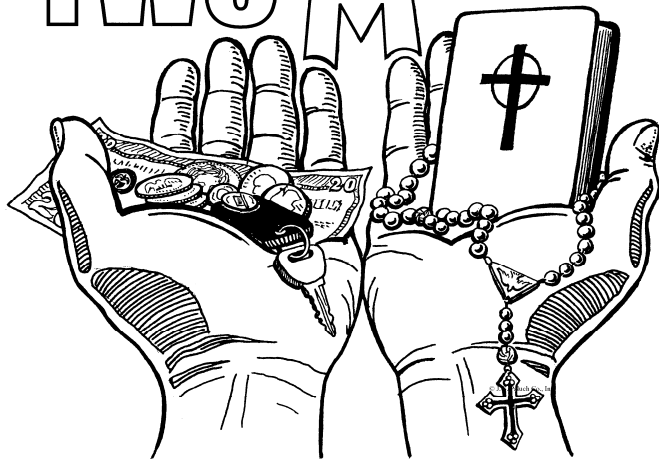


NO SERVANT CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 19, 2010

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ✦

Sat 18	7:30a	Residents of The Terraces
	5:30p	✦ Maria Barros by Joe & Bernice Toste
Sun 19		25 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	7:30a	no intention
	9:00a	People of the Parish
	10:30a	Juana Padilla (living) by Woodbury Family
	12:30p	no intention
	5:30p	Tracy Guerra (living) by Woodbury Family
Mon 20		ST. ANDREW KIM TAEGŌN
	7:30a	✦ Anna Elizabeth Pilliard by Delbert Pilliard
Tues 21		ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE
	7:30a	Jane Rabo (living) by Rabo Family
Wed 22	7:30a	✦ Holy Souls in Purgatory by Mike & Jane Rabo
	6:30p	no intention
Thur 23		ST. PIO OF PIETREICINA
	7:30a	Yolanda & Merced Nagera (living) by Maria C
Fri 24	7:30a	Norma Rodrigues (living/b'day) by Boutwell Family
	8:45a	Benefactors of Notre Dame School
Sat 25	7:30a	✦ Dorene Paetz by Duane Paetz
	5:30p	✦ Presciliana & Feliciano Bomactao Sr. by Bomactao Family
		✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ✦
Sun 19	9:00a	✦ Msgr. Andrew Coffey by Ruth Merrifield
	10:30a	✦ Nicolasa Cervantez de Camacho by Camacho Family
		Please pray for the repose of the souls of Ida Martin and for her family and friends.

2nd week of September

Collection	Actual	Budget
Sept 12	\$6,717	\$9,422
Year to date	\$83,699	\$91,031

St. James total for Sept 12: (\$381)

Priest Retirement: \$2,983

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

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From the Pastor's Desk

Diocesan priests are not always great at living in community unlike our fellow religious brothers and sisters who belong to orders like the Dominicans, Jesuits and Franciscans. We have to work at living in community. In order to try to foster our community life, Fathers Hector, Michael and I have lunch together three times a week. Having a meal together in the middle of the day rather than in the evening is easier for us because of the many meetings and commitments we have in the evenings. We also try to pray together on a weekly basis. These are small ways that we stay in touch with each other and support each other, united in our common purpose, despite our busy schedules.

During these busy days, families are also challenged to live in unity. To foster unity, family members talk, eat, pray, worship, work and play together. If one does not live in a family, one still needs to do these things within one's group of friends and loved ones. This is not always easy, but with the grace of God we know it's possible! It's not only possible, but absolutely necessary for the good of our community and the society at large. May we respond generously to God's grace-filled invitation to grow in our unity with each other and our loving Creator and Redeemer.

In Christ Jesus,
Father Blaise Berg

Hospitality Today: "Come by the Library after 9am Sunday Mass for coffee, tea, juice and a snack. Meet new people and visit with old friends".

Office of Worship is offering a Liturgical Ministry Workshop Sat, Oct 9, 8am-1pm at Our Divine Savior Social Hall. The workshop will present several topics for reflection and discussion, including the history of liturgy, Christ in the liturgy & Scripture and practical application. The half day workshop is covered at no cost to all lay people.



Notre Dame School/St. John's Fall

Festivities: Enjoy a weekend of family fun and fellowship with Notre Dame School and St. John's Catholic Church Fall Festivities on Saturday and Sunday, October 2 & 3,

2010. The festivities take place at Notre Dame School and begin with a Family Pasta Dinner and Silent Auction on Saturday, October 2 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Dinner will be prepared by California Pasta Productions, followed by live music and a silent auction with wonderful items.

Sunday's Fall Festival activities begin at 10 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m. with game booths, prizes, cake walk, and food concessions. Be sure to buy some raffle tickets or other goodies at the Country Store.

Admission to the Sunday, October 3rd Fall Festival is FREE, with 25-cent game tokens available for purchase that day. To purchase advance family or individual tickets to the Saturday, October 2nd pasta dinner, please visit the school office at 435 Hazel St. or call 342-2502. Tickets for the Saturday dinner are \$12 per adult, \$7 per child, or \$40 for a family of two adults and up to three children. Buy your tickets early as this dinner usually sells out.

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 have any questions please call Erika at 330-2594 or Javier at 566-0358.** Below is a testimony by **Maria Monte** whose life has been transformed by taking the time to sit with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.



Ever since I have been going to visit the Blessed Sacrament, I have experienced joy and such peace in my life. I wish everyone could take an hour to experience the blessings of visiting the Blessed Sacrament. I find that I can pray the rosary with more devotion! There are many inspirational and informative books to read too in the chapel. My favorite books are Adoration and Trustful Surrender to Divine Providence.



Fall Rummage Sale: Sponsored by Catholic Daughters, Oct. 8th, 8am-5pm and Oct. 9th, 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. 6th and Thursday, Oct. 7th between 8am-5pm. Call Mary Nichols at 520-5558 with any questions or if you have an item that needs to be picked up.

Job Openings: Director of Stewardship & Development- The Diocese of Sacramento has an immediate opening for a full-time Director of Stewardship & Development. The successful applicant will serve as the Executive Director of the Catholic Foundation and the Department Director of the Office of Stewardship and Development. We offer a competitive salary and full benefits package.

Executive Administrative Assistant- The Office of the Bishop at the Diocesan Patoral Center has an immediate opening for al full-time (35 hour per week) Administrative Assistant. This position serves as a member of the Bishop's secretarial pool. The successful candidate will provide primary support to the Bishop and secondary support to the Vicar General, Vicar for Clergy, and Chancellor. Applicants must be fluent in both Spanish and English.

For more information and complete job descriptions, visit the diocesan website www.diocese-sacramento.org and look uner employment. To apply, please email cover letter and resume to personnel@diocese-sacramento.org.

Mercy High School: The Red Bluff Community Center will be the site of Mercy High School's annual Dinner & Auction this year. Please join us on Sat, Oct 2nd, for our journey "Around the World", as we celebrate the beauty of the globe and the cultural diversity of our Mercy community. A no host cocktail hour will begin at 5:30pm, along with the silent auction. At 7pm, an amazing buffet dinner will be served, catered by Hobart Vogel, Executive Chef at Rolling Hills Casino, followed by an enticing oral auction. Feeling lucky? Buy a chance at winning a ½ carat diamond! Cap off your evening with some great music and dancing. Make your reservations early by calling the school at 527-8313. Tickets are just \$45 through Sept. 20th and \$50 after that. See you there!

Youth Director Jeff Weinrich
343-8741

Come and join us Sunday evening after the 5:30pm Life Teen Mass for a lifenight in the Upper Meeting Room of Notre Dame School. All high school teen are welcome!

◆ CFF: CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION ◆

Religious Education Questions - Call 343-8741

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

Youth Sacrament Program is for students in 8th thru 12th grades who have not received all their sacraments (Baptism, 1st Penance, 1st Communion, Confirmation). Please come to the parish office to register.

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION PICTURES ARE HERE! PLEASE COME AND PICK THEM UP AT THE PARISH OFFICE.

◆ 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. **Due to Joe's absence, This week, Sept.18th and 19th, Joe will re-air a program on the prophets of the old testament. The following week, Joe will look at the role of poverty in the Church.** Send Joe questions to jholljnmj@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 4th Wed of each month at the Newman Center from 7-8:15pm. For more information call Sharon, 891-5334 or Deacon James, 893-2348.



Respect for Life: Next week, it begins!! *The largest internationally coordinated pro-life mobilization ever:* The 2010 fall **40 Days for**

Life campaign. Be a part of bringing together the body of Christ in a spirit of unity during a focused 40 day campaign of prayer, fasting, and peaceful activity, with the purpose of repentance, to seek God's favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life, thus bringing an end to abortion. In addition to 40 days of peaceful prayer and fasting for an end to abortion, please consider volunteering to pray outside of the 3100 Cohasset Rd at the Planned Parenthood during the 40 days, and spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort. All are welcome! **To sign up for a prayer time from September 22nd to October 31st or to receive daily devotionals and pray with people throughout the United States go to www.40daysforlife.com/chico. Click on the "Vigil Schedule" third tab over. Fill out the registration info. NO money is being asked for. You will receive a confirmation email. Then go back to the www.40daysforlife.com/chico site click on the Vigil Schedule and sign up for which ever time slot you would like. It is as simple as that.** If you do have problems feel free to give Mary Waldorf 345-8638 or Therese Chamberlain 892-8971 a call and we will help you through.

Helpful Resources for Women:

Women's resource Clinic, 115 W 2nd Ave., 530-897-6100

www.womensresouceclinic.org

Sacramento Life Center, www.svpregnancyclinic.com

916-451-2273

Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home, www.bgmh.org

916-395-9370

Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortion Healing Ministry

www.rachelsvineyard.org, 916-733-0161



Marriage Encounter: HOME IMPROVEMENT is not about hammers and nails, it's about relationship! Enrich your marriage, enrich your home!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter - enriching marriages since 1968. Our Fall Weekends are: September 24-26/Reno, 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:

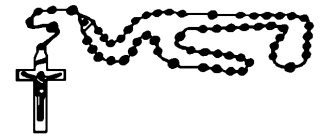
Are you ready to do a great thing for yourself and your marriage? Classes are available right here in Chico. Contact Jenni Schaeffer (893-5474) or Jackie Hollcraft M.S.; P.A.C. 519-5081).

"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 Sept 23 meeting: Mary Waldorf will be coming to talk about 40 Days for Life. Also, we will be having a girls night out Thurs, Sept 23 at 7pm. We will be meeting at the Italian Cottage on Skyway and then going to play mini-golf.**

Marriage Saving – A Gift of Love for your Children:

Are your children suffering as the result of pain in your marriage? Give your marriage a new chance at life by registering you and your spouse in Retrouvaille. Our program focuses on helping couples communicate and restore trust. Do it for yourself, and just as importantly do it for your children! For confidential information about or to register for the October 2010 program beginning with a weekend on October 8-10, call (800) 283-5952.

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 4th & 5th Streets. Please contact Mike Garcia at 530-345-3217 for more information.



Pope Benedict's Intentions for September

General prayer intention: The Word of God as Incentive for Social Development. *That the proclamation of the Word of God may renew people's hearts, encouraging them to work toward authentic social progress.*

Mission intention: End of War. *That by opening our hearts to love we may put an end to the wars and conflicts which continue to bloody our world.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday:	Prv 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13
Wednesday:	Prv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday:	Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday:	Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday:	Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31
Liturgy of the Hours Week I	

Library Hours:

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



God...wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth.

-- 1 Timothy 2:4

