

I am with you  
always



# The Ascension of the Lord

May 16, 2010

### From the Pastor's Desk

On the first of May, we celebrated the feast of St. Joseph the Worker and on May 31<sup>st</sup>, we will celebrate the Visitation of Mary. The last three Sundays of this month, we celebrate the solemnities of the Ascension of the Lord, Pentecost and the Most Holy Trinity. It's appropriate that these celebrations of the divine mysteries of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are bracketed by feasts which honor Joseph and Mary. Through their obedience to God, Mary and Joseph made it possible that Jesus be born, live among us, reveal his Father and the Holy Spirit, die and rise for us.

Please God, we take the time and use the energy to give Jesus a home in our lives. As we finish up the "sacrament season," when our younger members celebrate the sacraments of Penance and Eucharist for the first time, and others celebrate Confirmation, may we be inspired by their example and re-commit ourselves to growing in God's grace. Like Joseph, may we protect and defend Jesus and his Church when the opportunities to do so arise. Like Mary, may we say yes to God even when the going gets tough. May our "visitations" this month and always be as faith-filled and spirit-filled as the one between Mary and Elizabeth.

In Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
*Fr. Blaise R. Berg*

**Hospitality:** NO HOSPITALITY IN THE LIBRARY TODAY due to Pancake Breakfast.

**SATURDAY CONFESSION WILL BE IN THE PARISH OFFICE ON MAY 22, AT 10AM DUE TO FIRST COMMUNION.**



**Pancake Breakfast:** Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast TODAY, May, 16 from 8:30am-11 at St. John's. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children under 12 or \$20 for a family of five or more!

**SPECIAL COLLECTION:** Next weekend, May 22-23, is the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Collection proceeds support training for seminarians and religious men and women; pastoral care of the sick; formation for lay leaders; family and youth ministries; and religious education for all age groups.

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!!** Bucks Lake Family Camp July 29th-Aug 1st. Come join fellow Catholic families in the woods by Bucks Lake. Enjoy family games, crafts for the kids, activities for teens, singing by the campfire, family skit night, delicious meals prepared by an amazing local chef, outdoor masses and much, much more. Call Karen at 343-9519 for more information.

**Shepherds Field Olive Wood Handcraft** religious articles will be for sale after all Masses on May 22-23. Catholic families that live in the Holy Land work in small workshops to produce religious articles from olive wood that represents the Christian art of the Holy Land.

**The Portuguese Holy Ghost Fatima Club** will be holding their annual Festa on Sunday May 23, at 9am Mass with the crowning of the Queens. After Mass the Festa will proceed to the Portuguese Hall for the traditional soupas meal to be served from 12noon to 1:30pm (auction to follow) and then again in the evening from 6-8pm. More details to come.

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

Sat 15	7:30a	ST. ISIDORE Bertoli Family (living & deceased) by Juanita
	5:30p	✧Manuel Bettencourt by Diana Bettencourt
Sun 16		THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
	7:30a	✧Lena Morgado by Roberta Mendonca
	9:00a	Parish
	10:30a	✧Bob Sanders by Culbreath Family
	12:30p	✧Rebecca Valenzuela
	5:30p	✧Jim O'Toole & Family by CSUC Econ Dept
Mon 17	7:30a	Souls in Purgatory by Jane & Mike
Tues 18		ST. JOHN I
	7:30a	✧Linda Morgado Springs by Marlene Morgado
Wed 19	7:30a	✧Gerald Laurin by Lyle & Therese Anderson
	6:30p	✧Ricardo Lara by Consolation Mstry
Thur 20		ST. BERNADINE OF SIENA
	7:30a	✧James Bambino by Lyle & Therese Anderson
		ST. Christopher Magallanes & companions
Fri 21	7:30a	✧Jim O'Toole & living Family by Pierini Family
Sat 22		ST. RITA OF CASCIA
	7:30a	✧Mary Van Buskirk by Lona Stalker
	5:30p	✧Maria Barros by Joe & Bernice Toste
		✧ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ✧
Sun 16	9:00a	✧Mary Grzanich by Jim Grzanich
	10:30a	no intention

**Principal Opening:** St. John's parish school founded by the Sisters of Notre Dame has been providing a quality education with the Diocese of Sacramento since 1928. Present enrollment is 202 students. Notre Dame School is located at St. John the Baptist parish and serves all the local parishes as well as the greater Chico area. Aided by the Holy Spirit, it is their mission to work with the family and the faith community to impart faith in God and the values, traditions, and teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. Their Catholic education emphasizes positive leadership through modeling and excellent academics within a safe and nurturing environment. The Principal position officially begins July 1, 2010. Applicants must be active, practicing Catholics, have at least four years of experience at the elementary school level, hold a valid and current teaching credential as well as an earned, advanced degree in Educational Administration or enrolled in a program leading to an administrative credential. If you are interested in applying, please submit your resume to Dom Puglisi, Superintendent, Diocese of Sacramento Office number (916) 733-0112, fax (916) 733-0120, email address dpuglisi@diocese-sacramento.org. Applications need to be submitted as soon as possible.



**Scripture Study/Radio:** Joe Hollcraft is live on AM 930 and FM 107.5 at 11:00am-12:00 each Saturday and Sunday (re-aired). Each week Joe will offer a teaching and reflection on the readings from the Mass. In addition, he will look at all the important questions that people are asking about the faith today. **This week, May 15<sup>th</sup> and May 16<sup>th</sup>, Joe will be joined by Mikail Whitfield and they will offer a teaching on the Ascension. Among other things, they will reflect upon “God the Father’s great promise”.** The following week Joe will offer a reflection on Pentecost as the birth of the Church. Do not hesitate to send Joe any of your questions [jhollmjm@yahoo.com](mailto:jhollmjm@yahoo.com)

**Taizé Prayer Service:** Join us at 7pm on Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> for Taizé at the Newman Center. Taizé is a quiet meditative prayer service using scripture and simple melodies to help us to focus on God.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S MINISTRY:** If you are a woman in search of fellowship we are starting another segment of our study of the bible. **Next meeting will be May 27 in the Knights of Columbus room in the social hall at ODS from 6:45p-9 pm. Call Mary Waldorf at 345-8638.**

**Rosary Prayer Group** will now meet on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in the church. For more information, call 898-1183 or 342-2323.

**Holy Spirit Prayer Group** meets at 7pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wed of each month at the Newman Center. For more information call Sharon, 891-5334 or James, 893-2348.

**The Abbey of New Clairvaux** is hosting a Life Discernment Weekend, June 4-7, 2010 for single Catholic men 22-35. If interested please respond by May 22. Contact the vocation director for information: 839-2900.

❖ CFF: CHILDREN’S FAITH FORMATION ❖

*Religious Education Questions - Call 343-8741*

CONFIRMATION PICTURES ARE IN. PLEASE COME AND PICK THEM UP AT THE PARISH OFFICE.



Congratulations to all CFF and Notre Dame students who made their First Communion Saturday May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**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  
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23

**Liturgy of the Hours Week III**



Coordinator of Youth Ministries, Andrea Florez  
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**Life Teen** – All high school teens are welcome to join us after Life Teen Mass from 7-8:30pm in the Upper Meeting Room.

**High School Seniors-** are invited for a special graduation blessing this Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at the 5:30 Life Teen Mass.

❖ MARRIAGE & FAMILY ❖



**Respect for Life:** Everyone is welcome to go to Planned Parenthood on Wednesdays, which is now located at 3100 Cohasset Road, between Lupin and Lassen Avenue, across from the Butte County Fire station, and/or the Women's Feminist Abortion Center on Humboldt on Fridays, and pray for the mothers, fathers, and the safety of the unborn babies. Come any time from 9am to 12 noon.



**Marriage Encounter:** “Father, they are your gift to me.” Do you live your marriage/holy orders as a gift to Jesus? Come away and gift-wrap your sacrament. The next local Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be **June 11-13 and August 27-29 in Sacramento. Early registration is highly recommended.** Contact Stephanie and 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 Jenni Schaeffer (893-5474) or Jackie Hollcraft M.S.; P.A.C. 519-5081)

Chastity is something we are all called to. What does chastity mean for marriage? Call 1-877-33-CANFP or go to [www.canfp.org](http://www.canfp.org)

**Library Hours & News:**

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



“Buy the Book” Bazaar coming on Pentecost Sunday. Good Christian books and videos strengthen our walk and enrich our faith community. Please join in the festivities to support our parish library on Sunday, May 23.

**2<sup>nd</sup> week of May**

<u>Collection</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
May 9	\$6,837	\$9,705
Year to date	\$395,529	\$404,758

(St. James total for May 9: (\$695)

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