



Fourth Sunday of Lent March 22, 2009

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ✦

Sat 21	7:30a	✦Janice Boutwell by Boutwell Family
	5:30p	✦Frank & Helen Neadly by Bruce Neadly
Sun 22	7:30a	✦Loretta Holly by Jim & Lilia Crawford
	9:00a	People of God
	12:30p	no intention
	5:30p	✦Rhonda Purdy by Huitt Family
Mon 23	7:30a	✦Jean Guelpa
Tues 24	7:30a	✦Frank Azevedo Jr. by Cathy Barnard
Wed 25	7:30a	✦James Harrington by John & Linda Shea
	7:00p	no intention
Thur 26	7:30a	✦Eleanor Campi by John & Linda Shea
Fri 27	7:30a	✦Colleen Howard by Gala Ybanez
Sat 28	7:30a	✦Janice Boutwell by Boutwell Family
	5:30p	✦Manuel H. Bettencourt by Diana Bettencourt

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ✦

Sun 22	9:00a	Patrick Murphy (living) by Murphy Family
	10:30a	no intention

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Eva Delia, Mary Rivera, Magdelana Camarana, and for their family and friends.

^{3rd} week of March

<u>Collection</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
March 8	\$8,812	\$7,931
Year to date	\$316,679	\$392,461

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

Devotions during Lent:

Stations of the Cross: Friday 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

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

ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE

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

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Special collection for Catholic Relief Services: Today our parish will take up a second collection for The Catholic Relief Services. Nearly half the world's population lives on less than \$2 a day. For Catholics, these are not just statistics by brothers and sisters who need our help. The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports 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. Thank you for your generosity.

Note from Fr. Berg: Some people have asked about St. Catherine of Siena Parish on Park Ave. While the church advertises itself as Catholic, please know that it is not Roman Catholic and is not in union with the Pope. One cannot fulfill one's Sunday obligation by attending one of its services.

Catholic Returning Home: Do you know someone who has left the Church? I think we all do! Most of us do not have to look very far to find non-practicing Catholics. You may make a tremendous difference in someone's life simply by reaching out to them and telling them that we miss them and would like for them to come back home to our church family. We meet on Monday evening. Please contact Deacon Burkett for more information 893-2348.

Steak and Prawn Dinner: The Annual Boy Scout Steak and Prawn Dinner to benefit Troop 2 and Camp Lassen will be held here at St. John's on Sat, March 28 at 6:30pm. Live and Silent Auction items will also be featured. For information about becoming a Dinner Troop Sponsor, contact Jim Thorup at 891-0287. For tickets (\$25) call Cathy Karamatic at 892-1184.

Save the Date! On Sunday, June 14, the Feast of Corpus Christi, from 1:30 to 6pm, we will have our parish picnic on the lawn next to the Newman Center. We will begin the afternoon with a Eucharistic procession (following the Spanish Mass) from St. John's to the Newman Center lawn where we will have Benediction. Then, we will have a barbeque, games and swimming. All at St. John's and St. James are invited!

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.

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 to be confirmed: May 2nd, 10am in English and 2pm in Spanish. There will also be Adult Confirmation at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Sacramento on May 30. You may pick up the registration forms at St John's parish office.

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. This week, March 21 and 22 (re-air), Fr.

Chris will join Joe as they break open this weeks readings that have at its center the high points of salvation history. Among topics, Fr. Chris and Joe will examine the virtues of Justice and Mercy discussing the call to rededicate ourselves this Lenten season. The following week Joe will examine the question of the cross as it relates to Christ's "hour". You can E-mail Joe at jholljmj@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 28 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.



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Life Teen- Do you use Ouija boards? Do you know how tarot card cards and fortune tellers can change you? How do these things affect us? What does the Church say about having these activities in our lives? Join us in the Upper Meeting Room tonight from 7-8:30pm to find out.

Youth Convention – We have our 56th Diocesan High School Youth Convention on March 28. 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 \$30 per person. You can pick up permission slips in the parish office. **LAST DAY TO REGISTER IS MONDAY MARCH 23.**

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: Many thanks to all our parishes that participated in the FOCA postcard campaign. Our diocese signed and mailed over 55,000 postcards. Everyone's efforts were very much appreciated. Our US bishops have now asked that individuals also participate in an email campaign to continue sending a pro-life message to our elected officials. To participate, go to: www.nchla.org and click on the "Email Congress" link. 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)

Marriage Encounter: Take a fresh look at your Marriage. Consider making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and enrich your lives together. It is a unique approach aimed at revitalizing Christian marriage. The next local WME weekends will be April 24-26 and June 12-14 in Sacramento. Other dates/locations are available. For more information or to register, call Stephanie and Deacon James Burkett at (530) 893-2348 or go to <http://lovemoredeeply.org/today!>

Our Divine Savior Parish invites its neighboring parishioners to join them for their last presentation in their Lenten Series on Wed evening, March 25^h. The topic is “Interfaith Relations: Christians, Muslims, Jews” and will be presented by Dr Kate McCarthy: CSUC Religious Studies. It will be held in the Prayer Room in the office building at ODS from 7-8:30 and is free of charge.

Ministry of Consolation Training: “Meeting the Needs of Those Who Minister to the Bereaved” March 27 & 28, 8:30am-4:30pm at the Diocesan Pastoral Center. Priests, Deacons, DREs and anyone interested in the ministry are welcome to attend. The conference will cover: Ministry of Consolation Overview, The Grief Process, Communication & Learning Skills, Caring for the Caregiver, Personal Death Awareness, Planning Your Bereavement Program and Support Groups. The cost of \$125 includes the comprehensive program, continental breakfast, lunch, the “How To” training manual and certificate of completion. For more information or registration form call the parish office at 343-8741.

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.

Workshop on “Theology of the Body, explained!”

On Sat, April 4, Fr. Chuck Kelly will be presenting a workshop that focuses on God’s plan for marriage and sexuality at Bishop Quinn Catholic Center in Palo Cedro from 9am to 4pm. Cost is \$25. All are welcome. For more information or to register, call 916-733-0123. Renewal certification credit is available for catechists.

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.

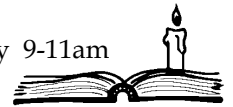
Save the Date: You are invited to a Women’s Retreat on Saturday May 2 from 8:30a – noon at the Newman Center. The title of the retreat is “Let Nothing Disturb You”. All are welcome! Invite your friends (Catholic and non-catholic) and plan on coming! Details to follow in upcoming bulletins.

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.

Sun	22	4 th Sunday of Lent 6:45-8:30pm Life Teen
Mon	23	St. Toribio de Mogrovejo 6-8pm English AA
Tues	24	6pm Vespers 6:30 Choir Practice
Wed	25	Feast of the Annunciation 6-9pm Spanish AA
Thu	26	
Fri	27	3:30-4:30pm Adoration 6pm Stations of the Cross 6-9pm Spanish AA
Sat	28	10am Confessions Boy Scouts Troop #2 Steak & Prawn Dinner

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: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
- 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: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33 Alternate readings (Year A):
Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130; Rom 8:8-11;
Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

Liturgy of the Hours IV

