



Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 7, 2007

From Fr. Brent:

RECTORY KITCHEN: I want to thank all of you who participated in the fund drive for the repair of the dilapidated rectory kitchen. It hasn't been touched in many decades and badly needs work. The \$6,600 you gave will help us get started on the most important needs there, starting with a new stove.

MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITY: We have created some badly needed new meeting space in the parish offices. We've researched the cost of furnishing the room with a conference table and a dozen padded folding chairs. With shipping, the total comes to \$1125. Would you consider donating this amount to the parish and proposing a name for the room? You might name it after your favorite saint, or one of Our Lady's names? Or maybe your favorite pilgrimage site? We'll put a nice plaque on the door. Please call the parish office if you're interested.

Thank you for all your loving support of St. John's parish! St. John the Baptist, pray for us!

In Christ, Fr. Brent

The total collection for September:

1 st Sunday	\$9,239	4 th Sunday	\$6,770
2 nd Sunday	\$9,798	5 th Sunday	\$7,665
3 rd Sunday	\$9,206	Total	\$42,675

May your faithful generosity bring you blessings of joy, for the Bible says, "God loves a cheerful giver!" --2 Corinthians 9:7

✠ Mass Intentions ~St. John the Baptist ✠			
Sat 6	7:30a	Special Intention by DJM	
	5:30p	✠	Manuel Bettencourt by Diane Bettencourt
Sun 7	7:30a	✠	Manuel Bettencourt by Consolation Ministry
	9:30a		People of God
	12:30p	✠	Alfredo Magaña & Tibursio Sandoval by Martin Magaña
Latin Mass	2:30p		Special Intention
	5:30p		Devon Dorenzo (living/b' day) by Carolyn Dorenzo
Mon 8	7:30a		John Reginato by Rosina Reginato
Tue 9	7:30a		NO MASS (intention rescheduled)
Wed 10	7:30a		NO MASS (intention rescheduled)
Thur 11	7:30a		NO MASS (intention rescheduled)
Fri 12	7:30a		NO MASS (intention rescheduled)
	8:30a		NO NDS MASS
Sat 13	7:30a	✠	Tim McCarthy
	5:30p	✠	Denise Boutwell by Boutwell Family
✠ Mass Intentions ~St. James ✠			
Sun 7	9:00 a		no intention
	10:30a		no intention

Pray for the repose of the soul of Bernardo Espinoza, Martin Lopez, Charles Karch for the comfort of their family and friends.

✠ PARISH & SCHOOL NEWS ✠



ND S / St. John's Fall Festival: The 73rd Annual Fall Festival is TODAY Sunday, October 7th from 10:30am-4pm.

FOUND: A set of keys were brought to the office. They were found on church steps after 5:30pm Sunday mass Sept 30.

PLEASE NOTE: There will not be morning mass from Oct 9th to the 12th due to a mandatory meeting for all priests at the Diocese. Fr. Mike Newman will be saying mass at ODS at 8am each day and on Wed Oct 10th there will also be mass at the Newman Center at 5:30pm. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Children's Liturgy: There will be no Children's Liturgy at 5:30pm Sunday mass this Sunday Oct 7th due to the Fall Festival.

PARISH DIRECTORY: Photo Sessions will start on Oct 10th. There is no cost to the church and no sitting fee for your family. You will receive a complimentary 8X10 portrait and a copy of the directory. You will also have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits. Please sign up, because our directory won't be complete without you. **ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS:** If you own a business and would like to advertise in our new directory please call the parish office. A full color page ad is \$200 and black and white full page ad is \$100.



Respect for Life Committee: Join your fellow parishioners and people from all denominations all over the country in the "40 Days for Life" campaign designed to raise awareness, save lives, bring healing and prepare America for the beginning of the end to abortion!! More than 8 cities in 32 states (including Sacramento) are uniting for Life now through Nov 4th. Join us in fasting and praying for the end of abortion. Consider praying outside of Planned Parenthood (556 Vallombrosa Ave) or Women's Health Specialists (1469 Humboldt Rd). Also, remember that help is available for women and men who are suffering from the experience of abortion. Contact Rachel's Vineyard at www.rachelsvineyard.org. The next meeting of the Respect Life Committee is scheduled for Oct 15th, 3:30pm, in the library at St. John's.

Choir Rehearsal: If anyone who 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 or the office 343-8741. Come and "make a joyful noise unto the Lord!"

Catholic Daughters: Calendar: Oct 11th regular meeting, 1pm at Our Divine Savior.



All Soul's Day envelopes will be in the vestibule of the church next week.

ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE
stjohnthebaptistchico.org

Fr. Brent's email: fbrent@stjohnthebaptistchico.org

St. John Office email address: stjohn33@sbcglobal.net

If you have any questions or would like more information about our programs please call Andrea.

XLT - TODAY Sunday October 7th. This is an awesome prayer experience with a great talk, praise and worship, and adoration. We begin with a free dinner at 6:30pm in the cafeteria of St. John's and then back up to the church. Our speaker for October is Fr. Brian Atienza the vocations director for the diocese of Sacramento.

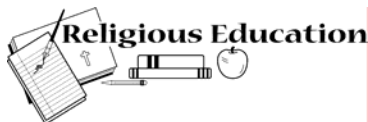
LIFE TEEN - Killing Fields – Killing, death, dying, it's all around us. It's on TV, in the papers, at our schools. How can we change? Join us tonight at St. John's gym from 7-8:45pm to find out what this story is all about.

EDGE – Welcome to the EDGE on MONDAY OCT 8TH 7-8:30pm. If you are in 7th or 8th grade join us for our first EDGE night of the year. We have lots of fun in store just for you and your friends.

EDGE – Sweet Charity – Why is service so important for our communities? How can we help? Join us on Monday Oct 15th from 7-8:30pm at ODS Gym.

PARENTS: If you did not make it to one of the parents meetings you need to pick up a packet at your parish office or at LIFE TEEN or EDGE fill out the purple and white form and return it with a suggested donation of \$25 per teen. We are also asking families to sign-up to bring snacks for our meetings. We will have the calendars available to sign-up at LIFE TEEN and EDGE until all the days are filled.

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



Religious Education Questions
Call 343-8741

CFF: If you haven't registered for CFF please pick up a registration packets at the parish office. CFF started Sept 9th.

Youth Sacrament Program is for students in 7th thru 12th grades who have not received all the sacraments (Baptism, 1st Penance, 1st Communion) and students in 8th thru 12th who have not received Confirmation. If the student has not received one or more of these sacraments their parents should enroll them in this program by calling 343-8741 or coming to the parish office to register. These classes began on Wed Sept 26th from 3:30-5pm in the parish office.

Deaf CFF: All deaf children and young adults in the community are encouraged to participate in the Deaf CFF special Program. Registration forms are available in the parish office. You can also contact our office by email at stjohn33@sbcglobal.net.



Please join us every Wed during the month of Oct to pray the rosary. We will meet in the church at 5:30pm.

◆ **ADULT FAITH FORMATION** ◆

Women's Ministry Group: will be meeting on Oct 11th at ODS Social Hall from 6:45-9pm. We will be sharing about the 1st and 2nd chapters of "Experience Grace in Abundance". All women are welcome to join the group. For more information and to purchase a book please call Pat Hackney at 342-5528 or Mary Waldorf at 345-8638.

Catholics Returning Home: A Ministry of Compassion and Reconciliation is designed to reach-out and encourage non-practicing Catholics to return "Home to the Catholic Church" and resume active practice of their faith. No matter how long you have been away and no matter what the reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church. Come join us on Monday Oct 15th from 7-8:30pm at the Newman Center upper meeting room. For more details contact co-director's Ms. Sharon Haselton at 343-8741 or Deacon James Burkett at 893-2348.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the path by which adults become members of the Catholic Church. Call parish office for additional information or Deacon Steve Schwartz at 891-0626.

Holy Spirit Prayer Group: is a gathering of Catholic Christians from the Chico parishes who give praise, thanks, honor, and love to Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. They meet at 7pm on the 4th Wed of each month at the Newman Center. For more info call Sharon Haselton: 891-5334, James Burkett: 893-2348, or Nancy Overton: 899-1600.



SCRIPTURE
STUDY

Scripture Study/Radio: Joe Hollcraft is live on AM 930 at 11:00am-12:00 each Saturday and Sunday (re-aired). Joe will have a different guest each week. Each program will be devoted to the readings from the Mass. On October 6th and 7th Joe will be joined by Bob Cross as they teach on the virtue

of faith and the call to live the "little way". The following week Joe will discuss the call to be in constant thanksgiving. Be sure not to miss this great opportunity to better understand the Bible and the structure of our faith.

◆ **MARRIAGE & FAMILY** ◆

New! Mother's Prayer Group: All mothers and little ones are invited to join a pray and play group every Thursday at 10:30am. We will be meeting in the preschool room at ODS for prayer, fellowship, and fun! If you have any questions, please call Marijeanne Birchard at 343-6912.



Marriage Encounter: Make a great marriage even better! Sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Call Stephanie & 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 Jackie Hollcraft M.S.; P.A.C. (899-0243).

Retrouvaille: 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. Next weekend will be Oct 12-14. For additional information, go to www.retrouvaille.org or call 1-800-283-5952.

DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE: Saturday Oct 13th, Sacramento Convention Center, 9am-6pm includes mass and youth component. Topics will be, The Awesome Mercy of God by Fr. John Hampsch, Culture of Death by Jesse Romero, Healing Mercy of God by Annie Karto, God's Unfathomable Mercy by Tess Poling, Divine Mercy Shrine by Sal Caruso, hosted by J.D. Maher of Fox 40 TV. Cost \$10 adult, \$5 student. For more info, visit www.DivineMercySacramento.org or call 877-473-2484.

Mary and the Holy Eucharist: "Expect Miracles" Marian Eucharistic Conference, Friday Oct 26th, 5pm until Sunday, Oct 28th ending at 2pm at the Winema Theatre in Scotia California. Cost before Oct 10th: Individuals \$50, Couples \$90, Families \$90. Cost after Oct 10th: add \$10. Call 1-707-444-3135 for more information.

Attention Married & Engaged Couples: Learn a natural method of family planning that is safe, effective (99%) and in accord with Catholic teaching. Great for achieving as well as postponing pregnancy. Classes begin October 10th at St. Rose Parish in Sacramento. For more information, call Suzanne at 916-369-0844.

Attention prayerful single men! Marist Fathers and Brothers in Berkeley are offering a vocational retreat weekend on Oct 12-14. Also, the Augustine Community in San Francisco is having a vocational retreat on Oct 26-28. Work and pray with the community and enjoy the vocational conversation. There is no cost but space is limited. Call 1-800-221-1807.



Newman Center: Oktoberfest— Sat Oct 13th at 6:30pm. Cost \$10 for adults, \$8 for students, \$6 for children, under age 5 are free. Join us for an evening of authentic German food, beer, music, dancing, and games. The proceeds benefit the students at the Newman Center. Tickets are available at the Newman Center office. Please call 342-5180 for more details. All ages are welcome!

Healing After Abortion Retreat: Do you know someone hurting after an abortion? Still seeking peace years later? Experience the healing love of Jesus at Rachel's Vineyard Retreat in Auburn, sponsored by the Diocese of Sacramento. A weekend retreat includes sharing of stories, spiritual exercises, sacraments and a memorial service. Open to women, men, couples and family members touched by abortion. The cost is \$150 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. Financial assistance is available. For more information, call Edie at 916-733-0161 or 1-888-HOPE-790 or email esickman@diocese-sacramento.org. Inquiries and participation are strictly confidential.

Travel to France: Pilgrimage to Catholic France (Lourdes & Other Sacred Sites) with Fr. Steve Avella, May 13th thru May 28th, 2008. For details call Karen Chappellear, 916-652-7560. Leaves from SFO.

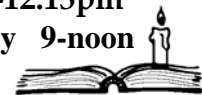
Pilgrimage to Lourdes & Italy Nov 5 – 15, 2007, price \$2,449. Fr. Vincent Juan will be hosting the pilgrimage. For more information call (530) 335-2372 or for the application and brochure check the website www.stfrancisburney.org.

Sat 6	St. Bruno/FIRST SATURDAY 9-11am Pro-Life Prayer Group 10am Confessions
Sun 7	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time NO CFF 10am-4pm FALL FESTIVAL 2:30pm Latin Mass (St. John's) 5:45pm Lifeteen (XLT tonight)
Mon 8	6-8pm English AA
Tues 9	St. Denis and his companions 6:30 Choir practice
Wed 10	6-9 Spanish AA 5:30 Rosary (CFF/ all are invited)
Thur 11	6:30-9pm RCIA (parish office) 6-10pm K of C 7pm Rosary Group (in church)
Fri 12	6-7am Men's Bible Study (ODS) 3:30-4:30pm Adoration 6-9pm Spanish AA
Sat 13	9-11am Pro-Life Prayer Group 10am Confessions

Library Hours:

Sunday 8:30-9:30am & 10:30am-12:15pm

Wednesday 9-noon and Thursday 9-noon



Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church: is a summary of the Catechism, focusing on the key elements of the Catholic Faith. It is not meant to replace the Catechism but to help make the Catholic Faith as accessible as possible for the next generation of the Faithful. It is available in the Parish office for \$12.

United States Catholic Catechism for Adults: is a unique and groundbreaking guide for those who seek to deepen their Catholic faith. Each chapter starts with a story or lesson of faith which are then related to Catholic teachings, the Catechism and to American culture. They are available at the Parish office for \$20.

Diocesan History Books: The diocese has put together a beautiful hardcover book featuring the history of the diocese and its parishes. The books are available in the parish office. The cost is \$25.

Catechisms of the Catholic Church: are also available in the parish office for \$15 (a 25% discount).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Lk 10:25-37
- Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42
- Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4
- Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13
- Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26
- Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; 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

