

First Sunday of Advent November 30, 2008

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ✦	
Sat 29	7:30a No intention 5:30p ✦ Louis & Arline Borges by Borges Family
Sun 30	7:30a ✦ Vince & Mina Starwyck by Jim Yerbic 9:30a Parish 12:30p ✦ Miguel Mendoza by Mendoza Family 5:30p No intention
Mon 1	7:30a ✦ Charles Shea by John & Linda Shea ✦ Gerda Hase by Dori Terrell
Tues 2	7:30a ✦ Michelle Thompson by Don & Hilda
Wed 3	7:30a ✦ Ellen Scofield by Consolation Ministry 7pm No intention
Thurs 4	7:30a ✦ John Reginato and living family by Rosina
Fri 5	7:30a ✦ Richard Vercruyssen by Rene Vercruyssen
Sat 6	9:00a ✦ Mary Van Buskirk by Lona Stalker 5:30p ✦ Maria & Trinidad Mota by Maria Correa
✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ✦	
Sun 30	9:00a ✦ Claire Grzanich by Spafford Family 10:30a No intention Please pray for the repose of the souls of the deceased and for their family and friends.

4rd week of November

Sunday Collection \$ 6,615

FIRST MONDAY: ADORATION/EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday, Dec 1
after 7:30am Mass
through 3:15pm Benediction.



Please come and spend some time in Adoration

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✦ PARISH & SCHOOL NEWS ✦

Annual Caring Tree: Each year we honor our senior shut-ins - those in care homes and those in their own homes. Please consider drawing a name and buying a gift for a special person. Names will be available after masses today, Nov 29/30. We, as St John's and St. James' parishioners, will let them know that they are not forgotten...with our gifts and our prayers.

Angel Tree helps children of prisoners. Angel tags will be available before and after every mass starting Nov 29/30. If anyone would like to be a Santa's Helper and deliver gifts, please call Karen or Bruce Neadly at 345-4350

Commissioning of EMHC's; There will be a commissioning of the new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) on Sunday, Dec. 7 at the 9:30am mass. ALL current EMHC's are invited to be commissioned at that time as well.

Catholic Daughters: On December 7 there will be a Bake Sale and Boutique following all the morning masses at ODS. You may drop off donations on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 2-4:30pm.

Catholic Daughters: Christmas Potluck on Dec 11, 11am at ODS. The regular meeting will follow. Bring salads and hot dishes to ODS. If you have any questions call Lil at 342-3008.

The Catholic Ladies Relief Society #3 of Chico will have their Christmas luncheon on Tuesday Dec. 2 at 12:30 pm at ODS located at 566 E. Lassen Ave. Please bring a gift to share and canned food. Please call Sandy, 345-1601 or Charleen 343-4060

Rosary Prayer Group: The Rosary Prayer Group meets on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. If you would like to participate call 342-2323 or 898-1183

Women of Grace Women's Ministry – If you are interested in joining the Great Adventure bible study group you are more than welcome to join us on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at ODS Social Hall from 6:45-9pm. Our next meeting will be Thursday, Dec 11. Please read through Exodus Chapters 1-18. Also John 1:29, John 6; Matt 26:17, 26:26-28; 1 Peter 1:17-19; 1 Cor 5:7-8, 10:1-4. Bring your bible and your Catholic Catechism. If you wish to purchase the Bible Timeline Study Kit, or have questions please call Mary Waldorf at 898-6398 or Pat Hackney at 342-5528.

✦ 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.

This week Joe will examine the meaning of Thanksgiving as revealed in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition (recorded). The following week Joe will discuss the Advent of a new liturgical year. You can E-mail Joe at jholljmi@yahoo.com if you have any questions about the

✧ 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



✧ 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. 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.

Marriage Encounter will have a Christmas potluck and watch the movie "Nativity" on Dec. 6 in the UMR of the parish office. For more information call Stephanie or James at 893-2348.

✧ 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 the Mass, Bishop Weigand will transfer the crozier to Coadjutor Bishop Jaime Soto as the ninth bishop of Sacramento. A reception will following 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 are on the flyer in this week's bulletin.



Coordinator of Youth Ministries, Andrea Florez
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LIFE TEEN (grades 9-12) –No Life Teen tonight we will see you next week for XLT, enjoy the rest of your Thanksgiving break.

XLT - On December 7th we have our next XLT please join us in awesome prayer praising our God in music, and adoration with a guest speaker.

SERVICE SATURDAY – Saturday December 6th we will have a service project. Please meet at the Youth House to support our community. For details call Jandi at 518-2714.

EDGE (grades 7&8) – Join us for EDGE this week from 7-8:30pm at the Newman Center Hall.

CALENDAR ✧

Sun	30	First Sunday of Advent 2:30pm Latin Mass
Mon	1	All Day Adoration 6-8pm English AA 7-9pm Spanish Cursillo 7-9p Ass. Guadalupana
Tues	2	6pm Vespers 6:30p Choir practice
Wed	3	St Francis Xavier 6-9pm Spanish AA
Thu	4	St John of Damascus
Fri	5	First Friday 3:30-4:30pm Adoration 6-9pm Spanish AA
Sat	6	St Nicholas/ First Saturday 10am Confessions

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11
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: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8



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.

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.

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.

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.

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



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".

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

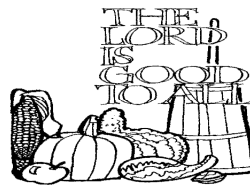
available. For a registration packet or more information, call Debbie at 916-733-0161. Inquiries and participation are strictly confidential.

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.

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.



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