

Today, we celebrate the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 16<sup>th</sup> – No Class
- Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> – No Class
- Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> – No Class
- Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> Class
- Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> – Class
- Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> – No Class
- Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> Class

**Save the Date for Confessions:**

- Saturday, December 15 & 22 4-4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> 6-7 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> 6-7 p.m.

**Children's Christmas Mass practice for Holy Rosary will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**Attention Senior Citizens**

Join us for our monthly gathering on **Wednesday**, December 19<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**Mass Intentions for 2019**

Forms will be available this 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.** Intenciones de masas para 2019 Las formas estarán disponibles el fin de semana en la entrada principal de la iglesia. Intentaremos acomodar tantas solicitudes según disponibilidad. **Por favor, tome solo un formulario**, ya que todos los formularios están contabilizados. Las intenciones se limitan a un máximo de 4 por familia. Por favor, tenga en cuenta que las fechas solicitadas en el formulario **NO ESTÁN GARANTIZADAS** y se acomodarán de ser posible. **La donación solicitada permanece igual a \$ 10 por misa.**

**Walk For Life** will take place on Saturday January 26<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**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.

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