



The Most Holy Trinity

May 18, 2008

From our Pastor

This last week, I received a letter from Bishop Weigand stating that he had appointed me "Pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish, Chico and the mission of St. James in Durham, effective June 1, 2008, while continuing [my] assignment as Director of the Newman Catholic Community." It is with much joy that I received this news, because over my first few months here I have come to see that this is a vibrant and wonderful community. Still, as I am aware of my own shortcomings and faults, I hope that you will pray for me that I will serve you faithfully, selflessly and humbly. With Father Enrique and Father Chris, together we will all make this journey in Christ. May the Good Lord bless us all!

*In Christ Jesus,
Fr. Blaise Berg*

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ✦

Sat 17	7:30a	✦Anna Elizabeth Pilliard by Delbert Pilliard
	5:30p	✦Barbara Basgall by Elizabeth Basgall
Sun 18	7:30a	✦Robert Quinlan by Consolation Mstry Parish
	9:30a	Parish
	12:30p	✦Rebeca Valenzuela by Antonio Garcia
	5:30p	no intention
Mon 19	7:30a	✦John Reginato & living family by Rosina Reginato
Tues 20	7:30a	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wed 21	7:30a	Mark Stalker (living/b'day) by Lona
	7:00p	✦Simitria Barron by Sonia Villa
Thus 22	7:30a	Bill Mutch (living/b'day) by Patty
Fri 23	7:30a	✦Richard Vercruyssen by Rene Vercruyssen
	8:30a	NDS intentions
SAT 24	7:30a	Dorothy Keyawa by Rene Vercruyssen
	5:30p	no intention

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ✦

Sun 18	9:00a	✦Claire Grzanich by Mom & Dad
	10:30a	no intention

Pray for the repose of the soul of Sandi Martinez, Helen Smith, Bernice Canavan, and for the comfort of their family and friends.

Pancake Breakfast: Knights of Columbus are having a pancake breakfast in DURHAM AT ST. JAMES TODAY from 10am-11am.

TEACHER OPENINGS: St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School in Oroville is hiring for the following three teacher openings: Full-day kindergarten, first and second combination, and seventh and eighth combination. Applicants must have a valid teaching credential and may send a cover letter and resume to 1380 Bird St. Oroville, CA. 95965. For details, call the office at 534-6969 and ask for Joan Briggs, principal.

Special Collection Next Weekend, May 24-25, for the Church in Latin America: This collection will help fellow Catholics in Latin America and the Caribbean who are rich in spirit but lacking in material resources. Proceeds are used for: training seminarians and religious men and women; providing pastoral care to the sick; providing formation training to pastoral ministers within parishes; strengthening family ministries; and developing ministries to youth and indigenous people. Please be generous.

SACRED POLYPHONY: TODAY Sunday May 18th, the Chico State Chamber Singers will be providing liturgical music for the Latin Mass at St. John's at 2:30pm.

Bucks Lake: Registration forms now available! Camp will be July 31st-Aug 3rd. Come camp, swim, fish, canoe, play and pray with fellow Catholic families!!! Registration forms available in the back of the church or in the parish office. Call Karen Rose at 343-9519 or email Schicoroses@sbcglobal.net for more information.



History Book Project Update: We are in need of typists. If typing is your gift, please consider helping out with this project. We also need writers who can synthesize information from our archive. This does not require a large commitment of time. Also, thanks to the many parishioners who have helped to contribute information, photos and memories for this project. If you have not found the time to get your information to us, you are not too late. Contact Cathy O'Toole at 893-8760.

Catholic Daughters: May 30th, 11:30am Luncheon at Scrambles. See you there. Call Lil at 342-3008 for details.

2nd Week of May

Sunday Collection	\$8,028
Maintenance Fund	\$1,965

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

--2 Corinthians 9:7

ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE

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LIFE TEEN – Join us on May 18th for our End of the Year party. We are saying good-bye to the school year and welcoming in the summer (a little early). We hope to see you all there.

MASS – We are trying to give God our best everyday. CORE and teens are all trying to dress in our Sunday best for Mass and we are offering the chance at a little prize if you do.

YOUTH HOUSE DROP-IN – Come hang out with friends from 3-6pm at the Youth House every Tuesday afternoon

EDGE – Our year has come to an end, but if you are in 6th grade this year we invite you to join us for our summer EDGE activities. If you are in 8th grade this year as soon as graduation rolls around we invite you to join us for our LIFE TEEN activities. Look for a calendar of events in upcoming bulletin.

◆ **ADULT FAITH FORMATION** ◆

Women's Ministry Group will be meeting again at ODS on Thursday May 8th at ODS Social Hall from 6:45-9pm. We will be discussing Chapter 8 from the book "Experience Grace in Abundance, Ten Strategies for Your Spiritual Life" by Johnette Benkovic. If you have any questions call Pat Hackney at 342-5528 or Mary Waldorf at 345-8638. You are encouraged to bring your bible with you.

Catholics Returning Home: 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. 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

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. This week (Sat May 17th & Sun May 18th) Joe will consider the meaning of the Trinity and its practical application in our faith today. Next week Joe will break open John 6 and the Eucharistic discourse. 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.

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



Religious Education Questions
Call 343-8741

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THOSE WHO WERE CONFIRMED AND TO THOSE WHO MADE THEIR 1ST COMMUNION!

LAST DAY OF CFF - TODAY, MAY 18

LOOK FOR REGISTRATION PACKETS IN THE MAIL IN AUGUST (EVERYONE MUST REGISTER EVERY YEAR)

◆ **MARRIAGE & FAMILY** ◆

"Northern Lights" Community Love Circle: For more information please call Stephanie or James at 893-2348, email burkett7@sbcglobal.net



Respect for Life Committee: There are no two human beings closer than a mother and her unborn child. Abortion disrupts, denies, and distorts the union of these two persons, and in doing so, further destroys family and societal unity. Standing for life and protecting the unborn means fostering the "communion" we see, in its ultimate form, in the Trinity. **Prayer: Most Holy Trinity, renew the life in each of us, and make us worthy apostles of the Culture of Life in our day! Amen.** 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 May 19th, at 3:30pm in the parish library.**



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).

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

*God so loved the world that he gave his only Son
-- John 3:16a*

Mercy Catholic High School in Red Bluff is now accepting applications for the 2008-2009 school year. Mercy High School is a fully accredited college preparatory school with visual as well as performing arts classes. There are openings in grades 9-12. Please call the school at 527-8313 for further information and to set an appointment, or visit www.mercy-high.org.

Attention Prayerful Single Women: The Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus in La Mesa, Ca. are hosting a free Live in Experience vocations retreat May 30-June 1. Pray and work with the community and hear the informative vocational talks. These retreats are very popular so make your reservations soon. There is no cost but space is limited. If you take a bus or plane to the nearest major city they will pick you up. Call 1-800-221-1807 for more dates and info.

Raising Kids With Character: Take the 'Fear Factor' out of Parenting! Excellent workshop for parents of grammar school-age children will be offered on Saturday, May 31 from 9am-12noon at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Hall sponsored by the Diocese of Sacramento. Syndicated Catholic radio host, Dr. Coleen Kelly Mast, of the radio program "The Doctor Is In" will lead this informative workshop for all parents. Come and get answers to questions such as: What are the 4 priorities of a good parent? What are some simple ideas for teaching character at home? Cost of the workshop is \$10. For more information or to register, call the diocese at 916-733-0123.

An Open Invitation for all of the professed Secular Franciscan Order members to attend the newly forming fraternity of SFO at St Thomas More Catholic Church in Paradise. Meetings are held on the first Saturday of the month at 9am. We would love to meet with you and share our journeys. If you are infirmed, homebound or unable to attend please contact Dirk. For more information or directions contact Dirk Wohlou SFO at 876-1613.

Attention prayerful single men: The Holy Trinity Trappist Monastery in Huntsville, Utah will be hosting two exciting "Live-In Experience" vocational retreats soon. Work and pray with the monks on their 2000-acre farm and enjoy the vocational talks. The dates are June 11-15 and Aug 6-10. There is no cost but space is limited. For more dates and information call 1-800-221-1807.

Pilgrimage: (Nov 6th-20th) Join Fr. Enrique Alvarez on his journey to the Holy Land, Jordan, and Egypt. There is no joy like the joy of being in the Holy Land. Walking where Jesus walked, a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, standing on the Mount of Beatitudes, praying in the Garden of Gethsemane and celebrating together at the Tomb over our Lord's resurrection! Then on to Mt. Nebo where Moses stood overlooking the Jordan Valley. From there the trip will continue on to Petra and climb Moses Mountain where God delivered the Ten Commandments. There will also be a visit to St. Catherine Monastery in the Sinai Desert. Please pick up the brochure in the back of the church and consider joining us!

Sun 18	The Most Holy Trinity 10:45am-12:00pm CFF 2:30pm Latin Mass 5:45pm Lifeteen
Mon 19	7th Week in Ordinary Time 6-8pm English AA 6:30-8pm BSA #2 (convent) 7-8:30pm Edge 7-9pm Spanish Cursillo
Tues 20	St. Bernardine of Siena 6:30pm choir 7pm Grupo Carismatico
Wed 21	St. Christopher Magallanes & companions 6-9pm Spanish AA 7pm BSA #2 (Cafeteria)
Thur 22	St. Rita of Cascia 7pm Rosary
Fri 23	3:30pm Adoration 6-9pm Spanish AA
Sat 24	10am Confessions

Library Hours:

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



LIBRARY NOTICE: *If you have library materials at home that are overdue, please return them to the parish office or the library so that we may keep them in circulation for others to enjoy. Thank you.*

Pope Benedict XVI's Prayer Intentions for May

General: *That, following the example of the Virgin Mary, all Christians should allow themselves to be guided by the word of God and always remain attentive to the signs of the Lord in his own life.*

Mission: *That in the mission territories there may be no lack of good and enlightened teachers in the major Seminaries and in the Institutes of consecrated life.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17; Mk 9:38-40
Thursday: Jas 5:1-16; Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Jas 5:9-12; Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Jas 5:13-20; Mk 10:13-16
Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

Liturgy of the Hours - I

