



Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness. --Psalm 103:8

Third Sunday of Lent March 7, 2010

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ✦

Sat 6	7:30a	Holy Souls in Purgatory by Rosina Reginato ✦Martin Ting & Betty Uy by Bomactao
	5:30p	Family
Sun 7		3rd SUNDAY OF LENT
	7:30a	✦Tony Nevis
	9:00a	People of God
	10:30a	No intention
	12:30p	✦Pascual Madrigal by Moreno Family
	5:30p	✦Jim O'Toole & living family by CSUC Econ Dept.
Mon 8	7:30a	ST. JOHN OF GOD ✦Tony Nevis by Laura Mendonca
Tues 9	7:30a	ST. FRANCIS OF ROME Evan Rabo (living) by Mike & Jane Rabo
Wed 10	7:30a	✦Mary Jayne Riviera by Consolation Ministry
	6:30p	no intention
Thur 11	7:30p	✦Otilia Martinez by Moreno Family
Fri 12	7:30a	Tracy Guerra (living) by Boutwell Family
Sat 13	7:30a	DJM Intentions
	5:30p	✦Gary Johnson & Joseph Corrja by Bomactao Family

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ✦

9:00a	✦Claire Grzanich
10:30a	Obdulia Olvera-Arevalo (living b'day) by Arevalo Family <i>Please pray for the repose of the souls of BettyForbes, 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.

4th week of February

Collection	Actual	Budget
February 28	\$6,700	\$7,280
Year to date	\$304,899	\$315,953

(St. James total for Feb 28: (\$696)

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

Library Hours & News:

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



Time change next weekend March 14th.
Daylight Savings time returns, Turn your clock forward 1 hour.

St. John is now on Twitter and Facebook: Follow us on Twitter at: @saintjohnchico and Facebook at: www.facebook.com/saintjohn.chico

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast: Please come and support our Knights on Sunday, March 14 from 8:30-11am. Enjoy pancakes, ham or sausage, eggs, coffee and juice. Cost: Adults \$6, Children under 12 \$3 and a family of five or more \$20.

Devotions during Lent

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

March 8: Walking with Christ through Lent
by Fr. Blaise Berg

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

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: A Lenten bundle of 7 faith-filled Catholic CDs can be purchased after all Masses this weekend. Celebrate Easter knowing that your simple efforts during the Season of Lent have helped you truly grow closer to Christ. (Suggested donation is \$20)

Tamales Sale: Asociacion Guadalupana is having their Annual Tamales Sale on Saturday, March 13th. To place an order for beef or chicken tamales please call Maria Aquilar at 894-5492, Natalia Cervantes at 343-4429 or Teresa Aguirre at 895-1890. \$13 a dozen pick up at 4pm in the cafeteria at St. John's.

Chrism Mass: The Chrism Mass will take place at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacramento, 11th and K Streets in Sacramento on Thursday, March 25, 2010 at 6 pm. At the Chrism Mass, Bishop Soto will bless the holy oils which are used for the sacramental celebrations throughout the year at all of our parishes. All are invited to attend. Also, all are invited to attend the celebration of the Solemn Vespers for the Solemnity of the Annunciation at 5:15 pm at the Cathedral.

BUCKS LAKE FAMILY CAMP: Save the dates: Thursday July 29th - Sunday Aug 1st. Come camp, swim, play, sing, laugh and grow in faith this summer. For more information please contact Karen Rose 343-9519 or email 5chicoroses@sbcglobal.net

Catholic Daughters will have a meeting on Thursday, March 11 at 1pm in the ODS Social Hall.

ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE

stjohnthebaptistchico.org

Fr. Berg's email: fatherbrberg@yahoo.com

❖ **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, March 6th and 7th (re-air), Bob Cross will join Joe and they will offer a teaching and reflection on the importance of (perpetual) Adoration. Joe will seek to answer the many questions that surround adoration as he reflects into the history and biblical underpinnings to this great devotion. The following week, Joe will examine all the key pieces from the parable of the Prodigal Son.**

Please do not hesitate to send Joe any of your questions. jhollmj@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 11 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:

**First Penance: Rehearsal—Thursday, March 11, 6pm
Celebration—Saturday, March 13, 11am**

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34; 2 Cor 5:17-21;
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Liturgy of the Hours Week III



Coordinator of Youth Ministries, Andrea Florez
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Life Teen - Are you still looking for your radio-active spider-bite, not the alien, crippled only by kryptonite, you were hoping to be, nor the tech savvy bat-obsessed billionaire? Want to learn the ways of the Hero? Come to the Life Night on Sunday after the Life Teen Mass.

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.

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 at our 57th Annual High School Youth Convention. The day will challenge them to take a fresh look at the purpose of their ministry and encourage them to draw their peers closer to Jesus Christ, collaborate with their parish communities and revitalize the Church and work diligently for the Kingdom of God! Please pray that this important gathering will inspire our young people and breathe new life into the Church throughout the Diocese.

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: Make a special commitment to help others to see and defend the dignity of every human life, starting with the unborn. This

can be done by going 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. Please pray for the mothers, fathers, and the safety of the unborn babies. Come any time from 9 am to 12 noon.

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)

The Samaritan woman encountered Christ, and brought many to know him through her testimony. Women who aspire to live God's call to a life of chastity bear witness to God's pure and limitless love. Natural Family Planning is a tool to chaste married love. Find women who can share their encounter with Christ, through NFP, at www.canfp.org.

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