

**WEEK AT A GLANCE**  
December 1<sup>st</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>

Sat.	4:30 p.m.	Mass – Sacred Heart (George & Kay Boban†)
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Misa en Español
	8:30 a.m.	Mass – St. Anne (Caroline Costanzo†)
	9:00 a.m.	K of C Breakfast until 12:30pm
	10:00 a.m.	Mass – Sacred Heart (Sacred Heart Parishioners)
	6:00 p.m.	High School Youth Group
Mon.	8:00 a.m.	Mass (Carmen Lauderdale)
	7:00 p.m.	Pastoral Council Meeting
Tue.	8:00 a.m.	Mass (Karen Morris)
Wed.	8:00 a.m.	Mass (John Morris)
Thu.	9:00 a.m.	Rosary
	5:15 p.m.	Mass (Clare Uphus)
	6:30 p.m.	Young Adult Group Meeting at YAK's
Fri.	9:00 a.m.	Mass (Fritz Uphus)
	6:00 p.m.	Mass with Bishop Soto at St. Joseph Parish in Redding
	7:00 p.m.	Grupo de Juevenes
Sat.	9:00 a.m.	Holy Day Mass
	10:00 a.m.	Confessions until 11am
	2:30 p.m.	RCIA Classes
	3:45 p.m.	Rosary
	4:30 p.m.	Mass – Sacred Heart (Sacred Heart Parishioners)
	6:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus Christmas Party
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Misa en Español
	8:30 a.m.	Mass – St. Anne (Joseph Massucci†)
	8:30 a.m.	CCD for children in K-8 <sup>th</sup> grades
	10:00 a.m.	Mass – Sacred Heart (Nick Calabrese†)
	6:00 p.m.	High School Youth Group Meeting

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Mon.	Is. 4:2-6; Mt. 8:5-11
Tue.	Is. 11:1-10; Lk. 10:21-24
Wed.	Is. 25:6-10a; Mt. 15:29-37
Thu.	Is. 26:1-6; Mt. 7:21, 24-27
Fri.	Is. 29:17-24; Mt. 9:27-31
Sat.	Gen. 3:9-15; Eph. 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk. 1:26-38
Sun.	Is. 11:1-10; Rm. 15:4-9; Mt. 3:1-12

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

*Please offer your prayers for:*

Gloria Garza, Ella Strother, Ambrose McAuliffe, Carol Archey, Nola Gladwell, Jim Smith, Alice Short, Rita Duivenvoorden, Jack Dissinger, Shirley Pope, Blanche Carrell, Robert Terry, Bill Foster, Annie Trinta, Roger Savedra, Craig Williams, Lilly Hall, Don Straub, Neil Hallman, James & Kathleen DeGeorge, Larry & Trisha Wetherill, Mary Ganyon, Dan Canning, Bev Seale, Arnold Stein, Dorothy Costanzo, Frances and Matt Meier, John DeJong, Mary Callahan, Carol Giordano, Gene and Don Neff, Andy Peck, Roxanne Madsen, Elfie Ceccato, Mary Darnall, Sylvia Kramar, Maria Swann, Elisabeth Haas, Marge Clemens, Cindy Stewart, Kathleen DelMonte, Brandon Jacques, Joanne Webster, John Dooney, Yvonne DeLang, Lorraine Re, Marie Roberts, William & Frances LeFevres, Jewel Tetherow, Bob Mayfield, David & Delores Swain, Phyllis McHatton, Bradley Whitmore.

**Offertory Collections for/Colectas recaudadas en:**

November 3/4:	\$6,144
November 10/11:	\$3,972
November 17/18:	\$3,440
November 24/25:	\$3,767

Total for 22 weeks/Total en 22 semanas: **\$93,974**

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

**Question for Adults/Pregunta para los adultos:** As you think about Jesus on the cross, having compassion on the "good thief," what lesson do you draw from it for your own life? Al pensar en Jesús en la cruz teniendo compasión del "buen ladrón", ¿qué lección extrae para su propia vida?

**Question for Children/Pregunta para los jóvenes:** What can you do to be ready for God to come into your heart and your life? ¿Qué puedes hacer para estar listo para que Dios llegue a tu corazón y a tu vida?

**WEEKLY REFLECTION**

The message of this Sunday's readings is simple: Wake Up! The daily grind of life can dull our senses and our minds as we stumble from one thing to the next. The days turn to weeks and before we know it, the seasons have changed and another year is gone. The challenge is to "wake up" and pay attention to each day, each moment. They are precious gifts. We don't need to do more, but less. Slow down and discover the beauty and wonder of the day. Make this Advent a time to count your blessings.

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES**

We perform penance to shake ourselves free of our attachments to sin and the distractions that keep us from recognizing the presence of God in our lives. Our sins put us in the center, while reconciliation and penance allow us to put God in the center. Attending an Advent Reconciliation Service as a family helps us prepare our hearts, not just our homes, for the coming of the Christ Child.

Schedule

Thursday, **December 13<sup>th</sup>** – Our Lady of Mercy, Redding  
 Monday, **December 17<sup>th</sup>** – Sacred Heart, Anderson  
 Tuesday, **December 18<sup>th</sup>** – Sacred Heart, Red Bluff  
 Wednesday, **December 19<sup>th</sup>** – St. Joseph, Redding  
*All services will be held at 7:00 p.m.*

**GIFT CARDS**

*Wal Mart Gift Cards Available Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>*

The Holidays are fast approaching, so make sure you stock up on Gift Cards from our Scrip program. We carry a wide variety of restaurants, retail stores and grocery stores. Gift cards make perfect gifts for your employees, friends and family. You can also use gift cards to purchase your groceries. Scrip is available after all the Masses or can be purchased during the week at Sacred Heart School. You can also phone in your order (365-1429) and it will be ready for pickup anytime.

## THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone for all their prayers and love during Liz's illness and after her passing. The funeral was a beautiful tribute to Liz and showed our family how much she was loved and appreciated by the parishioners of Sacred Heart. We would especially like to thank the Martha's Ministry for the wonderful meal they provided after the funeral. We were able to share many wonderful memories of Liz during that time. Thank you. ---Dawn Whitson and Joan Herndon

## NEW YEAR'S EVE PRIME RIB DINNER

Sacred Heart Youth Group cordially invites you to their annual New Year's Eve Prime Rib Dinner on Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup> in the parish hall. Doors open at 5:30pm, dinner begins at 6pm. Tickets go on sale December 1-2. Cost is \$25 per person or \$40 per couple. Come enjoy a great meal to benefit our youth.

## BISHOP JAIME SOTO

Please join us on **Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>** at St. Joseph Parish in Redding, to welcome our new co-adjutor Bishop, Jaime Soto, to the Diocese of Sacramento. Mass will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by a reception.

Bishop Soto will also be here at Sacred Heart on the weekend of **December 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>**. On Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, he will celebrate the *Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe* beginning at 6am with the Mañanita's followed by the procession at 12:30pm and Mass at 1pm.

Bishop Soto will then preside and preach at the 4:30 Mass on Saturday evening and the 8:30am Mass at St. Anne and 10am Mass at Sacred Heart on Sunday. Because Bishop Soto would like to celebrate all the Masses in our parish, *the Spanish Mass on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> will be moved to 12:00 noon.*

## A CUP OF CHRISTMAS TEA

YLI is sponsoring "A Cup of Christmas Tea" and a display of Nativity sets on Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Mercy Parish Hall. You are welcome to bring your Nativity set. Viewing of Nativity sets will be from noon to 2pm and the Tea will be from 2-4pm. Cost: \$1 for viewing only or \$5 for the viewing and tea. Please call 221-7105 for more information.

## THANKSGIVING THANKS

Out of the generosity of the entire Anderson and Cottonwood communities, ACCA was able to distribute 383 food baskets for Thanksgiving.

We are planning for over 300 baskets for Christmas – your donations make this all possible.

## FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

On Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with Mass at 9am.

**Don't forget...to bring in your plastic shopping bags for recycling. We are also collecting cleaning supplies for the Cottonwood Library. This week's featured item: Glass Cleaner.**

## NEW REGIONAL YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR

We are pleased to announce Mary D'Acquisto as the new Regional Youth Ministry Coordinator. Mary comes to the position from a professional background in fundraising and event planning. Mary has been the High School Youth Minister at St. Joseph Parish in Redding for the past 2 years. Mary will be providing support to our youth ministers and coordinating regional youth events and can be reached at mary\_dacquisto@yahoo.com or 524-2970.

## PROJECT ANGEL TREE

Our parish is again participating in this ministry of Prison Fellowship which provides Christmas gifts to children of prison inmates. Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, approximately 30 local children will each receive a toy *and* an item of clothing. Look for the "angels" in the foyer after all the Masses this weekend. Gifts are due back in the parish office by Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

**Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>:** Meet at 3pm in downtown Redding on Oregon Street for float set up. The Christmas parade begins at 6pm. Come join other Catholic teens in the parade.

**Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Regular meeting, 6:00-8:00pm. We will be planning the New Year's Eve Dinner. Third payment due for LA Youth Congress.

**Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Send your 3<sup>rd</sup> payment for LA Youth Congress to St. Joseph Church.

**Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>:** Regular meeting, 6:00-8:00pm.

**Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup>:** Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser in the parish hall in lieu of meeting.

**Sunday December 23<sup>rd</sup>:** No Meeting. Merry Christmas!

**Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>:** Regular meeting, 6:00-8:00pm. Last planning session for New Year's Eve Dinner.

**Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup>:** 8am to 10pm. New Year's Eve Dinner in the parish hall.

## CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

St. Joseph Parish will offer a six week series entitled **Catholics Returning Home** beginning Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:30pm in the church meeting room. The sessions are for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church. If you know someone who has left the Church, please invite them to join us. For more information, please call 243-3463 or 246-2819.

## WIDOWED GROUP

**MEETING CHANGE:** There will be **NO** meeting December 12<sup>th</sup>. We will have our Christmas party on **Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>** at Marvel Wolf's home. The party will start at 11am with lunch at noon. Please bring a \$10 gift certificate for the gift exchange. If you have any questions call Marvel at 221-3288. There will be no meeting on December 26<sup>th</sup>.

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

The Second Collection this weekend is for the Parish Maintenance and Improvement Fund.

The Second Collection next weekend will be for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This collection benefits more than 37,000 elderly women & men religious who received only a small stipend for their decades of service. Thank you.