**UPCOMING 2nd & DIOTESAN (D) COLLECTION**

- **Dec 25** Christmas
- **Dec 28 / 29** St. Leo's - St. Vincent de Paul Society

Envelopes for most of the Diocesan (D) 2nd collections will be available the weekend before and the day of the collection at the back of church.

**TODAY – Sunday, December 22, 2019**

- **COFFEE AND DONUTS TODAY**
- **LAY MINISTERS NEEDED** for all Christmas Eve and Christmas Masses. Sign-up sheets are in the sacristy.

**COMING EVENTS:**

**POINSETTIAS IN MEMORIAM** St. Leo’s Ladies Guild invites you to join in their fundraiser that helps to decorate our church for the Christmas season by purchasing a poinsettia in memory of a loved one. A dedication list will be inserted into our bulletin following Christmas. Please PRINT the name of the person or persons you wish to be remembered and send your request and donation of $10 to St. Leo’s Church, Attn. Michelle Levesque, P.O. Box 666, Boyes Hot Springs, CA 95416.

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE - 2019**

**Vigil of Christmas – Tuesday, December 24th**
- 4:00 PM Children’s Mass – English
- 7:00 PM en Español
- 9:00 PM English

**Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25th**
- 7:30 AM
- 9:30 AM
- 11:30 AM en Español

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** - Though there will be no class, during the holidays, Mass attendance is still required.

**THANK YOU TO ALL THE SECRET SANTAS – Thank you to all of those who donated gifts for our Religious Education students. Our children were very happy to receive a gift during the end of year celebration.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO LAST WEEKS SECOND COLLECTION to the Retirement Fund for the Religious. Your donation helps hundreds of religious communities meet pressing retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God.**

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**SANCTUARY LAMP**

**Dedication for December**

Les Matthews & Kerry Amormino

**ST. LEO’S YOUTH MINISTRY (HSYM)**

Nancy Gibson, 291-1916

**CONFIRMATION** St. Leo’s confirms 8th grade and above. Those wishing to be confirmed in the Spring 2020 must attend the Youth Group weekly meetings.

**MANDATORY PARENT / TEEN MEETING** will be on January 12th, 2020, 11:00 – 12:00 p.m. This meeting is for 8th grade and High School students. Registration fees for upcoming confirmation retreats are also due at this meeting.

The High School registration fee is $115 and covers supplies and the 3-day Mandatory Confirmation Retreat. The Jr. High registration fee is $60 for the Spring Mandatory Confirmation Retreat.

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP 7th - 12th graders** meet on Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in Hunt Hall.

**JR. HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP 7th – 8th graders** meet twice a month on Thursdays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

**GOOD TIMES HAD BY ALL** – We wish to thank Toni Kuhry, Sherrill Peterson and Lea Rubin for providing the entertainment prior to the Parish Holiday Dinner and Lombardis Catering for the delicious and fantastic dinner prepared. A special thanks to the Mens Club, especially to Steve and Lois Rogers for taking charge and decorating the Lillian Sanders Wing, and everyone else involved in making the gathering a great success.

**THE LEGEND OF LA BEFANA – ITALY'S OLDEST AND MOST CELEBRATED LEGEND**

For Italians, La Festa dell'Epiphania on January 6th is as significant a holiday as Christmas Day; especially for Italian children! According to the Italian legend, La Befana, a witch-like woman riding a broom, refused to join the Wise Men on their journey to see the baby Jesus. When she regrets her decision, she sets out to bring gifts to the Child but never finds him. Local storyteller, Carol Carr-Coiglizer, will present this ancient legend on Saturday, January 4th, 2020, 10:00 a.m., Sonoma Valley Library, 755 West Napa Street. Recommended for children 4-9 years old.