

You have approached Mount Zion and
the city of the living God.

-- Hebrews 12:22a

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time September 2, 2007

Rectory kitchen repair: The estimated cost of the total remodel is aprox. \$30,000. Donations for this project can be made to St John's - be sure to mark "for rectory kitchen" in the memo line. You can put your donation in the Sunday collection basket or drop it off at the church office. We are so grateful for your donations, Thank you.

Donations to date: \$ 5,235.00

LATIN MASS HAS RETURNED TO ST JOHN'S: The Latin Mass has resumed at St. John's after a short time in Durham. It will be celebrated each Sunday at 2:30pm starting this Sunday September 2nd.

✠ Mass Intentions ~St. John the Baptist ✠

Sat 1	7:30a	Special Intention
	5:30p ✠	Manuel Bettencourt by Diane Bettencourt
Sun 2	7:30a ✠	Nancy Stapp
	9:30a	People of God
	12:30p	Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Latin Mass	2:30p	Special Intention
	5:30p	Adrienne Carlson (living)
Mon 3	7:30a ✠	Mary Van Buskirk by Lona Stalker
Tue 4	7:30a ✠	Victoria Mota by Maria Correa
Wed 5	7:30a ✠	Linda Nouvoax by Linda Shea
Thur 6	7:30a ✠	Ernest St. Louis by Consolation Ministry
Fri 7	7:30a	Rick Dorenzo (living-B' day) by Carolyn Dorenzo
Sat 8	7:30a	Susanna Delima (living-B' day) by Karen Monroe
	5:30p ✠	Bill Harkness by Charlotte Harkness

✠ Mass Intentions ~St. James ✠

Sun 2	9:00 a ✠	Emmanuel Bonnici by Ana Larossa
	10:30a	no intention

Pray for the repose of the soul of James Sturgeon and for the comfort of his family and friends.



4th week of August

Sunday Collection \$ 6,189.00

Total bills paid in July \$24,453.00

Thank you for your faithful stewardship

FIRST MONDAY: ADORATION/EXPOSTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday, Sept 3

after 7:30am Mass

through 4:15pm Benediction.

Sign-ups are in the vestibule.

All hours must be covered.



✠ PARISH & SCHOOL NEWS ✠

NEW OFFICE HOURS: 9-4 (now open during lunch)

Knights of Columbus: Pancake Breakfast at St. John's Sunday Sept. 23rd, 8-11:30am. Serving pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee, juice. Adults \$6 and children under 12 \$3.

Historians Needed: People with memories of our parish, Historians, people with organizational skills and...well, just volunteers. We are going to update our parish history from 1978-2008, in time for our church Centennial. People have already volunteered to record the history of St. James Mission, and write the history of the church organ. We still need people to write brief histories of the different church organizations (Knights of Columbus, Catholic Daughters, Catholic Ladies Relief Society, ect...) Notre Dame School, the priests, etc. We also need some people who would like to help organize this activity. And if you have stories to tell, we want to talk to you! This need not be a large commitment and it will be fruitful, and fun, serving generations to come. Inquire without any obligation to serve. Call Cathy O'Toole at 893-8760 or email her at cotoole@stjohnthebaptistchico.org.

N D S Fall Festival: Please mark your calendars for Notre Dame School's 73rd annual Fall Festival on Sunday October 7th. Plan to join us for food, games, raffle prizes and fun from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There will also be a family dinner and dance on Saturday October 6th from 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. This is a great way to enjoy the company of your friends, family and fellow parishioners while supporting Catholic education in our community. Additional details on raffle ticket sales and the dinner will be available soon. We hope to see you there!



Respect for Life Committee: Learn the Church's teaching about the right to life, and find out what you can do to defend it. Watch Fr. Frank Pavone and his guests on "Defending Life" (airing on EWTN every Friday at 7pm and Saturday at 11:30pm,

Pacific Time. Dish Network Channel 261, Direct TV Channel 422.) More information: www.PriestsForLife.org. Our next meeting will be Mon, Sept. 17th, 3:30pm at the parish library.

Catholic Ladies Relief Society Chico #3: Our first meeting will be held on Sept 4th at 1pm at ODS Social Hall. There will be a social at 12:30pm. Call Yvonne Hawkins, 898-1266 or Sandy, 345-1601 for more information. We want to thank St. John's parish for all the produce donated to the Chico Community Food Locker this summer. Thank you!

Catholic Daughters: September Calendar: Sept. 7th First Friday Mass, Sept. 13th 1pm meeting at ODS and Sept 26th Birthday Luncheon at the Brunch House at 11:30am.

Feeding the Homeless: Starting in September we will have teams feeding the homeless at the Torres Shelter on the first Friday, the second Monday, the second Wed, the second Thurs, and the third Tuesday of each month. When the Spirit moves you, share your love by feeding the homeless. If you want to provide food or serve the homeless, call Jerry Converse at 342-2134.



ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE
stjohnthebaptistchico.org

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



chico_lt_ym@yahoo.com (NEW E-MAIL)

Andrea Florez, Youth Director 530-961-2050

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

XLT: Tonight, Sept 2nd, is XLT. So far these prayer nights have been a great success. We have had a great variety of dynamic speakers to get us started each week. This week we have Jeff Weinrich a young adult from Chico who just returned from a year in Minnesota working with NET Ministries. Please join us in prayer this Sunday night beginning at 6:30pm in the cafeteria with a free dinner and then in the church at 7pm for the talk, adoration and praise and worship!

Retreat—ALPHA and OMEGA: Chico and St. Rose LIFE TEEN Fall Retreat, September 14th-16th at St. Joseph Morello Retreat Center. Please be sure to pick-up retreat permission slips and get them in ASAP. The cost is \$65 per family (no teen will be turned away if they are unable to afford the fee).

PARENT'S MEETING: We are preparing to kick-off our LIFE TEEN (High School) and EDGE (Junior High) programs for the year. We have two options for parent's meetings on Sunday, September 23rd. One beginning at 12:15pm at ODS in the hall and the second at 6:45pm at St. John's in the gym. I will be explaining about our ministries and taking registrations at these meetings. There is a suggested donation of \$25 per teen, but no family will be turned away if they are unable to pay this. The emergency forms for your teens should also be filled out at this time so please bring any pertinent medical information (i.e. insurance card number, vaccination records, etc.). If you are unable to make either one of these meetings please contact Andrea at 961-2050 or by email at chico_lt_ym@yahoo.com

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



RCIA The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the path by which adults become members of the Catholic Church. Inquiry classes begin Aug. 30 for 12 wks. The classes are held in the upper mtg. room of the parish office, 435 Chestnut St. 7-9pm. The required books are United States Catholic Catechism for Adults and the New American Bible. Call parish office for additional information on required books or Deacon Steve Schwartz at 891-0626 before August 30. All are welcome.

Prayer in Your Life: A Formation Program for the Laity. 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. An introductory teaching will be held in the parish office library at St. John's on Sat Sept 15th. Registration is at 8:15am. There is no charge for this program. The presentation will be from 8:30-11am. For more info call Erika Sajben at 566-1201.

Introduction to the Catechism of the Catholic Church: The University of Sacramento will be offering this course at the Newman Center in Chico. This is a 14 week course—Sept 5th-Dec 12th. Tuition is \$252. This one course provides the content requirement for the Basic Catechist Certificate and is approved by the Diocese of Sacramento. Team Faculty: Fr. Blaise Berg, Deacon Ray Helgeson and Joe Hollcraft. For more information or to register, call 916-443-47690 or 343-8741.

Catholics Returning Home: A Ministry of Compassion and Reconciliation is designed to reach-out and incite 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. For more information contact: Co-directors Ms. Sharon Haselton at 891-5334 or Deacon James Burkett at 893-2348.



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 Sept 1st and 2nd Joe will break open the virtue of humility and the most important aspect of our faith: being sons and daughters of God! The following week he will address the teachings on both material and spiritual poverty. Be sure not to miss this great opportunity to better understand the Bible and structure of our faith.

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.



Catholic Women's Ministry: We are anticipating another life-giving year cultivating friendships in prayer and reading with more Catholic ladies from all 3 parishes. This year we will be reading the book Experience Grace in Abundance, Ten strategies for your spiritual life by Johnette Benkovic. If you would like to join us and make new friends while growing in your faith, please order a book by calling Pat Hackney at 342-5528 or Mary Waldorf at 345-8638 and leave a message. Our first meeting will be Thursday, September 13th from 6:45-9pm at ODS Social Hall.

CFF: CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION



CFF registration packets have been mailed. If you are new to the program please stop by the church office and pick one up.

CFF will begin on Sunday September 9th. Please bring your children to the gym right after 9:30am mass. We are looking forward to another great year!

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 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. The teacher will teach in sign language (ASL). Classes are expected to start in Sept, watch bulletin for further details. Registration forms are available in the parish office. You can also contact our office by email at stjohn33@sbcglobal.net. Please consider being involved.

New! Mother's Prayer Group: All mothers and little ones are invited to join a pray and play group on Thursdays at 10:30am, starting Thurs Sept 6th. We will be meeting in the preschool room at ODS for prayer, fellowship, and fun! This is a great opportunity to become more involved in the church community and meet mothers like you! 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. Next weekend will be Aug 24-26 in Sacramento. For more information call Stephanie & Deacon James Burkett 893-2348.

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. For additional information, go to www.retrouvaille.org or call 1-800-283-5952.

✧ CALENDAR ✧

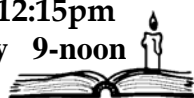
Sat 1	First Saturday 9-11am Pro-Life Prayer Group 10am Confessions
Sun 2	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2:30pm Latin Mass (St. John's)
Mon 3	St. Gregory the Great/Labor Day 6-8pm English AA
Tues 4	
Wed 5	6-9 Spanish AA
Thur 6	6-10pm Knights of Columbus 7pm Rosary Group (in church)
Fri 7	First Friday 6-7am Men's Bible Study (ODS) 3:30-4:30pm Adoration 6-9pm Spanish AA
Sat 8	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9-11am Pro-Life Prayer Group 10am Confessions

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30
- Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37
- Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44
- Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11
- Friday: Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39
- Saturday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30;
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [1:18-23]
- Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90; Phlm 9-10, 12-17;
Lk 14:25-33
Liturgy of the Hours - Week II

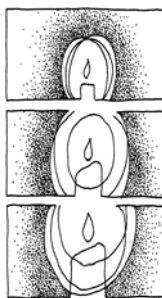
Library Hours:

Sunday 8:30-9:30am & 10:30am-12:15pm
Wednesday 9-noon and Thursday 9-noon



ODS Presents: The Four Gospels: True Biographies of Jesus...Or Something Much More? An Overview of the Four Gospels & The Three-Year Sunday Reading Pattern. A presentation by Dr. Alexander Shaia Sept. 15th 9:30am-12:30pm at Our Divine Savior. After Dr. Shaia's talk, you will never view the gospels in the same way, and you will value them ever more deeply. No charge—free will offering will be taken. His book and CD will be available for purchase and signing. If you have questions or need more information, call Connie Cox at 345-2378.

Mass for Single Adults: The Single Adult Ministry of the Dioceses of Sacramento in conjunction with St. James Catholic Church in Davis invites all adult singles to a Mass on Saturday, September 8th, at 5:30pm at St. James Church, 1275 B St., Davis. Mass will be followed by a brain-storming session, gathering and potluck dinner. Please bring a potluck dish to share. For more information, please contact MaryLee Barcena at 916-419-9845 or email mbarceno@earthlink.net.



Special Remembrance: On September 11th, a special Interreligious remembrance will be held at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament at 7pm. Bishop Weigand will be the presider. The service will include a presentation by young people from ten different faiths including, of course, Christianity. There will be a candle lighting ceremony, sung and instrumental music. The one-hour service will be followed by a simple reception afterwards. People of all faiths are encouraged to attend.

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, September 21-23rd, in Auburn, sponsored by the Diocese of Sacramento. The 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 a registration packet or 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.

The Beginning Experience of Sacramento: The "Beginning Experience of Sacramento" support group is offering a special weekend program of healing, hope and encouragement for divorced, separated or widowed persons of all faiths. The weekend retreat is Friday, September 14th through Sunday, September 16th at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat Center. For more information or to request an application, please call 916-835-2282.

Coping With Life Alone: The "Beginning Experience of Sacramento" support group is offering its "Coping With Life Alone" program of healing, hope and encouragement for divorced, separated or windowed persons of all faiths. This 6 week program starts on October 4 at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Carmichael. The meetings are held from 7:15-8:45pm. There is a one-time registration fee of \$10 and a \$5 weekly fee. For more info please call 916-835-2282.



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.

The Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Eucharist responds to fifteen questions that commonly arise with regard to the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

Happy Are Those Who Are Called to His Supper is a series of questions and answers stating what the Church believes and teaches concerning the Eucharist and the reception of Holy Communion, who can receive and they recommend some practices that every Catholic can use for preparing to receive Holy Communion. These pamphlets are available in the parish office for \$2.