

Merry Christmas

St. John the Baptist Parish

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Daily Mass: 7:30am; Wednesday 7pm (Spanish)
 Friday 8:30am School Mass (all welcome)

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil 5:30pm
 Sunday 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am Latin
 12:30pm Spanish, 5:30pm Life Teen

Durham Mission Church: Sunday 9am, 10:30am(Spanish)

Penance (Confession) English & Spanish
 Saturday 10am (church) or anytime by appt.

From the Diocese of Sacramento: Bishop Soto has determined that, in accord with the other dioceses of the province of northern California, **the obligation to attend Mass on January 1, 2010, the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, is dispensed for the Diocese of Sacramento.**

3rd week of December

Collection	Actual	Budget
December 20	\$8,116	\$9,705
Year to date	\$214,927	\$234,954

(St. James total for Dec 20: (\$ 636)

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DEC 27TH

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Mt 2:13-18
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
 Friday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
 Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6;
 Mt 2:1-12

Liturgy of the Hours Week I

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ✦

Sat 26	7:30a	✦ Lena Morgado by Filice Family
	5:30p	✦ Helen & Frank Neadly by Bruce Neadly
Sun 27	7:30a	✦ Jim O'Toole & Family by CSUC Econ Dept.
	9:00a	People of God
	10:30a	no intention
	12:30p	✦ Ana Roldan by Roldan Family
	5:30p	✦ Don Heffren by Bev Burgess Levin
Mon 28	7:30a	✦ Betty Powell by Agnes O'Neil
Tues 29	7:30a	Laurel Gainok (living/b'day) by Mike Gainok
Wed 30	7:30a	✦ Michael & Laurel Gainok (living/37 th anniv)
	7:00p	no intention
Thur 31	7:30a	✦ Dorene Paetz
Fri 1	9:00a	Cleo Richard & living family Jose & Tracy Guerra (living)
Sat 2	7:30a	✦ DJM Intentions
	5:30p	no intention
		✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ✦
Sun 27	9:00a	no intention
	10:30a	no intention

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Jim O'Toole, Miguel Rangel, and for their family and friends.

✦ PARISH & SCHOOL NEWS ✦

OFFICE CLOSED: The parish office will be closed from Thursday December 24th thru Sunday, January 3rd. We will be open Monday January 4th at 11am. Have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Calling all Adorers: Reminder:

Monday, January 4th, is our next 24 hour Adoration which will be held in the church as usual. The Adoration



Chapel will not be ready yet. As soon as it is ready we will have a parish wide sign-up for Perpetual Adoration. For more information contact Erika Sajben at 330-2594, Javier Lopez at 566-0358, or the parish office at 343-8741.

Life & Dignity Sunday: Sunday, December 6th, approximately 378 parishioners from our parish registered for the Catholic Legislative Network. We are very pleased with these results. We thank you for agreeing to participate and we will be praying that the network will be successful in creating public policy in our state that is more caring, respectful of life, and just for all. We received word that over 12,500 people throughout the diocese signed up for the CLN. WOW!!!

Thank You to everyone who so generously gave gifts for the Angel Tree and Caring Tree. Your gifts brightened Christmas for many people.



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, Dec 26-27 Joe will consider the significant feast days during the Christmas Season.** Please do not hesitate to send Joe any of your questions. You can e-mail Joe at jhollmj@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.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S MINISTRY: We meet in the Knights of Columbus room in the social center at ODS from 6:45pm to 9 pm. If you have any questions or you would like a book ordered call Mary Waldorf at 345-8638.

Catholic Ladies Relief Society #3, Chico: Will hold their annual soup luncheon and silent auction on Tuesday, January 5, at 12:30 pm at Our Divine Savior Social Hall, 566 E. Lassen Ave. This meeting is open to any Catholic woman who desires to join our organization in helping the poor of our community. The meeting will follow the luncheon. For more information call Sandy, 345-1601 or Yvonne 898-1266. We look forward to a new year and many blessings to come.

CFF: CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education Questions - Call 343-8741

Parent Sacrament Class: The next class is January 17th. The topic will be the Mass. This is one of the mandatory meetings for all parents who have a child making their First Communion or Confirmation.



Coordinator of Youth Ministries, Andrea Florez
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Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year to all the teens of St. John's. Enjoy your time with your families. We will see you in January.

EMHC AND LECTOR SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

TIME	EMHC	LECTOR
5:30pm Sat	Arlie Hixson Dan Terrell Dori Terrell	Jerry Angrisani Al Lenzi
7:30am Sun	Ona Mertens Jean Mayer Yolanda Holt	Regina Felipe Katie Schwartz
9:00am Sun	Ernie Behr Stephanie Beyers Aric Cook Dan Boutwell Barbara Santos Bill McKellar	Diane Smith Bill Mutch



Respect for Life: The Feast of the Holy Innocents is on Monday, December 28. In his effort to destroy our Lord Jesus, King Herod ordered the massacre of all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under. Babies were taken from their mother's arms and killed. Presently, in this country and the world, babies are being torn from their mothers' wombs and killed. Please pray for the end of this existing holocaust. You are also welcome to go to Planned Parenthood on Vallombrosa on Wednesdays and/or the Women's Feminist Abortion Center on Humboldt on Fridays, and pray for the mothers, fathers, and the safety of the unborn babies. Also pray for the conversion of those committing gruesome violence to the babies and mothers. Come anytime from 9 am 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)

Attention HUSBANDS: is your love selfless, generous, pure, and fruitful? Natural Family Planning respects the dignity of women, and marriage. Learn more at www.canfp.org or call 1-877-33-CANFP.



Marriage Encounter: God gave us the greatest gift of love when He sent His son to redeem us. He asks us to love one another as He loves us. Take the time to grow deeper in love with God, your spouse and your family at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next local Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be Feb 12-14 in Sacramento. Early registration is highly recommended. Contact Stephanie and Deacon James Burkett at 893-2348 or email burkett7@sbcglobal.net for more information.

CALENDAR

Sun	27	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph NO CFF NO Life Teen
Mon	28	The Holy Innocents 6-8pm English AA
Tues	29	5 th Day in the Octave of Christmas St. Thomas Becket
Wed	30	6 th Day in the Octave of Christmas 6-9pm Spanish AA NO Boy Scouts Troop #2
Thu	31	7 th Day in the Octave of Christmas
Fri	1	Blessed Virgin Mary, The Mother of God First Friday NO ADORATION TODAY MASS: 9am English 6-9pm Spanish AA
Sat	2	St. Basil the Great/St. Gregory Nazianzen First Saturday 10am Confessions

Library Hours & News:

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



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.

AROUND THE DIOCESE and beyond ✧

Newman Center Confirmation Classes: If you are a college student or an adult who needs to be Confirmed please call the Newman Center at 342-5180 for information.