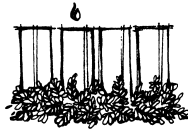


I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land.
--Jeremiah 33:15

First Sunday of Advent November 29, 2009



✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ✦

Sat 28	7:30a	✦Holy Souls in Purgatory
	5:30p	no intention
Sun 29	7:30a	no intention
	9:00a	People of God
	10:30a	no intention
	12:30p	✦Angelina Varajas by Ernesto Flores
	5:30p	✦Enrique Fierro Lopez by Maria Haddad
Mon 30	7:30a	✦Lena Morgado by Filice Family
Tues 1	7:30a	✦Ed Scobee
Wed 2	7:30a	✦Charles Shea by John & Linda Shea
	7:00p	no intention
Thur 3	7:30a	Gail Walton & Greg Cramer (living) by Don & Sally Stoner
Fri 4	7:30a	✦Yvonne Richard Cleo Richard (living)
Sat 5	7:30a	✦Richard Vercruyssen by Rene Vercruyssen
	5:30p	DJM Intentions
		✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ✦
Sun 29	9:00a	no intention
	10:30a	no intention

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Joanne Bowman, William Zimmerman, Vvivial Clement, George Weiglein, Vicente Urrutia, , and for their family and friends.

4th week of November

Collection	Actual	Budget
November 22	\$7,795	\$6,470
Year to date	\$178,109	\$199,802

(St. James total for Nov 22: (\$946)

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

Prayer for Priests

Dear Lord,

We pray that the blessed Mother wrap her mantle around your priests and through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry.

We pray that Mary will guide your priests to follow her own words, "Do whatever He tells you" (Jn 2:5)

May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph, Mary's most chaste spouse.

May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart inspire them to embrace all who suffer at the foot of the cross.

May your priests be holy, filled with the fire of your love seeking nothing but your greater glory and the salvation of souls. Amen.

Saint John Vianney, pray for us.

Welcome: We want to welcome Eric Flores, seminarian, who has arrived at St John's to do his pastoral year.

Advent Penance Services:

St. Thomas Paradise – Wed Dec 2nd at 4 & 6:30pm
Newman Center – Tues Dec 8th at 7:15pm
Our Divine Savior – Thurs Dec 9th at noon
St. Thomas Oroville – Mon Dec 16th at 7:00pm
St. John's – Mon Dec 21st at 7:00pm



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

There will be an EMHC training Mon, Nov 30 at 7:15 in the church for all new EMHC's and all others who would like a review. ALSO: More EMHC's are needed for the 5:30pm Vigil Mass. Please consider committing to that Mass. You would only be scheduled once every 3 months.



Caring Tree: Once again it's that time of year for our annual St. John's/St. James Christmas Caring Tree. Your gift helps accomplish 2 things – The recipient will be pleased to be remembered and second God will bless your generosity.

Thank you for your past donations and gifts as well as those to come! Contact Jean Rabo if you have any questions 345-3388. **Caring Tree tags will be available before and after every Mass on Dec 5 & 6.**

Angel Tree helps children of prisoners. Angel Tree tags will be available before and after every mass starting Nov 28-29. Please drop off wrapped gifts with tag by Tues, Dec 15th at the parish office. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Vespers— Evening Prayer: Join the choir to pray the Liturgy of the Hours Evening Prayer on Tuesdays Dec 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd from 6-6:30pm in the Church.

Attention Catholic Daughters: There is a change in location for the No-Host breakfast after the Memorial Mass for Carmen Bertagna. The Mass will be held at ODS at 8am. The breakfast will be at the Cozy Diner.

Reminder: Our Bake Sale at ODS will be held on Dec 6. Bring your baked goods to the Social Hall between 2 & 4pm on Dec 5.

Christmas Potluck will be at 12:30pm on Thurs, Dec 10. Hot dishes and salads are needed. A short meeting will follow. Remember your unsigned Christmas card for the Spiritual Bouquet Exchange.

Medicare Updates: Parish members are invited to a workshop taking place on Monday, Dec 7 at 10am in Our Divine Savior Knights Room to learn about the changes and options in Medicare for next year. This workshop is presented by Tatiana Fassieux from Passages. Reservations are required by calling 898-6717.

ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION



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, where each week Joe will offer a teaching and reflection on the readings from the Mass. In addition to his teachings, Joe's programming will look at all the important questions that people are asking about the faith today. This week, Nov.28th and 29th (re-air), Joe will look at Advent from the vantage point of a new year, and what that means to us as Catholics. Included in this discussion will be a look at the call to be vigilant. The following week Joe will look at the figure of St. John the Baptist. Please do not hesitate to send Joe any of your questions. You can e-mail Joe at jholljnj@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.

Mens Bible Study Group: The Catholic Men's Bible study has been meeting since 1975 and meets at Our Divine Savior on Friday mornings at 6:00. We study Scripture for an hour and then, those that are free, meet at a restaurant to eat. The only things needed to bring are an open heart and a desire to know Christ more intimately. We use the New American Bible and all are most welcome. Any questions, please call Deacon Steve Schwartz at 891-0626 or at sschwa1985@aol.com

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S MINISTRY: If you are a woman in search of fellowship we are starting another segment of our study of the bible. We will be studying the book of Revelations with "the First, Second, and Third Letters of St. John and the Revelation to St. John" using the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible. We will also be viewing the tapes from Scott Hahn regarding the Lambs Supper - The Mass as Heaven on Earth. We meet in the Knights of Columbus room in the social center at ODS from 6:45pm to 9 pm. Come and join us on December 3rd for our next meeting. If you have any questions or you would like a book ordered call Mary Waldorf at 345-8638.

Rosary Prayer Group: meets on Wed evenings at 7pm, at individual homes. The current Medjugorje message from Our Lady and the commentary are read. 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.

CFF: CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education Questions - Call 343-8741

Parent Sacrament Class: The next class is January 17th. The topic will be the Mass. This is one of the mandatory meetings for all parents who have a child making their First Communion or Confirmation.

THE THREE COMINGS OF ADVENT

There are three distinct comings of the Lord of which I know, His coming to humankind, His coming into humankind, and His coming against humankind.



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No Life Teen meeting today. Hope you had a blessed Thanksgiving with your families. See you next Sunday, Dec 6th for an XLT.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY



Respect for Life: Respect for Life Committee: Help Wanted. People who respect life, abhor violence, and are willing to peacefully pray at one or both of the two abortion establishments in Chico. We need you! Simply go to Planned Parenthood on Vallombrosa on Wednesdays or the Women's Feminist Abortion Center on Humboldt on Fridays, and pray for the mothers, fathers, and the safety of the unborn babies. Also pray for the conversion of those committing gruesome violence to the babies and mothers. Come anytime from 9 am 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. (519-5081) Are you a young person struggling with our world's confusing examples of caring and loving relationships? Be that example that reflects God's love to the world, and seek good counsel at "Teens Ask" at Ask the Expert at www.canfp.org.



Marriage Encounter: "May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another...." Worldwide Marriage Encounter can energize your sacrament. The next local Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be Feb 12-14 in Sacramento. Early registration is highly recommended. Contact Stephanie and Deacon James Burkett at 893-2348 or email burkett7@sbcglobal.net for more information.

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



I Will Fulfill My Promise

Life & Dignity Sunday Next Weekend: The bishops of California have established the Catholic Legislative Network (CLN) to develop a strong, clear, moral voice for life and justice in our state during some very difficult times. Next weekend during Life & Dignity Sunday, all parishioners will have an opportunity to register for the Network. You will find a one-page description of the newly created advocacy network in this week's bulletin. Please read it, pray about it (and for it), and come prepared next week to register for this important new effort.

Called and Chosen + Saturday, December 5th 2009:
Diocese of Sacramento Young Adult Conference

Isn't it about time you got SERIOUS about your baptismal call? Open to all young adults (age 18-39). Join us at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in El Dorado Hills. The day will feature Stan Cordero, Delis Alejandro and the Young Adult Ministry Team from St. Monica Parish in Santa Monica, with music from Papa Joe Lucero and his band! Cost for the day is \$20 and includes lunch, a t-shirt and childcare. Get all the details and register at www.yaconference.com or call 916-733-0152.

Newman Center Confirmation Classes: If you are a college student or an adult who needs to be Confirmed please call the Newman Center at 342-5180 for information.

Respect Life Coordinator: The Diocese of Sacramento has an immediate opening for a Respect Life Coordinator. This full-time position provides leadership in all aspects of the Catholic Church's pro-life please visit www.diocese-sacramento.org under Employment: Job Announcements. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

St. Patrick's Seminary & University: "Have You Ever Thought About Becoming a Catholic Priest?" Interested? Attend a Discernment Retreat, Jan 15-17 2010 at St. Patrick's Seminary & University to better understand if a vocation to the ministry of God's priesthood is for you. For more information, please contact Fr. Chris Frazer at 343-8741.

World Day of the Sick: A celebration held in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes, Feb 20, 12pm at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Please join Bishop Jaime Soto for a special Mass which will include: Anointing of the Sick, Blessing of the Caregivers, and Blessing with Lourdes Water. For those receiving the anointing, please arrive by 11:30am for seating.

Pilgrimage: Join Catholics for a Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes & Shrines on Spain in a Holy Year June 1 to June 14, 2010. Trip includes: Daily Mass, breakfast and dinner, 12 nights accommodations, entrance fee to places included on the itinerary, round trip form San Francisco Airport, transfers on an air conditioned private coach and English speaking local Catholic guides. Cost is \$3,340 per person, double occupancy. Contact Karen Chappellear at 916-652-7560 for more details. Deadline to register is April 15, 2010.

Sun	29	1 st Sunday of Advent 10:30am-12pm CFF NO Life Teen
Mon	30	St. Andrew 6-8pm English AA
Tues	1	
Wed	2	6-9pm Spanish AA 7-9pm Boy Scouts Troop #2
Thu	3	St. Francis Xavier
Fri	4	St. John of Damascus First Friday 3:30-4:30pm ADORATION 6-9pm Spanish AA
Sat	5	First Saturday 10am Confessions

Calling all Adorers: Reminder:

Monday, December 7th, is our next 24 hour Adoration. Please come and be sure to sign in. Adoration will be from Mon Dec 7, 8am through Tues Dec 8 at 7:30am. For more information contact Erika Sajben at 330-2594, Javier Lopez at 566-0358, or the parish office at 343-8741.



Library Hours & News:

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



EMHC AND LECTOR SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

TIME	EMHC	LECTOR
5:30pm Sat	Karen Neadley Arlie Hixson Tom Hixson	Karen Monroe Bruce Neadley
7:30am Sun	Jean Mayer Ona Mertens	Yolanda Holt Lyle Anderson
9:00am Sun	Cathy Boutwell Dan Boutwell Barbara Bertapelle Bill Mutch Diane Smith Donna Houston	Claire Johnson Stephanie Burkett

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
 Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Liturgy of the Hours Week I

