

Divine Mercy Sunday April 23, 2017

In today's first reading, the four activities of the earliest church are introduced to us as priorities of the church: devotion to the teachings of the apostles, communal fellowship, the Eucharist and prayer. The early members of the church saw themselves as devoted stewards of these activities. These were not options. They were the fruits of a genuine conversion to a life in Christ. Sharing in the Eucharist was the most intimate expression of fellowship, while the most common expression of fellowship in the New Testament was that of sharing financial resources - giving. It was not a perfect community, but one that gave evidence of God's active presence in its midst. This early community offers us an excellent example of how to better exercise stewardship in our own parish families.

Saturday, April 22, 2017

5:00 p.m.

Intention: Bill Cayer †

Requested by: Family

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

Intention: Herculano M. Vieira †

Requested by: Joe & Tina Silva

Sunday, April 23, 2017

Divine Mercy Sunday

7:30 a.m.

Intention: Jeanette Pires †

Requested by: Joe & Filomena Pires

10:00 a.m.

Intention: Antonio T. Avila †

Requested by: John & Angie Vieira

11:30 a.m. (Bilingual)

Intention: Living & Deceased Members of the Fial Committee & Natalia Escobedo †

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

Intention: People of the Parish

Divine Mercy Prayer Cards are available at all church entrances. Please take one.

Monday, April 24, 2017

NO 8:00 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

8:00 a.m.

Intention: Jose M. Noronha †

Requested by: Felismina Noronha

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

8:00 a.m.

Intention: Arminda Rocha †

Requested by: Constantino & Lilly Sousa

Thursday, April 27, 2017

8:00 a.m.

Intention: All Souls In Purgatory †

Requested by: Natalie Sousa

Friday, April 28, 2016

8:00 a.m.

Intention: Mary M. Vieira †

Requested by: S.P.R.S.I.

Saturday, April 29, 2017

5:00 p.m.

Intention: Anibal Luis †

Requested by: Carlos & Luisa Luis

Intention: Leontina Sousa †

Requested by: Family

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

Intention: Rosemary Mendonca †

Requested by: Greg & Shirley Vierra

Sunday, April 30, 2017

Third Sunday of Easter

7:30 a.m.

Intention: August Martins †

Requested by: Maria Martins

10:00 a.m.

Intention: All Those Inscribed in the Legacy of Faith Book

11:30 a.m. (Bilingual)

Intention: All Living & Deceased Members of the P.F.S.A.

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

Intention: People of the Parish

Please Keep in Your Prayers: Eliza Alves, Baby Quinten Caetano, Joseph Belo, Jack Betschart, Kari Boutte, Maria Esperanca Brasil, Dan Coelho, Sarah Cox, **Tina Deniz, Elvira Freitas**, Jared Germann, Alex Gonsalves, Ester Martinez, Maria F. Melo, Riley Rhoads, Joe D. Rocha, Kaylene Rocha, Norman S ilva, Eduardina Silveira, Lucy Silveira, Manuel Souza, Mary Suarez, Jose Rodrigues Vieira, 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.*

2nd collection: NEXT WEEKEND. Many dioceses right here in the United States do not have enough priests and trained lay ministers to serve their parishes. These dioceses are known as home missions. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal will take place next weekend, and supports these dioceses by funding essential ministries, including seminary education, and lay ministry training. Please be as generous in this appeal and share your resources to strengthen the Church at home.

Religious Education News+

We thank the following people who donated items towards the CCD Raffle Leroy & Arlene Vierra, R&J Avila, Inc., Frank Madruga, Julie Barcelos, Joe & Leonor Melo, Tina & Dave Deniz, Jeff & Ashley Lima, Roberto & Grettel Morera, Martha Bamber and Kathy & Roger Moitoso. Theresa & Dave Barcellos, We truly thank you for your support !!

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

VBS registration is taking place until **April 24th**. VBS is for children ages 3 to entering 6th grade. Pick up a registration form at the entrances of the church or at the parish office.

VBS Adult Helpers needed if you would like to help with VBS please contact Natalie Wilson at 535-0577.

Come and join BOLD on Sunday, April 30th after the 10AM Mass as preparations are being made for VBS all youth leaders should attend.

It's that time again, VBS is gathering supplies, Check out the VBS display at the Church entrance, and be sure to grab a donation slip and help us out with our supplies for VBS.

A special thank goes out to everyone who donated Easter Eggs, candy and prizes. Our egg hunt was a tremendous success because of your generosity. We had 2800 eggs. **We would also like to thank the following people** for helping with the Easter Egg Hunt. Mario Borba, Sammantha Ramos, Mattheu, Eshperancah, & Kryshyan Brum

1st Holy Communion will take place Saturday, May 13th at 10, 2PM, 5PM and 7:00PM. Rehearsal times are as follows: Thursday, May 11th in Stevinson at 7:30pm and 6:00pm in Hilmar for the 5pm Children's Mass and Friday, May 12th at 6:00pm in the New Church for the 10AM Mass and at 7:30pm for for 2PM. Please note: All those who are participating in family style need to attend rehearsal or have substitutes in place.

We Congratulate the newest members of our Catholic Faith Community who are being baptized this weekend: **Coraline Costa Amaral** daughter of Antonio & Eduarda, **Isla Noel Beaman** daughter of Matthew & Mary, **Emily Natalie Pires** daughter of Larry & Natalie.. 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

Keep Moving Forward

The Merced-Mariposa Vicariate invites you to celebrate the **50th Anniversary of the Diocese of Fresno and the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima** with Mass on **Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 6 p.m.**

at the Bowles Ranch Soccer Field
11609 Hereford Rd., Los Banos with
Bishop Ochoa presiding.

Parish organizations are invited to bring their flags/banners to this special Mass to be recognized.

For more information, please call the Parish Office.

Join SALT Young Adult group at Holy Rosary Church for **Eucharistic Adoration** every last **Friday, April 28th** of the month at 7 p.m. in the New Church. Please come and join us as we spend an hour with the most Blessed Sacrament. Welcome all from different parishes and those of all ages.

Help Us Keep Our Registration Current!

Are you on our parish mailing list? Do you miss out on parish mailings? In an effort to keep our registration current we need your help. Some think because they have lived here for years, or have been baptized here or maybe their children attend CCD are registered at Holy Rosary/St. Mary's Parish. There is no obligation to register, only benefits, such as letters of recommendation for sacrament sponsorship, sacraments of Baptism, Marriage or funeral services. Please fill out a white form found at all church entrances and returned it via mail or in the Sunday collection basket. Once received we will send you your very own registration number. If you are a current member and have moved simply give us a call with your new address. Thank you for your consideration.

Our offering collection for Holy Week:

Holy Thursday \$631.00,
Good Friday \$478.00 & Easter \$14,320.50
Last Year Holy Thursday \$700.00,
Good Friday \$433.00 & Easter \$12,832.00

Thank you, Obrigado & Gracias

Thank you for your generosity! Our second collection for the new church last weekend was \$2,222.00

Mark your calendar for the 9th Annual Bunco Event scheduled for Sunday, May 21, 2017.

It is not too late to get involved with this fun event!

The **next committee meeting** will take place on **Thursday, April 27th** in classroom #4.

Our parish could use your time and talent. All proceeds benefit the New Church Building Fund.

Pick up the latest copy of the Diocesan Paper Central California Catholic Life found at all church entrances. Monthly Finance Report

Purchasing an Annual Memorial Candle in honor of a loved one or for a special intention is a wonderful way to remember your loved one while supporting the parish and beautifying the sacred space of our church. Your memorial candle by our Lady of the Rosary or St. Joseph's statue will "burn" for one full year in honor of your loved one or your special intention. A plaque displaying the name of your intention will be mounted in front of each candle. And will remain for one year. The annual offering for each candle is \$250.00. For further information please pick up a form at the church entrance or call the parish at 667-8961.

Our Revenues for the month of **March** (plate collection, rental fee, weddings & Baptisms **Totaled \$24,278.50**
Last year \$29,276.50
Our expenses for **March** (utilities, Diocesan & Education Assessments, Property Taxes, repairs, maintenance, office & church expense, payroll, payroll taxes & insurance **Totaled \$33,115.57**
Last year \$30,697.31

Bottom Line \$-10,205.07