



ST ISIDORE & ST MARIA DE LA CABEZA

# Faith Formation

NEWSLETTER FOR ST ISIDORE CATECHISTS



JANUARY NEWS

## Who is St Isidore the Farmer?

Feast Day: May 15  
Canonized: March 12, 1622  
Beatified: May 2, 1619

The other farmhands thought Isidore was lazy and caused them extra work. Like them, Isidore was a day laborer on a wealthy estate in Madrid, Spain, about a thousand years ago. Because Isidore took time to go to Mass before coming to work...

<http://saintsresource.com/isidore-the-farmer>



### Month of the Rosary November

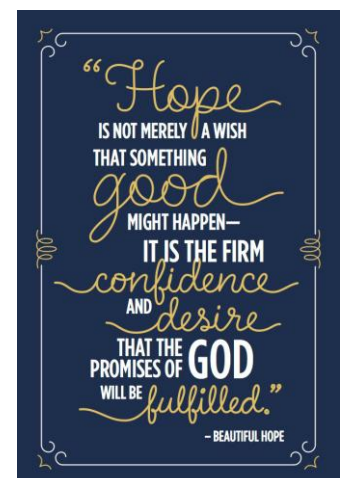
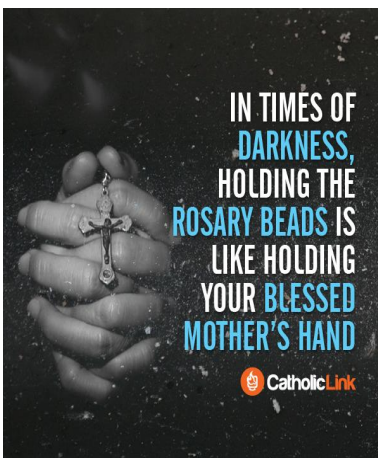
We held a rosary for each day of faith formation. This event turned out beautifully as the children saw us come together to pray the rosary in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

### Old-New Tradition December

This year we held the first Posada at our parish faith formation! This is an old tradition from Mexico, and it was great to see that many celebrated this event for their first time, remembering the traveling Joseph and Mary, on their way to Bethlehem where Our Lord was born.

### Christmas & New Years Isaiah 9:2

The people of Israel awaited and hoped for the Great Light to come. Jesus is the Great Light! We receive His light at our baptism. Let us let His Light shine through us so that it reaches all that meet us.



The so-called right to abortion  
has portrayed the  
**GREATEST OF GIFTS**

~ a child ~  
as a competitor,  
an intrusion and  
an inconvenience.

~ Mother Teresa



## Right to Life

### 45 YEARS

The case debated whether abortion should be legal, with one side arguing that the fetus had a right to life (Wade) and the other arguing for the mother's right to privacy (Roe) was voted on January 22, 1973. Wade lost and since there has been over 311,820,000 babies lives taken away brutally. An alarming average of 1.3 abortions per second. This January will be the 45<sup>th</sup> year since this tragic decision took place. All are invited to participate in the annual West Coast Walk for Life held in San Francisco. There are bus tickets available at \$30 until Dec 30. After Jan 1 the tickets will cost \$35. Please contact Maureen Guth for more info at 530-713-8579

For more information on the Right to Life movement visit:

<http://www.ysrtl.org/>

<http://www.priestsforlife.org/>

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/index.cfm>

<http://www.ysrtl.org/roevwade.pdf>

### January dates to Remember:

4 Catechist meeting

7 Confirmation parent meeting  
8:30am English/ 10:30 am Spanish

Week 8-12 classes start back

14 First Communion Parent  
meeting  
8:30am English/ 10:30 am Spanish

23 Right to Life event  
6:30pm in the gym

23-26 First Confessions  
During class time

27 West Coast Walk for Life  
San Francisco

26-28 Confirmation Retreat

### Safe Environment training

As volunteers of our parish, it is mandatory that we take all measures necessary to safeguard all of the children in our care. The Diocese of Sacramento has the new *Safe Haven* program that trains us to be good stewards of our youth. We are to renew this every 3 years. *Safe Haven* replaces *Shield the Vulnerable*. For more information please visit:

<https://sacramento.cmgconnect.org>



Classes will NOT restart this January for those catechist that are still missing any of these requirements!

### Finger Prints

They are a **must have** in order to be a volunteer in all ministries. Several are still in need of having them processed. Please pick up or print out a form from the catechist corner and visit the Sheriff's Office or Capital Live Scan (751-5000)