



Our Faith Increase Our Faith

27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 3, 2010

**From the Pastor's Desk**

Dear Parishioners,

Please remember to take advantage of the written material and CDs that we have available in the vestibule of the church for education in the faith. Also, there are many resources available in the parish library.

Since the Sunday Homily is only 8 to 12 minutes it is important to supplement our knowledge of the faith through other means. So please take advantage of these opportunities so that each of us can grow in the knowledge of our faith, not only individually but also as a parish community as the body of Christ.

In Christ Jesus, Father Blaise Berg



**Notre Dame School/St. John's Fall**

**Festival:** Come join the fun at the Notre Dame School and St. John's Fall Festival **TODAY** Sunday, Oct. 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the school/church parking lot. All

ages will enjoy the game booths, delicious food, entertainment and cake walk. We'll also have bargains galore at the Country Store. Purchase a raffle ticket to win cash prizes. **Hope to see you there!**

**No Hospitality Today due to the Fall Festival.**

**To St. John's Parishioners:** Watch for information on Electronic giving which will be coming soon to St. John's Parish.

**Opportunity for Parents/Adults! Everyone is invited!** Adult faith formation classes will begin on Sunday, October 10th. Our first topic is "The Trinity". Please join us from 10:30am until noon in the Upper Meeting Room of Notre Dame School. Revisit the truths of our Catholic Faith. Bring your Bible and Catechism.

**Dear Adorers:** We are ambassadors of the Holy Eucharist. Generously invite your family, friends and loved ones to join you or



to share an hour of Adoration. **If you would like to offer an hour in adoration for the 40 Days of Life please come any time.** Don't forget to invite a friend! **If you have any questions please call Erika at 330-2594 or Javier at 566-0358.**



**Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast:**

Next Sunday, October 10, 8:30 -11am. Adults \$6, Children under 12 \$3 and family of 4 or more \$20. Pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee, juice will be served. Please come and join us for a nice breakfast.

**Women's Resource Clinic Presents: Plant a Seed-Leave a Legacy 2010 Fall Benefit Banquet –** We are so excited to announce that Bruce Wilkinson, author of "The Prayer of Jabez" will be our guest speaker on Saturday, November 20, 2010. Table Purchase: \$240 (seats 8), Individual Tickets: \$30. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 530-897-6101 or visit Women's Resource Clinic at 115 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Mon-Thurs 10am-5pm, Fri 10am-1pm. Seats are limited.

✧ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ✧		
Sat 2	7:30a	DJM intentions
	5:30p	✧Rozelle J. Iraci by Sebastian Iraci
Sun 3		27 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	7:30a	✧Dorene Paetz by Duane Paetz
	9:00a	People of the Parish
	10:30a	no intention
	12:30p	✧Sergio Hernandez by Lurencio Espinoza
	5:30p	Dan Boutwell Jr. (b'day/living) by Boutwell Family
Mon 4		ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
	7:30a	✧Rozelle J. Iraci by Sebastian Iraci
Tues 5	7:30a	✧John Reginato & living family by Rosina
Wed 6		ST. BRUNO
	7:30a	✧Dorene Paetz by Duane Paetz
	6:30p	no intention
Thur 7		OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY
	7:30a	✧Bill Holt by Yolanda Holt
Fri 8	7:30a	Joanne & Dane Lennon (living) by the Suttoff's
	8:45a	Benefactors of Notre Dame School
Sat 9		ST. DENIS & COMPANIONS
	7:30a	✧Rev. Patrick Ritter S.D.S
	5:30p	✧Manuel Bettencourt by Diana Bettencourt
		✧ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ✧
Sun 3	9:00a	✧Claire Grzanich by Grzanich Family
	10:30a	no intention
		Please pray for the repose of the souls of Pauline Sandavol, Ida Martin and for their family and friends.

4<sup>th</sup> week of September

Collection	Actual	Budget
Sept 26	\$6,470	\$6,630
Year to date	\$96,474	\$108,828

St. James total for Sept 26: (\$481)

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

ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE

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**Appreciation Dinner Oct 16<sup>th</sup>:** The plan for the Appreciation Dinner is simple this year. Come around 6pm to the ODS Social Hall. EVERYONE who is involved with helping at the Jesus Center or Torres Shelter, who helps with the Christmas party for the homeless, or donates clothes, or food for the homeless and hungry in Chico is invited. Please join us. RSVP to 342-2134.

**CATHOLIC LADIES RELIEF SOCIETY:** Remember our meeting is on Tuesday, October 5th, at O.D.S. 566 E. Lassen. Meeting will be in the small room in the Social Hall. Our Social starts at 12:30 followed by our meeting at 1:00. Come meet women that care about those in need. We serve others with food and emergency services at our Chico Community Food Locker. Any questions, call Lorraine Overton 891-3623 or Sandra Atteberry, 345-1601



**Fall Rummage Sale:** Sponsored by Catholic Daughters, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, 8am-5pm and Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>, 8am-2pm at ODS Parish Hall. Donation of clean, useable clothing, small household items and books gratefully accepted at ODS Parish Hall on Wednesday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> between 8am-5pm. Call Mary Nichols at 520-5558 with questions or if you have an item that needs to be picked up.

**The Diocese of Sacramento** Department of Evangelization & Catechesis Lay Formation Institute Year II presents: **Theology of the Body Explained! Discovering God's Master Plan for Your Life!** Join us on Sat, Oct. 9 from 8:30am-4:30pm at Sacred Heart Parish in Red Bluff. Fr. Chuck Kelly will explore God's original plan for marriage and sexuality as explained by the late Pope John Paul II. This dynamic and exciting presentation will show how an understanding of this plan gives profound meaning to all of our lives. For more information and to register go to [www.layformation.com](http://www.layformation.com) or call 916-733-0123. Cost is \$25.

**Same Sex Marriage: Why Not?** Thursday, October 21, 7-9pm at Good Shepherd Parish in Elk Grove. Cost \$10. Please join Dr. Jennifer Roback Morse as she explains the Church's position on same sex marriage. For teachers, administrators, clergy, catechists, DRE, youth ministers, and parents. From this evening, you will learn:

- Why the Church teaches that marriage can only be between one man and one woman.
- The serious consequences that would follow if the state changed the traditional definition of marriage.
- Practical tools for presenting the Church's teaching with clarity, sensitivity, and compassion.

To register go to <http://October21.info> or call 916-733-0123.

**University of Sacramento** is offering 2 online and on-campus courses this fall: *Epistemology: The Philosophy of Knowledge* on Monday evenings, Nov 1, 8, 15, 22 from 6-7:30pm. *Metaphysics: The Science of Being* on Monday evenings, Nov 29, Dec 6, 13, 20 from 6-7:30pm. For more information call 916-480-9525.



Youth Director Jeff Weinrich  
343-8741

Have you ever wondered how to pray? Have you ever wondered how to hear God's voice in your own life? Come join us in the upper meeting room after 5:30 Mass for a lifelight on how to talk to God. You will learn about the importance of daily prayer as well as how to hear from God.

◇ CFF: CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION ◇

*Religious Education Questions - Call 343-8741*

**Our Religious Ed program for children has started. If you have not registered please come to the office as soon as possible to register.**

◇ ADULT FAITH FORMATION ◇

**Catholics Returning Home:** If you have been away from the Church because you have been hurt or find it confusing and want to become familiar with it again, this is the place to start. Jesus went out looking for the one lost sheep and when he found it he carried it on his shoulder. We will be gathering in an informal setting with other Catholics learning and growing in faith again. This is a 13 week session in building community and relationship with God with the help of others on the same journey. 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, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, Joe will be teach upon the rites of the Mass. Among other topics, Joe will reflect upon why the opening and concluding rites of the Mass are essential to our reception of the Eucharist. The following week, Joe will offer a teaching on the biblical vision to the sacrament of Confession.** Send Joe questions to [jholljnj@yahoo.com](mailto:jholljnj@yahoo.com)

**Rosary Prayer Group** will meet 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 information call Sharon, 891-5334 or Deacon James, 893-2348.

*Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the Lord who made us.*

*--Psalm 95:6*



**Respect for Life: "Life Chain 2010" TODAY.** At 1pm Oct. 3, supporters of the Pro-Life cause are invited to take part in Chico's Life Chain 2010. Since 1973, when abortion was legalized in the landmark Supreme Court decision *Roe v. Wade*, 50,000 babies have been lost in Chico to abortion. Everyone who would like to spread the message and save lives, please come to the intersection of Forest Ave and 20<sup>th</sup> St. by 12:45pm in order to pray for the end of abortion.

There are still many times available to pray peacefully out in front of the Planned Parenthood business. Please feel free to go to the [www.40daysforlife.com/chico](http://www.40daysforlife.com/chico) site and sign up or if you would rather call Mary at 345-8638 or Therese at 892-8971 they would be happy to assist.

Lord our God we pray that you protect all those who go out to pray and for the conversion of all who walk in to the clinic as customers as well as the people who work there and all those in cars that pass by. Lord You alone are in control.



**Marriage Encounter:** "So do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord" (Today's Second Reading). Does your Marriage Sacrament witness the Sign of God's love? Let Worldwide Marriage Encounter give you tools to increase your Sacramental Sign. Our Fall Weekends are: Oct 15-17/Modesto and Nov 19-21/Santa Rosa. Early registration is highly recommended. Contact Stephanie and Deacon James Burkett at 893-2348 for more information.

**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).

**"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. **Topic for October 7 meeting: Meet at Cedar Grove for a walk.**

**Stress in Your Marriage? – *There is less than a week left to sign-up for Retrouvaille.*** Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness and simply shut down. Others experience conflict and arguments in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. It's not too late to sign-up and it's not too late for your relationship! For confidential information about or to register for the October 2010 weekend program beginning this coming Friday call (800) 283-5952 or email: [sacramento@retroca.com](mailto:sacramento@retroca.com) or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)

**PUBLIC ROSARY:** Please join the 2010 Public Square Rosary Crusade. As we all know, the United States is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We must ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. Join us in praying for our nation on October 16, 2010 at 12 noon. The local Public Square Rosary Rally will take place at the Chico Municipal Center on Main St. between 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Streets. Please contact Mike Garcia at 530-345-3217 for more information.



**Library News & Hours:**

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



1) Don Matteo - New to the parish library are 12 episodes of the Italian TV detective comedy series *Don Matteo*. Parish priest Don Matteo Bondini is a former missionary who seems to have an insight into the human soul and is able to solve crimes prior to the local police. Staring Terence Hill, this series mixes "drama, faith, humor and spiritual lessons."

2) *The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything: A Spirituality for Real Life* by [James Martin](#)

A recent gift to the library from a fellow parishioner this work is for anyone interested in the spiritual life. Fr. Martin's writings are a great asset to anyone who may be at the beginning, middle or final stage of this quest. It introduces us to that great classic, *The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius*. In a language we can all understand, it is easy to see why this work has received rave reviews. Highly recommended!

3) *Edith Stein* - On its way to the library is the striking new DVD *Edith Stein: The Seventh Chamber*. Canonized by Pope John Paul II in 1998, this is the remarkable story of a Jewish philosopher who converted to Catholicism, became a Discalced Carmelite nun and was sent the concentration camp Auschwitz where she was martyred in 1942. She is a Doctor of the Church and her writings are both sublime and remarkable.

**The parish library will be having a book giveaway on Sunday October 24. We have many works that have been donated to the library that have ended up either being second or third copies, and works that don't fit into the collection but might fit into yours. Please come by have a look at what we have. Donations will be greatly accepted.**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37  
 Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42  
 Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4  
 Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-13  
 Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26  
 Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Lk 11:27-28  
 Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98; 2 Tm 2:8-13;  
 Lk 17:11-19

**Liturgy of the Hours Week III**

