

This coming Sunday, we celebrate the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent, Year C. We read from the Gospel of Luke 21:25-28,34-36 With this coming Sunday's liturgy we begin another season of Advent. To challenge us to greater faithfulness to God, the readings reveal God's unfailing fidelity to us. Yet ironically, today's Gospel puts frightening words into the mouth of Jesus. He warns of a dangerous future when the forces of nature will be unleashed on all the nations of the earth. It will be a time of panic and fear. Yet Jesus assures his listeners, no one who remains focused on God will come to any lasting harm. Natural disasters will merely be the prelude to his final coming in glory. Rather than cowering in fear, his followers should keep living lives of faith, hope and charity. Then they will be ready to "stand up straight, and be brave" when the tumult ends and he appears in glory. **Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, we ask you in trust and love to hear our prayers for the church, the world, and ourselves. May the will of your Father be done on Earth as it is in Heaven, and may your kingdom come, that we might honor you as our Lord and King forever and ever. In your name we pray.. Amen**

## December & January CCD Class Schedule

Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> – Class  
 Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> - Class  
 Dec. 18 – No Class  
 Dec. 25 – No Class  
 Jan. 1 – No Class  
 Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> Class  
 Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> – Class  
 Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> – No Class  
 Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> Class

***The Tradition of giving Advent & Christmas gifts during Mass continues.*** We are now accepting donations for those gifts in memory or honor of a loved one. The gifts will be labeled accordingly. If you would be a sponsor please call Dina at 632-7163. These gifts will be given to every child that is in attendance during the weekend Masses.

***1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation Students*** please begin making your parent /student interview appointments. You can call the CCD office at 632-7163. All appointments need to be completed by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Filhos Sale** Next Sunday, Dec. 2nd to help defray the Fish Dinner expenses for the Building fundraiser in March.

**Please join Salt Young Adult group** at Holy rosary Church for Eucharistic Adoration this Friday, November 30th at 7pm in the New Church. Please come and join us as we spend an hour with the most Blessed Sacrament. Welcome all from different parishes and those of all ages.

**1<sup>st</sup> Communion parents meeting** will take place on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> or Sunday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> in the parish hall. A parent and child must attend the meeting. Many notes were not turned in, so parents were assigned a date. Please look over the note, if that date doesn't work for you please contact Dina at 632-7163 ASAP. La reunión de padres de la 1<sup>a</sup> Comunión se llevará a cabo el sábado 1 de diciembre o el domingo 2 de diciembre en el salón parroquial. Un padre y su hijo deben asistir a la reunión. Muchas notas no fueron entregadas, así que a los padres se les asignó una fecha. Revise la nota, si esa fecha no le funciona, comuníquese con Dina al 632-7163 LO ANTES.

**Turlock Together & Hilmar Helping Hands Announces annual Christmas Box Sign-ups for Stevinson, Hilmar & Delhi, Tuesday December 4<sup>th</sup>** from 9am to 12 noon at the *Covenant Church, Hilmar*. Please bring Photo ID, Proof of Residence Proof of all persons living in household with s/s #'s. Distribution day will be Saturday Dec. 22 from 8 a.m. to 4:40 p.m. at Turlock Fruit & Nut Co.

**Prayer deadline for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion is November 30<sup>th</sup>!!** Schedule your appointments by calling Dina at 632-7163. La fecha límite de oración para la 1<sup>a</sup> Comunión es el 30 de noviembre !! Programe sus citas llamando a Dina al 632-7163.

**We are beginning to collect blankets and bath wash for the nursing homes. Each student is asked to bring a blanket or bath wash wrapped with a Christmas card for a patient at the nursing home. You can bring more than one item, but please wrap separately All items need to be turned in by Dec. 4<sup>h</sup>.**



**Drivers needed on Wednesday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>** to transport students from Holy Rosary Church to the Nursing homes in Turlock. We will meet at Holy Rosary Church at 6:15pm and return by 8:30pm. If you can help please call Dina at 632-7163.