

Where
two or three
are gathered,
there
I am
in their midst



**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 7, 2008**

◆ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ◆

Sat 6	7:30a	◆Mary VanBuskirk by Lona Stalker
	5:30p	no intention
Sun 7	7:30a	◆Linda Nouauz by John & Linda Shea
	9:30a	Parish
	12:30p	no intention
	5:30p	no intention
Mon 8	7:30a	◆Bill Harkness by Charlotte Linda Etheridge (living/b'day)
Tues 9	7:30a	◆Vince & Mina Starwyck by Jim Yerbic
Wed 10	7:30a	no intention
Thus 11	7:30a	no intention
Fri 12	7:30a	◆Yvonne Richard Cleo Richard (living)
Sat 13	7:30a	DJM intentions
	5:30p	◆Jose Luis Florez by Sandra Hernandez

◆ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ◆

Sun 7	9:00a	◆Claire Grzanich by Spafford Family
	10:30a	Jessica Hernandez (living/b'day)

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

1st Week of September

Sunday Collection \$6,572

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

**ADORATION/EXPOSITION
OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Monday, September 8th after 7:30am
Mass through 3:15pm Benediction.**



Sign-up sheet is in the vestibule. All hours must be covered.

Priests Retirement Collection: Next weekend, there will be a second collection – the Diocesan Collection for Priests Retirement. This is a small but practical way for people in the parishes to thank our priests for their long and loving service to the diocese. Please consider making a donation. Special envelopes are available in the church vestibule.

St. John's Parishioners: By now you should have received your invitation to our Centennial Celebration Dinner. Please join us for a family celebration with dinner and dancing to the "Fabulous Swing Kings" on Saturday, October 4th at 6pm at St. John's. Tickets are \$45 for the family, \$15 for individuals. Please return your response card as soon as possible or come by the Parish Office to purchase your ticket by September 25th. Questions: call 343-8741.



Pancake Breakfast: Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast on Sept 14th from 8:30-11:30am at St. John's. Come and enjoy pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee and juice.

Cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children under 12 or \$20 for a family of five or more!

Birthright will be hosting its first Wine Tasting and Art auction on Friday, Sept 26th from 5-8pm at the Newman Center. Paintings, prints, water colors as well as other works of art will be in our silent auction. Birthright is nonprofit. All proceeds go to help the needs of pregnant women and their little ones. Chosen wines will be from New Clairvaux Monastery in Vina and from Vino 100 in Chico. Tickets will be on sale in the next several weeks after Sunday Masses or by calling 345-9711.

Adult Choir Rehearsal: If anyone would like to join the choir, practices are on Tuesday nights from 6:30-8pm in the Church. Our first practice will be on September 16th. For more information call Sally 343-1011 or the office 343-8741. Come and "make a joyful noise unto the Lord!"

Catholic Ladies Relief #3: If you are interested in working with the poor and want to help, please come and see what we do to help the parishes of Chico. All Catholic women are welcome to join. For more details call Sandy at 345-1601.

Feeding the Homeless: The Torres Shelter staff has requested that we move our Thursday meals we serve each month to the second Tuesday, beginning September 9th. From the three Chico "parishes" we have more than a hundred people involved in this program. The Newman Center has additional programs as does the local University of Notre Dame Alumni Association and classes from Notre Dame School provide special meals. If you are interested in more information about any of these programs or want to join one of our teams, call Jerry at 342-2134.

ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE

stjohnthebaptistchico.org

Fr. Berg's email: fatherbrberg@yahoo.com

❖ **ADULT FAITH FORMATION** ❖

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. Begins September 13th.

RCIA: How do adults become Catholic? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the path by which adults become members of our Catholic faith community. If you, or someone you know, are interested in learning about the Catholic faith or are interested in becoming a Catholic, please contact Deacon Steve Schwartz at 891-0626. **Inquiry classes begin Thursday, September 4th. These classes are for people considering becoming a Catholic and are also for people who have questions about, or interest in, the Catholic Church. The classes are held in the upper meeting room of the Parish Office and start at 7pm. All are welcome and there are no obligations.**

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.

Women's Ministry Group is beginning a new year! We will be meeting again at ODS Social Hall on Thursday September 11th from 6:45-9pm. This year we are going to study different books of the Bible. If you have any questions or would like to join the group, call Pat Hackney at 342-5528 or Mary Waldorf at 345-8638.

Catholics Returning Home is a Collaborative Ministry with three Parishes. Were you raised Catholic but do not come or seldom come to Church anymore? Are you a Catholic who now feels separated from the Church? Maybe you are divorced? Would you like more information about what you can do? No matter how long you have been away and no matter the reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church. There is no obligation. Please come and join us on Monday September 15th, from 7-8:30pm for the next 13 weeks. We will be meeting at Our Divine Savior in the Prayer Room. These are informal listening sessions and updates of the Catholic faith. For more details call Deacon James Burkett at 893-2348 or Sharon Haselton at 891-5334.

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 6th and Sept 7th) Joe will break open the meaning of heart in Scripture and its capacity to "hear" the voice of God. The following week Joe will consider the Redemptive mission of Christ. Be sure not to miss this great opportunity to better understand the Bible and the structure of our faith. E-mail Joe at jhollmj@yahoo.com if you have any questions about the radio program and/or the Catholic faith.



(E-Mail) Chico_lt_ym@yahoo.com
Andrea Florez, Youth Director 530-961-2050

LIFE TEEN Mass – Jeremy and Andrea will both be out of town on September 7th and 14th so Don and Sally Stoner have graciously volunteered to fill in for our LIFE TEEN Music Ministry on these Sundays.

XLT – Please pray for us while we take a mini-pilgrimage today, Sept. 7th to WOODLAND. Together with Holy Rosary, St. Rose, Holy Family and others we will have a great beginning of the year XLT.

Registration for the 2008-09 School Year: LIFE TEEN and EDGE Registration went out last weekend I will be in the cafeteria after each Mass if you did not have a chance to pick-up your forms or if you would like to drop them off.

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

Religious Education Questions
Call 343-8741

CFF STARTS TODAY SEPTEMBER 7th AT 10:45am
See you there!

Youth Sacrament Program is for students in 7th thru 12th grades who have not received all the sacraments (Baptism, 1st Penance, 1st Communion, 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 will be held every Wed beginning Sept 10th from 3:30-5pm in the parish office. Parents must attend first class with your child.

❖ **MARRIAGE & FAMILY** ❖

Respect for Life Committee: All life is a gift from God to be treasured. How very sad to return that gift, unwrapped, unopened—aborted. 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.



Marriage Preparation Course at the Newman Center, Chico: This two day course will take place on Saturdays, October 18th & 25th at the Newman Center from 10am-5pm each day. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Cost is \$125. Registration forms are available at your parish office, or, call the Newman Center at 342-5180.



Marriage Encounter: Make a great marriage even better! Sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

✦ **AROUND THE DIOCESE** and beyond ✦

Ridge Community Family Festival: Sat, Sept 20, from 10am to 4pm, all are invited to the Ridge Community Family Festival held at St. Thomas More Church. Entrance to the festival and parking are free. There will be games and activities for children of all ages. Refreshments include barbequed tri tip, Mexican food, hot dogs and soft drinks and juices. Singers, dancers, and other musical entertainment will go on throughout the day. Games of chance and skill and other activities including Bingo, a raffle for a \$500, \$250 and \$100 gas card, plus a special raffle for a Wii Nintendo Game.

“Catechist Ministry Day,” Sat., Sept. 13 from 8:30am to 3:45 pm at St Francis Catholic High School, 5900 Elvas Ave., Sacramento. “The Word of God in the Life & Mission of the Church” is our theme for 2008. Bishop Weigand will celebrate the opening Mass and Bishop Soto will give the keynote address. A wide variety of workshops in Spanish & English will be presented. Registration materials are available on the Diocese website, www.diocese-sacramento.org. The fee is \$25 per person, lunch included (payment must be included with your registration form). Space is limited, and workshops are available on a first come first serve basis. Registration after Sept 5 is \$30 per person. All full day participants will receive five hours toward the renewal of their Catechist Certification! Questions call 916-733-0123.

Mercy High School is still accepting applications for the 2008-09 school year in grades 9 thru 12. We are an accredited college preparatory school, which offers quality sports and performing arts programs. Call the school at 527-8313 to make an appointment.


Women of Grace Conference: Join us in Sacramento at the downtown Hyatt Hotel for our 9th National Conference Sept 19-21. Is God Calling You to a Weekend of Grace? Join women from across the country and experience the transforming power of God’s love. Go home renewed, refreshed and rejuvenated in your vocation as a Daughter of God! Enter into the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Get equipped for your mission in life. Be set free from the wounds of the past. Learn practical strategies for living the abundant life God has in mind for you! For more information and to register call 1-800-558-5452.

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 7	23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2:30pm Latin Mass
Mon 8	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8am-3:15pm Adoration/Exposition 6-8pm English AA 7-9pm Spanish Cursillo
Tues 9	St. Peter Claver 7pm Grupo Carismatico
Wed 10	6-9pm Spanish AA
Thur 11	6-10pm Knights of Columbus 7pm RCIA (parish office)
Fri 12	The Most Holy Name of Mary 3:30-4:30pm Adoration 6-9pm Spanish AA
Sat 13	St. John Chrysostom 10am Confessions

Library Summer Hours:

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

Pope Benedict XVI’s Prayer Intentions for September

General: That those who are forced to leave home and country because of war or oppressive regimes may be supported by Christians in the defense and protection of their rights.

Mission: That faithful to the sacrament of matrimony every Christian family may cultivate the values of love and communion in order to be a small evangelizing community, sensitive and open to the material and spiritual needs of others.



“If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.”

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
- Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26
- Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38
- Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Lk 6:39-42
- Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Lk 6:43-49
- Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

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