



*I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. --Philippians 3:8*

## Fifth Sunday of Lent March 21, 2010

### ✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ✦

Sat 20	7:30a	✦George Rodrigues by Boutwell Family
	5:30p	✦Ting To by Bomactao Family
Sun 21		5 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT
	7:30a	✦Josephine Macy by Bill & Joyce
	9:00a	People of God
	10:30a	✦Fr. Vincent Meskenas
	12:30p	✦Roxanna Alfaro by Rosa Gonzales
	5:30p	✦Jim O'Toole & living family by CSUC Econ Dept
Mon 22	7:30a	✦Rafael Gutierrz by Moreno Family
Tues 23		ST. TORIBIO DE MOGROVEJO
	7:30a	Tracy Guerra (living) by Boutwell Family
Wed 24	7:30a	✦Leo Reager by Casey Kelly
	6:30p	no intention
Thur 25		THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
	7:30p	✦Tony Nevis by Helen Vrismo
Fri 26		DAY OF ABSTINENCE
	7:30a	Bertoli Family (living & deceased) by Juanita
Sat 27	7:30a	✦Jerry Dean
	5:30p	✦Colleen Howard by Gala Yabanez
		✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ✦
Sun 21	9:00a	✦Irvin Merrifield
	10:30a	✦Ramon Moreno by Elvia Espinosa
		<i>Please pray for the repose of the souls of BettyForbes, Irvin Merrifield, Carol Whitehead, Eugene Keyawa and for their 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.*

### 2<sup>nd</sup> week of March

<u>Collection</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
March 14	\$7,305	\$11,323
Year to date	\$332,001	\$335,365

(St. James total for March 14: (\$604)

*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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## ✦ PARISH & SCHOOL NEWS ✦

**PLEASE NOTE:** Next Saturday, March 27, **CONFESSIONS WILL BE HELD IN THE PARISH OFFICE DUE TO SPANISH CONFIRMATION.**

**Catholic Relief Services Collection:** Today, we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Give hope to the community that has lost its livelihood to a crop disease. Give hope to the refugee child, separated from her mother. Give hope to the immigrant, trying to keep faith alive in a foreign land. This collection helps fund six Catholic organizations that improve the quality of life and protect human dignity. **Give hope to Jesus in disguise. Please give generously.**

### Devotions during Lent

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

**March 22: PENANCE SERVICE AT 7pm**

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

**Stations of the Cross: NO STATIONS THIS FRIDAY MARCH 26 DUE TO CONFIRMATION.**

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

**Lenten CDs:** If you did not get a chance to purchase the LentenCDs 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)

**Easter Flowers:** For a donation of \$20, flowers will be purchased in honor of your loved ones, living or deceased. Envelopes will be available in the vestibule this weekend.

Please print all names clearly and place envelope in collection basket or bring to the office.

**Chrism Mass:** The Chrism Mass will take place at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacramento, 11<sup>th</sup> and K Streets in Sacramento on Thursday, March 25, 2010 at 6 pm.

**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.

## Newman Center Round-Up Dinner/Dance

**Date:** Saturday April 17, 2010 from 6-9pm

**Description:** A western themed Dinner/Dance with local bands

**Location:** Newman Center-346 Cherry St

**Contact:** Matt Schaefer at 864-3616 or

[newmancentertickets@gmail.com](mailto:newmancentertickets@gmail.com)

**Price:** \$35-adults \$25-students

❖ 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, Joe will examine the woman caught in adultery and its relevance for man today.** The following week, Joe will take up the rich themes that surround Palm Sunday. Please do not hesitate to send Joe any of your questions [jhollmj@yahoo.com](mailto:jhollmj@yahoo.com)

**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 4<sup>th</sup> Wed of each month at the Newman Center. For more information call Sharon, 891-5334 or James, 893-2348.

**University of Sacramento:** New online course offered this spring. "Faith, Physics, and Philosophy: An Introductory Study of the Relationship between Faith and Science" To register or for more info, contact DeAnna at 916-443-4760 x16.

❖ CFF: CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION ❖

*Religious Education Questions - Call 343-8741*

**Parent Sacrament Class:** The next class is Sunday, March 28. The topic will be on Eucharistic Adoration. This is one of the **RECOMENDED** meetings for all parents who have a child making a sacrament (1<sup>st</sup> Communion or Confirmation).

**Sacrament Dates and Times:**

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

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62;  
Jn 8:12-20  
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30  
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42  
Thursday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38  
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42  
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56  
Sunday: Lk 19:28-40 (procession);  
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22; Phil 2:6-11;  
Lk 22:14 — 23:56

Liturgy of the Hours Week I

**Library Hours & News:**



Coordinator of Youth Ministries, Andrea Florez  
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**Life Teen** – We have some special guests this week all the way from Sonoma, teens and young adults helping us to better understand what it means to be free. This is a night on abstinence and Chastity. Join us from 7-8:30pm in the Upper Meeting Room.

**Youth Convention:** Permission Slips will be available beginning Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup> for our 57<sup>th</sup> Annual High School Youth Convention. On Saturday, April 17th 2010 at Divine Savior in Orangevale, over 1000 people will gather representing youth ministries and youth movements all over our diocese. We'll have some great speakers, music and a whole lot of fun in the bounce houses, ending with a concert by Matthew & Jacob. The cost is \$30 if you turn in forms by March 28<sup>th</sup>, from March 29<sup>th</sup>-April 15<sup>th</sup> the cost will be \$40.

❖ 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:** "I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus!" (Second Reading) A Christian marriage is part of our journey to Heaven. Let WME strengthen your marriage as you make this journey. 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)

**What is a planned pregnancy? A child that fits perfectly into our plans? This week's celebration of the Feast of the Annunciation calls us to place our faith not in our plans, but in God's. Forsaking contraception and following Natural Family Planning permits us to conform to God's design for married love---call 1-877-33-CANFP or go to [www.canfp.org](http://www.canfp.org) for more information.**

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