

Christ Jesus...destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.
 -- 2 Timothy 1:10b

Second Sunday of Lent February 17, 2008

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ✦		
Sat 16	7:30a	✦Anna Elizabeth Pilliard by Delbert Pilliard
	5:30p	✦Rueben DeLaCruz by Hernandez Family
Sun 17	7:30a	✦Virgina Bautista by Noni Napoco
	9:30a	People of God
	12:30p	no intention
Latin Mass	2:30p	Special Intention
	5:30p	✦Nicholas & Mary Frances Spaniola & Currilin Family (living) by Lifeteen & Edge
Mon 18	7:30a	✦Josephine Varlinsky by Consolation Ministry
Tue 19	7:30a	Nicholas & Rhonda Spaniola Jr (living) by Jim & Genie Currilin
Wed 20	7:30a	Angela Rabo (living) by Jane Rabo
Thur 21	7:30a	Blanca Carrillo & family (living)
Fri 22	7:30a	✦Luis M. Correa by Maria Correa
	8:30a	NDS intentions
Sat 23	7:30a	George & Norma Rodrigues (living) by Boutwell Family
	5:30p	no intention
✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ✦		
Sun 17	9:00a	✦Claire Grzanich by Mom & Dad
	10:30a	no intention

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

Weekly Offering

2nd week of February

Sunday Collection	\$8,266
Improvement Fund	\$2,122
Ash Wednesday	\$3,029 (for Catholic Ladies Relief)
Total	\$13,417

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

--2 Corinthians 9:7

Financial Report: Enclosed in this week's bulletin is the parish mid-year financial report. If you have any questions call the office, 343-8741, and a member of the Finance Council will return your call.

Devotions during Lent



Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 6pm in English and 7pm in Spanish.



Vespers-Evening Prayer:

Tues. evenings at 6pm with the Choir in English.

Rite of Election: These are the Catechumens and Candidates from our parish who attended the Rite of Election Feb 10th at Sacred Heart Parish in Anderson. They will become Catholic at Easter Vigil.

Catechumens: Maricela Gonzalez, Charles Heyl, Russ Heyl, Brian Long, Jonathan McCabe, Sassy Miller, Joe Smith, Dave Sypnicki and Melanie Sypnicki.

Candidates: Matt Eisenman, Katie Teasdale and Jeff Tolly.

Continue to pray for them during their final days of preparation.

The Latin Mass Community is now offering monthly training for boys who would like to serve the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite. The discipline of serving the ancient Mass has always been an excellent means of forming Catholic gentlemen and inspiring vocations to the priesthood. The first training session is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb 20th at 4:30pm in the church. Please contact Mr. Brendan McDonough at 530-679-0261 for more information.

Seeking NDS Alumni: Notre Dame School would like to extend a special invitation to all NDS alumni to attend the Annual Spring Gala Auction on Saturday, April 5th at Sierra Nevada Brewery's Big Room. We will be celebrating "80 Years of Academics, Faith & Fun" as the school celebrates its 80th Anniversary this year! This event is sure to be a great night and tickets are selling quickly. Tickets are \$70/person and can be purchased by contacting Teri Ernandes at 624-9746 or ternandes@siscoent.com. We look forward to seeing you there!

Low Income Housing: Cinnamon Village Apartments located on Forest Ave in Chico has one, two and three bedroom apartments to accommodate various family sizes. Our rental policies adhere to all fair housing laws. Applicants eligible for occupancy are selected on a "first come, first serve" basis. Please call 891-6251 for all the details.

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LIFE TEEN – Sunday, Feb 17th, starting right after 5:30pm Lifeteen mass in the Upper Meeting Room at NDS.

EDGE – Mon Feb 18th, 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.



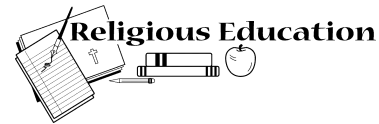
Marriage Encounter: Make a great marriage even better! Sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Call Stephanie & Deacon James Burkett at

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).

Retrouvaille: This is a program to give hope and help for marriages that are experiencing trouble. For additional information call 1-800-283-5952.

✧ **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 Johnette 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 28th 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

Scripture Study/Radio: Special program during Lent. Joe will be recording his program at the Newman Center every Wednesday night during Lent from 6:45-7:45pm. The program will be re-aired on the following Sat and Sun. This Wed, Feb 20th,

Joe will be talking about the readings for the Third Sun of Lent. We read of the Exodus and God giving living water to His people. Their thirst is satisfied forever in the living waters drawn by Christ in the Gospel. Joe will consider the spirituality behind the Exodus. Please read the Sun readings to be prepared for discussion. 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.

Columbian Retirement home, Inc: The California Knights of Columbus own and operate an independent living retirement facility for seniors in historic Marysville, California. The two-story, garden style building, located across the street from St. Joseph's Catholic Church is designed like a luxury hotel, except it has the friendliness and warmth of your own private home. The rates are reasonable. Each room has a private bath. Three delicious, well-balanced meals are served daily. Housekeeping, linens, laundry facilities, 24 hour medical emergency monitoring, chapel, library, elevator, lounge, patio and garden area, are included in one low price. For more details, please call 743-7542.

Holy Land Tour: Join Fr. Michael Hebda and Sr. Maura Power, RSM for a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Jordan for 10 nights. The tour departs Oct 8th (from Seattle) and returns Oct 19th. The Pilgrimage takes us to Galilee, Jordan River, Capernaum, Tabgha, Mt of Beatitudes, Cana, Nazareth, Mt. Tabor, Caesarea, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Ein Karem, Mt. of Olives, Mt. Zion, Dead Sea, Masada, Qumran and then on to Jordan to enjoy Petra, Madaba, Mt. Nebo, Jerash and Amman....we get to walk where Jesus walked!!! A marvelous, blessed 10 nights!! Please call Alice Gerety at Cruise Holidays, 244-7447 or 1-800-852-3268 for more information.

Men's Weekend Retreat: 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.

Family Spirituality Mini Retreat: The retreat scheduled for Feb 24th from 2-4pm at the Corpus Christi Retreat Center in Shingletown has been CANCELLED. It will be rescheduled in April. Look for details in an upcoming bulletin. For more info, please call 530-222-3424.

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 (March 14th-15th). There is no cost for this retreat. Find out where God is calling you! For more information please call 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.

Sun 17	2 nd Sunday of Lent 9:30 am RCIA 10:45am CFF 2:30pm Latin Mass 6:45pm Lifeteen
Mon 18	OFFICE CLOSED/PRESIDENTS' DAY 6-8pm English AA 6:30-8pm BSA #2 7pm Edge (ODS) 7-9pm Spanish Cursillo
Tues 19	6 pm Vespers (church) 6:30pm choir practice 7pm Grupo Carismatico
Wed 20	6-9pm Spanish AA 7pm BSA #2 (Cafeteria)
Thur 21	St. Peter Damian 6pm Sons of Italy 7pm Rosary
Fri 22	The Chair of St. Peter 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 23	St. Polycarp 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: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;
Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

Liturgy of the Hours - Week II

