



*Our Lord  
Jesus Christ  
the King*

**November  
21, 2010**

Jesus, remember me when  
you come into your kingdom

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ✦

Sat 20	7:30a	✦Martha Patez by Duane Patez
	5:30p	no intention
Sun 21		<b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING</b>
	7:30a	Jim Kelly (living)
	9:00a	People of the Parish
	12:30p	no intention
	5:30p	Sean Seibert (living/b'day) by Mom & Dad
Mon 22	7:30a	<b>ST. CECILIA</b>
		Chris Pritchard (living) by Bill & Patty Mutch
Tues 23		<b>ST. CLEMENT I</b>
	7:30a	✦Mark Kelly
Wed 24		<b>ST. ANDREW DUNG-LAC</b>
	7:30a	For the sick of our parish
	6:45p	no intention
Thur 25		<b>ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA</b>
	9:00a	✦Alice Wirths by Bill & Patty Mutch
	11:00a	no intention
Fri 26	7:30a	Holy Souls in Purgatory by Mike & Jane Rabo
	8:45a	Notre Dame School Families
Sat 27	7:30a	no intention
	5:30p	Our Parish Priests
		✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ✦
Sun 21	9:00a	✦Joan Cabral by Nock Family
	10:30a	✦Victoria Montejano by Moreno Family
Latin Mass	1:00p	Maia & Ruby Family (living)
		<i>Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mark Kelly and for his family and friends.</i>

*2<sup>nd</sup> week of November*

Collection	Actual	Budget
Nov 14	\$7,703	\$9,422
Year to date	\$145,348	\$160,932

St. James total for Nov 14: (\$643)

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



**Thank you to everyone who has signed up  
already!**

**Go to**

**[www.stjohnthebaptistchico.org](http://www.stjohnthebaptistchico.org)**

**to sign up today**

**Questions call: 343-8741**

*From the Pastor's Desk*

Next week we begin a new year, that is, a new *liturgical* year. As always, the new liturgical year begins with the beautiful season of Advent, when we prepare for the coming or "advent" of the Christ Child at Christmas. Advent is a season of spiritual preparation and expectation. Just as the Virgin Mary reflected on the mystery of Jesus growing inside of her, we too reflect on the mysteries of God's love and mercy in giving Himself to us in the form of an infant. May we have a chance to stop and reflect often and profoundly on the Incarnation during Advent.

**With the new liturgical year, we will also have a new Mass and Confession schedule. Please take note of the new schedule which is as follows:**

**Saturday:** Morning Mass @ 7:30 am

**Confessions 8-9 am and 4:00-4:45 pm**

Vigil Mass (English) @ 5 pm

Vigil Mass (Spanish) @ 7 pm

**Sunday Masses:** 7:30 am & 9 am (Eng); 11 am (Span)

**1 pm (Latin); 5 pm (Eng)**

**Sun Mass @ St. James, Durham:** 9 am (Eng)

**(No Spanish Mass in Durham)**

May the good Lord bless you this Thanksgiving. I give thanks to God for the gift of being able to pastor this wonderful parish and mission. Thank you for your goodness and holiness! You inspire me and my brother priests to always try to grow in holiness.

Christ's peace,

*Father Blaise Berg*

**Thanksgiving Day Masses:** On Thursday Nov 26<sup>th</sup> English Mass will be celebrated at 9am followed by Spanish Mass at 11am. The collection will go to Catholic Ladies Relief Food Locker.

**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".

**Special Collection THIS Weekend Nov 20-21:**

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) makes a difference in low-income communities by funding programs that address the root causes of poverty. (No local or national ACORN organizations are funded by this collection.) Thank you for your generosity.



**Caring Tree:** Once again it's that time of year for our annual St. John's/St. James Christmas Caring Tree for the elderly. Tags will be available after Masses this weekend. Contact Jean Rabo if you have any questions 345-3388. Drop off gifts by Dec 15 at the parish office.

**Angel Tree** helps children of prisoners. Angel Tree tags will be available after every Mass this weekend, Nov 27-28. Please drop off wrapped gifts with tag by Tues, Dec 15<sup>th</sup> at the parish office. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Knights of Columbus Crab Feed:** Coming February 5<sup>th</sup> 2011! This is their biggest fundraiser of the year. Tickets are available in the parish office for \$35. More details to come.



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**Adoration Chapel**  
*God dwells among His people in the  
 flesh of Jesus Christ,  
 born in Bethlehem,  
 present in the Eucharist.*

God is made present in the Holy Eucharist at Holy Mass for us to receive as our Spiritual Food. He dwells in our tabernacle and is enshrined in the monstrance for us to adore. He will be with us until the end of time.

For more information contact: Javier (566-0358) or Erika (330-2594). **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 cannot make it. Thank you!**

**SAVE THE DATE:** Sunday, December 5th, **DELICIOUS HOME BAKED ITEMS** created by The Catholic Daughters will be sold after each Mass at Our Divine Savior Church on East Lassen. This event will be held in conjunction with The Knights of Columbus breakfast. Any questions, please call Helen Soares at 342-4845.



**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 7:45pm** 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. For more information please call (919)733-0123.

**Central California Marian Eucharistic Conference:** Mark your calendar for the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Central Coast Marian Eucharistic Conference to be held on January 14-16 2011 in Paso Robles, Ca. The theme this year "Sanctity of Marriage – Sanctity of Life" Visit our website at [cmec.org](http://cmec.org) or call Pat at 805-461-5358 for further information.



Youth Director Jeff Weinrich  
 343-8741

All high school students: Come join us for a lifenight discussing Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Come listen to Fr. Berg about how these truths of the Church can change your understanding about the meaning of who we are. We meet at 6:45 on Sunday night after the lifeteen mass in the upper meeting room.

*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.

**NO CFF CLASS ON SUNDAY NOVEMBER 28.**

✧ 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 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> (re-air), Joe will reflect upon the meaning of Christ's words to the criminal: "today you will be with me in Paradise". The following week, Joe will begin a four part series on Advent. Send Joe questions to [jhollmj@yahoo.com](mailto:jhollmj@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.

**"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.

**LOVE BEHIND THE DEEDS**

*God doesn't want our deeds; God wants the love that prompts them.*

*-St. Teresa of Avila*



**Respect for Life:** It is a principle of Christian faith, anchored to natural law, that the human being should be protected, precisely in situations of weakness; the human person always takes priority over other aims. The new possibilities of biotechnology and medicine frequently put us in situations as difficult as walking on the razor's edge. It is our duty to study diligently to what point these methods may be helpful to the human integrity and dignity. We cannot refuse such developments but we must also be attentive. When people begin to make distinctions and often this is already done in the maternal womb between a life that is worthy and one that is unworthy of living, no other phases of life will be spared, especially not old age and infirmity.

-- 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:** "Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord." Rejoice and be joyful in your marriage. Take time to build on the strength of your Sacrament. 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. **No meeting on November 25<sup>th</sup>. Happy Thanksgiving!**



## Stewardship *A way of living*

*This week we will be passing out the commitment forms during Mass for all of you who have not returned your forms or for those who did not get one. Please fill it out and put it in the collection basket. Stewardship is a way of thanking God for all our blessings by returning to God a portion of the many gifts (our time, talent, and treasure) that we have been given.*

### Library News & Hours:

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



Some parishioners have recommended for your reading pleasure the following books found in the Parish Library.

**Back to Virtue** by Peter Kreeft. Something we seem to have lost in everyday life is the concept of virtue. Author Peter Kreeft by using the Church Fathers to contemporary philosophers and theologians reminds us of what we have lost and how to once again evangelize our children, family and community in the basics of decency and a virtuous life.

**Before I Go: letters to our children about what really matters** by Peter Kreeft. Once again the easy and understandable writing style of Professor Kreeft is worth a read. Here are 162 things Kreeft tells us we must relate to our children and grandchildren before we die. An example from the book is "no. 86. **The Best Gift to Your Kids.** When you become a daddy, the very best thing you can do for your kids is this: love mommy. When you become a mommy, the very best thing you can do for your kids is this: love daddy. Make the footsteps right and beautiful, the footsteps that others will walk in."

**Desiderata: A teenager's journey to God** by David Paul Eich. This book will not bore the teenagers in your family. Sources include scripture, the Fathers of the Church, saints and everyday examples of how to have an intimate relationship with our creator.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4  
 Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11  
 Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19  
 Thursday: Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19  
 Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2; Lk 21:29-33  
 Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36  
 Sunday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122; Rom 13:11-14;  
 Mt 24:37-44  
 Liturgy of the Hours Week II

