

I am with you always



The Ascension of the Lord May 4, 2008

NOTE TIME CHANGE JUST THIS MONTH

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday, May 5th

STARTING AT 12 NOON (NOTE TIME CHANGE)

through 3:15pm Benediction.

Sign-ups are in the vestibule.

All hours must be covered.

Come spend a Holy Hour with Jesus



✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ✦

Sat 3	7:30a	Mother's Day Novena Begins
	5:30p	✦Rose Giannotti by Sam Giannotti
Sun 4	7:30a	✦Lena Costa by Consolation Mstry
	9:30a	Parish
	12:30p	no intention
	5:30p	Mother's Day Novena
Mon 5	7:30a	Mother's Day Novena
Tues 6	7:30a	Mother's Day Novena
Wed 7	7:30a	✦Mary Van Buskirk by Lona Stalker
	7:00p	Mother's Day Novena
Thus 8	7:30a	Mother's Day Novena
Fri 9	7:30a	Mother's Day Novena.
	8:30a	Mike & Elaine Stalker (living/anniv) by Lona Stalker
SAT 10	7:30a	Mother's Day Novena
	12:00p	✦Elvia Montez Quezada (1 st Anniv. Mass)
	5:30p	✦Mary Valine by Borgess Family

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ✦

Sun 4	9:00a	no intention
	10:30a	Maribel Hernandez (living 3 rd Birthday)

Pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Valine, and for the comfort of her family and friends.

4th Week of April

Sunday Collection \$ 5,479

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

--2 Corinthians 9:7

BRING YOUR CHURCH BULLETIN: The Breakfast Buzz will give 10% back to Notre Dame School when you bring in your copy of the bulletin and purchase a meal. They serve breakfast and lunch, open from 7am-2pm everyday and are located on the corner of 2nd and Cedar.

✦ PARISH & SCHOOL NEWS ✦

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.

Annual Festa: The Portuguese Holy Ghost Fatima Club will be holding their annual Festa on Sunday, May 11th. The day's festivities will begin with the crowning of the Queens here at St. John's at 9:30am 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.

Mother's Day Brunch: Sunday, May 11th from 8am-2pm hosted by the Newman Center. Proceeds will benefit the Torres Shelter and the Newman Center. Buffet menu: quiches, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausages, pancakes, bagels, fresh fruit juices, coffee, tea & mimosas...and a raffle! Tickets are available after all Masses & M-F, 9am-4:30pm at the Newman Center. Tickets also available at Chico Chamber of Commerce (300 Salem St), Lyon's Books (121 W 5th St), St. John's or ODS. Cost: Adults \$10, Students & Children (5 and older) \$6, Children 4 and younger are FREE. Tickets at the door, add \$2.



History Celebration: We still need your memories, your pictures, and your ideas for the history of our parish from 1978-2008. Let's not allow our memories to fade into oblivion.

Email Cathy O'Toole cotoole@stjohnthebaptistchico.org or call 893-8760. You can also call the parish office at 343-8741. *Thank you to those who have already responded.*

Catholic Daughters: May 8th at 1pm will be their regular meeting. They will have a Birthright Baby Shower so please bring a baby gift. Also, they will elect new officers.

Catholic Ladies Relief Society #3: Due to the Grand Council Convention on May 6th-7th, the meeting for CLRS#3 will be postponed to May 13th. It will be at ODS at 1pm with social starting at 12:30pm. The Postal Food Drive will be on May 9th and if you have time, we would appreciate any help that you can give us. The food will be brought to ODS for sorting and storing. We only have two meetings left for this year and then a summer break. The Chico Community Food Locker is open Mon-Fri from 9am-12pm. If you have any questions, please call Sandy at 345-1601.

FOR SALE: 1997 Ford Expedition SUV, excellent condition, 160,000 miles, \$5,000. For more info, call Newman Center, 342-5180.

ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE

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LIFE TEEN – XLT – Today, Sunday May 4th FR.
CHRIS is our speaker for our XLT. Please join us to hear about Fr. Chris' vocation, enjoy some time in adoration and praise and worship and of course a free dinner. All of this right after the 5:30pm LIFE TEEN Mass.

NO LIFE TEEN Next week please spend time with your mother's and spiritual mother's and we will see you all on the May 18th for our Senior Send-Off.

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.

NO YOUTH HOUSE DROP-IN – We will have drop-in time again next week.

EDGE – NO Monday night EDGE. We do invite all 7th and 8th graders to join us for XLT tonight, Sunday, May 4th to hear Fr. Chris' talk and join us for adoration, praise and worship and a free dinner right after the 5:30pm Mass

❖ **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 Johnnette 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. Due to Joe Hollcraft's absence over these next two weeks, April 26th through May 4th, Joe will re-air his program this week on understanding the basic principles that surround interpreting scripture in the Church. The following week Joe will break open the meaning of Pentecost. 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

UPCOMING SACRAMENTS

Confirmation: Wed, May 7th at 7pm. Be at the church by 6:30pm



1st Communion: May 17th, 11am in Spanish, 3pm in English. Be there half an hour before.

❖ **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: 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.**

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.

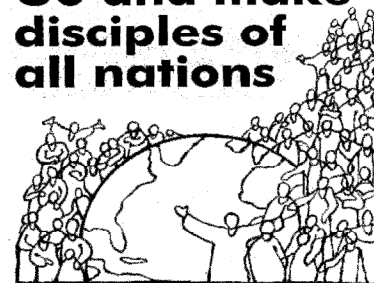


Marriage Encounter: Make a great marriage even better! Sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Call Stephanie & Deacon James Burkett at 893-2348 for more information.

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).

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

Go and make disciples of all nations



Healing After Abortion Retreat June 6-8: Struggling after an abortion? Still seeking peace years after the choice? Experience the healing love of Jesus at Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, June 6-8. The weekend retreat will combine discussions, scripture-based spiritual exercises, sacrament of reconciliation, memorial service and Mass. Open to women, men, couples and family members touch by abortion. The cost is \$175 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. Financial assistance is available. For a registration packet or more information, call Debbie at 916-733-0161. Inquiries and participation are strictly confidential.

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. We wish to have you become part of our Franciscan family. 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.

University of Sacramento summer session this year will run from June 2nd through Aug 11th. We invite you to visit our website to see a list of course offerings. For information, applications, and registration forms go to www.universityofsacramento.org. Each course will be held one night per week, from 6-9:35pm for 11 weeks.

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!

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. For all the details, please call 743-7542.

Sun 4	7th Sunday of Easter 10:30am-12noon CFF 2:30pm Latin Mass 6:45pm Lifeteen
Mon 5	12-3:15pm Adoration/Exposition 6-8pm English AA 6:30-8pm BSA #2 NO Edge Tonight 7-9pm Spanish Cursillo
Tues 6	6:30pm choir 7pm Grupo Carismatico
Wed 7	6-9pm Spanish AA 7pm Confirmation 7pm BSA #2 (Cafeteria)
Thur 8	7pm Rosary
Fri 9	3:30pm Adoration 6-9pm Spanish AA
Sat 10	Blessed Damien of Molokái 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: 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: **Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b
Ps 104; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

Liturgy of the Hours -III

