St. John The Baptist Catholic Church

St John the Baptist Church
435 Chestnut St.
Chico, CA 95928

St. James Mission
Faber and Holland
Durham, CA
Mass: Sunday 9am

Parochial Administrator
Fr. Michael Ritter

Parochial Vicar
Fr. Joshua Sia

Deacons
F. Paul Sajben
Jesus Padilla Campos
William Bruening
Stephen Schwartz

Notre Dame Catholic School
Grades TK-8
Principal: Kelly Stewart
Phone: (530)342-2502
Website: ndschico.org

Notre Dame Preschool
Director: Shelly Brown
Office: (530) 487-7330
Website: ndschico.org/preschool

Parish Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 11am - 4pm
Phone: (530) 343-8741  Fax: (530) 345-8602
Email: office@sjbchico.org
Website: www.sjbchico.org

Hear me and understand well, my son...

...that nothing should frighten or grieve you.
Let not your heart be disturbed. Am I not your Mother?
Are you not under my protection?
~ Our Lady of Guadalupe to Saint Juan Diego

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Mass Schedule/ Horario de Misas

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**Daily Masses/ Misas Diarias**

- **Monday-Thursdays/ Lunes a Jueves**
  - 7:30am English/Inglés
- **Fridays/ Viernes**
  - 8:30am English/Inglés
- **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Fridays/ Lunes, Martes, Jueves y Viernes**
  - 6:00pm English
- **Wednesday/ Miércoles**
  - 6:00pm Spanish
- **Saturday Vigil/ Vigilia de sábado**
  - 5:00pm English/Inglés, 7pm Spanish/Español
- **Sunday/ Domingo**
  - 8:00am, 10:00am, 5:00pm English/Inglés, 12:00pm Spanish/Español

**Penance/ Confesiones**

- **Saturdays/ Sábados**
  - 3:30 - 4:30pm
- **Monday-Friday/ Lunes-Viernes**
  - 5:30pm-5:55pm
  - Or anytime by appointment/ O llame a la oficina para hacer una cita.

**Anointing of the Sick, call the parish office**

**Para la unción de los enfermos llamar a la oficina parroquial (530)343-8741**

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**Liturgical Tidbit**

**The Advent Preparation**

Adventus in Latin simply means coming or arrival.

During the time of advent, we are waiting for the arrival of our king, but what kind of preparation should we do? Usually in Lent we have a pretty good idea what we need to do; fast from various things, do acts of charity, pray more, etc. But I don’t think it’s very clear what we should be doing in Advent, especially because nowadays it’s such a commercial holiday that the spiritual side of it gets drowned with these waves of distractions. In this time of waiting, what should we do? Let’s go back to the words of Isaiah, which John the Baptist also echoes: “Make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth.” It is very important to think about that spiritually. When you’re traveling, mountains are not your friends. It makes traveling more difficult. When there are mountains, automatically they form valleys. So have there been some things that you’ve over emphasized this past year that they’ve become a distracting mountain? Have you been too overly concerned about money, success, anger, frustration, or pride? And again, keep in mind that if there are mountains, automatically, they form valleys. What are those things that you’ve under-emphasized this past year? Have you been practicing the corporal works of mercy? Have you developed your relationship with Christ through prayer? Remember Jesus Christ is a real person who's trying to find you. Make his paths straighter, so that he can encounter you more readily. Flatten out those mountains and fill up those valleys, so that your heart and soul will be open for the birth of Christ.

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**Parish Office Staff:** office@sjbchico.org

- Sandra O’Horan, Maria C. Perez, and Rocio A. Chavez

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- Mary Krajcirik (530)343-8741 ext. 207

**Director of Religious Education (English)**

- Denise Marine (530)343-8741 ext. 212

**Director de Educación Religiosa (Español)**

- Ramona Arevalo (530)343-8741 ext. 209

**Christian Initiation Director/ Director de Iniciación Cristiana**

- Lori Smith (530)343-8741 ext. 210

**Youth Minister:**

- Monica Zuchelli (530)343-8741 ext. 204

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**Please keep in your prayers/ Mantengamoslos en nuestras oraciones:**

For their health/ Por la salud de:


For the repose of their Souls/ Por el Descanso de sus almas:


If you or someone you know needs prayer please contact the parish office (530) 343-8741 or email at: office@sjbchico.org. The names will remain on the list for 3 weeks.

Si usted o alguien que conoce necesita oración por favor comuníquese a la oficina parroquial al (530)343-8741 O al correo electrónico office@sjbchico.org Los nombres permanecerán en la lista por tres semanas.
Mass Intentions
Intenciones de las Misas

Sat 7 5:00p † Harry & Rick Cinquini by Joan Wing
7:00p † Marie T Boury by James Boury
† Amelia Izaguirre by Carmen Jauregui
Sun 8 8:00a † Tony Maglich by Marie Maglich
10:00a † People Of the Parish
12:00p † Vicente Pineda
Guadalupe Guerra (living b’day) by Maggie Ramirez
5:00p † Joe Carlos by Geraldine Carlos & Family
Mon 9 7:30a † Michael Reilley by Stephanie Beyers
6:00p NO MASS
Tues 10 7:30a Diocese Of Sacramento
6:00p † Carolina Bañuelos
Wed 11 7:30a Special Intention
6:00p † Ana & Arnulfo Roldan by Karina Roldan
Thurs 12 7:30p † Jose & Josefin Benitez by Family
6:00p † Jose Macias by Griselda Macias
Fri 13 8:30a † Denis Cronin by Susan Thomas
6:00p Special Intention
Sat 14 5:00p Special Intention
7:00p For All Souls In Purgatory
Mass intentions - St James
Sun 8 9:00am Candice Grandstaff (living bday)
by Matt & Keri Crete

Parish News

FYI: Due to the flu season, Bishop Soto has issued the suspension of the Communion cup until further notice, in order to protect the health and well-being of everyone.

The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and other Holy Days does not apply to those who are sick. If you are sick, stay home and take care of yourself. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

This year our Advent Penance Service will be hosted at Our Divine Savior Catholic Church at 566 Lassen Ave, Chico CA. Monday, Dec. 9th at 6:00pm. There will be No evening mass at St. Johns on this day, all the Priests will be at Our Divine Savior.

Feast of Immaculate Conception

December 8th is the Second Sunday of Advent. Therefore the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday, December 9th. It is NOT, however, a Holy Day of Obligation.

The Association Guadalupana extends an invitation to all parish members to the celebration in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

December 3rd thru 11th:
Daily Novena after each 6:00pm Mass.

December 12th:
Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe
6:00am Mass and Solemn Mass at 6:00pm
Celebration following the evening Mass. There will be delicious Mexican Food, and Folk Dance in the gym.

December 12th:
Mañanitas (serenade): 5:00am in the church.

Upcoming Mass Cancelations

December 19th: NO 5:30pm Confessions and/or 6pm Mass. Notre Dame School will be hosting their annual Christmas Program.

December 26th-27th: NO morning and/or evening confessions and/or Masses.

Parish Bulletin Submissions: The holidays are fast approaching and with shorter work days, we need all Christmas and New Year’s bulletin announcements earlier. Please submit announcements to bulletin@sjbchico.org at least 2 weeks before.

Operating Income & Expense (updated weekly)
Ingresos y gastos operativos
(actualizados semanalmente)

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Thanksgiving: $858
Maintenance: St. John: $ 3,577 St. James: $ 274

Support Aging Religious: Our second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous.
Library Hours & News
Fridays 8am to 10pm
Sundays 9am to 12am
We welcome everyone to the Parish Library!

Society of St. Vincent de Paul: The Camp Fire Long Term Recovery group and St. Vincent de Paul needs volunteers again! Can you help? Please contact Tracy Davis if you can make follow up phone calls to camp fire survivors the week of Dec. 9-13 between the hours of 8:30-5PM. Call Tracy to volunteer at 530-487-2838 or email at tdavis@campfirelongtermrecovery.org

BOOKKEEPER’S CORNER
Tax Season is just around the corner. Please help us save on postage by registering to have your Tax Letter sent via EMAIL at sjbchico.org/register
Left your cash or checks at home? Don’t panic there is an easier way to donate! A new ONLINE GIVING PORTAL is now available. Please visit sjbchico.org/give
*Note: If you are currently giving on our old online giving website, please cancel your account before moving to the new portal. The old website will no longer be used.
TEXT to GIVE to St John at 530-404-5115.
Set up your account once then text 530-404-5115 the amount of your donation. YES, It really is that easy!

Do you shop on Amazon? By going to smile.amazon.com/ch/45-3854885 Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to Pastor of St John the Baptist Parish - Chico A Corporation Sole. Remember, always start at smile.amazon.com

Young Adults 19-35
Spring Alpha Program
Starts Jan 16
*Free Meal
*Watch a Video
*Group Discussion
Meet new friends your age around a discussion of the Christian Faith
Monday Evenings 6:30-8:30
St John Catholic Church
Youth House 435 Chestnut St.
call/text 903-343-3567
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Adoration Chapel
OPEN TIMES NEEDING COVERAGE
Monday: 10AM, 11AM Tuesday: 1AM, 2AM, 9AM, 11PM; Wednesdays: 12AM, 1AM, 2AM Thursdays 12AM, 1AM, 2AM, 5AM, 8AM, 3PM Friday 12AM, 9AM, 10AM 2PM, 3PM. Please call Maria Perez at (530) 332-0792 to schedule time with JESUS.

St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP): continues their service to those in need in our community. We have made 50 home visits in the past two months to assist with utilities, rent assistance/eviction prevention, food, clothes, and other needs. Recently, we supplied a family with a car seat so that they were able to take their newborn baby home from the hospital. We also continue to help our Camp Fire friends with many of the same services. In addition to the 50 home visits mentioned above, we made 55 Camp Fire designated home visits. We ,14 SVdP members, so appreciate the generous support we receive from our parishioners and pastors without which we would have nothing to serve with. Thank you, we are grateful, as are those we help. We welcome new volunteers to join us in our service to the poor. Please call us at 530 680-7917 for more information.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
As we prepare our hearts to receive the Christ Child this Advent Season, let us remember that we can give no better gift to others than Jesus, the Word made flesh. Consider giving the gift of the invitation to become Catholic to someone you know who may be considering entering into a deeper relationship with Christ. Perhaps you could invite them to attend Mass with you during Advent or the Christmas season.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is for persons in need of baptism, those baptized in another Christian tradition who desire to become Catholic, and those baptized Catholic adults in need of First Communion and/or Confirmation. RCIA inquirers are always welcome! Please call the office at 343-8741 ext. 210, check out our website at sjbchico.org/RCIA, or email Lori Smith at loris@sjbchico.org for more information about becoming Catholic. It’s never too late to join us!
Capilla De Adoracion
HORAS DISPONIBLE QUE NECESITAN COBERTURA
Lunes: 10AM, 11AM Tuesday: 1AM, 2AM, 9AM, 11PM;
Wednesdays: 12AM, 1AM, 2AM Jueves: 12AM, 1AM, 2AM, 5AM, 8AM, 3PM Viernes: 12AM, 9AM, 10AM 2PM, 3PM. Favor de llamar a María Perez al (530) 332-0792 para programar una hora con Jesus.

Aviso Importante: Este año nuestro Servicio Penitencial de Adviento se realizará en la Iglesia Católica del Divino Salvador (ODS), (566 E. Lassen Ave), el Lunes 9 de Diciembre a las 6:00pm. No Habrá Misa a las 6pm en San Juan en este día, ya que todos los sacerdotes estarán escuchando confesiones en la iglesia de ODS.

De La Contadora: La temporada de impuestos está a la vuelta de la esquina. Ayúdenos a ahorrar en gastos de envío registrándose para que le envíemos su Carta de Impuestos por CORREO ELECTRÓNICO en enero en https://www.sjbchico.org/register

¿Dejó su efectivo o cheques en casa? ¡No se asuste, hay una manera más fácil de donar! Nuestro nuevo PORTAL DE DONACIONES EN LÍNEA está en funcionamiento. Visite https://www.sjbchico.org/give * Nota: Si actualmente realiza donaciones en nuestro antiguo sitio web de donaciones en línea, cancele su cuenta antes de pasar al nuevo portal.

TEXTO PARA DAR a San Juan al 530-404-5115. Configure su cuenta una vez y luego envíe un mensaje de texto al 530-404-5115 del monto de su donación.

¿Compras en Amazon? Al ir a https://smile.amazon.com/ch/45-3854885 Amazon donará el 0.5% del precio de sus compras elegibles de AmazonSmile a la Parroquia Pastor of St John the Baptist — Chico A Corporation Sole. Recuerde, siempre comience en smile.amazon.com

Programa Alfa Para Jóvenes Adultos de Edades 19-35: Discusión de grupo - Conoce nuevos amigos de tu edad alrededor de un discusión de la fe cristiana, todos los Lunes por la noche hasta el 16 de Diciembre 6:30-8:30pm. Nos reunimos en la casa de los jóvenes de la parroquia. Comunicarte con Lori Harris llamada / texto para mas informacion 903-343-3567 alphanorcal@gmail.com #TryAlpha

Segundo Domingo de Adviento
8 de diciembre de 2019
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Fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción
El 8 de diciembre es el segundo Domingo de Adviento. Por lo tanto, la solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Bienaventurada Virgen María se transfiere al Lunes 9 de Diciembre. Sin embargo, no es un Día Sagrado de obligación.

Tidbit Litúrgico
La Preparación de Adviento

Adventus en latín simplemente significa venir o llegar. Durante el tiempo de adviento, estamos esperando la llegada de nuestro rey, pero ¿qué tipo de preparación debemos hacer? Por lo general, en la Cuaresma tenemos una idea bastante buena de lo que debemos hacer; ayunar, hacer actos de caridad, orar más, etc. Pero no creo que sea muy claro lo que deberíamos estar haciendo en Adviento, especialmente porque hoy en día es una fiesta tan comercializada que el lado espiritual se minimiza con tantas distracciones. En este tiempo de espera, ¿qué debemos hacer? Volvamos a las palabras de Isaías, que Juan el Bautista también pronunció: “Endereza sus caminos. Cada valle se llenará y cada montaña y colina se volverán bajas. Los caminos sinuosos se deben hacer rectos, y los caminos ásperos se allanarán”. Es muy importante pensar en eso espiritualmente. Cuando viajamos, las montañas no son nuestras mejores aliadas. Hacen que el viajar sea más difícil. Cuando hay montañas, automáticamente se forman valles. Entonces, ¿ha habido algunas cosas que ha enfatizado en exceso el año pasado que se han convertido en una montaña de distracciones? ¿Te ha preocupado demasiado el dinero, el éxito, la ira, la frustración o el orgullo? Y de nuevo, tenga en cuenta que si hay montañas, automáticamente, forman valles. ¿Cuáles son esas cosas que subestimado el año pasado? ¿Has estado practicando las obras corporales de misericordia? ¿Has desarrollado tu relación con Cristo a través de la oración? Recuerde que Jesucristo es una persona real que está tratando de encontrarte. Endereza tus caminos, para lo que pueda encontrar más fácilmente. Aplana esas montañas y llena esos valles, para que tu corazón y tu alma estén abiertos para el nacimiento de Cristo.
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