

Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time February 26, 2017

Saint Paul reminds us as baptized Christians, as those who have shared the Eucharist with one another, that we are “servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.” We are not to define ourselves by our age, ethnicity, gender, social status, work, vocation or avocation. Our primary self-understanding should be that of servants and stewards of the Lord and all that has been entrusted to us. Can we accept this self-understanding? Do we find it encouraging?

Saturday, February 25, 2017

1:30p.m. Wedding Of:

Stephanie Diego & Lucas Brooks

5:00 p.m.

Intention of: Rose DePalma ☺

“Happy Birthday”

Requested by: Mother

Intention: Jeanette Pires †

Requested by: Family

7:00 p.m. (St. Mary’s)

Intention: John Vierra †

Requested by: Greg Vierra Family

Sunday, February 26, 2017

Eight Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m.

Intention: Dorothy Matheron †

Requested by: Amaro Fernandes

10:00 a.m.

Intention : For All Those Inscribed in the Legacy of Faith Book

11:30 a.m. (Bilingual)

Intention: Manuel Barros †

Requested by: Joe & Bernice Toste

Intention: Teresa Dores

Requested by: Frank Dores Family

6:30 p.m. (Spanish/St. Mary’s)

Intention: People of the Parish

Monday, February 27, 2017

NO 8:00 a.m. Mass

7:00 p.m. Rosary for Anibal Luis

(New Church)

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

8:00 a.m.

Intention: Antone & Maria B. Silva & All

Deceased Family Members †

Requested by: Clarence & Mary Rocha

10:00 a.m. Funeral for Anibal Luis

Wednesday, March 1, 2017

Ash Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Mission Church

Intention: Francisco & Maria Estrela †

Requested by: Francisco & Maria

Lourenco

5:30 p.m. St. Mary’s

Intention: Louise Vierra †

Requested by: Greg & Shirley Vierra

7:00 p.m. New Church

Intention: Manuel Souza †

Requested by: Steve & Pat Fells

Thursday, March 2, 2017

8:00 a.m.

Intention: Maria L. Batista †

Requested by: Parish Community

Friday, March 3, 2017

First Friday

8:00 a.m. Mass

Intention: Antonio E. Vieira †

Requested by: Wife & Family

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the Mass until 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, March 4, 2017

5:00 p.m.

Intention : Tony Santos

Requested by: Wife & Family

7:00 p.m. (St. Mary’s)

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

Sunday, March 5, 2017

First Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m.

Intention: Joe Mendes †

Requested by: Willie & Maria Pinto

10:00 a.m.

Intention of: Wonderly & Jennifer Correia ☺

Requested by: Mom & Dad Caetano

11:30 a.m. (Bilingual)

Intention: Joaquin Mancebo †

Requested by: Celina Mancebo

6:30 p.m. (Spanish/St. Mary’s)

Intention: People of the Parish

Attention Families who have designated Mass Intentions for weekend Masses, we ask that a representative from the family bring up the offertory during Mass. If there are multiple intentions, we ask that one representative from each intention come up for the offertory by coming to the gift table where the ushers are.

Let us remember and pray for our beloved departed, especially for **Anibal Luis** 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.

Attention Eucharistic Ministers: Please sign up if you are available to help on Ash Wednesday during the following Masses:

7:00 a.m. (Mission Church) 7:00 p.m. (New Church)
Clip boards may be found at the main church entrance.

Please Keep in Your Prayers: Eliza Alves, Baby Quinten Caetano, Joseph Belo, Jack Betschart, Maria Esperanca Brasil, Dan Coelho, Joe Coelho, Jared Germann, Alex Gonsalves, Riley Rhoads, Joe D. Rocha, Norman Silva, Eduardina Silveira and Mary Suarez, Jose Rodrigues Vieira . ***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 have a visit by the priest call the parish office at 667-8961.***

Religious Education News+

First Communion parents meeting regarding the banners and first Holy Communion will take place **Tuesday, March 7th at 6:30pm** for parents only in the parish hall.

Drawing prizes needed for the CCD Drawing. Examples: Coffee pots, gift cards and gift baskets, toys, small electronics, T.V.'s, etc...Donations can be dropped off at the parish office. Thank you in advance for your support.

The Tradition of giving Lent & Easter 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 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.

Echoes of Faith will be taught **Tuesday, Feb. 28th at 6:30pm.**

In need of someone to be in charge of the Easter Egg Hunt on **Sunday, April 16th** after the 10AM Mass.

It's Time to start thinking about EASTER: The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on **Sunday, April 16th** after the 10 a.m. Mass. We are in need of plastic filled Easter eggs, and prizes for each age group. Prizes can be large chocolate bunnies, jump ropes, stuffed animals, etc. You can drop off your donations at the Parish Center Mon-Thurs 8-12 & 1-3 p.m. or during CCD class times. **ALSO,** help is needed to set up the field and assist the Easter Bunny in hiding the eggs. Call Dina if you can help.

Diocese of Fresno Begins 50th Anniversary Year Celebration with the theme:

***Siempre Adelante –
Keep Moving Forward***

With this special anniversary the Diocese will include the **Annual Bishops Appeal. 50% of the Bishop's appeal is earmarked for Seminarian/Vocations. They are the future of the Church. The balance will be divided equally between Youth and Young Adult Ministry and Family Life Ministry.** We thank you in advance for your continued support and generosity to our parish and Diocese.

Please note: Our first collection will be taken THIS WEEKEND February 25 & 26 at all Masses. Please be as generous as you can to help us fulfill this obligation.

Please continue to keep our Diocese in prayer as we celebrate its Golden Anniversary. Special prayer cards may be found at the church entrances.

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule is as follows:

**7:00 a.m. Mission Church
5:00 p.m. St. Mary's Stevinson
7:00 p.m. New Church**

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption. The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. The ashes are christened with Holy Water and are scented by exposure to incense. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. His Divine mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent, and the Church calls on us to seek that mercy during the entire Lenten season with reflection, prayer and penance.

We Congratulate the newest members of our Catholic Faith Community who are being baptized this weekend: **Quinten Wesley Caetano** son of Wesley & Aimee, **Kasyn Mathis Pacheco** son of Paul and Stephanie, and **Morgan Victoria Pimentel** daughter of Brian and Laura. 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.

Holy Rosary YMI #44 announces its Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner Thursday March 16 & 17. Tickets \$15.00 and are available at the Parish Office.

**Our offering collection for
February 18 & 19 \$ 5,173.00
(including Conf. Mass)**

Last Year February 20 & 21 \$4,964.00
Thank you, Obrigado & Gracias !

THANK YOU TO everyone who supported the Filhos sale this past weekend, by making donations, purchasing and especially all those who gave their time and talent to produce the delicious filhos for all to enjoy! The sale netted \$3,582.00.

Piggy Dumping will continue the last Sunday of the month for the children. Please bring your piggy's THIS SUNDAY.

SAVE THE DATE

Fish Dinner and Auction on March 31st. Tickets are \$25.00 for adults. **Tickets will be available after all Masses March 18 & 19 and March 25 & 26.** Please show your continued support by purchasing your tickets for this delicious meal available only once a year.

Our Lenten preparation has begun with the Stations of the Cross.... every Friday 6:00 p.m. during the Lenten Season followed by Mass in the New Church.

We will once again be having our traditional Lenten Soup Suppers in the Hall except on **March 31** (New Chr. Dinner). We thank the following organizations who have offered to help with the suppers with their time, talent & treasure.

**March 3rd – Y.L.I.
March 10th – S.P.R.S.I.
March 17th – C.P.I.D.E.S.
March 24th P.F.S.A.
March 31st – FISH DINNER
April 7th TBA=To Be Announced**

ALMS GIVING During this season of Lent please remember the less fortunate families of our community by bringing non-perishable food items every Sunday during Lent for our local pantry **Hilmar Helping Hands.**

**March 5th - Jam & Jelly
March 12th -Cereal
March 19th - Pasta & Sauce
March 26th-Boxed or Canned Meals
April 2nd –Soup.**

Of course any and all items are gratefully accepted. Please place all items in barrels at church each Sunday. Thank you in advance for your generosity.