

# First Sunday of Lent ~ February 18, 2018

**Today is the first Sunday of Lent, a season of renewal. The season of Lent provides us a great opportunity to shed off our “Spiritually tired and weak skin”. This is in order to wear a more durable one for our journey. Therefore, on this first Sunday of Lent, the Church invites us to renew our covenant with God.**

## Saturday, February 17, 2018

**5:00 p.m.**

Intention: Matthew Freitas †

Requested by: Family

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

Intention: Joaquin & Rose Borges †

Requested by: Greg & Shirley Vierra

## Sunday, February 18, 2018

### *First Sunday of Lent*

**7:30 a.m.**

Intention: Antonio Moitoso †

Requested by: Joe & Elmira Machado

**10:00 a.m.**

Intention : Egidio Almeida †

Requested by: Family

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

Intention : Lucia Lopes †

Requested by: Amelia Lemos

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

Intention: People of the Parish

## Monday, February 19, 2018

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

## Tuesday, February 20, 2018

**6:00 p.m.**

Intention: Manuel Rodrigues †

Requested by: Fernando & Mary

Rodrigues

Intention: Anibal J. Luis †

Requested by: Parish Community

## Wednesday, February 21, 2018

**7:00 a.m. (New Church)**

Intention: Gerri Pimentel †

Requested by: Natalie Sousa

## Thursday, February 22, 2018

**8:00 a.m.**

Intention: Anibal J. Luis †

Requested: Carlos & Luisa Luis

**10:00 a.m. Rosary/Funeral (New Church)  
for Francisco Felicano**

## Friday, February 23, 2018

**NO 8 a.m. Mass**

**6:00 p.m. Stations & Mass**

*New Church*

Intention: Manuel & Alice Pedreiro †

Requested by: Daughter

## Saturday, February 24, 2018

**10:00 a.m. Confirmation**

**5:00 p.m.**

Intention: John A. Santos †

Requested by: Parish Community

Intention: Maria C. Mendes †

Requested by: Joe & Estelle Coelho

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

Intention: Antero & Amelia Oliveira †

Requested by: Elizabeth Oliveira

Family

## Sunday, February 25, 2018

### *Second Sunday of Lent*

**7:30 a.m.**

Intention: Rose DePalma ☺

“Happy Birthday”

Requested by: Mom,

(Dusty, Lillie & Penny)

Intention : Jeanette Pires †

Requested by: Family

**10:00 a.m.**

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

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

Intention : Esperanca Brasil †

Requested by: Husband

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

Intention: People of the Parish

**Let us remember and pray** for our beloved departed, especially for **Francisco Felicano** 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.

**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.**

**Please Keep in Your Prayers:** Eliza Alves, Lisa Baptista, Maria F. Caetano, Jared Germann, Josephina Martins, Jordan Ouse, Maria Rocha & Jeannie Tristant. *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+**

**CCD resumes this week, beginning Tuesday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>.**

**Shipwrecked rescued by Jesus** is coming June 4-8,2018, and concluding Mass on June 10<sup>th</sup> at 10AM. Mark your calendars and plan now on attending.

**Confirmation** will take place on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 10AM and rehearsal is Thursday, Feb. 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

**Raffle prizes needed for the CCD Raffle.** 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.

**First Communion parents meeting** regarding the banners and first Holy Communion will take place **Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** for parents only in the parish hall.

**Easter Bunny looking for assistant:** someone to be in Charge of the Easter Egg Hunt, on Easter Sunday after the 10:00AM Mass. If you would like to be in charge of the Egg Hunt please call Dina 632-7163. We also need people to come and hide the Eggs from 9-11AM.

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.

***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 9** (New Chr. Dinner). We thank the following organizations who have offered to help with the suppers with their time, talent & treasure.

- February 23 ~ Y.M.I.**
- March 2~ T.B.A. (Open)**
- March 9~ Fish Dinner for New Church**
- March 16 ~ Portuguese Prayer Group**

**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.***

- February 18 - Jam & Jelly**
- February 25 -Cereal**
- March 4th - Pasta & Sauce**
- March 11<sup>th</sup> -Boxed or Canned Meals**
- March 18<sup>th</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.

**RCIA Update:** Our Catechumen and Candidate for coming into Full Communion celebrate their next Rite this Sunday, ***Rite of Sending to Election.*** On February 21 at 7:00 p.m. they will be at St. Patrick's in Merced for the ***Rite of Election*** with Bishop Ochoa. Our Parish prayers for them and their Sponsors are greatly needed and appreciated now and always. We are all one family in Christ.

**Scripture Study will resume.....** Thursday February 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the CCD Classroom #2 All are welcome and encouraged to attend. We take this opportunity to thank Dave Barcellos for leading this important ministry.

**Cabrillo Club #30-Hilmar announces their Annual Pancake Breakfast Scholarship fund raiser** Sunday, February 25th, 8am to 12 noon at the Parish Hall. Enjoy Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Linguica, Juice, Coffee & Milk. Donation \$8.00.

**Our offering collection for February 10 & 11 \$4,700.00**  
Last year: February 11 & 12 \$ 4,886.00  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$1008.00**  
**Contributions statements are now available by calling the parish office.**

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

**Annual Bishops Appeal Update**  
**Our first collection will be taken NEXT WEEKEND February 24 & 25 at all Masses. Please be as generous as you can to help us fulfill this obligation.**

**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 continue to keep our Diocese in prayer.

***Piggy Dumping will continue the last Sunday of the month for the children. Please bring your piggy's NEXT SUNDAY.***

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Fish Dinner and Auction on March 9<sup>th</sup>.** Tickets are \$25.00 for adults. The delicious menu includes: deep fried marinated tuna(only available here), 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 will be available after all Masses THIS WEEKEND February 24 & 25 and March 3 & 4.** Please show your continued support by purchasing your tickets for this delicious meal available only once a year.

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**Monthly Finance Report**  
Our Revenues for the month of **January** (plate collection, rental fee, weddings & Baptisms **Totald \$38,986.50**  
Our expenses for **January**(utilities, Diocesan & Education Assessments, Property Taxes, repairs, maintenance, office & church expense, payroll, payroll taxes & insurance **Totald \$35,557.13**  
**Bottom Line \$3,429.37**