



“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”  
-- Matthew 5:3

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 3, 2008

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule – Feb 6<sup>th</sup>

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

St. James in Durham: 6:00pm

Stations of the Cross will begin on Friday Feb 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.



✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ✦			
Sat	2	7:30a	DJM special intention
		5:30p	✦Rueben DeLaCruz by Hernandez family
Sun	3	7:30a	✦Nicholas & Mary Spaniola by The Currilins
		9:30a	People of God
		12:30p	✦Federico Mora by Eliazar Zerrato
Latin Mass		2:30p	Special Intention
		5:30p	✦Geoffrey Fennell by Karen Neadly
Mon	4	7:30a	✦ Mary VanBuskirk by Lona
Tue	5	7:30a	✦ John Reginato and living family by Rosina Reginato
Ash			
Wed	6	7:30a	✦ Vince & Mina Starwyck by Jim Yerbic
		9:00a	NDS intentions
		5:30p	no intention
		7:00p	no intention
Thur	7	7:30a	Jenni Miller (living) by Jeff Weinrich
Fri	8	7:30a	✦ Geoffrey Fennell by Karen Neadly
		8:30a	NO SCHOOL MASS
Sat	9	7:30a	✦Patti Delucchi by Pat Ahern
		5:30p	✦Rueben De La Cruz by Hector & Jeanette Hernandez
✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ✦			
Sun	3	9:00a	✦ Claire Grqanich by Spafford Family
		10:30a	Yareli Covarrubias (3 <sup>rd</sup> Birthday) by Covarrubias Family

Pray for the repose of the soul of Anna Edwards, Martin Gallegos, John Reilly, Ramon Lopez Anguiano, Rueben De La Cruz and for the comfort of their family and friends.

4<sup>th</sup> week of January

Sunday Collection \$7,179.00

Weekly Offering

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

--2 Corinthians 9:7

## ✦ PARISH & SCHOOL NEWS ✦



**Diocese of Sacramento's 18th Annual Catholic Appeal collection is today Sunday Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Your participation in the appeal helps people in need throughout northern California as well as your own parish. This year the Annual Appeal will also help fund seminarian formation programs and new parishes in heavily populated areas. Please give generously as 25% comes back to our parish.

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO:** For those of you who could not hear or did not understand what was being said by Fr. Hannon this past Sunday; here is the letter from the diocese that was read concerning Fr. Brent:

*Today, I have to make a sad announcement, For those of you who may be unaware, Fr. Brent Nall has resigned as pastor here at St. John's to deal with personal issues affecting his ministry. As I'm sure you can understand, the life of a priest can be very stressful these days. Fr. Nall wasn't forced out, but chose to resign as pastor after the diocese placed him on administrative leave and temporarily suspended his priestly faculties. The issues involved have nothing to do with minors. Fr. Blaise Berg will temporarily be taking Fr. Nall's place until the diocese makes a permanent appointment. Please include Fr. Nall and the St. John's Community in your prayers. Thank you*

**NDS Thanks You!** Thank you to all the families that came to the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Bookfair. We were able to add 175 great new books to the school library. With the generosity of WinCo Foods, we were able to feed over 300 people. Thanks to all that helped make this a huge success!

**NOTRE DAME KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE:** Please come and join us for a Kindergarten Open House on Feb 7<sup>th</sup>, from 7-8pm. The kindergarten teachers and principal will be on hand for tours, questions and general information. All are welcome. If you have questions, please call the school office at 342-2502.

**Children's Liturgy:** There will be no Children's Liturgy at the 5:30pm Sunday mass this weekend Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Catholic Daughters:** Their regular meeting will be Feb 14<sup>th</sup>, 1pm at ODS Social Hall.

**FIRST MONDAY: ADORATION/EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Monday, Feb 4<sup>th</sup>

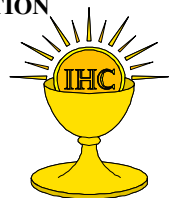
after 7:30am Mass

through 3:15pm Benediction.

Sign-up sheet in vestibule

All Hours must be covered

Come spend a Holy Hour with Jesus



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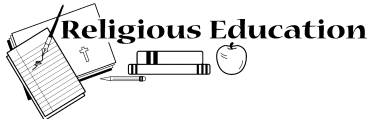
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Andrea Florez, Youth Director 530-961-2050

**LIFE TEEN** – Sunday, Feb 3rd, starting right after 5:30pm Lifeteen mass. Please join us for a Super Bowl Party in the Upper Meeting Room at NDS.

**EDGE** – Mon Feb 4th, 7pm-8:30pm at Our Divine Savior Social Hall. All 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome!

◆ **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. **Sun, May 4<sup>th</sup>** 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.

◆ **MARRIAGE & FAMILY** ◆



**Respect for Life Committee:** The Lord secures justice, as today's psalm says. Therefore, Zephaniah urges the Lord's people, "seek justice," and the Beatitudes declare that those who do so are blessed. To be like God we must do the works of God. Today let us call God's people to active involvement in the pro-life cause. Join the committee for their next meeting on Feb 18<sup>th</sup>, at 3:30pm in the parish library.

**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).

◆ **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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 or Sharon Haselton @ 891-5334. We would like to address your questions and make you feel at home once more in the Catholic Church.

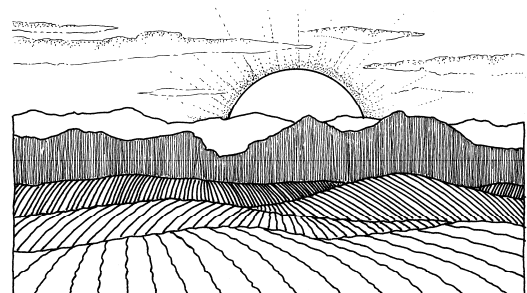
**Holy Spirit Prayer Group:** They meet at 7pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wed of each month at the Newman Center. For more information call Sharon Haselton: 891-5334 or James Burkett: 893-2348.



**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. This week Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>,

University of Sacramento students Denise Martin and Noah Mackenroth will join Joe and they will teach on the Beatitudes. The Following week Joe will again be joined by some guests and they will examine the very rich teaching of Christ as the "New Adam". Be sure not to miss this great opportunity to better understand the Bible and the structure of our faith. You can email Joe at [jholljmi@yahoo.com](mailto:jholljmi@yahoo.com) if you have any questions about the radio program and/or the Catholic faith.

**Blessed  
are the  
peacemakers**



**World Marriage Day:** Bishop Weigand will preside at Mass at 11am on Sunday, Feb 10<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in which married couples may renew their wedding vows of 25 and 50 years (and beyond)! An informal reception for couples and their families will follow. Couples interested in attending this special occasion is asked to register with the Department of Evangelization & Catechesis at 916-733-0123.

**Men's Weekend Retreat:** First call for the men of the parish to our annual retreat at Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center on the weekend of Feb 22-24. Don't miss out on this great experience of spiritual renewal. Space is limited, so make you reservation early. Call Allan Forbes at 342-5493 or John Sutthoff at 343-4040 to register or for more information.

**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 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> or March 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>) 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 15<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, Feb 17<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat Center. For more information please call 916-835-2282 or visit our website at: [www.sacramentobe.org](http://www.sacramentobe.org)

<b>Sun 3</b>	4 <sup>TH</sup> <b>Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 9am –noon RCIA 10:45am CFF <b>2:30pm Latin Mass</b> <b>6:45pm XLT/Lifeteen</b>
<b>Mon 4</b>	<b>8am-3:15pm Adoration/Exposition</b> 6-8pm English AA 6:30-8pm BSA #2 <b>7pm Edge</b> 7-9pm Spanish Cursillo 6-7pm Guadalupana
<b>Tues 5</b>	<b>St. Agatha</b> 6:30pm choir practice 7pm Grupo Carismatico
<b>Wed 6</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Fast and Abstinence</b> 6-9pm Spanish AA 7pm BSA #2 (Cafeteria)
<b>Thur 7</b>	7pm Rosary
<b>Fri 8</b>	<b>St Jerome Emiliani/St Josephine Bakhita</b> <b>3:30-4:30pm Adoration</b> 6-9pm Spanish AA <b>6pm Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>Sat 9</b>	10am Confessions 6pm Spanish Coro

**Library Hours:**

**Sunday 8:30-9:30am & 10:30am-12:15pm**  
**Wednesday 9-noon and 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: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20  
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Mk 5:21-43  
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51; 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 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

**Liturgy of the Hours - Week IV**

