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## Second Sunday of Lent March 12, 2006

Your ways, O LORD, are love and truth  
to those who keep your covenant  
— *Psalm 25:4*

### LISTEN AND FOLLOW

“This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” And listen they did. From that moment on, Peter, James, and John were ardent followers, forsaking everything to follow in their Master’s footsteps. Like the psalmist crying, “O Lord, I am your servant,” the three disciples committed themselves to lives of incredible hardship and indescribable joy. After that day on the mountain, they never again wavered in their chosen vocation.

Though our tests may not be as severe as Abraham’s and our peak experiences not as dramatic as the Transfiguration, we all face the daily challenges of walking “before the Lord in the land of the living.” As we follow our varied calls to love and serve, let’s be comforted by Paul’s reminder to the Romans: “If God is for us, who can be against us?”

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### Devotions during Lent Devociones de Cuaresma



Stations of the Cross- Fridays at 6pm in English  
El Via Crucis- Viernes a las 7pm en Español

### Vespers-Evening Prayer:



Tues. evenings at 6pm with the Choir in Eng.

### ✠ Mass Intentions ~St. John the Baptist ✠

|                 |         |                                     |
|-----------------|---------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Sat 11</b>   | 7:30a ✠ | Rose Giannotti (✠)                  |
|                 | 5:30 ✠  | Harry Cinquini (✠)                  |
| <b>Sun 12</b>   | 7:30a ✠ | Frank Gachen (✠)                    |
|                 | 9:30a   | For the People of God               |
| Spanish         | 12:30p  | Jele Frutos (living)                |
|                 | 5:30p   | Delia Jarmush (living)              |
| <b>Mon 13</b>   | 7:30a   | Kitty Galinis (living)              |
| <b>Tues 14</b>  | 7:30a ✠ | Millie Dabrowski (✠)                |
| <b>Wed 15</b>   | 7:30a ✠ | Bertoli Family (living & deceased)  |
| Spanish         | 7:00p   | no intention                        |
| <b>Thurs 16</b> | 7:30a ✠ | Katherine Gavranich (✠)             |
| <b>Fri 17</b>   | 7:30a ✠ | Charles & Helen Shea (✠)            |
| NDS             | 8:45a   | no mass                             |
| <b>Sat 18</b>   | 7:30a ✠ | Jack Hassett (✠)                    |
| Vigil           | 5:30p ✠ | Alex Antonowich (✠)                 |
| <b>Sun 19</b>   | 7:30p ✠ | Katherine Gavranich (✠)             |
|                 | 9:30a   | For the People of God               |
| Latin           | 11:00a  | Special Intention                   |
|                 | 12:30p  | Alfredo Magaña (living)             |
|                 | 5:30p   | Dan Boutwell, Sr. (living/birthday) |

The next Tridentine Latin mass is March 19 at 11:00am.

### ✠ Mass Intentions ~St. James ✠

|                |          |                        |
|----------------|----------|------------------------|
| <b>Sun. 12</b> | 9:00a ✠  | Fr. Richard Doheny (✠) |
|                | 10:30a ✠ | Francisco Hernandez    |

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Inez Enos, Raymond Lamoureux, John Bosanek. And Fr. Doheny and for their families.

✠ Indicates deceased

Childcare is available for the Sunday  
9:30am Mass in the Upper Meeting Room  
of the School.

**The next Tridentine Latin Mass will be  
March 19 at 11am.**

### ST. JOHN' S NEW WEBSITE

You' ll want to check out St. John' s beautiful new website  
[stjohnthebaptistchico.org](http://stjohnthebaptistchico.org)

o ✧ CALENDAR ✧

**Sat. 11**

Confessions 10-11am  
Spanish CFF 12-2pm

**Sun. 12 2nd Sunday of Lent**

Childcare at the 9:30am mass in the Upper Meeting Room  
CFF- English, 10:45- 12noon  
LifeTeen 6:45p - 8:30pm

**Mon. 13**

Jr.LifeTeen 7-8:30pm in Upper Meeting Room  
AA in English

**Tues. 14**

Vespers 6:00pm in the Church  
Choir 6:30p  
CFF for the deaf 6-8p library

**Wed. 15** Mass in Spanish 7p

**Thurs. 16**

Legión de Maria 7p

**Fri. 17 St. Patrick; Abstinence**

A.A. en Español  
Adoration 3:30-4:30p in church  
Stations of the Cross 6pm in English, 7pm in Spanish

**Sat. 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem.**

Confessions 10-11am  
Spanish CFF 12-2p

**Sun. 19 3rd Sunday of Lent**

Childcare at 9:30am mass in the Upper Meeting Room  
CFF- English, 10:45- 12noon  
LifeTeen 6:45-8:30pm

Collections for last Sunday  
St. John the Baptist - \$ 11,767  
St. James - \$585

Thank You for Your Generosity to  
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**Clase pre- Bautismal para Padres v Padrinos:** el primer martes de cada mes En la biblioteca que se encuentra al cruzar la calle de la Iglesia a las 7:00 pm Antes de la clase sSe requiere que primero vengan a la oficina y llenen la registraci3n Para mas informaci3n llame al tel3fono: 343-8741

**La Asociaci3n Guadalupeana** se re3ne el ultimo jueves de cada mes en la Biblioteca, al cruzar la calle de la Iglesia. A las 7:00 PM.

**Poder De Dios.**

No vivimos en nuestro poder, sino en el poder de Dios.

**La Direcci3n Correcta.**

Ve hacia Dios; ya encontraras un camino.

✧ ESPAÑOL ✧

Domingo 12 **Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma.**  
Misa 12:30pm

Lunes 13

Martes 14

Mi3rcoles 15 Coro 6:30p  
Misa 7pm

Jueves 16 Legi3n de Maria 7p  
A.A. en EspaÑol 7pm

Viernes 17 **San Patricio; Abstinencia**  
Exposici3n del Santisimo Sacramento- 3:30-4:30pm  
A.A. en EspaÑol 7 pm.

S3bado 18 Clase de catecismo de 12:00 a 2:00 pm.

Domingo 19 **Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma;**  
Misa 12:30pm

**TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE**



Durante la cuaresma es importante orar, pero muchas personas se declaran ignorantes sobre el tema de la oraci3n. Dicen que nunca aprendieron a orar o que les gustar3a poder orar mejor. Tristemente, muchos tienen un entendimiento equivocado sobre lo que es la oraci3n. Piensan que orar es solo recitar oraciones memorizadas o esperan que la oraci3n produzca visiones extraordinarias como la transfiguraci3n de Jesucristo en el monte Tabor. Esperan que patriarcas y profetas, o por lo menos angeles y santos, se les aparezcan de repente.

No digo que estas cosas no pasan, muchas personas lo han experimentado, algunos de ellos por ser muy santos mientras otros m3s por ser locos. Sinceramente la oraci3n es otra cosa, es m3s f3cil que aprender oraciones de memoria y mucho m3s simple que 3xtasis y visiones. Orar es hablar como hija o hijo de Dios que nos ama como madre, padre, hermano, hermana, amante y amigo. Orar es contarle al SeÑor como nos van las cosas, nuestros temores, nuestros problemas, nuestros gozos y nuestros anhelos. Orar es pasar tiempo con Dios. A veces platicando, y a veces calladitos, pero siempre amados.

**IMPRESI3N**

Cuando tratamos de impresionar, esa es la impresi3n que causamos.

**DIOS ME SOSTIENE**

Tomo para mi seguridad: la fortaleza de Dios, para sostenerme, la sabidur3a de Dios para enseÑarme, el ojo de Dios para cuidarme, el o3do de Dios para escucharme, la palabra de Dios para hablar por mi ,la mano de Dios para ampararme, el camino de Dios para ir delante de mi, el escudo de Dios para protegerme.

**Legi3n de Maria** todos los jueves a las 7:00 de la noche en el Sal3n de conferencia en la planta baja. Llame para informaci3n a Guadalupe Guerra 899-7995 o Raquel Ruiz 343-8741.

**El Grupo de J3venes** se re3nen todos los viernes a las 7:00 PM Te invitamos joven a participar en un grupo alegre y sano en donde puedes compartir tus experiencias con j3venes de tu edad. Para informaci3n llama al tel3fono 343- 0829 con Jaime Blanco.

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**Catholic Marriage Enrichment Group** Our next meeting is April 5, 6:45 – 9pm at the ODS Social Hall. All Catholic married couples are welcome so please join us. If you have questions, please contact Debbie Weinrich at Sierra Counseling Service 342-2878.

**Spaghetti Feed:** 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Spaghetti Feed presented by the Vincenzo Bellini Lodge 2519, Chico, Sons of Italy on Sunday April 2, 1pm – 7pm. Live Italian music, spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread, wine, coffee & milk, ice cream. At the Elks Lodge, 1705 Manzanita Ave., Adults \$10, children (under 10yrs) \$5, take outs available, All invited!! Tickets available from any member or call Joyce Caperello 894-6502. Tickets also available at the door.

**Women's Resource Clinic** is organizing for the annual Walk for Life in Chico. If you can be a team leader from St. John's or St. James, please call Brad Hickey for details at 899-1838.

**Young Men!!!** Could God be calling you to serve him as a priest or brother? **Come and See!!!** The Oblates of St. Joseph are planning a special weekend for men 17 and older to assist you in discovering how God wants you to serve him. This weekend will be held on March 31 through April 2 at Mt. St. Joseph in Loomis, CA. For more info and registration contact Vocations director Fr. Philip Massetti, O.S.J. at (916) 652-6336 or visit our website at [www.osjoseph.org](http://www.osjoseph.org)

**Catholics Returning Home** Were you raised Catholic but no longer or seldom come to Church any more? Are you feeling separated from the Church but want to feel at home? No matter how long you have been away, no matter what the reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church, your Church. Sessions are on Monday evenings. Call Deacon James Burkett for all the details. 893-2348.

**Scripture Study** Join Joe Hollcraft for a study of the Gospel of John each Wed. evening (6:45-7:45 at the Sajben home, 659 Royce Ln. off Cussick Ave. For more information/directions call Joe Hollcraft 899-0243 or Erika 566-1201.

**Kindergarten Orientation:** Mark your calendars for Notre Dame School Kindergarten Orientation. It will be held on Wed., March 15 at 7pm. Come join us in the Kindergarten classroom, 435 Hazel St. You can park in the lot on Chestnut St. and follow the signs. Questions or literature requests, please contact the school at 342-2502. Thank you.

**Notre Dame School Spring Gala Auction!!!** This year's auction is on March 25- we are calling on your generous spirit to help make our event a success for the school. Please consider a donation of goods or services to the auction. Contact Annette Bennett at 521-0719 to coordinate your donation. Thank you for supporting Notre Dame School.

**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 each Friday, Accelerated Reader program, an extensive music program, weekly PE classes, Art, 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.

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**Feeding the homeless** please call Jerry Converse, 342-2134, if you are interested in this rewarding ministry.



**Kid Corral:** Next meeting is March 25<sup>th</sup> from 10-11:30am in the Upper Meeting Room of the School. Kids of all ages are welcome. Call Hillary Gomez (or mom, Kelly) 891-4500 if you have questions.

**Altar Servers** Do you want to become an altar server? Please contact Caitlin O'Toole at 893-8760 or email her at [staytrue89@hotmail.com](mailto:staytrue89@hotmail.com) If are already an altar server and have questions or concerns about the schedule give Caitlin a call.

**Adult Confirmation:** If you are an adult and have not received Confirmation, you may be able to receive Confirmation from the Bishop on May 6, 2006. Please see eligibility requirements from the Diocese listed below. Eligible adults need to contact Jason Van Buskirk at 343-7841 by Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Classes are on Thursday evenings from 7-9 p.m. in the Parish Office Upper Meeting Room - March: 16, 23, 30; April: 6, 13, 20, 27 (if needed); May 4<sup>th</sup> (if needed)

**Eligibility Requirements: To Participate You Must:**

1. Be a baptized Catholic, who has received catechetical instruction at least up to receiving the Eucharist (First Communion).
2. Be either unmarried or in a marriage recognized as valid by the Catholic Church.
3. Obtain a recent copy (issued within the last 6 months) of your Baptismal certificate, including the reverse side with any notations. Include this copy with your registration form.
4. Choose a Confirmation sponsor. Sponsor must be confirmed, practicing Catholic, at least 16 years of age, of either sex; parents may not be the sponsors for their children, grandparents and other relatives may.
5. If you live outside the Diocese of Sacramento, you must request a letter of permission from the Bishop of the Diocese in which you live. Include a copy of this letter with your registration form.

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 ✧ **RETREATS** ✧
 

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**Healing After Abortion Retreat** March 24-26. Struggling after an abortion? Still seeking peace years after the choice? Experience the healing love of Jesus at Rachel's Vineyard Retreat in Auburn, sponsored by the Dioceses 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 @ (916) 733-0161 or



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**Pope Benedict's Prayer Intentions For March**

**General Intention:** "That Catholics grow in mission awareness and offer support and coaboration to missionary work."  
**Mission intention:** "That young people, who are looking for the meaning of life, be understood, respected and supported with patience and love."

"St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen"



If you would like to be on the Lifeteen mailing list please contactt 342-4687 leave us a message and a phone number.  
[www.chicolifeteen.org](http://www.chicolifeteen.org)  
Marijeanne Birchard, youth director  
mbirchard@stjohnthebaptistchico.org

Wed. 3pm-5:30pm and Thurs. 3pm-8pm (these times are sometimes subject to change, so call first to make sure we're open.)

**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS - IN THE ZONE PRAYER GROUP** We meet every Thursday at 5:00pm. Join us at the Youth House as we study Christ's living word in the Scriptures from Genesis to Revelations. All high school students are welcome!!

**JOIN THE CORE!** We are currently looking for new CORE Team members, ages 18 thru 118 with a heart for teens. If you are interested please call 342-4687.

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

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Religious Education Questions ?:  
Call Jason Van Buskirk 343-8741  
Email: [jvanbuskirk@stjohnthebaptistchico.org](mailto:jvanbuskirk@stjohnthebaptistchico.org)

**Jr. High Students**  
Meeting this week: Is a social! So, bring a friend and prepare to have a lot of fun!  
Monday evening 7-8:30pm in the Upper Meeting Room of the School

**CFF Today:** We gather in the Gym at 10:45 for Opening Prayer

**Congratulations to all the kids that made their 1<sup>st</sup> Confession!**

**High School Students**  
Meeting this week: "service"  
Sunday evening after 5:30pm mass until 8:30pm in the Upper Meeting Room of the school.

**Sacrament Parents Class:** Last class is Tuesday, April 11th at 7 p.m. in the Upper Meeting Room. Any questions, please call Jason, 343-8741.

**YOUTH HOUSE SCHOOL HOURS:** We're open Monday-Thursday: Mon. 3pm-4:30pm; Tues. 3pm-8pm;



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**Confirmation:** Is received in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and requires a minimum of 2 years attendance in an approved religious education program. Call Jason 343-8741 for more info.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):** Interested in what the Church teaches, in becoming a Catholic, or have missed some sacraments, please contact Deacon Steve Schwartz 891-0626.

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❖ **BIBLE STUDIES** ❖

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**Men's Bible Study:** meets every Friday morning 6-7am in the Knights of Columbus Room at Our Divine Savior Parish Hall. Also join them for breakfast after from 7-8am if you can. Call Deacon Steve Schwartz 891-0626 for details.

**Women's Bible Study:** Tuesday mornings 9-11am at Terry Matthews' home. Prayer, fellowship, discussion of daily readings and Scott Hahn scripture study. Everyone is welcome—no prior experience needed! Call Terry 893-1644 for details.

**Bible Study with Joe Hollcraft: Scripture Study** Join Joe Hollcraft for a study of the Gospel of John each Wed. evening (6:45-7:45 at the Sajben home, 659 Royce Ln. off Cussick Ave. For more information/directions call Joe Hollcraft 899-0243 or Erika 566-1201.

You can hear Joe "live" on the radio, "**The Catholic Hour: Why Be Catholic**". On KKXX AM930 at 11:00am on Saturdays and re-aired on Sundays at 11:00am.

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❖ **PRAYER GROUPS** ❖

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**Eucharistic Adoration:** Weekly: every Friday 3:30-4:40pm Monthly: the first Monday of the month, all day 8:00am—7:00pm. Benediction is from 6:45-7pm.

**Holy Spirit Prayer Group:** meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at the Newman Center at 7pm. Call Carolyn Cyr or Deacon James Burkett 893-2348 for information.

**Rosary Prayer Group:** meets in the Church on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm. (English)

**Pro-Life Prayer Group — Missionaries to the Unborn:** Help rescue the unborn through prayer. Every Saturday 9:00am-11:00am. we pray outside the Feminist Women's Health Center abortion mill, 1469 Humbolt Rd. (across from the police station) Pray with us and stand for Life. Questions? Call Jim 891-0427.

**In The Zone Prayer Group:** High School students meet Thursday evenings, 5:00pm in the Youth House.

**Kid Corral** For kids of all ages! See Parish News for more information or call Hillary Gomez at 891-4500 (or mom, Kelly)

**Grupo de Oración and Jr. Grupo** meets Tuesday evenings in the upper meeting room of the school at 7:00pm (Spanish)

**Legión de María Rosario** meets on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm. Contact Raquel Ruiz for more information 343-8741 (Spanish)

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❖ **PARISH INFORMATION** ❖

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*Welcome to Our Community*

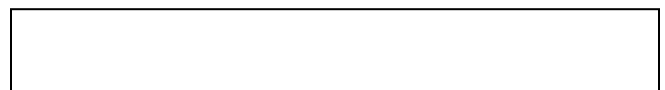
**Registrations:** We are so happy that you have decided to join us. To register with St. John's or our mission church, St. James, fill out a registration form available in the vestibule of the church or church office & drop it in the collection or at the office (343-8741) located across the street from the parking lot at 435 Chestnut St.

**Marriages:** make arrangements with the priest no less than 6 months in advance of your desired date. For an appointment with the priest call the office 343-8741.

**Baptisms:** The required Baptism classes are offered every other month in English and every month in Spanish. Come to the office for a baptism registration form and class information or call the office 343-8741 for information.

**Children's Faith Formation (C.F.F.):** Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. **September–May.** Registration is in August. Classes began Sept 11<sup>th</sup>. Contact Jason Van Buskirk, DRE at the office 343-8741.

**Children's Sacraments:** Requires at least 2 years attendance in Religious Education (CFE or Notre Dame School). Registration is in August. Contact Jason for info. 343-8741.



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38  
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12  
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28  
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31  
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a;  
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19;  
1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

Lunes: Dn 9:4b-10; Lc 6:36-38  
Martes: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12  
Miércoles: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28  
Jueves: Jer 17:5-10; Lc 16:19-31  
Viernes: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a;  
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
Sábado: Miq 7:14-15, 18-20; Lc 15:1-3, 11-32  
Domingo: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Sal 19(18);  
1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

**Liturgy of the Hours ~ wk II*****St John the Baptist's Advertiser of the Week***

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