

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. –Psalm 23:1

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 2, 2008

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ✦

Sat 1	7:30a	✦Mary VanBuskirk by Lona
	5:30p	no intention
Sun 2	7:30a	✦Frank Gachen
	9:30a	Parish
	12:30p	✦Bertha Magaña
	2:30p	Special Intention
	5:30p	no intention
Mon 3	7:30a	Elizabeth & Greg Stalker (living/ Anniversary) by Lona Stalker
Tue 4	7:30a	✦Mary Dias by Consolation Ministry
Wed 5	7:30a	B. J. & Lisa LaRossa (living/ 25 th Anniversary)
	7:00p	✦Victor Jaime by Jaime Family
Thur 6	7:30a	✦Vince & Mina Starwych by Jim Yerbic
Fri 7	7:30a	Wendy Masonek (living) by Janice Sullivan
	8:30a	NDS intentions
Sat 8	7:30a	no intention
	5:30p	no intention

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ✦

Sun 2	9:00a	✦Claire Grzanich
	10:30a	no intention

Pray for the repose of the soul of Agnes Reilley, Rafael Rosiles, Bertha Magaña, Gloria Anderson and for the comfort of their family and friends.

Weekly Offering

4th week of February

Sunday Collection \$6,767

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

--2 Corinthians 9:7

FIRST MONDAY: ADORATION/EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday, March 3rd

after 7:30am Mass
through **3:15pm** Benediction.

Sign up sheet is in the vestibule.



ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE
stjohnthebaptistchico.org

Fr. Berg's email: fatherbrberg@yahoo.com

St. John's Office email address: stjohn33@sbcglobal.net

From the Diocese: The Diocese of Sacramento has appointed Fr. Berg as our Parochial Administrator and Fr. Chris Frazer, one of the newly ordained priests, as Parochial Vicar of St John's effective March 15. Fr. Alvarez will remain as Parochial Vicar also. Read about Fr. Frazer at www.sacbee.com/101/story/248109.html

Special Collection for Catholic Relief Services: Today our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This collection supports Church agencies that provide emergency relief in times of crisis, support long-term development programs, offer assistance to immigrants and refugees, and advocate for a more just and peaceful world. Please give generously.

Knights of Columbus: Pancake Breakfast TODAY! Sunday, March 2nd, 8:30-11:30am at St. John's. Come and enjoy pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee and juice! Adults \$6, Children under 12 \$3. Family of five or more \$20. Proceeds will go to the Rectory Restoration Project.

Latin Mass Community is now offering monthly training for boys who would like to serve the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite. For more information call Brendan McDonough at 530-679-0261.

Penance Services:

March 10th, St John's -- 7pm

March 11th, Newman Center -- 7:15pm

March 12th, St Thomas in Paradise -- 3:15pm

March 18th, Our Divine Savior -- 12 noon

March 18th, St Thomas in Oroville -- 3:30pm

Devotions during Lent



Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 6pm in English and 7pm in Spanish.



Vespers-Evening Prayer:

Tues. evenings at 6pm with the Choir in English.



Easter Flowers: For a donation of \$25, flowers will be purchased in honor of your loved ones, living or deceased. Please print all names clearly and place envelope in collection basket or bring to the parish office. Envelopes are in the vestibule.

We Need Your Pictures of Notre Dame School: Did you or someone you know attend Notre Dame School? We are in search of pictures from the early days of the school. The 26th Annual Spring Gala Auction, Sat April 5th, will be celebrating Notre Dame's 80th Anniversary and we are looking for pictures of NDS from over the years. If you have any pictures, contact Chelle Schuler at 345-6461.

Catholic Ladies Relief Society #3 will meet on Tuesday, March 4, at 12:30 for a luncheon and meeting. We will entertain our Grand President, Barbara Meitas. Please bring food dish by 12:15pm. For more information please call Sandy @ 345-1601.

(E-MAIL)

Chico_It_ym@yahoo.com

Andrea Florez, Youth Director 530-961-2050

LIFE TEEN – XLT this Sunday, you don't want to miss this. A free dinner (tacos), a guest speaker, Mike Ritter who is a seminarian for our Diocese is talking about how to live your faith out in the real world. We will end with adoration and praise and worship. Join us from 6:30-8:45 beginning in the cafeteria with dinner and prayer in the church.

EDGE – Mon March 3rd, 7pm-8:30pm at Our Divine Savior Social Hall. All 7th & 8th graders are welcome!

✧ **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 March 17th, at 3:30pm in the parish library.**

Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts: Debbie Weinrich, MSW will be teaching a class for couples at the Newman Center starting Mon, Feb 25th – Mon, April 7th. It will be 7 sessions for those who are seriously dating or married less than 5 years, and the cost is \$150 which includes the materials (a hard cover book with the same name as the class, and workbooks for both the woman and man). This is an opportunity to create the relationship you've always dreamed of. Please call 894-2126 to register by Feb 15th.

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.



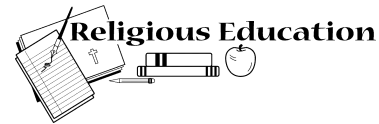
Marriage Encounter: Make a great marriage even better! Sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Call Stephanie & Deacon James Burkett at

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).

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

✧ **CFF: CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION** ✧



Religious Education Questions
Call 343-8741

Sacramental Parents Classes are for parents who have children receiving Sacraments this year. The required classes will be **March 11, April 22**. These classes will be held in the Upper Meeting Room at NDS at 7pm. The class on **Sun, May 4th** will be held in the gym at 11am.

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.

❖ **ADULT FAITH FORMATION** ❖

Women's Ministry Group: We come together in friendship, in prayer and reading with women from all three parishes. This month we will be discussing Chapter 6 of the book "Experience Grace in Abundance, Ten Strategies for Your Spiritual Life" by Johnette Benkovic For more info, call Pat Hackney at 342-5528 or Mary Waldorf at 345-8638. Our next meeting will be Thurs, March 27th, from 6:45-9pm at ODS Social Hall.

Catholics Returning Home: Sojourner's of the Spring Session is getting ready to begin on March 3rd. 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/Radio: Special program during Lent. Joe will be recording his program at the Newman Center every Wednesday night during Lent from 6:45-7:45pm. The program will be re-aired on the following Sat and Sun. This Wed, March 5th

Week 4: Joe will talk about the Fifth Sunday of Lent in which we read Ezekiel and how he envisions the "resurrection" of David's kingdom, which is symbolically fulfilled in the Gospel by Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead (Sunday, March 9th readings). Be sure not to miss this great opportunity to better understand the Bible and the structure of our faith. E-mail Joe at jholljmi@yahoo.com if you have any questions about the radio program and/or the Catholic faith.

Knights of Columbus: Sat, March 15th, the Knights are having a Corned Beef & Cabbage St. Patrick's Day Dinner. Serving from 5-8pm at ODS. Adults -- \$12.50 and a family of 4 or more -- \$40. Tickets available at the parish office.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick: You are invited to seek God's healing touch by joining a communal celebration of the Anointing of the Sick at ODS, March 8th. Let God provide strength for our journey whether you suffer from a physical or mental illness, broken relationship or the challenge of being a caregiver. Mass begins at 10am. For more information, call the parish office at 343-4248.

Columbian Retirement home, Inc: The California Knights of Columbus own and operate an independent living retirement facility for seniors in historic Marysville, California. The two-story, garden style building, located across the street from St. Joseph's Catholic Church is designed like a luxury hotel, except it has the friendliness and warmth of your own private home. The rates are reasonable. Each room has a private bath. Three delicious, well-balanced meals are served daily. Housekeeping, linens, laundry facilities, 24 hour medical emergency monitoring, chapel, library, elevator, lounge, patio and garden area, are included in one low price. For more details, please call 743-7542.

Holy Land Tour: Join Fr. Michael Hebda and Sr. Maura Power, RSM for a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Jordan for 10 nights. The tour departs Oct 8th (from Seattle) and returns Oct 19th. The Pilgrimage takes us to Galilee, Jordan River, Capernaum, Tabgha, Mt of Beatitudes, Cana, Nazareth, Mt. Tabor, Caesarea, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Ein Karem, Mt. of Olives, Mt. Zion, Dead Sea, Masada, Qumran and then on to Jordan to enjoy Petra, Madaba, Mt. Nebo, Jerash and Amman...we get to walk where Jesus walked!!! A marvelous, blessed 10 nights!! Please call Alice Gerety at Cruise Holidays, 244-7447 or 1-800-852-3268 for more information.

GOD May be Calling YOU: Would you like to find out more about the will of God for you? Come and join others for a DISCERNMENT RETREAT (March 14th-15th). There is no cost for this retreat. Find out where God is calling you! For more information please call 916-733-0258.

From the Sisters of Mercy: Interested in Giving a Year of Service to the Church in the United States as a Lay Volunteer? Mercy Volunteer Corps, a lay volunteer program sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy provides opportunities for men and women over the age of 21 to give a year of service to those in need. The emphasis of the program is service, community and prayer. Volunteer possibilities include teaching or nursing, working in homeless shelters, clinics and social service agencies in urban and rural settings throughout the United States. Room, board, medical insurance and a small stipend are provided. Loan deferments are available. For more information call 215-641-5535.

Sun 2	4th Sunday of Lent 9:30 am RCIA 10:45am CFF 2:30pm Latin Mass 6:45pm Lifeteen
Mon 3	St. Katharine Drexel 6-8pm English AA 6:30-8pm BSA #2 7pm Edge (ODS) 7-9pm Spanish Cursillo
Tues 4	St. Casimir 6 pm Vespers (church) 6:30pm choir practice 7pm Grupo Carismatico
Wed 5	6-9pm Spanish AA 7pm BSA #2 (Cafeteria)
Thur 6	7pm Rosary
Fri 7	St. Perpetua & St. Felicity/First Friday World Day of Prayer Day of Abstinence (no meat) 3:30-4:30pm Adoration 6-9pm Spanish AA 6pm Stations of the Cross (Eng) 7pm Stations of the Cross (Span)
Sat 8	St. John of God First Saturday 10am Confessions 6pm Spanish Coro
Sun 9	DAY LIGHT SAVING



Library Hours:

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



Pope Benedict XVI's Prayer Intentions for March

General prayer intention: "That the mentally handicapped may not be marginalized, but respected and lovingly helped to live in a way worthy of their physical and social condition."

Mission intention: "That the institutes of consecrated life, which are so flourishing in mission countries, may rediscover the missionary dimension and, faithful to the radical choice of evangelical counsels, be generous in bearing witness to and announcing Christ to the ends of the earth."

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
- Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
- Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

Liturgy of the Hours - Week IV

