



# Palm Sunday

## March 16, 2008

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

Sat	15	7:30a	✦Harry McGowan by Theresa
		5:30p	Michael & Mary McAlpin (living) by Jim & Genie Currin
PALM SUN	16	7:30a	✦Arline Borges by Borges Family
		9:30a	Parish
		12:30p	no intention
		2:30p	Special Intention
		5:30p	✦Maurilio Garcia by Garcia Family
Mon	17	7:30a	✦Charles & Helen Shea by John & Linda Shea
Tue	18	7:30a	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wed	19	7:30a	Dan Boutwell Sr. (Living) by Boutwell Family
		7:00p	✦Josefa Haro by Maria C. Correa
HOLY	20	7:30a	NO MASS
THUR		8:00p	✦Dorothy Flanagan by John O'Hara
GOOD	21	7:30a	NO MASS
FRIDAY		8:30a	NO NDS MASS
		12:15p	VENERATION OF THE CROSS
HOLY	22	7:30a	NO MASS
SAT		8:00p	Maria Correa (living)
EASTER	23	7:30a	William & Nila Mendonca (living)
SUNDAY		9:30a	Parish
		12:30p	✦Roxanna Alfaro
		5:30p	NO LIFE TEEN MASS

### ✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ✦

Sun	23	9:00a	Missionaries of Mercy by DJM's
		10:30a	no intention

Pray for the repose of the soul of, Dr. Luis Cebrien, Nicholas Navarro, and for the comfort of their family and friends.

### Weekly Offering

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> week of March

Sunday Collection	\$8,087
Second Collection: Maintenance	\$1,848
Total	\$9,935

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

--2 Corinthians 9:7



**Easter Flowers:** Your donation for flowers, to decorate the altar for Easter, will be used to honor your loved ones, living or deceased. Please print all names clearly and place envelope in collection basket or bring to the parish office. Envelopes are in the vestibule.

ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE  
[stjohnthebaptistchico.org](http://stjohnthebaptistchico.org)

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### ✦ PARISH & SCHOOL NEWS ✦

**Official Notice from the Diocese:** Rev. Brent C. Nall has been granted his request for a leave of absence from active ministry for personal reasons for a period of one year.



#### Penance Services:

March 18<sup>th</sup>, Our Divine Savior – 12 noon  
March 18<sup>th</sup>, St Thomas in Oroville – 3:30pm

#### Vespers-Evening Prayer:



Tues. evenings at 6pm with the Choir in English.

### The Triduum March 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>



#### Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper, washing of the feet  
5:30pm in English.

12:00am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10:00pm-

#### Good Friday

The Passion of Christ and Veneration of the Cross  
12:15pm in English. **The annual collection for the Holy Land will be taken up today.**



Easter Vigil

Holy Saturday, Vigil of Easter at 8:00pm  
(two hours bilingual)

#### Easter Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>

Masses in English: 7:30am, 9:30am

Mass in Latin: 2:30pm

There will be NO 5:30pm Sunday evening Mass.



**Newman Center Holy Week Schedule:** Holy Thursday, 7:30pm—Good Friday, 5:30pm and Easter Sunday, 9am & 11am.

### Notre Dame School Spring Gala Auction:

Tickets are still available for Notre Dame School's 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Gala Auction. **The deadline to purchase tickets is FRIDAY, MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>** so get your tickets before it's too late! **The event will take place on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, at Sierra Nevada Brewery's Big Room.** Tickets are \$70/person and can be purchased by contacting Teri Ernandes at 624-9746 or [ternandes@siscoent.com](mailto:ternandes@siscoent.com). A couple of great items already donated to the Auction are a romantic getaway in the Napa Valley and VIP passes to a Sacramento Kings game. But, we are still in need of your donations. If you have an item or service you can donate, please contact Annette Bennett at [bennettamc@yahoo.com](mailto:bennettamc@yahoo.com) or 521-0719. We are also holding a Raffle with a Grand Prize of **FREE TUITION** for a year at Notre Dame School or the cash equivalent. 2<sup>nd</sup> prize is Free Hot Lunch for a year a NDS or the cash equivalent. Tickets are \$50 or 2 for \$75 and chances of winning are excellent. To purchase your tickets, contact Robin Taylor at 894-3910. **Thank you for your continued support of Notre Dame School!**

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**LIFE TEEN – Sunday March 16<sup>th</sup>, right after 5:30pm mass. Please join us in the UMR for fun & fellowship.**

**EDGE – Mon March 17 is cancelled. Pray for Andrea and her family – a close relative has past away.**

✧ **MARRIAGE & FAMILY** ✧



**Respect for Life Committee/40 Days for Life:** Please consider going to Planned Parenthood on Vallombrosa on Wednesdays or the Women's Feminist Abortion Center on Humboldt Rd on Fridays. Come anytime

from 10am to 4pm to pray for the lives of the unborn children being aborted. **Join the committee for their next meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup>, at 3:30pm in the parish library.**

**Mothers' Prayer Group:** Join other mothers and children for a "pray and play" group every Thursday at 10:30am in the preschool room at ODS. If you have any questions, please call Marijeanne Birchard at 343-6912.



**Marriage Encounter:** Make a great marriage even better! Sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Call Stephanie & Deacon James Burkett at

893-2348 for more information.

**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).

**Retrouvaille:** This is a program to give hope and help for marriages that are experiencing trouble. For additional information call 1-800-283-5952.



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



**Religious Education**

**Religious Education Questions  
Call 343-8741**

**1<sup>st</sup> Penance for English CFF: April 5<sup>th</sup> at 11am. Please be at the church by 10:30am.**

**Sacramental Parents Classes are** for parents who have children receiving Sacraments this year. The remaining classes will be **April 22**, in the Upper Meeting Room at NDS and **May 4** the meeting will be held in the gym at 11 am.

**All CFF and Notre Dame parents** are encouraged to attend the Sacramental Parents classes. Some topics that will be discussed will include: How to better our relationship with God at home; How we as parents can emphasize God's love to our children; Learn more about our Catholic Faith.

✧ **ADULT FAITH FORMATION** ✧

**Women's Ministry Group:** We come together in friendship, in prayer and reading with women from all three parishes. This month we will be discussing Chapter 6 of the book "Experience Grace in Abundance, Ten Strategies for Your Spiritual Life" by Johnette Benkovic. For more info, call Pat Hackney at 342-5528 or Mary Waldorf at 345-8638. Our next meeting will be **Thurs, April 10<sup>th</sup>, from 6:45-9pm at ODS Social Hall.**

**Catholics Returning Home:** Sojourner's of the Spring Session started March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Do you have some family members or friends who have said they miss the Church but afraid to come back because of something that happened in years past? Maybe they had a divorce and are feeling the Church will not accept them back! This program is exactly what they need to be welcomed back home. Invite them to come and check us out. If they are still not sure of what we are about have them call Deacon James Burkett at 893-2348 or Sharon Haselton @ 891-5334.

**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.



**Scripture Study/Radio: Special program during Lent.** Joe will be recording his program at the Newman Center every Wednesday night during Lent from 6:45-7:45pm. The program will be re-aired on the following Sat and Sun. **This Wed, March 19<sup>th</sup>, Week 6: Panel discussion on the Passion and other questions with Joe and Fr. Berg.** Be sure not to miss this great opportunity to better understand the Bible and the structure of our faith. E-mail Joe at [jholljmi@yahoo.com](mailto:jholljmi@yahoo.com) if you have any questions about the radio program and/or the Catholic faith.

**Divine Mercy Celebration:** St Thomas the Apostle in Oroville will have a Divine Mercy Sunday Mass on March 30<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. If you would like to participate in the nine day novena that is starting on Good Friday please call St. Thomas office at 533-0262.

**Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament** will also celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Confessions at 2:15pm, Divine Mercy Chaplet at 2:45pm, Holy Mass at 3pm with Bishop William Weigand as Celebrant with Veneration of the Divine Mercy image and relic of St. Faustina following the mass.

**Mass for Single Adults:** The Single Adult Ministry of the Diocese of Sacramento (S. A. M.), invites adult singles to a Mass at 5pm on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, to be hosted at Our Lady of Lourdes in Sacramento. Mass will be followed by a potluck dinner with a special appearance and talk by Bishop Soto at 6:15pm in the Parish Hall. Please bring a potluck dish to share. Contact MaryLee Barcena at 916-419-9845 for more information.

**Columbian Retirement home, Inc:** The California Knights of Columbus own and operate an independent living retirement facility for seniors in historic Marysville, California. The two-story, garden style building, located across the street from St. Joseph's Catholic Church is designed like a luxury hotel, except it has the friendliness and warmth of your own private home. The rates are reasonable. Each room has a private bath. Three delicious, well-balanced meals are served daily. Housekeeping, linens, laundry facilities, 24 hour medical emergency monitoring, chapel, library, elevator, lounge, patio and garden area, are included in one low price. For more details, please call 743-7542.

**Holy Land Tour:** Join Fr. Michael Hebda and Sr. Maura Power, RSM for a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Jordan for 10 nights. The tour departs Oct 8<sup>th</sup> (from Seattle) and returns Oct 19<sup>th</sup>. The Pilgrimage takes us to Galilee, Jordan River, Capernaum, Tabgha, Mt of Beatitudes, Cana, Nazareth, Mt. Tabor, Caesarea, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Ein Karem, Mt. of Olives, Mt. Zion, Dead Sea, Masada, Qumran and then on to Jordan to enjoy Petra, Madaba, Mt. Nebo, Jerash and Amman....we get to walk where Jesus walked!!! A marvelous, blessed 10 nights!! Please call Alice Gerety at Cruise Holidays, 244-7447 or 1-800-852-3268 for more information.

**From the Sisters of Mercy:** Interested in Giving a Year of Service to the Church in the United States as a Lay Volunteer? Mercy Volunteer Corps, a lay volunteer program sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy provides opportunities for men and women over the age of 21 to give a year of service to those in need. The emphasis of the program is service, community and prayer. Volunteer possibilities include teaching or nursing, working in homeless shelters, clinics and social service agencies in urban and rural settings throughout the United States. Room, board, medical insurance and a small stipend are provided. Loan deferments are available. For more information call 215-641-5535.

<b>Sun 16</b>	<b>Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion</b> 9:30 am RCIA 10:45am CFF 2:30pm Latin Mass 6:45pm Lifeteen
<b>Mon 17</b>	<b>Monday of Holy Week</b> 6-8pm English AA 6:30-8pm BSA #2 <b>Edge Cancelled</b> 7-9pm Spanish Cursillo
<b>Tues 18</b>	<b>Tuesday of Holy Week</b> 6 pm Vespers (church) 6:30pm choir practice 7pm Grupo Carismatico
<b>Wed 19</b>	<b>Wednesday of Holy Week</b> 6-9pm Spanish AA 7pm BSA #2 (Cafeteria)
<b>Thur 20</b>	<b>Holy Thursday</b> 5:30 Mass 6pm Sons of Italy
<b>Fri 21</b>	<b>Good Friday of the Lord's Passion</b> 12:15pm Veneration of the Cross Day of Fast & Abstinence No Adoration Today 6-9pm Spanish AA
<b>Sat 22</b>	<b>Holy Saturday</b> 8pm Easter Vigil Mass NO CONFESSIONS

**Library Hours:**

Sunday 8:30-9:30am & 10:30am-12:15pm  
Wednesday 9-noon, Thursday 9-11am



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11
- Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25
- Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21  
Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
- Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
- Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; d) Is 54:5-14; e) Is 55:1-11; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Mt 28:1-10
- Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

**Liturgy of the Hours – Passion Week Proper**

**History Celebration:** As part of our Historical celebration 2008 we're going to publish an account of the history of our parish from 1978-2008. We need your memories, your pictures, and your ideas. Let's not allow our memories to fade into oblivion. Record yours for posterity. Contact Cathy O'Toole 893-8760 or call the parish office at 343-8741.

**Pope Benedict XVI's Prayer Intentions for March**

**General prayer intention:** *“That the mentally handicapped may not be marginalized, but respected and lovingly helped to live in a way worthy of their physical and social condition.”*

**Mission intention:** *“That the institutes of consecrated life, which are so flourishing in mission countries, may rediscover the missionary dimension and, faithful to the radical choice of evangelical counsels, be generous in bearing witness to and announcing Christ to the ends of the earth.”*