

Dedication of Lateran Basilica in Rome November 9, 2008

Help Needed – Anyone interested and available to help clean the church prior to our Centennial Mass please come to the church Saturday, Nov. 15 at 8am. The plan is to clean from 8-10am, but the more volunteers we have the faster the job will go. It has been a long time since the pews have been cleaned and we would like the church to sparkle for this momentous occasion. You can call the parish office at 343-8741 to volunteer or just join us on Nov 15 about 8am.

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 Daughters: Annual Memorial Mass for all deceased CDA at Our Divine Savior Church Nov. 13, 8am with Continental Breakfast and regular meeting to follow. Contact Lil with any questions 342-3008

Dear parishioners of St John's and St James,

With my approval, the Knights of Columbus Chapter 1137 have donated a memorial Monument to the Unborn to the parish. This is a project that has been in the works for a number of years. The Knights first received approval from Fr. Terry Fulton, when he was Pastor, and later from Fr. Brent Nall, when he was Pastor. Initially, the memorial was installed in a courtyard area on the school grounds. However, that location was deemed not optimal for a few reasons.

After consulting with the St. John's Parish council, it was decided that a good location for the memorial would be on the small plot of ground on the northeast corner of the rectory just outside the gate that hangs between the rectory and the church. This memorial will serve as a reminder for us to pray for all the victims of abortion: the babies, as well as the mothers and fathers of the unborn. Above all, we want to pray for respect for human life in all its stages, that one day soon life in the womb will no longer be threatened, and for healing and peace. Also, the memorial will serve as a reminder and a challenge to us to work for ways to support pregnant mothers, who feel backed into a corner without any alternatives, and assist them so that they can have their children.

I am grateful to the Knights of Columbus Council 1137 for taking on this project and to the Parish Council for their prayerful and thoughtful counsel regarding the memorial's location.

In Christ Jesus,
Fr. Blaise R. Berg, Pastor

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ✦		
Sat 8	7:30a	DJM intentions
	5:30p	✦ Virginia Richardson by Linda Givens
Sun 9	7:30a	✦ Cardinal Stephen Hamao by Dori Terrell
	9:30a	Parish
	12:30p	✦ Soledad Navarrete by Felisitas Buenrostro
	5:30p	No intention
Mon 10	7:30a	✦ Michelle Thompson by Don & Hilda Thompson
Tues 11	7:30a	No intention
Wed 12	7:30a	✦ Vince & Mina Starwyck by Jim Yerbic
	7:00p	No intention
Thu 13	7:30a	✦ Jose Luis Flores by Sandra Hernandez
Fri 14	7:30a	Bertoli Family (living & deceased)
		✦ Joe Miguel by Consolation Mstry
Sat 15	7:30a	✦ John & Mary O'Hara by John O'Hara
	5:30p	No intention
✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ✦		
Sun 16	9:00a	No intention
	10:30a	✦ Isidoro & Socorro Olvera by Arevalo Family
<i>Pray for the repose of the souls of Mary Bettencourt, Michelle Thompson, Mary Kosterman and for the comfort of their family and friends.</i>		

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 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.

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.

All Souls Envelopes are in the vestibule of the church. Your intentions will be placed on the altar and your loved ones will be remembered at each mass celebrated during November. Please return your envelope to the office or drop in the collection basket

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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 \$15.

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 4th 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 George Wing joins Joe to discuss

what it means to be coworkers in the "building up" of the Kingdom of God. The following week Joe will consider the readings from the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. E-mail Joe at jhollmj@yahoo.com if you have any questions about the radio program and/or the Catholic faith

1st week of November
Sunday Collection \$ 9,455.00



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RAISE MONEY FOR LIFE TEEN – Join us on Sunday, November 9th 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 are taking time out to enjoy each others company and raise some money for youth ministry.

Girls Night - Girls, if you are in high school come join us for a movie night from 6:30-10pm on Saturday, November 15th. We will meet in front of the parish offices. We will have popcorn, but eat dinner before you come. Bring a blanket and a friend, see you there!

Guys Night - All high school guys come hang out on Saturday, November 15th from 7-10pm at the Youth House. Please eat dinner before you come, there will only be snacks.

EDGE (grades 7&8) – Come and join us for a great EDGE meeting on Monday November 10th 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.

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ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE

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✧ 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.



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 ✧

Sun	9	Dedication of St John Lateran 2:30pm Latin Mass
Mon	10	St Leo the Great 6-8pm English AA 7-9pm Spanish Cursillo
Tues	11	St Marin o 7pm Grupo Carismático
Wed	12	St Josaphat 6-9pm Spanish AA
Thur	13	St Frances Xavier Cabrini 7pm RCIA (in parish office)
Fri	14	3:30-4:30pm Adoration 6-9pm Spanish AA
Sat	15	St Albert the Great 10am Confessions

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.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR BISHOP WEIGAND: At the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Sunday November 30 at 2:30pm. Reception will follow in Mercy Memorial Hall. All are cordially invited.

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.

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: Ti 1:1-9; Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Phlm 7-20; Lk 17:20-25
Friday: 2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8
Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128;
1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

Liturgy of the Hours IV

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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.

afternoon session until 4pm. Call 916-733-0123 for more information or to register.

). Joe has a different guest each week. Each program will be devoted to the readings from the Mass. This week (October 11th and October 12th) 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.



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.

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

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.

