

While we were still sinners Christ died for us. -- Romans 5:8

Third Sunday of Lent
February 24, 2008

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ✦

Sat 23	7:30a	George & Norma Rodrigues (living) by Boutwell Family
	5:30p	no intention
Sun 24	7:30a	✦ Ellen Scofield by Altar Society
	9:30a	People of God
	12:30p	✦ Justina & Manuel Herrera by Carmen Leyva
Latin Mass	2:30p	Special Intention
	5:30p	Fr. Brent Nall (living) by Catholics Returning Home
Mon 25	7:30a	✦ Colleen Fornasero by Roy & Yvonne Vanoni
Tue 26	7:30a	✦ Oscar Hinojosa by Consolation Ministry
Wed 27	7:30a	✦ Pauline Vietti by Lauren Vietti
Thur 28	7:30a	✦ Umberto Buzzi by Teresa Detweiler
Fri 29	7:30a	no intention
	8:30a	NDS intentions
Sat 1	7:30a	Mary VanBuskirk by Lona
	5:30p	no intention

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ✦

Sun 24	9:00a	no intention
	10:30a	no intention

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

Weekly Offering

3rd week of February

Sunday Collection	\$8,120
Improvement Fund	\$ 230
Total	\$8,350

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

--2 Corinthians 9:7

**FIRST MONDAY: ADORATION/EXPOSITION
OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**
Monday, March 3rd
after 7:30am Mass
through **3:15pm** Benediction.



Special Collection for Catholic Relief Services: Next week the parishes in the diocese will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This Collection makes possible our participation in the Church's global mission to combat poverty, provide relief and development, assist refugees and immigrants, and advocate for justice and peace in situations of conflict and neglect of basic human rights. Please help by giving to the Collection next Sunday (March 2nd). Special envelopes are available in the church vestibule. Thank you for your generosity.

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.



Easter Flowers:

For a donation of \$25, (envelopes will be available soon), flowers will be purchased in honor of your loved ones, living or deceased. Please print all names clearly and place envelope in collection basket or bring to the office.

St. John's Centennial Banners: If you haven't noticed already, take a look at our Centennial Celebration Banners (one on the bell tower of the church, the other on Notre Dame School on Hazel St.). Thank you to the Centennial Committee for all their hard work but especially to Amy Gomersall for designing these beautiful banners! Also, thanks to all of you who purchased the St. John's Christmas cards. We were able to use that money to have the banners made. Look for more exciting things to come for our 100 year anniversary!

We Need Your Pictures of Notre Dame School: Did you or someone you know attend Notre Dame School? We are in search of pictures from the early days of the school. The 26th Annual Spring Gala Auction will be celebrating Notre Dame's 80th Anniversary and we are looking for pictures of NDS from over the years. If you have any pictures, contact Chelle Schuler at 345-6461. See Auction details below.

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 it's 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!

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LIFE TEEN – Sunday, Feb 24th, the teens will be on a **Recollection Retreat**. Please pray for the leaders and the teens this weekend. XLT: March 2nd

EDGE – Mon Feb 25th, 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: Please consider going to Planned Parenthood on Vallombrosa on Wednesdays or the Women's Feminist Abortion Center on Humboldt Rd on Fridays. Come anytime

from 10am to 4pm to pray for the lives of the unborn children being aborted. **Join the committee for their next meeting on March 17th, at 3:30pm in the parish library.**

Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts: Debbie Weinrich, MSW will be teaching a class for couples at the Newman Center starting Mon, Feb 25th – Mon, April 7th. It will be 7 sessions for those who are seriously dating or married less than 5 years, and the cost is \$150 which includes 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.

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

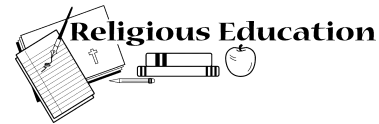
893-2348 for more information.

"Northern Lights" Community Love Circle: Next meeting will be on Saturday March 1st, in the UMR (NDS) starting at 6:30 with a potluck dinner. For more information please call Stephanie or James at 893-2348, email burkett7@sbcglobal.net

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 **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/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 27th,

Week 3: David is anointed king of Israel on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, as God declares that He sees "not as man sees." In the Gospel, Jesus gives sight to a blind man, revealing the blindness of those who will not believe that He is the Son of Man. Please read the Sunday readings (March 2nd) 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 jholljnj@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.

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.

Whoever drinks the water I give
will never thirst



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Sun 24	3rd Sunday of Lent 9:30 am RCIA 10:45am CFF 2:30pm Latin Mass 6:45pm Lifeteen
Mon 25	6-8pm English AA 6:30-8pm BSA #2 7pm Edge (ODS) 7-9pm Spanish Cursillo
Tues 26	6 pm Vespers (church) 6:30pm choir practice 7pm Grupo Carismatico
Wed 27	6-9pm Spanish AA 7pm BSA #2 (Cafeteria)
Thur 28	7pm Rosary
Fri 29	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 1	First Saturday 10am Confessions 6pm Spanish Coro

Library Hours:

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



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: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt. 18:21-35
- Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
- Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
- Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

Liturgy of the Hours - Week III

