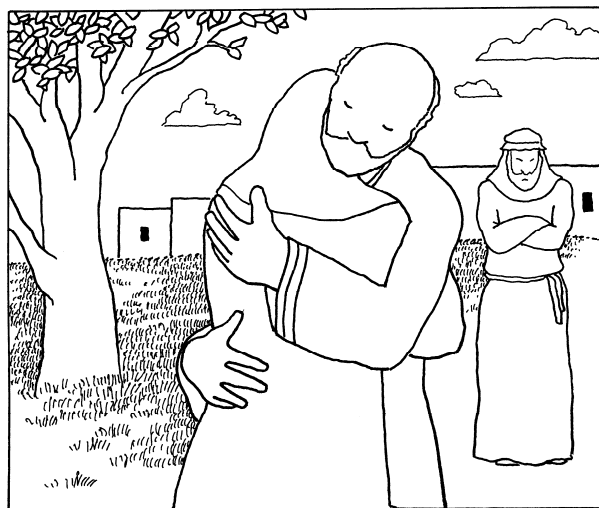


Which of the two did his father's will?



**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 28, 2008**

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ✦

Sat 27	7:30a	✦Yvonne Richard by Cleo Richard Cleo Richard (living)
	5:30p	Arline Krise (living) by Marie Borges
Sun 28	7:30a	✦Yvonne Richard by Cleo Richard Cleo Richard (living)
	9:30a	Parish
	12:30p	no intention
	5:30p	no intention
Mon 29	7:30a	Steve & Jasmine Rowling (living)
Tues 30	7:30a	✦Clair & Terry Lennon by Sutthoff's
Wed 1	7:30a	✦John & Mary O'Hara by John O'Hara
Thurs 2	7:30a	Angela & Gracie Rabo (living)
Fri 3	7:30a	Dan Boutwell Jr (living) by Mom & Dad
Sat 4	7:30a	✦Mary Van Buskirk by Lona Stalker
	5:30p	✦José Santana by Ann

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ✦

Sun 28	9:00a	no intention
	10:30a	no intention

Pray for the repose of the souls of Mary Osbourn, Laura Karr, and for the comfort of their family and friends.

3rd Week of September

Sunday Collection \$6,614

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

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✦ **PARISH & SCHOOL NEWS** ✦

Centennial Dinner/Dance: Next Saturday, Oct 4th, join us for our 100 year celebration with dinner catered by Bacio Catering, dancing with the Fabulous Swing Kings and a silent auction featuring art from local artists. We hope everyone bought a ticket because this will be a night you won't want to miss!! The evening will begin at 6pm.



FALL FESTIVAL--CELEBRATING 80 YEARS OF NOTRE DAME SCHOOL:

Sunday, Oct 5th from 10am-4pm is Notre Dame School's Annual Fall Festival. Come and enjoy games, food, fun & fellowship for the whole family. Questions: call 343-8741. **RAFFLE TICKETS FOR SALE!** NDS annual raffle is underway. Ticket holders have the chance to win a \$1000 Grand Prize, a \$750 1st prize, a \$500 2nd prize, or a \$250 3rd prize. The drawing will be held at the Fall Festival on Oct 5th. Tickets are now on sale for \$2 each or a book of 12 tickets for \$20. Please look for NDS students selling raffle tickets after masses. Ticket books are also available in the parish or school office. Thank you for your generous support of our school.

COUNTRY STORE: It wouldn't be the Fall Festival without the Country Store! We are accepting donations of your knick knacks, books, children's toys, furniture, household items, etc... We are also looking for "farm donations" (i.e. pumpkins, watermelons, corn, etc.) Please call Amy King 966-1611 or Jenni Schaeffer 893-5474 for drop off or pick-up. Thank you for your support!

Saint Joseph's Communications Inc presents: *Your Life in Christ:* Discover a Practical Guide to Everyday Spirituality with Joseph Hollcraft, M.A. In this all new three-CD series, Joseph Hollcraft, M.A. provides pertinent insights into the much-neglected topic of lay-Catholic spirituality. In these enlightening live recordings, Mr. Hollcraft draws from the wisdom of the Saints, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and the inspired words of Holy Scripture, to uncover and apply the timeless teaching of the Church to your life today. This is available in the parish office for \$20.

Pack #2 Cub Scouts from St John's will be taking orders for Christmas Wreaths, Sprays and Holiday Gifts at the Fall Festival and after Masses. They will take orders until October 28th and deliver in early December. This is their main fundraiser to provide for pack activities and summer camp for our Cub Scouts. You can contact Terry or Marie Huitt at 343-0017.

Catholic Daughters Annual Rummage Sale will be Oct 3rd and 4th at ODS Social Hall from 9am-3pm. So it is time to clean out your closets. We need good clean clothes, games, books, small house hold items, and more. Bring your donated items on Wed Oct 1st or 2nd to the Social Hall between 9:30am and 3pm. Contact Lorene at 343-3324 or Juene at 342-3858 if you have any questions.

Adult Choir Rehearsal: If anyone 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!"

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

In Prayer in Your Life you discover who you are, what you are called to be, and how to deepen and develop your prayer life. Father Santan Pinto, S.O.L.T. developed the program: lay people who have been through the training will present an introductory teaching in the church library at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church on Saturday October 11th, 435 Chestnut St., Chico. Registration is at 8:15am. There is no charge for this program. The presentation will be from 8:30-11am. There will be time for questions after the presentations. For more information call Maggie Sawyer at 345-7299

Women's Ministry Group: To all interested in joining our Women of Grace Women's Ministry Great Adventure Bible Study Group. Please read through Genesis Chapters 4-11. Also read, 1Peter 3:18-22 with Catechism numbers 845, 1219, 1213 and Acts 2:1-13. We will be meeting again at ODS Social Hall on Thursday Oct 9th from 6:45-9pm. If you wish to purchase the Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation Study Kit it can be purchased by calling 1-800-376-0520. If you have any questions feel free to call Pat Hackney at 342-5528 or Mary Waldorf at 345-8638. Please bring your Bible and Catechism with you.

Prayer and Bible Study every Saturday night, 7-8:30pm at the Wing's home, hosted by Parish Cantor George Wing. Each week we will focus on the current Sunday readings and intercessory prayer. Call 342-4472 for directions and details. We began September 13th.

Rosary Prayer Group: The Rosary Prayer Group meets on Thursday evenings at 7pm. If you would like to participate call 342-2323 or 898-1183.

Holy Spirit Prayer Group: They meet at 7pm on the 4th Wed of each month at the Newman Center. For more information call Sharon, 891-5334 or James, 893-2348.



Scripture Study/Radio: Joe Hollcraft is live on AM 930 at 11:00am-12:00 each Saturday and Sunday (re-aired). Joe has a different guest each week. Each program will be devoted to the readings from the Mass. This week (Sept 27th and Sept 28th) Joe will break open the meaning of our liturgical calendar as a catechism, among other topics. The following week Joe will treat Paul's vision of virtue and excellence. Be sure not to miss this great opportunity to better understand the Bible and the structure of our faith. E-mail Joe at jholljnj@yahoo.com if you have any questions about the radio program and/or the Catholic faith.

CFE: CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education Questions Call 343-8741

Youth Sacrament Program is for students in 7th thru 12th grades who have not received all the sacraments (Baptism, 1st Penance, 1st Communion, and Confirmation). Questions call 343-8741. Class is every Wed from 3:30-5pm.



Coordinator of Youth Ministries, Andrea Florez Chico_It_ym@yahoo.com 530-961-2050 Asst. Coordinator/LIFE TEEN Music Minister, Jeremy Bermender seniorjeremy@yahoo.com 530-260-8187

LIFE TEEN - WHAT IF? What if the sky weren't blue? What if there was no such thing as donuts? What if God didn't exist? WHAT IF? If you haven't registered yet please bring your registration with you. If you still need a registration form, we will have extras at the LIFE Night. come tonight to find out What if? After the LIFE TEEN Mass from 7-8:30pm we will begin in the cafeteria below the church. We can't wait to see you all there on Sunday the 28th.

EDGE - Join us this Monday September 29th from 7-8:30pm at the Newman Center. If you haven't gotten your registration form in, bring it with you to the first night, we will have some extras available on Monday.

Registration for the 2008-09 School Year: LIFE TEEN and EDGE Registration went out two weekends ago. If you did not get a registration form please pick one up in the back of the Church or from the Parish office. Registration forms must be filled out each year.

XLT - On October 5th we have no XLT due to the Fall Festival, please come during the day to the Festival to support Notre Dame School.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY



Respect for Life Committee: Pro-life judges are needed in the US Supreme Court in order to overturn previous decisions which caused abortion on demand in every state. The next president whom we elect this November will likely be the one to nominate judges with cooperation of the US Senate. We must consider the right to live for every unborn baby as a top priority when we vote. Please consider going to Planned Parenthood on Vallombrosa on Wednesdays or the Women's Feminist Abortion Center on Humboldt Rd on Fridays. Come anytime from 10am to 4pm to pray for the lives of the unborn children. Join the committee for their next meeting on Oct 20th, at 3:30pm in the parish library.

"Northern Lights" Community Love Circle: Our next gathering will be Friday, Oct 3rd in the parish library at 6:30pm. Come for a potluck dinner followed by a talk. For more information please call Stephanie or James at 893-2348.



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).

✧ **AROUND THE DIOCESE and beyond** ✧

Lay Formation Institute of the Diocese of Sacramento offers classes on timely topics for Catechist certification as well as continuing Adult Education, personal growth and spiritual enrichment. Classes will be held at the Newman Catholic Community in Chico one Saturday a month, October through April. The session begins with Mass at 8am and a morning session until noon followed by lunch and an afternoon session until 4pm. The topic for Oct 4th is “A Walk through the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church - Principles for human flourishing.” The presenter is Mr. Stephen Matuszak, the Diocesan Director of Catechesis. Call 916-733-0123 for more information or to register.

Healing After Abortion Retreat: Struggling after an abortion? Still seeking peace years after the choice? Come to a Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat, November 14-16 in auburn, sponsored by the Diocese of Sacramento. The weekend retreat is a unique and effective process designed specifically to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. There are many exercises to help you grieve your loss and an opportunity to understand and release the deep feelings of anger, shame, guilt and grief that frequently accompanies an abortion experience. This process is extremely helpful for those who struggle with forgiving themselves or others. Open to women, men, couples and family members touched by abortion. The cost is \$175. Financial assistance is available. For a registration packet or more information, call Debbie at 916-733-0161. Inquiries and participation are strictly confidential.

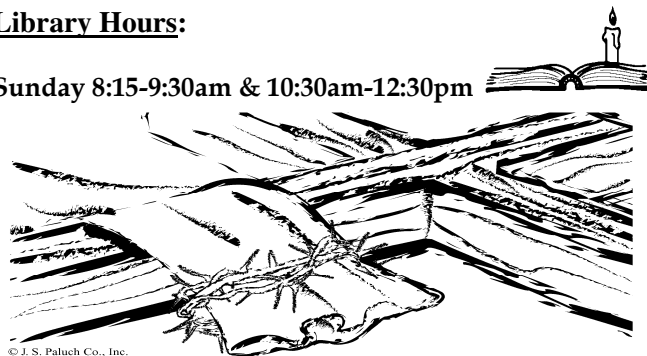
Pilgrimage: (Nov 6th-20th) Join Fr. Enrique Alvarez on his journey to the Holy Land, Jordan, and Egypt. There is no joy like the joy of being in the Holy Land. Walking where Jesus walked, a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, standing on the Mount of Beatitudes, praying in the Garden of Gethsemane and celebrating together at the Tomb over our Lord’s resurrection! Then on to Mt. Nebo where Moses stood overlooking the Jordan Valley. From there the trip will continue on to Petra and climb Moses Mountain where God delivered the Ten Commandments. There will also be a visit to St. Catherine Monastery in the Sinai Desert. Please call the parish office at 343-8741 for more information.

✧ **CALENDAR** ✧

Sun 28	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2:30pm Latin Mass
Mon 29	St. Miguel, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael 6-8pm English AA 7-9pm Spanish Cursillo
Tues 30	St. Jerome 7pm Grupo Carismático
Wed 1	St. Therese of the Child Jesus 6-9pm Spanish AA
Thur 2	Guardian Angels 7pm RCIA (parish office)
Fri 3	First Friday 3:30-4:30pm Adoration 6-9pm Spanish AA
Sat 4	St. Francis of Assisi 10am Confessions

Library Hours:

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



Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus.
-- *Philippians 2:5*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;
Jn 1:47-51
- Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Lk 9:51-56
- Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62
- Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Mt 18:1-5, 10
- Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16
- Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24
- Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

Liturgy of the Hours - II

09/28/08