

This coming Sunday, we celebrate the 2nd 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. 12th - Ministry Day

Dec. 19 – No Class

Dec. 26 – No Class

Jan. 2 – No Class

Jan. 9th Class

Jan. 16th – Bold

Jan. 23rd – Net

Jan. 30th Net

*** Refreshments needed for Jan. 23rd & 30th Housing is also needed for the Net team on those days.

Next Wednesday, December 12th We will meet in front of the CCD Building at 6:00pm to prepare to go to the nursing homes in Turlock. We will leave Hilmar at 6:15pm..... When we return we, will have pizza in the parish hall.

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.

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.**

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 We are still short items, please drop off your items by Friday, Dec. 7th!! Thank you in advance for your help and support.

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.

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. **Please note: If you need a make up class and you attend this Friday, Dec. 7th from 3:30-5:00pm and sign in with Dina, you will receive credit for a Make up class. 2nd year students please take advantage of this.....**

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. Cost is \$20.00 per person, permission slips went home today, and are due back, next Wednesday, Dec. 12th.

Housing needed for the Net Team that will be here on January 23rd and 30th. They will need housing the evenings of the 23rd and 30th. We will provide dinner, we ask that each family provide Breakfast. If you can help out, please call Dina at 632-7163.

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.