

WEEK AT A GLANCE
December 12th - 20th

Sat.	4:30 p.m.	Mass – Sacred Heart (Alice Short†)
Sun.	8:15 a.m.	Mass – St. Anne (Cindy Bailey†)
	10:00 a.m.	Mass – Sacred Heart
	11:15 a.m.	Choir Practice (in the conference room)
	12:00 p.m.	Misa en Español
	6:00 p.m.	Sacred Heart Youth Group (ages 12 -18)
Mon.	8:00 a.m.	Mass (Martha Paul)
	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
Tue.	11:00 a.m.	Rosary at Rosie DelaTorre's home
	7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus Meeting
Wed.	8:00 a.m.	Mass (David Dawson†)
	6:00 p.m.	Cursillo Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Faith Formation Classes (Grades K – 8)
	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Thu.	9:00 a.m.	Mass Lorraine Bosworth†
Fri.	8:00 a.m.	Mass (Special Intention)
	11:00 a.m.	Mass at Oak River Rehab
	6:00 pm.	Grupo de Juevenes
Sat.	10:00 a.m.	Confessions
	4:30 p.m.	Mass – Sacred Heart (Amelia Worth)
	7:00 p.m.	Misa en Español
Sun.	8:15 a.m.	Mass – St. Anne
	10:00 a.m.	Mass – Sacred Heart (Sacred Heart Parishioners)
	11:15 a.m.	Choir Practice
	6:00 p.m.	Sacred Heart Youth Group (ages 12 -18)

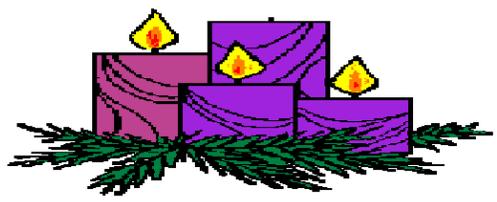
READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon.** Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a; Matthew 21:23-27 (St. John of the Cross – Memorial)
- Tue.** Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13; Matthew 21:28-32
- Wed.** Isaiah 45:6c-8, 21b-25; Luke 7:18b-23
- Thu.** Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17
- Fri.** Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25
- Sat.** Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1:5-25
- Sun.** Micah 1-4a; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please offer your prayers for:

Jay Burns, Mary West, Kevin Walsh, John Morris, Mary Crowl, Bill Thurman, John Snead, Eilene 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.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Collection Summary

November 14/15:	\$4,799
November 21/22:	\$4,224
November 28/29:	\$3,868
December 5/6:	\$6,734

For fiscal year 2015 – 2016:

Budgeted for Collections: **\$280,000**
Total for 23 weeks: **\$115,373** weekly Goal: **\$5,385**
Average Weekly Collection: **\$5,016**

Second Collection

Aging religious need your help! In the United States today, there are more than 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. These religious worked tirelessly in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies, usually for little to no pay. As a result, many religious communities lack adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

We've added new links to the homepage of our website: 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 so important to keep promises which you have made?
- For Youth:** What do you remember from stories about your Baptism? What does your Baptism mean to you now?
- For Adults:** How can you live the promise of your Baptism each day?

Liturgy of the Word

Every reading before the Gospel today, even the psalm, has a form of the words rejoice or joy. Even the Gospel speaks of the people being filled with expectation. The anticipation today is palpable. Together with the crowds in the Gospel reading, let us listen to God's holy word and ask, "What should we do?"

PROJECT ANGEL TREE

All gifts are due back in the parish office this *Monday, December 14th* and will be delivered to the families on Saturday, Dec. 19th. If you have any questions, please call Michelle VanErt at 357-3359.



YOUTH GROUP

All Catholic youth ages 12 – 18 (Jr. High through High School), are invited to join us every Sunday evening 6:00-8:00pm for bible study, faith formation, social activities, community service, fun and fellowship.

POTLUCK DINNER & CHRISTMAS PARTY

Please join us for the Annual Sacred Heart Potluck Dinner and Christmas Party this Sunday, *December 13th* at 5:30pm in the parish hall. Each family is asked to bring a main dish AND a side dish or dessert to share, plus your plates and utensils. The Knights of Columbus will provide the drinks. Everyone is invited!

CHRISTMAS COLOR DASH
1 mile and 5k Run/Walk

Join us *Saturday, December 19th* at St. Joseph School in Redding for the 1st Annual Christmas Color Dash. The dash will take place on the newly formed gulch course on the seven acres behind the school. The trail runs along a forgotten historic part of the Redding Community, including crossing over an old stone and iron creek bridge. It is a beautiful run through the trees, over the creek, and through the campus. We will have a color canon event at the start of the run/walk and color powder stations throughout the run, and provide runners with their own dash of color powder to use along the way.

The dash begins at 9am. Late registration and packet pickup at 7:30am. Register online: www.mccd.eventzilla.net or at Fleet Feet on Hilltop Drive. All proceeds will benefit St. Joseph Catholic School.

ADVENT PENANCE 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. Reconciliation allows us to put God in the center of our lives. Attending an Advent Penance Service helps us prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ Child.

Monday, December 14th – 7:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Church – Red Bluff

Tuesday, December 15th – 7:00 p.m.
St. Joseph Church - Redding

Thursday, December 17th – 6:30 p.m.
Our Lady of Mercy Church, Redding

Monday, December 21st – 7:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Church, Anderson

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Mark your calendars for the 12th Annual Walk for Life West Coast, *Saturday, January 23rd* at the Civic Center Plaza in San Francisco. Info Faire begins at 11:00am followed by a Rally at 12:30pm and walking down Market Street (2 miles). For more information, please go to walkforlifewc.com.

Born in Spain in 1542, John learned the importance of self-sacrificing love from his parents. His father gave up wealth, status, and comfort when he married a weaver's daughter and was disowned by his noble family. After his father died, his mother kept the destitute family together as they wandered homeless in search of work. These were the examples of sacrifice that John followed with his own great love -- God.

When the family finally found work, John still went hungry in the middle of the wealthiest city in Spain. At fourteen, John took a job caring for hospital patients who suffered from incurable diseases and madness. It was out of this poverty and suffering that John learned to search for beauty and happiness not in the world, but in God.

After John joined the Carmelite order, Saint Teresa of Avila asked him to help her reform movement. John supported her belief that the order should return to its life of prayer. But many Carmelites felt threatened by this reform, and some members of John's own order kidnapped him. He was locked in a cell six feet by ten feet and beaten three times a week. There was only one tiny window high up near the ceiling. Yet in that unbearable dark, cold, and desolation, his love and faith were like fire and light. He had nothing left but God -- and God brought John his greatest joys in that tiny cell.

After nine months, John escaped by unscrewing the lock on his door and creeping past the guard. Taking only the mystical poetry he had written in his cell, he climbed out a window using a rope made of strips of blankets. With no idea where he was, he followed a dog to civilization. He hid from pursuers in a convent infirmary where he read his poetry to the nuns. From then on his life was devoted to sharing and explaining his experience of God's love.

His life of poverty and persecution could have produced a bitter cynic. Instead it gave birth to a compassionate mystic, who lived by the beliefs that "Who has ever seen people persuaded to love God by harshness?" and "Where there is no love, put love -- and you will find love."

Prayer:

Saint John of the Cross, in the darkness of your worst moments, when you were alone and persecuted, you found God. Help me to have faith that God is there especially in the times when God seems absent and far away. Amen

Christmas Eve Masses

- 4:30 p.m. – Sacred Heart
- 7:00 p.m. – Misa en Español
- 10:00 p.m. – Sacred Heart
- (NO Midnight Mass)

Christmas Day Masses

- 8:15 a.m. – St. Anne
- 10:00 a.m. – Sacred Heart

