

First Sunday of Advent November 27, 2016

On this first Sunday of Advent Jesus urges his disciples to stay awake and prepare themselves for the Lord's coming. Good stewards prepare themselves and await Christ's judgment in joyous expectation. This kind of attitude requires genuine spiritual maturity, the kind that is cultivated by prayer, participation in the sacraments, loving attention to family and one's communion of faith, and love for one's neighbor. Are we prepared for the Lord's second coming? Are we ready to receive Christ? Are we ready to look joyously for Christ's judgment?

Saturday, November 26, 2015

5:00 p.m.

Intention :Frank Silva †

Requested by: Parish Community

Intention: Jose Santos

Requested by: Wife

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

Intention: Michael Pires †

Requested by:Parents & Siblings

Intention: George & Carla Couto &
Gabriel Oliveira †

Requested by: Elizabeth Oliveira

Sunday, November 27, 2015

First Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m.

Intention: Antone & Maria B. Silva &

All deceased Family Members

Requested by:Clarence & Mary Rocha

10:00 a.m.

Intention: People of the Parish

Intention: All Those Inscribed in the
Legacy of Faith.

11:30 a.m. (Bilingual)

Intention:Luis & Natercia Valadao †

Requested by:John & Maria
Valadao

Intention: Urbano Nascimento †

Requested by: Felishmina Noronha

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

Intention: All Deceased Family
Members †

Monday, November 28, 2016

NO 8:00 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

8:00 a.m. Mass

Intention of : Frank & Mary Homen

"Happy Anniversary"

Intention: Maria Pacheco †

Requested by: Stephen & Zilda Brindeiro

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

8:00 a.m. Mass

Intention:All Deceased Family Members †

Requested by: Felismina Noronha

Intention: Gerald Martin †

Requested by: Manuel & Nelia Silveira

Thursday, December 1, 2016

8:00 a.m. Mass

Intention: Joseph Macklin †

Requested by: Wife

Intention: Guimar Vitoria †

Requested by: Guy & AnnaMarie
Bettencourt

Intention: Joao DaRocha †

Requested by: Wife

Friday, December 2, 2016

8:00 a.m. Mass

Intention: Manuel & Margarida Raulino †

Requested by:Luis & Maria Cardoso

Intention:Conceicao F. Barros †

Requested by: Joaquin & Rosa Fraga

Saturday, December 3, 2015

5:00 p.m.

Intention :Albano DaPonte †

Requested by: DaPonte/Silva Families

Intention: Maria D. Azevedo †

Requested by: Children

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

Intention: For All Those Inscribed in
the St. Mary's Memorial Book

Sunday, December 4, 2015

Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m.

Intention: Bud & Manuel Faria †

Requested by:Belle Faria Family

10:00 a.m.

Intention: People of the Parish

11:30 a.m. (Bilingual)

Intention:Rosa M. Leonardo †

Requested by:Parish Community

Intention: Antonio Avila †

Requested by: Family

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

Intention: Maria C. Barros †

Requested by: Theresa Couto

Please Keep in Your Prayers: Deana Abraham, Aurelio Alejandre, Maria de Jesus Alejandre, Priciliano Alejandre, Eliza Alves, Maria F. Amaral, Vasco Anacleto, Manuel Andrade, Dave Barcellos, Alex, Carroll, Sally and Scott Baggett, Joseph Belo, Jack Betschart, Violet Brasil, Dan Coelho, Donna & John Cardoza, Adelina Costa, Shelly Cunha, Cynthia Dawson, Jose Deniz, Jordan Devires, Romero Diaz, Kristen Droogh, Joyce Ebertowski, Manuel & Terry Espinola, Tom Firestine, Melissa Fitzgerald-Whalen, Elvira Freitas, Jared Germann, John & Sandra Gisla, Alex Gonsalves, Ruby Hernandez, Loraine Jones, Ricky Jorge, Bob Kelley, Deacon Ed Kull, Rosa LaPinia, Andrea Leal, Carrie Lourenco, Steven Lundell, Antonio Machado, Frank Machado, Ralph & Esther Martinez, Adam Mattos, Fatima Melo, Merrick McIntire, Carmen Mora, Robert Mora Jr., Helen Morris, Jim Nichols, Maria Nunes, Christine Olivera, Joey Pacheco, Maria Pereira, Maria Pires, Ray Piro, Riley Rhoads, Isabella Rodrigues, Rob Rosa, Jenó Sanchez, Patrick Shields, Theresa Sherman, Maria Silva, Eduardina Silveira, Solario Family, Maria Solario, Lily Sousa, Amaro Souza, Manuel F. Souza, Manuel Souza Jr., Sylvia Souza, Mary Suarez, Judith Teixeira, Rosa Teixeira, Rui Teixeira, John Verissimo, Dave Vieira, Khloe Ann Maria Vieira, Manuel Vieira, Matthew Watkins, 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+

Thank You to Estelle & Jose Coelho, Arminda Machado, Daniel Machado, Kathy Brasil, Dolores Holland, Clarinda Madruga, and Kelly Rocha for helping with the retreat this past weekend. We also St. Patrick's Y.L.I. #223 for donating towards the purchase of the bibles. Your help and support is truly appreciated.

1st Communion Parent/Child Meeting will take place in the Parish Hall on **Saturday, Dec. 3rd from 9:00-12:00pm, or Sunday, Dec. 4th from 1:00-4:00pm.** Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion will be discussed.

Drivers needed on Wednesday, Dec. 14th to transport students from Holy Rosary Church to the Nursing homes in Turlock. We will meet at Holy Rosary at 6pm and return by 8pm.

The Tradition of giving Advent & Christmas gifts during Mass continues. We are now accepting donations for those gifts in memory or honor of a loved one. The gifts will be labeled accordingly. If you would like to be a sponsor please call Dina at 632-7163. These gifts will be given to every child that is in attendance during the weekend Masses.

7th, 8th, 9th and 10th grades for the month of November you have class **Nov. 30th** and for the month of **Dec. 7th & 14th.** **We are in need of a Sub. for 7th grade on Nov. 30th.**

Blankets and Bath Wash needed for the elderly in the nursing homes in Turlock. This year we will be visiting 5 nursing homes with a total of 316 people. We are still in need of 295 blankets or bath wash. Donations can be dropped off at the parish office or the church entrances.

Children's Christmas Mass practice for Holy Rosary will take place on **Tuesday, Dec. 6th at 5:30pm** in the classroom #4. Parts will be handed out for the Mass at this time. All Children who would like to participate need to attend. We will also have practice in the New Church Dec. 13th & 20th at 5:30pm.

Stevinson Christmas Program will take place on Saturday, Dec. 17th after the 7pm Mass. Practice will take place Thursday, Dec. 1st at 3:30pm-4:15pm.

Final week to help provide a local child with a special gift this Christmas. Please remember to take an ornament from the **Angel Tree** at the main church entrance and share your Christmas spirit with needy children of our community.

We ask that you return your unwrapped gift with ornament attached by Dec. 1st to either the church or the parish office.

Musicians are needed. If you have been given a special gift/talent in providing music ministry please speak with Father Marcelinus or call the Parish Office to arrange a meeting. When we sing praises we pray twice!

Altar Server Training Thursday, December 1st at 7p.m. in the New Church for ALL EXISTING and anyone interested in serving in this special capacity for this valuable service for our Church. We are looking for children who have received their First Holy Communion as well as young adults.

Help Us Keep Our Registration Current!

Are you on our parish mailing list? Do you miss out on parish mailings? In an effort to keep our registration current we need your help. Some think because they have lived here for years, or have been baptized here or maybe their children attend CCD are registered at Holy Rosary/St. Mary's Parish. There is no obligation to register, only benefits, such as letters of recommendation for sacrament sponsorship, sacraments of Baptism, Marriage or funeral services. Please fill out a white card found at all church entrances and returned it via mail or in the Sunday collection basket. Once received we will send you your very own registration number. If you are a current member and have moved simply give us a call with your new address. Thank you for your consideration.

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Bible: www.usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible/

Catholic TV channel 49: www.knxt.tv/

Thank You Angels Young & Old for your contribution to the piggy dumping and second collection this weekend for the new church. We appreciate your continued generosity.

It's time to celebrate and reflect on our 1 year anniversary of the dedication of our New Church. Please join us for Mass in honor of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, **Thursday, December 8th at 7:00 p.m.**

Parish Directories are in! If you haven't picked yours up they are still available at the parish office. These directories are for those who participated in the Parish Directory Project by having their **family picture** taken.

November is the perfect time to Purchase an Annual Memorial Candle in honor of a loved one or for a special intention. Your memorial candle will "burn" for one full year in honor of your loved one or your special intention. A small plaque displaying the name of your loved one or a special intention will be mounted in front of each candle. Plaques will remain on display for one full year and may be renewed or rededicated for additional 12 month periods.

Donations of ingredients and monetary offerings are now being accepted for the upcoming **Filhos Sale Dec. 4** to help defray the Fish Dinner expenses for the New Church fund raiser on March 31,2017

Hilmar Helping Hands

Thank you to all those who contributed to Hilmar Helping Hands this weekend by bringing non-perishable food items to help the less fortunate families of our community. Your generosity is very much appreciated!

**Our offering collection for
November 19 & 20 \$3,773.00
Last year Nov. 21 & 22 \$4,609.00
Thank you, Obrigado & Gracias !**