

This coming week, we celebrate the 3rd Sunday in Advent, Year C. We read from the Gospel of Luke 3:10-16,18 In this week's Gospel, we see that John the Baptist also senses the dawn of a new era, one destined to bring the first coming of Christ with his emergence into public view. Jesus will bring blessing, however, only to those who give up their sinful ways and return to God. John's perching challenged any Jew who believed that simply tracing his lineage back to Abraham and Sarah would give him a "free pass" into the messianic kingdom Chastened by John's warning to prepare for the Messiah's arrival., people began asking him, "What should we do? It is a question that believers of all times and places need to keep asking themselves. **Prayer: Loving God, when Christmas comes, we will celebrate that day long ago when you came to live among us as a little baby. Out of love for you and concern for all the babies being born into today's world, please help us to make our world a kinder and gentler place. In your name we pray.. Amen**

December & January CCD Class Schedule

Dec. 18th – No Class

Dec. 25th – No Class

Jan. 1st – No Class

Jan. 8th Class

Jan. 15th – Class

Jan. 22nd – No Class

Jan. 29th Class

Attention Senior Citizens

Join us for our monthly gathering on **Wednesday**, December 19th beginning with the recitation of the Rosary at 11:00 a.m. , Mass and followed by a delicious luncheon & Bingo in the Parish Hall. Remember, this is open to ALL senior citizens free of charge.

Have A New Baby??

Our next Pre-Baptismal class will be held **Thursday, December 20th at 7:00 p.m.** in the parish center. **Please pre-register** by making an appointment with Fr. Mike and filling out the registration forms .

Marriage Prep Program ...

is getting ready to begin new sessions. If you are engaged and need to complete the marriage prep requirement, it is not too late to register. Engaged couples meet with a mentor couple for five sessions. Sessions will begin on **Sunday, January 13th at 11:15a.m.** For more information contact, Odelta Cardoso 648-4956.

Holy Rosary/St. Mary's Altar Society will have Poinsettias available if anyone would like to donate one in memory of or in honor of a family member or friend. These plants will be used to decorate our 3 churches. Minimum Donation is \$10 as we will be purchasing larger plants this year. Please call Anna at the Parish office to reserve yours.

Speaking of Altar Society... they will host their annual Christmas Gathering Sun. Dec. 16 at 12:30 in the Parish Hall for ALL

Cleaning TEAMS in appreciation for their hard work in keeping our churches looking beautiful and clean all year long.

Save the Date for Confessions:

Saturday, December 15 & 22 4-4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 18th 6-7 p.m.

Wednesday, December 19th 6-7 p.m.

Children's Christmas Mass practice for Holy Rosary will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 11th at 5:30pm in Classroom #2. Reading and play parts will be handed out. If your child can not attend, but would like a part please call Dina at 632-7163.

Walk For Life will take place on Saturday January 26th. We will be taking a bus. Watch the bulletin for more information. Cost is \$20.00 if you would like to attend, please contact Dina at 632-7163.

1st Communion parents who missed the parent meeting Dec. 1st or Dec. 2nd need to call Dina ASAP at 632-7163. Los padres de la 1^a Comunion que se perdieron la reunion de padres el 1 de diciembre o el 2 de diciembre deben llamar a Dina lo antes posible al 632-7163.

1st Communion Students who have a prayer contract, please begin making your appointments as the deadline is quickly approaching. You can make an appointment by calling 632-7163. Estudiantes de la 1^a Comunion que tienen un contrato de oracion, comience a hacer sus citas ya que la fecha limite se acerca rapidamente. Puede hacer una cita llamando al 632-7163.

Drivers needed on Wednesday, Dec. 12th 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.

1st Year Confirmation Students mark your calendars. You and your sponsors have a retreat on **Sunday, January 13th** from 8:15-4:30pm. **Parents** will have a mandatory meeting on Wednesday, January 9th from 7:00pm-8:30pm in the Mission Church. John Sablan will be the guest speaker.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 12th beginning at 4:30pm with Mass at St. Mary's Church in Stevinson. La celebracion de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe se llevara a cabo el miercoles 12 de diciembre a partir de las 4:30 pm con la misa en la iglesia de Santa Maria en Stevinson.