



*It is I, I, who wipe out, for my own sake, your offenses;
your sins I remember no more. --Isaiah 43:25*

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 22, 2009

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ✦

Sat 21	7:30a	✦John Skripek
	5:30p	no intention
Sun 22	7:30a	✦George Santos Sr.
	9:00a	People of God
	12:30p	✦Victor Jaime by Jaime Family
	5:30p	no intention
Mon 23	7:30a	✦Luis Miguel Correa by Maria Correa
Tues 24	7:30a	✦Sam Giannotti Sr. by Betty Pittman
Ash	7:30a	Ryan Damian (living)
Wed 25	9:00a	NDS intentions
	5:30p	Special intention
	7:00p	no intention
Thur 26	7:30a	✦James Savarese by Kate Spanos
Fri 27	7:30a	✦Frank Azevedo Jr.
Sat 28	7:30a	✦Steven Rosales
	5:30p	✦George Santos Sr. by Sally & Don Stoner

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ✦

Sun 22	9:00a	✦George Rodrigues Norma Rodrigues (living)
	10:30a	No intention

Please pray for the repose of the soul of George Santos Sr., Sam Giannotti, Maria Contereras, and for their family and friends.

3rd week of February

<u>Collection</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Feb 15 th	\$7,396	\$10,573
Year to date	\$282,163	\$362,619

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

Tax statements have been mailed. If you did not receive one please call the office at 343-8741.

ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE
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Ash Wednesday Schedule – February 25

St John's- 7:30am, 9am, 5:30pm, 7pm (Sp)
Newman Center – 12:10pm, 5:30pm, 9:00pm
Our Divine Savior – 8am, 7pm
St. James - 6pm

Stations of the Cross will begin on Friday
Feb 28th at 6pm.



Lenten Meditation Books: We have ordered a limited number of The Word Among Us Special Lenten Meditation books, as a helpful tool for those wishing to find spiritual renewal this Lent. These nice meditation books will be available after Mass for a donation of \$1.

Lector Training and recertification: Fr. Berg will have a required lector training on Tuesday, March 10 7:30 –9:30pm for all those who lector at Sunday and weekday masses. Please bring a 2 minute reading with you. Parishioners who would like to join this vital ministry are welcome to come and also contact Diane Smith at 345-7028 or John O'Hara at 891-9968.

Christian Foundation for Children and Aging: Fr. Donald MacKinnon will be with us to celebrate masses and tell us about the work of Christian Foundation for Children and Aging. CFCA is a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 25 developing countries. To learn more, call (800) 875-6564 or visit online at www.cfcausa.org

Legion of Mary: God is pressing for a greater, wider and stronger devotion to his Blessed Mother Mary. We are Legion of Mary servants coming together on Wednesday mornings at ODS at 9am. We begin by praying the rosary for the world, the church and our Holy Father. We evangelize and minister to the sick, visit the homebound and elderly. All are welcome to attend. Please call Lois Manica at 345-9310 for more information. If you would like information about our Spanish Legion of Mary please call Lupe Guerra at 899-7995. They meet on Thurs, 7pm at ODS.

Clean Out Your Closets and Cupboards! Catholic Daughters will be having a Spring Cleaning Rummage Sale May 1st and 2nd. Look for more information in future bulletins



Torres Shelter: We welcome any groups or individuals in the parishes to join us on the first Friday, the second Wednesday or the third Tuesday of the month. Please call Jerry Converse at 342-2134 to volunteer.

ADORATION/EXPOSITION
OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Monday, March 2nd after 7:30am
Mass through 3:15pm Benediction.



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. Our next meeting will be Thursday, Feb 24th. Bring your bible and your Catechism. If you have questions, please call Mary Waldorf at 898-6398.



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. This week Feb 21-22 Joe is beginning a series of reflections on Lent. You can E-mail Joe at jhollmj@yahoo.com if you have any questions about the radio program and/or the Catholic faith.

Rosary Prayer Group: The Rosary Prayer Group will not meet on Ash Wednesday Feb 25th but will meet on the following Wednesday March 4th at 7pm. 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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Asst. Coordinator/LIFE TEEN Music Minister, Jeremy Bermender
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LIFE TEEN – What is a Saint? Who are the Saints? What do they do? What is their purpose? Tonight Life Teen is taking all about the Saints and who they are to us. Join us in the Upper Meeting Room from 7-8:30pm (after the Life Teen Mass).

NEXT SUNDAY we will be coming back from retreat so please pray for us over the next week and weekend as we prepare ourselves. There will be no XLT on Sunday March 1.

SPRING RETREAT- Pick up your permission slip for the Life Teen Spring Retreat, Fulfilled, from Andrea or the parish office. The cost is \$70 per teen. Please get your forms and money in by this Tuesday, Feb 24. Please consider giving a Full or Partial Scholarship to help with the costs of this retreat.

Youth Convention – We have our 56th Diocesan High School Youth Convention on March 28. It will be an amazing time to come together as a young Church. This is an event where all youth from the Diocese are invited to Bishop Quinn High School. Palo Cedro for a day of fellowship, prayer, quest speakers and Bishop Jaime Soto. The cost is \$25 per person. You can pick up permission slips in the parish office or from Andrea.

Religious Education Questions - Call 343-8741

Sacrament Dates:

1st Penance – Saturday, March 7th at 11am

Confirmation – Saturday, May 2nd at 10am and 2pm

1st Communion – Saturday, May 9th at 10am and 2pm

Sacramental Parents Classes are for parents who have children receiving Sacraments this year. The remaining required classes will be on Sunday, March 1 & 8, April 5, 19 & 26. The class will be held from 11am-12noon in the Upper Meeting Room of Notre Dame School.

The meeting this week, Sunday Feb 22 will be on Lent. All parents are welcome.

❖ MARRIAGE & FAMILY ❖

Respect for Life Committee: We have often heard the



word “change” during the recent election campaign. The season of Lent will give us a wonderful chance to pray for real change – the end of abortion. A nationwide campaign

known as “40 Days for Life” takes a determined, peaceful approach to showing local communities the consequences of abortion in their own localities (<http://www.40daysforlife.com/aboutcfm>) Each of us can be a part of this campaign with our prayers and action. Please consider going to Planned Parenthood on Vallombrosa on Wednesdays or the Women's Feminist Abortion Center on Humboldt on Fridays. Come anytime 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. (899-0243)

Natural Family Planning (NFP) Sacramento: The

Creighton Model FertilityCare system teaches couples how to live in harmony with God's gift of fertility, rather than looking for ways to alter or interrupt the natural process. While highly effective at avoiding pregnancy, it is also used effectively to achieve pregnancy, making it a true method of family planning. In addition, it can assist a trained medical consultant in the diagnosis and treatment of infertility and other gynecologic problems. For the next Introductory Session at Mercy Women's Center in Sacramento, please call 916-614-2200.

Marriage Encounter: Make a great marriage even better! Sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekend is April 24-26 2009. Call Stephanie & Deacon James Burkett at 893- 2348 for more information.

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

AROUND THE DIOCESE and beyond ✦

Director of Development: The Abbey of New Clairvaux, a Trappist monastery near Chico, seeks a Director of Development to work in planning and executing fund raising activities associated with a 42 million capital campaign. Candidates must have experience with major giving and planned giving project identification, cultivation, solicitation, and stewardship. Excellent written and oral communication and interpersonal skills are essential. Resume, list of 3 references with contact information, and cover letter outlining your experience/interest can be sent to Abbot Paul Mark Schwan, OSCO at apply@dohrmannandassociates.com

Healing After Abortion Retreat March 27th-29th: Struggling after an abortion? Still seeking peace years after the choice? Come to a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, March 27th-29th in Auburn, sponsored by the Diocese of Sacramento. The weekend retreat is a unique and effective process designed specifically to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. There are many exercises to help you grieve your loss and an opportunity to understand and release the deep feelings of anger, shame, guilt and grief that frequently accompany an abortion experience. This process is extremely helpful for those who struggle with forgiving themselves or others. Open to women, men, couples and family members touched by abortion. The cost is \$175. Financial assistance is available. For a registration packet or more information, call Debbie at 916-733-0161 or send email to projectrachel@diocese-sacramento.org. Inquiries and participation are strictly confidential.

Our Divine Savior Lenten Series Wednesday evenings during Lent 7-8:30pm

- March 4 – Twelve Reasons to be Catholic
- March 11 – Praying with the Scriptures
- March 18 – What is a Church Annulment
- March 25-Interfaith Relations:Christians,Muslims, Jews
- April 1 – Communal Sacrament of Reconciliation
Adults at noon-Youth & Young Adults 7pm
- April 4 – Mass of Healing and Anointing 10am

Sun	22	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time 6:45-8:30pm Life Teen
Mon	23	St Polycarp 6-8pm English AA
Tues	24	6:30 Choir Practice
Wed	25	Ash Wednesday (Fast & Abstinence) 6-9pm Spanish AA
Thu	26	
Fri	27	3:30-4:30pm Adoration 6-9pm Spanish AA
Sat	28	St. 10am Confessions

Library Hours:

Sunday 8:15-12:30pm (NEW HOURS)
Thursday 9-11am



EMHC AND LECTOR SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

TIME	EMHC	LECTOR
5:30pm Sat	Karen Neadley Mary Poulin *	Arlie Hixson Tom Hixson
7:30am Sun	Diane Hooper Jean Mayer Ona Mertens	Yolanda Holt Yvonne Vanoni
9:00am Sun	Diane Smith Barb Bertapelle Stephanie Beyers Cathy Boutwell Dan Boutwell	Donna Houston Claire Johnson

* This Mass requires 3 EMHC

Pope Benedict's Intentions for February

General: *"That the pastors of the Church may always be docile to the action of the Holy Spirit in their teaching and in their service to God's people."*

Mission: *"That the Church in Africa may find adequate ways and means to promote reconciliation, justice and*

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peace efficaciously, according to the indications of the Second Special Assembly for Africa of the Synod of Bishops."

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29
- Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37
- Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2;
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
- Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
- Sunday: Gen 9:8-15; Ps 25; 1 Pt 3:18-22;
Mk 1:12-15

Liturgy of the Hours III

Diocese of Sacramento Lay Formation Institute will be offering a class on Prayer, Spirituality & Spiritual Growth through Spiritual Direction on Saturday February 28th from 9am-4pm at the Newman Center. Come learn more as Mrs. Sharon Laitinen, M.R.E., Diocesan Director of English Catechesis, talks about Christian spirituality, prayer, holiness and spiritual direction. Cost is \$25 and 6 hrs. credit for renewal of Catechist Certification. The day will start with Mass at 8am and there will be a 1 hour lunch break. Please bring a lunch or plan to eat out. For more information or to register call 916-733-0123. Everyone is welcome. Scholarships and discounts available upon request.

