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Feast of Christ the King

November 26, 2006

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

St. John the Baptist: Monday, December 11th 5:30pm
Newman Center: Tuesday, Dec. 5th 6:15pm
St. Thomas More, Paradise: Thurs., Dec. 13th, 3:30pm
St. Thomas the Apostle, Oroville: Tues., Dec. 14th, 3:30pm
Our Divine Savior, Chico: Mon., Dec. 19th, 12 noon

✠ Mass Intentions ~St. John the Baptist ✠

Sat 25	7:30a	✠ Tim Macarthy by Lorraine Nock
	5:30p	William & Nila Mendonca & family by Erika Sajben
Sun 26	7:30a	Bradford Boswell (B' day) by Gail Boswell
	9:30a	People of God
	12:30p	no intention
	5:30p	✠ Bill Schaeffer by NDS
Mon 27	7:30a	John & Andrea Stalker (living) by Lona
Tue 28	7:30a	Don Carlson (B' day) by Gail Boswell
Wed 29	7:30a	✠ Linda Morgado Springs by Marlene Shanks
	7:00p	Loren & Lucille Godwin by Lawrence & Emilene Rose
Thurs 30	7:30a	✠ Ed Dabrowski by Norleen Manwill
Fri 1	7:30a	✠ Charles Shea by Linda Shea
	8:45a	✠ Fr. Bernard Burns by Diocese
Sat 2	7:30a	✠ Special Intention by DJM
	5:30p	William & Nila Mendonca & family (living) by Erika Sajben

Mass Intentions ~St. James

Sun 26 9:00 a George Rodrigues (living) by Boutwell Fam.
10:30a **no intention**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mike Hutter, Jose Crisoforo Rios Linares, and for his family and friends.

Calling Single Catholic Men: Have you ever thought about becoming a Catholic Priest? You are invited to attend a Discernment Retreat, 4pm on Friday, Jan 26th through 1pm, Sunday, January 28th 2007 at St. Patrick's Seminary to better understand if a vocation to the ministry of God's priesthood is for you! Single Catholic men, 21 years of age or older, are invited. The weekend is designed to provide the tools needed to help you determine if God might be calling you to a vocation to the priesthood. The Retreat will include prayer, discussion and presentations about the priesthood, group interaction and following the daily routine of a seminarian. For more information please see your parish priest.

Christmas Flowers: What demonstrates Christmas better than a beautifully decorated Church during the holiday season? This year, as in years past, the Art and Environment Committee will be accepting donations for Christmas flowers and decorations. Your donation may be in the name of your family, in memory of a Loved One, or in thanksgiving. Please

return donation envelopes to the office or into the collection basket. Extra envelopes are in the vestibule.



BRING YOUR CHURCH BULLETIN: Five and Eye Restaurant on the corner of Fifth St. and Ivy will give 10% back

to our church when you bring in your bulletin and purchase a meal! They are open for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

✧ PARISH NEWS ✧

Giving Tree: Coming Thanksgiving Weekend — You will have the chance to get an envelope with the name and "wish list" of one of our beloved friends in a Care Home or who is shut-in. Last year we had 95 recipients and a typical response is "I don't know who you are, but thank you so much for being so wonderful". Pick out a name, prepare and gift-wrap a gift and deliver it to the parish office by Dec. 15 and it will be delivered for you.



The Angel Tree helps children of prisoners. Angel tags will be available before and after every mass starting Nov 26th. If anyone would like to be a Santa's Helper and deliver gifts, please call Karen or Bruce Neadly 345-4350.

Catholicism Returning Home: ODS, St. John and Newman Center will conduct an ongoing session called CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME for 13 consecutive weeks. The session will begin Mon Feb 5th 2007 from 7-8:30pm at St. John's. These sessions are for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church. If you have felt alienated, drifted away or have been hurt by the Church but deep down still want to be an active Catholic again; please contact Deacon Brukett at 893-2348, 343-4248 or Ms. Haselton 343-874.

Catholic Singles Group: Ages 25-49— St. Thomas More Church in Paradise is in the process of starting a fellowship group which will include social & spiritual activities. There will be a planning meeting on Saturday, Dec 2nd in the Parish Hall following the 5pm mass. If you are interested in attending or helping please call Bernadette at 566-4055.

Mercy Catholic High School: invites you to their 20th Annual Madrigal Medieval Dinner Theatre Sunday, Dec 3rd and Monday Dec 4th. Madrigal includes a catered gourmet feast and lively entertainment. It is held at Sacred Heart School Auditorium—seating begins at 6:30pm—Cost is \$20 a person. For more information please call 527-8313 ext. 3008. Thank you for your support of Mercy Catholic High School.

Christian Spirituality Class: Learn how to better live out Vatican II's "Universal Call to Holiness" — all people are obligated to pursue the perfection of charity/love. Features the actual lectures from the class offered at Franciscan University of Steubenville — but on audio tape only! Facilitated by Jason Van Buskirk (M.A. in Theology from Steubenville) - group prayer (Liturgy of the Hours etc) and Catholic Fellowship are part of this experience too. The class will be from 7-9 p.m. every Tuesday evening in the Parish Office Library (started Nov 14th). Please consider joining us for an incredible class on how to become a saint! All interested are encouraged to call Jason at 343-8741.

Scripture Study: NOTE NEW LOCATION AND TIME: Joe Hollcraft will be doing a 4 part series on Advent based on the readings of the following Sunday starting Wed. Nov 29th from 7-8pm at the Newman Center. If you can't make it to the bible study it will be recorded and aired on AM 930 Sat & Sun Nov 25 & 26 at 11am. You can also access the information on St John's website (Catholic Hour → Recent Scripture link) Don't miss this great opportunity to better understand the bible and our faith.



Respect Life Committee is having their next monthly meeting on Dec 11 from 3:30-5pm in the parish library. Everyone is welcome.

Catholic Daughters: Dec 1st is First Friday Mass 8am at ODS. Thurs Dec 14th will be a potluck at 12:30 at ODS. Please bring a hot dish or salad. Sunday Dec 17th will be our Christmas Bake Sale after all masses at ODS. Bring donations on Saturday after 3pm.



www.chicolifeteen.org

Andrea Florez, Youth Director
530-961-2050

PARENTS if you are interested in helping with snacks, with set-up, or clean-up and you have NOT already signed-up please call me at the number listed above to put yourself on the list.

LIFE TEEN (grades 9-12) Thank you to everyone who helped get our teens to Inspiration Tour 2006 at Magic Mountain. We had an amazing time with over 3000 other Catholic teens! I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving week I can't wait to see you all at 7pm in the upper meeting room on Nov 26th for the greatest game show around...Who Wants to Be Catholic?

EDGE (grades 7-8) I hope that you all had a great week with your families. I am sorry to say that we have had to cancel this weeks EDGE meeting, Nov 27th. We will meet again on Dec 4th from 7-8:30pm in the hall at ODS.

EVENTS COMING UP: EDGE Lock-In Dec 8th from 7pm to Dec 9th at 7am in the hall at ODS. Permission slips will be handed out on December 4th at EDGE and will be available in the parish office.

EDGE Family Christmas Caroling Dec 11th beginning at 7pm. Please come as a family to share Christmas Carols with some of our neighbors. We will be meeting in the parking lot of ODS. This event is weather permitting, if it is raining we will have to cancel.

LIFE TEEN and **EDGE** ministries Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale Dec 17th in the hall at ODS after the morning masses. We need parents to help cook and teens to serve and clean-up. The money raised goes to support our parish youth ministries. Please call Andrea to volunteer or for more information.

✧ **CFF: CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION** ✧

Religious Education Questions

Call Jason Van Buskirk 343-8741

Email: jvanbuskirk@stjohnthebaptistchico.org

No CFF this week. See you all back on Sunday, December 3rd.

CFF: Registrations are always welcome year round!

Confirmation: If your child is in grades 7-12 and needs to receive this sacrament please call Jason as soon as possible.

Mandatory Sacrament Parents' Class: The next Sacrament Parents' Class is Tuesday, December 5th from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Upper Meeting Room. Only parents going through our program for the 1st time are required to attend all the monthly classes, though all are encouraged and welcomed.

RCIA Adapted for Children: Sacrament Preparation for kids in grades 2-6 who need to be baptized, AND, children in grades 3-6 who need to receive 1st Confession and/or 1st Communion. Next Class is this Friday, Dec 1st from 6:30-7:30pm in the Parish Office.

Youth Sacrament Program (Sacrament Preparation for Youth in grades 7-12): Classes are on Weds, from 4:30-6pm in the Parish Office Upper Meeting Room.

Deaf CFF: Please call Jason Van Buskirk if interested at 343-8741.

Sacrament Registration: Registration for Baptism, 1st Confession, and 1st Communion is underway and ends Wednesday, December

20th. Forms are available in Parish Office and at the main desk of Notre Dame School. One copy of a baptismal certificate is required for each child. Please return registrations to the Parish Office or to your child's teacher.

✧ **CALENDAR** ✧

- Sat 25** **St. Catherine of Alexandria**
9-11am Pro-Life Prayer Group
10am Confessions
- Sun 26** **Our Lord Jesus Christ The King**
NO CFF
LIFETEEN after 5:30 mass
- Mon 27** **Last Week in Ordinary Time**
7pm Jr. Life
6-8 AA in English
- Tues 28** 6:30 Choir practice
- Wed 29** 6-9 Spanish AA
7pm Spanish mass
7pm BSA #2
- Thur 30** **St. Andrew**
7pm Rosary Prayer Group
- Fri 1** **First Friday**
6-7am Men's Bible Study (ODS)
8:45am NDCS mass
3:30-4:30pm Adoration
6-9pm Spanish AA
- Sat 2** **First Saturday**
9-11am Pro-Life Prayer Group
10am Confessions

**FIRST MONDAY: ADORATION/EXPOSITION
OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Monday, December 4th**



✧ **MARRIAGE & FAMILY** ✧

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Northern Lights Love Circle: is gathering for their 5th Annual Family Christmas Party on Friday Dec 1 at ODS social hall from 6:30-9pm. It will be a potluck (main dish, salad or dessert) along with some activities for all. Please bring an Ornament for exchange, one per family. For more information please call Stephanie or James at 893-2348.

Catholic Marriage Enrichment Group: All Catholic married couples are invited. Next meeting will be Dec 6th, 6:45-9pm in UMR at St. John's office. For information, call Debbie Weinrich, MSW at 342-2878 ext 2.

Catholic Women's Ministry: Next meeting will be in Dec 14, 6:45-9pm at ODS Social Hall. Call Debbie Weinrich at 342-2878 ext 2.

Marriage Encounter: Dorothy and Aric Cook, your local marriage Encounter representatives, wish you a holy and happy holiday this Christmas season. The next Marriage Encounter weekends will be Feb. 16-18; April 20-22; June 22-24 in Sacramento. It could be the best gift you ever give your spouse! For more information call Stephanie & Deacon James Burkett 893-2348.

Retrouaille: This is a program consisting of a weekend experience and 6 post-weekend sessions designed to give hope and help for marriages that are experiencing trouble. The next weekend in Sacramento will be February 9-11 2007. For additional information, go to www.retrouaille.org or call 1-800-283-5952.

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: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
- Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2; Lk 21:29-33
- Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36
- Sunday: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25; 1 Thes 3:12, 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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