



Second Sunday of Lent March 8, 2009

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ✦

Sat 7	7:30a	✦ Daniel McNamara Sr. by Steve Grant
	5:30p	✦ Bette Grant
Sun 8	7:30a	✦ Frank Gachen.
	9:00a	People of God
	12:30p	no intention
	5:30p	no intention
Mon 9	7:30a	✦ Mona Ming Jen Wang by Sally & Don Stoner
Tues 10	7:30a	Evan Rabo (living) by Jane Rabo
Wed 11	7:30a	Jenny Ulak (living) by Rosina Reginato
	7:00p	no intention
Thur 12	7:30a	✦ John Reginato & living Family by Rosina
Fri 13	7:30a	✦ Sam Giannotti by Betty Pittman
Sat 14	7:30a	✦ Frank Azevedo Jr. by Marie Moody
	5:30p	✦ Helen Sanchez by Lisa Larrosa

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ✦

Sun 8	9:00a	✦ George Santos Sr. by Spafford Family
	10:30a	no intention

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

1st week of March

<u>Collection</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
March 1	\$11,361	\$13,218
Year to date	\$300,254	\$383,768

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

Catholic Daughters meeting will be Thurs, March 12th, 1pm at ODS Parish Hall. Remember to start saving your items for the Rummage Sale in October.

ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE

stjohnthebaptistchico.org

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

✦ PARISH & SCHOOL NEWS ✦

Devotions during Lent

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

Vespers: Tues. Evenings at 6pm with the Choir in English.

News for the Community of St. John's: Bishop Soto has appointed Fr. Enrique Alvarez pastor of St. Lawrence Church, North Highlands effective July 1, 2009. We have been blessed to have Fr. Enrique with us for almost 2 years. Fr. Enrique said he has been blessed and is grateful for his time here at St. John's. We will miss him and we send him with our prayers and good wishes. He will not be leaving St. John's until the end of May at which time we expect to have a priest assigned to take his place.

Notre Dame School: It is time to register for the T-K program (Transitional Kindergarten) at Notre Dame. Packets are available at the school office. Please see Connie or call 342-2502.

Diocesan Day of Penance: Wed, March 11 will be a day of penance for negative attitudes and discrimination toward people of different culture, ethnicity and race; and prayer for unity in our diversity, for equality, mutual respect and peace among all peoples. Suggested penances include fasting from meat, food, texting, snacking, soda.

Rite of Election: On Monday, March 2, our parish joyfully sent 9 people to Sacred Heart parish in Red Bluff for the Rite of Election where Bishop Soto formally acknowledged their faith journey towards their Creator and Redeemer. The Catechumens will be baptized and the Candidates will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church at Easter Vigil, Sat, April 11. Catechumens: Katie Reid and Ann Wilson

Candidates: Debbie Albert, Mellissa Ayala, Tom Dasbach, Jon Dickman, Randy Garate, Twyla Paieri and Jackson Wong. Please greet them, get to know them, and continue to pray for them as they continue their faith journey.

Corned Beef and Cabbage: Knights of Columbus will be preparing a delicious Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner in honor of St. Patrick's Day. The dinner is from 5:00pm to 8:00pm on Saturday, March 14th at Our Divine Savior Social Hall. The price is \$12.50 per person, \$40.00 for a family of four. There will only be 400 tickets sold and no tickets will be available at the door. If you would like to attend please call Rich Utterback at 894-6853.

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. Please call Diane Smith at 345-7028

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, March 11. 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 and next (re-air), Joe will

examine the essence and call of Lent through the prism of the three marks of Lent: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. In addition, Joe will briefly consider the history behind 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 meet on Wednesday March 11 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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Life Teen— Tonight we have XLT with our famous Jandi Pereida. After the Life Teen 5:30pm mass we have dinner, praise and worship music, a talk from Jandi and Adoration until 8:30pm. Please join us for this time of prayer.

Next Sunday's Life Night—What do Milk & Donuts have to do with our faith? Join us March 15th in the Upper Meeting Room from 7-8:30 to find out.

Youth Convention – We have our 56th Diocesan High School Youth Convention on March 28. It is 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, guest speakers and Bishop Jaime Soto. The cost is \$25 per person. You can pick up permission slips in the parish office or from Andrea.

CFF: CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education Questions - Call 343-8741

Sacrament Dates:

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 8, April 5, 19 & 26. The class will be held from 11am-12noon in the Upper Meeting Room of Notre Dame School. All parents are welcome. March 8th is for Confirmation parents.**

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 cities. 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. For the next Introductory Session at Mercy Women's Center in Sacramento, please call 916-614-2200.

Marriage Encounter: MARRIED COUPLES—A Worldwide marriage Encounter Weekend is like Spring-time. It's a weekend of fresh air, the rebirth of romance and new beginnings. If you'd like to make your marriage even more special than it already is – call now! The next local Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held April 24-26 in Sacramento and another one following on June 12-14. For more information or to register, call Stephanie and Deacon James Burkett at (530) 893-2348 or go to <http://lovemoredeeply.org/today/>!

If God is for us, who can be against us?

--Romans 8:31b

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

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.

AROUND THE DIOCESE and beyond ✧

CALENDAR ✧

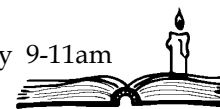
Our Divine Savior invites its neighboring parishioners to join them for their second presentation in their Lenten Series on Wed evening, March 11th. The topic is “Praying with the Scriptures” and will be presented by Ms. Terry Matthews. It will be held in the Prayer Room of the office building from 7-8:30 and is free of charge. For more information, call 343-4248.

Sun	8	2nd Sunday of Lent Daylight-Saving Times begins 6:45-8:30pm Life Teen
Mon	9	St. Frances of Rome 6-8pm English AA
Tues	10	6pm Vespers 6:30 Choir Practice 7:30pm Lector training & practice
Wed	11	6-9pm Spanish AA
Thu	12	6-9pm Knights of Columbus
Fri	13	3:30-4:30pm Adoration 6pm Stations of the Cross 6-9pm Spanish AA
Sat	14	10am Confessions

Un Affare Di Famiglia: Get ready for a night of mafia fun! On April 18 the Newman Center will be holding our annual spring fundraiser! Spend a fun adult night out eating delicious food, listening to wonderful music and participating in a little family business... Tickets go on sale March 22 at the Newman Center and will be on sale at ODS and St. John’s on March 29 and April 5. Adults-\$30, Students-\$20 and to sponsor a table - \$300. It will be a night to remember with some mischievous happenings! Believe us, you’ll want to be there. We are making you an offer you can’t refuse. Questions or want to donate an item to the silent or live auction? Contact Lauren Cortese- 916-316-6775.

Library Hours:

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



Save the Date: You are invited to a Women’s Retreat on Saturday May 2 from 8:30a – noon at the Newman Center. The title of the retreat is “Let Nothing Disturb You”. All are welcome! Invite your friends (Catholic and non-catholic) and plan on coming! Details to follow in upcoming bulletins.

EMHC AND LECTOR SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

TIME	EMHC	LECTOR
5:30pm Sat	Arlie Hixson Tom Hixson Karen Neadly	Bruce Neadly Jerry Angrisani
7:30am Sun	Jean Mayer Yolanda Holt Yvonne Vanoni	Marlene Lach John O’Hara
9:00am Sun	Aric Cook Jim Currin Donna Houston Bill McKellar Bill Mutch	Pat Feldhaus Diane Smith

Catholic Daughters of St Joseph Parish, Marysville invites you to a day of recollection on Saturday, March 14. Mary’s Way of the Cross will be at 10am followed by free brunch and speaker. For more information call Marion Doss at (530) 755-4467.

Pope Benedict’s Intentions for March

General: *That all nations of our world may grow in appreciation of the dignity and value of women and their roles in society.*

Mission: *That all the bishops, priests, consecrated persons, and laity of the Catholic Church in China may strive to be instruments of unity, communion, and peace.*

ATTENTION PARENTS: Teens & Technology/Family & Faith. Parents are invited to come to a discussion at the Diocesan Pastoral Center on Wednesday, March 18th at 6pm about how the use of technology affects our family and faith lives. How can we teach our teens to be responsible online citizens? How can we, as Catholic families, strike a responsible balance in our use of technology? How does the use of technology affect our relationships in positive and negative ways? Can we strengthen our relationship with Christ on the Internet? Dinner will be served. Part of the evening will be a presentation by Mary Kay Hoal. RSVP to Kevin Staszko at 916-733-0152.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12
- Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
- Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
- Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

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

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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