



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 16, 2008

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ✦	
Sat 15	7:30a ✦ John & Mary O'Hara by John O'Hara 5:30p No intention
Sun 16	7:30a No intention 9:30a Parish 12:30p ✦ Serafina Torres & Eleuterio Montiel 5:30p ✦ Romuald & Michael Hutter by Birtchie Hutter
Mon 17	7:30a ✦ Anna Elizabeth Pilliard by Delbert Pilliard
Tues 18	7:30a ✦ Michelle Thompson by Don & Hilda Thompson
Wed 19	7:30a ✦ Yvonne Richard Cleo Richard (living) 7pm No intention
Thu 20	7:30a No intention
Fri 21	7:30a Janis Robinson (living b'day) ✦ Yvonne Richard by Cleo Richard
Sat 22	9:00a ✦ Fr Michael Gualco and former pastors of St John the Baptist Parish (living & deceased) 5:30p ✦ Harry Cinquini by Marie Cinquini
✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ✦	
Sun 23	9:00a No intention 10:30a No intention

Pray for the repose of the souls of Mary Bettencourt, Michelle Thompson, Mary Kosterman and for the comfort of their family and friends.

Parish Landscape Opportunity- A new group is forming at the parish to maintain the landscaping of the parish grounds. We are looking for people who enjoy getting their hands dirty, working with the soil, and wish to give time to maintaining the beauty of our parish. This should not require a great deal of time if we find enough people who are interested in this apostolate. If you would like to volunteer some of your time please contact the parish office at 343-8741 and leave your name and phone number. We will contact you with the date and time of our first gardening session. We would like to get our parish grounds looking good prior to our Centennial Mass Celebration on Nov. 22

Catholic Campaign for Human Development: Nearly 37million people in the United States live below the poverty line and 13 million of those are children. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development works to create lasting solutions to the problem of poverty through real community change. Please donate prayerfully and generously to DDHD next weekend to help those in poverty help themselves.

Coming Soon the Annual Caring Tree: Each year we honor our senior shut-ins-those in care homes and those who are at home. Be prepared to draw a name and buy a gift for this someone. It is the way that we, St John and St. James parishioners let them know that they are not forgotten.

Pack #2 Cub Scouts from St John's The orders for Christmas Wreaths, Sprays and Holiday Gifts will be delivered in early December. Contact Terry or Marie Huitt at 343-0017 if you have any questions.

Adult Choir Rehearsal: If anyone would like to join the choir, practices are on Tuesday nights from 6:30-8pm in the Church. For more information call Sally 343-1011.

NOTICE: The locked cabinets in the cafeteria are being reorganized. Any organizations that are currently using any of the cabinets are asked to remove their items temporarily. Please let the office know who you are and how many cabinet spaces you need. 343-8741

Confessions are cancelled for Saturday, Nov. 22 because of our Centennial Mass celebration. Confessions are always available by appointment during the week. You may call the office at 343-8741.

St John's Official Centennial Celebrations will conclude on Saturday, November 22 with a special Mass celebrated by Bishop Jaime Soto at 9am. Following the Mass there will be a Eucharistic Procession to the City Plaza in Downtown Chico. November 22nd, is the date in 1908 that the cornerstone of our church was laid. Please put this date on your calendar for this special liturgical event.

2nd week of November
Sunday Collection \$ 9,180



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❖ **ADULT FAITH FORMATION** ❖

Saturday Night Bible Study: Join George Wing for a review of the Sunday scripture readings every Sat night, 7-8:30pm, at 975 Naomi Ave. Come at 7:00pm to visit. Each of the four lectionary selections will then be meditatively considered after prayerful reading. Special emphasis is placed on understanding the typological arrangement of the readings, and considering how the message of the scriptures can be applied immediately to our Christian life. Following discussion of the Gospel reading, participants take time for intercessory and quiet, contemplative prayer. Guests wishing to depart recollected for the following day's Sunday liturgy may do so quietly. For more information call 342-4472.

Women of Grace Women's Ministry Great Adventure Bible Study Group. If you are interested in joining our group we meet every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. Our next meeting will be December 11, 2008 at ODS Social Hall from 6:45 to ~ 9pm. For our next meeting please read through Exodus 1-18; John 1:29, John 6; Matt 26:17, 26:26-28; 1 Peter 1:17-19; 1 Cor 5:7-8, 10:1-4. Also just a reminder on the senses of scripture please read through the Catechism 115-199. If you wish to purchase the Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation Study Kit it can be purchased by calling Mary Waldorf at 345-8638. If you have any questions feel free to call Pat Hackney at 342-5528 or Mary Waldorf at 345-8638. Please bring your Bible, your copy of the Catholic Catechism and your openness to what God wants to share with you.



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, November 15th and 16th (re-air), Joe will examine the meaning of gift and talent as it is described in Sacred Scripture. The following week Joe will consider the importance of the Solemnity of Christ the King You can E-mail Joe at jholljmj@yahoo.com if you have any questions about the radio program and/or the Catholic faith.

Rosary Prayer Group: The Rosary Prayer Group meets on Thursday 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.



LIFE TEEN (grades 9-12) – Join us this week for a whole lot of fun and a look at what we did at Inspiration Tour. We will be in the Upper Meeting Room from 7-8:30pm

Parents For Life – We will be meeting in the cafeteria from 7-8:30pm and end in the gym with your teens to see just what happened at Inspiration Tour.

EDGE (grades 7&8) – Come and join us for a great EDGE meeting on Monday November 17th from 7-8:30pm in the Newman Center Hall.

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

**Religious Education Questions
Call 343-8741**

Youth Sacrament Program is for students in 7th thru 12th grades who have not received all the sacraments (Baptism, 1st Penance, 1st Communion, and Confirmation). Questions call 343-8741. Class is every Wed from 3:30-5pm.

Library Hours:

Sunday 8:15-9:30am ; 10:30am-12:30pm and
Sunday evening 6:30-7:00pm.
Thursday 9-11am



Pope Benedict XVI Prayer Intentions for November

General: "That the testimony of love offered by the saints may fortify Christians in their devotion to God and their neighbor, imitating Christ who came to serve and not to be served".

His mission intention is: "That the Christian communities of Asia, contemplating the face of Christ, may know how to find the most suitable ways to announce Him, in full faithfulness to the Gospel, to the people of that vast continent so rich in culture and ancient forms of spirituality".

❖ **AROUND THE DIOCESE and beyond** ❖

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR BISHOP WEIGAND: On Sunday, Nov. 30, the first Sunday of Advent, a Mass of thanksgiving will be celebrated at 2:30 p.m. in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in downtown Sacramento, honoring Bishop William K. Weigand's 15th anniversary as bishop of Sacramento. At

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the Mass, Bishop Weigand will transfer the crozier to Coadjutor Bishop Jaime Soto as the ninth bishop of Sacramento. A reception will follow in Mercy Memorial Hall at the cathedral.

Christmas Party '08 for the Homeless - The

Christmas party for the homeless in Chico is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 16 at ODS Social Hall. Details will be coming soon. If you have any questions or suggestions concerning the party, please contact Jerry Converse at 342-2134.

Mercy High School Annual Auction Dinner The public is invited to Mercy High School's annual auction and dinner, An Evening at the Copacabana, which will be held Sat. Nov 22 at 5pm at Rolling Hills Casino. Cost for the gourmet buffet dinner and auction is \$60 per person. Many auction items will be available as well as an exciting raffle with prizes worth \$10,000. Only 300 raffle tickets will be sold: Grand Prize is \$5,000; 2nd prize, \$2,500; 3rd prize Hyosung 30 cc scooter (winner pays license, tax and fees). Thank you for supporting Catholic education. Call Diane for information: 228-0226.

Mercy High School Is hosting a morning on campus for current 7th or 8th grade students and their parents who would like to know more about the school. High school students are also welcomed to attend. **Meet Mercy Day** will be held on Thursday, November 20th from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Luncheon will be served. This is an excellent opportunity to see the school on a regular school day and speak with the principal, faculty and students about the outstanding program the school has to offer. Please call (530) 527-8313 if you are interested in attending.

A Celebration Dinner honoring Bishop Weigand for his years of service to our diocese will be Monday, Nov. 24th, 2008 at the Radisson Hotel in Sacramento. If you are interested in attending call the parish office for more details 343-8741

St Cecilia Sing 2008: On Saturday, Nov. 22 at 7:30pm, a diocesan choir festival will be held in honor of Bishop Weigand's 15 years of service to our diocese. Choirs from around the diocese will gather on the Feast of St Cecilia, patron saint of music, to offer their individual sung farewells. A relic of St. Cecilia will be presented for veneration. This concert is free and open to the public.

next meeting is Monday, November 17th at 3:30pm in the parish Library. Please consider going to Planned Parenthood on Vallombrosa on Wednesdays or the Women's Feminist Abortion Center on Humboldt on Fridays. Come anytime from 10 am to 4 pm.

CALENDAR ✧

Sun	16	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2:30pm Latin Mass
Mon	17	St Elizabeth of Hungry 6-8pm English AA 7-9pm Spanish Cursillo
Tues	18	Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter and St Paul in Rome St Rose Philippine Duchesne 7pm Grupo Carismático 6-9pm Spanish AA 7pm RCIA (in parish office)
Fri	21	The Presentation of the BVM 3:30-4:30pm Adoration 6-9pm Spanish AA
Sat	22	St Cecilia 9am Centennial Liturgy & Procession Confessions (CANCELLED)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43
- Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10, or,
(for the memorial of the Dedication)
Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Mt 14:22-23
- Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28
- Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44
- Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48
- Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40
- Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23;
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

Liturgy of the Hours I

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✧ **MARRIAGE & FAMILY** ✧

Respect for Life Committee: Recent events must not discourage us, as people of God, from praying that our state and federal leaders will respect life from the moment of conception to natural death. The battle is not over, and with the help of God we will win. Our

Lay Formation Institute of the Diocese of Sacramento

offers classes on timely topics for Catechist certification as well as continuing Adult Education, personal growth and spiritual enrichment. Classes will be held at the Newman Catholic Community in Chico one Saturday a month, October through April. The session begins with Mass at 8am and a morning session until noon followed by lunch and an afternoon session until 4pm. Call 916-733-0123 for more information or to register.

Healing After Abortion Retreat: Struggling after an abortion? Still seeking peace years after the choice? Come to a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, November 14-16 in Auburn, sponsored by the Diocese of Sacramento. The weekend retreat is a unique and effective process designed specifically to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. There are many exercises to help you grieve your loss and an opportunity to understand and release the deep feelings of anger, shame, guilt and grief that frequently accompanies an abortion experience. This process is extremely helpful for those who struggle with forgiving themselves or others. Open to women, men, couples and family members touched by abortion. The cost is \$175. Financial assistance is available. For a registration packet or more information, call Debbie at 916-733-0161. Inquiries and participation are strictly confidential.

THANK YOU – We are sincerely grateful to Bill and Kay Kurdziel for their donation of a pick up truck for our parish and school. It is already being put to good use!

If you are interested in joining our group please read through Genesis chapters 12-24. Also James

2:14-23 with Catechism Nos. 143-147 and 154-155. We will be meeting again at ODS on Thursday Nov.13 at ODS social Hall from 6:45-9pm. You are more than welcome to join the group. The books are finally in. If you wish to purchase the Bible timeline: The Story of Salvation Study Kit it can be purchased by calling Mary Waldorf at 345-8638. If you have any questions feel free to call Pat Hackney at 342-5528 or Mary Waldorf at 345-8638. Please bring your bible and your copy of the Catholic Catechism with you.



Marriage Encounter: Make a great marriage even better! Sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. **The next weekend in Sacramento is Nov 14-16.** Call Stephanie & Deacon James Burkett at 893-2348 for more information.