

## Fourth Sunday of Lent ~ March 11, 2018

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - John 3:16*

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop them and return with increase

### Saturday, March 10, 2018

**5:00 p.m.**

Intention: Maria Sequeira †

Requested by: Joe Sequeira

Intention: Jaime Vieira †

Requested by: Family

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

Intention: Leonel & Rosemary  
Mendonca †

Requested by: Greg & Shirley Vierra

### Sunday, March 11, 2018 *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

**7:30 a.m.**

Intention :Antone & Maria B. & Joe  
Silva †

Requested by: Michael & Filomena  
Heilman

**10:00 a.m.**

Intention : Joao Fernando & Rosa  
DaLuz †

Requested by: Manuel & Maria Avila

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

Intention : Alvarinho Gomes †

Requested by: Wife

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

Intention: People of the Parish

### Monday, March 12, 2018

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

### Tuesday, March 13, 2018

**6:00 p.m.**

Intention: Cecilia Raposo †

Requested by: Diana Raposo

Intention: Frank Dutra †

Requested by: Finley Huff Family

### Wednesday, March 14, 2018

**8:00 a.m.**

Intention: Joao & Maria Vitoria †

Requested by: Frank Victoria Family

Intention: Frank A. Vierra †

Requested by: Kevin & Laurette Locke

Intention: Rosa Rocha †

Requested by: Dave & Tina Deniz

### Thursday, March 15, 2018

**8:00 a.m.**

Intention: Carlos M. Dias †

Requested: Gary E. Dias

### Friday, March 16, 2018

**NO 8 a.m. Mass**

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

*New Church*

Intention: Sigrid, Marie & Hilding E.

Freeberg †

Requested by: Christopher & Sandra

Freeberg.

### Saturday, March 17, 2018

**5:00 p.m.**

Intention: Francisco Feliciano †

Requested by: Wife & Family

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

Intention: MaryAnn Moles †

Requested by: Calvin Tavares Family

### Sunday, March 18, 2018

#### *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

**7:30 a.m.**

Intention :Alberto Robledo †

Requested by:Family

**10:00 a.m.**

Intention : Hilary Brindeiro †

Requested by: Finley Huff Family

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

Intention:Ulberto Bettencourt Ramos †

Requested by: Wife

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

Intention: People of the Parish



**Let us remember and pray** for our beloved departed, especially for **Jose H. Coelho** 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.

**Please Keep in Your Prayers:** Eliza Alves, Maria F. Caetano, Jared Germann, Josephina Martins, **Esther Martinez, Gloria Jean Mendes**, Jordan Ouse, Maria Rocha, Jeannie Tristant & Anthony Vierra. *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+**

### ***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 who missed the meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup> need to contact Dina at 632-7163.**

**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**

**Wednesday Night CCD Schedule for 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation is as follows:** March 21, and April 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. 1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation Students can set up appointment to prayer test before and after class on these dates. Please call the CCD office at 632-7163 to set up an appointment.

**CCD Students are selling Raffle tickets.** Raffle will be held on Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, tickets will be sold after all Masses the weekend of March 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Children's Easter Mass practice will take place on Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in Classroom #4.** If any child would like a reading part or to be an usher please attend this practice.

***THIS Weekend, our parish will take up the collection for International Needs. This collection helps to fund numerous Catholic organizations that improve the quality of life and protect human dignity. Give hope to Jesus in disguise. Please be as generous as you can.***

***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. We thank the following organizations who have offered to help with the suppers with their time, talent & treasure.  
**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.***

### **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.

**Scripture Study meets every Thursday** from 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.

### **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!

### **Give the Gift of Life**

Donate blood at the Hilmar Grange Hall on **Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 2- 7 p.m.** Remember the need is great. Someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime.

***Remember the Whist Card Party for the New Church will be held this Sunday beginning at 1p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Building. It is with great gratitude that we thank Mrs. Maria Martins and the late Mary M. Vierra for their dedication and hard work for the New Church Building Fund. Sadly Mrs. Martins will be retiring her leadership role of this wonderful event after this year.***

***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.*

### ***Have A New Baby??***

Our next Pre-Baptismal class will be held **Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** in the parish center. Please pre-register by filling out the registration forms.

***Holy Rosary YMI #44 announces its Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner Saturday March 17<sup>th</sup>.*** Tickets \$15.00 and are available from any YMI member or at the Parish Office.

**Our offering collection for March 3 & 4 \$4,425.50**

Last year March 4 & 5 \$4,656.00.

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