

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 5, 2017

In this weekend's readings and psalm, the prevailing theme is that of light: We are the light of the world; our light breaks forth like the dawn; our light shines in the darkness; our light reflects generosity and justice. Good stewards know they are the lamp, and Christ is the flame that, through them, illuminates the earth. They know that they carry Christ's light in their hearts, and let it shine through their words and deeds. What are we doing to shine Christ's light on the hungry, the homeless and others most in need of God's mercy? How do we exercise good stewardship over the light of Christ that burns within each of us?

Saturday, February 4, 2016

5:00 p.m.

Intention: Francisco, Angelina &
Joe Andrade †
Requested by: Manuel & Linda
Andrade

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

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

Sunday, February 5, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m.

Intention: Joe Mendes †
Requested by: Willie & Maria Pinto

10:00 a.m.

Intention of: Frank Miguel ☺
"Happy 80th Birthday"
Requested by: Frances & Kids

11:30 a.m. (Bilingual)

Intention: Maria H. Caetano †
Requested by: Wonderly & Jennifer
Correia

Intention: Joaquin Mancebo †

Requested by: Wife

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

Intention: People of the Parish

Monday, February 6, 2017

NO 8:00 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, February 7, 2017

8:00 a.m.

Intention: Mark F. Brindeiro †
Requested by: Mark, Luke & John
Intention: Antonio Avila †
Requested by: Olivia Avila
Intention: Humberto Silva †
Requested by: Brindeiro & Silva Families
Intention: Anselmo Maciel †
Requested by: Wife, Son & daughter

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

8:00 a.m.

Intention of: Eduardina Silveira ☺
Requested by: Maria Vieira

Thursday, February 9, 2017

8:00 a.m.

Intention: Manuel & Maria Rodrigues †
Requested by: Maria J. Vieira

11:00 a.m. Senior Day

Intention: Rocha Family †
Requested by: Maria Martins

Friday, February 10, 2017

8:00 a.m. Mass

Intention: Maria Lidia Borges †
Requested by: Tiberio & Rosa Azevedo

Attention Eucharistic Ministers

(including Portugese) there will be a training/workshop on Thursday, Feb. 9th at 6 p.m. in the Mission Church. This will be for all Eucharistic Ministers who missed our last session as well as all those who minister to the homebound.

Saturday, February 11, 2016

5:00 p.m.

Intention: Antonio & Olinda Enes &
Derek Rocha †
Requested by: John & Fatima Dias
Intention: Living and Deceased
Members of the Y.L.I.

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

Intention: Manuel Silveira Jr. †
Requested by: Lucy Silveira & Family
Intention: Jose V. & Maria L.
Lourenco †
Requested by: Joe Lourenco Family

Sunday, February 12, 2017

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m.

Intention: Arnold, Carlos & Joao
Brasil †
Requested by: Family

10:00 a.m.

Intention of: Wesley & Aimee Caetano ☺
Requested by: Mom & Dad Caetano
Intention: Herculano M. Vieira †
Antonio & Marie Silva

11:30 a.m. (Bilingual)

Intention: Jose A. Santos †
Requested by: Parish Community
Intention: Celestino & Jose Borges &
Luciano Vitorino †
Requested by: Family

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

Intention: People of the Parish

Let us remember and pray for our beloved departed, especially for **Most Reverend Joseph J. Madera, M.Sp.S., D.D. Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Fresno 1980-1991** 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.

Bishop Madera's earlier radio experience in Oxnard impressed him with the power of the media in evangelization, so he took the seminal idea of the diocese starting an educational television station and through his dynamic leadership made it a reality when KNXT Channel 49 broadcast its inaugural program on November 2, 1986. Bishop Madera was appointed to the Archdiocese of the Military Services, Washington, D.C. on May 28, 1991 and retired on September 15, 2004. He lived in residence in Saint Martha Parish since September of 2011.

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+

Confirmation will take place on **Saturday, February 18th** at 10AM and rehearsal is **Friday, Feb. 17** at 7:00pm. Altar servers are needed.

1st Reconciliation will take place on **Feb. 7th** at 6:00pm. Please be at the church by 5:45pm.

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.

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

We thank Arminda Machado, Maria Chavez, Mary Xavier and Natalie Wilson for helping out last weekend with the First Year Confirmation Retreat. Your time and talent was greatly appreciated.

Due to the long presidents weekend there will be no CCD Tuesday, Feb. 14th, Thursday, Feb. 16th and Sunday, Feb. 19. Please note there will be CCD on Wednesday, Feb. 15th this is the last class for the Wednesday night session.

Need a little quiet time with God?

The Mission church will remain open (East door off Cypress) from 8a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday.

Altar Society will be selling hot delicious **Filhos this Sunday February 5th Super Bowl Sunday.** Please support the wonderful work that our Altar Society provides all year long by purchasing a dozen! Thank you for your support.

We Congratulate the newest members of our *Catholic Faith Community* who are being baptized this weekend: **Karina Pearl Tremble** daughter of Howard & Erika, **Nathan Michael Garza** son of Joshua and Melodie, **Izbel Bettencourt** daughter of Nedra and **Amelia Olga Melo** daughter of Joe & Leonor. *We pray that they and their family will continue to grow in faith and in the love of Jesus as they remain close to His church.*

Bosom Buddies- Hilmar Cancer Support Group will meet on Monday, February 6th beginning at 6 p.m. at the Parish Center.

Annual Parish Portuguese Retreat is set for February 10,11 & 12 Everyone is invited to participate and renew themselves spiritually and grow in faith. The theme is "*A new life in the Holy Spirit.*" **Fr. Henrique Arruda, Dedora Brum, Mariana Pereira and Dionisio Da Costa** will be leading this retreat (in Portuguese). Friday Feb. 10th doors open at 6p.m., Saturday, Feb. 11th from 8:30 a.m. until 10:00a.m. and Sunday Feb. 12th from 8:30 until 10 a.m. We ask that all participants arrive during these hours as doors will be closed as not to interrupt the speakers who are making their presentations. For more information please call Iria at 634-9653.

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

*Siempre Adelante –
Keep Moving Forward*

The theme, *Siempre Adelante*, is literally translated, "always moving forward." It reflects not only the need to look forward, but to be constantly in motion. As a theme for our diocesan anniversary it leads us to a reflection on where our diocese has been and how our past and present are fueling the desire to see and plan our future...to explore where we are going as we head into our next 50 years of existence. Moving forward means having a constant desire to learn and grow, as well as change when necessary, rather than sticking to the "but we've always done it this way" mentality. Growing in faith is a challenge, and one that we should readily accept. Please keep our Diocese in prayer as we celebrate its Golden Anniversary. Special prayer cards may be found at the church entrances.

Attention Senior Citizens

Join us for our monthly gathering on **Thursday, February 9th** beginning with the recitation of the **Rosary at 11:00 a.m.** followed by a delicious luncheon & Bingo in the Parish Hall. Remember, this is open to ALL senior citizens free of charge

Attention Parents of Young Children, please accompany your children to the restrooms during Mass times, as some mischievous acts have occurred. Let's all work together to keep our bathrooms neat and orderly.

Valentine's Day Is Just Around the Corner. Proclaim your love forever by purchasing a Brick for that special someone. It will last a lot longer than that box of chocolates or flowers! For more information or questions, please call the parish office.

SAVE THE DATE

Fish Dinner and Auction on March 31st. Tickets are \$25.00 for adults. The delicious menu includes: deep fried marinated tuna, pan fried fish fillet, white and sweet potato, rice pudding, corn and white bread, salad and wine. Drive thru take outs served from 5:00 – 6:30pm and dinner will be served 7:00-9:00pm. Tickets available from the parish office.

NEXT WEEKEND February 11 & 12 Catholic Communications Campaign special collection WILL BE TAKEN THIS weekend. This collection helps support the important ideals of the Catholic faith through all media as directed by the Holy Father. Please be as generous as you can as half of this collection goes for our Diocesan media

Our offering collection for January 28 & 29\$3,966.00

Last year Jan 30 & 31 \$4,792.00
2nd collection for our New Church was \$1,770.00 .
Last year \$2,311.00.

Thank you, Obrigado & Gracias !