

From the Pastor's Desk

Adoration Chapel

The Holy Family Adoration Chapel is off and running. This is a beautiful gift for our parish. We have the chance to spend time with Jesus to fortify ourselves individually but also to pray for the needs of our parish, school and community and to be built up as the Body of Christ. If you have not yet signed up for an hour of Adoration, please consider doing so. You will be rewarded with God's graces beyond your imagination!

First Confession

Our Second Graders in our faith formation program made their first Confession on Saturday, March 13th. Please pray for them and their families as they continue their formation and their preparation for First Holy Communion on May 15th.

Confirmation

Our Seventh Graders and other parishioners who are further along in years will be celebrating Confirmation on March 26th (English) and March 27th (Spanish). Please pray for our confirmandi as they make their final preparations.

RCIA

Our Elect are making final preparations for full acceptance into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Please pray for them as they prepare for this important step.

Monday Evening Talks

Please consider taking advantage of these excellent opportunities to nurture your spiritual lives this Lent. You'll find information about these talks below.

May God give us his grace and mercy this Lent,
Fr. Blaise Berg, Pastor

Devotions during Lent

Lenten Reflections will be given by our parish clergy each Monday during Lent at 7pm in the church.

March 15: It's real, I need it, and so do they
by Deacon Steve Schwartz

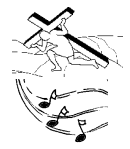
March 22: Penance Service at 7pm

March 29: The Mystery of Christ's Resurrection
by Fr. Chris Frazer

Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 6pm in English and 7pm in Spanish.

Vespers-Evening Prayer: Tues. evenings at 6pm with the Choir in English.

Lenten CDs: If you did not get a chance to purchase the Lenten CDs they can be purchased at the parish office. Celebrate Easter knowing that your simple efforts during the Season of Lent have helped you truly grow closer to Christ. (Suggested donation is \$20)



BUCKS LAKE FAMILY CAMP: Save the dates:
Thursday July 29th - Sunday Aug 1st.

Mark your calendar for "A Night of Laughs" on March 26 at Rolling Hills Casino and join Mercy High School for a wonderful evening of fine food and great entertainment. For reservations, please call the school at 527-8313.

***Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 14, 2010***

PENANCE SERVICES

Mon March 22, St. John's at 7pm
Tues March 23, Newman Center at 7:15pm
Wed March 24, St. Thomas in Paradise at 3:30pm & 6:30pm and Our Divine Savior at 12noon

✧ **Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist** ✧

Sat 13	7:30a	DJM Intentions
	5:30p	✧ Gary Johnson & Joseph Corraja by Bomactao Family
Sun 14		4th SUNDAY OF LENT
	7:30a	✧ Lena Morgado by Roberta Mendonca
	9:00a	People of God
	10:30a	no intention
	12:30p	✧ Pascual Jr. Madrigal by Moreno Family
	5:30p	✧ Jim O'Toole & living family by CSUC Econ Dept
Mon 15	7:30a	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tues 16	7:30a	✧ Charles & Helen Shea by the Shea's
Wed 17		ST. PATRICK
	7:30a	✧ Eva Delia by Consolation Mstry
	6:30p	no intention
Thur 18		ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM
	7:30p	Megan Rabo (living) by Mike & Jane Rabo
Fri 19		ST. JOSEPH
	7:30a	Dan Boutwell (living) by Boutwell Family
Sat 20	7:30a	✧ George Rodrigues by Boutwell Family
	5:30p	✧ Ting To by Bomactao Family
		✧ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ✧
	9:00a	✧ Claire Grzanich
	10:30a	Juan Manuel Arroyo Jr. (living/b'day) by Arroyo Family
		<i>Please pray for the repose of the souls of Betty Forbes, Irvin Merrifield, Carol Whitehead, Eugene Keyawa and for his family and friends.</i>

All are welcome to join in saying the rosary before daily Mass, beginning shortly after 7am. During this Lenten season, consider lending your voice as we offer up the rosary.



St Patrick is the co-patron of the Diocese, his feast day is Tuesday March 17.

1st week of March

<u>Collection</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
March 7	\$10,201	\$12,132
Year to date	\$321,800	\$323,233

(St. James total for March 7: (\$1,015))

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

ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE

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❖ **ADULT FAITH FORMATION** ❖



Scripture Study/Radio: Joe Hollcraft is live on AM 930 at 11:00am-12:00 each Saturday and Sunday (re-aired). Each week Joe will offer a teaching and reflection on the readings from the

Mass. In addition, he will look at all the important questions that people are asking about the faith today. **This week, "seminarian" Eric, will join Joe in a look at the parable of the Prodigal Son. Among other things, they will consider why this story reaches into all of our hearts.** The following week, Joe will look at the passage concerning the woman caught in adultery. Please do not hesitate to send Joe any of your questions. jholljmj@yahoo.com

Taizé Prayer Service: Join us at 7pm on Thursday, March 18th for Taizé at the Newman Center. Taizé is a quiet meditative prayer service using scripture and simple melodies to help us to focus on God.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S MINISTRY: If you are a woman in search of fellowship we are starting another segment of our study of the bible. **Next meeting will be March 25 in the Knights of Columbus room in the social hall at ODS from 6:45p-9 pm. Call Mary Waldorf at 345-8638.**

Rosary Prayer Group meets on Wed evenings at 7pm, at individual homes. The current Medjugorje message from Our Lady and the commentary are read. If you would like to participate, call 342-2323 or 898-1183.

Holy Spirit Prayer Group meets at 7pm on the 4th Wed of each month at the Newman Center. For more information call Sharon, 891-5334 or James, 893-2348.

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

Religious Education Questions - Call 343-8741

Sacrament Dates and Times:

**Confirmation: Rehearsal—Thursday, March 25, 6pm
Celebration—Friday, March 26th, 7pm**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11
Alternate readings (Year A):
Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130; Rom 8:8-11;
Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

Liturgy of the Hours Week IV

Library Hours & News:

Sunday 8:15-12:30pm & Thursday 9-11am



Coordinator of Youth Ministries, Andrea Florez
chicolifeteen@gmail.com 530-961-2050

Life Teen – We are playing games and having fun tonight! Bring a friend and a snack to share and be dressed to have some fun. We'll have the drinks so no worries there. See you Sunday night after the 5:30pm Mass. We'll be starting at 7:00 and be in the gym until 8:30pm

Life Teen - Empty & Beautiful Retreat - March 19th-21st we are making our way back up to Camp Pendola for a weekend to remember. We are retreating with 3 other parishes and this is definitely a weekend you won't want to miss. You can pick up permission slips from the office or the youth house.

THE YOUTH HOUSE IS OPEN for Drop-In after school Monday-Friday from 3-6:30pm. Come hang-out, you can do your homework, watch movies, play video games. Bring your friends because everyone is welcome. We even have food and drinks to buy so bring some \$ too. Can't wait to see you!

❖ **MARRIAGE & FAMILY** ❖



Respect for Life: "A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer." -- Pope John Paul II, *The Gospel of Life (Evangelium Vitae)*, n. 100.-- Everyone is welcome to go to Planned Parenthood on Wednesdays, which is now located at 3100 Cohasset Road, between Lupin and Lassen Avenue, across from the Butte County Fire station, and/or the Women's Feminist Abortion Center on Humboldt on Fridays, and pray for the mothers, fathers, and the safety of the unborn babies. Come any time from 9am to 12 noon.



Marriage Encounter: "Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come." (Second Reading) Let WME help you renew your marriage? The next local Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be **April 16-18 in Stockton and April 23-25 in Sacramento. Early registration is highly recommended.** Contact Stephanie and 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 Jenny Schaeffer (893-5474) or Jackie Hollcraft M.S.; P.A.C. (519-5081)

It is so easy to be blinded by culturally accepted distortions of sexuality, making it difficult to SEE the beauty of God's plan for love, and life. Opening our marriages to His will through Natural Family Planning

can be the first step in restoring our sight to His truths.
www.canfp.org

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