



Fourth Sunday of Lent March 18th 2007

Special Collection for Catholic Relief Services: Today our parish will take up **THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION**. Nearly half the world's population lives on less than \$2 a day. For Catholics, these are not just statistics but brothers and sisters who need our help. They support church agencies that provide emergency relief in times of crisis, support long-term development programs, offer assistance to immigrants and refugees, and advocate for a more just and peaceful world.

PLEASE NOTE: NO CONFESSIONS ON MARCH 24TH

✠ Mass Intentions ~St. John the Baptist ✠		
Sat 17	7:30a ✠	Josephine Sepulveda
	5:30p ✠	Virginia Richardson
Sun 18	7:30a ✠	Frank Gachen
	9:30a	People of God
	12:30p	no intention
	5:30p ✠	Rita Copper by Florence and Mary
Mon 19	7:30a	no intention
Tue 20	7:30a	Evan Michael Rabo (living)
Wed 21	7:30a	no intention
	7:00p	no intention
Thurs 22	7:30a	no intention
Fri 23	7:30a	special intention
	8:45a	NDS intentions
Sat 24	7:30a ✠	Rusty Beauchane by Andrea
	5:30p ✠	Virginia Richardson
Mass Intentions ~St. James		
Sun 18	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.



2nd WEEK OF MARCH

Sunday Collection \$6,618.00

Thank you

ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE
stjohnthebaptistchico.org

Fr. Brent's email: fbrent@stjohnthebaptistchico.org

✠ PARISH & SCHOOL NEWS ✠

SONS OF ITALY: 21st Annual Spaghetti Feed presented by the Vincenzo Bellini Lodge 2519 on Sunday, April 1st from 1-7pm at the Elks Lodge, 1705 Manzanita Ave. Cost: Adults \$10, Children under 10, \$5. Take outs available. Tickets available at the door. Come and enjoy delicious Spaghetti & Meatballs, Salad & Bread, Wine, Coffee, Milk and Ice Cream!

Catholic Daughters: Birthday Luncheon at Cozy Diner March 28th, 12pm. We will be having a Fashion Show Luncheon "Second Hand Rose" on Saturday April 21st, 12pm at ODS Social Hall. Please call Lorraine Nock 342-2240 for tickets or more information.

Speak for a child in court: CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), a program of Northern Valley Catholic Social Service, is seeking compassionate volunteers to spend time with abused & neglected children who are under the protection of the court. New training begins Tuesday, April 3rd and continues Tues and Thurs evenings from 5:30-8:30pm in Chico. For more details call CASA at 895-8151.



Notre Dame School's 25th ANNUAL SPRING AUCTION GALA March 31st, 5:30pm at Sierra Nevada's Big Room. Thank you to all who have bought tickets to attend the Auction! We have a very limited number of seats still available and the last day to purchase event

tickets is March 25th! If you would like to purchase a ticket, please contact the school office (342-2502) or one of our Auction co-chairs, Teri Ernaudes at 624-9746 or Darleen Bettencourt at 891-4153.

AUCTION RAFFLE TICKETS are still available too!! **1st PRIZE, FREE TUITION (2007-08) OR 2ND PRIZE, FREE HOT LUNCH FOR THE YEAR** or the cash equivalent to the WINNERS! 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 Ernaudes or Darleen Bettencourt (see contact info above). Thank you for supporting your Notre Dame School!

BUCKS LAKE FAMILY CAMP!!! Set aside July 26th-29th 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.



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 20th, 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.

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.

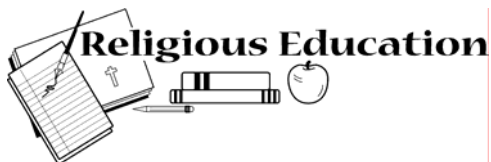
EDGE – We meet each Monday from 7-8:30pm in the Social Hall at ODS.

CONCERT – Matt Maher and Joshua Blakesly two great musicians together for one night, Friday, March 30th 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 30th and pick up teens on the 31st 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 18th 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 2nd-8th and the cost is \$350 per person.

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



Religious Education Questions
 Call 343-8741

DATES AND TIMES FOR UPCOMING SACRAMENTS

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

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

1st Communion Retreat Sat April 21st from 9am-12pm.

Mandatory Sacrament Parents' Class: The Last Sacrament Parents' Class is Tuesday, April 10th from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Upper Meeting Room. Only parents going through our program for the 1st 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 14th, 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

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 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: Do I ever feel resentful toward those who seem to get ahead with little effort, or those who get more than they deserve? Do I approach God as though in a contractual relationship, doing my duty and expecting blessings in return? Or do I approach God as a living child, eager to please a doting parent and ready to express joy at any and every blessing that comes my way?

Prayer: God of boundless love, you shower many blessings on your people. Create in us an attitude of gratitude, not entitlement. May we rejoice in your blessings in our lives and in the lives of others. With grateful hearts, we pray. 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. March 17th and 18th Joe will be breaking open the Prodigal Son. March 24th and 25th will highlight the woman caught in adultery. Don't miss this great opportunity to better understand the Bible and our faith.

Save the Date! Camp Pendola's Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, April 30th at Northridge Golf and Country Club. For information on the tournament and sponsorship opportunities, please contact Lori Rosene at 916-733-0141.

Ministry of Mothers Sharing (MOMS): presents "MOMS as Peacemaker" nurturing serenity within ourselves and our families. Sat March 31st, 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 31st 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 21st 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 26th, 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 30th -April 1st**, 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. 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

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.

Sat 17	St. Patrick 9-11am Pro-Life Prayer Group 10am Confessions 
Sun 18	4-8pm St. Patrick's Day Dinner at ODS 4th Sunday of Lent 10:45am-12pm CFF 7pm LIFETEEN (after Lifeteen mass)
Mon19	St. Joseph 7pm Jr. Life at ODS 6-8pm English AA 7pm Catholics Returning Home
Tues 20	6pm Vespers followed by Choir practice
Wed 21	6-9 Spanish AA 7pm Spanish Mass 7pm BSA #2
Thur 22	6-9pm Sons of Italy 7pm Rosary Prayer Group
Fri 23	St. Toribio de Mogroveje 6-7am Men's Bible Study (ODS) 3:30-4:30pm Adoration 6-9pm Spanish AA 6pm Stations of the Cross
Sat 24	9-11am Pro-Life Prayer Group NO CONFESSIONS

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 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday:	Is 43:16-21; Ps 126; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

Liturgy of the Hours IV

