

# Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 17, 2016

In today's Gospel reading Jesus is quite emphatic: "My sheep hear my voice..." Those who exercise good stewardship of their prayer lives realize that hearing or listening is fundamental to prayer. Prayer is a personal encounter with the Lord and requires dialogue. Some people never learn the art of listening. When we enter into a dialogue with someone we love we speak and we listen. Otherwise it cannot be a dialogue. This week let's think about how we pray. Do we do all the talking and then get up and do something else? Or do we sit quietly, waiting for God's voice to enter our hearts?

## Saturday, April 16, 2016

5:00 p.m.

Intention: Bill Cayer †

Requested by: Wife

7:00 p.m. (St. Mary's)

Intention: Michael Pires †

Requested by: Parents & Siblings

## Sunday, April 17, 2016

### *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

7:30 a.m.

Intention of: John & Pat Baptista  
"Happy 50th Anniversary"

Requested by: Children &  
Grandchildren

10:00 a.m.

Intention: Mary Sequeira †

Requested by: Husband

Intention: Maria Lourdes Lourenco †

Requested by: Family

11:30 a.m. (Bilingual)

Intention: People of the Parish

6:30 p.m. (Spanish/St. Mary's)

Intention: Manuel Rodrigues †

Requested by: Fernando & Mary  
Rodrigues

## Monday, April 18, 2016

NO 8:00 a.m. Mass

## Tuesday, April 19, 2016

8:00 a.m. Mass

Intention: Alberto Robledo †

Requested by: Family

Intention: Richard Orosco †

Requested by: Parish Community

7:00 p.m. Rosary for Gerald Martin

## Wednesday, April 20, 2016

8:00 a.m. Mass

Intention: Gurmikh Gill †

Requested by: Fernanda Anderson

11:00 a.m. Funeral Mass for  
Gerald Martin

## Thursday, April 21, 2016

8:00 a.m. Mass

Intention: Jose & Maria Azevedo †

Requested by: Armelim & Leonor  
Silveira

## Friday, April 22, 2016

8:00 a.m. Mass

Intention: Jose A. Santos †

Requested by: Elaine Vieira

## Saturday, April 23, 2016

5:00 p.m.

Intention: Jose Pascal Faustino †

Requested by: Jose Faustino Family

7:00 p.m. (St. Mary's)

Intention: Delores Rosa †

Requested by: Family

## Sunday, April 24, 2016

### *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

7:30 a.m.

Intention: People of the Parish

10:00 a.m.

Intention: Eiseu & Ermelinda

Mendonca †

Requested by: Virgil & Carminia  
Pacheco

Intention: Teresa A. Dores †

Requested by: Manuel & Angela Dores

11:30 a.m. (Bilingual)

Intention: Living & Deceased Members  
of the P.F.S.A.

Intention: Jose M. Noronha

Requested by: Wife.

6:30 p.m. (Spanish/St. Mary's)

Intention: Anselmo S. Maciel †

Requested by: Wife & Son

**Please Keep in Your Prayers:** Deana Abraham, Aurelio Alejandre, Maria de Jesus Alejandre, Priciliano Alejandre, Eliza Alves, Maria F. Amaral, Manuel Andrade, Bob Arieas, Angelica Avelar, Alex, Carroll, Sally and Scott Baggett, Joseph Belo, Jack Betschart, Dan Coelho, Mary Cordova, Donna & John Cardoza, Janet Correia, Adelina Costa, Shelly Cunha, Cynthia Dawson, Jose Deniz, Ann DePalma, Albano da Ponte, Jordan Devires, Romero Diaz, Joyce Ebertowski, Manuel & Terry Espinola, Melissa Fitzgerald-Whalen, Elvira Freitas, Jared Germann, John & Sandra Gisla, Alex Gonsalves, Ruby Hernandez, Jose Homen, Loraine Jones, Ricky Jorge, Fran Kowall, Deacon Ed Kull, Andrea Leal, Carrie Lourenco, Steven Lunde II, Antonio Machado, Elmira Machado, John Marson, Ralph & Esther Martinez, Adam Mattos, Fatima Melo, Carmen Mora, Robert Mora Jr., Helen Morris, Jim Nichols, Maria Nunes, Christine Olivera, Joey Pacheco, Maria Pires, Ray Piro, Riley Rhoads, Isabella Rodrigues, Rob Rosa, Jen Sanchez, Patrick Shields, Theresa Sherman, Maria Solario, Lily Sousa, Amaro Souza, Manuel F. Souza, Sylvia Souza, Judith Teixeira, Rosa Teixeira, John Verissimo, Dave Vieira, Khloe Ann Maria Vieira, Matthew Watkins, David Wood, and Carmen Zorra. *We pray for God's healing power and grace. Please remember if you have an ill family member or friend that you would like to include on our prayer list or even a visit by the priest call the parish office at 667-8961.*

**Let us remember and pray** for our beloved departed, especially for **Maria Lourdes Lourenco, Gerald Martin** and **Albano DaPonte** that they may receive the abundant fruit of God's presence and also for their loved ones that they may receive God's consolation and peace at this difficult time.

## Religious Education News

**Confirmation Certificates & Pictures** are in the front office and ready to be picked up.

**VBS will take place the week of June 6-10** sign-ups are taking place till April 22nd. Registration forms can be picked up in the parish office or at the church entrances. **Helper registration forms are also available and due back by April 22nd.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion will take place Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>** at 2PM, 5PM and 7:00PM. Rehearsal times are as follows: Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> in Stevinson at 6:00 pm for the 7:00pm Holy Communion. Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the New Church for the Children's Only Session. May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm for 2pm. Please note: All those who are participating in family style need to attend rehearsal or have substitutes in place.

**Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers and parking lot patrol needed for the 2PM service if you can help. Please call Dina at 632-7163**

We are still in need of a group or family to provide food on June 8<sup>th</sup> for those at the Gospel Mission in Turlock.

CCD Teachers: Please note: There will be an Echoes of Faith Class in room #4 on Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. **The Class will be the Scriptures part 1 & 2.**

**DID YOU KNOW:** When considering Baptism please be aware of the following Diocesan/Cannon Law qualifications: \*Infants should be baptized soon after birth, but sufficient time is necessary for the proper instruction (1 hr class) \*Children who are 7 years of age or older must receive instruction in the Church before being baptized. \*Ordinary place for baptism is in the parish church of the parents. \*One of the parents or legal guardian must request baptism. \*There must be a founded hope that the child baptized will be brought up in the Catholic religion. \*Godparents must have received Baptism, Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist, should be at least 16 years of age, and should be practicing Catholics who are able to give the example of a good Catholic life. And if married, married in the Catholic Church. There are normally to be two godparents, one man and one woman. \*A baptized non-Catholic may not be a godparent but may be an official witness to the baptism, as long as there is one qualified Catholic godparent. \*Parents and Godparents must be fully prepared by attending a class on the rite of baptism.

We extend a Special Thank You to the 2015 Committee of Our Lady of the Rosary for their contribution of \$150,000.00 to the parish fund. We especially thank **Joe & Gorette Machado** & their committee for all their hard work in making this possible. Good luck to **Jose & Teresa Soares** who are beginning their reign for the upcoming Festa.

**Altar Society membership dues** are still being accepted. We ask that each family be a member to help support our Altar Society's good works in keeping our churches looking beautiful all year long for a minimal donation of \$15. We ask everyone to consider doing their part as a parishioner by giving their time, talent or treasure or if you're feeling generous all of the above.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

### **Need Food?**

*Merced County Food Bank's Drought Food Assistance Program* is offering 1 box (30lb) of food to any family who resides in Merced County. No documentation will be needed except individuals will be asked to self-certify that they live in a household where drought conditions have caused their underemployment, unemployment or reduced their income.

**These boxes will be available through Hilmar Helping Hands on Faulk Street (behind the Community Hall). 1 box per week per family 1-4 or 2 boxes with 5 family members or more, until the supplies runs out.**

### **Hilmar Helping Hands Sunday**

*Is next weekend*, please bring non-perishable food items to help the less fortunate families of our community. Our pantry is in desperate need of peanut butter & jelly as well as cereal. These are very helpful staples of the pantry. Of course any and all donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your generosity

*Diocese of Fresno will again offer the Pearle Zalud Fund scholarship to any Agriculture or Music Major college student. Call the parish office for more information or for an application. Deadline is July 31, 2016.*

Join Us for the **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Bunco Event on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Games begins at 1 p.m.

**Attention Angels** – Next weekend is piggy dumping weekend. Please remember to bring your piggy banks to Mass. There will also be a second collection for the new church building fund. We are blessed by your continued generosity.

**Save Mart S.H.A.R.E.S. program has ended March 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**A new program called eScrip has begun April 1, 2016.**

**Each individual must now sign up on line by going to :**

**escrip.com/shares**

**Sing up for free with the phone number you use at checkout when you shop at Save Mart, Lucky or FoodMaxx Supermarkets.**

**We thank all those who loyally supported the new church by using their S.H.A.R.E.S. cards and we invite you to continue when the new eScrip program begins.**

For those who do not have access to a computer, we will have sign-ups available after Mass.

Date to be announced.

### **Monthly Finance Report**

Our Revenues for the month of March (plate collection, rental fee, weddings & Baptisms Totaled \$29,276.50

Our expenses for March (utilities, Diocesan & Education Assessments, Property Taxes, repairs, maintenance, office & church expense, payroll, payroll taxes & insurance Totaled \$30,697.31

*Bottom Line \$-1,420.81*

### **Our offering collection for**

**April 9 & 10 \$4,437.00**  
Last year April 11 & 12 \$4,907.00 (incl San Antone Celebration)

**Thank You, Obrigado & Gracias!**