

First Sunday of Advent ~ December 2, 2018

Yes, it is important to be ready for the Second Coming of Christ, but it is also important to be prepared for his arrival into every moment of every day. He may come to us through a conversation, in the form of a beggar on the streets, through the words or actions of our children, or through the kindness of a stranger. Are our hearts open to receiving him? Advent affords us the opportunity to prepare our hearts and lives for Christ's coming today, at Christmas, and at the end of all time. This Advent, open your eyes, your ears, and your heart to the coming of Christ in ordinary and extraordinary ways.

Saturday, December 1, 2018

**10:00 a.m. Funeral Mass for
Ermelinda Bertao**

5:00 p.m.

Intention : Joao DaRocha †
Requested by: Wife & Family
Intention: John M. Borba †
Requested by: Natalie Apolinario

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

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

Sunday, December 2, 2018

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7:30 a.m.

Intention: Humberta Fontes †
Requested by: Emily Rosa

10:00 a.m.

Intention: Jose M. Tavares †
Requested by: Parish Community
Intention: Joao B. Coelho †
Requested by: Joao Coelho Jr.

11:30 a.m.

Intention: Alvarino Gomes †
Requested by: Joey Gomes
Intention: Raul Apolinario †
Requested by: Wife

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

Intention: People of the Parish

Monday, December 3, 2018

8:00 a.m.

Intention: Manuel & Maria Pereira †
Requested by: Laura Pereira

Tuesday, December 4, 2018

8:00 a.m.

Intention: Joao & Maria Vitoria †
Requested by: Frank Victoria Family
Intention: Felisminia Pereira †
Requested by: Cremilde Fontes
Intention: Lorinda Cunha †
Requested by: Victor & Lauralee Cunha

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

8:00 a.m.

Intention: Jose M. Noronha †
Requested by: Felismina Noronha
Intention: Jose & Isabel Gomes †
Requested by: Jose & Cremilde Faustino
Intention: Antone, Maria B. Silva &
All Souls in Purgatory †
Requested by: Clarence & Mary Rocha

Thursday, December 6, 2018

8:00 a.m.

Intention: Maria F. Andre †
Requested by: Manuel & Leonette Andre

Friday, December 7, 2018

First Friday

8:00 a.m.

Intention: Francisco & Serafina Costa †
Requested by: Francisco F. & Guilhermina
Costa

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after
Mass until 5:00 p.m. New Church Chapel**

7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

Intention: Maria F. Melo †
Requested by: Our Lady of Miracles Society

Saturday, December 8, 2018

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(Holy Day of Obligation)**

9:00 a.m.

Intention: People of the Parish

2:00 p.m.

Intention: Deceased Family Members †
Requested by: Frank & Maria
Amarante

5:00 p.m.

Intention : Alice Amaral †
Requested by: Family
Intention: Alcina Bettencourt †
Requested by: Odelta Andrade

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

Intention: Manuel & Eugenia Pereira †
Requested by: Joe & Luisa Lima

Sunday, December 9, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m.

Intention: All Souls in Purgatory †
Requested by: Lilly Sousa
Intention: Special Intention
Requested by: John & Ann Steffen

10:00 a.m.

Intention: Joao Sequeira †
Requested by: Joe Sequeira
Intention: Jose L. Borges †
Requested by: Madalena Borges (RIP)

11:30 a.m.

Intention: Joao T. Abreu †
Requested by: Parish Community
Intention: Olinda & Antonio Enes &
Derek Rocha †

Requested by: John & Fatima Dias

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

Intention: People of the Parish

Let us remember and pray for our beloved departed, especially for **Norman Bettencourt** 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: Joao Avelar, Eliza Alves, Joao Avila, Mary Beaman, Maria Belo, Jack Betschart **Isidoro Bettencourt**, Leonor Brasil, Violet Brazil, Stephen Coelho, Elizabeth de Sousa, Elvira Freitas, Jared Germann, Patrick Leyden, Joe B. Machado, Esther Martinez, Leonor Melo, Gloria Jean Mendes, Manuel Mendes, Phyllis Mendes, Carmen Moura, Prescilla Moura, Felismina Noronha, Maria Nunes, Jordan Ouse, Eliseu Pacheco, Joe & Lourdes Rocha, Maria Rocha, Maria Rosa, Joe Silveira, Ellen Silveira, Sandra Toste & 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+

The Tradition of giving Advent & Christmas 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.

Drivers needed on Wednesday, Dec. 12th to transport students from Holy Rosary Church to the Nursing homes in Turlock. We will meet at Holy Rosary at 6pm and return by 8pm.

Blankets and Bath Wash needed for the elderly in the nursing homes in Turlock. This year we will be visiting 5 nursing homes with a total of 330 people. Donations can be dropped off at the parish office or the church entrances before Dec. 5th.

Walk For Life will take place on Saturday January 26th. We will be taking a bus. Watch the bulletin for more information.

1st Year Confirmation Students mark your calendars. You and your sponsors have a retreat on **Sunday, January 13th** from 8:15-4:30pm.

Parents will have a mandatory meeting on Wednesday, January 9th from 7:00pm-8:30pm in the Mission Church. John Sablan will be the guest speaker.

St. Mary's Christmas program / parish potluck will be held on Saturday, Dec. 15th after the 7:00pm Mass. Plan now on attending.

Children's Christmas Mass practice for Holy Rosary will take place on **Tuesday, Dec. 11th at 5:30pm** in Classroom #2. Reading and play parts will be handed out. If your child can not attend, but would like a part please call Dina at 632-7163.

2nd Year Confirmation students please turn in your robe & saint names to Dina on **Wednesday, Dec. 5th.**

ADORATION during Advent begins **Friday, December 7th**. Mass will be at 8 a.m. in the adoration **chapel of the new church**, with adoration to follow until 5:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to come by and pray for a time on this day.

Holy Day of Obligation

Saturday, December 8th, we celebrate the *Immaculate Conception of Mary*. It's a holy day, so we should attend Mass. Masses will be **Friday, December 7th at 7 p.m. and Saturday December 8th at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.** All Masses in the **New Church.**

We Congratulate the newest members of our Catholic Faith Community who are being baptized this weekend: **JonPaul Luis Avila** son of Paulo & Stacey, **Johnny Nicholas Cheek** son of Mitchell & Lisa, **Ally Grace Dias** daughter of Dominic & Amanda and **Augustine Matthew Vieira** son of Andrew & Marissa. 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.

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to all the families who contributed to our local **Angel Tree** and helped to make a child's **Christmas a little brighter!**

Turlock Together & Hilmar Helping Hands Announces annual **Christmas Box Sign-ups for Stevinson, Hilmar & Delhi, Tuesday December 4th** from 9am to 12 noon at the *Covenant Church, Hilmar*. Please bring Photo ID, Proof of Residence Proof of all persons living in household with s/s #'s. Distribution day will be Saturday Dec. 22 from 8 a.m. to 4:40 p.m. at Turlock Fruit & Nut Co.

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.

Mass Intentions for 2019

Forms will be available next weekend in the main entrance of the church. We will try to accommodate as many requests as per availability. Please take only one form, as all forms are accounted for. Intentions are limited to a maximum of 4 per family. Please note dates requested on form are NOT GUARANTEED and will be accommodated IF possible. The requested donation remains the same at \$10 per Mass.

Remember to pick up some Hot Delicious Filhos at the Multi-purpose building after ALL Sunday Masses. All proceeds to benefit our upcoming Fish Dinner for our Building Fund. We take this opportunity to thank all the many helpers who provide this special Filho Sale. We thank them for their time and talent!

Bosom Buddies

will have their Christmas gathering **Monday, December 3rd** at 6 p.m. at *Pizza Plus*.

2018-2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal "Renewed Passion"..... is the theme of this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal that begins now.

Words from Ephesians 4:23 for inspiration on renewing our passion "and be renewed in the spirit of your minds." Globally, nationally and locally we are living in a time of great challenge and great opportunity. We must "renew our passion" to support the ministry activities in our Diocesan Church which touches countless lives. Your gift towards this year's appeal is greatly needed and appreciated.

Brochures are also available at the main church entrance with detailed information and if you wish to use to make your donation or you can donate online at www.dioceseoffresno.org/baa. Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration.

Monthly Finance Report

Our Revenues for the month of October (plate collection, rental fee, weddings & Baptisms

Totaled \$30,583.00

Our expenses for October (utilities, Diocesan & Education Assessments, Property Taxes, repairs, maintenance, office & church expense, payroll, payroll taxes & insurance

Totaled \$31,047.70

Bottom Line \$-464.70

Our offering collection for November 24 & 25 \$ 3,870.00

2nd Collection for Building Fund \$1,062.00

Last Year November 25 & 26 \$4,495.30

Thank you, Obrigado & Gracias!