

Fifth Sunday of Easter, April 24, 2016

In today's Gospel we return to the Last Supper to hear Jesus' new commandment to love one another. Good stewards, as the recipients of God's unending love, take this commandment seriously. Though we are reminded of his love throughout the year, it is Jesus' actions and words during the feast of Passover that show us the extent of his love and the way we too can live a life of stewardship: "... love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another" (John 13:34). Can we accept this commandment from Jesus? Are we able to embrace this kind of discipleship? Can we humbly offer ourselves in loving service to one another?

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 Jorge

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

Monday, April 25, 2016

NO 8:00 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, April 26, 2016

8:00 a.m. Mass

Intention of: Alexia Paxton

Requested by: Isabelle Castro

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

8:00 a.m. Mass

Intention: Joao Coelho Sr. & All

Deceased Family Members †

Requested by: Vitalina Coelho Family

Thursday, April 28, 2016

8:00 a.m. Mass

Intention: Antoni & Maria Dinis †

Requested by: Joao & Maria Faria

Friday, April 29, 2016

8:00 a.m. Mass

Intention: Manuel & Filomena Avila †

Requested by: Raul & Maria Apolinario

Saturday, April 30, 2016

5:00 p.m.

Intention: Estulano & Maria F. Silva †

Requested by: Natalie Pimentel Family

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

Intention: Rosemary Mendonca †

Requested by: Greg & Shirley Vierra

Sunday, May 1, 2016

Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30 a.m.

Intention: Inez I. Freitas †

Requested by: Parish Community

10:00 a.m.

Intention: People of the Parish

11:30 a.m. (Bilingual)

Intention: Maria A. Fagundes †

Requested by: Mr. & Mrs. Jose Mendes

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

Intention: Egidia Raulino †

Requested by: Luis & Maria Cardoso

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, 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 Lundell, 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, Jenó 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.*

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. Registration ends May 2nd. Forms can be picked up in the parish office or at the church entrances.

1st Holy Communion will take place Saturday, May 7th at 2PM, 5PM and 7:00PM. Rehearsal times are as follows: Thursday, May 5th in Stevenson at 6:00 pm for the 7:00pm Holy Communion. Friday, May 6th at 6:00pm in the New Church for the Children's Only Session. May 6th 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 8th for those at the Gospel Mission in Turlock.

Sunday CCD will conclude for the 2014-2015 school year on Sunday, May 1st. Breakfast items are needed for the end of year party, donuts, juice and fruit.

Tuesday CCD will conclude on May 10th with a swim party at the Hilmar Pool. Permission slips for the pool must be turned in by April 26th. All sessions for grades K-6 are invited to the pool. Detailed notes went home last week. **Thursday CCD** concludes May 12th.

The Casa dos Acores will be holding their annual Festa on the grounds at Holy Rosary Parish next weekend April 30, & May 1. We welcome them and wish Mr. & Mrs. Silva and their respective committee much success with their celebration honoring the Holy Spirit.

Our Pentecost celebration is just around the corner (May 15th). A **planning meeting** will take place this Sunday after the 11:30 Mass in the Church. All those wishing to help in this special celebration in any way are asked to attend.

Remember Your Mother in a Special Way

Fr. Hilary will be offering a novena of Masses for our Mothers beginning on May 8th. Envelopes will be available next weekend in the main church entrance. Simply fill out the small offering envelope and drop it in the basket in front of the Altar the following week. The card is yours to send to your special mom. Send a gift that lasts-send a *Spiritual Bouquet!*

Speaking of Mothers, PRE-ORDERS are now being taken by our local *Pro-Life organization* for beautiful **orchid corsages** for Mother's day. The suggested donation is \$5. Please contact Melissa Wood 535-6236 or Rosemary Ouse 634-1002 to reserve yours. We take this opportunity to thank these ladies for giving of their time and talent in helping with this important cause.

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.

Thank you Angels Young and Old alike for your continued generosity towards the piggy dumping and 2nd collection for the new church!

Father Hilary and the Executive Committee extend our deepest sympathy to the **families of Gerald Martin and Albano DaPonte**. We are truly grateful for their thoughtfulness and generosity in designating memorial gifts to the Holy Rosary New Church Fund. May the families receive God's healing grace through this difficult time and find comfort knowing both Gerald and Albano will forever be remembered through the Legacy of Faith Memorial Program

Save Mart S.H.A.R.E.S. program has ended March 31st.

A new program called eScrip began 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.

KNXT Channel 49 our Diocesan Channel announces their annual telethon beginning April 24th, with Portuguese night, 25th Community night, 26th Spanish night & 27th Filipino night each night from 7-10p.m. Please support our Diocesan Television station celebration their 30th Anniversary. KNXT is available on satellite networks.

**Our offering collection for April 16 & 17 \$4,540.20
Last year April 18 & 19 \$4,011.00
Thank You, Obrigado & Gracias!**