

One does not live
on bread alone

**First Sunday of Lent
February 10, 2008**

◆ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ◆

Sat 9	7:30a	◆Patti Delucchi by Pat Ahern
	5:30p	◆Rueben De La Cruz by Hector & Jeanette Hernandez
Sun 10	7:30a	◆Josephine Donek by Jane & Mike Rabo
	9:30a	People of God
	12:30p	no intention
Latin Mass	2:30p	Special Intention
	5:30p	Chuck Crete (living) by Caitlin O'Toole
Mon 11	7:30a	◆ Bertoli Family (living & deceased) by Juanita Bertoli
Tue 12	7:30a	James & Eugenia Currlin (living)
Wed 13	7:30a	◆Paulina Vietti by Lauren Vietti
	7:00p	no intention
Thur 14	7:30a	◆Ellen Scofield by Sylvia Goldman
Fri 15	7:30a	◆ Ellen Scofield by Helen Gachen
	8:30a	NDS intentions
Sat 16	7:30a	◆Ann Elizabeth Pilliard by Delbert Pilliard
	5:30p	◆Rueben DeLaCruz by Hernandez Family

◆ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ◆

Sun 10	9:00a	◆ Alice Konyn by Peter Konyn
	10:30a	

Pray for the repose of the soul of Bertha Magaña, Gloria Anderson, Anna Edwards, Martin Gallegos, and for the comfort of their family and friends.

Weekly Offering

1ST week of February
Sunday Collection \$9,196

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

--2 Corinthians 9:7



Stations of the Cross will be every Friday during lent: 6pm in English, 7pm in Spanish.

2008 Lenten Regulations

Another Lenten journey of further conversion began on Ash Wednesday, Feb 6th. Lent prepares the faithful to celebrate the Paschal Mystery of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection. It is a time for reflection and spiritual renewal, a time to examine one's relationships with God and with others. The Church also calls Catholics to a spirit of penance, above all to a practice of the "Acts of Religion": fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, "which express conversion in relation to oneself, to God, and to others." (CCC, #s 1969, 1434)

Fast and Abstinence: To foster a 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. All persons who have already celebrated their 14th birthday, are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent, except Friday March 14th, the solemnity of St. Patrick, Co-patron of the Diocese. Everyone (if your health allows), from the celebration of their 18th birthday to their 59th birthday, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Voluntary fasting on other weekdays of Lent, especially on Wednesdays and Fridays, 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. Other forms of fasting: alcoholic drink, needless television, video games, internet use, and social entertainment.

Prayer: In order to deepen one's love for Christ, Catholics are urged to read and pray over Sacred Scripture; to study the Catechism of the Catholic Church; attend daily mass; celebrate The Stations of the Cross (Friday's at 6pm); go to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (every Friday at 3:30pm) and go to Reconciliation.

Almsgiving: The act of giving to the poor, in the most ancient tradition of the Church, is an expression of penance, a form of piety, a witness of fraternal charity and an expression of Lenten conversion. Therefore, all Catholics are urged to give generously during the Lenten Season.

Catholic Daughters: Feb 13th: Catholic Daughters will be hosting the Deanery meeting at ODS starting with mass at 11am with luncheon to follow. Their regular meeting will be Feb 14th, 1pm at ODS Social Hall. Please call Lil at 342-4253 if you have any questions.

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LIFE TEEN – Sunday, Feb 10th, starting right after 5:30pm Lifeteen mass in the Upper Meeting Room at NDS.

EDGE – Mon Feb 11th, 7pm-8:30pm at Our Divine Savior Social Hall. All 7th & 8th graders are welcome!

MARRIAGE & FAMILY



Respect for Life Committee/40 Days for Life: During the season of Lent, from Feb 6th-March 16th, we invite everyone across the nation to join together for 40 days of fervent prayer and fasting for an end to

abortion. Please consider going to Planned Parenthood on Vallombrosa on Wednesdays or the Women's Feminist Abortion Center on Humboldt Rd on Fridays anytime from 10am to 4pm to pray for the saving of the lives of the unborn children being aborted. Join the committee for their next meeting on Feb 18th, at 3:30pm in the parish library.

Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts: Debbie Weinrich, MSW will be teaching a class for couples who are seriously dating or married less than 5 years, at the Newman Center starting Mon, Feb 25th – Mon, April 7th. It will be 7 sessions and cost \$150 including the materials (a hard cover book with the same name as the class, and workbooks for both the woman and man). This is an opportunity to create the relationship you've always dreamed of. Please call 894-2126 to register by Feb 15th. This will be fun and is a great Valentine or wedding present to bless your future or someone you know!

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

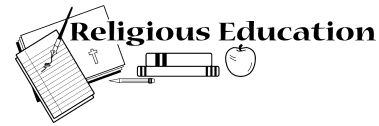
893-2348 for more information.

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).



SUNDAY FEBRUARY 10TH

CFF: CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION



Religious Education Questions Call 343-8741

Sacramental Parents Classes are for parents who have children receiving Sacraments this year. The required classes will be Tues Feb 19, March 11, April 22. These classes will be held in the Upper Meeting Room at NDS at 7pm. The class on Sun, May 4th will be held in the gym at 11am.

All CFF and Notre Dame 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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Women's Ministry Group: We come together again in friendship, in prayer and reading with more Catholic ladies from all three parishes. This month we will be discussing Chapter 5 of the book "Experience Grace in Abundance, Ten strategies for your spiritual life" by Johnnette Benkovic. If you would like to join us and make new friends while growing in your faith, know you are welcome. If you have any questions please call Pat Hackney at 342-5528 or Mary Waldorf at 345-8638 and leave a message. Our next meeting will be Thurs, Feb 14th from 6:45-9pm at ODS Social Hall.

Catholics Returning Home: Have you been away from the Church for a while? Have you ever thought about returning? If so, we would like to welcome you back home. We have a special ministry just for people like you who have been away from the church. Please join us for a 13 week series that begins this coming Spring. For more details, contact Deacon James Burkett at 893-2348 or Sharon Haselton @ 891-5334.

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/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. For the First Sunday of Lent, Joe

will talk about the story of Adam's creation, temptation and fall. He will consider Jesus restoring us back to grace, as a New Adam, in the Temptation in the Desert. Please see insert for Lenten Schedule. Be sure not to miss this great opportunity to better understand the Bible and the structure of our faith. You can email Joe at jholljnj@yahoo.com if you have any questions about the radio program and/or the Catholic faith.

Men's Weekend Retreat: Time to take a deep breath? Time to get things back in perspective? Take the time to immerse yourself in the river of God's abundant grace at our annual parish men's retreat. We have a limited number of rooms reserved for the weekend of Feb 22nd-24th at Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center. Please call Allan Forbes at 342-5493 or John Sutthoff at 343-4040 to register or for more information.

Family Spirituality Mini Retreat: Kathryn Ranken, a licensed Marriage and Family Counselor, will be giving a Mini Retreat for parents who want to learn about experiencing God in Scripture and Prayer; Family Rituals and Blessings; Moving from Fear Based to Love Based Discipline. Join her at the Corpus Christi Retreat Center in Shingletown on Sunday, Feb 24th from 2-4pm. For more info, please call 530-222-3424. Cost is \$10.

Catholic Ladies Relief Society will again sponsor the Day of Recollection for ALL Catholic women in the Diocese, on Wednesday February 13, 2008, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Colusa at 4th & Oak Sts. beginning at 10:30 am. This mini-retreat will be moderated by Fr. Michael Kiernan, of the Holy Family Church in Citrus Heights who is also our Grand Chaplain for CLRS. Donation for the entire day is \$15.00. Reservations should be made by February 7th for the luncheon to be served by CLRS#4, Colusa. You may make checks payable to CLRS#4 and mail your reservation to: Rose Buria, 553 Carson St., Colusa, CA 95932; (530) 458-8583. Reservations can be made by phone and paid at the door when you arrive. All prepaid persons will be seated right after checking in for the luncheon. For more information also call: Sandra Atteberry, (530)345-1601

GOD May be Calling YOU: Would you like to find out more about the will of God for you? Come and join others for a DISCERNMENT RETREAT (Feb 15th-16th or March 14th-15th) There is no cost for this retreat. Find out where God is calling you! For more information please contact the office of Priestly & Religious Vocations at the Diocese of Sacramento, 916-733-0258.

From the Sisters of Mercy: Interested in Giving a Year of Service to the Church in the United States as a Lay Volunteer? Mercy Volunteer Corps, a lay volunteer program sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy provides opportunities for men and women over the age of 21 to give a year of service to those in need. The emphasis of the program is service, community and prayer. Volunteer possibilities include teaching or nursing, working in homeless shelters, clinics and social service agencies in urban and rural settings throughout the United States. Room, board, medical insurance and a small stipend are provided. Loan deferments are available. For more information call 215-641-5535.

The Beginning Experience of Sacramento is offering a special weekend program of healing, hope and encouragement for divorced and widowed persons of all faiths. The weekend retreat is Friday, Feb 15th through Sunday, Feb 17th at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat Center. For more information please call 916-835-2282 or visit our website at: www.sacramentobe.org

Sun 10	1st Sunday of Lent 9:30 am RCIA Rite of Sending 10:45am CFF 2:30pm Latin Mass 6:45pm Lifeteen
Mon 11	Our Lady of Lourdes 6-8pm English AA 6:30-8pm BSA #2 7pm Edge (ODS) 7-9pm Spanish Cursillo 6-7pm Guadalupana
Tues 12	6 pm Vespers (church) 6:30pm choir practice 7pm Grupo Carismatico
Wed 13	6-9pm Spanish AA 7pm BSA #2 (Cafeteria)
Thur 14	St Cyril and St Methodius Valentine's Day 6-9pm Knights of Columbus 7pm Rosary
Fri 15	Day of Abstinence (no meat) 3:30-4:30pm Adoration 6-9pm Spanish AA 6pm Stations of the Cross (Eng) 7pm Stations of the Cross (Span)
Sat 16	10am Confessions 6pm Spanish Coro

Library Hours:



Sunday 8:30-9:30am & 10:30am-12:15pm
Wednesday 9-noon, Thursday 9-11am, Friday 8-10am

Pope Benedict XVI's Prayer Intentions for February:

General prayer intention: "That the goods of the earth, given by God for all men, may be used wisely and according to criteria of justice and solidarity."

Mission intention: "That the fight against diseases and great epidemics in the Third World may find, in the spirit of solidarity, ever more generous collaboration on the part of the governments of all nations."

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

Liturgy of the Hours - Week I

