

Fourth Sunday Lent March 26, 2017

Saint Paul gives us a wakeup call. As stewards of the light of Christ, we are to reflect that light with the help of the Holy Spirit. If Christ's work has transformed and illuminated our lives, there should be a change. The light of Christ's active presence should be at work in us. And as the light shines within us, we take on the properties of that light and we shine too. We are used by God to shine the light of Christ in the lives of others. A challenging Lenten reflection: Is the light of Christ shining in our hearts? Is the light of Christ reflecting out from us to others?

Saturday, March 25, 2017

5:00 p.m.

Intention : Joaquin Mancebo †

Requested by: Noel Silveira

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

Intention: Herculano Silva †

Requested by: Joe & Tina Silva

Sunday, March 26, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m.

Intention: Carol Oliveira †

Requested by: Orosco & Oliveira Families

10:00 a.m.

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

11:30 a.m. (Bilingual)

Intention: Joao Almada †

Requested by: Manuel & Maria Almada

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

Intention: People of the Parish

Monday, March 27, 2017

NO 8:00 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

8:00 a.m.

Intention :Manuel, Rosa & Joe Silveira †

Requested by: Manuel & L Linda Andrade

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

8:00 a.m.

Intention: Humberta Fontes †

Requested by: Armelim & Leonor Silveira

Thursday, March 30, 2017

8:00 a.m.

Intention: Joe V. & Maria L. Lourenco †

Requested by: Marylou Souza & Family

Friday, March 31, 2017

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

Intention: Nivia & Manuel Cardoso †

Requested by: Daughters & families

Saturday, April 1, 2017

5:00 p.m.

Intention : Gabriel Oliveira †

Requested by: Manuel & Ida Souza

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

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

Sunday, April 2, 2017

Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m.

Intention: Filomena Borges †

Requested by: Lee Borges Family

10:00 a.m.

Intention: Bill, John & Robert Cox

Requested by: Kelly Cox Family

11:30 a.m. (Bilingual)

Intention: Aliveti Bertao, Tony

Lourenco & All Souls in Purgatory †

Requested by: Maria G. Rodrigues

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

Intention: People of the Parish

THIS Weekend, the 2nd Collection will be taken for 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 Keep in Your Prayers: Eliza Alves, Baby Quinten Caetano, Joseph Belo, Jack Betschart, **Kari Boutte**, Maria Esperanca Brasil, Dan Coelho, Jared Germann, Alex Gonsalves, Ester & Ralph Martinez, Maria F. Melo, Riley Rhoads, Joe D. Rocha, Kaylene Rocha, Norman S ilva, Eduardina Silveira, Lucy Silveira, Mary Suarez, Jose Rodrigues Vieira, **Mary Vierra**, Lloyd Virgo, and Matthew Westcott . ***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

We welcome Mrs. Armendariz's 6th grade class to the 10:00AM Mass this weekend. Nicholas Borba, Victoria Brasil, Georgia Cozzitorto, Gianni Cozzitorto, Brianna Dias, Kyndell Johnston, Belina Matos, Fallon Mattos, Joseph Ramer, Nevaeh Rodriguez, and Caitlin Sequeira

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.

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. Please call Dina at 632-7163.

Confirmation pictures and certificates are ready for pick up in the parish office.

1st Holy Communion Banners are due back the week of April 23-27

In need of a 1st grade, CCD teacher for the upcoming Religious Education Year 2017-2018. If you are interested in teaching please call Dina at 632-7163. 1st grade meet from 2:30-3:45pm on Tuesday's.

Please join us for 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 31st –FISH DINNER
April 7th – Y.M.I.

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 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.

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 2003 by a parish group.

The presentation is free and everyone is invited to watch this beautiful drama.

Easter Lilies & Ferns....

will be available from the Altar Society if you would like to donate one in memory or honor of a family member or friend. The donation is \$10 for lilies & \$15 for ferns. The plants will help to beautify our churches during this Easter Season. Please call the parish office to reserve yours!

Hilmar Unified School District Announces Coach Franky Silveira Teen Heart Screening Event SUNDAY, APRIL 9th FROM 9AM-3PM. This valuable event is open to all 12-25 year olds. Registration is now open until **Friday April 7th** and is limited to 750 students. It is estimated 1 in 500 school-aged children suffer and undiagnosed heart defect, which can lead to sudden cardiac arrest and death. This screening is non-invasive and will take between 60-90 minutes and is completely FREE! For more information please contact Michelle Komos H.U.S.D. School Nurse at 604-5257.

Thank you Angels for continuing to support Pennies from Angels Your contributions make a difference!!! **\$36,180.92 from Pennies Collections to date.**

The 9th Annual Fish Dinner and Auction is Friday, March 31st. Drive thru Take Outs from 5-6:30 pm and Dine In in the Multi-Use Building at 7pm.

Tickets will not be sold after all masses this weekend as previously announced.

A very limited amount of tickets will be available at the door. All proceeds benefit our New Church Building Fund. Please continue to support our parish by attending this delicious dinner.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, April 2nd for Annual Card Party to benefit our New Church.

Sunday, May 21st for the 9th Annual Bunco Event, in the Parish Hall.

A committee meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 29th at 6pm in the parish hall.

All previous committee members and anyone interested in helping with this event are invited to attend. Dinner will be served. Any questions, please contact Nisa Cox 480-5191 or Leonette Andre 604-2830.

It's been almost a year since Save Mart

eScrip program began (formally S.H.A.R.E.S)

We thank all those who loyally supported the new church by using the eScrip program and we encourage those who have not yet signed up to please do so, by call the parish office for more information.

Every shopping trip makes a difference!

Our offering collection for March 18 & 19 \$4,593.00

Last Year **March 19 & 20 \$5,427.00 (Palm Sunday)**

Thank you, Obrigado & Gracias