

Second Sunday of Lent ~ February 25, 2018

"Here I am!" he answered." - Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

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 : Jeanette Pires †

Requested by: Family

10:00 a.m.

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

Intention: Rose DePalma ☺

"Happy Birthday"

Requested by: Mom,

(Dusty, Lillie & Penny)

11:30 a.m. (Portuguese)

Intention : Esperanca Brasil †

Requested by: Husband

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

Intention: People of the Parish

Monday, February 26, 2018

No 8:00 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

6:00 p.m.

Intention: Rosa Silveira †

Requested by: S.P.R.S.I. #151

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

8:00 a.m.

Intention: Alvaro Gomes †

Requested by: Parish Community

Thursday, March 1, 2018

8:00 a.m.

Intention: Francisco & Maria Estrella †

Requested: Jose G. & Maria Lourenco

Intention: Mary Sequeira †

Requested by: Joe Sequeira

Friday, March 2, 2018

NO 8 a.m. Mass

6:00 p.m. Stations & Mass

New Church

Intention: Maria C. Mendes †

Requested by: Rosa Fagundes

Saturday, March 3, 2018

5:00 p.m.

Intention: Jose Borba & Louis Borba
Frandsen †

Requested by: Maria Borba Family

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

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

Sunday, March 4, 2018

Third Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m.

Intention : Alice Amaral †

Requested by: Family

10:00 a.m.

Intention : Joaquin Mancebo

Requested by: Celia Mancebo

11:30 a.m. (Portuguese)

Intention : Alvaro DaSilva Nunes †

Requested by: Carlos & Luisa Luis

Intention: Adelino Fontes †

Requested by: Cremilde Fontes

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

Intention: People of the Parish

Welcome Bishop Armondo Ochoa. He joins us this Saturday morning to Confirm the youth of our parish. We celebrate our oneness in the family of Jesus. We call upon the gift of the Holy Spirit on our Confirmation group, and our entire parish. Let us keep the following Confirmands in our prayers as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation:
Sarah Alvarez, Joao D. Alves, Madison Avila, Mackenzie Campbell, Vanessa Chavez, Jared Collier, Sarah Collier, Makayla Gomes, Jessica Graves, Alan Jorge, Olivia Machado, Alondra Magana, Marc Matos, Brandi Miller, Laura Partida, Makenna Pierce, Sydnee Pires, Johnathan Sequeira, Anthony Silveira, Rylie Silveira, Nicholas Sousa and Ainsley Wood.
We thank the 2nd year Catechists for preparing them for this special day, *Arminda Machado, Daniel Machado Jr., Andrew Vieira and Ryan Zavala*

Please Keep in Your Prayers: Eliza Alves, Lisa Baptista, Maria F. Caetano, **Jose H. Coelho**, 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+

We welcome Mrs. Janine Vieira & Mrs. Martha Bamber's 4th Grade class to the 10:00AM Mass: Samuel Avila, Luisa Azevedo, Samuel Azevedo, Nicholas Babbie, Jake Borba, Brendyn Brocket, Mitchel Brasil, Alyssa Colston, Viviana Gonzales, Julian Haro, Michaela Lopes, Darin Maciel, Aiden Machado, Colton McGraw, Marcos Morera, Ella Reis, Isaiah Rodriguez, Xavier Silveira, Angelina Teixeira, Anthony Vieira, and Emily Wilson

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 6th 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.

In need of empty paper towel and toilet paper rolls for VBS

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

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. **March 2~ P.F.S.A.**

March 9~ Fish Dinner for New Church

March 16 ~ Portuguese Prayer Group

March 23~ S.P.R.S.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.**

February 25 -Cereal, March 4th - Pasta & Sauce, March 11th -Boxed or Canned Meals March 18th -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.

Scripture Study will resume.....

Thursday February 22nd 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.

Speaking of Scripture Study....

There have been inquiries about beginning a Portuguese Scripture Study. Those who have expressed this desire or are interested in participating are asked to call Antonio Freitas at 667-0371.

Representatives from the Bethlehem Catholic Mission will be here next weekend March 3 & 4, to sell olive wood crafts after all Masses. These crafts are all handmade carved by the Christian artist in Bethlehem, the city of the Lord Jesus Christ. The proceeds help support the people in the Holy Land. The Catholic population in Bethlehem has dropped to less than 2%. The sale of these crafts helps those Catholic Families from needing to leave their homeland.

KNXT first telethon of this year will be **Friday, April 20 and run from 9am – 12 Noon and 6pm – 9:00pm.** There are many ways people can get involved. One way is helping with answering the phones for an hour or more if they'd like. It would be most helpful if our phone ministers are bilingual (Portuguese/English) or Portuguese only. To join the fun with Fr. Dan Avila and his co-hosts simply contact Michelle Silva at (559) 488-7440 or by email a msilva@dioceseoffresno.org.

Annual Bishops Appeal Update
Our first collection will be taken
THIS 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 THIS SUNDAY.

SAVE THE DATE

Fish Dinner and Auction on March 9th. Tickets are \$25.00. The delicious menu includes: deep fried marinated tuna(only available here), pan fried fish fillet, white and sweet potato, rice pudding, cornbread 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. Buy yours today before they sell out!

Our offering collection for February 17 & 18 \$4,393.00

(incl Retreat Mass)

Last year: February 18 & 19 \$ 5,173.00

(incl. Conf. Mass)

Ash Wednesday \$1276.00

Contributions statements are now available by calling the parish office.

Thank you, Obrigado & Gracias!