



# First Sunday of Advent December 3, 2006

## ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

**St. John the Baptist: Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm**

Newman Center: Tuesday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> 6:15pm

St. Thomas More, Paradise: Thurs., Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, 3:30pm

St. Thomas the Apostle, Oroville: Tues., Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, 3:30pm

Our Divine Savior, Chico: Mon., Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon

### FIRST MONDAY: ADORATION/EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

after 7:30am Mass

through 6:45pm Benediction.

Sign-ups are in the vestibule.

All hours must be covered.

Come spend a Holy Hour with Jesus



### ✠ Mass Intentions ~St. John the Baptist ✠

<b>Sat 2</b>	7:30a ✠	<b>Special Intention by DJM William &amp; Nila Mendonca &amp; family</b> (living) by Erika Sajben
<b>Sun 3</b>	7:30a ✠	<b>Mary Van Buskirk</b> by Lona Stalker
	9:30a	<b>People of God</b>
	12:30p	<b>Mai Lee</b> (living) by anonymous
	5:30p	<b>Adrienne Carlson</b> by anonymous
<b>Mon 4</b>	7:30a ✠	<b>Kathleen Lynch</b> by Cassie Kelly
<b>Tue 5</b>	7:30a ✠	<b>Rafael Mota</b> by Maria
<b>Wed 6</b>	7:30a ✠	<b>Maria Mota</b> by Maria
	7:00p ✠	<b>David Gomez</b> by Martin Hernandez
<b>Thurs 7</b>	7:30a ✠	<b>Ralph &amp; Annabelle Perry</b> by Carolyn Dorenzo
<b>Fri 8</b>	7:30a ✠	<b>Mina Starwyck</b> by Vince Starwyck
<b>Holy Day</b>	9:00a ✠	<b>Loren &amp; Lucille Godwin</b> by Lawrence & Emiline Rose
	5:30p ✠	<b>Rose Giannotti</b> by Sal Giannotti
<b>Sat 9</b>	7:30a ✠	<b>Susan Blick &amp; Maria Arvisu</b> by Nina Fojas
	5:30p ✠	<b>Harry Cinguini</b> by Cinguini Family

### Mass Intentions ~St. James

<b>Sun 3</b>	9:00 a	✠ <b>John, Josep, Catherine Verducci</b> by Roseanne Bradley
	10:30a	<b>no intention</b>

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mike Hutter, Jose Crisoforo Rios Linares, and for his family and friends.

**Retirement Fund for Religious:** Next weekend, Dec 9-10, there will be a second collect for the more than 37,000 men and women retired religious that still need our support. Please give generously. Envelopes will be in the vestibule.

### Vespers— Evening Prayer

Join the choir to pray the Liturgy of Hours Evening Prayer on Tuesday Dec 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at 6-6:30pm in the Church.



**Christmas Flowers:** This year, as in years past, the Art and Environment Committee will be accepting donations for Christmas flowers and decorations. Your donation may be in the name of your family, in memory of a Loved One, or in thanksgiving. Please return donation envelopes to the office or put into the collection basket. Extra envelopes are in the vestibule.



## ✧ PARISH NEWS ✧

**Calling All Donors:** Notre Dame School would like to invite current and previous donors to our Hispanic Scholarship Program to assist financially needy families. For the past several years, large donations to this program have given many students who would otherwise be unable to attend NDS the opportunity to receive a quality Catholic Education. If you are one who has contributed, or someone who would like to begin to do so, please stop by our office or contact NDS at 342-2502. Thank you, St. John's, for the support you provide your parish school!

**Pancake Breakfast:** K of C will be cooking up a great pancake breakfast with sausage, eggs, coffee and juice on Dec 10<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 11:30am. Adults \$6, children under 12 \$3, and a family of five or more \$20. Hope to see you there!



**Giving Tree & Angel Tree:** Thank you to everyone who took a tag for a child or for one of our elderly last weekend. Please remember to deliver the gift, **already wrapped with the tag taped to it**, to the parish office by Dec. 15 and it will be delivered for you. Call 343-8741 if you have any questions.

**Catholics Returning Home:** ODS, St. John and Newman Center will conduct an ongoing session called CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME for 13 consecutive weeks. The session will begin Mon Feb 5<sup>th</sup> 2007 from 7-8:30pm at St. John's. These sessions are for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church. . Please contact Deacon Brukett at 893-2348, 343-4248 or Ms. Haselton 343-874.

**Christian Spirituality Class:** Features the actual lectures from the class offered at Franciscan University of Steubenville – but on audio tape only! Facilitated by Jason Van Buskirk (M.A. in Theology from Steubenville) - group prayer (Liturgy of the Hours etc) and Catholic Fellowship are part of this experience too. The class will be from 7-9 p.m. every Tuesday evening in the Parish Office Library (started Nov 14<sup>th</sup>). All interested are encouraged to call Jason at 343-8741

**Scripture Study: NOTE NEW LOCATION AND TIME:** Joe Hollcraft will do the second class of a 4 part series on Advent based on the readings of the following Sunday on Wed. Dec 6<sup>th</sup> from 7-8pm at the Newman Center. If you can't make it to the bible study it will be recorded and aired on AM 930 Sat & Sun Dec 9 & 10 at 11am. You can also access the information on St John's website (Catholic Hour → Recent Scripture link) Don't miss this great opportunity to better understand the bible and our faith.

**Women's Resource Clinic:** We are in need of the following items: new or slightly used cribs, highchairs, and strollers; baby jackets up to 1 year; S-XXL maternity clothes; diapers size 1-4; Volunteer Counselors and Receptionists; Adobe In Design Software and **monthly financial supporters. Please keep us and our clients in your prayers.** Contact Judy at 897-6101 for more detail or questions.

**Respect Life Committee** is having their next monthly meeting on Dec 11 from 3:30-5pm in the parish library. Everyone is welcome.

**Catholic Daughters:** Thurs Dec 14<sup>th</sup> will be a potluck at 12:30 at ODS. Please bring a hot dish or salad. Sunday Dec 17<sup>th</sup> will be our Christmas Bake Sale after all masses at ODS. Bring donations on Saturday after 3pm.

**Torres Shelter News:** A Christmas Party is planned for Dec 19<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in helping call Jerry at 342-2134. Also, the shelter is in desperate need of blankets (new or used). Drop them off at the shelter and the staff will put them to good use!

**BRING YOUR CHURCH BULLETIN:** Five and Eye restaurant on the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> St. and Ivy will give 10% back to our church when you bring in your bulletin and purchase a meal!

### ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE

[stjohnthebaptistchico.org](http://stjohnthebaptistchico.org)

Fr. Brent's email: [frbrent@stjohnthebaptistchico.org](mailto:frbrent@stjohnthebaptistchico.org)

St. John Office email address: [stjohn33@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stjohn33@sbcglobal.net)



[www.chicolifeteen.org](http://www.chicolifeteen.org)

Andrea Florez, Youth Director  
530-961-2050

**PARENTS** if you are interested in helping with snacks, with set-up, or clean-up and you have NOT already signed-up please call me at the number listed above to put yourself on the list.

**LIFE TEEN** (grades 9-12) This Sunday Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> the greatest game show around...Who Wants to Be Catholic? We meet in the Upper Meeting Room at St. John's from 7-8:30pm.

**EDGE** (grades 7-8) We hope to see you on Dec 4<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30pm in the hall at ODS.

**EVENTS COMING UP: EDGE Lock-In** Dec 8<sup>th</sup> from 7pm to Dec 9<sup>th</sup> at 7am in the hall at ODS. Permission slips will be handed out on December 4<sup>th</sup> at EDGE and will be available in the parish office.

**EDGE Family Christmas Caroling** Dec 11<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7pm. Please come as a family to share Christmas Carols with some of our neighbors. We will be meeting in the parking lot of ODS. This event is weather permitting, if it is raining we will have to cancel.

**LIFE TEEN and EDGE ministries Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale** Dec 17<sup>th</sup> in the hall at ODS after the morning masses. We need parents to help cook and teens to serve and clean-up. The money raised goes to support our parish youth ministries. Please call Andrea to volunteer or for more information.

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

**Religious Education Questions**  
Call Jason Van Buskirk 343-8741  
Email: [jvanbuskirk@stjohnthebaptistchico.org](mailto:jvanbuskirk@stjohnthebaptistchico.org)

**CFF Resumes Today as Usual – Welcome Back!**

**CFF: Registrations are always welcome year round!**

**Confirmation:** If your child is in grades 7-12 and needs to receive this sacrament please call Jason by Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Mandatory Sacrament Parents' Class:** The next Sacrament Parents' Class is Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Upper Meeting Room. Only parents going through our program for the 1<sup>st</sup> time are required to attend all the monthly classes, though all are encouraged and welcomed.




**RCIA Adapted for Children:** Sacrament Preparation for kids in grades 2-6 who need to be baptized, AND, children in grades 3-6 who need to receive 1<sup>st</sup> Confession and/or 1<sup>st</sup> Communion. Next Class is Friday, Dec 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30pm in the Parish Office.

**Youth Sacrament Program (Sacrament Preparation for Youth in grades 7-12):** Classes are on Weds, from 4:30-6pm in the Parish Office Upper Meeting Room.

**Deaf CFF:** Please call Jason Van Buskirk if interested at 343-8741.

**Sacrament Registration:** Registration for Baptism, 1<sup>st</sup> Confession, and 1<sup>st</sup> Communion is underway and ends Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Forms are available in Parish Office and at the main desk of Notre Dame School. One copy of a baptismal certificate is required for each child. Please return registrations to the Parish Office or to your child's teacher.

✧ **CALENDAR** ✧

- Sat 2** **First Saturday**  
9-11am Pro-Life Prayer Group  
10am Confessions
- Sun 3** **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
10:45 CFF  
LIFETEEN after 5:30 mass  

- Mon 4** **St. John of Damascus**  
**8AM-7PM ADORATION/EXPOSTION**  
7pm Jr. Life  
6-8 AA in English
- Tues 5** 6:30 Choir practice
- Wed 6** **St. Nicholas**  
6-9 Spanish AA  
7pm Spanish mass  
7pm BSA #2  

- Thur 7** **St. Ambrose**  
**5:30pm Vigil Mass for Immaculate Conception**  
7pm Rosary Prayer Group
- Fri 8** **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**HOLY DAY MASSES: 7:30am, 9:00am, 5:30pm**  
6-7am Men's Bible Study (ODS)  
9:00am NDCS mass  
**3:30-4:30pm Adoration**  
6-9pm Spanish AA  

- Sat 9** **St. Juan Diego**  
9-11am Pro-Life Prayer Group  
10am Confessions

✧ **MARRIAGE & FAMILY** ✧

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Northern Lights Love Circle:** is gathering for their 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Christmas Party on Friday Dec 1 at ODS social hall from 6:30-9pm. It will be a potluck (main dish, salad or dessert) along with some activities for all. Please bring an Ornament for exchange, one per family. For more information please call Stephanie or James at 893-2348.

**Catholic Marriage Enrichment Group:** will be having a Christmas Dinner at Turandot on Dec 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:45pm. For information, call Debbie Weinrich, MSW at 342-2878 ext 2.

**Catholic Women's Ministry:** Next meeting will be in Dec 14, 6:45-9pm at ODS Social Hall. Call Debbie Weinrich at 342-2878 ext 2.

**Marriage Encounter:** Tired of the same old Christmas gifts? Tired of spending lots of money on more doodads that wear out? How about a gift that will grow and change every day and yet last a lifetime? The gift is your love, renewed on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Upcoming weekends will be Feb. 16 – 18; April 20-22; June 22-24 in Sacramento. For more information call Stephanie & Deacon James Burkett 893-2348.

**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. The next weekend in Sacramento will be February 9-11 2007. For additional information, go to [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org) or call 1-800-283-5952.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
- Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
- Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

**Liturgy of the Hours I**

