

Repent,  
the  
kingdom  
of  
heaven  
is  
at hand



# Third Sunday of Lent March 11<sup>th</sup> 2007

**Special Collection for Catholic Relief Services:** *Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This Collection makes possible the American Catholic Church's global mission to combat poverty, provide relief and development, assist refugees and immigrants, and advocate for justice and peace in situations of conflict and neglect of basic human rights. Please help by giving to the Collection next Sunday.*

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

Sat 10	7:30a	Deno Rabo (birthday) by Jean Rabo
	5:30p	✠ Harry Cinquini by Cinquini family
Sun 11	7:30a	✠ Frank Gachen
	9:30a	People of God
	12:30p	no intention
	5:30p	Adrienne Carlson (living)
Mon 12	7:30a	✠ Jose Movillion by Fernando Fojas
Tue 13	7:30a	no intention
Wed 14	7:30a	✠ Loren & Lucille Godwin by Lawrence & Emiline Rose
	7:00p	no intention
Thurs 15	7:30a	✠ Helen & Charles Shea by Linda Shea
Fri 16	7:30a	✠ Mary O' Hara by John O' Hara
	8:45a	NDS intentions
Sat 17	7:30a	✠ Josephine Sepulveda
	5:30p	✠ Virginia Richardson

## Mass Intentions ~St. James

Sun 11	9:00 a	no intention
	10:30a	no intention

Pray for the repose of the soul of Oscar Hinojosa, Josephine Varlinsky and for the comfort of their family and friends.

## Devotions during Lent



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.

**Easter Flowers:** For a donation of \$25, (envelopes are in your regular mailing and in the vestibule), flowers will be purchased in honor of your loved ones, living or deceased. Please print all names. A card with your loved one's name on it will be placed with the flower.



## 1<sup>st</sup> WEEK OF MARCH

Sunday Collection \$10,428.00

Thank you

**ST. JOHN' S WEBSITE**  
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## ✧ PARISH & SCHOOL NEWS ✧

**BUCKS LAKE FAMILY CAMP!!!** Set aside July 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> to have the time of your life with your family and your church family! Camping, fishing, fellowship, family games, skits, roasting marshmallows, outdoor masses.... It doesn't get better than this!!! Look for registration forms in May. If you would like to contribute to the 'Mike Hutter Memorial Campership Fund' you can send your donation to: Karen Rose 14 Mayfair Dr, Chico 95973. Call 343-9519 for more information. See you at camp!!!!



**St. Patrick's Dinner:** Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> ODS Knights of Columbus will have a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner from 4-8pm in the Social Hall. Money raised will benefit Notre Dame Catholic School. Adults \$12.50; Children under 12, \$7.50 and for a family of 4 or more \$40. For more information call Rich Nichols at 520-4418. Tickets are on sale now! We will be selling tickets this weekend after every mass here at St. John's. Come and enjoy a great meal and support our school!

**ATTENTION Parents of School-aged children:** Now is the time to enroll your child at Notre Dame School. We have openings in all grades. Notre Dame School has many outstanding qualities. We offer sacrament preparation curriculum, excellent academics, Mass presented by students each Friday, Accelerated Reader program, an extensive music program, technology, PE, and art classes, 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.

**MEDICARE UPDATES:** Seniors, caregivers and adults with disabilities in Chico's Catholic Community are invited to attend a workshop on Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 10am-12pm, at ODS Social Hall. Tatiana Fassieux from PASSAGES' Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program (HICAP) will provide information and answer your questions about the latest changes, including Medicare's prescription Drug and Health Plans. Please call to register at 898-6717.



**Notre Dame School's 25<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SPRING AUCTION GALA** March 31<sup>st</sup>, 5:30pm at Sierra Nevada's Big Room. Only a limited number of tickets are left! Tickets are \$65 each and must be purchased in advance at the school office (342-2502) or

by contacting one of our Auction co-chairs, Teri Ernandes at 624-9746 or Darleen Bettencourt at 891-4153.

Would you like to win **FREE TUITION** (or the cash equivalent) for one student at Notre Dame for the 2007-2008 school year? For your chance to win, purchase an **AUCTION RAFFLE** ticket!! 2<sup>nd</sup> prize is **FREE HOT LUNCH for the year** (or the cash equivalent). Raffle Tickets are \$50 and your odds of winning are excellent as only 250 tickets will be sold! (**Need not be present at the Auction to win.**)

To donate an item or service, to sponsor a part of the Auction, or to purchase a Raffle Ticket, please contact Teri Ernandes or Darleen Bettencourt (see contact info above). Thank you for supporting your local Catholic School!

**Butte County Pax Christi:** will have their March meeting at St. Thomas in Oroville instead of the Newman Center in Chico. Sister Kathleen McCarthy, RSM from the Sisters of Mercy will speak about her experiences and ministry to the incarcerated. Please join us Wed, March 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm in the Community Center building. For more information call Nicole at 899-8960.

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** – We meet each Sunday from 7-8:30pm in the Upper Meeting Room at Notre Dame School.

**EDGE** – We meet each Monday from 7-8:30pm in the Social Hall at ODS.

**CONCERT** – Matt Maher and Joshua Blakesly two great musicians together for one night, Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> in Hughson, CA. Chico LIFE TEEN with St. Rose LIFE TEEN will take a bus down for an awesome night of music and fellowship. The concert and travel is \$30. We need parent drivers to drive teens to St. Rose on Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> and pick up teens on the 31<sup>st</sup> in the morning. For all the details call Andrea at 961-2050.



**Youth Mission Trip to Mexico:** There will be an information meeting on Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am in the LIFE TEEN Youth House across from St. John's Parish. This meeting is open to high school teens and parents. We will have applications available. The Mission is July 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> and the cost is \$350 per person.

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



**Religious Education**

Religious Education Questions  
 Call 343-8741

**DATES AND TIMES FOR UPCOMING SACRAMENTS**



**1<sup>st</sup> Penance Rehearsal:** Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 p.m. in the Church. An adult must attend with each child.

**1<sup>st</sup> Penance Celebration:** Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 12pm. Children must be at the church with one adult by 11:30am.

**1<sup>st</sup> Communion Retreat** Sat April 21<sup>st</sup> from 9am-12pm.

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

✧ **MARRIAGE & FAMILY** ✧

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Northern Lights Love Circle:** Next meeting will be on Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup>, at St. John's UMR (NDS) starting at 6:30 with a potluck dinner followed by a talk on Chapter 3 of **Five Love Languages** by Gary Chapman. For more information please call Stephanie or James at 893-2348, email [burkett7@sbcglobal.net](mailto:burkett7@sbcglobal.net)

**Catholic Marriage Enrichment Group:** If you would like to be encouraged to live out your marital sacrament and develop Christ centered relationships with other Catholic couples, please call Debbie Weinrich, MSW at 342-2878 ext 2.

**Catholic Women's Ministry:** For information 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 April 20-22; June 22-24 in Sacramento. For more information call Stephanie & Deacon James Burkett 893-2348.

**Retrouvaille:** 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. For additional information, go to [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org) or call 1-800-283-5952.

**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 Jackie Hollcraft P.A.C. (899-0243)

❖ **ADULT FAITH FORMATION** ❖

**Third Sunday of Lent**

**Meditation:** Is this the year that Christ is calling me to abide in him and produce good fruit, like the fig tree that was given a second chance? How could my life more clearly reflect my connectedness to Christ? What type of cultivation will help me to grow?

**Prayer:** God of mercy and compassion, open the eyes of our hearts to recognize the fruit that you wish us to produce. Give us the cultivation we need to become the people you wish us to be. Amen



**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 join us Monday nights from 7-8:30pm at St. John's Parish Upper Meeting Room. The spring session just started. Please contact Deacon Burkett at 893-2348, 343-4248 or Sharon Haselton 343-8741 for more information.



SCRIPTURE  
 STUDY

**Scripture Study/Radio:** Joe Hollcraft is live on AM 930 at 11:00am-12:00 each Saturday and Sunday (re-aired). Joe will have a different guest each week. Each program will be devoted to the readings from the Mass. On March 10th and 11<sup>th</sup> Joe will be breaking open the Samaritan Woman with Andrea Flores (LifeTeen Director) as the guest. March 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> will highlight the Prodigal Son. Don't miss this great opportunity to better understand the Bible and our faith.

✦ **AROUND THE DIOCESE** and beyond ✦

**Mercy High School:** will hold their 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup> at Tuscan Ridge Golf Club. Four Person Scramble Carts, Eats, Fun & Prizes. Please call Regg Keyawa at 865-4599 or Mercy High at 527-8313 for more information and to register. Thank you.

**Ministry of Mothers Sharing (MOMS):** presents "MOMS as Peacemaker" nurturing serenity within ourselves and our families. Sat March 31<sup>st</sup>, 8am-3pm at the Sacramento Diocesan Pastoral Center. This is a half-day retreat led by Sister Paula Hagen, O.S.B. founder and director of MOMS. Cost is \$25 (scholarships available). There will be a continental breakfast and lunch included. If interested, please pick up a registration form in the parish office. Pre-registration required (due by March 23). For more information call Nancy at 772-3186 of Shellee at 359-3674. Retreat... Reflect... Renew...

**A Lenten Invitation to a Women's Day of Prayer:** Leave your many duties behind and come for a day of prayer and meditation. Join Sister Gloria Heese, RSM and Sister Janel Sawatzke, RSM on Sat March 31<sup>st</sup> at Sacred Heart Parish Hall in Red Bluff as they lead you in a day of prayer. Registration starts at 9am followed by opening prayer at 9:30 and closing at 3pm. Cost is \$20 if you pre-register by March 21<sup>st</sup> and \$25 if you register at the door. A registration form is available at the parish office. Please bring a sack lunch. Hope to see you there!

**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 26<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**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 30<sup>th</sup> -April 1<sup>st</sup>**, 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](mailto:esickman@diocese-sacramento.org). Inquiries and participation are strictly confidential.

**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](http://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 10	9-11am Pro-Life Prayer Group 10am Confessions <b>SET YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD AT MIDNIGHT</b>	 <p><b>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME</b></p>
Sun 11	<b>3rd Sunday of Lent</b> 10:45am-12pm CFF 7pm LIFETEEN (after Lifeteen mass)	
Mon 12	7pm Jr. Life at ODS 6-8pm English AA 7pm Catholics Returning Home	
Tues 13	<b>6pm Vespers followed by Choir practice</b>	
Wed 14	6-9 Spanish AA 7pm Spanish Mass 7pm BSA #2	
Thur 15	<b>6-9pm Sons of Italy</b> 7pm Rosary Prayer Group	
Fri 16	6-7am Men's Bible Study (ODS) <b>3:30-4:30pm Adoration</b> 6-9pm Spanish AA <b>6pm Stations of the Cross</b>	
Sat 17	<b>St. Patrick</b> 9-11am Pro-Life Prayer Group 10am Confessions <b>4-8pm St. Patrick's Day Dinner at ODS</b>	

**Library Hours:**

Sunday following 9:30am mass-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.

**Diocesan History Books:** The diocese has put together a beautiful hardcover book featuring the history of the diocese and its parishes. The books are available in the parish office. The cost is \$25.

**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:	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

**Liturgy of the Hours III**

