

**I DO
ALL FOR
THE
SAKE
OF THE
GOSPEL.**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 8, 2009**

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ✦		
Sat 7	7:30a	DJM Intentions
	5:30p	✦Donna Ahern by W.C. & Pat Ahern
Sun 8	7:30a	✦Raymond Lopez by Edna Lopez
	9:00a	People of God
	12:30p	no intention
	5:30p	✦Marlene Weinrich by Tom & Debbie
Mon 9	7:30a	✦Mary Valine by Clara Loureneo
Tues 10	7:30a	✦Jason Cullum by Consolation Mstry
Wed 11	7:30a	✦Ubaldo Siboldi by Ida Martin
	7:00p	no intention
Thur 12	7:00a	✦Anna Elizabeth Pilliard
Fri 13	7:30a	✦John Reginato and living family by Rosina
Sat 14	7:30a	✦Donna Ahern by W.C. & Pat Ahern
	5:30p	no intention
✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ✦		
Sun 8	9:00a	✦George Rodriquez Sr. by Boutwell Family
	10:00a	no intetion
<i>Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sam Giannotti, Maria Contereras, Raymond Lopez and for his family and friends.</i>		

1st week of February

<u>Collection</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Jan 25 th	\$8,209	\$13,218
Year to date	\$266,558	\$338,928

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

FOR SALE: 1997 Ford Expedition SUV, excellent condition, 160,000 miles, \$5,000. For more info, call the Newman Center at 342-5180.

ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE
stjohnthebaptistchico.org
Fr. Berg's email: fatherbrberg@vahoo.com

✦ PARISH & SCHOOL NEWS ✦

REMINDER OF MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES

The Mass Schedule for Sundays is as follows: 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am (Latin), 12:30pm (Spanish) and 5:30pm (Life Teen) English CFF will start at 10:15am.

Annual Catholic Appeal: Commitment Weekend for the 2009 Annual Catholic Appeal will take place in two weeks (Feb 21-22). Through our support, we can assure the continued existence of many vital social service programs that assist tens of thousands of people in need; assist with the formation of diocesan seminarians, some from local parishes, and assure the establishment of new parishes in rapidly growing areas. Please respond generously when you are asked to make a gift.

Notre Dame Catholic School seeks dynamic and qualified candidates for a teaching opening in Kindergarten. Please provide a resume and pre-application (downloadable at cldsac.org or available at the school office) to 435 Hazel St. Questions? Contact 342-2502 or cseibert@ndschico.org.

Parenting Made Fun!? If you are challenged by getting your kids to do their chores, sibling fighting and cooperation in general than this OPPORTUNITY is for YOU! Coming to the Newman Center on Tuesday, February 10 is a course of action you can take to develop self-discipline, responsibility and cooperation in your children. Taught by Kristan Leatherman, M.S. an author, family life consultant and national speaker, "Parenting Made Fun" is a 4 part series of classes for parents of kids from toddlers to teens. Come join others from 6:30 to 8pm to learn and laugh using "Love and Logic's" effective and time-tested approach. Register now... online at www.RaisingMillionaireBabies.com or call Kristan for more information at 530-879-9126.

Catholic Daughters The regular meeting is on Thursday, February 12. The meeting will be held at Our Divine Savior Social Hall.

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.

A "Knight" with Notre Dame School: Mark your calendars for Notre Dame School's Annual Spring Gala Auction, Saturday April 25, 2009 at Chico State Bell Memorial Union. This semi-formal event is a major fundraiser for the school, offering a fun evening complete with champagne reception, sit-down dinner, live entertainment, raffles, and a silent and live auction. This is a wonderful evening to mingle with fellow parishioners, school parents, faculty and friends. If you are interested in event sponsorship or advertising opportunities, please

contact Jodi Buda at 680-6421 or jodi@jodibuda.com for more details.

◆ **ADULT FAITH FORMATION** ◆


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 10th. 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 Joe will explore Old Testament prophecy with a particular emphasis on the nature and function of prophesy. Joe will also consider the historical circumstances surrounding the prophets in an examination of Elijah, Hosea, and Amos. The following week Joe will explore some of the principle themes found in the Gospel of Mark! 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 meets on Wednesday evenings 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 - XLT – Today Sunday Feb 8th, we are having an XLT with Fr. Brian Atienza, vocations director, as our guest speaker. Please join us Sunday Night after Life Teen Mass for dinner, a talk from Fr. Brian, and Adoration.

EDGE – Junior High Youth Ministry – We will be having an EDGE dance on Saturday February 14th. You must be registered with EDGE or enrolled at Notre Dame to come. The cost is \$5 per person. You can contact Andrea for registration packets.

Service Saturday – February, Saturday 7th. We are going to the Esplanade House to play games with the children, please join us. We are meeting at St. John’s at 12pm and will be back at St. John’s at 3pm.

SPRING RETREAT - Pick up your permission slip for the Life Teen Retreat, from Andrea or the office. The cost is \$70 per teen. Please consider giving a Full or Partial Scholarship to help with the costs of this retreat.

◆ **CFF: CHILDREN’S FAITH FORMATION** ◆

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 Feb 22, March 1 & 8, April 5, 19 & 26.** The class will be held from 10:45am-12noon (NOTE NEW TIME) in the Upper Meeting Room of Notre Dame School.

◆ **MARRIAGE & FAMILY** ◆



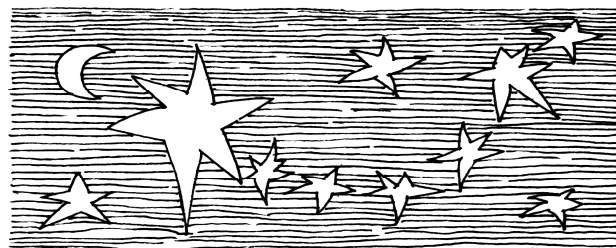
Respect for Life Committee: A bill in Congress called the “Freedom of Choice Act,” or FOCA, represents the most serious legislative threat to unborn children ever. FOCA would create a “fundamental right” to abortion that government could not limit but would be required to fund and support. It would overturn a broad range of pro-life policies currently allowed under the Supreme Court’s Roe v. Wade abortion decision: laws protecting parental involvement in an underage daughter’s abortion decision, laws upholding conscience rights, limits on abortion funding, bans on partial-birth abortion, and so on. FOCA itself may become law, or the harmful policies it represents may become law one step at a time. In either case, we must oppose FOCA and all that it stands for. 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)

Marriage Encounter: Make a great marriage even better! Sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. **The next weekend is Feb 13-15 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. **Next Retrouaille Feb. 13th - 15th.** For additional info call 1-800-283-5952.



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The Lord tells the number of the stars and calls them by

✦ **AROUND THE DIOCESE and beyond** ✦

Annual Men's Retreat, Feb 20th-22nd: Is it time to take a deep breath? To get things back in perspective? To simply rest in the presence of the Lord? Then why not take the time to encounter the joy of the Lord at our annual parish men's retreat. We have a limited number of rooms reserved for the weekend of Feb 20th-22nd. For more information and a reservation contact John Sutthoff at 343-4040 or email jsutthoff@clearwire.net.

Beginning Experience of Sacramento support group is offering a special weekend program of healing, hope and encouragement for divorced, separated or widowed persons of all faiths. The weekend retreat is Friday, February 20th through Sunday, February 22nd at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat Center. For more information or to request an application, please call 916-835-2282.

Midweek Retreat: Are you with us? Jesus is inviting you to enter into His joy by sharing in His Word and blessings at our annual mid-week retreat. This retreat is for Men, Women or Couples. Please join us at Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center on March 24-26. For more information please call the Retreat Center at 916-725-4720.

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.

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.

CALENDAR ✦

Sun	8	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 6:45-8:30pm Life Teen
Mon	9	6-8pm English AA
Tues	10	St. Scholastica 6:30 Choir Practice
Wed	11	Our Lady of Lourdes 6-9pm Spanish AA
Thu	12	6-9pm Knights of Columbus
Fri	13	3:30-4:30pm Adoration 6-9pm Spanish AA
Sat	14	St. Cyril and St. Methodius Happy Valentine's Day 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 peace efficaciously, according to the indications of the Second Special Assembly for Africa of the Synod of Bishops."*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56
 Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Mk 7:1-13
 Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23
 Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30
 Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37
 Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10
 Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32;
 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

Liturgy of the Hours I

