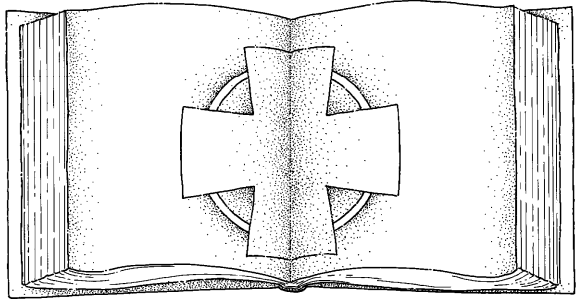


YOU HAVE THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time August 23, 2009

✧ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ✧

Sat 22	7:30a	Charles & Jan Davis (living – 50 th anniv) by Andrea Beauchane
	5:30p	✧Lena Morgado by Marie and Arline Borges
Sun 23	7:30a	✧Fr. Edward Callanan
	9:00a	People of God
	10:30a	no intention
	12:30p	✧Elias Arias by Maribel Carrillo
	5:30p	✧Barbara Gainok by Michael Gainok
Mon 24	7:30a	✧Ana Maguire (living/b'day)
Tues 25	7:30a	✧Jennie & Guido Campi by The Shea Family
Wed 26	7:30a	✧Maria Correa (living)
	7:00p	no intention
Thur 27	7:30a	✧Mary Wahl by Bill & Patty Mutch
Fri 28	7:30a	no intention
Sat 29	7:30a	✧Richard Vercreyssen by Rene Vercreyssen
	5:30p	✧Lena Morgado by William & Nila Mendonca
		✧ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ✧
Sun 23	9:00a	✧Alice Konyn by Peter Konyn
	10:30a	no intention

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Lena Morgado, Pat Juanarena, Jim Downey, and for their family and friends.

3rd week of August

<u>Collection</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
August 16 th	\$7,733	\$7,280
Year to date	\$62,138	\$69,153

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

ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE

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Connecting the World with God's Word! Thank you for your generous donations to the Catholic Communication Campaign! Programs funded by CCC keep the world connected to the Word through Web sites, downloadable podcasts, daily readings, radio shows, televised Masses and so much more.

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.

Taize: A Taize Prayer Service will be held Thursday August 27th at 7:00 p.m. at the Newman Center. Taize is a prayer service that incorporates contemporary Christian music with meditation and petitions at the foot of the cross.

Fall Rummage Sale: Sponsored by Catholic Daughters, Oct. 2nd, 8am-5pm and Oct. 3rd, 8am-12noon at ODS Parish Hall. Donation of clean, useable clothing, small household items and books gratefully accepted at ODS Parish Hall on Wednesday, Sept. 30th and Thursday, Oct. 1st between 8am-5pm. Call Nancy Myers, 345-5592 with any questions.

Catholic Ladies Relief Society #3 will hold their first meeting on Tuesday Sept. 1 at 12:30pm starting with social with meeting to follow at 1pm at ODS Social Hall. Summertime is over and we are going to start our monthly meetings for the new year. Any Catholic woman is welcome to join this organization. Our main objective is charitable work for the poor. We run the Chico community Food Locker. To volunteer at the food locker, you do not have to be a member of CLRS#3. If you have any questions, call Sandy at 345-1601 or Yvonne at 898-1266.



Festival at St. Thomas More: The Ridge Community Family Festival is being held at St. Thomas More Church – 767 Elliott Road, Paradise from 10am to 4pm on Saturday, September 19th! Entrance and parking are free and there are lots of games, entertainment and food for all ages. Come help support Ridge area ministries, charities and scholarships. See you there!

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

Catholics Returning Home: Have you been away from the church or know someone who wants to return but is not sure how? You are invited to attend the Catholics Returning Home Session which started August 17th, 7-8:30pm Monday evenings. This is a 13 week session set in a comfortable environment. We will be meeting at Our Divine Savior Parish, 566 E. Lassen Ave. in the Parish office-Prayer Room. For more information contact Deacon Burkett at 893-2348 or Sharon Hazelton at 891-5334.

RCIA **RCIA CLASSES:** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process by which adults become members of our Catholic faith community. The first of twelve weekly Inquiry classes begins Thursday, September 3rd. They are held every Thursday from 7pm-9pm in the upper meeting room of the Parish Office. All are welcome and there is no obligation. For more information contact Deacon Steve Schwartz at 891-0626.



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 teaching and reflections 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, August 22nd and 23rd (re-air), Joe will look back on the Bread of Life discourse (John 6) that we have been reading over the past month and consider the importance of cherishing Christ and his Church in all things in light of John 6. The following week Joe will reflect upon his experience in Oxford with two guests yet to be determined. 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 Aug 27th. 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.



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Thank YOU for supporting Life Teen and EDGE over the Summer we are on a small break planning and praying for our Life Teen and EDGE programs, and families. Please pray for Andrea and Jeremy and all the CORE as we pray together hoping for another amazing year. God Bless.

CFF: CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education Questions - Call 343-8741

REGISTRATION PACKETS HAVE BEEN MAILED
If you didn't receive one please call the office.



(EVERYONE MUST REGISTER EVERY YEAR)

CFF STARTS SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH
SEE YOU THERE!

MARRIAGE & FAMILY

Respect for Life: Health care reform should not include coverage for abortion on demand. Please communicate with Congress and join our National Prayer Campaign. For details see www.PrayerCampaign.org. 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)

Marriage Encounter: "Live in love, as Christ loved us." (Second reading) Marriage Encounter helps us to try to love each other more like Christ loves us. The next local Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be **September 25-27 in Sacramento, Oct 2-4 Reno, or Oct 16-18 Stockton**. Dates fill fast, so register early. For more dates, locations and information contact Stephanie and Deacon James Burkett at 893-2348.

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

4th Annual Divine Mercy Conference: When life is crashing...do more than throw up your hands in despair...turn to God's Divine Mercy. Come to the 4th annual Divine Mercy Conference at the Sacramento convention Center on Sept. 12th. Come hear how Divine Mercy impacted the lives of a survivor of US Air Flight 1549 ("Miracle on the Hudson"), a heart-broken performing artist and a young priest who is working to share the message of Divine Mercy-especially with young people. For more information call John Doering at 530-677-2805

Spanish speaking Healing After Abortion Retreat: Struggling after an abortion? Still seeking peace years after the choice? Experience the healing love of Jesus at Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, September 25-27 in Auburn, sponsored by the Diocese of Sacramento. The weekend retreat for Spanish speakers will combine discussions, scripture-based spiritual exercises, sacrament of reconciliation, memorial service and Mass. Open to women, men, couples and family members touched by abortion. The cost is \$175 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. Financial assistance is available. For a registration packet or more information, call Guadalupe at 916-733-0161. Inquiries and participation are strictly confidential.

Boy Scout Ad Altare Dei Retreat: Calling out all Catholic Boy Scouts earning the Ad Altare Dei Religious Award. This award is intended for Scouts that have completed the 6th grade and focuses on the Seven Sacraments. The Catholic Committee on Scouting for the Diocese of Sacramento and the Golden Empire Council will be holding a retreat at Marelllo Youth Retreat Center on October 16-17, 2009. For more information and to register, please visit: <http://www.gec-bsa.org> and click on Event Registration on the home page.

SAVE THE DATE: 2009 Salute to Life Dinner & Auction, Saturday, November 14 at the Sacramento Convention Center. Annually more than 600 people attend the Sacramento Life Center Dinner & Auction where "Life is saluted" and money is raised! Founded in 1972, the Sacramento Life Center empowers women to choose life for their preborn children by providing free, compassionate counseling and clinical services to abortion-vulnerable women; helping people heal from a past abortion, and fostering a culture of LIFE though community education and outreach.

**Diocese of Sacramento
Immigration Support Network**

Bishop Soto has invited St. John the Baptist parish to join this initiative, directing that the Church should be

- the best source of reliable information for the immigrant communities
- a sign of hope & solidarity for the immigrant communities
- a vehicle for facilitating sensible immigration reform.

The team members that are heading up the Immigration Support Network here at St. John's are:

Tino Nava, Raquel Ruiz and Dori Terrell

Sun	23	21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon	24	St. Bartholomew 6-8pm English AA
Tues	25	St. Louis of France/St. Joseph Calasanz
Wed	26	6-9pm Spanish AA
Thu	27	St. Monica
Fri	28	St. Augustine 3:30-4:30 ADORATION (Note change) 6-9pm Spanish AA
Sat	29	The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist 10am Confessions

Library Hours & News:

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



Three new items that we hope will pique your interest are:

Faith Like Potatoes - a 2006 film now in DVD about the coming to faith of a young farmer in South Africa. The vistas in this film are sweeping and the real life story is an adventure in the watching.

The Colored Lands - Fairy Stories, Comic Verse and Pictures by G.K Chesterton is perhaps one of the best works that demonstrates not only the immense genius of Chesterton but also his down to earth sense of humor.

Rebuilding a Lost Faith: By an American Agnostic is perhaps the best work on Catholic apologetics (other than the Catechism of the Catholic Church) that has been produced in the past 100 years even if it was published in 1921. Clear and concise this work offers an incredible introduction to your faith that you can then carry out into the world.

EMHC AND LECTOR SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

TIME	EMHC	LECTOR
5:30pm Sat	Karen Neadly Dori Terrell Dan Terrell	Tom Hixon Lisa LaRossa
7:30am Sun	Jean Mayer Yolanda Holt Ona Mertens	Marlene Lach John O'Hara
9:00am Sun	Barbara Bertapelle Cathy Boutwell Dan Boutwell Donna Houston Diane Smith Lori Smith	Bill Mutch Claire Johnson

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51
 Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26
 Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32
 Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51
 Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13
 Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Mk 6:17-29
 Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Liturgy of the Hours Week I

