todos los días de nuestra vida, pero con mayor fervor durante la cuaresma para poder celebrar dignamente las fiestas de la Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección de nuestro Señor Jesucristo.

La conversión es un proceso por el cual regresamos a participar de la vida divina que recibimos en el bautismo. Dios Padre mandó a su Hijo para salvarnos. He allí el por qué, el ayuno, el altruismo y la oración es colaborar con Dios. Dios mismo colabora con nosotros derramando su Espíritu en nuestros corazones. Con el poder del Espíritu Santo podemos practicar el ayunar, ayudar y orar de manera vital.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

Legión de Maria todos los jueves a las 7:00 de la noche en el Salón de conferencia en la planta baja. Llame para información a Guadalupe Guerra 899-7995 o Raquel Ruiz 343-8741.

El grupo de jóvenes se reúnen todos los viernes a las 7:00 PM Te invitamos joven a participar en un grupo alegre y sano en donde puedes compartir tus experiencias con jóvenes de tu edad. Para información llama al teléfono 343- 0829 con Jaime Blanco.

La asociacion Guadalupana se reúne el ultimo jueves de

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St. John the Baptist - \$ 6,753.00
St. James - \$126

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cada mes en la Biblioteca, al cruzar la calle de la Iglesia. A las 7:00 PM.

❖ **PARISH NEWS** ❖

Blood Drive TODAY!!!, February 26th 7:30am-11:30am. in the Cafeteria. Walk-ins are accepted., free personal Round Table pizza voucher, ages 17 +, 16yrs with parent's permission, photo I.D. required. Please eat prior to donating blood.

Catholic Daughters: 1st Saturday Mass March 3, 7:30am at St. John the Baptist. Breakfast to follow- location to be announced. March 9th Lenten soup luncheon at ODS @ 12:30pm.

Steak & Prawn Dinner/Auction Boy Scout Troop 2 is hosting their 9th Annual dinner/auction, Sat. March 11 at 6pm at St. John's. Tickets \$20 per person, contact Maureen Stein, 342-5771 for tickets. Troop 2 has members from St. John's and ODS. Please support them.

Catholics Returning Home Were you raised Catholic but no longer or seldom come to Church any more? Are you feeling separated from the Church but want to feel at home? No matter how long you have been away, no matter what the reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church, your Church. Sessions will begin March 6th. Call Deacon James Burkett for all the details. 893-2348.

This Sunday is Annual Catholic Appeal Sunday. Thank you for your generous support. This weekend is dedicated to the thousands of disadvantaged people in our midst who suffer the indignities of poverty. Hopefully, you have read the stories of older people, foster teens, children, working families, immigrants, pregnant women, homeless and the mentally ill who have found relief and a better future through the programs supported by the Appeal. Your contribution to the Annual Catholic Appeal will help these northern CA programs operate for another year. As you think about your participation this year, please remember that 25% of the funds generated from our parish are returned to us for our own ministries to people in need. Bishop Weigand asks that all parishes "ensure an ongoing commitment to the advancement of the social mission of the church (Synod Initiative 7)". The Annual Catholic Appeal is a highly beneficial way to help others. Thank you for your generosity. Your pledge can be dropped in the Sunday collection or mailed directly to the Dioceses of Sacramento.

Scripture Study Join Joe Hollcraft for a study of the Gospel of John each Wed. evening (6:45-7:45 at the Sajben home, 659 Royce Ln. off Cussick Ave. For more information/directions call Joe Hollcraft 899-0243 or Erika 566-1201.

Job Opportunity Parish/School bookkeeper, full-time with benefits. Skills needed: ability to multi-task, know QuickBooks Pro 2005, ADP payroll, accrual accounting and accounts payable/receivable for school and parish. Pay based on schooling and ability. Applications available at the parish office.

Feeding the homeless please call Jerry Converse, 342-2134, if you are interested in this rewarding ministry.

Single Catholic Adults a 'Meet & Mingle' gathering will be held Sunday, March 5th, 5pm at Coco's, 1830 Arden Way, Sac. Call the Catholic Alumni Club hotline: 916-962-6107 or visit our website at www.cacsacramento.org

Sacramento Cursillo in English will have a men's 3-day weekend March 2-5. Cursillo is a "short course in Christianity." Join us for fellowship and to learn more about God's plan for you. For more information & application, call Wendy Raemaeker, 916-972-1794, or visit www.sacramentocursillo.org

Sacred Heart Church, 3141 St. Stephens Dr., Anderson, 530-365-8573 presents Bob Hurd, teacher, composer, and liturgist who will speak on Friday, March 3, 10:30am - 7pm on "Lectio Divina", a practical way to use scriptures in our everyday prayer life. He will speak again on Sat. March 4, 9am-3pm on "Walking with Jesus, the

Lenten Journey". Registration fee \$10 covers both days. Bring bag lunch on Saturday. Coffee & tea will be provided.

❖ **PARISH NEWS** ❖



Kid Corral: Next meeting is March 25th from 10-11:30am in the Upper Meeting Room of the School. Kids of all ages are welcome. Call Hillary Gomez (or mom, Kelly) 891-4500 if you have questions.

Altar Servers If you have questions or concerns about the schedule, or want to become an altar server, please contact Caitlin O'Toole at 893-8760 or staytrue89@hotmail.com

Adult Confirmation: If you are an adult and have not received Confirmation, you may be able to receive Confirmation from the Bishop on May 6, 2006. Please see eligibility requirements from the Diocese listed below. Eligible adults need to contact Jason Van Buskirk at 343-7841 by Friday, March 10th. Classes are on Thursday evenings from 7-9 p.m. in the Parish Office Upper Meeting Room - March: 16, 23, 30; April: 6, 13, 20, 27 (if needed); May 4th (if needed)

(Eligibility Requirements) To Participate You Must:

1. Be a baptized Catholic, who has received catechetical instruction at least up to receiving the Eucharist (First Communion).
2. Be either unmarried or in a marriage recognized as valid by the Catholic Church.
3. Obtain a recent copy (issued within the last 6 months) of your Baptismal certificate, including the reverse side with any notations. Include this copy with your registration form.
4. Choose a Confirmation sponsor. Sponsor must be confirmed, practicing Catholic, at least 16 years of age, of either sex; parents may not be the sponsors for their children, grandparents and other relatives may.
5. If you live outside the Diocese of Sacramento, you must request a letter of permission from the Bishop of the Diocese in which you live. Include a copy of this letter with your registration form.

Notre Dame School Spring Gala Auction!!! This year's auction is on March 25- we are calling on your generous spirit to help make our event a success for the school. Please consider a donation of goods or services to the auction. Contact Annette Bennett at 521-0719 to coordinate your donation. Thank you for supporting Notre Dame School.

Newman Center: Thurs. March 2, - free showing of the DVD "The Life of Pope John Paul II", on the big screen upstairs.

Friday, March 3, 4:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 5pm Stations of the Cross. 5:30pm Mass. For information. - 342-5180
Mass schedule: Sundays 8:30 & 11am; 5pm. Daily 5:30pm M-F.

❖ **RETREATS** ❖

Healing After Abortion Retreat March 24-26. Struggling after an abortion? Still seeking peace years after the choice? Experience the healing love of Jesus at Rachel's Vineyard Retreat in Auburn, sponsored by the Dioceses of Sacramento. The weekend retreat will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, sacrament of reconciliation, memorial service and mass. The cost is \$150 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. Financial assistance is available. For a registration packet or more

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Pope Benedict's Prayer Intentions For February

General Intention: "That the international community will be ever more aware of the urgent duty to bring an end to the trafficking of human beings."

Mission intention: "That the lay faithful in the missions will recognize the need to serve their own country with greater commitment also in its political and social life."

"St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen"



If you would like to be on the Lifeteen mailing list please contact 342-4687 leave us a message and a phone number. www.chicolifeteen.org.

Jr. High Students

Meeting this week: Monday evening 7-8:30pm in the Upper Meeting Room of the School

High School Students

Meeting this week: Sunday evening after 5:30pm mass to 8:30pm in the Upper Meeting Room of the school.

YOUTH HOUSE SCHOOL HOURS: We're open Monday-Thursday: Mon. 3pm-4:30pm; Tues. 3pm-8pm; Wed. 3pm-5:30pm and Thurs. 3pm-8pm (these times are sometimes subject to change, so call first to make sure we're open.)

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS - IN THE ZONE PRAYER GROUP We meet every Thursday at 5:00pm. Join us at the Youth House as we study Christ's living word in the Scriptures from Genesis to Revelations. All high school students are welcome!!

JOIN THE CORE! We are currently looking for new CORE Team members, ages 18 thru 118 with a heart for teens. If you are interested please call 342-4687.

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

Religious Education Questions ?:
Call Jason Van Buskirk 343-8741

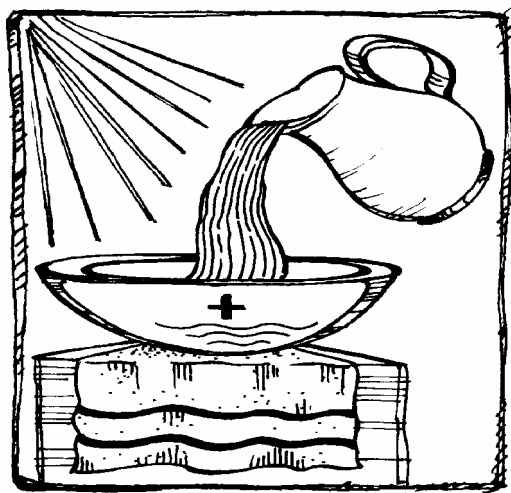
CFF Today: We gather in the Gym at 10:45 for Opening Prayer

Sacrament Help: Help is needed for the Parish 1st Penance Celebration on Saturday, March 11th at 1:00 p.m. If interested in assisting please contact Jason at 343-8741. Thank you and God Bless.

Sacrament Parents Class: Next class is Thursday, March 2nd at 7 p.m. in the Upper Meeting Room. Please note the change to Thursday for this meeting due to scheduling conflicts. Any questions, please call Jason, 343-8741.

SACRAMENTS

All children who are expecting to receive sacraments should already have their registrations turned in to Jason.



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◆ PARISH INFORMATION ◆

Welcome to Our Community

Registrations: We are so happy that you have decided to join us. To register with St. John's or our mission church, St. James, fill out a registration form available in the vestibule of the church or church office & drop it in the collection or at the office (343-8741) located across the street from the parking lot at 435 Chestnut St.

Marriages: make arrangements with the priest no less than 6 months in advance of your desired date. For an appointment with the priest call the office 343-8741.

Baptisms: The required Baptism classes are offered every other month in English and every month in Spanish. Come to the office for a baptism registration form and class information or call the office 343-8741 for information.

Children's Faith Formation (C.F.F.): Pre-K through 6th grade. **September–May.** Registration is in August. Classes began Sept 11th. Contact Jason Van Buskirk, DRE at the office 343-8741.

Children's Sacraments: Requires at least 2 years attendance in Religious Education (CFF or Notre Dame School). Registration is in August. Contact Jason for info. 343-8741.

Confirmation: Is received in the 6th grade and requires a minimum of 2 years attendance in an approved religious education program. Call Jason 343-8741 for more info.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Interested in what the Church teaches, in becoming a Catholic, or have missed some sacraments, please contact Deacon Steve Schwartz 891-0626.

◆ BIBLE STUDIES ◆

Men's Bible Study: meets every Friday morning 6-7am in the Knights of Columbus Room at Our Divine Savior Parish Hall. Also join them for breakfast after from 7-8am if you can. Call Deacon Steve Schwartz 891-0626 for details.

Women's Bible Study: Tuesday mornings 9-11am at Terry Matthews' home. Prayer, fellowship, discussion of daily readings and Scott Hahn scripture study. Everyone is welcome—no prior experience needed! Call Terry 893-1644 for details.

Bible Study with Joe Hollcraft: You can hear Joe "live" on the radio, "**The Catholic Hour: Why Be Catholic**". On KKXX AM930 at 11:00am on Saturdays and re-aired on Sundays at 11:00am.

◆ PRAYER GROUPS ◆

Eucharistic Adoration: Weekly: every Friday 3:30-4:40pm Monthly: the first Monday of the month, all day 8:00am—7:00pm. Benediction is from 6:45-7pm.

XLT: (Exalt) open to all teens and young adults in the Deanery ages 14—30. Meets in the Church on the last Thursday of the month at 7:00PM

Holy Spirit Prayer Group: meets the 4th Wednesday of each month at the Newman Center at 7pm. Call Carolyn Cyr or Deacon James Burkett 893-2348 for information.

Rosary Prayer Group: meets in the Church on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm. (English)

Pro-Life Prayer Group — Missionaries to the Unborn: Help rescue the unborn through prayer. Every Saturday 9:00am.-11:00am. we pray outside the Feminist Women's Health Center abortion mill, 1469 Humbolt Rd. (across from the police station) Pray with us and stand for Life. Questions? Call Jim 891-0427.

In The Zone Prayer Group: High School students meet Thursday evenings, 5:00pm in the Youth House.

Kid Corral For kids of all ages! See Parish News for more information or call Hillary Gomez at 891-4500 (or mom, Kelly)

Grupo de Oración and Jr. Grupo meets Tuesday evenings in the upper meeting room of the school at 7:00pm (Spanish)

Legión de María Rosario meets on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm. Contact Raquel Ruiz for more information 343-8741 (Spanish)

Clase de Oración meets Friday evenings at 7-9pm. (Spanish)
in the cafeteria.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16; M 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2;
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25; 1 Pt 3:18-22;
Mk 1:12-15

Liturgy of the Hours ~ wk IV

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