

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 9, 2007

Rectory kitchen repair: The cost of the kitchen renovation has been reassessed and is now estimated to cost approx. \$22,000. 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, . This week \$765.00 was spent on the purchase and installation of a new gas stove. Donations to date: \$ 5,755.00 .

PARISH DIRECTORY: We are doing a new pictorial directory to draw our parish family closer together, to create a tool for telling people about our ministries, and to celebrate the 100th anniversary of St. John's!! We will begin scheduling appointments for photographs following each Mass September 15th and 16th. There is no cost to our church and no sitting fee for your family. You will receive a complimentary 8X10 portrait and a free copy of the directory for participating. You will be photographed, choose your pose for the directory and have a chance to make additional purchases all in one trip to the church. Please sign up for our directory, because it won't be complete without you! **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** We need volunteers to sign up parishioners after all masses on the 15th, 16th, 22nd and 23rd. Volunteers get 20% off any portraits they decide to purchase! Please call the parish office if you are interested in helping with this wonderful project, 343-8741.

✠ Mass Intentions ~St. John the Baptist ✠

Sat	8	7:30a	Susanne Delima (living-B'day) by Karen Monroe
		5:30p ✠	Bill Harkness by Charlotte Harkness
Sun	9	7:30a	Vince Starwyck (living/birthday)
		9:30a	People of God
		12:30p	St. Isidro Labrador
Latin Mass		2:30p	Special Intention
		5:30p	Adrienne Carlson (living)
Mon	10	7:30a	✠ Anna Elizabeth Pilliard Delbert Pilliard (living)
Tue	11	7:30a	✠ John Reginato by Rosina Reginato
Wed	12	7:30a	✠ Noel & Andrew Carvalho (living/b' day) by Carolyn Dorenzo
Thur	13	7:30a	✠ Bernece Juanarena by Cinquini Family
Fri	14	7:30a	The Bertoli Family (living & deceased) by Juanita Betoli
Sat	15	7:30a	Steve Jarmush (living/b' day) by Jane Rabo
		5:30p ✠	Sanford Leeman by Shirley Rabo

✠ Mass Intentions ~St. James ✠

Sun	9	9:00 a ✠	Alice Konyn
		10:30a	no intention

Pray for the repose of the soul of Richard Vercryssen, James Sturgeon and for the comfort of their family and friends.

✠ PARISH & SCHOOL NEWS ✠



Membership Recruitment: The Knights of Columbus of St. John's will be hosting a membership recruitment drive the weekend of Sept 15th & 16th before and after each mass. Members will be available to provide info and answer questions you may have regarding the Knights. We urge you, men of our parish, to stop and learn more about membership in the worlds largest Catholic, family, fraternal Organization.

Chico's newest Transistional Kindergrten program is now open! Notre Dame School offers a full kindergarten prep curriculum for 4 or 5 year olds not yet in Kindergarten. The rates are competitive, part-time or full-time available, sessions are from 8-11:15am, after school program for extended care until 3pm. Our director has 20+ years experience and is Permit Certified. A few spots are still open. Please contact the school at 342-2502 or www.ndschico.org.

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 about the dinner will be available soon. We hope to see you there! **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 \$300 3rd prize. The drawing will be held at the Fall Festival on Oct 7th. Tickets are now on sale for \$2 each or a book of 12 tickets for \$20. Each ticket includes a \$3 Round Table coupon. Please look for NDS students selling raffle tickets after masses. There are also ticket books available in the Parish office. Thank you for your generous support of our school.



Respect for Life Committee: There are between 20 and 30 babies of all races killed in Chico each week by abortions. Please come -- witness and pray with us anytime between 9:00 and 11:00 Saturday mornings at the abortion establishment known as "The Women's Health Center" located at 1469 Humboldt Drive. Our next pro-life meeting is Monday, September 17 at 3:30 in the Library

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

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

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. Please join us in prayer on **Oct 7th** for our next XLT 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_lym@yahoo.com

IS THERE PRAYER IN YOUR LIFE?: Come hear about the truth of who we are, who God is, and our relationship with Him. Join us Sat Sept 15th at 8:15am in the parish library for coffee and presentation of this awesome formation program. For more info call Erika Sajben at 566-1201.

Catholics Returning Home: Have you been away from the Church? Do you feel confused or lost when you come to Mass? Maybe there was some hurt from the past? Come to the Catholic Returning Home 13 week session. There is no obligation, but what could it hurt. We will talk about many different aspects of the Church from past to present. We are welcoming and would really like to have you back with us. We will be starting up a session this fall. For more details contact: Co-directors Ms. Sharon Haselton at 343-8741 or Deacon James Burkett at 893-2348.



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.

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.

❖ **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.



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 8th and 9th Joe will break open the teachings on both material and spiritual poverty. The following week Joe will teach on the Prodigal Son and conversion. 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.

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 Sept 28-30 in Sacramento. 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. Next weekend will be Oct 12-14. For additional information, go to www.retrouvaille.org or call 1-800-283-5952.

✧ CALENDAR ✧

Sat 8	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9-11am Pro-Life Prayer Group 10am Confessions
Sun 9	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:45 CFF begins today 2:30pm Latin Mass (St. John's) 6-8pm English AA
Mon 10	
Tues 11	
Wed 12	The Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary 6-9 Spanish AA
Thur 13	St. John Chrysostom 7pm Rosary Group (in church)
Fri 14	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross 6-7am Men's Bible Study (ODS) 3:30-4:30pm Adoration 6-9pm Spanish AA
Sat 15	Our Lady of Sorrows 9-11am Pro-Life Prayer Group 10am Confessions

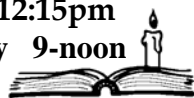
READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Lk 6:6-11
 Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19
 Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26
 Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38
 Friday: Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
 Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
 Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51; 1 Tm 1:12-17;
 Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]

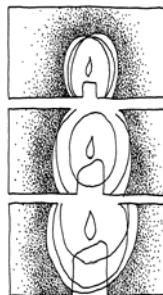
Liturgy of the Hours - Week III

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.



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.



1st week of September
Sunday Collection \$ 9,237.00
Total bills paid in July \$24,453.00
Thank you for your faithful stewardship

ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE
stjohnthebaptistchico.org

Fr. Brent's email: fbrent@stjohnthebaptistchico.org
 St. John Office email address: stjohn33@sbcglobal.net



Parish Library Open House:

All are invited to join us for our St. John's Library Open House on September 23 from 8:15 to 12:15 pm. we've made some changes and added many new books and DVD's. Refreshments will be served. Watch next weeks bulletin for more details.

“Children’s Liturgy of the Word”: ministry will be restarting at the 5:30 mass on Sunday evenings. Please send your children to hear God’s Word proclaimed and explained to them at their level. You don’t need to sign up, just send them to the altar when the priest invites them. Children Pre-K - 4th grade are welcome to join us for a celebration of the Liturgy of the Word designed especially for them. We need adult volunteers to help lead, read, help with crowd control and musicians/song leaders. You don’t need to have children to get involved with this ministry and we will provide you with all the materials and training that you need. No skills are required – just a heart for teaching children about God. If you are interested or have questions please call Matt & Pamela Meuter 566-0425 or email: pamelameuter@hotmail.com

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers: Thank you to those of you who have so generously stepped forward to volunteer for these important ministries. We are still in need of several more Eucharistic Ministers, especially for the 7:30 and 9:30am masses. If you are interested in serving God in either of these capacities please call Diane at 345-7028 or the parish office at 343-8741

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Take up
your cross
and be my disciple

Two pamphlets on the Presence of Christ in the Eucharist written by the U.S. Catholic Bishops:

As successors of the Apostles and teachers of the Church, the bishops have the duty to hand on what God has revealed to them and to encourage all members of the Church to deepen their understanding of the mystery and gift of the Eucharist. In order to foster such a deepening of faith, we have prepared the first text, **The Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Eucharist** to respond 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 each.

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.

Catechisms of the Catholic Church: are also available in the parish office for \$15 (a 25% discount).

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.

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.

-- Psalm 90:14