

Second Sunday of Advent December 4, 2016

In today's Gospel reading John the Baptist warns his listeners: "Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!" The Church's yearly Advent herald is a call to repentance. The season of Advent urges us to be open to a conversion of heart. Christian stewards heed this call daily, and take the need for conversion in their lives seriously. As a family of faith, do we hear this call to conversion amidst the massive holiday spending? The increase in credit card debt? The urge to buy things that are not necessary? The incivility on the roadways during the holidays? Are there patterns in our own lives that need to be converted?

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
Requested by: Maria Martins

Monday, December 5, 2016

NO 8:00 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, December 6, 2016

8:00 a.m. Mass

Intention: Jose M. Noronha †
Requested by: Manuel & Maria Almada
Intention: Maria B. Aguiar †
Requested by: Lucy Silveira

**10:00 a.m. Rosary/Funeral Mass for
Thomas Locke**

Wednesday, December 7, 2016

8:00 a.m. Mass

Intention: Estulano & Maria F. Silva †
Requested by: Manuel Silva Family
Intention: Virgínio & Maria Pacheco †
Requested by: Virgil & Carmina Pacheco

Thursday, December 8, 2016

*Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of
the Blessed Virgin Mary
(Holy Day of Obligation)*

8:00 a.m.

Intention: Manuel, Guiomar & Antonio
Soares & Isabel Costa †
Requested by: Antonio Soares

6:00 p.m. Mass (New Church)

Intention: Benefactors and Parish
Community †

Friday, December 9, 2016

8:00 a.m. Mass

Intention: Antonio & Olinda Enes &
Derek Rocha †
Requested by: John & Fatima Dias
Intention: Rui De Oliveira
Requested: Manuel & Mary Oliveira

Saturday, December 10, 2015

5:00 p.m.

Intention :Carol Oliveira †
Requested by: Orosco & Oliveira
Families
Intention of: AnnaMarie, Manuel &
Nelia Silveira & Family

Requested by: Mother

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

Intention: Albano DaPonte †
Requested by: Stephen & Zilda
Brindeiro

Intention: Eduardo Anacleto †

Requested by: Family

Sunday, December 11, 2015

Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m.

Intention: Kathleen Azevedo †
Requested by: Helen Morris
Intention: Gerald Martin †
Requested by: Manuel & Nelia Silveira
10:00 a.m.
Intention: People of the Parish

11:30 a.m. (Bilingual)

Intention: Jose & Maria Lourenco Sr. †
Requested by: Jose & Maria Lourenco
Intention: Antonio E. Vieira †
Requested by: Wife

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

Intention: Maria A. Silveira †
Requested by: Manuel & Leonette
Andre

Let us remember and pray for our beloved departed, especially **Thomas Locke** 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.

Please Keep in Your Prayers: Deana Abraham, Aurelio Alejandro, Maria de Jesus Alejandro, Priciliano Alejandro, 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, 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, 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+

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 you have class for the month of **Dec. 7th & 14th.**

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 195 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 be having a little play. Parts are Mary, Joseph, Sheperds, Cows, Angels, Sheep and Kings. 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. 8th at 3:30pm-4:15pm.

Do you like to sing. We will be having choir practice for kids that would like to sign at the children Mass on Dec. 24th at 5pm. Practice will take place Wednesday, Dec. 7th at 6:45pm in the New Church.

2nd year Confirmation prayer deadline is Dec. 16th. Please make your appointments to be tested.

We Congratulate the newest members of our Catholic Faith Community who are being baptized this weekend: **Amelia Elsie Miguel** daughter of Dennis & Melissa, **Kayleb Earl Shelton and Kayden Earl Shelton** sons of Jessie & Sara, **Annalise Marie Vieira** daughter of Andrew & Marissa, **Aryanna Lynn Vieira** daughter of Timothy & Alyssa, **Paiton Ashlyn Yaw** daughter of Dutch & Megan. We pray that they and their families will continue to grow in faith and in the love of Jesus as they remain close to His church.

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!

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to all the families who contributed to our local Angel Tree and helped to make a child's Christmas a little brighter!

Scripture Study has resumed.....

Thursday 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center (except on Dec. 8th we will meet on Wednesday Dec. 7th). All are welcome and encouraged to attend. We take this opportunity to thank Dave Barcellos for leading this important ministry.

SHARE IN THE CARE

Retired religious need your support. By 2019, it is projected that retired religious will outnumber wage earning religious by nearly four to one. Your gift to the **Retirement Fund for Religious** helps ensure that elderly Catholic sister, brother, and religious order priests receive the care they so richly deserve, now and in the future. Please give generously to NEXT weekend's second collection.

Attention Senior Citizens

Join us for our monthly gathering on **Thursday, December 15th beginning with the recitation of the Rosary at 11:00 a.m.**, Mass and followed by a delicious luncheon & Bingo in the Parish Hall. Remember, this is open to ALL senior citizens free of charge.

Holy Rosary/St. Mary's Altar Society will have Poinsettias available if anyone would like to donate one in memory of or in honor of a family member or friend. These plants will be used to decorate our 3 churches. Minimum Donation is \$10 as we will be purchasing larger plants this year. Please call Anna at the Parish office to reserve yours.

Attention: Church Cleaning Teams ***Please remember to return cleaning cloths for the next teams use.*** We thank you as always for your time and talent in helping to keep our churches looking beautiful for worship.

Remember to pick up some Hot Delicious Filhos at the Multi-purpose building after ALL Sunday Masses. All proceeds to benefit our upcoming Fish Dinner for our New Church. We take this opportunity to thank Maria & Frank Amarante and all the many helpers who provide this special Filho Sale. We thank them for their time and talent!

Thank you to everyone who supported Pennies from Angel's and the second collection last week. Total 2nd collection was \$1,726.00.

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 6:00 p.m. Join us after Mass for refreshments and fellowship in the Multipurpose building.**

Please Pick Up your Parish Directories 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.

Bosom Buddies- Hilmar Breast Cancer Support Group will not meet in the month of December. The next meeting will be Monday, January 9, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Parish Center.

Hilmar Helping Hands THANKS EVERYONE for the overwhelming generosity to the food collection last weekend. We collected a full car load!! Thank you for sharing with the less fortunate members of our community.

Our offering collection for November 26 & 27 \$3,93600 Last year Nov. 28 & 29 \$3,882.50. Thank you, Obrigado & Gracias !