



Fifth Sunday of Lent March 29 2009



"Come by the Library after 9 a.m. Sunday Mass for coffee, juice and a snack. Meet new people and visit with old friends."

Note from Fr. Berg: As of Monday, April 6th, the parish office hours are changing. The office will be open from 11am to 4pm, Monday through Friday. Because of budgetary concerns, it was decided to decrease the number of office hours. Thank you for your understanding.

Missalettes: New missalettes will be in the pews for Holy Week. If you would like a missalette for your own use please call the office and we will order one for you (\$5). We have only ordered the number we need for the pews so they will be available to everyone for Mass.

Bethlehem Christian Families Mission: There will be a sale of olive wood crafts and souvenirs this weekend after all Masses. These crafts are all handmade carved by Christian artists in Bethlehem. The profit will be used to help support the people in the holy land.

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.

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.



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!

The Catholic Hour: Please visit the parish website and click Joe Hollcraft's website (The Catholic Hour) to visit his blog (just click "Joe Hollcraft's blog"). Joe invites you to respond to his weekly column on the readings from the Mass.

Jesus Center Easter Meal: The Jesus Center is working hard to prepare for their upcoming Easter Meal that will be held on Sat afternoon, April 11th. They have received many generous food donations but are still in need of specific items. If you can help provide any of the following, it would be greatly appreciated: boneless hams, 50 lb bags of russet potatoes, fruit pies, butter (pats) and butter (bulk). Please drop items off at the Jesus Center or call 345-2640.

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ✦

Sat 28	7:30a	✦Janice Boutwell by Boutwell Family
	5:30p	✦Manuel Bettencourt by Diane Bettencourt
Sun 29	7:30a	✦Rhonda Purdy by Huitt Family
	9:00a	People of God
	12:30p	✦Olga Nava & Paula Freyre by Nava Family
		✦ Francisco Flores by Flores Family
	5:30p	✦Marlene Weinrich
Mon 30	7:30a	✦Loretta Holly by Lilia & Jim Crawford
Tues 31	7:30a	✦Special Intention
Wed 1	7:30a	✦Holy Souls in Purgatory
	7:00p	no intention
Thur 2	7:30a	✦Mary Van Buskirk by Lona Stalker
Fri 3	7:30a	Bonnie McElrath (living)
Sat 4	7:30a	DJM Intentions
	5:30p	✦Charles & Hazel Nelson by Karen Neadly

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ✦

Sun 29	9:00a	Patrick Murphy (living) by Murphy Family
	10:30a	no intention

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

4th week of March

<u>Collection</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
March 22	\$7,370	\$7,931
Year to date	\$325,491	\$400,392

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: No Stations of the Cross this Friday.

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

Triduum Schedule:

Holy Thursday, April 9th – 5:30pm

Good Friday, April 10th - 12:15pm

Holy Saturday, April 11th - 8:15pm (bilingual)

Easter Sunday, April 12th - 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am (Latin)

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.

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. 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 28 and 29 Joe will examine the question of the cross as it relates to Christ's "hour". The following week Matt Crete will join Joe and they will discuss the readings from Palm Sunday. 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. There will no meeting on April 1st because of the Parish Mission. 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 – Tonight we are keeping it simple with games and time to hang out with your friends and talk about the Youth Convention. Come spend time with your friends and CORE after the Life Teen 5:30pm Mass in the gym.

Bible Study- There will be a bible study in the youth house beginning at 9am on Sat, April 4th led by Jeff Weinrich. Come and learn more about scripture and our faith. Bring a bible and a friend! See you there. Call Jeff at 518-9410 for more information.

Service Saturday- The first Saturday of each month (April 4th) we participate in a service project benefiting our community however small or large. If you are interested in joining this months service project please call Jandi at 518-2714.

XLT- A very special XLT next week (April 5th) as we prepare to enter into Holy Week. Everyone is welcome!

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: Our church is joining with other churches, schools and community businesses in the area to support Women's Resource Clinic in their "Walk for Life". We need walkers, runners and rockers (if unable to walk) to join together on May 2, 9am at Pleasant Valley High School. 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.

"Northern Lights" Community Love Circle: Our next potluck/meeting will be Sat April 4th. For more information please call Stephanie or James at 893-2348.



Respect for Life Committee: The Catholic bishops of the United States have launched a massive email campaign urging Congress to maintain widely-supported pro-life laws and to oppose the federal funding and promotion of abortion. 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: It has been said that the greatest gift you can give your children is two parents very much in love with each other. Polish up this gift and put a bow on it at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekend will be held 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!>

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.

Divine Mercy Celebrations: The nine-day Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday April 10th at 2:45pm, Sat April 11th, 3pm through April 18th, 3pm with closing Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19th at St. Thomas in Oroville. Bring your favorite dish to share after the Mass. For more details call Sandra at 533-6471.

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Society is proud to announce that Sister Rosalind Moss will be the featured speaker at its Third Annual Dinner to benefit the poor on April 23rd at the Radisson Hotel. Sister Moss has spoken world-wide, on radio and television about the Church and has recently been granted permission by Pope Benedict to form a new religious order. For information on sponsorships, advertising, table or single ticket purchases, please call 916-715-8666.



Save the Date: Please note that the time for the Women’s retreat on

May 2nd has changed. In order not to interfere with the Walk for Life going on that morning, we will have our retreat now from 12:30 to 4pm at the Newman Center. Please mark your calendars and plan on coming! Treat yourself to an afternoon of music, stories and prayer. Let the Lord touch you and draw you closer to His heart. Call Janice for information at 503-347-4079.

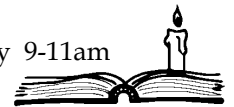


Rummage Sale: Spring is almost here! Time to clean out your closets and cupboards. We have the perfect place to bring your things – Catholic Daughters is having a spring Rummage Sale on May 1 & 2 at ODS Social Hall. We will be receiving things for the sale on Wed & Thurs. April 29 and 30.

Sun	29	5 th Sunday of Lent 6:45-8:30pm Life Teen
Mon	30	6-8pm English AA
Tues	31	Office closes at noon 6pm Vespers 6:30 Choir Practice
Wed	1	7pm PARISH MISSION 6-9pm Spanish AA
Thu	2	St Francis of Paola 7pm PARISH MISSION
Fri	3	First Friday 3:30-4:30pm Adoration 6pm PARISH MISSION 7pm PARISH PENANCE SERVICE 6-9pm Spanish AA
Sat	4	St Isidore First Saturday 10am Confessions Boy Scouts Troop #2 Steak & Prawn Dinner

Library Hours:

Sunday 8:15-12:30pm & Thursday 9-11am



EMHC AND LECTOR SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

TIME	EMHC	LECTOR
5:30pm Sat	Arlie Hixson Tom Hixson Karen Neadly	Al Lenzi Anna Rodriguez
7:30am Sun	Jean Mayer Diane Hooper Ona Mertens	Lyle Anderson Katie Schwartz
9:00am Sun	Barbara Santos Ernie Behr Donna Houston Barbara Bertapelle Stephanie Beyers Cathy Boutwell	Bill Mutch Stephanie Burkett

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Jn 8:1-11
 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: Mk 11:1-10; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]
 Liturgy of the Hours I

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