



If, then, we have died with Christ,  
we believe that we shall also live with him.

- Romans 6:8

## The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed November 2, 2008

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ✦	
Sat 1	7:30a ✦Mary Van Buskirk by Lona Stalker 5:30p No intention
Sun 2	7:30a ✦Yvonne Richard Cleo Richard (living) 9:30a Parish 12:30p ✦Marcelina Gomez & Maria Muñoz by Teresa Aguirre 5:30p Adolfo Delgado (living) by Zapeda & Delgado Families ✦Gloria Suarez by Jimena Garcia Cristian Garcia (living b'day)
Mon 3	7:30a ✦Robert Goldman by Sylvia Goldman
Tues 4	7:30a United States of America by John O'Hara
Wed 5	7:30a ✦Luis Miguel Correa by Maria Correa 7:00p ✦Simitria Barron by Sonia Villa
Thu 6	7:30a Marie Borges (living b'day)
Fri 7	7:30a ✦Souls in Purgatory by Rosina Reginato
Sat 8	7:30a DJM intentions 5:30p ✦Virginia Richardson by Linda Givens
✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ✦	
Sun 2	9:00a ✦Claire Grzanich by Spafford Family 10:30a ✦Urbana Trejo by Spafford Family ✦Simitria Barron by Sonia Villa

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



**Time Change - As of today we are back on Standard Time.**

**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!**

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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

**DIRECTORIES ARE IN!** Our new St. John's directories are here! If you had your picture taken for the directory, you may come to the office to get your copy. Office hours are M –F 9a-4p

**Rectory Completion:** There will be a blessing of the newly renovated parish rectory on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> after the 5:30pm Vigil mass with an open house following. On Sunday Nov. 2 the rectory will be open for tours after all the masses.

**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. We hope to have an organizational meeting Sat. afternoon, Nov. 8 in the parish library. If you would like to volunteer some of your time please contact the parish office at 343-8741 and leave your name and phone #. We will contact you with more information on the meeting.

**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

**Library News!** The parish library is open for one half hour following the Sunday 5:30p Life Teen Mass. Please come by and check out our books and DVD's.

**Catholic Ladies Relief Society #3-**the next meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 4 at 8:00 am with a Mass for the Deceased members. Mass will be at Our Divine Savior Church with a brunch following at the Social Hall at 566 E. Lassen Ave. Come and join us for the morning meeting following the brunch. Call Sandy Atteberry, 345-1601 or Charleen 343-4060

**Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner:** Fundraiser for LIFE TEEN. Join your friends and family on Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> for a Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner. Serving starts at 6pm the dinner is \$20 for a family of 4 or more, \$8 for adults, \$5 for students. The proceeds go to help support youth ministry in our parish and the dinner is provided by the Knights of Columbus. Tickets will be on sale after all the Masses this week.

**4<sup>th</sup> week of October**  
**Sunday Collection**                      \$7,047.00

*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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❖ **ADULT FAITH FORMATION** ❖

**Saint Joseph's Communications Inc presents: *Your Life in Christ*:** Discover a Practical Guide to Everyday Spirituality with Joseph Hollcraft, M.A. In this all new three-CD series, Joseph Hollcraft, M.A. provides pertinent insights into the much-neglected topic of lay-Catholic spirituality. In these enlightening live recordings, Mr. Hollcraft draws from the wisdom of the Saints, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and the inspired words of Holy Scripture, to uncover and apply the timeless teaching of the Church to your life today. This is available in the parish office for \$20.

**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 November 13, 2008 at ODS Social Hall from 6:45 to ~ 9pm. For our next meeting please read through Genesis 25-36 chapters and Romans 9:10-13 with Catechism Nos. 218. 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.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> Wed of each month at the Newman Center. For more information call Sharon, 891-5334 or James, 893-2348.



**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 as Father Blaise Berg joins Joe to examine the biblical text "render to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God" (Mt.22:15-21). Next week George Wing will join Joe and they will discuss what it means to be coworkers in the "building up" of the Kingdom of God. E-mail Joe at [jholljmj@yahoo.com](mailto:jholljmj@yahoo.com) if you have any questions about the radio program and/or the Catholic faith



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**XLT – Tonight, Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> is XLT, the first one of this school year. Come and hear what Sara Riggs, from Roseville, has to share about challenges in her life and how her faith has helped her through. Join us after the LIFE TEEN Mass for a free dinner and then back in the Church for praise and worship, adoration and a talk with Sara.**

**RAISE MONEY FOR LIFE TEEN – Join us on Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> for a Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner after the LIFE TEEN Mass. \$20 for a family of 4 or more, \$8 for adults, \$5 for students. The proceeds go to help support youth ministry in our parish and the dinner is provided by the Knights of Columbus. Tickets will be on sale after all the Masses beginning this week.**

**LIFE TEEN (grades 9-12) – No LIFE TEEN this week we have an awesome XLT planned and we hope to see you there.**

**EDGE (grades 7&8) –NO EDGE this week due to the elections (Newman Center is a polling place) we'll see you next week.**

**Service Saturday –Thank you to all those who participated in our Trick-or-Canning service day. All canned food collected will be donated to the Chico Food Locker**

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

**Religious Education Questions  
Call 343-8741**

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

**FIRST MONDAY: ADORATION/EXPOSITION  
OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
Monday, Nov 3rd  
after 7:30am Mass  
through 3:15pm Benediction.**



**Please come and spend some time in Adoration**

✧ **MARRIAGE & FAMILY** ✧

**Respect for Life Committee:** The election is coming this Tuesday and we must be aware that there are some non negotiable issues, things that are intrinsically evil. They are abortion, euthanasia, fetal stem cell research, human cloning, and homosexual marriage. Consequently we must vote and pray for the passages of Propositions 4 and 8. Also, our next congress and president will have the opportunity to pass the “Freedom of Choice Act” (FOCA) which would nullify any of the modest restrictions that the states have on abortion including Proposition 4. Let us pray for wisdom and understanding of the Church’s teachings when we vote for our next leaders. **PLEASE VOTE FOR LIFE.**

Join the committee for their next meeting on Nov. 17, at 3:30pm in the parish library.

**Women’s Resource Clinic: 2008 Fundraising Benefit Banquet.** Saturday, Nov. 15 at CSUC-Bell Memorial Hall For information call 897-6101.

“Northern Lights” community Love Circle: Next meeting will be Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, in the UMR at NDS.



**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.

**CALENDAR** ✧

<b>Sun</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Commemoration of All Souls 2:30pm Latin Mass</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>St Martin de Porres 6-8pm English AA 7-9pm Spanish Cursillo</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>St. Charles Borromeo Election Day 7pm Grupo Carismático</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6-9pm Spanish AA</b>
<b>Thur</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7pm RCIA (in parish office)</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>First Friday 3:30-4:30pm Adoration 6-9pm Spanish AA</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10am Confessions</b>

**Library Hours:**

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



*Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus.  
-- Philippians 2:5*

✧ **AROUND THE DIOCESE and beyond** ✧

**PRAISE & WORSHIP** – Thursday Nov. 13, 7pm at ODS. Start your holiday season off in a prayerful and thankful state of mind. Join us for a night of musical praise and worship. Music provided by Rick, Karen, Edson & Mike.

**Year of St Paul:** Sacred Heart Church in Red Bluff is the Diocesan Designated Pilgrim Church in the Northstate Area. On November 7 at 6:30p there will be a Holy Hour in honor of St. Paul, the Apostle followed by Segment 1 of a presentation on the Life & Legacy of St. Paul by Sister Maura Power, RSM. The evening will conclude by 9:15p and there is no charge to attend.

**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; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, \$2,500; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize Hyosung 30 cc scooter (winner pays license, tax and fees). Thank you for supporting Catholic education. Call Diane for information: 228-0226.

**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.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Phil 2:1-4; Lk 14:12-14  
Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11; Lk 14:15-24  
Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33  
Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a; Lk 15:1-10  
Friday: Phil 3:17 — 4:1; Lk 16:1-8  
Saturday: Phil 4:10-19; Lk 16:9-15  
Sunday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

**Liturgy of the Hours III**

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**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.

**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.



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

). Joe has a different guest each week. Each program will be devoted to the readings from the Mass. This week (October 11<sup>th</sup> and October 12<sup>th</sup>) Joe will discuss the Catholic faith in light of the parable of the banquet feast. The following week Joe will break open the statement "render to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God". Be sure not to miss this great opportunity to better understand the Bible and the structure of our faith.

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.

