

**Today, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord.** Gospels from Luke 3:15-16,21-22. This coming Sunday we celebrate the second of three key moments in which Jesus is revealed. The first was last week's Epiphany with the visit of the Magi, and this week we jump ahead some 30 years to Jesus' Baptism. This scene takes place at the Jordan River. The reading opens by letting us know the emotional state of the crowd there: They are filled with expectation and wonder if John might be the Christ. Christ is the Greek word for Messiah, the title of the savior the Jews have been waiting for. Clearly John has made an impression, and he makes it clear that the Messiah is much greater than himself. In fact, the Messiah would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire instead of water. After the Baptism, Jesus is revealed as being more than a mere human. **Prayer: Dear Holy Trinity, thank you for loving us so much that you reveal yourselves to us as Persons we can know. Help us to embrace the relationship with each of you that we received when we were baptized. Let our love for you grow so that we may live more deeply our baptismal promises. Amen In your name we pray...Amen**

## January & February CCD Class Schedule

**Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> – No Class**

Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> <sup>t</sup> **Class**

**Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> - Class**

**Feb 5<sup>th</sup> Reconciliation 6:00PM**

Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> –**Class**

**Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> – No Class**

Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> - **Class**

**Confirmation will take place on Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> at 10AM and Rehearsal for Candidates and Sponsors will be Friday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.**

### **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.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation will take place on Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 :00pm in the New Church. Watch CCD news for more details.**

**Join Us January 20<sup>st</sup> for the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish Breakfast** 8 a.m.-12noon. All proceeds help to maintain our parish facilities especially the hall. Please help to make this breakfast a success by purchasing your tickets. All registered parishioners will soon be receiving their tickets in the mail.

**Remember to invite family & friends and make it an annual tradition! Volunteers needed. Please call Lucy Silveira at 632-3452 to sign up for the various shifts.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Communion parent – If you did not attend the 1<sup>st</sup> communion parent meeting for 2<sup>nd</sup> year students that was held Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, please contact Dina ASAP at 632-7163, leave a message if no answer. Meeting must be completed by Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**Children's Ministry** takes places on Sunday's during the 10am Mass. We are in need of leaders. If you would like to lead this group, please call Dina at 632-7163.

**Refreshments needed** for the students after the Net nights on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. Cookies, brownies, punch, cups, napkins, ect....Can be homemade or store bought. If you would like to help out Call Dina at 632-7163.

**Altar Society membership dues** are now being accepted. We ask that each family be a member to help support our Altar Society's good works in keeping our churches looking beautiful all year long for a minimal donation of \$10. Forms may be found at the main church entrances. We ask everyone to consider doing their part as a parishioner by giving their time, talent or treasure or if you're feeling generous all of the above. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

**Walk For Life** will take place on Saturday January 26<sup>th</sup>. We will be taking a bus. Families are encouraged to participate in this event. We will be attending Mass as a group at St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco. Cost is \$20.00 per person. If you would like to attend, please contact Dina at 632-7163, to get your name on the list. There are a total of 40 spots on the bus left permission slips need to be turned in by next Wednesday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Net** – National Evangelization Team will be here on **Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> & Jan. 30.** To facilitate mini retreats for the youth of our parish. We are in need of 6 families for each day to host young adults (2 per house). This includes feeding them dinner and breakfast. If you could help for one or both days your help would greatly be appreciated. Please call Dina 632-7163.

**Altar Society...** is now accepting donations for the **Filhos sale SUNDAY, February 3<sup>rd</sup> (Super Bowl Weekend).** They are in need of Mazola oil and cash donations to apply towards special flour to be purchased. Please drop off your donations at the parish office. Thank you for your support! **Much help is needed.** Please volunteer to help to continue this tradition, call Carmel at 668-0795 or Ines 634-2894.

**2019 World Marriage Day Anniversary Mass with Bishop Ochoa** will take place February 10th at 3 pm at St. Anthony of Padua in Fresno for all couples celebrating 25 years on up, in increments of 5. Please register directly at [www.dioceseoffresno.org](http://www.dioceseoffresno.org) or call Rosie Mercado at 559-488-7474 ext. 103.