



Keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ.

--1 Timothy 6:14

**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 26, 2010**

✧ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ✧		
Sat 25	7:30a	✧Dorene Paetz by Duane Paetz
	5:30p	✧Presciliana & Feliciano Bomactao Sr. by Bomactao Family
Sun 26	<b>26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	
	7:30a	✧Lena Morgado by Roberta Mendonca <b>People of the Parish</b>
	9:00a	no intention
	10:30a	no intention
	12:30p	✧Ismael Curiel by Coriel Family
Mon 27	5:30p	✧Rev. Patrick Ritter, S.D.S <b>ST. ANDREW KIM TAEGŎN</b>
	7:30a	✧Virginia & George Oliver by the Shea's <b>ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE</b>
Tues 28	7:30a	✧Avis Paysen by Duane Paetz
Wed 29	7:30a	✧Marylou & Peter Smith (living) by the Suttoff's
	6:30p	no intention
Thur 30	<b>ST. PIO OF PIETREICINA</b>	
	7:30a	✧Linda Margado Spring by Marlene Shanks
Fri 1	7:30a	<b>Carmelite Order</b> by John O'Hara
	8:45a	<b>Benefactors of Notre Dame School</b>
Sat 2	7:30a	<b>DJM intentions</b>
	5:30p	✧Rozelle J. Iraci by Sebastian Iraci
<b>✧ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ✧</b>		
Sun 19	9:00a	no intention
	10:30a	no intention

*Please pray for the repose of the souls of Pauline Sandavol, Ida Martin and for their family and friends.*

**3<sup>rd</sup> week of September**

Collection	Actual	Budget
Sept 19	\$6,058	\$8,375
Year to date	\$90,416	\$100,453

St. James total for Sept 19: (\$701)

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

**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".

**ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE**

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**From the Pastor's Desk**

This Sunday, Notre Dame students are serving in various capacities at the 9 am Mass. For the last 82 years, Notre Dame School has been a home to thousands of students educated in the sciences, arts, mathematics, literature and history and nurtured and formed in the Catholic faith and Tradition. The mission statement of our school states: "Students at Notre Dame are empowered with Gospel values, Catholic vision, and academic excellence, which lead them to fulfill their unique vocation within the security of a faithful family community."

As a parish, we are called to support Notre Dame School with our prayers and generosity so that it is possible for our students and families to fulfill their mission. One way we can help our school is to participate in the Fall Festival next weekend. Please come to the Fall Festival. You will enjoy a wonderful meal on Saturday evening and many fun games and delicious foods on Sunday. The Festival will provide a great opportunity for us to come together as a parish and school community, to spend time with each other and get to know each other better. As one who was born on the day of the festival at my home parish in Yuba City (they put up a big sign "It's a boy at the Berg's"---I guess it was a big deal after 8 girls), I have fond memories of these parish gatherings.

*In Christ Jesus, Father Blaise Berg*



**Notre Dame School/St. John's Fall Festivities: SEE INSERT FOR MORE DETAILS!**

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.** Start with dinner on Saturday that will be prepared by California Pasta Productions, followed by live music and a silent auction with wonderful items.

**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.

**The Country Store will be accepting donations of good, used household items, toys and furniture (no clothes please) on Wed Sept 29, Thurs Sept 30 and Fri Oct 1 before and after school. Call Amy King 342-4733 for other arrangements or questions.**

**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.**



**Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast:**

**Sunday, October 10, 8:30 -11am.** Adults \$6, Children under 12 \$3 and family of 4 or more \$20. Pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee, juice will be served. Please come and join us for a nice breakfast.

**From the Diocese of Sacramento:** September 25, 2010 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Catholic charities USA, one of the largest associations of social service providers in the country serving over 8 million people each year nationwide. This weekend, our local diocesan Catholic Charities recognizes its partnership with community organizations, parish outreach ministries, and all people of good will who, together, care for those living in the margins of society. Let us continue to work together to bring the life of Christ to a weary world and renew our commitment to serve those most in need.

**Appreciation Dinner Oct 16<sup>th</sup>:** The plan for the Appreciation Dinner is simple this year. Come around 6pm to the ODS Social Hall. EVERYONE who is involved with helping at the Jesus Center or Torres Shelter, who helps with the Christmas party for the homeless, or donates clothes, or food for the homeless and hungry in Chico is invited. Please join us. RSVP to 342-2134.



**Fall Rummage Sale:** Sponsored by Catholic Daughters, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, 8am-5pm and Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>, 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. 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> between 8am-5pm. Call Mary Nichols at 520-5558 with 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 Pastoral Center has an immediate opening for a full-time (35 hour per week) Administrative Assistant. This position serves as a member of the Bishop's secretarial pool. Applicants must be fluent in both Spanish and English. For more information and complete job descriptions, visit the diocesan website [www.diocese-sacramento.org](http://www.diocese-sacramento.org) and look under employment. To apply, please email cover letter and resume to [personnel@diocese-sacramento.org](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 1/2 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. 20<sup>th</sup> and \$50 after that. See you there!



Youth Director Jeff Weinrich  
343-8741

"Come and join us after mass for a Renaissance party, there will be plenty of food, desserts, and all sorts of games including sword fighting."

✧ CFF: CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION ✧

*Religious Education Questions - Call 343-8741*

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

✧ 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. **This week, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, Joe will be joined by Will Dowdy and they will teach on the role of Music and Art in Liturgy. Among other topics, they will touch upon the importance of Music and Art as it relates to our participation in the Mass.** Send Joe questions to [jholljnj@yahoo.com](mailto:jholljnj@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 4<sup>th</sup> Wed of each month at the Newman Center from 7-8:15pm. For more information call Sharon, 891-5334 or Deacon James, 893-2348.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50
- Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Lk 9:51-56
- Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-51
- Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Lk 10:1-12
- Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16
- Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Mt 18:1-5, 10
- Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

**Liturgy of the Hours Week II**



**Respect for Life:** The kick-off event for 40 Days for life was attended by 50 people Tuesday evening Sept 21st. Pastor Buck at City Light Church led those gathered in prayer. Andy Schafer gave an amazing introduction and testimony and words of encouragement through scripture. Pastor Tim of City Light lead the gathering in song, that got everyone on their feet in wonderful joyful praise to Our Lord and Savior. The testimony from a woman named Carol was absolutely beautiful and heartfelt pleading with all those who pray to remember that the women who have had abortions are so hurt that they don't even believe that God can possibly heal them much less love them. She asked for sensitivity when using signs. She reminded all that God's love and mercy has to be our one and only means of approaching and lifting up all women in crisis pregnancy situations. Many stories were shared that were truly inspiring. After the testimonies, St. John's life teen musicians sang worship songs. Together we held flashlights and processed out onto the sidewalk opposite planned parenthood and sang Amazing Grace in closing. There is a supply box that contains signs, an umbrella, T-shirts, statements of peace, "We will help you" pamphlets, as well as scriptures that can be read to focus on during times of prayer. **There are still many times available to pray peacefully out in front of the Planned Parenthood business. Please feel free to go to the [www.40daysforlife.com/chico](http://www.40daysforlife.com/chico) site and sign up or if you would rather call Mary at 345-8638 or Therese at 892-8971 they would be happy to assist.**

Lord our God we pray that you protect all those who go out to pray and for the conversion of all who walk in to the clinic as customers as well as the people who work there and all those in cars that pass by. Lord You alone are in control..



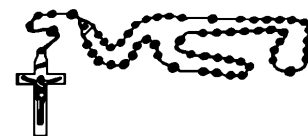
**Marriage Encounter: Married Couples- It takes so much effort just to make ends meet in our world today. Do you wish you could talk about something besides all the stresses in your life? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.** Our Fall Weekends are: **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 30 meeting: Mother Teresa**

**2 weeks left to sign-up for Retrouvaille:** As the Fall weather cools down are your arguments with your spouse heating up? Looking for a way to restore the love you once shared, or are you thinking about finding a way out? Either way Retrouvaille can help. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment, betrayal and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the October 2010 program beginning with a weekend on October 8-10, call (800) 283-5952 or email: [sacramento@retroca.com](mailto:sacramento@retroca.com) or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)

**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 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Streets. Please contact Mike Garcia at 530-345-3217 for more information.



**Library News & Hours:**

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



1) Don Matteo - New to the parish library are 12 episodes of the Italian TV detective comedy series *Don Matteo*. Parish priest Don Matteo Bondini is a former missionary who seems to have an insight into the human soul and is able to solve crimes prior to the local police. Staring Terence Hill, this series mixes "drama, faith, humor and spiritual lessons."

2) [\*The Jesuit Guide to \(Almost\) Everything: A Spirituality for Real Life\*](#) by [James Martin](#)

A recent gift to the library from a fellow parishioner this work is for anyone interested in the spiritual life. Fr. Martin's writings are a great asset to anyone who may be at the beginning, middle or final stage of this quest. It introduces us to that great classic, *The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius*. In a language we can all understand, it is easy to see why this work has received rave reviews. Highly recommended!

3) *Edith Stein* - On its way to the library is the striking new DVD *Edith Stein: The Seventh Chamber*. Canonized by Pope John Paul II in 1998, this is the remarkable story of a Jewish philosopher who converted to Catholicism, became a Discalced Carmelite nun and was sent the concentration camp Auschwitz where she was martyred in 1942. She is a Doctor of the Church and her writings are both sublime and remarkable.

***The parish library will be having a book giveaway on Sunday October 24. We have many works that have been donated to the library that have ended up either being second or third copies, and works that don't fit into the collection but might fit into yours. Please come by have a look at what we have. Donations will be greatly accepted.***

