



WEEK AT A GLANCE December 26 <sup>th</sup> - January 3 <sup>rd</sup>		
Sat.	<b>4:30 p.m.</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Mass – Sacred Heart Misa en Español
Sun.	<b>8:15 a.m.</b> <b>10:00 a.m.</b> <b>11:15 a.m.</b>	Mass – St. Anne (Jordan Rose Wall†) Mass – Sacred Heart (Sacred Heart Parishioners) Choir Practice
Mon.	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Mass
Tue.	11:00 a.m.	Rosary at Rosie DelaTorre's home
Wed.	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> <b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Mass Cursillo Meeting
Thu.	<b>4:30 p.m.</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Mass – Sacred Heart Misa en Español
Fri.	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Mass – Sacred Heart (Partida Family) Rosary at Oak River Rehab
Sat.	<b>10:00 a.m.</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Confessions Mass – Sacred Heart Misa en Español
Sun.	<b>8:15 a.m.</b> <b>10:00 a.m.</b> <b>11:15 a.m.</b> <b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Mass – St. Anne (Sacred Heart Parishioners) Mass – Sacred Heart (Bob Ford†) Choir Practice Sacred Heart Youth Group (ages 12 -18)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Mon.** 1 John 1:5—2:2; Matthew 2:13-18  
*(Feast of the Holy Innocents)*
- Tue.** 1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35
- Wed.** 1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40
- Thu.** 1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18
- Fri.** Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21  
*(Feast of Mary, Mother of God)*
- Sat.** 1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28  
*(Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen)*
- Sun.** Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

*Please offer your prayers for:*

Will Neves, Dixee Graham, Jay Burns, Mary West, Kevin Walsh, John Morris, Mary Crowl, Bill Thurman, John Snead, Ilene Duval, Ben Bowers, Pete Boets, Rina Ford, Regina Barker, Delaney Valles, Thelma Waddle, Beth Waddle, Kevin Imming, Kelly Hunter, Clementine Mills, Tom and Lorraine Cummings, George & Ann Whitmore, James Casados, Wanda Napier, Vera Patrick, Margy Webb, Stan MacIsaac, Kealy Rhett, Doug VanErt, Mary Roberts.

**FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

**January 1<sup>st</sup>**, Feast of Mary, Mother of God, is a *Holy Day of Obligation*. Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 4:30pm in English and 7:00pm in Spanish, and on Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup> at 9am. All Masses are at Sacred Heart.

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

**Collection Summary**

December 5/6:	\$6,734
December 8:	\$1,593
December 12/13:	\$4,581
December 19/20:	\$4,921

**For fiscal year 2015 – 2016:**

Budgeted for Collections: **\$280,000**  
**Total for 25 weeks: \$126,468** weekly Goal: **\$5,385**  
 Average Weekly Collection: **\$5,059**

**Second Collection**

The Second Collection next weekend is for our *Parish Maintenance and Improvement Fund*. This collection helps keep our parish buildings in good working order and the grounds looking so good.

**CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE**

We've added new links to the homepage of our website: [www.sacredheartparish.com](http://www.sacredheartparish.com). Watch *Word On Fire* with Bishop Robert Barron; read the daily *Advent Reflections*; go to the USCCB website for *Today's Readings* every day; and check out all the latest Catholic news at the *National Catholic Register*.

**WEEKLY REFLECTIONS**

**Question of the Week**

- For Children:** Why is it important to obey our parents? Why is it important to obey God?
- For Youth:** Jesus was obedient to his parents, even though he was the Son of God. Why is obedience so important? Is it something you struggle with?
- For Adults:** How are you, too, called to our Father's house?

**Liturgy of the Word**

Today's Gospel tells a story of the worry and deep concern that Mary and Joseph experience upon learning that their young son is missing. Parents who have ever lost their child, even briefly, can appreciate the worry of Jesus' parents. As we listen to these scripture readings today, let us ask for God's strength and comfort for all families, but especially those that are undergoing hardship.

**FOOD DRIVE FOR ANDERSON COTTONWOOD CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE**

Beginning in January, Anderson Cottonwood Christian Assistance will feature a specific food item(s) each month for donations. All items can be brought to the church and placed in the wood box in the foyer. For January, we would like donations of *Pasta Sauce and Spaghetti*. Beginning in February we will highlight a different item(s). Your generous donations help us feed over 300 families each month.

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY  
December 26/27**

The Feast of the Holy Family is dedicated to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, commemorating their life together in Nazareth and calling us to focus on Catholic family life. The feast is celebrated on the first Sunday after Christmas, unless Christmas falls on a Sunday, in which case it is celebrated on December 30.

The Church presents the Holy Family to us as a model for our own family life. Joseph was the head of the Holy Family and provided for Mary and Jesus with the work of his hands. He was obedient to the angel who told him to take Mary as his wife, what to name the new child and again when told to flee with them to Egypt. He taught Jesus carpentry and what it was to be a man in the society in which they lived.

Mary took care of her family in the home. It was she who would have taught Jesus the Scriptures and prayers of their people when he was very young. It was through her example of managing the home that Jesus would formulate many of the examples he would later use in his teaching. Jesus saw work sanctified through the example of his earthly parents, who did all things well in the ordinary circumstances of daily life.

As far back as St. John Chrysostom, Christians were urged to make of their home a *family church* in which the family members would find their sanctification. That was to be accomplished by putting Christ at the center of all individual and family life, by working and praying together, reading the Scriptures and worshipping as a unit.

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *Familiaris consortio*, 60, Pope John Paul said: *"Do you teach your children the Christian prayers? Do you prepare them, in conjunction with the priests, for the sacraments that they receive when they are young – Confession, Communion and Confirmation? Do you encourage them, when they are sick, to think of Christ suffering, to invoke the aid of the Blessed Virgin and the saints? Do you say the family Rosary together...? Do you pray with your children, with the whole domestic community, at least sometimes? Your example of honesty in thought and action, joined to some common prayer, is a lesson for life and an act of worship of singular value. In this way you bring peace to your homes: Remember, it is thus that you build up the Church."*



**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**World Marriage Day – Renewal of Vows:** On Saturday, February 13, 2016 Bishop Myron Cotta will preside at a special 11:00 am Mass at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in which married couples may renew their wedding vows. An informal reception for couples and their families will follow. Special certificates will be given to couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (10, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 50+). If you are interested in attending this free event, please register (names and anniversary year) at [www.SacWMD.com](http://www.SacWMD.com). For more information call the Dept. of Evangelization & Catechesis at (916) 733-0123.

**Workshop on Post Abortion Syndrome:** On January 30, 2016 Dr. Theresa Burke, internationally known founder of Rachel's Ministries, will give an 8:00am–5:00pm workshop on Post Abortion Syndrome at St. Theresa of Avila Church in Auburn, CA. \$40 cost includes breakfast and lunch. For more information go to <http://scddec.org/post-abortion-care> or contact Dr. Monica Durant at 925-262-3294, [ruizdurant@aol.com](mailto:ruizdurant@aol.com)

**Choose Life on a Bus:** Join youth from around the diocese for a day of prayer and formation on Saturday, January 23, 2016 as we head to Walk for Life in San Francisco. Buses will depart from the Pastoral Center at 8:30am. Each bus will have a speaker to lead a short formation session and half way to San Francisco the speakers will switch buses so all teens hear the message from all the speakers. After the Walk for Life we will head to Pier 39 for shopping and dinner before heading back to Sacramento. The cost for the trip will be \$25 per person and space is limited, so register your group as soon as possible. All teens must be accompanied by a chaperone (1 chaperone for up to 8 teens). Register today at <http://bit.ly/chooselifebus> or contact Jennifer Campbell at [jcampbell@scd.org](mailto:jcampbell@scd.org).

**Theology online – STEP:** The online course "Introduction to the Catholic Faith", offers an introduction to the basics of our Catholic faith and theology, and covers these main areas: Faith Development, Scripture, Liturgy, Sacraments, Doctrine, Ecclesiology, and Morality. This course covers part of the requirements for Catechist Basic Certification or Lay Minister, which would also require attending a live class and a retreat. In addition the Notre Dame University has many other courses for continuous training. For more information and registration: <http://step.nd.edu> or contact Kevin Staszko [kstaszko@scd.org](mailto:kstaszko@scd.org) (916) 733-0152

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:** The Diocese of Sacramento and various congregations representing a number of Christian denominations will come together for an Evening of Ecumenical Prayer and Fellowship on **Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>** in observance of the 2016 Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The service will be held at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament at 7pm. This year's guest speaker, Bishop W. Darin Moore from the AME Zion Church, will be speaking on the 2016 theme: "Called to Proclaim the Acts of the Lord".

**CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME**

St. Joseph Church in Redding will offer Catholics Returning Home classes for all baptized Catholics who have been away from the Church. Classes begin Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> and continue through February 9<sup>th</sup>. All classes are held in their meeting room next to the rear parking lot. For more information, please call 243-3463.