

## First Sunday Lent March 5, 2017

At the beginning of this Lenten season we hear proclaimed the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. He responds to the first temptation by saying that one does not live by bread alone but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. The season of Lent invites us to consider how we nourish our hearts, how we act as stewards of the Word of God entrusted to us. A good reflection for the week: What do we live on? What keeps us going? Could it be possessions, prestige, the need to be in control, the need for security, addictions? Or the fervent desire to listen to God's word?

### Saturday, March 4, 2017

**5:00 p.m.**

Intention : Tony & John Santos

Requested by: Wife & Family

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

Intention: For All Those Incribed 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

### Monday, March 6, 2017

**NO 8:00 a.m. Mass**

**7:00 p.m. Rosary for John Santos**

*At Allens Mortuary-Turlock*

### Tuesday, March 7, 2017

**8:00 a.m.**

Intention of: Annelise Cabral ☺

"Happy 13th Birthday"

Requested by: Family

**10:00 a.m. Funeral for John Santos**

### Wednesday, March 8, 2017

**8:00 a.m.**

Intention: Louis N. Terra †

Requested by: Alan & Mary Oliveira

**10:00 a.m. Rosary/Funeral for**

**Alvaro Gomes (New Church)**

### Thursday, March 9, 2017

**8:00 a.m.**

Intention: Bud & Mnauel Faria &

Ben Pacheco †

Requested by: Belle Faria Family

### Friday, March 10, 2017

**6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross/Mass  
New Church**

Intention: Belarmino Agueda †

Requested by: Joe & Maria Oliveira

### Saturday, March 11, 2017

**5:00 p.m.**

Intention : Jose T. Avila †

Requested by: Joao & Oliva Avila

Intention: Anabel Lopes Avey †

Requested by: Lopes Family

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

Intention: Eduino Gomes &

Bernardo Nunes †

Requested by: Manuel & Maria Gomes

### Sunday, March 12, 2017

#### *Second Sunday of Lent*

**7:30 a.m.**

Intention: All Deceased Welsh Family Members †

Requested by: John & Ann Steffen

**10:00 a.m.**

Intention: Teresa Dores †

Requested by: Frank Dores Family

Intention: Frank Dutra †

Requested by: Finley Huff Family

**11:30 a.m. (Bilingual)**

Intention: Herminia Carvalho †

Requested by: Parish Community

Intention: Gertrudes Bettencourt †

Requested by: Leroy Bettencourt

**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 **John Santos and Alvaro Gomes** 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: 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, Mary Suarez, Jose Rodrigues Vieira and **Lloyd Virgo** . *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 7<sup>th</sup> 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*** class this Sunday 1-5pm in Classroom #4 The topic will be Catholic Morality.

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

**It's Time to start thinking about EASTER:** The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on **Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>** 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.

## *Lenten Prayer*

*Dear Lord,  
During this holy season of Lent, remind us these are the days of salvation. Help us to make it through our difficulties, and the trials and temptations of everyday life. Help keep us from evil and help us avoid the pain and hurt of sin causes. Remind us to be prayerful and to reflect upon the great sacrifice Jesus made for each one of us . Amen.*

## *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 10<sup>th</sup> – S.P.R.S.I.**

**March 17<sup>th</sup> – C.P.I.D.E.S.**

**March 24<sup>th</sup> P.F.S.A.**

**March 31<sup>st</sup> –FISH DINNER**

**April 7<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> - Jam & Jelly**

**March 12<sup>th</sup> -Cereal**

**March 19<sup>th</sup> - Pasta & Sauce**

**March 26<sup>th</sup>-Boxed or Canned Meals**

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> –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.

**Hilmar Holy Rosary Cancer Survivor Support Group “Bosom Buddies”** will meeting **Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in the Parish Center.**

## ***Have A New Baby??***

Our next Pre-Baptismal class will be held **Thursday, March 16th at 7:00 p.m.** in the parish center. Please pre-register by filling out the registration forms.

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

## **Our offering collection for February 25 & 26 \$ 4,150.00**

Last Year February 27 & 28 \$4578.00

***Thank you, Obrigado & Gracias***

**Contributions statements are available by calling the parish office.**

**THANK YOU ALL ANGELS** for contributing to the piggy dumping last weekend for our new church. We appreciate your continued support.

**SAVE THE DATE** for the following upcoming fund raisers. Please support these as they are import to the success of meeting the goal of paying off our New Beautiful Church. We ask that you offer your time, talent and treasure anyway you are able.

## **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.

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> for Annual Card Party** to benefit our New Church.

## **April 17<sup>th</sup> for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual**

**Bunco Event.** The Bunco committee is now accepting donations of raffle prizes.

**Monthly Gathering for the Seniors** will be cancelled during the Lenten season and resume after Easter.

**Thank you to all who donated to the second collection for the Bishop's Annual Appeal last weekend. The 2<sup>nd</sup> collection total was \$2,060.00.** Our next collection will be March 26<sup>th</sup>. Thank you again for your continued generosity to help our parish fulfill this obligation.

**On March 26th at 6:00 p.m.** in the New Church the Portuguese DVD: **Passages of the Life of Our Lady** will be presented. It is a musical drama with 19 acts beginning with the Annunciation of the Angel to Our Lady and ends at Pentecost. It was presented and recorded in 2004 by a parish group. The presentation is free and everyone is invited to watch this beautiful drama.