

**Third
Sunday
of
Lent

March
15, 2009**

Devotions during Lent:



Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 6pm in English and 7pm in Spanish.



Vespers: Tuesday Evenings at 6pm with the Choir in English.

Penance Services:

March 30 – St Thomas, Oroville, 6pm

April 1 - ODS at Noon, St Thomas More, Paradise 3:30p

April 3 – St John’s at 7pm following the Parish Mission talk by Fr. Antoine Thomas

April 7- Newman Center, Chico at 7:15pm

Special collection for Catholic Relief Services: Next week the parishes in the diocese will take up The Catholic Relief Services collection. This collection makes possible our participation in the 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. Apportion of this special collection will be allocated for the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

A “Thank You” from Christian Foundation for Children and Aging: Christian Foundation for Children and Aging would like to take this opportunity to show our gratitude to St. John’s for allowing us to speak on behalf of CFCA and those in need. Thank you for your kindness and may God bless you!

Tamales for Sale: Asociación Guadalupana of St. John’s are once again making tamales for sale as a fund raiser. Chicken and pork tamales at \$13/doz. Tamales will be ready and must be picked up on Sat. March 21 between 3-6pm at the NDS cafeteria. To place your order call Natalia Cervantes 343-4429, Maria Aguilier 894-5492, or Teresa Aguirre at 895-1890.

Notre Dame School: It is time to register for the T-K program (Transitional Kindergarten) at Notre Dame. Packets are available at the school office. Please see Connie or call 342-2502.

A “Knight” with Notre Dame School: Mark your calendars for Notre Dame School’s Annual Spring Gala Auction, Saturday April 25, 2009 at Chico State Bell Memorial Union. This is a major fundraiser for the school, offering a fun evening complete with champagne reception, sit-down dinner, live entertainment, raffles, and a silent and live auction. We have spectacular auction items this year, including: Dinner for 8 cooked by our priests at St. John’s; a murder mystery dinner party cooked by JadeAinsley Catering; and a “cook for the night” position at 5th Street Steakhouse. Please contact Jodi Buda at 680-6421 or jodi@jodibuda.com for more details.

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ✦		
Sat 14	7:30a	✦Frank Azevedo by Marie Moody
	5:30p	✦Helen Sanchez by La Rossa’s
Sun 15	7:30a	✦Raymond Lopez by Edna Lopez
	9:00a	People of God
	12:30p	no intention
	5:30p	✦Herbert Buskirk by Crete Family
Mon 16	7:30a	✦George Rodrigues by Sally & Don Stoner
Tues 17	7:30a	✦Charles & Helen Shea by Shea Family
Wed 18	7:30a	✦Anna Elizabeth Pilliard by Delbert Pilliard
	7:00p	no intention
Thur 19	7:30a	Dan Boutwell Sr. (living) by Boutwell Family
Fri 20	7:30a	✦George Rodrigues Sr. by Boutwell Family
Sat 21	7:30a	✦Janice Boutwell by Boutwell Family
	5:30p	✦Frank & Helen Neadly by Bruce Neadly
✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ✦		
Sun 15	9:00a	✦Jean Danley by Spafford Family
	10:30a	Souls in Purgatory & Virgen of Guadalupe By Sonia Villa
<i>Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Rivera, Magdelana Camarana, George Santos Sr., and for their family and friends.</i>		

2nd week of March

Collection	Actual	Budget
March 8	\$7,613	\$10,574
Year to date	\$307,867	\$382,887

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

St Patrick is the co-patron of the Diocese, his feast day is Tuesday March 17.



Easter Flowers: For a donation of \$20, (envelopes will be available next Sunday), flowers will be purchased in honor of your loved ones, living or deceased. Please print all names clearly and place envelope in collection basket or bring to the office.

ST. JOHN’S WEBSITE
stjohnthebaptistchico.org

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

St. John’s Office email address: stjohn33@sbcglobal.net

Confirmation: There will be Confirmation classes for adults who have not received their Confirmation beginning March 22, 6pm at the Newman Center. The classes will be weekly through April. Call the Newman Center at 342-5180 for more information. There will be two opportunities for them to be confirmed: May 2nd at 10am in English and at 2pm in Spanish.

Women of Grace Women's Ministry: If you are interested in joining the Great Adventure Bible Study Group we meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at ODS Social Hall from 6:45-9pm. Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 25. 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. Among other topics, this week Joe will treat the meaning of a "spiritual sacrifice" in light of the readings from the Third Sunday in Lent. The following week Joe will examine in context the famous passage: "For God so loved the world..." You can E-mail Joe at 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 18 at 7pm. If you would like to participate call 342-2323 or 898-1183.

Holy Spirit Prayer Group: They meet at 7pm on the 4th Wed of each month at the Newman Center. For more information call Sharon, 891-5334 or James, 893-2348.



Coordinator of Youth Ministries, Andrea Florez
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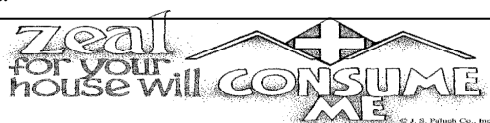
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Life Teen—What do Milk & Donuts have to do with our faith? Join us in the Upper Meeting Room from 7-8:30 to find out.

Girls Only - Hey there ladies come spend time with the girls next Saturday March 21st at the youth house from 3-5. We are going to be baking cookies and hanging out with our friends.

Guys Only—Join us for guys fellowship on March 21st, 6-8pm at the youth house.

Youth Convention – We have our 56th 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, guest speakers and Bishop Jaime Soto. The cost is \$25 per person. You can pick up permission slips in the parish office or from Andrea.



Religious Education Questions - Call 343-8741

Sacrament Dates:

Confirmation – Saturday, May 2nd at 10am and 2pm
1st Communion – Saturday, May 9th 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, 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.**

❖ MARRIAGE & FAMILY ❖

Walk for Life – A Tribute to Mothers: Join in the celebration of mothers at the annual “Walk for Life 2009”, Sat, May 2. The two mile course will be at the PV High School Track. This year there will be over 100 prizes and free coffee and breakfast. It's an event for the whole family, with live worship music from local worship leaders, a bounce house, face painting and more. Call Jane Rabo at 345-8871 for more information and sponsor forms or call Kim Garth Director of Development at Women's Resource Clinic, 897-6101. All proceeds from the walk benefit the Women's Resource Clinic.

Birthright the heartbeat of the pro-life movement, non-political, non-judgmental helps pregnant women make positive choices and plan for the future of their little ones. Please consider being a volunteer. Call 345-9711.



Respect for Life Committee: 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. For the next Introductory Session at Mercy Women's Center in Sacramento, please call 916-614-2200.

Marriage Encounter: By offering Married Couples the beautiful experience of a worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, the Catholic Church is affirming and supporting you in your chosen vocation – Marriage. Take advantage of this great gift to enhance your relationship and enjoy a love-filled weekend away together. The next local WME weekend will be April 24-26 in Sacramento. For more information or to register,

call Stephanie and Deacon James Burkett at (530) 893-2348 or go to <http://lovemoredeply.org/today!>

AROUND THE DIOCESE and beyond ✧

Our Divine Savior Parish invites its neighboring parishioners to join them for their third presentation in their Lenten Series on Wed evening, March 18th. The topic is “What is a Church Annulment” and will be presented by Ms. Gayla Ponce of the Sacramento Diocese Tribunal. It will be held in the Prayer Room in the office building from 7-8:30 and is free of charge. For more information, call 343-4248.

CHRISM MASS: at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, 11th & K Streets, Downtown Sacramento, Thursday April 2 at 6pm. The CHRISM MASS is one of the most important Diocesan celebrations. At this Eucharist the Bishop blesses the HOLY OILS, which are used in sacramental celebrations in all the parishes of the Diocese throughout the coming year.

Un Affare Di Famiglia: Get ready for a night of mafia fun! On April 18 the Newman Center will be holding our annual spring fundraiser! Spend a fun adult night out eating delicious food, listening to wonderful music and participating in a little family business... Tickets go on sale March 22 at the Newman Center and will be on sale at ODS and St. John’s on March 29 and April 5. Adults-\$30, Students-\$20 and to sponsor a table - \$300. It will be a night to remember with some mischievous happenings! Believe us, you’ll want to be there. We are making you an offer you can’t refuse. Questions, or want to donate an item to the silent or live auction? Contact Lauren Cortese- 916-316-6775.

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.

Rummage Sale: Spring is almost here! Time to clean out your closets and cupboards. We have the perfect place to bring your things – Catholic Daughters is having a spring Rummage Sale on May 1 & 2 at ODS Social Hall. We will be receiving things for the sale on Wed & Thurs. April 29 and 30.

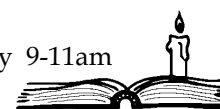
Healing After Abortion Retreat March 27th-29th: Struggling after an abortion? Still seeking peace years after the choice? Come to a Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat, March 27th-29th in Auburn, sponsored by the Diocese of Sacramento. The weekend retreat is a unique and effective process designed specifically 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.

CALENDAR ✧

Sun	15	3rd Sunday of Lent 6:45-8:30pm Life Teen
Mon	16	St. Frances of Rome 6-8pm English AA
Tues	17	St Patrick’s Day 6pm Vespers 6:30 Choir Practice
Wed	18	St Cyril of Jerusalem 6-9pm Spanish AA
Thu	19	St Joseph 5-9pm Sons of Italy
Fri	20	3:30-4:30pm Adoration 6pm Stations of the Cross 6-9pm Spanish AA
Sat	21	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	Jean Mayer Yolanda Holt Yvonne Vanoni	Marlene Lach John O’Hara
9:00am Sun	Aric Cook Jim Currellin 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: 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: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
 Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21
 Alternate readings (Year A):
 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

3/15/09