

✦ **PARISH & SCHOOL NEWS** ✦

**Time change next weekend March 8<sup>th</sup>. Daylight Savings time returns, Turn your clock forward 1 hour.**

**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.

*Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths. --Psalm 25:4*

**First Sunday of Lent  
March 1, 2009**

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

Sat 28	7:30a	Jean Guelpa
	5:30p	✦George Santos Sr. by Don & Sally Stoner
Sun 1	7:30a	✦Frank Gachen.
	9:00a	People of God
	12:30p	✦Maria Tapia by Carla Tapia
	5:30p	✦Marlene Weinrich
Mon 2	7:30a	✦Mary Van Buskirk by Lona Stalker
Tues 3	7:30a	✦Yvonne Richard and Cleo Richard (living)
Wed 4	7:30a	Gary & Elizabeth Stalker (living - Anniv)
	7:00p	no intention
Thur 5	7:30a	✦Holy Souls in Purgatory
Fri 6	7:30a	✦Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sat 7	7:30a	DJM intentions
	5:30p	✦Daniel McNamara Sr. by Steve Grant ✦Bette Grant
		✦ <b>Mass Intentions ~ St. James</b> ✦
Sun 8	9:00a	✦Claire Grzanich by Spafford Family
	10:30a	no intention

*Please pray for the repose of the soul of  
Magdalena Camarana, George Santos Sr., Sam  
Giannotti, Maria Contereras, and for their  
family and friends.*

**4<sup>th</sup> week of February**

Collection	Actual	Budget
Feb 22 <sup>th</sup>	\$6,730	\$7,931
Year to date	\$288,893	\$370,550

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

**Tax statements have been mailed. If you did not receive one please call the office at 343-8741.**

ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE  
[stjohnthebaptistchico.org](http://stjohnthebaptistchico.org)  
Fr. Berg's email: [fatherbrberg@yahoo.com](mailto:fatherbrberg@yahoo.com)

**Lector Training and recertification:** Fr. Berg will have a required lector training on Tuesday, March 10 7:30 -9:30pm for all those who lector at Sunday and weekday masses. Please bring a 2 minute reading with you. Parishioners who would like to join this vital ministry are welcome to come and also contact Diane Smith at 345-7028 or John O'Hara at 891-9968.

**Christian Foundation for Children and Aging:** Fr. Donald MacKinnon is with us today to celebrate masses and tell us about the work of Christian Foundation for Children and Aging. CFCA is a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 25 developing countries. To learn more, call (800) 875-6564 or visit online at [www.cfcausa.org](http://www.cfcausa.org)

**Catholic Daughters** are having a Memorial Mass for a deceased member, Catherine Lauchaire. It will be held at ODS on Tuesday March 3 at 8am. This will be followed by a no host breakfast at the Brunch House on Pillsbury Ave.

**Catholic Daughters of St Joseph Parish, Marysville** invites you to a day of recollection on Saturday, March 14. Mary's Way of the Cross will be at 10am followed by free brunch and speaker. For more information call Marion Doss at (530) 755-4467.

**Legion of Mary:** God is pressing for a greater, wider and stronger devotion to his Blessed Mother Mary. We are Legion of Mary servants coming together on Wednesday mornings at ODS at 9am. We begin by praying the rosary for the world, the church and our Holy Father. We evangelize and minister to the sick, visit the homebound and elderly. All are welcome to attend. Please call Lois Manica at 345-9310 for more information. If you would like information about our Spanish Legion of Mary please call Lupe Guerra at 899-7995. They meet on Thurs, 7pm at ODS.

ADORATION/EXPOSITION  
OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
**Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> after 7:30am**  
**Mass through 3:15pm Benediction.**  
Sign-up sheet is in the vestibule. All hours must be covered. Come spend an hour with Jesus.



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**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**


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**Women of Grace Women's Ministry:** If you are interested in joining the Great Adventure Bible Study Group we meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at ODS Social Hall from 6:45-9pm. Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 11. Bring your bible and your Catechism. If you have questions, please call Mary Waldorf at 898-6398.



**Scripture Study/Radio:** Joe Hollcraft is live on AM 930 at 11:00am-12:00 each Saturday and Sunday (re-aired). Tune in to the Catholic Hour. This week and next (re-air), Joe will examine the essence and call of Lent through the prism of the three marks of Lent: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. In addition, Joe will briefly consider the history behind Lent. You can E-mail Joe at [jhollmj@yahoo.com](mailto:jhollmj@yahoo.com) if you have any questions about the radio program and/or the Catholic faith.

**Rosary Prayer Group:** The Rosary Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. If you would like to participate call 342-2323 or 898-1183.

**Holy Spirit Prayer Group:** They meet 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.

**Lenten Presentation** - Our Divine Savior Parish invites our neighboring parishioners to join in our first presentation in our Lenten series on Wednesday evening, March 4. The topic is "Twelve Reasons to be Catholic" and will be presented by our RCIA team headed by Ms. Anne Polk. It will be held in the church from 7-8:30pm and is free of charge. Our Divine Savior Parish is located at 566 E. Lassen Ave. For directions call 34304248.



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**LIFE TEEN is gone on retreat this weekend and there will be NO Life Night on Sunday night. Thank you for your prayers for our retreat.**

**NEXT SUNDAY** – We have XLT with our famous Jandi Pereida. After the Life Teen 5:30pm mass we have dinner, praise and worship music, a talk from Jandi and Adoration until 8:30pm. Please join us for this time of prayer.

**Youth Convention** – We have our 56<sup>th</sup> Diocesan High School Youth Convention on March 28. It is an amazing time to come together as a young Church. This is an event where all youth from the Diocese are invited to Bishop Quinn High School. Palo Cedro for a day of fellowship, prayer, quest speakers and Bishop Jaime Soto. The cost is \$25 per person. You can pick up permission slips in the parish office or from

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**CFE: CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION**


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*Religious Education Questions - Call 343-8741*

**Sacrament Dates:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Penance – Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 11am**

**Confirmation – Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10am and 2pm**

**1<sup>st</sup> Communion – Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 10am and 2pm**

**Sacramental Parents Classes** are for parents who have children receiving Sacraments this year. The remaining required classes will be on **Sunday, March 1 & 8, April 5, 19 & 26. The class will be held from 11am-12noon in the Upper Meeting Room of Notre Dame School. All parents are welcome. March 1<sup>st</sup> topic will be on Reconciliation.**

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**MARRIAGE & FAMILY**


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**Respect for Life Committee:** We have often heard the word "change" during the recent election campaign. The season of Lent will give us a wonderful chance to pray for real change – the end of abortion. A nationwide campaign known as "40 Days for Life" takes a determined, peaceful approach to showing local communities the consequences of abortion in their own cities. Each of us can be a part of this campaign with our prayers and action. Please consider going to Planned Parenthood on Vallombrosa on Wednesdays or the Women's Feminist Abortion Center on Humboldt on Fridays. Come anytime from 9am 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 Jackie Hollcraft M.S.; P.A.C. (899-0243)

**Natural Family Planning (NFP) Sacramento:** The Creighton Model FertilityCare system teaches couples how to live in harmony with God's gift of fertility, rather than looking for ways to alter or interrupt the natural process. While highly effective at avoiding pregnancy, it is also used effectively to achieve pregnancy, making it a true method of family planning. For the next Introductory Session at Mercy Women's Center in Sacramento, please call 916-614-2200.

**"Northern Lights" Community Love Circle:** Our next potluck/meeting will be Sat March 7<sup>th</sup>. For more information please call Stephanie or James at 893-2348.

**Marriage Encounter:** It takes much effort just to make ends meet in our world today. Do you wish you could talk about something besides all the stresses in your life? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next local Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held April 24-26 in Sacramento and another one following on June 12-14 in Sacramento as well. Other dates/locations are available. For more information or to register, call Stephanie and

**AROUND THE DIOCESE and beyond** ✧

**Director of Development:** The Abbey of New Clairvaux, a Trappist monastery near Chico, seeks a Director of Development to work in planning and executing fund raising activities associated with a 42 million capital campaign. Candidates must have experience with major giving and planned giving project identification, cultivation, solicitation, and stewardship. Excellent written and oral communication and interpersonal skills are essential. Resume, list of 3 references with contact information, and cover letter outlining your experience/interest can be sent to Abbot Paul Mark Schwan, OSCO at [apply@dohrmannandassociates.com](mailto:apply@dohrmannandassociates.com)

**ATTENTION PARENTS:** Teens & Technology/Family & Faith. Parents are invited to come to a discussion at the Diocesan Pastoral Center on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm about how the use of technology affects our family and faith lives. How can we teach our teens to be responsible online citizens? How can we, as Catholic families, strike a responsible balance in our use of technology? How does the use of technology affect our relationships in positive and negative ways? Can we strengthen our relationship with Christ on the Internet? Bring these and any other questions to this important and informative evening with other parents. Dinner will be served. Part of the evening will be a presentation by Mary Kay Hoal. The event is co-sponsored by the Office of Youth Ministry & The Black Catholic Conference. RSVP to Kevin Staszko at 916-733-0152.

**Save the Date:** You are invited to a Women's Retreat on Saturday May 2 from 8:30a – noon at the Newman Center. The title of the retreat is "Let Nothing Disturb You". All are welcome! Invite your friends (Catholic and non-catholic ) and plan on coming! Details to follow in upcoming bulletins.

**Healing After Abortion Retreat March 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>:** Struggling after an abortion? Still seeking peace years after the choice? Come to a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, March 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> in Auburn, sponsored by the Diocese of Sacramento. The weekend retreat is a unique and effective process designed specifically to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. There are many exercises to help you grieve your loss and an opportunity to understand and release the deep feelings of anger, shame, guilt and grief that frequently accompany an abortion experience. This process is extremely helpful for those who struggle with forgiving themselves or others. Open to women, men, couples and family members touched by abortion. The cost is \$175. Financial assistance is available. For a registration packet or more information, call Debbie at 916-733-0161 or send email to [projectrachel@diocese-sacramento.org](mailto:projectrachel@diocese-sacramento.org). Inquiries and

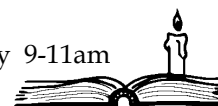


**CALENDAR** ✧

Sun	1	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent 6:45-8:30pm Life Teen
Mon	2	All Day Adoration 6-8pm English AA
Tues	3	St Katherine Drexel 6pm Vespers 6:30 Choir Practice
Wed	4	St Casimir 6-9pm Spanish AA
Thu	5	
Fri	6	First Friday 3:30-4:30pm Adoration 6pm Stations of the Cross 6-9pm Spanish AA
Sat	7	Sts. Perpetua and Felicity/First Sat 10am Confessions

**Library Hours:**

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



**EMHC AND LECTOR SCHEDULE FOR MARCH**

TIME	EMHC	LECTOR
5:30pm Sat	Arlie Hixson Tom Hixson Karen Neadly	Bruce Neadly Jerry Angrisani
7:30am Sun	Sandy Miguel Yolanda Holt Yvonne Vanoni	Marlene Lach John O'Hara
9:00am Sun	Aric Cook Jim Currelin Donna Houston Bill McKellar Bill Mutch	Pat Feldhaus Diane Smith

**Pope Benedict's Intentions for March**

**General:** *That all nations of our world may grow in appreciation of the dignity and value of women and their roles in society.*

**Mission:** *That all the bishops, priests, consecrated persons, and laity of the Catholic Church in China may strive to be instruments of unity, communion, and peace.*

**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

**Liturgy of the Hours I**

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**Clean Out Your Closets and Cupboards!** Catholic Daughters will be having a Spring Cleaning Rummage Sale May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Look for more information in future bulletins