



Anyone who
wishes to be first
must be the servant
of all

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 20, 2009

✧ **Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist** ✧

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| Sat 19 | 7:30a | ✧Candyce Cabrera by Garcia Family |
| | 5:30p | ✧James Monroe by Deborah P |
| Sun 20 | 7:30a | no intention |
| | 9:00a | People of God |
| | 10:30a | Holy Souls in Purgatory |
| | 12:30p | David Cervantes (living) by Natalia |
| | 5:30p | ✧Arline Cameron by Bev Burgess-Levin |
| Mon 21 | 7:30a | no intention |
| Tues 22 | 7:30a | no intention |
| Wed 23 | 7:30a | ✧James Monroe by Dave Monroe |
| | 7:00p | no intention |
| Thur 24 | 7:30a | Yolanda & Mecerd Najera (living) by Maria |
| Fri 25 | 7:30a | ✧Virginia & George Oliver by the Shea's |
| Sat 26 | 7:30a | ✧Josef Froula by Michelle Knox |
| | 5:30p | no intention |
| | | ✧ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ✧ |
| Sun 20 | 9:00a | ✧Bill Murphy by Pat Murphy |
| | 10:30a | no intention |

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Wayne Milani, Enrique Quintana, and for his family and friends.

2nd week of September

| <u>Collection</u> | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> |
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| September 13 | \$7,084 | \$11,323 |
| Year to date | \$98,552 | \$100,292 |

(St. James total for Sept 13: \$618)

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

PUBLIC ROSARY: In honor of the 92nd Anniversary of the Fatima Apparitions and the Miracle of the Sun in 1913. Please join us for a public rosary on Saturday, October 10th, Downtown Chico Public Square at 12 noon.

ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE

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Priests Retirement Collection TODAY Sept 19-20:
This is our opportunity to take care of those who have spent their lives caring for our spiritual and sacramental needs within our diocese. If you are not prepared this weekend, there are envelopes in the vestibule for you to take home and return it next weekend. Thank you for your support of all our diocesan priests.

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.



NDS Fall Festival: Show your support of Notre Dame School by purchasing Fall Festival RAFFLE TICKETS sold after this week's masses. Raffle tickets are \$2 each or \$20 for a book, with cash prizes of \$1,000, \$750, \$500 and \$250. You can also purchase tickets to attend the Fall Festival Dinner Dance on Saturday, October 3. Start with 5:30 mass at St. John's, followed by a scrumptious dinner, silent auction, live music, and dancing. Tickets can be purchased after mass, at the school office or by calling 342-2502. Cost for dinner is \$12 per adult, \$7 per child or \$35 for a family of four or more. You'll also want to stop by Notre Dame School for their Annual Fall Festival on Sunday, October 4, for games, food, a country store and community fellowship. Admission is free to this event, which runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

COUNTRY STORE: It wouldn't be the Fall Festival without the Country Store! We are accepting donations of your nick knacks, books, children's toys, furniture, household items, etc... We are also looking for "farm donations" (i.e. pumpkins, corn, etc.) Please call Amy King 966-1611 for drop off or pick-up. Thank you for your support!

Fall Rummage Sale: Sponsored by Catholic Daughters, Oct. 2nd, 8am-5pm and Oct. 3rd, 8am-12noon at ODS Parish Hall. See flier in this bulletin for all the details.

Prayer for Priests

Dear Lord,

We pray that the blessed Mother wrap her mantle around your priests and through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry.

We pray that Mary will guide your priests to follow her own words, "Do whatever He tells you" (Jn 2:5)

May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph, Mary's most chaste spouse.

May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart inspire them to embrace all who suffer at the foot of the cross.

May your priests be holy, filled with the fire of your love seeking nothing but your greater glory and the salvation of souls. Amen.

Saint John Vianney, pray for us.

❖ **ADULT FAITH FORMATION** ❖

A Taize Prayer Service will be held at the Newman Center on September 24 at 7:00 p.m. Taize is meditative prayer involving simple music, scripture reading, meditation and the "foot of the Cross." For more information contact John Few at 897-0675.

Theology of the Body: Broken families, abortion, AIDS, Internet pornography, clergy abuse, homosexual "marriage"— our church and world is in the midst of a profound sexual crisis. Is there a way out? Come to the new "Theology of the Body" series to discover. In this DVD presentation of "Theology of the Body", Christopher West explains John Paul II revolutionary teaching based on the word of Jesus and the bible which takes us to the root of our modern crisis, putting us on our path to authentic sexual liberation and God's original plan for our lives. Whether married or single if you are interested in this adult formation, please call Mary Waldorf at 345-8638 to register. The meetings will be from 6:30-8:30pm Thursday nights: Oct 1st, Oct 15th, and Oct 29th at the Newman Center in Chico. The series costs \$12 which includes a workbook.



Scripture Study/Radio: Joe Hollcraft is live on AM 930 at 11:00am-12:00 each Saturday and Sunday (re-aired). Tune in to the Catholic Hour, where each week Joe will offer a teaching

and reflection on the readings from the Mass. In addition to his teachings, Joe's programming will look at all the important questions that people are asking about the faith today. This week, Sept 19-20 Joe will reflect and teach on the call to image Christ in wisdom and humility. The golden thread to this weeks teaching will be Christ's call to be a servant to all. Next week, Joe will be away and will re-air a previously recorded program on how to interpret Sacred Scripture. Please do not hesitate to send Joe any of your questions. You can e-mail Joe at jholljmi@yahoo.com if you have any questions about the radio program and/or the Catholic faith or go to the parish website and click on Joe Hollcraft's blog.

Women of Grace Women's Ministry: If you are interested in joining the Great Adventure Bible Study Group we meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at ODS Social Hall from 6:45-9pm. **Next meeting is Sept 24th.** Bring your bible and your Catechism. If you have questions, please call Mary Waldorf at 898-6398.

Rosary Prayer Group: meets on Wed evenings at 7pm, at individual homes. The current Medjugorje message from Our Lady and the commentary are read. If you would like to participate, call 342-2323 or 898-1183.

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.

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

Religious Education Questions - Call 343-8741

CFF (Children's Faith Formation) has started. If you still need to register your child please come to the parish office.



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Come One! Come All! Lifeteen Kick-off 2009 starts this Sunday at 7pm in the Notre Dame Gym. This year begins with a totally cool scavenger hunt downtown! Oh and don't forget the digital camera we're giving away! Get Excited! Bring your friends, be cool, and come hang out with Catholics your age!

Sept 27th ends our "GIVE IT AWAY" lifenight. Lifeteen is gathering food for the poor and we need your help! Bring stuff from your pantry to mass or the lifenight to feed those who might not otherwise eat. Thank you!

❖ **MARRIAGE & FAMILY** ❖



Respect for Life: October is Respect Life Month, and October 4 is Respect Life Sunday. According to the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, the theme for this year is "Every Child Brings Us God's Smile" which comes from a homily of Pope Benedict XVI (January 7, 2007, Feast of the Baptism of the Lord). A Program packet can be obtained at <http://www.usccb.org/prolife/programs/rfp/2009/>. Please consider going to Planned Parenthood on Vallombrosa on Wednesdays or the Women's Feminist Abortion Center on Humboldt on Fridays. Come any time from 9am to 12 noon.

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. (519-5081)

Have you been pushing aside a nagging feeling that God may be calling you to welcome a child into your family? Perhaps you have been waiting for the perfect time to start your family, or to have another child? Perhaps you are struggling with a pregnancy under difficult circumstances? Or perhaps you have a child in your life, who needs your loving attention? Jesus puts it all in perspective for us in today's readings "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me, but the One who sent me". Is your marriage open to the gift of children? Learn more about living a marriage that is open to life at www.canfp.org



Marriage Encounter: "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." (Gospel) Marriage is about serving each other with a love that brings great joy. The next local Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be **September 25-27 in Sacramento**. Dates fill fast, so register early. For more dates, locations and information contact Stephanie and Deacon James Burkett at 893-2348.

Women's Bible Study: This week is a great time to join a great group for a great cause (more familiarity with our Bible, the Word of God)! The group will meet on Tuesday, Sept 22, from 9-11am at the Prayer Room in the Religious Education Building at ODS to discuss the book, The Lamb's Supper, The Mass as Heaven on Earth, by Scott Hahn. Next Tuesday, Sept 29, we will begin the study of the Book of Revelation, which will continue until April. New comers are welcome any time, but this is a particularly good time to join us. Questions, call Terry Matthews, 893-1644.

40 Days for Life Mass: Tuesday, Sept 22 at Presentation Parish in Sacramento at 7pm. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Jeremy Leatherby, reconciliation will be offered 30 minutes before Mass and music will be provided by the Dominican Sisters, Mary Mother of the Eucharist and the Spiritus Sanctus Academy Children's Choir. For more info, please call Jan at 916-481-4865.

Mercy High School: There is still time to donate to Mercy High School through the Annie B Drive. Donations must be received by Sept 30th to qualify. Mercy High School appreciates any and all donations. Please send your check to Annie B's/Mercy High School, NVCF, 3120 Cohasset Rd. Suite 8, Chico, CA 95973.

Pastoral Care Retreat for Victims of Childhood Abuse or Violence: All adults who have been touched or affected by childhood abuse or violence are invited to attend a special retreat. Join us Friday October 2, 2009 for *Healing the Mind, Body and Spirit – a Faith Based Response for Adult Survivors of Childhood Trauma* at Christ the King Retreat Center, 9am-4pm. For more information and registration please contact Esther Castillo at 916-733-0142.

Christ the King Retreat Center: Join others on Tuesdays this fall for an exciting adult spirituality series with Fr. Tom Bonacci, CP at Christ the King Retreat Center. Entitles "Scenes from Luke & Acts," the full series is four Tuesdays: Sept 29, Oct 6, 13 and 27 from 7-9pm. The cost is \$12 per session, \$10 for seniors. To register or for more information, call 916-725-4720, ext 302.

**Diocese of Sacramento
Immigration Support Network**

The second element of the Catholic Bishops' Call for Comprehensive Immigration Reform addresses:
Expanded Opportunities To Reunify Families

U.S. citizens and legal permanent residents must endure many years of separation from close family members who they want to join them in the United States. The backlogs of available visas for family members results in waits of five, ten, fifteen, and more years of waiting for a visa to become available. The bishops call for a reduction to the pending backlog and more visas available for family reunification purposes.

The first ISN forum addressing Immigrants' Rights & Responsibilities will be held TODAY Sun, Sept 20 from 2-4pm in the cafeteria.

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| Sun | 20 | 25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| Mon | 21 | St. Matthew 6-8pm English AA |
| Tues | 22 | |
| Wed | 23 | St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) 6-9pm Spanish AA 7-9pm Boy Scouts Troop #2 |
| Thu | 24 | |
| Fri | 25 | 3:30-4:30 ADORATION 6-9pm Spanish AA |
| Sat | 26 | St Cosmas and St Damian 10am Confessions |

Library Hours & News:

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



Pope Benedict's Intentions for September

General prayer intention: That the word of God may be better known, welcomed and lived as the source of freedom and joy.

Mission intention: That Christians in Laos, Cambodia, and Myanmar, who often meet with great difficulties, may not be discouraged from announcing the Gospel to their brothers, trusting in the strength of the Holy Spirit.

EMHC AND LECTOR SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

| TIME | EMHC | LECTOR |
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| 5:30pm Sat | Jim Currin Arlie Hixon Tom Hixon | Karen Monroe Bruce Neadly |
| 7:30am Sun | Jean Mayer Ona Mertens | Yolanda Holt Lyle Anderson |
| 9:00am Sun | Stephanie Beyers Aric Cook Bill McKellar Bill Mutch Diane Smith Barbara Santos | Donna Houston Lori Smith |

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13
 Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21
 Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6
 Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9
 Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22
 Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45
 Sunday: Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19; Jas 5:1-6;
 Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Liturgy of the Hours Week I

