



Fifth Sunday of Lent March 25th 2007

Lenten Penance Services

Monday, March 26th, 7pm St. John's
 Tuesday, March 27th, 3:30pm St. Thomas in Oroville
 Wednesday, March 28th, 3pm St. Thomas More in Paradise
 Wednesday, March 28th, 6:15pm Newman Center
 Monday, April 2nd, 12pm Our Divine Savior

✠ Mass Intentions ~St. John the Baptist ✠

Sat 24	7:30a	✠	Rusty Beauchane by Andrea
	5:30p	✠	Virginia Richardson
Sun 25	7:30a	✠	Luigi Filippin by Gina Filippin
	9:30a		People of God
	12:30p	✠	Olga B. Nava by Tino Nava
	5:30p	✠	Loren & Lucille Godwin by Lawrence & Emiline Rose
Mon 26	7:30a	✠	Mary O' Hara by John O' Hara
Tue 27	7:30a	✠	Lillian Shaffer by her family
Wed 28	7:30a	✠	Loren & Lucille Souza by Emilene Souza
	7:00p		no intention
Thurs 29	7:30a	✠	Colleen Howard by Gala Ybanez
Fri 30	7:30a		Lola Mota (living, b' day) by Maria Correa
	8:45a		NDS intentions
Sat 31	7:30a		Kimberly Boswell (living, b' day) by Gail Boswell
	5:30p	✠	William Menagh by Susan Jeffries

Mass Intentions ~St. James

Sun 25	9:00 a	no intention
	10:30a	no intention

Pray for the repose of the soul of Oscar Hinojosa and for the comfort of his 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.



3rd WEEK OF MARCH

Sunday Collection \$7,756.00
Thank you

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Fr. Brent' s email: fbrent@stjohnthebaptistchico.org
St. John Office email address: stjohn33@sbcglobal.net

✠ PARISH & SCHOOL NEWS ✠



Respect for Life Committee will have their next meeting on April 16th from 3:30-5pm in the office library.

Torres Shelter: If you can help by bringing a snack on April 6th, 11th, or the 17th please call Jerry Converse at 342-2134.



Notre Dame School's 25th ANNUAL SPRING AUCTION GALA March 31st, 5:30pm at Sierra Nevada's Big Room.

A HUGE thanks to everyone who has bought event tickets, donated an item, or sponsored a part of our Auction!!! We are very excited for Saturday night's event! If you haven't already heard, we are holding an Auction Raffle this year and there's still time to purchase a Raffle ticket. 1st prize is FREE TUITION (or the cash equivalent) for one student at NDS for the 2007-08 school year! 2nd prize is FREE HOT LUNCH (or the cash equivalent) for all of next school year! Raffle tickets are \$50 and your odds of winning are excellent as only 250 tickets will be sold. Call the school office 342-2502, Teri Eernandes 624-9746 or Darleen Bettencourt 891-4153 to purchase a raffle ticket. Thank you again for your support of Notre Dame School and we'll see you at the Auction!

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.

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. See you at camp!!!!



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.



www.chicolifeteen.org

Andrea Florez, Youth Director 530-961-2050

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.

✧ **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.

Retrouaille: 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.retrouaille.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** ❖

Fifth Sunday of Lent



Meditation: Do I use power appropriately? Am I willing to challenge the unjust use of power in my community? What sin in my life should I acknowledge and address? Am I too quick to condemn others?

Prayer: God of wisdom, you gently but steadily nudge us to recognize our failings. Forgive our sins. Strengthen us in our pursuit of holiness. In Jesus' name 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.



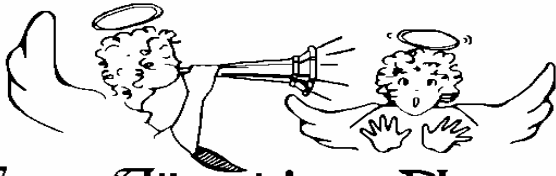
SCRIPTURE
STUDY

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. On March 24th and 25th Joe will be breaking open the Woman caught in Adultery (guest—Bob Cross, parishioner). March 31st and April 1st Joe will talk about Holy Week. Don't miss this great opportunity to better understand the Bible and our faith.

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



Religious Education Questions
Call 343-8741



Your Attention Please

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE AND TIME FOR FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT IS:

Saturday, April 28th from 2:30-4:30pm. Please call the office if you have any questions or concerns 343-8741. We apologize for any confusion!

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!

✦ **AROUND THE DIOCESE** and beyond ✦

Mass for Single Adults: Single Adult Ministry of the Diocese of Sacramento (S. A. M.), with support from Southern Solano Singles Ministry, invites adults singles in the Diocese to a mass to be held at 5:30pm, Saturday, April 21st, to be hosted at St. Basil's Catholic Church. The mass will be followed by a discussion, gathering and potluck dinner in the Parish Center across the street from the church. A 4pm presentation on the annulment process will precede the mass. Please RSVP by April 6th to MaryLee Barcena, 916-419-9845 or Teresa Cadorna at 707-747-4794.

One Day Retreat for Single Adults: "Crossing the Red Sea- A Journey Through Separation, Divorce and Beyond." Single Adult Ministry of the Diocese of Sacramento invites adult singles in the Diocese to a one day retreat to be held from 9am-4pm on Saturday, April 28th at the Sacramento Diocese. Registration will begin at 8:30am. A catered lunch will be served. Cost is \$35. Please call MaryLee at 916-419-9845 or email mbarcena@earthlink.net to receive a flyer and registration form. Please register by April 20th to reserve your space.

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.

✦ **CALENDAR** ✦

Sat 24	9-11am Pro-Life Prayer Group NO CONFESSIONS
Sun 25	5th Sunday of Lent 10:45am-12pm CFF 7pm LIFETEEN (after Lifeteen mass)
Mon26	The Annunciation of the Lord 6-8pm English AA 7pm Penance Service 7pm Jr. Life at ODS 7pm Catholics Returning Home
Tues 27	6pm Vespers followed by Choir practice
Wed 28	6-9 Spanish AA 7pm Spanish Mass 7pm BSA #2
Thur 29	7pm Rosary Prayer Group
Fri 30	6-7am Men's Bible Study (ODS) 3:30-4:30pm Adoration 6-9pm Spanish AA 6pm Stations of the Cross
Sat 31	9-11am Pro-Life Prayer Group 10am 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: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday: Lk 19:28-40 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22;
Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]

Liturgy of the Hours I

