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## First Sunday of Lent March 5, 2006

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;  
teach me your paths.  
— Psalm 25:4

### THE MEANING OF OUR BAPTISM

Lent is the time of year devoted to scrutinizing our lives in the light of our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus. Today's readings are a nice shorthand catechism of what our baptized lives mean. As Noah passed through the waters of the flood to a covenant with God, so did we enter into a covenant, a promised relationship with God through our baptism. The psalm reminds us that if we truly keep the covenant, the way of life God expects us to follow will not be a burden, but a source of love and truth. Peter's letter gives one explanation of what our baptism means: it is an appeal that we make to God for a clear conscience. How do we obtain this clear conscience? The words that Jesus proclaims immediately following his temptation show us the way: "Repent and believe in the gospel." It might be a good spiritual exercise to keep these readings before us throughout the entire season of Lent, a means to help us return to a life lived in our baptismal promises.

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### Devotions during Lent Devociones de Cuaresma

Stations of the Cross- Fridays at 6pm in English

El Via Crucis- Viernes a las 7pm en Español

Vespers- Tues. evenings at 6pm with the Choir in Eng.

### FIRST MONDAY: ADORATION/EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

All day Monday, March 6th  
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

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

<b>Sat 4</b>	7:30a	Special Intention
<b>Vigil</b>	5:30p ✠	Leonard Costa (✠)
<b>Sun 5</b>	7:30p ✠	Frank Gachen (✠)
	9:30a	For the People of God)
	12:30p	Yola Magaña (living)
	5:30p ✠	Pablo de la Cruz (✠)
<b>Mon 6</b>	7:30a	Greg and Elizabeth Stalker (living)
<b>Tues 7</b>	7:30a ✠	Rusty Beauchane (✠)
<b>Wed 8</b>	7:30a ✠	Michael O'Keefe (✠)
<b>Spanish</b>	7:00p ✠	Soledad Steward (✠)
<b>Thurs 9</b>	7:30a ✠	Norma Florentino (✠)
<b>Fri 10</b>	7:30a ✠	Loretta Few (✠)
<b>NDS</b>	8:45a ✠	Rusty Beauchane (✠)
<b>Sat 11</b>	7:30a ✠	Rose Giannotti (✠)
	5:30 ✠	Harry Cinquini (✠)
<b>Sun 12</b>	7:30a ✠	Frank Gachen (✠)
	9:30a	For the People of God
<b>Spanish</b>	12:30p	Jele Frutos (living)
	5:30p	Delia Jarmush (living)

The next Tridentine Latin mass will be March 19 at 11:00am.

### ✠ Mass Intentions ~St. James ✠

<b>Sun. 5</b>	9:00a ✠	Steve Rosales (✠)
	10:30a	

✠ Indicates deceased

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Even though Lenten Sundays stand apart from the Lenten fast, you will notice traces of fasting in our liturgy. We fast from singing the Gloria and Alleluia, we fast from flowers bedecking the altar, and there may be a noticeable drop in the number of infant baptisms as parents elect to wait until Easter. This hints that fasting is a prelude to feasting, and the vigor of our Easter alleluias is rich fare after a long silence. In the same way, even a small fast—no cream in the coffee, no pepper in the soup, no radio in the car—can not only point to deeper hungers, but help us rejoice more fully in the feast when we break our fast together.

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### NEW WEBSITE

Lost your bulletin? Need to know the news about ministries, education, youth programs, history of the parish, etc, etc, etc? Then you'll want to check out St. John's beautiful new website [stjohnthebaptistchico.org](http://stjohnthebaptistchico.org)

**The next Tridentine Latin Mass will be  
March 19 at 11am.**

Fr. Brent's email: [fbrent@stjohnthebaptistchico.org](mailto:fbrent@stjohnthebaptistchico.org)



## CALENDAR



### **Sat. 4 B.V.M.**

Confessions 10-11am  
Spanish CFF 12-2p

### **Sun. 5 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Childcare at 9:30am mass in the Upper Meeting Room  
CFF- English, 10:45- 12noon  
LifeTeen 6:45-8:30pm

### **Mon. 6**

Jr.LifeTeen 7-8:30pm in Upper Meeting Room  
AA in English  
First Monday Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament 8am - 7pm sign-up in the vestibule



### **Tues. 7 Ss, Perpetua and Felicity**

Vespers 6:00pm in the Church  
Choir 6:30p  
CFF for the deaf 6-8p library

### **Wed. 8 St. John of God**

### **Thurs. 9 St. Frances of Rome**

Legión de Maria 7p

### **Fri. 10 Day of Abstinence**

A.A. en Español  
Adoration 3:30-4:30p in church  
Stations of the Cross 6pm in English, 7pm in Spanish

### **Sat. 11**

Confessions 10-11am  
Spanish CFF 12-2pm

### **Sun. 12 2nd Sunday of Lent**

Childcare at the 9:30am mass in the Upper Meeting Room  
CFF- English, 10:45- 12noon  
LifeTeen 6:45p - 8:30pm

Collections for last Sunday  
St. John the Baptist - \$ 7,902.00  
St. James - \$416

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## ESPAÑOL



Domingo 5 ° **Primer Domingo de Cuaresma;**  
Misa 12:30pm



Lunes 6 Adoración y Bendición  
del Santísimo. 8am -7pm  
las hojas para firmar se encuentran  
en el vestíbulo

Martes 7 Santas Perfecta y Felicitas

Miércoles San Juan de Dios: Día internacional de la mujer.  
Coro 6:30p  
Misa 7pm

Jueves 9 A.A. en Español 7pm

Viernes 10 **Abstinencia;**  
Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento- 3:30-4:30pm  
A.A. en Español 7 pm.

Sábado 11 Clase de catecismo de 12:00 a 2:00 pm.

Domingo 12 **Segundo Domingo de :Cuaresma.**  
Misa 12:30pm



### **TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE**

Regresando a los tres pilares de la conversión, el ayuno es mucho mas que el simple hecho de no comer, es aprender a negarme a mi mismo para que ya no sea yo quien vivo, sino Cristo que vive en mi. Es el negarme de ciertas cosas para dar vida a los demás.

Es ayudar es poner en practica la caridad y la justicia social.

Es buscar el cargar con nuestra propia cruz y ayudar a los demás con la de ellos. En otras palabras, es practicar la misma generosidad de Dios, quien hace caer la lluvia sobre los buenos y los malos, es amar sin distinción de personas.

Contemporáneamente, el orar es entrar en conversación con Dios, es recogerse para entrar en la presencia de Dios, con todo lo que uno es y todo lo que uno tiene, poniendo todo en las manos misericordiosas del Padre que nos ama.

Esta cuaresma procuremos hacer lo que debemos hacer todo el ano : ayunar, ayudar y orar. Es difícil, pero no nos desanimes porque el Espíritu Santo viene a nuestro alcance porque donde somos más débiles, Cristo es nuestra fuerza.

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**Legión de Maria** todos los jueves a las 7:00 de la noche en el Salón de conferencia en la planta baja. Llame para información a Guadalupe Guerra 899-7995 o Raquel Ruiz 343-8741.

**El Grupo de Jóvenes** se reúnen todos los viernes a las 7:00 PM Te invitamos joven a participar en un grupo alegre y sano en donde puedes compartir tus experiencias con jóvenes de tu edad. Para información llama al teléfono 343- 0829 con Jaime Blanco.

**La Asociación Guadalupana** se reúne el ultimo jueves de cada mes en la Biblioteca, al cruzar la calle de la Iglesia. A las 7:00 PM.

**Poder De Dios.**  
No vivimos en nuestro poder, sino en el poder de Dios.

**La Direccion Correcta.**  
Ve hacia Dios; ya encontraras un camino.

**Thank you** to everyone who supported our St. John the Baptist Blood Drive last Sunday. Blood Source collected 37 pints of blood. That will go a long way in saving lives. Reminder: the next blood drive is May 7th, please mark your calendars.

**Steak & Prawn Dinner/Auction** Boy Scout Troop 2 is hosting their 9<sup>th</sup> Annual dinner/auction, Sat. March 11 at 6pm at St. John's. Tickets \$20 per person, contact Maureen Stein, 342-5771 for tickets. Troop 2 has members from St. John's and ODS. Please support them.

**Catholics Returning Home** Were you raised Catholic but no longer or seldom come to Church any more? Are you feeling separated from the Church but want to feel at home? No matter how long you have been away, no matter what the reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church, your Church. Sessions will begin March 6<sup>th</sup>. Call Deacon James Burkett for all the details. 893-2348.

**Scripture Study** Read John 1:14-18 (R.S.V.) in preparation for Wed. night. Join Joe Hollcraft for a study of the Gospel of John each Wed. evening (6:45-7:45 at the Sajben home, 659 Royce Ln. off Cussick Ave. For more information/directions call Joe Hollcraft 899-0243 or Erika 566-1201.

**Catholic Ladies Relief Society:** CLR #3 Monthly meeting is March 7<sup>th</sup> at O.D.S. We will have a pot-luck luncheon starting at 12:00 noon. It will be in the social hall at Our Divine Savior, 566 E. Lassen Ave. Theme is in honor of St. Patrick. Come meet women who take care of the poor. Any questions call Yvonne Hawkins 898-1266 or Sandy 345-1601.

**Job Opportunity** Parish/School bookkeeper, full-time with benefits. Skills needed: ability to multi-task, know QuickBooks Pro 2005, ADP payroll, accrual accounting and accounts payable/receivable for school and parish. Pay based on schooling and ability. Applications available at the parish office.

**Feeding the homeless** please call Jerry Converse, 342-2134, if you are interested in this rewarding ministry.

**Single Catholic Adults** a 'Meet & Mingle' gathering will be held Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 5pm at Coco's, 1830 Arden Way, Sac. Call the Catholic Alumni Club hotline: 916-962-6107 or visit our website at [www.cacsacramento.org](http://www.cacsacramento.org)

**Sacred Heart Church, 3141 St. Stephens Dr., Anderson, 530-365-8573** presents Bob Hurd, teacher, composer, and liturgist who will speak on Friday, March 3, 10:30am - 7pm on "Lectio Divina", a practical way to use scriptures in our everyday prayer life. He will speak again on Sat. March 4, 9am-3pm on "Walking with Jesus, the Lenten Journey". Registration fee \$10 covers both days. Bring bag lunch on Saturday. Coffee & tea will be provided.



**Kid Corral:** Next meeting is March 25<sup>th</sup> from 10-11:30am in the Upper Meeting Room of the School. Kids of all ages are welcome. Call Hillary Gomez (or mom, Kelly) 891-4500 if you have questions.

**Altar Servers** Do you want to become an altar server? Please contact Caitlin O'Toole at 893-8760 or email her at [staytrue89@hotmail.com](mailto:staytrue89@hotmail.com) If are already an altar server and have questions or concerns about the schedule give Caitlin a call.

**Adult Confirmation:** If you are an adult and have not received Confirmation, you may be able to receive Confirmation from the Bishop on May 6, 2006. Please see eligibility requirements from the Diocese listed below. Eligible adults need to contact Jason Van Buskirk at 343-7841 by Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Classes are on Thursday evenings from 7-9 p.m. in the Parish Office Upper Meeting Room - March: 16, 23, 30; April: 6, 13, 20, 27 (if needed); May 4<sup>th</sup> (if needed)

**Eligibility Requirements: To Participate You Must:**

1. Be a baptized Catholic, who has received catechetical instruction at least up to receiving the Eucharist (First Communion).
2. Be either unmarried or in a marriage recognized as valid by the Catholic Church.
3. Obtain a recent copy (issued within the last 6 months) of your Baptismal certificate, including the reverse side with any notations. Include this copy with your registration form.
4. Choose a Confirmation sponsor. Sponsor must be confirmed, practicing Catholic, at least 16 years of age, of either sex; parents may not be the sponsors for their children, grandparents and other relatives may.
5. If you live outside the Diocese of Sacramento, you must request a letter of permission from the Bishop of the Diocese in which you live. Include a copy of this letter with your registration form.

**Kindergarten Orientation:** Mark your calendars for Notre Dame School Kindergarten Orientation. It will be held on Wed., March 15 at 7pm. Come join us in the Kindergarten classroom, 435 Hazel St. You can park in the lot on Chestnut St. and follow the signs. Questions or literature requests, please contact the school at 342-2502. Thank you.

**Notre Dame School Spring Gala Auction!!!** This year's auction is on March 25- we are calling on your generous spirit to help make our event a success for the school. Please consider a donation of goods or services to the auction. Contact Annette Bennett at 521-0719 to coordinate your donation. Thank you for supporting Notre Dame School.

**Attention Parents of School-aged children!** Now is the time to enroll your child at Notre Dame School. We have opening s in all grades. Notre Dame School has many outstanding qualities. We offer sacrament preparation curriculum, excellent academics, mass each Friday, Accelerated Reader program, an extensive music program, weekly PE classes, Art, choir, sports (cross country, volleyball, basketball, flag football, track and field) and an after school program. Scholarships are available for those who qualify. Please contact the school at 342-2502 for literature or a tour.

**Healing After Abortion Retreat** March 24-26. Struggling after an abortion? Still seeking peace years after the choice? Experience the healing love of Jesus at Rachel's Vineyard Retreat in Auburn, sponsored by the Dioceses 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 @ (916) 733-0161 or 1-888-HOPE-790. Inquiries and participation are strictly confidential.

✦ MARRIAGE & FAMILY ✦

**Natural Family Planning Intro Session:** March 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade classroom at Notre Dame School. If you are ready to try the Creighton Model (introduced at our Marriage Preparation Sessions) please attend this meeting with Jackie Hollcraft. Have questions? Call Jackie at 899-0243

**Marriage Encounter Community Night.** From 6:30-8:30pm Attention Encountered couples, we meet in the upper meeting room of the school. on the first Saturday of the month for potluck and a meeting to follow. Please join us. Call Stephanie and James Burkett 893-2348 for details.

**Catholic Marriage Enrichment Group** Our next meeting is March 1, 6:45 - 9pm at the St. John's office. All Catholic married couples are welcome so please join us. If you have questions, please contact Debbie Weinrich at Sierra Counseling Service 342-2878.

**RETROUVAILLE- Help for Hurting Marriages!** Troubled Marriage? If your marriage situation is getting you down- if there is little or no communication- if you are constantly arguing- if you are hurt, frustrated, or angry with each other- if you have thought about separation or divorce or maybe you already are... But you want your marriage to work, Call Retrouvaille. Retrouvaille is a Catholic program dedicated to help heal and renew marriages. There is hope! The next program will be held in Modesto, March 14-26. For more info call: Geff and Judy Guenther (209) 541-1547 or [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)

**Marriage Encounter** We are looking to help make good marriages even better! If you have a good marriage and want to make it a great marriage, come to a Marriage Encounter Weekend! Call Dorothy & Aric Cook 891-0426 more details.

**Want to be part of the statistic** that has less than 2% divorce rate? Then Natural Family Planning is what you want! In addition to less than a 2% divorce rate, it is better than all other methods in achieving or avoiding pregnancy, it has no side effects, is very low cost, and treats both women and men with respect.

**Natural Family Planning (Creighton model) classes** are available right here in Chico as well as in Yuba City. Contact Jackie Hollcraft P.A.C., M.S. (899-0243) in Chico or Dr. Gretchen Marsh (671-9625) in Yuba City. This model is introduced in our Marriage Prep. classes.

**Natural Family Planning (Couple to Couple League)** You are invited to attend a series of classes on Natural Family Planning to learn a method of planning your family that is safe, effective, and morally acceptable. The series will begin on Tues., Feb. 28 at 7pm at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Paradise. For more information or to register, contact Mary or Neil Essila at 876-8206.

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## SACRAMENTS

All children who are expecting to receive sacraments should already have their registrations turned in to Jason.



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## ❖ PARISH INFORMATION ❖

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*Welcome to Our Community*

**Registrations:** We are so happy that you have decided to join us. To register with St. John's or our mission church, St. James, fill out a registration form available in the vestibule of the church or church office & drop it in the collection or at the office (343-8741) located across the street from the parking lot at 435 Chestnut St.

**Marriages:** make arrangements with the priest no less than 6 months in advance of your desired date. For an appointment with the priest call the office 343-8741.

**Baptisms:** The required Baptism classes are offered every other month in English and every month in Spanish. Come to the office for a baptism registration form and class information or call the office 343-8741 for information.

**Children's Faith Formation (C.F.F.):** Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. **September–May.** Registration is in August. Classes began Sept 11<sup>th</sup>. Contact Jason Van Buskirk, DRE at the office 343-8741.

**Children's Sacraments:** Requires at least 2 years attendance in Religious Education (CFF or Notre Dame School). Registration is in August. Contact Jason for info. 343-8741.

**Confirmation:** Is received in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and requires a minimum of 2 years attendance in an approved religious education program. Call Jason 343-8741 for more info.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):** Interested in what the Church teaches, in becoming a Catholic, or have missed some sacraments, please contact Deacon Steve Schwartz 891-0626.

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## ❖ BIBLE STUDIES ❖

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**Men's Bible Study:** meets every Friday morning 6-7am in the Knights of Columbus Room at Our Divine Savior Parish Hall. Also join them for breakfast after from 7-8am if you can. Call Deacon Steve Schwartz 891-0626 for details.

**Women's Bible Study:** Tuesday mornings 9-11am at Terry Matthews' home. Prayer, fellowship, discussion of daily readings and Scott Hahn scripture study. Everyone is welcome—no prior experience needed! Call Terry 893-1644 for details.

**Bible Study with Joe Hollcraft:** You can hear Joe "live" on the radio, "The Catholic Hour: Why Be Catholic". On KKXX AM930 at 11:00am on Saturdays and re-aired on Sundays at 11:00am.

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## ❖ PRAYER GROUPS ❖

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**Eucharistic Adoration:** Weekly: every Friday 3:30-4:40pm  
Monthly: the first Monday of the month, all day 8:00am—7:00pm. Benediction is from 6:45-7pm.

**Holy Spirit Prayer Group:** meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at the Newman Center at 7pm. Call Carolyn Cyr or Deacon James Burkett 893-2348 for information.

**Rosary Prayer Group:** meets in the Church on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm. (English)

**Pro-Life Prayer Group — Missionaries to the Unborn:** Help rescue the unborn through prayer. Every Saturday 9:00am-11:00am. we pray outside the Feminist Women's Health Center abortion mill, 1469 Humbolt Rd. (across from the police station) Pray with us and stand for Life. Questions? Call Jim 891-0427.

**In The Zone Prayer Group:** High School students meet Thursday evenings, 5:00pm in the Youth House.

**Kid Corral** For kids of all ages! See Parish News for more information or call Hillary Gomez at 891-4500 (or mom, Kelly)

**Grupo de Oración and Jr. Grupo** meets Tuesday evenings in the upper meeting room of the school at 7:00pm (Spanish)

**Legión de María Rosario** meets on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm. Contact Raquel Ruiz for more information 343-8741 (Spanish)

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46  
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15  
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32  
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12  
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48  
Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116;  
Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

Lunes: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46  
Martes: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15  
Miércoles: Jon 3:1-10; Lc 11:29-32  
Jueves: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12  
Viernes: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26  
Sábado: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48  
Domingo: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Sal 116(115);  
Rom 8:31b-34; Mc 9:2-10

**Liturgy of the Hours ~ wk I**

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