

Ascension of the Lord



May 24, 2009

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ✦

Sat 23	7:30a	William Breeze by Susan Jeffries
	5:30p	✦ Carlos Mota by Maria C
Sun 24	7:30a	✦ Merv Mayer by Jean Mayer
	9:00a	People of God
	12:30p	✦ John Swift by Ester Swift & Family
	5:30p	Delia Jarmush (living/b'day) by Grandparents
Mon 25	7:30a	✦ Bud Stalker by Lona Stalker
Tues 26	7:30a	Olga & Camelio Gomez (living) by Beatriz
Wed 27	7:30a	✦ Luiz Miguel Correa by Maria
	7:00p	✦ Simitria Barron by Sonia Villa
Thur 28	7:30a	✦ Dorothy Rabo by Jane Rabo
Fri 29	7:30a	✦ Rusty Beauchane by Andrea Beauchane
Sat 30	7:30a	Ramon & Beatriz Moreno (living) by Beatriz
	5:30p	✦ Alfonso Mota by Maria Correa
		✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ✦
Sun 24	9:00a	✦ Patrick Murphy by Murphy Family
	10:30a	✦ Simitria Barron by Sonia Villa
		<i>Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Yaney, Abby Schifferle, Jean Elgart, and for their family and friends.</i>

3rd week of May

Collection	Actual	Budget
May 17	\$7,649	\$7,931
Year to date	\$395,881	\$467,801

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

Special Collection for the Church in Latin America:

This weekend (May 23/24) is the collection for the Church in Latin America. A contribution to this collection is a tangible way to express your solidarity with your brothers and sisters throughout Mexico, Central and South America, and the Caribbean. Donations to the collection fund pastoral projects that bring people more fully into the life of the Catholic Church. Please contribute generously.

ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE

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Good-bye: We congratulate Fr. Enrique on his new assignment as Pastor of St Lawrence Parish. We want to assure Father that we will be praying for him.



We wish a warm welcome to our new parish priest Fr. Arthur Najera. He will be taking Fr. Enrique's place. He will be ordained to the priesthood on Monday, May 25th 10:30am at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Sacramento. All are welcome to attend. Fr Arthur will join us in early June.

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



PLEASE NOTE: Adoration on Friday May 29th has been cancelled due to Notre Dame's 8th Grade Graduation. They will be getting the church ready for graduation. Also, Friday Adoration will be from 8-9am beginning June 5th for the summer.

Altar Candles: As the heat of summer approaches, and as a cost savings, we will be using the two candles on either side of the altar. According to the General Instructions of the Roman Missal the other candles are not required for proper celebration of the Mass.

Annual Festa: The Portuguese Holy Ghost Fatima Club will be holding their annual Festa on Sunday, May 31th. The day's festivities will begin with the crowning of the Queens here at St. John's at 9:00am Mass. After Mass, the Festa will proceed to the Portuguese Hall (14th St and Broadway). The traditional soupas meal will be served from 11:30am until 1:30pm and then again in the evening from 6-8pm. There will be an auction immediately following the noon meal. Traditional Portuguese music will be played through out the day and evening.

Aloha, Mrs. Maguire! Notre Dame School's beloved Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Dottie Maguire, is retiring at the end of this school year after 30 years of teaching. We are inviting all alumni, family and friends to join us at a luau party in her honor Tuesday, June 2, 5:30pm Mass with party to follow at the Newman Center. Please bring a salad or side dish to share. We also encourage you to dig through those old photos and mementos to create a scrapbook page for her. All pages need to be 12"X12" in size. Bring your finished pages to the school office by Friday, May 29. Questions? Call 342-2502.



Bucks Lake Family Camp- July 23-

26: Family, Faith, Fun!!! The perfect 'stay-cation'! Join our church family this

summer for camping, canoeing, skits, fellowship with other Catholic families and much more. Look for registration forms soon. Contact Karen Rose at 343-9519.

❖ **ADULT FAITH FORMATION** ❖

Catholics Returning Home: What do people need? A feeling of belonging and acceptance, a place of welcome and hope, a belief in the Lord and Church. This is a group gathering to help you get reconnected to the Church you were once baptized into. Most participants eventually seek to move deeper into religious education of their faith. These continuing sessions are held on Monday evenings from 7-8:30pm. We cover such topics as the Church's teaching on divorce/remarriage, Mary, Angels and Saints, Prayer and Spirituality. For more information contact Deacon Burkett at 893-2348 or Sharon Hazelton at 891-5334.



RCIA: How do adult non-Catholics become Catholic? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process by which adults become members of our Catholic faith community. If you, or someone you know, are interested in learning about the Catholic faith, or are interested in becoming a Catholic, please join us for three monthly information meetings before we formally begin RCIA classes in early September. The meetings will be on Thursday evenings from 7-9pm on May 28th, June 25th, and July 23rd. They are held in the upper meeting room of the Parish Office (435 Chestnut St.). All are welcome and there is no obligation. For additional information contact Deacon Steve Schwartz at 891-0626.

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. Next meeting is May 28th. 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, May 23rd-24th, Joe will examine the proper the way to interpret Sacred Scripture. The following week Joe will consider Pentecost as the birth of the Catholic Church. You can e-mail Joe at jhollmj@yahoo.com if you have any questions about the radio program and/or the Catholic faith or go to the parish website and click on Joe Hollcraft's blog.

Saint Joseph Communication: YOUR LIFE IN CHRIST CD series by Joe Hollcraft is once again available at the parish office for \$20. Discover a practical guide to everyday spirituality.

Rosary Prayer Group: meets on Wed evenings at 7pm. 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.

The Ship of the Church

The Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship, but to keep her on her course.

-St. Boniface



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Life Teen - WELCOME 8TH GRADERS- on June 14th we welcome all our graduating 8th graders into LIFE TEEN please join us after the 5:30pm Mass for our Summer kick-off from 7-8:30pm

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

Religious Education Questions - Call 343-8741

The Confirmation pictures are in please come by the office to pick them up.

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

Everyone have a wonderful summer!

❖ **MARRIAGE & FAMILY** ❖



Respect for Life Committee: The Priests for Life began the "Pentecost Novena for Life" on May 21. Although this novena is in process, you can still join in prayer. Go to: <http://www.priestsforlife.org/novenas/pentecost.aspx> to find the novena prayer. A Spanish version is also available. 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: Your honeymoon was a special time. Wherever you went, the things you saw and did were secondary. Just being together was most important. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend has the same focus. The weekend centers entirely on your relationship. It is a positive, simple common sense, private experience between you and your spouse, that revitalizes marriage by helping you to see again those loving qualities in each other that you may be taking for granted. **The next weekend in Sacramento will be Sept 25-27 2009. For more information contact Stephanie and Deacon James Burkett at 893-2348.**

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

Fr Terry Fulton requests the presence of his many friends from St. John's as he celebrates his 65th birthday and the 15th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood at 6pm on Saturday, May 30, 2009 in Woodland. The festivities will take place at the Holy Rosary Parish Community Center, 503 California St. Woodland. Sandwiches and drinks will be provided. Join Fr. Terry as he celebrates these very special occasions. If you plan to come, it would be most helpful to the planners if you would RSVP to Cathy at 893-8760.

Father's Day with Bishop Soto: The Offices of Youth and Family Life would like to invite you to Raley Field, home of the Rivercats, for Father's Day, June 21 to watch a game with Bishop Soto! If you and other families from St. John's are interested in attending, a block of tickets can be purchased by picking up a form at the parish office. You can also go the Diocese website and follow the links to the diocesan youth & young adult ministry webpage to purchase tickets. Cost is \$10 a person. Don't miss this great opportunity for your parish family to join with our diocesan family to honor our dads on their special day!

Director of Marriage & Family Life Position: The Diocese of Sacramento has an immediate opening for Administrator for the Department of Evangelization & Catechesis/Director of Marriage & Family Life. For more information and a complete job description, visit the diocesan website www.diocese-sacramento.org and look under employment. To apply, please email cover letter and resume to personnel@diocese-sacramento.org by June 1, 2009.

Host Families Needed: Cultural Homestay International (CHI), a non-profit educational exchange organization needs families to host international students attending the local high school for the 2009-2010 academic year. The students come from 17 different countries. We need caring families to share a learning experience of a lifetime! Hosting is a great way to promote peace and to learn about a different culture. Host families provide room, board and family life. Students have their own medical insurance and pay their own school and personal expenses. CHI provides help to the students, families and schools as well as organized travel for the students throughout the year. If you are interested, please contact Tami Farrell at 345-3396.

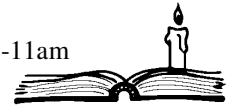
EMHC AND LECTOR SCHEDULE FOR MAY

TIME	EMHC	LECTOR
5:30pm Sat	Karen Neadly Arlie Hixson Tom Hixson	Karen Monroe Bruce Neadly
7:30am Sun	Jean Mayer Ona Mertens Yolanda Holt	Marlene Lach John O'Hara
9:00am Sun	Diane Smith Ernie Behr Bill McKellar Barbara Santos Donna Houston Dan Boutwell	Bill Mutch Claire Johnson

Sun	24	Ascension of the Lord
Mon	25	St. Bede the Venerable, St. Gregory VII, St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi Memorial Day/OFFICE CLOSED 6-8pm English AA
Tues	26	St. Philip Neri 6:30pm choir practice
Wed	27	St. Augustine of Canterbury 6-9pm Spanish AA
Thu	28	
Fri	29	Adoration Cancelled/ Notre Dame Graduation 6-9pm Spanish AA
Sat	30	10am Confessions

Library Hours & News:

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



The Parish Library is always acquiring new materials both by donation and the financial assistance of our parishioner's. Here's what's new:

New to our collection is a book titled Sor Juana Inez de La Cruz; Poems, Protest, and a Dream. Perhaps the first feminist in the western hemisphere, Sor Juana was one of the intellectual lights of the 17th century. This edition has Spanish on the left hand side of the page with the English translation on the right.

Three new videos have been given to the library all of which prove promising. St. Clare of Assisi and the Poor Clares is a documentary on both the life of this great Italian saint and the life of her daughters today.

Narrated by Martin Sheen, the documentary The Story of the Twelve Apostles gives us an insight into the character of the disparate individuals that our Lord chose as his closest allies and friends.

The 13 part series produced by EWTN Padre Pio: the Priest Who Bore the Wounds of Christ is also now available on 2 video tapes. Fr. Andrew Apostoli explores the incredible life of this humble Italian stigmatic.

Please stop by after Mass on Sunday a check out one of these or choose from our many other family friendly movies!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33
 Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a
 Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19
 Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26
 Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19
 Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25
 Sunday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20

Liturgy of the Hours Week III

