



ENDURANCE  
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**33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**November 14, 2010**

*From the Pastor's Desk*

Dear faithful,

As we approach Thanksgiving and the end of the liturgical year, it is appropriate to give thanks for the many blessings that God has given to us. Christian stewardship begins with acknowledging the Father's goodness in creating and sustaining us, the Son's self-giving in redeeming us and the Holy Spirit's inspiration in guiding us. Christian stewardship is giving back to God a portion of the many gifts---our prayer time, our talents and our treasure---that we have been given. I want to express my thanks to you for participating in this way of living that we call Stewardship. I thank those of you who have already sent in your stewardship forms and those of you who will be bringing them to Mass this weekend. If you have not yet sent in your form, please do so as soon as possible.

Please remember also to prayerfully consider taking advantage of Online Giving. It is really easy to do! I did it myself in a matter of minutes.

Simply click the Online Giving link on the parish website, [www.stjohnthebaptistchico.org](http://www.stjohnthebaptistchico.org), and fill out the information. May the good Lord bless you!

Christ's peace,  
*Father Berg*

**Hospitality Today:** "Come by the Library after 9am Sunday Mass for coffee, tea, juice and a snack. Meet new people and visit with old friends".

**THANK YOU!** The Notre Dame School student body is exceptionally grateful and thankful for the support of so many St. John parishioners throughout the years. The contribution of your time and talent continues to make exceptional Catholic education in our community possible. Through your continued involvement in Notre Dame activities our students learn by example the value of community service based in faith. In the coming months, Notre Dame students will be more visible in the parish in an effort to give back and model the teachings of the church. Look for students helping in Masses, volunteering at parish events, and being even more visible in the Catholic and Chico community at large. We look forward to leading by example.

**Special Collection Next Weekend Nov 20-21:** For nearly 40 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has embodied Catholic social teaching through pursuing justice and upholding the dignity of the human person. CCHD funds community projects led by low-income individuals. (No local or national ACORN organizations are funded by this collection.) As more Americans feel the weight of the economic crisis, CCHD needs your support in next week's Collection more than ever. Thank you for your generosity.

**Novena for All Souls:** All Souls Day envelopes are available in the vestibule of the church. Please write the names of your loved ones who have passed away so they will be remembered in our novena of daily Masses throughout the month of November.

✧ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ✧

Sat 13	7:30a	ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI no intention
	5:30p	✧Octavio Ordonez by Carrillo Family Kelly Cornell (living) by Casey O'Brien
Sun 14		33 <sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	7:30a	✧Dorene Patez by Duane Patez
	9:00a	People of the Parish
	12:30p	no intention
	5:30p	For all the sick of our parish
Mon 15	7:30a	ST. ALBERT THE GREAT ✧Deacon Floyd Shields
Tues 16		ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND
	7:30a	Pat Hinojosa (living/b'day) by Seibert Family
Wed 17		ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY
	7:30a	✧Theodore Patez by Duane Patez
	6:45p	no intention
Thur 18		Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul
	7:30a	Chris Rabo (living) by Mike & Jane Rabo Nicole Jarmush (living) by Mike & Jane Rabo
Fri 19	7:30a	Janis Robinson (living/b'day) Patty & Bill
	8:45a	Notre Dame School Families
Sat 20	7:30a	✧Martha Patez by Duane Patez
	5:30p	no intention
		✧ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ✧
Sun 14	9:00a	✧Joan Cabral by Nock Family
	10:30a	✧Victoria Montejano by Moreno Family
Latin Mass	1:00p	no intention
		Please pray for the repose of the souls of all our family and friends.

*1<sup>st</sup> week of November*

Collection	Actual	Budget
Nov 7	\$8,104	\$10,468
Year to date	\$137,244	\$150,464

Maintenance: \$3,330

St. James total for Nov 7: (\$813)

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

ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE  
[stjohnthebaptistchico.org](http://stjohnthebaptistchico.org)

Fr. Berg's email: [fatherbrberg@yahoo.com](mailto:fatherbrberg@yahoo.com)

St. John's Office email address: [stjohn33@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stjohn33@sbcglobal.net)

**Good News:** Fr. Cedric Pisegna, C.P. is a Passionist priest who has preached many missions in Chico. He now has TV programs called "Live with Passion!" and will begin airing these programs each Sunday at 10 am on CW-10. Tune in each week to be inspired and "Live with Passion!"

ALSO, EWTN is now available on cable TV Channel 233!

**Special Note:** "Dear Adorers, Please do not leave reading material in the Adoration Chapel that hasn't been approved by our Chapel Librarian. We have very limited space on the book shelf! Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions please call Javier (566-0358) and Erika (330-2594), the Chapel Co-Coordinators. The Chapel will be open on Thanksgiving Day, what a perfect opportunity to truly give thanks to the Creator of the Universe! Those scheduled, please plan on covering your time slot or getting a sub for your hour if you can not make it. Thank you!"



**Choir News:** The choir will be singing compline (the office in the liturgy of the hours that is said just before bedtime) every Tuesday night at 7:15pm until further notice. Anyone is welcome to join!

**Advent Vigil for New Life:** On Saturday evening, November 27, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Sacramento, Bishop Jaime Soto will lead a vigil for all human life at its beginning stages of development. A Procession and Rosary will begin outside the Shrine at 5:30pm followed by Benediction and Vespers in the Shrine at 6:20 pm. No pre-registration required. For more information please call (919)733-0123.

**Marysville Deanery of Catholic Women:** will meet Nov 17 in Marysville at St. Joseph's Parish Hall. Please RSVP by Nov 15 to Patricia Mescher 530-743-9924. Registration 10:30am, Mass 11am, Luncheon 12noon. Cost \$4. Please come, bring a friend and make new friends. Questions/Information contact Maureen T. Burns at 342-8458 (Evenings). We look forward to seeing you.

**Restorative Justice Workshop:** The diocesan Office of Social Service Ministry will offer an informative and interactive workshop, "Healing the Wounded Heart: an Exploration of Restorative Justice" on Saturday, Nov 20, at St. Philomene Parish in Sacramento from 9am-2pm. The workshop will be facilitated by Suzanne Neuhaus, M.A. A donation of \$10 is suggested which will include lunch. Call 916-733-0253 to register.



Youth Director Jeff Weinrich  
343-8741

Announcement: Come join us at 5:30 for the LifeTeen mass and at 6:45 in the upper meeting room for a lifenight on self-image. Do you view yourself as God views you?

*Religious Education Questions - Call 343-8741*

**Youth Sacrament Program** is intended for students in eighth grade through senior year in high school. Any students in this age range who need the sacrament of Confirmation, First Communion, First Penance or Baptism should enroll. The class runs from 4pm-5:30pm every Monday. Baptism and First Communion will be given on Easter Vigil, April 23. Confirmation will be administered when the bishop visits St. John's in early May. Please call Raquel Ruiz at 343-8741 to enroll.

✧ ADULT FAITH FORMATION ✧

**Catholics Returning Home:** Many believers have let their suffering separate them from God's love and they feel alienated by the church. Catholics Returning Home can help them put aside years of anxieties and dejection, help them fix their hearts to be in relationship with God and recognize His goodness in their lives again. Although they will still have challenges in life they can know the comfort of God through the people around them. Sessions will begin on Monday Nov 29 from 7-8:30pm in the Prayer Room at ODS. This is a collaborative ministry of the Chico Parishes. For more information contact Sharon Haselton 891-5334 or Deacon Burkett 893-2348.



**Scripture Study/Radio:** Joe Hollcraft is live on AM 930 and FM 107.5 at 11:00a-12:00p each Saturday and Sunday (re-aired). Each week Joe will offer a teaching and reflection on the readings from the Mass. In addition, he will look at all the important questions that people are asking about the faith today. **This week, November 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> (re-air), seminarian Aaron Rose will join Joe and they will discuss the meaning of apocalyptic literature (end times literature) as it relates to the Catholic faith and the end of the liturgical year. The following week, Joe will reflect upon the meaning of Christ's words to the criminal: "today you will be with me in Paradise". Send Joe questions to [jholljnj@yahoo.com](mailto:jholljnj@yahoo.com)**

**Rosary Prayer Group** meets on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the church. For more information, call 898-1183 or 342-2323.

**Taizé Prayer Service:** Join us at 7:00 pm on Thursday, November 18th for Taizé at the Newman Center. Taizé is a quiet meditative prayer service using scripture and simple melodies to help us to us focus on God.

**"Praise & Prayer" Group** meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Wed of each month at the Newman Center from 7-8:15pm. For more details call Sharon, 891-5334 or Deacon James, 893-2348.

**Women's Ministry Group** has completed the book of Revelations. Our next venture will be to study the Gospel of Matthew. Our next meeting will be Dec 9<sup>th</sup>. If you would like fellowship in prayer and scripture with other women please come join our group. We meet at 6:45 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays each month at the Social Hall of ODS, in the Knights of Columbus room. If you have any questions feel free to call Mary Waldorf at 345-8638.



**Respect for Life:** Life is a unique gift, at every stage from conception until natural death, and it is God's alone to give and to take.

-- Pope Benedict XVI

Everyone is welcome to pray in front of Planned Parenthood on Wednesdays, which is now located at 3100 Cohasset Road, between Lupin and Lassen and/or the Women's Feminist Abortion Center on Humboldt on Fridays. Please pray for the mothers, fathers, and the safety of the unborn babies. Come any time from 9am to 12 noon.

**Walk for Life San Francisco 2011? Join thousands of women, men and children of goodwill on Saturday, January 22, 2011 in San Francisco to proclaim to the world that *Abortion Hurts Women!*** Will you stand with us as we walk this journey together? We leave at 4:00 am from the St. John's parking lot. The walk is about 2.5 miles. The cost is around \$35 - \$40 per person depending on how many people go. For more info and to let me know if you are interested call Mary Waldorf at 345-8638.



**Marriage Encounter:** "By your perseverance you will secure your lives." The modern world can wear down marriage. Let

Worldwide Marriage Encounter help you persevere. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is February 11-13 in Sacramento. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information call Stephanie and Deacon James Burkett at 893-2348 if we are able to get forty or more registration by January we will have a weekend in the North Valley Area.

**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 Jenni Schaeffer (893-5474) or Jackie Hollcraft M.S.; P.A.C. 519-5081).

**Retrouaille:** This is a program to give hope and help for marriages that are experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment, betrayal and deep misery. For additional information call 1-800-283-5952.

**"Mommy & Me" Group:** Meetings will be held in the Mother Teresa Room in the Parish Office on Thursdays from 11am-12:30pm. All mothers are welcome to attend. Our group will present informal discussion topics on the role of motherhood and faith formation for our children in a warm and supportive atmosphere. Please join us! Call Elizabeth Nice for more details: 828-9069. Next meeting will be on Thursday November 18. Topic: Bing Thankful. No meeting on November 25<sup>th</sup>. Happy Thanksgiving!





## Stewardship

A way of living

*This is Stewardship Commitment Weekend. Please return your household commitment form with your commitment of time in prayer, talent and treasure at Mass today. If you did not bring your commitment forms to Mass today, please bring them next week or mail them to the parish office.*

**Library News & Hours:**

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



**PERSEVERE IN OUR DAILY WORK**

In our world and culture, where hard work is valued so much (we even give over a whole day on the civic calendar to celebrate labor) and our "busyness" seems to escalate continually, Paul's admonitions to the Thessalonians seem a bit obvious. But even in our lives today, when we have more and more devices to save time, and still seem to have less and less of it, people yet find ways to be busybodies in the midst of all their busy-ness. In Paul's day, some members of the Christian community were being idle because they knew the Lord was returning in glory very soon. Why bother to work? So they turned their attention to meddling in the lives of others. There was a rather complacent "I've been saved" attitude in the face of the great tumult of the end times described by Malachi and Jesus in the Gospel. These days, we have no such potent notion of the Lord's imminent return, but Paul's message, which has an echo both in Malachi and Luke, is still pertinent for us. We must keep on doing our daily work, and persevere in it, consecrate it all to the Lord, and tend to being faithful until the time of his return.

**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
- Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28
- Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44  
30-31; Mt 14:22-33
- Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48
- Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40
- Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122; Col 1:12-20;  
Lk 23:35-43  
Liturgy of the Hours Week I

