

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." -- John 14:6

Fifth Sunday of Easter April 20, 2008

Thank you to everyone who has already donated to the Rectory Renovation Fund! We are half way there! We couldn't do this without you!

DON'T FORGET TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE RECTORY FUND PROGRESS THERMOMETER IN THE VESTIBULE!

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ✦

SAT 19	7:30a	✦ Alice Konyn by Consolation Mstry
	5:30p	✦ Pete Urrutia by Eulalie Urrutia
Sun 20	7:30a	✦ Merval Mayer by Jean Mayer
	9:30a	Parish
	12:30p	no intention
	5:30p	✦ Bill Blankenship by Beverly Burgess-Levin
Mon 21	7:30a	✦ Jennie Campi by The Shea's
Tue 22	7:30a	✦ Helen Shea by The Shea's
Wed 23	7:30a	✦ Linda Diannattasio by Eleanor Marchand
	7:00p	no intention
Thus 24	7:30a	✦ Jayne Derrer by Delbert Pilliard
Fri 25	7:30a	Dan & Cathy Boutwell (27th anniv)
	8:30a	NDS intention
Sat 26	7:30a	✦ Sister Mgt. Perpetua by Karen M.
	5:30p	✦ Pete Urrutia by Eulalie Urrutia

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ✦

Sun 20	9:00a	✦ Claire Grzanich by Mom & Dad
	10:30a	Obdulia Arevalo (living)

Pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Valine, Jesse Scudder and for the comfort of their family and friends.

2nd Week of April

Sunday Collection	\$6,628
Maintenance	\$1,459
Total	\$8,087

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

--2 Corinthians 9:7

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✦ PARISH & SCHOOL NEWS ✦

Catholic Home Missions: Next Sunday, our parish will be taking up a collection for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. This Appeal supports missions here in the United States. It offers Catholics across our country a wonderful opportunity to help fellow Catholics practice their faith. Over 95 cents of every dollar donated to the Appeal goes directly to the missions to keep church doors open, to support pastors in their priestly ministry, and to provide basic pastoral services like religious education for children. Please give generously next weekend. A portion of the collection will also support the effort by the Church for Black and Native American Indians.

THANK YOU: The Chico Community Food Locker extends thanks for our recent donation of \$1,471.97 collected on Holy Thursday. They use our donation to help the homeless of our community with food, gas vouchers, bus tickets to Sacramento and much more. Thank you St. John's for you continued support.

Mother's Day Brunch: The Newman Center is hosting a brunch on Sunday, May 11th from 8am-2pm for Mother's Day. Proceeds will benefit the Torres Shelter and the Newman Center. The buffet menu will include: quiches, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausages, pancakes, bagels, fresh fruit juices, coffee, tea & mimosas. Tickets are available after all Masses & M-F, 9am-4:30pm at the Newman Center. Cost: Adults \$10, Students & Children (5 and older) \$6, Children 4 and younger are FREE. Tickets at the door, add \$2.

WALK FOR LIFE: Support the Women's Resource Clinic in their "Walk for Life 2008 - A Tribute to Mothers"!! We need walkers or runners to join together Sat, April 26th at 9am to register for the mile walk at One-Mile Picnic Area at Bidwell Park. We need sponsors too. Don't miss this fun-filled family event. See our Team Leader, Mary Johnson 892-0378 or call WRC for more details 897-6101.

History Celebration: We still need your memories, your pictures, and your ideas for the history of our parish from 1978-2008. Let's not allow our memories to fade into oblivion. Email Cathy O'Toole cotoole@stjohnthebaptistchico.org or call 893-8760. You can also call the parish office at 343-8741. *Thank you to those who have already responded.*

The Pulpit and the Pew is a beautiful account of our church history from 1878 to 1978. We would like to make the Pulpit and the Pew available on our web site. Is there someone who can help us with this project? We are hoping someone with a high quality scanner will come forward to help make the history of our parish available electronically. If you can help, or if you have any ideas, please call the parish office at 343-8741 or Cathy O'Toole at 893-8760

Catholic Daughters: April 25th Fashion Show set up; April 26th Luncheon at 12 noon with Fashion Show to follow. Prepaid tickets call Lorraine 342-2240—April 30th, Birthday Luncheon 11:30am at Scrambles.



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LIFE TEEN – Can I Get a Witness? Who will be our witness? Join us Sunday night in the gym immediately following 5:30pm Life Teen Mass.

MASS – We are trying to give God our best everyday. CORE and teens are all trying to dress in our Sunday best for Mass and we are offering the chance at a little prize if you do.

YOUTH HOUSE DROP-IN – Come hang out with friends from 3-6pm at the Youth House.

EDGE – Join us on Monday, April 21st, from 7-8:30pm for a crazy time with your friends. This semester is coming to an end so be sure to come by and say hi.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Women's Ministry Group: Just a reminder that the women's ministry group will be meeting again at ODS on Thursday May 8th at ODS Social Hall from 6:45-9pm. We will be discussing Chapter 8 from the book "Experience Grace in Abundance, Ten Strategies for Your Spiritual Life" by Johnnette Benkovic. If you have any questions call Pat Hackney at 342-5528 or Mary Waldorf at 345-8638. You are encouraged to bring your bible with you.

Catholics Returning Home: Do you have some family members or friends who have said they miss the Church but afraid to come back because of something that happened in years past? Maybe they had a divorce and are feeling the Church will not accept them back! This program is exactly what they need to be welcomed back home. Invite them to come and check us out. If they are still not sure of what we are about have them call Deacon James Burkett at 893-2348 or Sharon Haselton @ 891-5334.

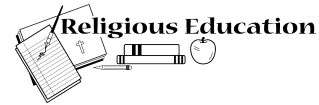
Holy Spirit Prayer Group: They meet at 7pm on the 4th Wed of each month at the Newman Center. For more information call Sharon, 891-5334 or James, 893-2348.



SCRIPTURE
STUDY

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. This week, April 19th & 20th, Joe will be joined by a guest and they will consider faith in light of relationship with the Father. The following week Joe will record a program on how to interpret scripture with the Church. Be sure not to miss this great opportunity to better understand the Bible and the structure of our faith. E-mail Joe at jhollmj@yahoo.com if you have any questions about the radio program and/or the Catholic faith.

CFF: CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION



Religious Education Questions
Call 343-8741

UPCOMING SACRAMENTS

1st Communion Retreat April 26th: Spanish from 8:30am-12:30pm and English from 2-4pm.

Confirmation: May 7th at 7pm

1st Communion: May 17th, 11am in Spanish, 3pm in English.

Sacramental Parents Classes are for parents who have children receiving Sacraments this year. The remaining classes will be **April 22, 7pm** in the church – parents to attend with child. The **May 4 meeting will be held in the gym at 11 am, this is when you will be given the information regarding First Communion Day.**

All CFF and Notre Dame parents are encouraged to attend the Sacramental Parents classes. Some topics that will be discussed will include: How to better our relationship with God at home; How we as parents can emphasize God's love to our children; Learn more about our Catholic Faith.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY



Respect for Life Committee/40 Days for Life: Please consider going to Planned Parenthood on Vallombrosa on Wednesdays or the Women's Feminist Abortion Center on Humboldt Rd on Fridays. Come anytime from 10am to 4pm to pray for the lives of the unborn children being aborted. **Join the committee for their next meeting on April 21, at 3:30pm in the parish library.**

Mothers' Prayer Group: Join other mothers and children for a "pray and play" group every Thursday at 10:30am in the preschool room at ODS. 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. Call Stephanie & 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 Jackie Hollcraft M.S.; P.A.C. (899-0243).

Retrouaille: This is a program to give hope and help for marriages that are experiencing trouble. For additional information call 1-800-283-5952.

Attention prayerful single men: The Holy Trinity Trappist Monastery in Huntsville, Utah will be hosting two exciting “Live-In Experience” vocational retreats soon. Work and pray with the monks on their 2000-acre farm and enjoy the vocational talks. The dates are June 11-15 and Aug 6-10. There is no cost but space is limited. For more dates and information call 1-800-221-1807.

North State Rosary Bowl: On Sat, May 3 at Bishop Quinn High School Stadium the Fuel'd Ministry programs will host the first annual North State Rosary Bowl! Join us at 6pm for a BBQ dinner as well as praise & worship music provided by The Thirsting. Bishop Jaime Soto will preside as we pray a Living Rosary together culminating with a Crowning of Mary. Be sure to bring flowers for the crowning of Mary! For more information, call Mary D'Acquisto at 530-524-2970.

Mass for Single Adults: The single Adult Ministry of the Diocese of Sacramento and the Catholic Alumni Club invite singles in the diocese to a Mass on Sunday, April 27 at 11am to celebrate “Singles Sunday” at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Brunch will follow at a local downtown restaurant. Contact MaryLee Barcena at 916-419-9845. Please RSVP by Friday, April 25th.

University of Sacramento summer session this year will run from June 2nd through Aug 11th. We invite you to visit our website to see a list of course offerings. For information, applications, and registration forms go to www.universityofsacramento.org. Each course will be held one night per week, from 6-9:35pm for 11 weeks.



Music Man: Mercy Catholic High School invites you to their spring production of the musical, MUSIC MAN. Dates remaining: Fri, April 25th – Sat, April 26th (Closing Night and Gala). Curtain time: 7pm. Cost: \$7 per person. For more details call 527-8313. Thank you for your support of Mercy Catholic High School.

Pilgrimage: (Nov 6-20) Join Fr. Enrique Alvarez on his journey to the Holy Land, Jordan, and Egypt. There is no joy like the joy of being in the Holy Land. Walking where Jesus walked, a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, standing on the Mount of Beatitudes, praying in the Garden of Gethsemane and celebrating together at the Tomb over our Lord's resurrection! Then on to Mt. Nebo where Moses stood overlooking the Jordan Valley. From there the trip will continue on to Petra and climb Moses Mountain where God delivered the Ten Commandments. There will also be a visit to St. Catherine Monastery in the Sinai Desert. Please pick up the brochure in the back of the church and consider joining us!

Azusa Pacific University Choir and Orchestra Concert: You are invited to attend a free performance by 113 member ensemble's ministry through music on Monday May 5th at 7pm at Bidwell Presbyterian Church. They will provide a fresh and exciting approach to music in a variety of styles. For more information call 343-1484.

Sun 20	5th Sunday of Easter 10:30am-12noon CFF 2:30pm Latin Mass 6:45pm Lifeteen
Mon 21	St. Anselm 6-8pm English AA 6:30-8pm BSA #2 7pm- 8:30pm Edge 7-9pm Spanish Cursillo
Tues 22	6:30p choir 7pm Grupo Carismatico
Wed 23	St. George/St. Adalbert 6-9pm Spanish AA 7pm BSA #2 (Cafeteria)
Thur 24	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen 6-10pm Knights of Columbus 7pm Rosary
Fri 25	St. Mark 3:30pm Adoration 6-9pm Spanish AA
Sat 26	1st Communion Retreat 8am-4pm 10am Confessions

Library Hours:

Sunday 8:30-9:30am & 10:30am-12:15pm
Thursday 9-11am



LIBRARY NOTICE: If you have library materials at home that are overdue, please return them to the parish office or the library so that we may keep them in circulation for others to enjoy. Thank you.

LIBRARY HOURS CHANGE: The library will not be open on Wed anymore starting this week.

Pope Benedict XVI's Prayer Intentions for April

General: That the Lord may bless the farmers with an abundant harvest and sensitize the richer populations to the drama of hunger in the world

Mission: That the Christians who work in areas where the conditions of the poor, the weak and the women and children are most tragic, may be signs of hope, thanks to their courageous testimony to the Gospel of solidarity and love.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11
Friday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66; 1 Pt 3:15-18
Liturgy of the Hours -I

