

*They left their nets
and followed him*

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 27, 2008**

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ✦

Sat 26	7:30a	✦ Louis Borges by Borges Family
	5:30p	✦ Rubeen De La Cruz by Hector & Jeanette Hernandez
Sun 27	7:30a	✦ Joe Miguel by William & Leonila Mendonca
	9:30a	People of God
	12:30p	Cervantes Family (living)
Latin Mass	2:30p	Special Intention
	5:30p	no intention
Mon 28	7:30a	✦ John & Mary O'Hara by John
Tue 29	7:30a	✦ James Clancy by Shea's
Wed 30	7:30a	✦ Audree Casey by Shea's
	7:00p	no intention
Thur 31	7:30a	Debbie Weinrich by Jeff
Fri 1	7:30a	✦ Vince Starwyck by Thelma Kaps
	8:30a	NDS intentions
Sat 2	7:30a	DJM special intention
	5:30p	✦ Rubeen DeLaCruz by Hernandez family

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ✦

Sun 27	9:00a	no intention
	10:30a	✦ Luis Mendoza by Maggie Mendoza

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

Weekly Offering

<u>3rd week of January</u>	
Sunday Collection	\$ 6,637.00
Pro Life collection	1,495.00
Total	\$ 8,132.00

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

--2 Corinthians 9:7

SPECIAL COLLECTION will be taken up this weekend, Jan 27th, "Christmas for Classrooms" for Norte Dame School.

Notre Dame School: TODAY, Jan 27th, kicks off the celebration of National Catholic Schools Week. 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!

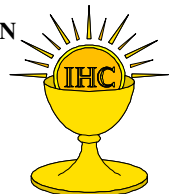
Knights of Columbus Winter Dinner Gala: Sat, Feb 2nd, doors open at 5:30pm with dinner being served at 7pm. Raffle and Auction will begin at 9pm. Entertainment provided by Chico Children's Choir. Tickets can be purchased no later than Feb 1st by calling Michael Powell at 680-4672, Dan Terrell at 899-0101 or at the parish office, 343-8741. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.** Cost \$30 per person.

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.

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.

FIRST MONDAY: ADORATION/EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Monday, Feb 4th
after 7:30am Mass
through **3:15pm** Benediction.



Come spend a Holy Hour with Jesus

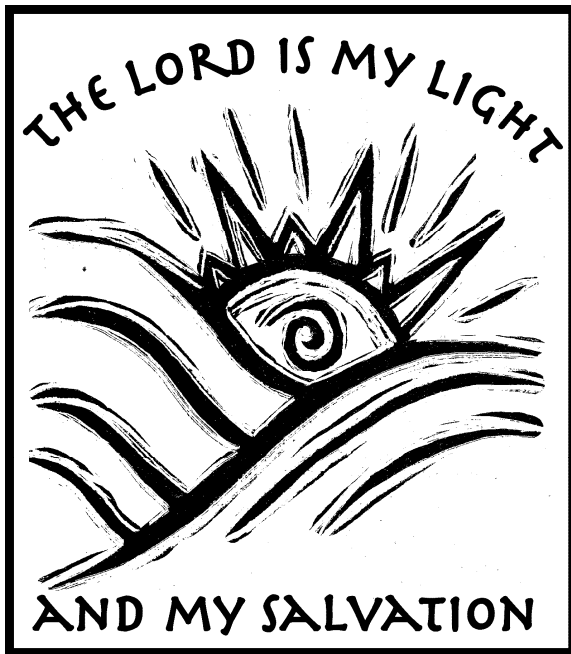
ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE
stjohnthebaptistchico.org

Fr. Brent's email: frbrent@stjohnthebaptistchico.org
St. John Office email address: stjohn33@sbcglobal.net

(NEW E-MAIL)
Chico_lt_ym@yahoo.com
Andrea Florez, Youth Director 530-961-2050

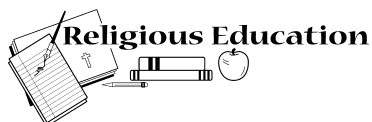
LIFE TEEN – Sunday, Jan 27th, starting right after 5:30pm Lifeteen mass. Please join us in the Upper meeting room for fun, fellowship, prayer and much more.

EDGE – Mon Jan 28th, 7pm-8:30pm at Our Divine Savior Social Hall. All 7th & 8th graders are welcome!



© Annika Nelson

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



Religious Education Questions
Call 343-8741

CFF: TODAY 10:45am.

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 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/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 26th-27th, Bob Cross will join Joe and their principle subject matter will be on Repentance according to the gospel of Matthew. They will also discuss Christian unity week. The following week University of Sacramento students will join Joe and they will teach on the Beatitudes. 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: Join the committee for their next meeting on Feb 18th, 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).

Retrouvaille: This is a program to give hope and help for marriages that are experiencing trouble. For additional information call 1-800-283-5952.

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 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.

Sun 27	3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Catholic Schools Week Begins/Book Fair 9am –noon RCIA 10:45am CFF	
Mon 28	2:30pm Latin Mass St. Thomas Aquinas 6-8pm English AA 6:30-8pm BSA #2 7pm Edge 7-9pm Spanish Cursillo 6-7pm Guadalupana	
Tues 29	6:30pm choir practice 7pm Grupo Carismatico	
Wed 30	6-9pm Spanish AA 7pm BSA #2 (Cafeteria)	
Thur 31	St. John Bosco 7pm Rosary	
Fri 1	First Friday 3:30-4:30pm Adoration 6-9pm Spanish AA	
Sat 2	Presentation of the Lord First Saturday 10am Confessions 6pm Spanish Coro 5:30 K of C Steak & Prawn dinner	

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

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

Liturgy of the Hours - Week III

