

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 28, 2007

Important Notice: This past summer the diocese required us to change to a new data base and because of the change some of our families have been inadvertently dropped from our system. If you have stopped receiving your monthly donation envelopes, please call the office so that we can solve this problem. We apologize for the confusion this has caused. Call 343-8741.

PALMS: Please bring in last years palms for ashes. We will have a basket in the back of the church starting this weekend. This year Ash Wednesday is Feb 21st. Thank you!

✠ Mass Intentions ~St. John the Baptist ✠

Sat 27	7:30a	✠ Arline Borges by Carmen Bertagna
	5:30p	Vernona B. (living) by Neadly Family
Sun 28	7:30a	✠ Blanche Biagini by Stella Ricci
	9:30a	People of God
	12:30p	no intention
	5:30p	✠ Mary O' Hara by John O' Hara
Mon 29	7:30a	✠ Loren & Lucille Godwin by Emilene Souza
Tue 30	7:30a	✠ Ed Dabrowski by Norleen Manwill
Wed 31	7:30a	✠ Arline Borges by Tony & Mary Nevis
	7:00p	no intention
Thurs 1	7:30a	✠ Mina Starwyck by Vince Starwyck
Fri 2	7:30a	Roy & Yvonne Vanoni (50 th anniv)
	8:45a	no intention
Sat 3	7:30a	special intention
	5:30p	✠ Manuel Bettencourt by Diane Bettencourt

Mass Intentions ~St. James

Sun 27	9:00 a	no intention
	10:30a	no intention



ALL PARISH EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

There will be a workshop training for all of St. John's Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on Thursday, Feb 1st at 7pm in the church. There will be discussion regarding the new changes, demonstration, and Q & A. Please call the parish office,

343-8741, if you have any questions.

FIRST MONDAY: ADORATION/EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday, February 5th
after 7:30am Mass
through 6:45pm Benediction.
Sign-ups are in the vestibule.
All hours must be covered.



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

✠ PARISH & SCHOOL NEWS ✠



WALK FOR LIFE: More than 25,000 people traveled to San Francisco last Saturday to the 3rd annual Walk for Life. People had traveled from as far north as Oregon and as far south as L.A. There were over 50 people from Chico, Oroville, and

Gridley who traveled together attending Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, attending the pre-walk speeches and then walking 3 miles supporting the rights of all human life especially the rights of the unborn. Thank you to everyone who went and to those who supported them in prayer. Thank you to those who could not go but donated money so that others could. If you would like to see pictures from the walk you can go to ewtn.com and click on Life on the Rock. Our group has the red heart balloons. We hope to take more faithful with us next year!

Respect for Life Committee will have their next meeting on Feb 19th from 3:30-5pm in the office library.

Knights of Columbus: CHANGE IN MENU! Due to unforeseen prices in crab we have had to change our menu to **STEAK AND PRAWNS DINNER**. Saturday Feb 3, 2007 doors open at 5pm, dinner served at 7pm, raffle at 9pm at St. John's. Donation is \$25 (**NEW LOWER PRICE**). To purchase tickets call Jim Kelly 891-1990, Michael Powell 680-4672, Hector Hernandez 892-1936, Mike Johnson 893-2802, Dan Terrell 899-0101 or you can purchase them at the parish office at St. John's 343-8741. **Tickets will not be sold at the door.** Tickets must be purchased by Feb 2nd. There will be a \$10 corkage fee for all wine brought into the crab feed. Come and enjoy a great meal and be entertained by the Chico Children's Choir.

Calling All Donors: Notre Dame School would like to invite current and previous donors to our Hispanic Scholarship Program to assist financially needy families. For the past several years, large donations to this program have given many students who would otherwise be unable to attend NDS the opportunity to receive a quality Catholic Education. If you are one who has contributed, or someone who would like to begin to do so, please stop by our office or contact NDS at 342-2502. Thank you, St. John's, for the support you provide your parish school!

ALTAR SOCIETY: Thank you so much to everyone who so generously responded. We now have a good team together! Thank you.



Torres Shelter: If you are interested in helping as an individual or as a group, the following dates are when meals will be needed at the Torres Shelter: Feb 2nd, 14th and 30th. Please call Jerry Converse at 342-2134 to volunteer.

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP: The Rosary Prayer Group that meets on Thursdays in the Church will meet at Patty and Bill Mutch's home Thursday Feb. 1. Please call Patty at 898-1183 for details.

OFFERING TOTAL FOR 3rd WEEK OF JANUARY

Budget amount needed weekly	\$12,680.00
Sunday Collection amount	\$ 9,423.00

Thank you



www.chicolifeteen.org

Andrea Florez, Youth Director 530-961-2050

If you have any questions or would like more information about our programs please call Andrea.

PARENTS, WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please sign-up to help with snacks and environment (no artistic ability required). We are inviting parents to support youth ministry in a vital way. By bringing a snack and/or helping to make simple posters from the designs provided by the Core teams. To help please call Roberta Seibert at 343-8741 or 895-0170.

LIFETEEN – “Get off your CAN” on Sunday Night and join the high school youth group in St. John’s UMR from 7-8:30pm

Cry The Gospel High School Retreat, February 23rd-25th permission slips available in the parish office. \$65.00 (scholarships available).

EDGE – “You CAN make a difference” come on Monday at the ODS Social Hall from 7-8:30pm to see how.

Youth Mission Trip to Mexico: The Diocese of Sacramento Youth Office is collaborating with the Los Embajadores Missionary Program to take 24 teens and 6 adults from our Diocese to Tijuana, Mexico in July 2007. Grounded in service work, the program is a week-long experience that serves as a conduit for building relationship with the Mexican people, allows the youth to learn how to form a supportive and interdependent community, and gain a firmer understanding of the social justice issues that underlie poverty. The cost for the week is \$350. Participation is based on an Application process and is open to high school students currently in grades 9-12. If you are interested in joining us, please contact the Diocesan Youth Office at 916-733-0152 or St. John’s parish office for an application for the program. Hurry as space is limited!

✧ MARRIAGE & FAMILY ✧

MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASS AT THE CHICO NEWMAN CENTER: A two day preparation class for the Sacrament of Marriage will be offered at the St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center on Saturday Feb 10th and 17th, from 10am -5pm each day. **Couples must attend both classes to receive their certificate.** Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Cost is \$125 per couple. For registration, please call 342-5180.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Northern Lights Love Circle: Next meeting will be on Saturday February 3rd at St. John’s UMR (NDS) starting at 6:30 with a potluck dinner followed by a talk. For more information please call Stephanie or James at 893-2348, email burkett7@sbcglobal.net

Catholic Marriage Enrichment Group: Next meeting will be at St. John’s on Feb 7th at 6:45pm. All Catholic married couples are welcome. For information, call Debbie Weinrich, MSW at 342-2878 ext 2.

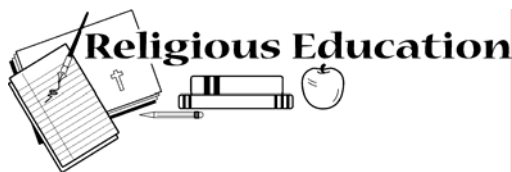
Catholic Women’s Ministry: Next meeting will be on Feb 8th, 6:45-9pm at ODS Social Hall. Call Debbie Weinrich at 342-2878 ext 2.

Marriage Encounter: Make a great marriage even better! Sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Upcoming weekends will be Feb. 16 – 18; April 20-22; June 22-24 in Sacramento. For more information call Stephanie & Deacon James Burkett 893-2348.

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. The next weekend in Sacramento will be February 9-11, 2007. For additional information, go to www.retrouaille.org or call 1-800-283-5952.

Natural Family Planning (Creighton model) classes are available right here in Chico. Contact Jackie Hollcraft P.A.- C. (899-0243).

✧ CFF: CHILDREN’S FAITH FORMATION ✧



Religious Education Questions
Call 343-8741

Mandatory Sacrament Parents’ Class: The next Sacrament Parents’ Class is Tuesday, February 13th from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Upper Meeting Room. Only parents going through our program for the 1st time are required to attend all the monthly classes, though all are encouraged and welcome. Child Care during this class is now available!

RCIA Adapted for Children: Sacrament Preparation for kids in grades 2-6 who need to be baptized, AND, children in grades 3-6 who need to receive 1st Confession and/or 1st Communion. Next Class is Friday, Feb 16th from 6:30-7:30pm in the Parish Office.

Youth Sacrament Program (Sacrament Preparation for Youth in grades 7-12): Classes are on Weds, from 4:30-6pm in the Parish Office Upper Meeting Room.

Deaf CFF: Please call 343-8741 if interested.

❖ ADULT FAITH FORMATION ❖

Have you received the Sacrament of Confirmation? Bishop Francis Quinn will be at the Newman Center in Chico May 20th at 2pm to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is an opportunity for Catholic adults (especially high school and college students) to receive this gift of the Holy Spirit. Preparation for this Sacrament will begin in February. The first meeting is at 4pm on Feb 4th in the Newman Center Library or if you can not make this meeting there will also be one on Thurs. Feb 8th (same place). We will be using the newly published United States Catholic Catechism for Adults. Call Tim Gannon at 680-1314 with any questions.

Catholics Returning Home: Are you a Catholic who has been away from Church and just does not understand, what has changed or why? Do you need to receive the Sacraments of the Church? Come Monday Feb 5th from 7-8:30pm at St. Johns Parish Office. Please contact Deacon Burkett at 893-2348, 343-4248 or Sharon Haselton 343-8741 for more information.

Scripture Study/Radio: Joe Hollcraft is live on AM 930 at 11:00am-12:00 each Saturday and Sunday (re-aired). Each program will be devoted to the readings from the Mass. Jan.27th and 28th will highlight Pope Benedict’s first encyclical *Deus Caritas Est*— “God is Love”; Feb 3rd & 4th will highlight the Apostolic Church. Don’t miss this great opportunity to better understand the bible and our faith. Joe will make a formal announcement in the future when he returns to the local Scripture study.

✧ **AROUND THE DIOCESE and beyond** ✧

Save the Date! Society of St Vincent de Paul's Dinner with Bishop Quinn – The Society of St. Vincent de Paul/Sacramento Council is honoring Bishop Quinn for his years of devotion to the poor on Thursday, April 26th, at the Hilton Hotel in Sacramento. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit the poor through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. For more information, please contact Christine Cipperly at 916-492-6396.

Men's Weekend Retreat: Un-plugged and Re-Charging! Time to get things back in perspective? Time to take a deep breath? Time to enjoy the beauty in nature? Then it is time to make a retreat with the men of the parish. Feb 23-25. Space is limited, so call now and make your reservation. Call Allan Forbes 342-5493, John Sutthoff 343-4040 or the Retreat Center at 916-725-4720. Don't miss out!

Beginning Experience Weekend: The "Beginning Experience of Sacramento" support group is offering a special weekend program of healing, hope and encouragement for divorced, separated or widowed persons of all faiths. The weekend retreat is Friday, Feb 16th through Sunday, Feb 18th 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? Experience the healing love of Jesus at Rachel's Vineyard Retreat **March 30th -April 1st**, in Auburn, sponsored by the Diocese of Sacramento. The weekend retreat will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, sacrament of reconciliation, memorial service and Mass. The cost is \$150 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. Financial assistance is available. For a registration packet or more information, call Edie at 916-733-0161, or email esickman@diocese-sacramento.org. Inquiries and participation are strictly confidential.

Multilingual/Multicultural Workshop: If you would like to strengthen the bonds between the diverse cultures of your faith community, then Sacred Heart Parish in Anderson has a workshop designed just for you. Nationally known bilingual liturgist and composer, Pedro Rebalcava, through the use of storytelling, lecture, group sharing/discussion and music, will present a two-day clinic (Feb 16th & 17th) outlining the guidelines for planning and implementing multilingual/multicultural liturgical celebrations. The cost is \$10 per person. If interested you can pick up a registration form at the parish office. For more details, please call 343-8741.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes & Italy Nov 5 – 15, 2007, price \$2,449. Fr. Vincent Juan will be hosting the pilgrimage. For more information call (530) 335-2372 or for the application and brochure check the website www.stfrancisburney.org

Pilgrimage to Poland & Italy: "In the Footsteps of Pope John Paul II" April 16-30. Complete price \$3,495 includes the following services: Round Trip airline tickets, all accommodations (double occupancy in hotels) with 3 meals a day, all transportation, sightseeing, guide services, entrance fees to all attraction, taxes and cancellation insurance. For more details call Rev. Stanislaw at 510-336-0698 or Andre Sobczyk at 408-229-1950.

WORLD YOUTH DAY...AUSTRALIA...JULY 2008: Pilgrims from the Diocese of Sacramento will be joining over a million others and the Pope for this incredible event. The trip is open to young adults (out of high school and over the age of 18—by the time of the trip) and will feature days in the Diocese of Auckland, New Zealand prior to the week of World Youth Day events in Sydney, Australia. The dates of the Pilgrimage are July 7-22, 2008. The cost of the Pilgrimage is \$3550, with a \$300 deposit due to register. Please contact the Diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at 916-733-0152 for more information.

✧ **CALENDAR** ✧

Sat 27	St. Angela Merici 9-11am Pro-Life Prayer Group 10am Confessions
Sun 28	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:30a mass Catholic Schools Week begins 10:45am-12pm CFF LIFETEEN after 5:30 mass
Mon 29	7pm Jr. Life at ODS 6-8pm English AA
Tues 30	6:30pm Choir practice
Wed 31	St. John Bosco 6-9 Spanish AA 7pm Spanish Mass 7pm BSA #2
Thur 1	7pm EEM workshop (church) 7pm Rosary Prayer Group (at the Mutch's home)
Fri 2	Presentation of the Lord 6-7am Men's Bible Study (ODS) 3:30-4:30pm Adoration 6-9pm Spanish AA
Sat 3	St. Blaise 9-11am Pro-Life Prayer Group 10am Confessions

Library Hours:

Sunday following the 9:30am mass to 12:15pm
Wednesday 9-noon
Thursday 9-noon

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church: What is it? It's a summary of the Catechism, focusing on the key elements of the Catholic Faith, formatted with a question and answer approach. It is not meant to replace either the Catechism or textbooks but to help make the Catholic Faith as accessible as possible for the next generation of the Faithful. We have a new shipment of them available in the Parish office for only \$12.

Catechisms of the Catholic Church are also available in the Parish office for \$15 (a 25% discount).

United States Catholic Catechism for Adults: is a unique and groundbreaking guide for those who seek to deepen their Catholic faith. Each chapter starts with a story or lesson of faith which are then related to Catholic teachings, the Catechism and to American culture. If you are interested in purchasing one they are available at the Parish office for \$20.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40
[22-32]
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138; 1 Cor 15:1-11
[3-8], 11; Lk 5:1-11

Liturgy of the Hours IV

