

*I am the
resurrection
and the
life*



**Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 9, 2008**

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ✦

Sat 8	7:30a	✦Dorothy Flanagan by John O'Hara
	5:30p	✦Michael Esqueda by Andrea Florez
Sun 9	7:30a	✦Frank Gachen
	9:30a	Parish
	12:30p	Maria Correa (living)
	2:30p	Special Intention
	5:30p	✦Michael Esqueda by Andrea Florez
Mon 10	7:30a	✦John Reginato & living family
Tue 11	7:30a	Sam & Marcia Spooner (living) by Jim & Genie Currin
Wed 12	7:30a	Evan Rabo (b'day- living)
	7:00p	✦Jose Guillen by Hermida Guillen
Thur 13	7:30a	✦Dorothy Flanagan by John O'Hara
Fri 14	7:30a	✦Anna Elizabeth Pillard
	8:30a	NDS intentions
Sat 15	7:30a	✦Harry McGowan by Theresa

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ✦

Sun 9	9:00a	✦Alice Konyn by Peter Konyn
	10:30a	no intention

Pray for the repose of the soul of Michael, Dr. Luis Cebrien, Nicholas Navarro, Agnes Reilley, Rafael Rosiles, and for the comfort of their family and friends.

Weekly Offering

1st week of March

Sunday Collection	\$9,720.00
Rectory renovation	\$2,263.00
Total	\$11,983.00

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

--2 Corinthians 9:7

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BIG THANK YOU: If you have not noticed, we have a new cover for the piano thanks to Nila Mendonca! She has made many things over the years for St. John's and we just wanted to say Thank you for all you do for our church!



Penance Services:

- March 10th, St John's -- 7pm
- March 11th, Newman Center -- 7:15pm
- March 12th, St Thomas in Paradise -- 3:15pm
- March 18th, Our Divine Savior -- 12 noon
- March 18th, St Thomas in Oroville -- 3:30pm

TODAY: Bethlehem Christian Families will be selling beautiful hand carved Olive Wood Religious Articles after masses today March 9th. Checks and credit cards are welcome.

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, flowers will be purchased in honor of 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.

Latin Mass Community is now offering monthly training for boys who would like to serve the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite. For more information call Brendan McDonough at 530-679-0261.

Notre Dame School Spring Gala Auction: Notre Dame School's 26th Annual Spring Gala Auction is celebrating "80 Years of Academics, Faith & Fun" in honor of the school's 80th Anniversary. Have you purchased your tickets yet? The event will take place on Saturday, April 5th, 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. The last day to purchase tickets is March 21st. They are selling quickly so don't wait to purchase yours! We are also in search of pictures of the early days of Notre Dame. If you, or someone you know has any pictures, please contact Chelle Schuler at 345-6461.

Catholic Daughters: March calendar—March 13th will be their regular meeting at ODS, 1pm. March 26th, birthday luncheon at Cozy Diner, 11:30pm. Call Lil at 342-3008 if you have any questions.

Feeding the Homeless: If you are interested in joining a team to help serve the homeless at the Torres Shelter, please call Jerry Converse at 342-2134.

(E-MAIL)

Chico_It_ym@yahoo.com

Andrea Florez, Youth Director 530-961-2050

LIFE TEEN – Sunday March 9th, right after 5:30pm mass. Please join us in the UMR for fun & fellowship.

EDGE – Mon March 10th & 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 17th, 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.



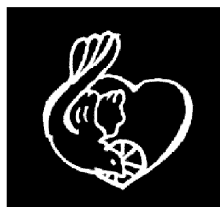
Marriage Encounter: Make a great marriage even better! Sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Call Stephanie & Deacon James Burkett at

893-2348 for more information.

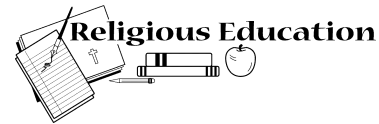
Natural Family Planning (Creighton model) Classes: Are you ready to do a great thing for yourself and your marriage? Classes are available right here in Chico. Contact Jackie Hollcraft M.S.; P.A.C. (899-0243).

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

I will put
my spirit in you
that you may
live



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



Religious Education Questions
Call 343-8741

Sacramental Parents Classes are for parents who have children receiving Sacraments this year. The required classes will be **March 11, April 22**. These classes will be held in the Upper Meeting Room at NDS at 7pm. The class on **Sun, May 4th will be held in the gym at 11am.**

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, March 13th, from 6:45-9pm at ODS Social Hall.**

Catholics Returning Home: Sojourner's of the Spring Session started March 3rd. 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 4th 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 12th, Week 5: Joe will talk about the narrative surrounding Palm Sunday (Sun March 16th readings).** Be sure not to miss this great opportunity to better understand the Bible and the structure of our faith. E-mail Joe at jhollmj@yahoo.com if you have any questions about the radio program and/or the Catholic faith.

Knights of Columbus: Sat, March 15th, the Knights are having a Corned Beef & Cabbage St. Patrick's Day Dinner. Serving from 5-8pm at ODS. Adults -- \$12.50 and a family of 4 or more -- \$40. Call 343-8741 for info.

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 29th, 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 8th (from Seattle) and returns Oct 19th. 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.

GOD May be Calling YOU: Would you like to find out more about the will of God for you? Come and join others for a DISCERNMENT RETREAT (March 14th-15th). There is no cost for this retreat. Find out where God is calling you! For more information please call 916-733-0258.

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.

Sun 9	5th Sunday of Lent DAY LIGHT SAVING 9:30 am RCIA 10:45am CFF 2:30pm Latin Mass 6:45pm Lifeteen	
Mon 10	6-8pm English AA 6:30-8pm BSA #2 7pm Edge (ODS) 7-9pm Spanish Cursillo	
Tues 11	7pm Baptism Class (Eng) 6 pm Vespers (church) 6:30pm choir practice 7pm Grupo Carismatico	
Wed 12	6-9pm Spanish AA 7pm BSA #2 (Cafeteria)	
Thur 13	7pm Rosary	
Fri 14	Day of Abstinence (no meat) 3:30-4:30pm Adoration 6-9pm Spanish AA 6pm Stations of the Cross (Eng) 7pm Stations of the Cross (Span)	
Sat 15	St. Joseph 10am Confessions 6pm Spanish Coro	

Library Hours:

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



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."

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; 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: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
- Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]

Liturgy of the Hours - Week I

