

Third Sunday of Advent – December 17, 2017

In today's second reading Paul concludes his letter to the Christian community at Thessalonica by providing it with actions to take as they wait for the return of the Lord. The first action is to rejoice always and give thanks in all circumstances. This sounds easy but it's not. The two words that make this task difficult are "always" and "all". This means giving thanks and rejoicing even when our circumstances are not always moments of joy and thanksgiving, or when we are confronted with a broken world. Prayerful stewards rejoice and give thanks in all circumstances because they are people of hope. A good reflection this week would be how the season of Advent can give you reason to hope.

Saturday, December 16, 2017

11:00 a.m. Wedding of:
Lucia Arroyo & Miguel Velazquez

2:00 p.m. Wedding of:
Cody Marques & Cameron Stevens

5:00 p.m.
Intention: Julia Silva †
Requested by: Brindeiro & Cox Families
Intention of: Nicholas & Obdulia Jacques
"Happy 40th Anniversary"
Requested by: Children

7:00 p.m. (St. Mary's)
Intention: Darrell S. Nelson †
Requested by: Celia Mancebo

Sunday, December 17, 2017

Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m.
Intention: Christine Guceumubure Van Hoosen †
Requested by: Duane Matheron Family

10:00 a.m.
Intention :Manuel C. Souza †
Requested by: Family
Intention: Victor, Mary & Sue Silva †
Requested by: Family

11:30 a.m. (Portuguese)
Intention: Filomena A. Avila †
Requested by: Maria May

Monday, December 18, 2017

NO 8:00 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, December 19, 2017

8:00 a.m.
Intention : Treavor Casey †
Requested by: Parish Community
Intention: Joaquin Mancebo †
Requested by: Wife
Confessions: English/Portuguese
6-7 p.m.

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

8:00 a.m. Mass
Intention: Living & Deceased Members of the Martins Family
Requested by: Maria E. Martins
Intention: Antonio E. Cabral
Requested by: Angelo Vieira Family
Confessions: English only
7-8 p.m.

Thursday, Thursday 21, 2017

8:00 a.m.
Intention: Francisco Fagundes †
Requested by: Wife
Intention: Joe L. Mendes †
Requested by: Wife & Family
7:00 p.m. Rosary for
Egidio Almeida

Friday, December 22, 2017

8:00 a.m.
Intention: Gertrudes Bettencourt †
Requested by: Leroy Bettencourt
Intention: Esperanca M. Brasil
Requested by: Rafael Brasil & family
10:00 a.m. Funeral Mass for
Egidio Almeida

Saturday, December 23, 2017

5:00 p.m.
Intention: Louis F. Terra †
Requested by: Jorge & Bernadette Vieira
Intention: Esperanca M. Brasil
Requested by: Brasil Family
7:00 p.m. (St. Mary's)
Intention: Manuel I&Luisa A Brasil †
Requested by: Console Family

Sunday, December 24, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m.
Intention: Antonio S. Caetano †
Requested by: Veber & Ana Caetano
10:00 a.m.
Intention :Filomena C Fontes †
Requested by: John Fontes Family
11:30 a.m. (Portuguese)
Intention: Alice Sabastiao †
Requested by: John Alves Family

6:30 p.m. (Spanish/St. Mary's)
Intention: People of the Parish

5:00 p.m. Vigil of Christmas

Intention: Joaquin Mancebo
Requested by: Wife
Midnight Mass
Intention: All Souls in Purgatory
Requested by: Maria F. Mello

Monday, December 25, 2017

Nativity of the Lord

"Happy Birthday Jesus"

8:00 a.m. St. Mary's
Intention: Eduardina Silveira
Requested by: Debie Montoya
10:00 a.m. Intention: Manuel C.

Please Keep in Your Prayers: Eliza Alves, Vasco & Dina Anacleto, Adrian & Grace Alejandre, Lisa Baptista, Joyce Ebertowski, Joseph Belo, Jack Betschart, Kari Boutte, Diana Brown, Gloria Casas, Jose & Maria Caetano, Dan Coelho, Vitalina Coelho, Sarah Cox, Mike Droter, Jessica Flynn, Elvira Freitas, Amelia Garcia, Jared Germann, Maria Gonsalves, Alex Gonsalves, Patrick Leyden, Frank Machado, Ester Martinez, Carmelia Mattas, Maria F. Melo, David Mendonca, Carmen Mora, Bob Morales, Matthew Morris, Greg Nunes, Jose Nunes, Maria Mercedes Nunes, Dan Ramos, Riley Rhoads, Joe D. Rocha, Cassie Ruben, Norman Silva, Antonio Soares, Lily Sousa, Sylvia Souza Mary Suarez, Jeanne Tristant, Jose Rodrigues Vieira, Nora Villarreal 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+

Children's Christmas Mass practice for Holy Rosary will take place on Monday, Dec. 18th at 5:30pm in the New Church. There are still a few play parts left.

1st Year Confirmation Students mark your calendars. You and your sponsors have a retreat on **Sunday, January 28th** from 8:30-4:30pm

2nd year Confirmation prayer deadline is Dec. 20th. Please make your appointments by calling the CCD Office at 632-7163.

Walk For Life will take place on **Saturday January 27th.** We will be taking a bus. Watch the bulletin for more information.

Children's Ministry takes places on Sunday's during the 10am Mass. **We are in need of leaders.** If you would like to lead this group, please call Dina at 632-7163.

THANK YOU!! A very big thank you goes out to everyone who donated blankets, & bath wash for the elderly. Your caring gesture made a huge impact on the elderly, but also on the youth of our parish who delivered these items. The youth were very touched to see the smiles and excitement of the elderly. We also want to thank the drivers. Without you, we would not have been able to transport the youth, and last but not least our wrapping angels who wrapped all the blankets and bath wash... God Bless each of you and **THANK YOU** again.

CCD is on Christmas Break Till the week of January 7th. We will resume regular sessions beginning on Sunday January 7th. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Let us remember and pray for our beloved departed, especially for **Joao Abreu and Egidio Almeida** 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.

Mark Your Calendars for Parish Upcoming Events

Epiphany Celebration Jan. 7, 2018 beginning with the 11:30 Mass .

Parish Breakfast Jan. 21, 2018

Altar Society Filhos Sale Feb. 4, 2018

*Filhos Sale for Fish Dinner*Jan. 14, 2018*

**Fish Dinner March 9, 2018*

to Benefit New Church

Please help support these very important parish activities, if not with your time and talent, then with your treasure!

Have A New Baby??

Our next Pre-Baptismal class will be held **Thursday, December 21st at 7:00 p.m.** in the parish center. **Please pre-register** by filling out the registration forms available at the Parish Office or printing them out on line, www.hilmarholyroary.org.

Holy Rosary/St. Mary's Altar Society will have Poinsettias available if anyone would like to donate one in memory of or in honor of a family member or friend. These plants will be used to decorate our 3 churches. Minimum Donation is \$10 as we will be purchasing larger plants this year. Please call Anna at the Parish office to reserve yours.

For those wishing to contribute to help make a Nigerian Childs Christmas a little brighter, you can make a donation to S.M.M.M. Father Marcelinus order. His fellow brothers visit those families who are in need of a little Christmas spirit.

We have notices scratches in our new pews. Please be considerate of our new furnishings in the Church. Clothing with stones and prongs may be the cause of this damage to the pews as they scratch and indent them. Please help to protect and preserve our investment for the future.

CLEANING TEAMS NEEDED for our new church. A team can consist of 7 or more members who would be responsible to clean the new church every 2 months. You can make this a bonding experience with family and friends. Anyone who would like this opportunity to serve in this special ministry is asked to call Carmel Caetano 668-0795. Thank you in advance for your time and talent in serving your parish.

Christmas Eve falls on the 4th Sunday of Advent this year. What does that mean for Mass attendance? The primary purpose of a holyday of obligation is to call the faithful to celebrate particular dimensions of the mysteries of Christ and His Church. Since obligation is attached to specific mysteries being celebrated, it is not possible to fulfill two obligations in one celebration. So that being said, Catholics are obliged to attend Mass on a Sunday, or a (Saturday vigil Mass), but the following day is also a holyday of obligation and should be fulfilled by attending a Vigil Christmas Mass on Sunday at 5 p.m., Midnight or on Christmas day Monday at 8 a.m. or 10 a.m. *Remember Jesus is the reason for the Season!*

Speaking of Mass schedules Please note: Beginning January 2, 2018 the Tuesday morning 8 a.m. Mass will be changed to 6 p.m. in the evening in the Mission Church. This gives those an opportunity to make a daily Mass in the evening if they are unable to make morning Mass due to work schedules.

Monthly Finance Report

Our Revenues for the month of November (plate collection, rental fee, weddings & Baptisms Totalled \$20,512.80

Our expenses for November (utilities, Diocesan & Education Assessments, Property Taxes, repairs, maintenance, office & church expense, payroll, payroll taxes & insurance Totalled \$32,577.66
Bottom Line \$-12,064.86

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**Our offering collection for Dec. 8th Immac. Concept. \$432.00
December 9 & 10 \$4,353.00**

Last year December 10 & 11 \$4,816.00

2nd Collection for the Religious Retired \$1,534.00

Thank you, Obrigado & Gracias