



## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 18, 2007

**17<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic Appeal:** *This Sunday is Annual Catholic Appeal Sunday. 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 programs supported by the Appeal. Please remember that 25% of the funds 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 wonderful way to help others. Please consider offering a 9-month pledge this year, if you are able. Pledge envelopes are available here at the parish if you did not receive one by mail. Envelopes can be dropped in the Sunday collection or mailed to the Appeal.*



Ash  
Wednesday

**Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule – Feb 21**

English-7:30am, 9am, 5:30pm

Spanish- 7pm

St. James in Durham 6:00pm (for Spanish and English speaking parishioners)

**Stations of the Cross will begin on Friday Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm.**

✠ Mass Intentions ~St. John the Baptist ✠		
Sat 17	7:30a	✠ Mary O' Hara by John O' Hara 5:30p ✠ Ivan & Thelma Seiler (60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
wedding	Sun 18	7:30a ✠ Blanche Biagini by Stella Ricci 9:30a ✠ People of God
	Latin Mass	11:00a special intention 12:30p no intention 5:30p ✠ William Menagh by Robert Meline
Mon 19	7:30a	✠ Mary O' Hara by John O' Hara
Tue 20	7:30a	✠ Edith & Joe Fetchin by Linda Shea
Wed 21	7:30a	✠ Rusty Beauchane by Andrea
	9:00a	✠ Mike Hutter
Spanish	5:30p	✠ Steve Rosales
	7:00p	no intention
Thurs 22	7:30a	Cara Carvalho (living/birthday) by Carolyn Dorenzo
	Fri 23	7:30a
Sat 24	7:30a	✠ Allen Rader by Bill & Pat Ahern
	5:30p	✠ Virginia Richardson
Mass Intentions ~St. James		
Sun 18	9:00 a	no intention
	10:30a	no intention



**2<sup>nd</sup> WEEK OF FEBRUARY**

Sunday Collection \$8,548.00

Thank you

**ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE**  
[stjohnthebaptistchico.org](http://stjohnthebaptistchico.org)

Fr. Brent's email: [fbrent@stjohnthebaptistchico.org](mailto:fbrent@stjohnthebaptistchico.org)

✠ PARISH & SCHOOL NEWS ✠

**DID YOU NOTICE** As requested by some of you, last week we put all new information at the top of each section in bold lettering. We hope this will be helpful.



**To all lectors of the parish:** There will be a lector training workshop on Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7pm in the church. We have the benefit of the professional expertise of Allan Forbes (a parishioner) who is a retired former professor of speech at CSUC. There are many aspects to lecturing and all of them will be addressed, including practice with adjusting the microphone.



**Notre Dame School is holding its 25<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SPRING AUCTION GALA**

March 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm! This year the Auction will be held at Sierra Nevada's Big Room in honor of this special anniversary. Tickets are \$65 each and must be

purchased in advance at the school office (342-2502) or by contacting one of our Auction co-chairs, Teri Ernandes at 624-9746 or Darleen Bettencourt at 891-4153.

We are also holding a raffle with a grand prize of FREE TUITION (or the cash equivalent) for one student at Notre Dame for the 2007-2008 school year! 2<sup>nd</sup> prize is FREE HOT LUNCH (or the cash equivalent). Raffle Tickets are \$50 and only 250 tickets will be sold. (Need not be present at the Auction to win.)

We are currently accepting donations of goods or services for the Auction. In addition, we are seeking sponsors for various parts of the event. If you'd like to buy raffle tickets, can help in any way, or have any questions, please contact Teri Ernandes or Darleen Bettencourt (see contact info above). Thanks for your support of our local Catholic School!

**TAMALES FOR SALE:** Guadalupana Asociacion will be having their Tamale fundraiser on Sat March 3<sup>rd</sup>. You may pick up your tamales between 3:30pm and 5pm that day. To order call Teresa Aquirre at 895-1890 or Maria Aquilar at 894-5492. Don't miss out! The tamales are delicious!

**Mercy High School:** will hold their 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup> at Tuscan Ridge Golf Club. Four Person Scramble Carts, Eats, Fun & Prizes. Please call Regg Keyawa at 865-4599 or Mercy High at 527-8313 for more information and to register. Thank you.



**Deaf CFF:** Fr. Thomas Coughlin, pastor of St. Benedict Parish for the Deaf in San Francisco, will be in Chico this Sunday February 18<sup>th</sup>. He will be celebrating a mass for the deaf at ODS at 5pm. There will be a reception following in the social hall.

**Catholic Daughters:** Our Birthday Luncheon will be held on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am at Kalico Kitchen. Call Lil at 342-3008 if you have any questions.



**Respect for Life Committee** will have their next meeting on Feb 21<sup>st</sup> from 3:30-5pm in the office library.

**Torres Shelter:** Help is needed on Feb 30<sup>th</sup> to serve a meal at the Torres Shelter. We welcome any groups or individuals in the parishes to join us on the first Friday, the second Wednesday or the third Tuesday of the month. Please call Jerry Converse at 342-2134 to volunteer. It is a great experience for both you and the homeless.



[www.chicolifeteen.org](http://www.chicolifeteen.org)

Andrea Florez, Youth Director 530-961-2050

If you have any questions or would like more information about our programs please call Andrea.

**PARENTS, WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Please sign-up to help with snacks and environment (no artistic ability required). We are inviting parents to support youth ministry in a vital way. By bringing a snack and/or helping to make simple posters from the designs provided by the Core teams. To help please call Roberta Seibert at 343-8741 or 895-0170.

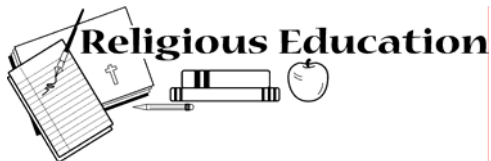
**LIFETEEN** – I'll take "In the Desert" for \$100, Alex. Test your jeopardy skills tonight, Sunday Feb 18<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30 at St. John's UMR. What do you know?

**Cry The Gospel High School Retreat**, February 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> permission slips available in the parish office. \$65.00 (scholarships available). Turn in permissions slips to Andrea by Feb 18<sup>th</sup>.

**EDGE** – What is Lent? Why don't we eat meat on Fridays? Why do we put ashes on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday? Join us on Monday Feb 19<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30pm at the ODS Social Hall for a little competition and fun!

**Youth Mission Trip to Mexico:** The Diocese of Sacramento Youth Office is collaborating with the Los Embajadores Missionary Program to take 24 teens and 6 adults from our Diocese to Tijuana, Mexico in July 2007. Grounded in service work, the program is a week-long experience that serves as a conduit for building relationship with the Mexican people, allows the youth to learn how to form a supportive and interdependent community, and gain a firmer understanding of the social justice issues that underlie poverty. The cost for the week is \$350. Participation is based on an Application process and is open to high school students currently in grades 9-12. If you are interested in joining us, please contact the Diocesan Youth Office at 916-733-0152 or St. John's parish office for an application for the program. Hurry as space is limited!

## ✧ CFF: CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION ✧



**Religious Education Questions**  
Call 343-8741

**Mandatory Sacrament Parents' Class:** The next Sacrament Parents' Class is Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Upper Meeting Room. Only parents going through our program for the 1<sup>st</sup> time are required to attend all the monthly classes, though all are encouraged and welcome. Child Care during this class is now available!

**RCIA Adapted for Children:** Sacrament Preparation for kids in grades 2-6 who need to be baptized, AND, children in grades 3-6 who need to receive 1<sup>st</sup> Confession and/or 1<sup>st</sup> Communion. Next Class is Friday, Feb 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30pm in the Parish Office.

**Youth Sacrament Program (Sacrament Preparation for Youth in grades 7-12):** Classes are on Weds, from 4:30-6pm in the Parish Office Upper Meeting Room.

## ✧ MARRIAGE & FAMILY ✧

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Northern Lights Love Circle:** Next meeting will be on Saturday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, at St. John's UMR (NDS) starting at 6:30 with a potluck dinner followed by a talk on Chapter 2 of Five Love Languages by Gary Chapman. For more information please call Stephanie or James at 893-2348, email [burkett7@sbcglobal.net](mailto:burkett7@sbcglobal.net)

**Catholic Marriage Enrichment Group:** All Catholic married couples are welcome. For information, call Debbie Weinrich, MSW at 342-2878 ext 2.

**Catholic Women's Ministry:** For information call Debbie Weinrich at 342-2878 ext 2.

**Marriage Encounter:** Make a great marriage even better! Sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Upcoming weekends will be April 20-22; June 22-24 in Sacramento. For more information call Stephanie & Deacon James Burkett 893-2348.

**Retrouaille:** This is a program consisting of a weekend experience and 6 post-weekend sessions designed to give hope and help for marriages that are experiencing trouble. For additional information, go to [www.retrouaille.org](http://www.retrouaille.org) or call 1-800-283-5952.

**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 P.A.C. (899-0243)

## ✧ ADULT FAITH FORMATION ✧

**Catholics Returning Home:** Are you a Catholic who has been away from Church and just does not understand, what has changed or why? Do you need to receive the Sacraments of the Church? Come join us Monday nights from 7-8:30pm at St. John's Parish Library. The spring session just started last Monday. Please contact Deacon Burkett at 893-2348, 343-4248 or Sharon Haselton 343-8741 for more information.



SCRIPTURE  
STUDY

**Scripture Study/Radio:** Joe Hollcraft is live on AM 930 at 11:00am-12:00 each Saturday and Sunday (re-aired). Each program will be devoted to the readings from the Mass. On Feb 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Jennie Schaeffer will join Joe and their discussion will highlight the Beatitudes. February 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> will highlight the Lenten season. Don't miss this great opportunity to better understand the Bible and our faith. Joe will make a formal announcement in the future when he returns to the local Scripture study.

**Have you received the Sacrament of Confirmation?** Bishop Francis Quinn will be at the Newman Center in Chico May 20<sup>th</sup> at 2pm to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is an opportunity for Catholic adults (especially high school and college students) to receive this gift of the Holy Spirit. Preparation for this Sacrament will begin in February. The first meeting is at 4pm on Feb 4<sup>th</sup> in the Newman Center Library or if you can not make this meeting there will also be one on Thurs. Feb 8<sup>th</sup> (same place). We will be using the newly published United States Catholic Catechism for Adults. Call Tim Gannon at 680-1314 with any questions.

✦ **AROUND THE DIOCESE and beyond** ✦

**Save the Date!** Society of St Vincent de Paul's Dinner with Bishop Quinn – The Society of St. Vincent de Paul/Sacramento Council is honoring Bishop Quinn for his years of devotion to the poor on Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, at the Hilton Hotel in Sacramento. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit the poor through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. For more information, please contact Christine Cipperly at 916-492-6396.

**Multilingual/Multicultural Workshop:** If you would like to strengthen the bonds between the diverse cultures of your faith community, then Sacred Heart Parish in Anderson has a workshop designed just for you. Nationally known bilingual liturgist and composer, Pedro Rebalcava, through the use of storytelling, lecture, group sharing/discussion and music, will present a two-day clinic (Feb 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>) outlining the guidelines for planning and implementing multilingual/multicultural liturgical celebrations. The cost is \$10 per person. If interested you can pick up a registration form at the parish office. For more details, please call 343-8741.

**From the Diocese:** "The Spirituality of the Desert" presented by Rev. Art Wehr, S. J. at St. Ignatius Parish in Sacramento. Feb 26<sup>th</sup>, March 5, 12 and 19<sup>th</sup> from 10-11:30am or 7-8:30pm. For more information call 916-482-9666 ext. 238.

**Men's Weekend Retreat:** It's almost time for our annual Men's Retreat weekend! Feb 23-25. Space is limited, so call now and make your reservation. Call Allan Forbes 342-5493, John Sutthoff 343-4040 or the Retreat Center at 916-725-4720. Don't miss out!

**Healing After Abortion Retreat:** Struggling after an abortion? Still seeking peace years after the choice? Experience the healing love of Jesus at Rachel's Vineyard Retreat **March 30<sup>th</sup> -April 1<sup>st</sup>**, in Auburn, sponsored by the Diocese 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 information, call Edie at 916-733-0161, or email [esickman@diocese-sacramento.org](mailto:esickman@diocese-sacramento.org). Inquiries and participation are strictly confidential.

**Pilgrimage to Lourdes & Italy** Nov 5 – 15, 2007, price \$2,449. Fr. Vincent Juan will be hosting the pilgrimage. For more information call (530) 335-2372 or for the application and brochure check the website [www.stfrancisburney.org](http://www.stfrancisburney.org)

**Pilgrimage to Poland & Italy:** "In the Footsteps of Pope John Paul II" April 16-30. Complete price \$3,495 includes the following services: Round Trip airline tickets, all accommodations (double occupancy in hotels) with 3 meals a day, all transportation, sightseeing, guide services, entrance fees to all attraction, taxes and cancellation insurance. For more details call Rev. Stanislaw at 510-336-0698 or Andre Sobczyk at 408-229-1950.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY...AUSTRALIA...JULY 2008:** Pilgrims from the Diocese of Sacramento will be joining over a million others and the Pope for this incredible event. The trip is open to young adults (out of high school and over the age of 18—by the time of the trip) and will feature days in the Diocese of Auckland, New Zealand prior to the week of World Youth Day events in Sydney, Australia. The dates of the Pilgrimage are July 7-22, 2008. The cost of the Pilgrimage is \$3550, with a \$300 deposit due to register. Please contact the Diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at 916-733-0152 for more information.

✦ **CALENDAR** ✦

<b>Sat 17</b>	<b>Seven Founders of the Servite Order</b> 9-11am Pro-Life Prayer Group 10am Confessions
<b>Sun 18</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 10:45am-12pm CFF <b>11am LATIN MASS</b> LIFETEEN after 5:30 mass
<b>Mon 19</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 7pm Jr. Life at ODS 6-8pm English AA 7pm Catholics Returning Home
<b>Tues 20</b>	6:30pm Choir practice
<b>Wed 21</b>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> <b>Masses: 7:30am, 9am, 5:30pm, 7pm (Spanish)</b> 6-9 Spanish AA 7pm Spanish Mass 7pm BSA #2
<b>Thur 22</b>	<b>The Chair of St. Peter</b> 7pm Rosary Prayer Group
<b>Fri 23</b>	<b>St. Polycarp</b> 6-7am Men's Bible Study (ODS) <b>3:30-4:30pm Adoration</b> 6-9pm Spanish AA <b>7pm Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>Sat 24</b>	<b>St. Scholastica</b> 9-11am Pro-Life Prayer Group 10am Confessions



**Library Hours:**

**Sunday** following the 9:30am mass to 12:15pm  
**Wednesday** 9-noon  
**Thursday** 9-noon

**Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church:** What is it? It's a summary of the Catechism, focusing on the key elements of the Catholic Faith, formatted with a question and answer approach. It is not meant to replace either the Catechism or textbooks but to help make the Catholic Faith as accessible as possible for the next generation of the Faithful. We have a new shipment of them available in the Parish office for only \$12.

**Catechisms of the Catholic Church** are also available in the Parish office for \$15 (a 25% discount).

**United States Catholic Catechism for Adults:** is a unique and groundbreaking guide for those who seek to deepen their Catholic faith. Each chapter starts with a story or lesson of faith which are then related to Catholic teachings, the Catechism and to American culture. If you are interested in purchasing one they are available at the Parish office for \$20.

**Diocesan History Books:** The diocese has put together a beautiful hardcover book featuring the history of the diocese and its parishes. The books are available in the parish office. The cost is \$25.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday:	Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday:	Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday:	Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

**Liturgy of the Hours III**

