



Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 30, 2007

PLEASE NOTE: There will not be morning mass from Oct 9th to the 12th due to a mandatory meeting for all priests at the Diocese. Fr. Mike Newman will be saying mass at ODS at 8am and on Wed Oct 10th there will be mass at the Newman Center at 5:30pm. Sorry for any inconvenience.

✠ Mass Intentions ~St. John the Baptist ✠

Sat 29	7:30a ✠	Wm Kaps by Thelma Kaps
	5:30p ✠	Nicholas Spiniola by K&C
Sun 30	7:30a ✠	John & Mary O' Hara by John O' Hara
	9:30a	People of God
	12:30p ✠	Isidoro & Socorro Olvera by Olvera Family
Latin Mass	2:30p	Special Intention
	5:30p	Matt Dorenzo (living/b' day) by Carolyn Dorenzo
Mon 1	7:30a ✠	Mary VanBuskirk by Lona Stalker
Tue 2	7:30a ✠	Walter Clement by Consolation Ministry
Wed 3	7:30a	Danny Boutwell (b' day) by Cathy Boutwell
Thur 4	7:30a ✠	Mary Boss by Lori Smith
Fri 5	7:30a ✠	William Holt by Barbara Sutthoff
	8:30a	NDS Intentions
Sat 6	7:30a	Special Intention by DJM
	5:30p ✠	Manuel Bettencourt by Diane Bettencourt

✠ Mass Intentions ~St. James ✠

Sun 30	9:00 a ✠	Manuel Ascencio by Joyce Anderson
	10:30a	no intention

Pray for the repose of the soul of Bernardo Espinoza, Martin Lopez, Charles Karch for the comfort of their family and friends.



5th week of September	
Sunday Collection	\$ 6,770.00
PG&E bill (Aug)	\$4,718.00
Total bills paid in August	\$37,507.00
Rectory kitchen repair \$ 6,504 / 22K needed	

May your good stewardship bring you blessings of joy for "God loves a cheerful giver". -- 2 Cor 9:7

FIRST MONDAY: ADORATION/EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Monday, October 1st
 after 7:30am Mass
 through **4:15pm** Benediction.
 Sign-ups are in the vestibule.
 All hours must be covered.



ST. JOHN' S WEBSITE
stjohnthebaptistchico.org

Fr. Brent' s email: fbrent@stjohnthebaptistchico.org
 St. John Office email address: stjohn33@sbcglobal.net

✠ PARISH & SCHOOL NEWS ✠

PARISH DIRECTORY: Photo Sessions will start on Oct 10th. There is no cost to the church and no sitting fee for your family. You will receive a complimentary 8X10 portrait and a copy of the directory. You will also have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits. Please sign up, because our directory won't be complete without you. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NEXT PHASE:** Now that everyone is getting signed up, we need volunteers to help greet parishioners as they come for their photo sessions. Photos will be taken for 10 days Oct 10-13 and Oct 15-20. Please call the parish office if you would like to volunteer your time, 343-8741. All volunteers get 20% off all pictures they purchase. **ADVERTISE YOUR BUISNESS:** If you own a business and would like to advertise in our new directory please call the parish office. A full color page ad is \$200 and black and white full page ad is \$100.

NDS / St. John's Fall Festival: The 73rd Annual Fall Festival is being held on Sunday, October 7th from 10:30am-4pm. **CALLING ALL BAKERS!** NDS needs your cakes, pies and brownies! We are in need of donations for our bake sale and the ever popular cakewalk. All proceeds go to benefit NDS. If you can assist, please call Rebecca Zebley at 893-9001. **RAFFLE TICKETS FOR SALE!** \$1000 Grand Prize, \$750 1st prize, \$500 2nd prize or \$300 3rd prize. **The post office no longer allows us to send raffle tickets through the mail so please look for NDS students selling raffle tickets after masses or pick up a book at the Parish office. Thank you!**



Respect for Life Committee: Join your fellow parishioners and people from all denominations all over the country in the "40 Days for Life" campaign designed to raise awareness, save lives, bring healing and prepare America for the beginning of the end to abortion!! More than 8 cities in 32 states (including Sacramento) are uniting for Life now through November 4th. Join us in fasting and praying for the end of abortion during these "40 Days for Life". People all around the country are praying and fasting at home and at the abortion clinics in their communities in **Constant Vigil**, 24 hours a day for a full 40 days! In 2004, "40 Days for Life" cities reported as much as a 28% drop in local abortion numbers! Your help is needed today. First, decide on a time when you (and maybe your family) will pray on a daily basis. Second, consider fasting. It is a powerful means of drawing closer to God. Consider fasting from food or from email or television. Finally, be a visible public centerpiece during this 40 day long event, joining a prayerful vigil outside Planned Parenthood (556 Vallombrosa Avenue) or Women's Health Specialists (1469 Humboldt Rd.). The prayer vigil is a peaceful and educational presence that sends a powerful message to the community about the tragic reality of abortion. **The next meeting of the Respect Life Committee is scheduled for Oct 15th, 3:30pm, in the library at St. John's.**

Catholic Daughters: Calendar: Frist Friday Mass Oct 5th, 8am at ODS. Rummage Sale Oct 5th, 9:00-3pm & Oct 6th, 8am-12noon and a Bag Sale from 12noon-1:30pm in the ODS Parish Hall. Time to clean out your closets, attics and garages. We welcome any good clean clothes, household items, small furniture, games, tools, small appliances, books and more. Bring your donated items on Wed Oct 3rd or Thurs Oct 4th to the ODS Social Hall between 9:30am-3pm. All proceeds go to Catholic Daughters charities and projects. Call Lorene, 343-3324 for more info.

Catholic Ladies' Relief Society #3: will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Oct 2nd at ODS Social Hall. Social at 12:30pm with meeting starting at 1pm. Any woman interested in working with the poor of our community is welcome to come and find out more about us (CLRS#3). Call Yvonne at 898-1266 or Sandy at 345-1601 for more information.

If you have any questions or would like more information about our programs please call Andrea.

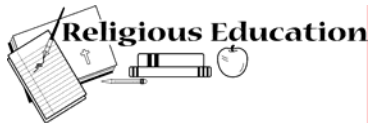
LIFE TEEN - The Quest Begins: It is the beginning of another year of LIFE Teen and you won't want to miss tonight. A king, an evil sorcerer, a squire and a princess everything to make the beginning of a great adventure. Join us tonight at St. John's gym from 7-8:45pm to find out what this story is all about.

EDGE - We kick-off our program in just one week, MONDAY OCTOBER 8TH 7-8:30pm. You don't want to miss this.

PARENTS: If you did not make it to one of the parents meetings you need to pick up a packet at your parish office or at LIFE TEEN or EDGE fill out the purple and white form and return it with a suggested donation of \$25 per teen. We are also asking families to sign-up to bring snacks for our meetings. We will have the calendars available to sign-up at LIFE TEEN and EDGE until all the days are filled.

XLT - Our next XLT is Sunday October 7th. This is an awesome prayer experience with a great talk, praise and worship, and adoration. We begin with a free dinner at 6:30pm in the cafeteria of St. John's and then back up to the church. Our speaker for October is Fr. Brian Atienza the vocations director for the diocese of Sacramento.

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



Religious Education Questions
Call 343-8741

CFF: If you haven't registered for CFF please pick up a registration packets at the parish office. CFF started Sept 9th.

Youth Sacrament Program is for students in 7th thru 12th grades who have not received all the sacraments (Baptism, 1st Penance, 1st Communion) and students in 8th thru 12th who have not received Confirmation. If the student has not received one or more of these sacraments their parents should enroll them in this program by calling 343-8741 or coming to the parish office to register. These classes will be held every Wed beginning Sept 26th from 3:30-5pm in the parish office.

Deaf CFF: All deaf children and young adults in the community are encouraged to participate in the Deaf CFF special Program. Registration forms are available in the parish office. You can also contact our office by email at stjohn33@sbcglobal.net.



Please join us every Wed during the month of Oct to pray the rosary. We will meet in the church at 5:30pm starting on Oct 3rd.

❖ **ADULT FAITH FORMATION** ❖

Women's Ministry Group: will be meeting on Oct 11th at ODS Social Hall from 6:45-9pm. We will be sharing about the 1st and 2nd chapters of "Experience Grace in Abundance". All women are welcome to join the group. For more information and to purchase a book please call Pat Hackney at 342-5528 or Mary Waldorf at 345-8638.

Catholics Returning Home: A Ministry of Compassion and Reconciliation is designed to reach-out and encourage Non-practicing Catholics to return "Home to the Catholic Church" and resume active practice of their faith. No matter how long you have been away and no matter what the reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church. Come join us on Monday Oct 15th from 7-8:30pm at the Newman Center upper meeting room. For more details contact: Co-directors Ms. Sharon Haselton at 343-8741 or Deacon James Burkett at 893-2348.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the path by which adults become members of the Catholic Church. Call parish office for additional information or Deacon Steve Schwartz at 891-0626.

Holy Spirit Prayer Group: is a gathering of Catholic Christians from the Chico parishes who give praise, thanks, honor, and love to Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. They meet at 7pm on the 4th Wed of each month at the Newman Center. For more info call Sharon Haselton: 891-5334, James Burkett: 893-2348, or Nancy Overton: 899-1600.



Scripture Study/Radio: Joe Hollcraft is live on AM 930 at 11:00am-12:00 each Saturday and Sunday (re-aired). Joe will have a different guest each week. Each program will be devoted to the readings from the Mass. On Sept 29th and 30th Joe will be joined by Matt Crete as they teach on the virtue of faith and responding to God's call. The following week will be part 2 of the presentation on faith. Be sure not to miss this great opportunity to better understand the Bible and the structure of our faith.

❖ **MARRIAGE & FAMILY** ❖

New! Mother's Prayer Group: All mothers and little ones are invited to join a pray and play group every Thursday at 10:30am. We will be meeting in the preschool room at ODS for prayer, fellowship, and fun! This is a great opportunity to become more involved in the church community and meet mothers like you! 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 consisting of a weekend experience and 6 post-weekend sessions designed to give hope and help for marriages that are experiencing trouble. Next weekend will be Oct 12-14. For additional information, go to www.retrouvaille.org or call 1-800-283-5952.

Attention Married & Engaged Couples: Learn a natural method of family planning that is safe, effective (99%) and in accord with Catholic teaching. Great for achieving as well as postponing pregnancy. Classes begin October 10th at St. Rose Parish in Sacramento. For more information, call Suzanne at 916-369-0844.

Attention prayerful single men! Marist Fathers and Brothers in Berkeley are offering a vocational retreat weekend on Oct 12-14. Also, the Augustine Community in San Francisco is having a vocational retreat on Oct 26-28. Work and pray with the community and enjoy the vocational conversation. There is no cost but space is limited. Call 1-800-221-1807.

Newman Center: Oktoberfest— Sat Oct 13th at 6:30pm. Cost \$10 for adults, \$8 for students, \$6 for children, under age 5 are free. Join us for an evening of authentic German food, beer, music, dancing, and games. The proceeds benefit the students at the Newman Center. Tickets are available at the Newman Center office. Please call 342-5180 for more details. All ages are welcome!

Healing After Abortion Retreat: Do you know someone hurting after an abortion? Still seeking peace years later? Experience the healing love of Jesus at Rachel's Vineyard Retreat in Auburn, sponsored by the Diocese of Sacramento. A weekend retreat includes sharing of stories, spiritual exercises, sacraments and a memorial service. Open to women, men, couples and family members touched by abortion. The cost is \$150 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. Financial assistance is available. For more information, call Edie at 916-733-0161 or 1-888-HOPE-790 or email esickman@diocese-sacramento.org. Inquiries and participation are strictly confidential.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes & Italy Nov 5 – 15, 2007, price \$2,449. Fr. Vincent Juan will be hosting the pilgrimage. For more information call (530) 335-2372 or for the application and brochure check the website www.stfrancisburney.org



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Pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness.

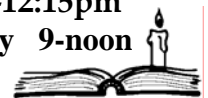
-- 1 Timothy 6:11

Sat 29	Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael 9-11am Pro-Life Prayer Group 10am Confessions
Sun 30	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:45 CFF 2:30pm Latin Mass (St. John's)
Mon 1	St. Therese of the Child Jesus 6-8pm English AA
Tues 2	The Guardian Angels 6:30 Choir practice
Wed 3	6-9 Spanish AA
Thur 4	St. Francis of Assisi 6:30-9pm RCIA (parish office) 7pm Rosary Group (in church)
Fri 5	FIRST FRIDAY 6-7am Men's Bible Study (ODS) 3:30-4:30pm Adoration 6-9pm Spanish AA
Sat 6	St. Bruno/FIRST SATURDAY 9-11am Pro-Life Prayer Group 10am Confessions

Library Hours:

Sunday 8:30-9:30am & 10:30am-12:15pm

Wednesday 9-noon and Thursday 9-noon



Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church: is a summary of the Catechism, focusing on the key elements of the Catholic Faith. It is not meant to replace the Catechism but to help make the Catholic Faith as accessible as possible for the next generation of the Faithful. It is available in the Parish office for \$12.

United States Catholic Catechism for Adults: is a unique and groundbreaking guide for those who seek to deepen their Catholic faith. Each chapter starts with a story or lesson of faith which are then related to Catholic teachings, the Catechism and to American culture. They are available at the Parish office for \$20.

Diocesan History Books: The diocese has put together a beautiful hardcover book featuring the history of the diocese and its parishes. The books are available in the parish office. The cost is \$25.

Catechisms of the Catholic Church: are also available in the parish office for \$15 (a 25% discount).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Lk 9:46-50
- Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10
- Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62
- Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Lk 10:1-12
- Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16
- Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24
- Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14;
Lk 17:5-10

Liturgy of the Hours – Week II

