



Here is my servant whom I uphold

The Baptism of the Lord
January 13, 2008

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ✦

Sat	12	7:30a	✦Joe Miguel by Holy Ghost & Fatima Club
		5:30p	Marge Flynn (living) by Marie Doran
Sun	13	7:30a	✦Joe Miguel by Gott Family
		9:30a	People of God
		12:30p	✦Hilario Bonilla Camberos & familia Bonilla-Preciado (living) Special Intention
Latin Mass		2:30p	
		5:30p	✦Gerdo Hase by Lil Fortino
Mon	14	7:30a	For the homeless & mentally ill
Tue	15	7:30a	✦Victor Raul Marrero by Lupe Alfaro
Wed	16	7:30a	✦Norma Boyle by Sally Stoner
		7:00p	no intention
Thur	17	7:30a	Luis Correa Jr. (living/b'day) by Maria Correa
Fri	18	7:30a	✦Joe Miguel by Evelyn Mendonca
		8:30a	NDS intentions
Sat	19	7:30a	✦Vince Starwyck by Sally Stoner
		5:30p	✦Rueben De La Cruz by Hector & Jeanette Hernandez

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ✦

Sun	13	9:00a	✦Alice Konyn by Peter Konyn
		10:30a	no intention

Pray for the repose of the soul of Ramon Lopez Anguiano, Rueben De La Cruz and for the comfort of their family and friends.

Weekly Offering

1st week of January

Sunday Collection \$ 7071.00

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
stjohnthebaptistchico.org

Fr. Brent's email: fbrent@stjohnthebaptistchico.org
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✦ PARISH & SCHOOL NEWS ✦

A Note from our sister parish in Kenya: Fr. JB sends his greetings and gratitude to St John's parishioners for their support of his Kenya parish, schools and prison. The chapel has been completed and has been dedicated. The capacity is 250. Fr. JB said he would be sending pictures for the website soon or you can go to their website at www.stjohnthebaptistkenya.org

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Next weekend, Jan 20th, we will take up a collection for Birthright and the Womens Resource Center. Please support these two very important ministries here in our Chico community.

Knights of Columbus: Pancake Breakfast! Sunday, Jan 20th, 8-11:30am at St. John's. Come and enjoy pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee and juice! Adults \$6, Children under 12 \$3. Family of five or more \$20.



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. Please visit the Notre Dame website: www.ndschico.org to look at the before and after improvement project over the last couple of years.

WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST: Saturday Jan 19, 2008 in San Francisco. An awesome experience! There is a comfort travel bus that will pick up in Paradise at St. Thomas More at 3:45am and then in Chico here at St. John's at 4:15am. Call the parish office to register and reserve your spot 343-8741. Cost is \$30 per person. The deadline is January 15th.

BUCKS LAKE FAMILY CAMP: Mark your calendars!! The dates for this year's family camp will be Thurs July 31st-Sun Aug 3rd. Save some vacation time this summer for great fun with your family and fellow catholic families. Questions? Call Karen Rose at 343-9519.

Catholic Daughters: Their anniversary luncheon will be at the Newman Center on Jan 24th at 11am starting with mass and lunch to follow. RSVP to Lil at 342-3008. Prepaid \$14.

Fundraiser: A teen-age Iraqi girl, Noora Mohammad, is an innocent Victim of Violence in Iraq. "No More Victims" is sponsoring a dinner to raise money for her medical treatment. The dinner will be at Trinity United Methodist Church, Jan 13th, from 5pm-7pm. Raffle and Silent Auction. Minimum donation \$10 adults, \$5 children.

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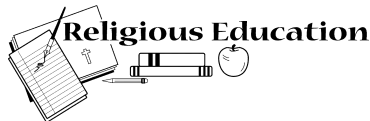
LIFE TEEN – XLT has been rescheduled for Sunday Jan 20th. Please join us for an awesome experience. No meeting this weekend Jan 13th. The teens will be at Youth 2000 in Redding. Please pray for all the youth and the leaders this weekend.

EDGE – Mon Jan 14th, 7pm-8:30pm at Our Divine Savior Social Hall. All 7th & 8th graders are welcome!



A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."
-- Matthew 3:17

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



Religious Education Questions
Call 343-8741

CFF: TODAY Jan 13th, 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**. These classes will be held in the Upper Meeting Room at NDS at 7pm.

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.



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 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. Next week, Jan 19th-20th, due to **Walk for Life**, Joe will record a program on the gifts and role of the Holy Spirit. Be sure not to miss this great opportunity to better understand the Bible and the structure of our faith. You can email Joe at jhollmj@yahoo.com if you have any questions about the radio program and/or the 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).

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 or call 1-800-283-5952.



Pro-Life Mass: Bishop Jaime Soto will be celebrating the annual Pro-Life Mass on Tuesday, Jan 22nd at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament – 1017 11th St at 10:30am in reparation for the sin of

abortion. Come join us as we pray to promote a culture of life! Pro-life rosary will be recited at 10am. For more information contact the Respect Life Office at 916-733-0133.

Women's Retreat at Christ the King: Sign up now for a wonderful weekend of peace and quiet and the opportunity to enrich your spiritual life. You'll enjoy rest, good food, and insightful conferences to help you draw closer to God, to your family and to yourself! We'll see you on the weekend of Jan 25th-27th at Christ the King Retreat Center in Citrus Heights. For reservations call Rita Staring at 895-1214.

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 15th-16th or March 14th-15th) 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 15th through Sunday, Feb 17th at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat Center. For more information or to request an application, please call 916-835-2282 or visit our website at : www.sacramentobe.org

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

Sun 13	The Baptism of the Lord 9am-noon RCIA 10:45am CFF 2:30pm Latin Mass
Mon 14	6-8pm English AA 6:30-8pm BSA #2 (Convent) 7pm Edge 7-9pm Spanish Cursillo
Tues 15	6:30pm choir practice 7pm Grupo Carismatico
Wed 16	3:30-5pm Youth Sacrament Class 6-9pm Spanish AA 7pm BSA #2 (Cafeteria)
Thur 17	St Anthony 6-9pm Sons of Italy 6:30pm PTO (NDS) 7pm Rosary
Fri 18	6:15am Bible Study with Fr. Brent All are welcome! 3:30-4:30pm Adoration 3:30pm NDS Girls Basketball Tournament 6-9pm Spanish AA
Sat 19	10am Confessions 9am NDS Girls Basketball Tournament 6pm Spanish Coro
Sun 20	8-11:30am K of C Pancake Breakfast

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 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17
 Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

Liturgy of the Hours - Week I

