



I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.
--Isaiah 49:6b

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 20, 2008

◆ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ◆

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| Sat 19 | 7:30a | ◆ Vince Starwyck by Sally Stoner |
| | 5:30p | ◆ Rubeen De La Cruz by Hector & Jeanette Hernandez |
| Sun 20 | 7:30a | ◆ Joe Miguel by William & Leonila Mendonca |
| | 9:30a | People of God |
| Latin Mass | 12:30p | ◆ Estaben Nava by Tino Nava |
| | 2:30p | Special Intention |
| | 5:30p | ◆ Maurice Levin by Bev Burges Levin |
| Mon 21 | 7:30a | ◆ Gerda Hase by Helen Gachen |
| Tue 22 | 7:30a | ◆ John Reginato and living family by Rosina Reginato |
| Wed 23 | 7:30a | ◆ Mary VanBuskirk by Lona Stalker |
| | 7:00p | no intention |
| Thur 24 | 7:30a | ◆ John & Mary O'Hara by John O'Hara |
| Fri 25 | 7:30a | Holy Souls in Purgatory by Rosina Reginato |
| | 8:30a | NDS intentions |
| Sat 26 | 7:30a | ◆ Louis Borges by Borges family |
| | 5:30p | ◆ Rubeen DeLaCruz by Hernandez family |

◆ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ◆

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| Sun 20 | 9:00a | Ruthe & Thomas Cunningham 55 th wedding anniversary |
| | 10:30a | no intention |

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

Weekly Offering

2nd week of January

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| Sunday Collection | \$ 9,215.00 |
| Improvement Fund | \$ 2,262.00 |
| Total | \$11,477.00 |

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

--2 Corinthians 9:7

SPECIAL COLLECTION: This 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 TODAY! 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. Some of the proceeds to go to the Parish Library.

Notre Dame School will kick off their celebration of National Catholic Schools on Sunday, Jan 27th. The students and their families will be attending the 9:30am mass at St John's and then enjoying a wonderful Continental Breakfast and Annual Book Fair in the cafeteria immediately following the mass. Once a year we offer over 180 new books to be adopted by our school and parish families. You can purchase a book, fill out a dedication slip and donate the book of your choice to the school library. (It makes a great gift to the school as well as a tax deduction!) There are many interesting, award-winning books that will be available. So, please join us in the cafeteria for a free breakfast and support NDS by purchasing a book for the library!

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 \$15.

Palms for Ash Wednesday: It's that time again to bring in your palms from last year. Please leave them in the basket in the vestibule. Ash Wednesday is Feb 6th.

Mardi Gras! The St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center in Chico will be hosting the award-winning "Rhythm Rowdies" band for a Mardi Gras celebration/fundraiser on Saturday, Feb 2nd. The night will include Grammy-nominated artists, dancing, wine and cheese. The evening begins at 7pm. Cost of admission: \$15 adults, \$8 students/children and children under 6 are free. Get your tickets through the Newman Center, located on 346 Cherry St. in Chico. Call 342-5180 for more information.



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.

ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE

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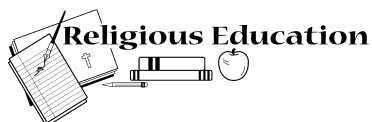
LIFE TEEN – XLT TODAY Sunday Jan 20th. This is an awesome prayer experience with a great talk, praise & worship, and adoration. We begin with a free dinner at 6:30pm in the cafeteria of St. John's and then back up to the church from 7:15-8:45.

EDGE – Mon Jan 21st, 7pm-8:30pm at Our Divine Savior Social Hall. All 7th & 8th graders are welcome!



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✦ **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.** These classes will be held in the Upper Meeting Room at NDS at 7pm. **Sun, May 4th will be held in the gym at 11am.**

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.

✦ **ADULT FAITH FORMATION** ✦

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

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 19th-20th, due to

Walk for Life, Joe will re-air last weeks program on the Baptism of Jesus. The following week Joe will be joined by a guest and they will speak on repentance according to the gospel of Matthew. 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.

✦ **MARRIAGE & FAMILY** ✦



Respect for Life Committee: "In a striking way, we see today a heightening of the tension between our nation's founding principles and political reality. We see this in diminishing respect for the inalienable right to life and in the elimination of legal protections for those who are most vulnerable. There can be no genuine justice in our society until the truths on which our nation was founded are more perfectly realized in our culture and law" (US Bishops, 1998). For more information call the parish office 343-8741.

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).



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: It's almost time for our annual women's retreat weekend. Sign up now for the weekend of Jan 25th-27th at Christ the King Retreat Center. If the decisions in your life have become burdensome; if daily challenges are robbing you of God's intended joy, then come and discover how being more attentive to God's flow of grace can transform your life. 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: Struggling after an abortion? Still seeking peace years after the choice? Come to a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, April 11th-13th in Auburn, sponsored by the Diocese of Sacramento. The weekend retreat is a unique and effective process designed specifically to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. Open to women, men, couples and family members touched by abortion. The cost is \$175. Financial assistance is available. For a registration packet or more information, call Debbie at 916-733-0161. Inquiries and participation are strictly confidential.

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| Sun 20 | 2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8-11:30am K of C Pancake Breakfast 9am –noon RCIA 10:45am CFF 2:30pm Latin Mass |
| Mon 21 | St. Agnes/Martin Luther King Jr. Day OFFICE CLOSED 6-8pm English AA 6:30-8pm BSA #2 7pm Edge 7-9pm Spanish Cursillo |
| Tues 22 | St. Vincent Day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person 6:30pm choir practice 7pm Grupo Carismatico |
| Wed 23 | 3:30-5pm Youth Sacrament Class 6-9pm Spanish AA 7pm BSA #2 (Cafeteria) |
| Thur 24 | St. Francis de Sales 7pm Rosary |
| Fri 25 | The Conversion of St. Paul 6:15am Lectionary Discussion with Fr. Brent All are welcome! 3:30-4:30pm Adoration 6-9pm Spanish AA |
| Sat 26 | St. Timothy and St. Titus 10am Confessions 9am NDS Girls Basketball Tournament 6pm Spanish Coro |
| Sun 27 | Catholic Schools Week Begins/Book Fair |



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 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

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| Monday: | 1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22 |
| Tuesday: | 1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28 |
| Wednesday: | 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6 |
| Thursday: | 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12 |
| Friday: | Acts 22:3-16; Mk 16:15-18 |
| Saturday: | 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 3:20-21 |
| Sunday: | Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17] |

Liturgy of the Hours – Week II

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