



They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

-- Matthew 2:11b

The Epiphany of the Lord January 6, 2008

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ✦

Sat 5	7:30a	✦Rafael Mota by Maria Correa
	5:30p	✦Manuel & Elsie Maciel by Joann Stevens
Sun 6	7:30a	✦Joe Miguel by Laura Mendonca
	9:30a	People of God
	12:30p	Magaña Hernandez Family by Martin Magaña
Latin Mass	2:30p	Special Intention
	5:30p	Lucille Jockenhofer
Mon 7	7:30a	✦Gerda Hase by Thelma Seiler
Tue 8	9:00a	✦Vince Starwyck by The Seiler's
Wed 9	7:30a	✦Edith & Joe Fetchin by John & Linda Shea
	7:00p	no intention
Thur 10	7:30a	✦Kathy Logan by Ann Logan
Fri 11	7:30a	Bertoli Family (living & deceased) by Juanita Bertoli
	8:30a	Betty Newcomb (living) by Linda Givens
Sat 12	7:30a	✦Joe Miguel by Holy Ghost & Fatima Club
	5:30p	Marge Flynn (living) by Marie Doran

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ✦

Sun 6	9:00a	✦Claire Grzanich by Spafford Family
	10:30a	no intention

Pray for the repose of the soul of Rueben De La Cruz, Ellen Scofield and for the comfort of their family and friends.

FIRST MONDAY: ADORATION/EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Monday, Jan 7th

after 7:30am Mass through 3:15pm Benediction. Sign-ups are in the vestibule. All hours must be covered.



Come spend a Holy Hour with Jesus

NDS "After Christmas for Classrooms 2007": Last year's Christmas for Classrooms was such a great success that we could not go without offering all Parish Members another chance to think of Notre Dame Catholic School as one of your contributions for the year. This year we will be presenting our Christmas for Classrooms program on Jan 26 & 27. Last year, your generous contributions for NDS brought in more than \$9,000 for some extra projects that have been needed for years, but were beyond the reach of our regular improvement budget. This year special CFC projects include: new drinking fountain in the gym, new sink, drinking faucet, cabinet, counter and upper storage cabinet in 2nd grade, and renovation and workstations in the elementary hallway. Look for more information in the weeks ahead.

WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST: Sat Jan 19, 2008. An awesome experience! There is a comfort travel bus that will pick up in Chico. For more information call Erika Sajben 566-1201. Call the parish office to register and reserve your spot 343-8741. Cost is \$37 per person.

Catholic Ladies Relief Society #3 Our first meeting for 2008 will be on Tuesday, Jan 8th. This is our fundraiser and the donation is \$5. We will be having a Chili and Soup Potluck with a Silent Auction. We will start putting things out at 12 noon and eat at 12:15. Our theme is "Farm and Ranch", so wear you country duds. Hee Haw!! Guests welcome. Meeting to follow. If you have questions call Yvonne at 898-1266 or Sandy at 345-1601.

Catholic Daughters: Jan 10th- Regular Meeting 1pm at ODS. Please remember dues are due (\$20).

Feeding the Homeless: Now that the Christmas party is behind us, we will renew our regular schedule in January. The team leaders will be in touch with their members to plan and prepare for January. Please call Jerry at 342-2134 if you are interested in joining a team or have any questions.

Weekly Offering

5th week of December

Sunday Collection	\$ 8,441
Christmas Offering	\$17,138
Keyna	\$ 300
Rectory kitchen repair	\$ 1,050 (total to date \$11,219)
TOTAL:	\$27,108

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

--2 Corinthians 9:7

ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE
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LIFE TEEN – Please join us for an awesome XLT Sunday, January 6th at St John’s. There is a free dinner from 6:30-7:10pm in the cafeteria, and then a guest speaker at 7:15pm followed by a time of adoration and praise and worship until 8:45pm in the church. XLT is open to everyone no matter your age

EDGE – What makes you happy? The Christmas presents you just got, the New Year’s party you just went to, your friends, your family? What is true joy? Join us on Mon, Jan 7th from 7-8:30pm in the ODS 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 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. This week, Jan 5th-6th, Bob Cross will join Joe as they teach and discuss the meaning of the Epiphany. The following week, Jan 12th-13th, Raymond Vincent, a University of Sacramento student will join Joe as they carefully consider the historical and biblical context of the baptism of Jesus, so as to better understand our baptism in Christ. 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.

❖ **CFF: CHILDREN’S FAITH FORMATION** ❖



Religious Education Questions
Call 343-8741

CFF: TODAY Jan 6th, 10:45am.

Sacramental Parents Classes are for parents who have children receiving Sacraments this year. The required classes will be **Tues Jan 22, Feb 19, March 11, April 22, and Sun May 4.** Watch for details of time and place.

All CFF 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: Please join us for the next Respect Life Committee meeting on Jan 15th at 3:30 in the St. John’s 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: “Northern Lights” Community Night: Sat Jan 5th, 6:30-8:30pm starting with a potluck and presentation at 7:30pm in the Upper Meeting Room at Notre Dame School. For more info contact James and Stephanie Burkett at 893-2348

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 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.retrouvaille.org or call 1-800-283-5952.



Women's Retreat at Christ the King: Come, rest and experience the graces of a weekend retreat at Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center. The beautiful grounds will help you experience peace and tranquility as you leave your worries behind and learn to turn to God for guidance. Join other women of our parish on Jan 25th-27th for this wonderful retreat. Please call Rita Staring at 895-1214 if you are interested in attending or have any questions.

Bereaved Parents is a national non-profit self-help group that offers support, understanding, compassion and hope to parents after the death of a child. All are welcome. We meet the second Thursday of each month at 7pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 667 E. 1st Ave in room #9. For information call Cathy Boutwell, 345-8905 or Lisa Palmer, 894-7025.

Healing After Abortion Retreat: Do you know someone hurting after an abortion? Still seeking peace years later? Experience the healing love of Jesus at Rachel's Vineyard Retreat in Auburn, sponsored by the Diocese of Sacramento. A weekend retreat includes sharing of stories, spiritual exercises, sacraments and a memorial service. Open to women, men, couples and family members touched by abortion. The cost is \$150 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. Financial assistance is available. For more information, call Edie at 916-733-0161 or 1-888-HOPE-790 or email esickman@diocese-sacramento.org

THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM

The unfolding of the story of the Incarnation continues today as the Church celebrates the Epiphany. The tale of the magi from the East is one of the most fascinating in all of scripture. It has much to teach us about what we can



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come to expect, even in circumstances and places that may seem insignificant or small. Bethlehem was a tiny town, what we might refer to today as a town without even one stop light. Yet it is over this seemingly insignificant place that the guiding star stops in its own search for the place where the Savior would be born. Too often we fail to recognize the fact that the star of Bethlehem comes to rest in our everyday lives, where we can experience God's presence, manifested in ever new ways. Epiphany calls us to shake off our stupor and recognize the One who comes to save us.

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Sun 6	The Epiphany of the Lord 9am-noon RCIA 10:45am CFF 2:30pm Latin Mass XLT Life Teen TONIGHT
Mon 7	St Raymond of Peñafort 8am-3:15pm Adoration/Exposition 6-8pm English AA 6:30-8pm BSA #2 (Convent) 7pm Edge 7-9pm Spanish Cursillo
Tues 8	6:30pm choir practice 7pm Grupo Carismatico
Wed 9	3:30-5pm Youth Sacrament Class 6-9pm Spanish AA 7pm BSA #2 (Cafeteria)
Thur 10	6-10pm Knights of Columbus 7pm Rosary
Fri 11	6:15am Lectionary Discussion with Fr. Brent. All are welcome! 3:30-4:30pm Adoration 6-9pm Spanish AA
Sat 12	10am Confessions 6pm Spanish Coro

Library Hours:

Sunday 8:30-9:30am & 10:30am-12:15pm

Wednesday 9-noon and Thursday 9-noon



Pope Benedict XVI's Prayer Intentions for January:

General prayer intention: *That the Church may strengthen her commitment to full visible unity in order to manifest in an ever growing degree her nature as community of love, in which is reflected the communion of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.*

Mission intention: *That the Church in Africa, which is preparing to celebrate her Second Special Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, may continue to be the sign and instrument of reconciliation and justice in a continent which is still marked by war exploitation and poverty.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30
- Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

Liturgy of the Hours - Week II

