

CCD NEWS 12/4/18

Today, we celebrate the 1st Sunday in Advent, Year C. We read from the Gospel of Luke 3:1a,2-6 In this week's Gospel, Luke pointedly draws a comparison between John the Baptist and prophets of old. He does so by identifying John as one called by God in verse 2 and by quoting from Isaiah in verses 4-6. John's prophetic message is that the Messiah is coming, but only to people who clear a pathway for him. Through Jesus, God will indeed work miracles and reveal marvels, but these mighty deeds will be seen only by the poor in spirit and the pure of heart. **Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the ways of your only-begotten Son, that through His coming we may be worthy to serve you with purified minds. Who live and reign, with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, and world without end. In your name we pray.. Amen**

December & January CCD Class Schedule

Dec. 11^h – Class
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

ADORATION during Advent begins **Friday, December 7th**. Mass will be at 8 a.m. in the adoration **chapel of the new church**, with adoration to follow until 5:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come by and pray for a time on this day.

Bosom Buddies

*will have their Christmas gathering **Monday, December 3rd** at 6 p.m. at Pizza Plus.*

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.

Confession Schedule: Wednesday, December 5th from 7:00pm-8:30pm (There will be 4 priests here on Dec. 5th) December 8,15 & 22 from 4-4:30pm, Tuesday, December 18th from 6:00pm-7:00pm and Wednesday, December 19th from 6-7:00pm . All confessions will be in the New Church.

Holy Day of Obligation

Saturday, December 8th, we celebrate the *Immaculate Conception of Mary*. It's a holy day, so we should attend Mass. Masses will be **Friday, December 7th at 7 p.m. and Saturday December 8th at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. All Masses in the New Church.**

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.

Mass Intentions for 2019

Forms will be available weekend in the main entrance of the church. We will try to accommodate as many requests as per availability. **Please take only one form**, as all forms are accounted for. Intentions are limited to a maximum of 4 per family. Please note dates requested on form are **NOT GUARANTEED** and will be accommodated IF possible. **The requested donation remains the same at \$10 per Mass.**

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. 5^h.

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.

Walk For Life will take place on **Saturday January 26th**. We will be taking a bus. Watch the bulletin for more information.