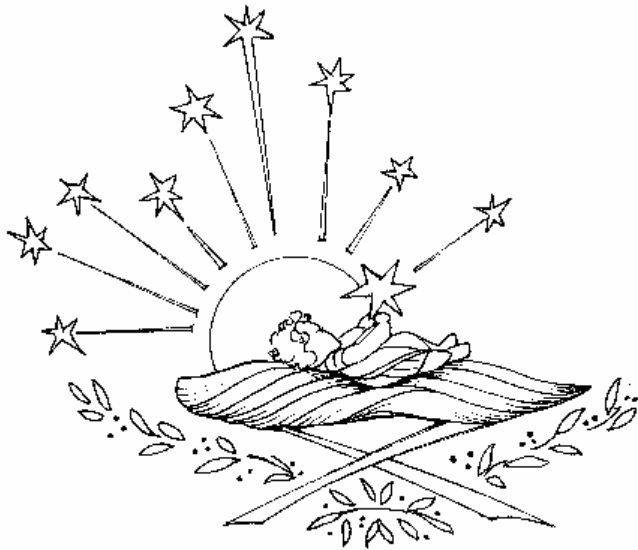


# Joy to the World



*The child to be born will be called  
holy, the Son of God. ~ Luke 1:35*

**December 25, 2005**

## **~From the Desk of Fr. Terry~**

I hope everyone knows about the farewell party on Tuesday, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will start with my last mass at St. John's at 6pm and then move to the gym for a farewell party. This is the last opportunity I will have to see everyone to say goodbye, so I hope you are all planning to be there.

I want to let you know that all my fish have been adopted. Thank you for the many offers I received. I almost wish I had more fish to give away.

I have awesome news! The statue of St. John the Baptist that John Zuppan was commissioned to carve for our sanctuary is completed!! We will present the statue at all the masses next weekend and the dedication will take place during the 9:30pm mass on January 1<sup>st</sup>. I'm grateful to John for getting it done in time for me to bless it before I leave for my new assignment in Woodland.

## **St. John the Baptist Mass Schedule**

Vigil Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

English ~ 5:30pm

Spanish ~ 7:30pm

Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God,

English ~ 7:30am, 9:30am & 11:00am

No 5:30pm

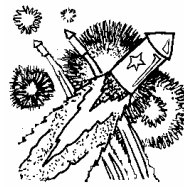
Spanish ~ 12:30pm

## **St. James Mission Church Mass Schedule**

Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God ~.

English Mass ~ 9:00am

Spanish Mass ~ 10:30am



## **FAREWELL PARTY FOR FR. TERRY**

The Farewell Party for Fr. Terry will be Tues. January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Fr. Terry will celebrate his last mass with us at St. John's at 6pm. A

buffet dinner will be provided, homemade desserts and side dishes will be appreciated and festivities will follow in the Gym. All groups, organizations, and parishioners are invited to participate. If you would like to help, please call Cathy O'Toole 893-8760 for more info. If anyone has pictures of Fr. Terry at mass, school events, weddings, baptisms, with the youth group, just relaxing, (candid shots are great), etc. we would like them to become part of a special slide show. Please bring them to the office by Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you have digital pictures, they can be emailed directly to Cathy O' Toole at [cotoole@stjohnthebaptistchico.org](mailto:cotoole@stjohnthebaptistchico.org)

## **VISIT OUR NEW PARISH WEBSITE:**

[www.stjohnthebaptistchico.org](http://www.stjohnthebaptistchico.org).

It is up and running, thanks to the hard work of some wonderful parishioners. It contains a lot of information and features, including the Weekly Bulletin, news and events, celebration schedules, ministries, a photo gallery and much, much more! Come "browse" with us.

The Church Website: [www.stjohnthebaptistchico.org](http://www.stjohnthebaptistchico.org)

office email address: [churchoffice@stjohnthebaptistchico.org](mailto:churchoffice@stjohnthebaptistchico.org)

Fr. Terry's email address: [Highlander44@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Highlander44@sbcglobal.net)

❖ Calendar for the week ❖

**Sat. 24 VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS**

Confessions 10-11am

No Spanish CFF

**Sun. 25 Merry Christmas**

**Mon. 26 St. Stephen**

OFFICE CLOSED

**Tues. 27 St. John**

Relic of St. Faustina visits St. John's, Divine Mercy

Chaplet, 8:15am, Talk- follows the Chaplet, with individual blessing with the relic, coffee & muffins in cafeteria after.

**Wed. 28 The Holy Innocents**

7pm Misa

**Thurs. 29 Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas; St. Thomas Becket**

**Fri 30 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

Adoration 3:30-4:30p in church

**Sat. 31 Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas; St. Sylvester I**

Confessions 10-11am

Vigil The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God;

New Years Eve see Mass schedule on p. 1

**Sun. 1 Octave Day of Christmas**

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

Happy New Years Day see Mass schedule on p. 1

**Mon. 2** the office is closed

✠ Mass Intentions ~St. John the Baptist ✠

<b>Sat 24</b>	7:30a	Carlana Boutwell (living-birthday)
Vigil	5:30p ✠	Harry Cimquini (✠)
<b>Spanish</b>	7:30p	la Comunidad Latina
midnight	12:00a	Joseph Krupka (living)
<b>Sun 25</b>	7:30p	DJM Missionaries of Mercy
	9:30a	For the People of God
	11:00a ✠	Ted Jackenhoefert (✠)
<b>Spanish</b>	12:30p ✠	Joaquin Murillo (✠)
	5:30p	No Mass
<b>Mon 26</b>	7:30a ✠	Linda Morgado Spring (✠)
<b>Tues 27</b>	7:30a ✠	Louie Iannone (✠)
<b>Wed 28</b>	7:30a ✠	Mary Van Buskirk (✠) and Jason Van Buskirk (living)
<b>Spanish</b>	7:00p	
<b>Thurs 29</b>	7:30a ✠	Charles & Colleen Howard (✠)
<b>Fri 30</b>	7:30a	Tom Hixon (birthday)
	8:45	No School Mass
<b>Sat 31</b>	7:30a ✠	Louis Iannone (✠)
	5:30 ✠	Ed Dabrowski (✠)
<b>Sun 1</b>	7:30a ✠	Louie Iannone (✠)
	9:30a	For the People of God
	11:00a	the ill & the homebound of the parish
<b>Spanish</b>	12:30p	
	5:30p	No Mass

✠ Mass Intentions ~St. James ✠

<b>Sun</b>	9:00a	Nora O'Brien (living)
	10:30a	George Matsuo (living)

✠ Indicates deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Lorraine Burton, William Gress, and for their families.

❖ ESPAÑOL ❖

Domingo 25 La Natividad del Señor~ Misa 12:30pm

Lunes 26 San Esteban

Martes 27 San Juan, apóstol y evangelista

Miércoles 28 Los Santos Inocentes

Confesiones 6:30p

Misa a las 7:00 pm.

Coro 6:30p

A.A. en Español 7pm

Jueves 29 Quinto día de la Octava de Navidad

Santo Tomás Becket

Viernes 30 La sagrada familia de Jesús, María y José

A.A. en Español 7pm

Sábado 31 Séptimo día de la Octava de Navidad

San Silvestre I

Vispera del Año Nuevo

no CFF-

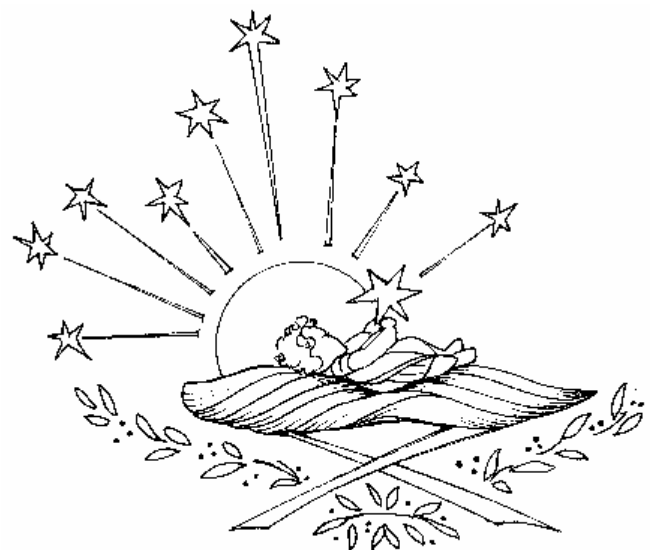
La Nochebuena~ Misa 7:30pm

Domingo 1 Octava de la Navidad; Santa María, madre de Dios

DIGAMOS ADIOS A FR. TERRY.....

El día 3 de Enero del próximo año 2006, Fr. Terry celebrará su última Misa en esta comunidad de St. John the Baptist a las 6:00 pm. Después de la Misa, se invita a toda la comunidad a participar en una cena de despedida en su honor. Pueden traer un platillo o postre de su gusto para compartir. Esperamos contar con su asistencia para agradecer al Padre el apoyo que siempre brindo a nuestra comunidad hispana. Los esperamos en el gimnasio.

FELIS NAVIDAD Y PAZ EN LA TIERRA A LOS HOMBRES DE BUENA BOLUNTAD.



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◆ **PARISH NEWS** ◆

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**St. Faustina's Relic Visits St. John's!** Deacon Don Dehaven, from the Cathedral, is bringing a first class relic of St. Faustina to St. John's on Tuesday, Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>. Mass is at 7:30am and will be followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. After the chaplet, Deacon Dehaven will give a talk on Divine Mercy followed by individual blessing with the relic of St. Faustina. All are invited to the Cafeteria afterwards for coffee and muffins.

**Feast of the Holy Innocents- Dec 28<sup>th</sup>.** The innocent babies killed in Bethlehem by King Herod in his efforts to kill baby Jesus, will be honored at the 7:30am mass. In union with the Holy Innocents, all innocents killed through abortion and natural disasters will be remembered.

**Knights of Columbus "ALL YOU CAN EAT" 2006 Crab Feed at St. John's.** Mark your calendars NOW for Sat. February 4, Doors open at 5pm, dinner is served at 7pm and the raffle is at 9pm. One ticket per \$30 donation. The last day to get tickets is Monday, Jan. 16th. **NO TICKETS WILL BE ISSUED AT THE DOOR.** Premium wines, cocktails and beer will be on tap. There will be a \$10 corkage fee for wine brought from home. For tickets call Jim Currlin 343-6409 or 343-4067 or come by the church office, 435 Chestnut St., M-F 9-12:30 or 1:30-4:30. Don't miss the deadline for tickets on January 16th!!!

**Catholics Returning Home:** an open door for returning Catholics, WELCOME! Were you raised Catholic but no longer or seldom come to Church? Are you a Catholic who now feels separated from the Church? Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church as it is today? Would you like to feel at home in the Church again? No matter how long you have been away and no matter what the reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church. After the first of the year we will be starting a new session for Catholics Returning Home. For more details and information contact CRH Coordinator Deacon James Burkett 893-2348. This is a Collaborative Ministry of St. John the Baptist, Our Divine Savior, and the Newman Center.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** local support group meets the first Saturday of every month. The coordinating couple is Stephanie and deacon James Burkett. We start with a Potluck dinner at 6:30pm and fellowship at 7:30pm. Marriages have challenges, not only from the world but within our own relationships. Having a support group makes life and marriage relationship stronger and more vibrant. Our friends as well as our children and their friends, are watching. Come rekindle the fire, put the spark back into your relationship. For more details contact Stephanie and James Burkett 893-2348.

**A weekly Holy Hour** is held at St. John's every Friday, 3:30-4:30p. Come spend some time with Jesus exposed in the Blessed Sacrament.

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◆ **PARISH NEWS** ◆

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**Kid Corral:** Next meeting is January 28th. Kids of all ages are welcome. In addition, Walk For Life West Coast will be on January 21 in San Francisco. Kids from Kid Corral are going again this year. Call Hillary Gomez (or mom, Kelly) 891-4500 if you are interested in going.



**Support Catholic Radio in the Chico area.** Listen to "The Catholic Hour: Why Be Catholic" featuring Joe Hollcraft as the host. Please tune in KKXX AM930 at 11AM on Saturdays (live) and 11AM Sundays (encore). If you would like to sponsor this program on the air please contact the office- 343-8741.

**Walk For Life West Coast 2006:** Make history- join thousands of West Coast pro-lifers on Jan. 21, 2006 for the 2nd Annual Walk for Life West Coast. Join us in challenging the notion that abortion has ever been a good choice for women, for men, for families or for our society. Join us as we proclaim the truth that abortion hurts women, men and children, and that we all deserve better than abortion. Help proclaim a message of Life and Peace throughout the streets of San Francisco. The Walk for life will begin at 11am at Justin Herman Plaza (near the Ferry Bldg. in San Francisco). For more info- call 415-586-1576 or visit website [www.walkforlifewc.com](http://www.walkforlifewc.com).



**Walk for Life Participants from the Sacramento Diocese** are invited to celebrate 8am mass at St. Rose Church, 5961 Franklin Blvd., Sac. Then a bus for San Francisco departs from St. Rose parking lot after the 8am mass. Bus reservations are required, the cost is \$15 per person. Bus reservation deadline is Jan 11. To reserve contact Lenore Mullarkey, 916-395-9370.

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◆ **Community News** ◆

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**Mark Your Calendars Now:** Dr Alexander Shaia, noted Scripture Scholar, Speaker, and Author will make a presentation on the Gospel of Mark; Friday, Jan. 27, 7-8:30pm and Saturday, Jan 28, 9am-3pm at Sacred Heart Parish Center in Red Bluff (530) 527-2209.

**Widowhood Program:** Come and meet new friends, eat good food and learn about interesting programs that are available. We meet for breakfast on Mondays and lunch on Wednesdays and love to have new people join us. For more info on this great program, give Anne a call at 342-4291 on Monday and Wednesday afternoons.

**Become an Enloe Hospice Volunteer:** Training begins Friday, Jan. 13. The class meets on ten Friday afternoons, from 2:00-5:00pm, through March 17<sup>th</sup> at Enloe Conference Center, at 5<sup>th</sup> and Esplanade. For more info

contact Nancy, Volunteer Coordinator at 332-3180. An interview is required prior to training.

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✦ **MARRIAGE & FAMILY** ✦

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**Marriage Encounter Community Night.** Attention Encountered couples, we meet in the upper meeting room of the school from 6:30-8:30pm. on the first Saturday of the month. Please join us. Call Stephanie and James Burkett 893-2348 for details.

**RETRouvaille- Help for Hurting Marriages!** Tens of thousands of marriages headed for divorce have successfully been saved by attending a Retrouvaille program. If you are thinking of separation or divorce or you are already separated or divorced but want to try again, then we believe Retrouvaille can help. For additional info, see the websites: [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org) or [Sacramento@RetroCA.com](mailto:Sacramento@RetroCA.com). You can also call Fred and Barbara at 800-283-5952 or Fran at 916-362-2525. Retrouvaille (the French word for "rediscovery") is a live-in weekend and non-live-in post-weekend program for married couples. The emphasis is on a technique of communication between a husband and wife. A series of in-depth presentations are given by one of three married couples and a priest that focuses on a specific area of a marriage relationship. Post-weekend sessions continue the marriage renewal begun on the weekend and review earlier concepts in greater depth, introduce new ones and help you to apply these concepts to your own marriage.

**Marriage Encounter** We are looking to help make good marriages even better! If you have a good marriage and want to make it a great marriage, come to a Marriage Encounter Weekend! Call Dorothy & Aric Cook 891-0426 more details.

**Want to be part of the statistic** that has less than 2% divorce rate? Then Natural Family Planning is what you want! In addition to less than a 2% divorce rate, it is better than all other methods in achieving or avoiding pregnancy, it has no side effects, is very low cost, and treats both women and men with respect.

**Natural Family Planning (Creighton model) classes** are available right here in Chico as well as in Yuba City. Contact Jackie Hollcraft P.A.C., M.S. (899-0243) in Chico or Dr. Gretchen Marsh (671-9625) in Yuba City. This model is introduced in our Marriage Prep. classes.

**Catholic Marriage Enrichment Group** Our next meeting is in the social hall at Our Divine Savior on Jan. 4th, 6:45 - 9pm. The theme will be "How to Become Best Friends with Your Mate and Family". All Catholic married couples are welcome so please join us. If you have questions, please contact Debbie Weinrich at Sierra Counseling Service 342-2878.



- Fr. Terry as he transitions to his new assignment in Woodland.
- the Holy Spirit to choose our new priest and bless our community
- all Priests and Religious
- our Bishops, William Weigand, Richard Garcia, and Francis Quinn
- for the intentions of Pope Benedict XVI
- the many, many sick and suffering of our parish family
- the victims and relief workers of tragedies
- our military men and women.
- an end to abortion.
- healing for those women and men wounded by abortion
- our political leaders and our country to respect and defend life in all its stages
- Christian marriages and families
- vocations to the priesthood and religious life
- success of the Catholic high school project
- Fr. JB, his many projects in Kenya and our sister parish, St. John the Baptist, in Nyeri, Kenya.
- the holy souls in Purgatory
- the intentions of our parishioners
- those who have no one to pray for them

**POPE BENEDICT'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER**

"That an ever deeper understanding be spread of the dignity of men and women according to the Creator's plan."

His mission intention is: "That, on earth, the search for God and thirst for truth, may lead every human being to meet the Lord."

"St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen"

Collections for last Sunday  
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If you would like to be on the Lifeteen mailing list please contact Rob at 342-4687 leave us a message and a phone number.

[www.chicolifeteen.org](http://www.chicolifeteen.org)

### Jr. High Students

Next two Weeks: No Meeting Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

### High School Students:

No meeting ~ Merry Christmas

Next Week. No Meeting~ Happy New Year.

Youth House School Hours: We're open Mon-Thurs.  
Mon. 3pm-4:30pm; Tues. 3pm-8pm; Wed. 3pm-5:30pm  
and Thurs. 3pm-8pm (these times are sometimes subject to change, so call first to make sure we're open.)

**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS - IN THE ZONE PRAYER GROUP** No meeting Christmas Week or New Years Week! We meet every Thursday at 5:00pm. Join us at the Youth House as we study Christ's living word in the Scriptures from Genesis to Revelations. All high school students are welcome!!

**XLT: (Exalt)** Come together for praise and worship in front of Exposition of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament (in church). Open to all teens and young adults in the Deanery ages 14-30. The next XLT is January 26th at 7:00PM

**Join the CORE!** We are currently looking for new CORE Team members, ages 18 thru 118 with a heart for teens. If you are interested please call 342-4687 and ask for Rob.

**NEW TEEN "PRAYER IN YOUR LIFE" GROUP** is getting ready to start! For more information call Debbie Rosales at 894-8552.

### Youth Sacrament Preparation For Teens

For teens in grades 7-12 who need Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion and/or Confirmation. Contact Jason at the Church office if this is something you need.

## ◇ CFF: CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION ◇

Religious Education Questions ?:  
Call Jason Van Buskirk 343-8741

**NO CFF Today  
A Blessed Christmas to All!**

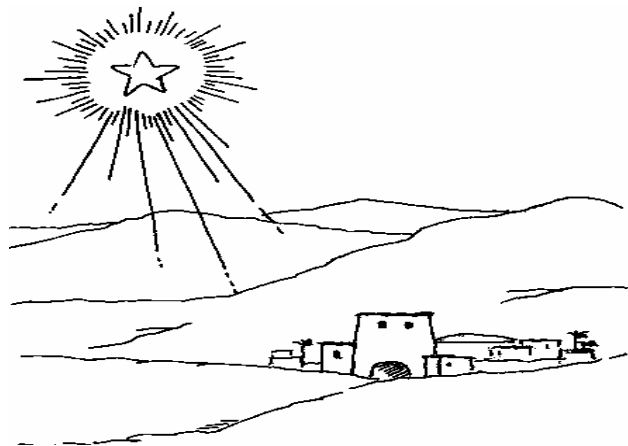
**No CFF January 1.**

**See you on Jan.8<sup>th</sup>**

### SACRAMENTS

All children who are expecting to receive sacraments should have their registrations turned in to Jason.

**Sacrament Parent's Class:** Next class is Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 7-8 p.m. in the Upper Meeting Room. We will be discussing the Sacrament of Confession.



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❖ **PARISH INFORMATION** ❖

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*Welcome to Our Community*



**Registrations:** We are so happy that you have decided to join us. To register with St. John's or our mission church, St. James, fill out a registration form available in the vestibule of the church or church office & drop it in the collection or at the office (343-8741) located across the street from the parking lot at 435 Chestnut St.

**Marriages:** make arrangements with the priest no less than 6 months in advance of your desired date. For an appointment with the priest call the office 343-8741.

**Baptisms:** The required Baptism classes are offered every other month in English and every month in Spanish. Come to the office for a baptism registration form and class information or call the office 343-8741 for information.

**Children's Faith Formation (C.F.F.):** Pre-K through 6th grade. **September–May.** Registration is in August. Classes began Sept 11<sup>th</sup>. Contact Jason Van Buskirk, DRE at the office 343-8741.

**Children's Sacraments:** Requires at least 2 years attendance in Religious Education (CFF or Notre Dame School). Registration is in August. Contact Jason for info. 343-8741.

**Confirmation:** Is received in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and requires a minimum of 2 years attendance in an approved religious education program. Call Jason 343-8741 for more info.

**Youth Sacrament Program:** For youth in grades 7-12 who need sacraments: Baptism, First Penance, First Communion and/or Confirmation. Contact Jason 343-8741. Registrations are from Aug. 22 – Sept. 16. Classes begin Oct. 12.

**Rite of Christian Initiation Adapted for Children: (RCIC)**

If your elementary age children have missed Baptism or First Communion contact Jason Van Buskirk 343-8741.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):** Interested in what the Church teaches, in becoming a Catholic, or have missed some sacraments, please contact Deacon Steve Schwartz 891-0626.

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❖ **BIBLE STUDIES** ❖

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**Men's Bible Study:** meets every Friday morning 6-7am in the Knights of Columbus Room at Our Divine Savior Parish Hall. Also join them for breakfast after from 7-8am if you can. Call Deacon Steve Schwartz 891-0626 for details.

**Women's Bible Study:** Tuesday mornings 9-11am at Terry Matthews' home. Prayer, fellowship, discussion of daily readings and Scott Hahn scripture study. Everyone is welcome—no prior experience needed! Call Terry 893-1644 for details.

**Bible Study with Joe Hollcraft:** You can hear Joe "live" on the radio, "The Catholic Hour: Why Be Catholic". on KKXX

AM930 at 11:00am on Saturdays and re-aired on Sundays at 11:00am.

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❖ **PRAYER GROUPS** ❖

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**Eucharistic Adoration:** Weekly: every Friday 3:30-4:40pm  
Monthly: the first Monday of the month, all day 8:00am—7:00pm. Benediction is from 6:45-7pm.

**XLТ:** (Exalt) open to all teens and young adults in the Deanery ages 14—30. Meets in the Church on the last Thursday of the month at 7:00PM

**Holy Spirit Prayer Group:** meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at the Newman Center at 7pm. Call Carolyn Cyr 891-4815 or Deacon James Burkett 893-2348 for information.

**Rosary Prayer Group:** meets in the Church on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm. (English)

**Pro-Life Prayer Group — Missionaries to the Unborn:** Help rescue the unborn through prayer. Every Saturday 9:00am.-11:00am. we pray outside the Feminist Women's Health Center abortion mill, 1469 Humbolt Rd. (across from the police station) Pray with us and stand for Life. Questions? Call Jim 891-0427.

**In The Zone Prayer Group:** High School students meet Thursday evenings, 5:00pm in the Youth House.

**Kid Corral** For kids of all ages! See Parish News for more information or call Hillary Gomez at 891-4500 (or mom, Kelly)

**Grupo de Oración and Jr. Grupo** meets Tuesday evenings in the upper meeting room of the school at 7:00pm (Spanish)

**Legión de María Rosario** meets on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm. Contact Raquel Ruiz for more information 343-8741 (Spanish)

**Clase de Oración** meets Friday evenings at 7-9pm. (Spanish) in the cafeteria.

**Readings for the week of 12/26-1/01**

Mon: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22  
Tues: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
Wed: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18  
Thurs 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35  
Fri: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14; Lk 2:22-40  
Sat: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18  
Sun: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Theme for 1/01 "God's Blessing"

**Liturgy of the Hours ~ Christmas Proper**

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