

Second Sunday of Advent ~ December 9, 2018

Valleys, mountains, winding roads, and rough ways are all a part of the journey of life. As parents, our task is to teach our children how to apply faith in God and Christian values to help straighten out or make right what is wrong, and to help make smooth what is difficult or rough. Seeking forgiveness from one another and from God is one of the greatest ways we can do so. Take a few moments to ask God to place within you a forgiving heart so that you may teach your children to walk in the ways of forgiveness and love.

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

Monday, December 10, 2018

8:00 a.m.

Intention: Joao Abreu †

Requested by: Wife

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

8:00 a.m.

Intention: Jose N. & Maria Lourenco &

Daniel Nunes †

Requested by: Jose G. & Maria Lourenco

Intention: Antonio Oliveira †

Requested by: Family & Friends

Intention: Living & Deceased Family

Members †

Requested by: Maria Vieira

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 a.m.

Intention: Richard Avila †

Requested by: Maura Almada

4:30 p.m. Mass St. Mary's

Thursday, December 13, 2018

8:00 a.m.

Intention: Egidio M. Almeida †

Requested by: Parish Community

Friday, December 14, 2018 (Chapel)

8:00 a.m.

Intention: Tony Silveira †

Requested by: Stephen & Zilda Brindeiro

Intention: Jose A. Chibante †

Requested by: C.P.I.D.E.S.

Intention: Francisco Feliciano †

Requested by: Ana Cabral

Intention: Raul Apolinario †

Requested by: Rafael Apolinario Family

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

Save the Date for Confessions:

Saturday, December 15 & 22 4-4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 18th 6-7 p.m.

Wednesday, December 19th 6-7 p.m.

Saturday, December 15, 2018

2:00 p.m. Wedding of:

Carla Silveira & Matthew Labass

5:00 p.m.

Intention : Frank Luis †

Requested by: Aldora Miguel

Intention: Manuel V. Silva †

Requested by: Wife & Family

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

Intention: Anthony Vierra †

Requested by: Luis & Angela Oliveira

Intention: Marie Avila †

Requested by: Joe & Janice Louro

Sunday, December 16, 2018

Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m.

Intention of : Pedro & Leotina Homen

Requested by: Maria Vieira

Intention: Michael Silva †

Requested by: Michael & Marlene

Lisle

10:00 a.m.

Intention: Julia Silva †

Requested by: Brindeiro & Cox

Families

Intention: Amelia & Stephen Serpa †

Requested by: Delores Mendes

11:30 a.m.

Intention: Rosa Soares & Jose Bento †

Requested by: Granddaughter & family

Intention: Natalie Dias †

Requested by: Jorge & Maria Freitas

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

Intention: People of the Parish

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, **Maria DaPonte**, 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 like 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 continues **Friday, December 14th**. 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 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.

Speaking of Altar Society... they will host their annual Christmas Gathering Sun. Dec. 16 at 12:30 in the Parish Hall for ALL Cleaning TEAMS in appreciation for their hard work in keeping our churches looking beautiful and clean all year long.

Mass Intentions for 2019

Forms will be available THIS 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.

Our Christmas Mailing went out this week with our Christmas schedule. If you did not receive one, it may indicate your family is not registered in the Parish. It is important to be registered with a parish. There are no obligations only benefits. For more information please call the office.

Attention Senior Citizens

Join us for our monthly gathering on **Wednesday, December 19th** beginning with the recitation of the Rosary at 11:00 a.m., Mass and followed by a delicious luncheon & Bingo in the Parish Hall. Remember, this is open to ALL senior citizens free of charge.

Have A New Baby??

Our next Pre-Baptismal class will be held **Thursday, December 20th at 7:00 p.m.** in the parish center. Please pre-register by making an appointment with Fr. Mike and filling out the registration forms.

Thank you to everyone who contributed in every way to the **Filhos Sale** last weekend. The total benefit to be used for upcoming fish dinner for the building fund was **\$4,000.00**

Our offering collection for December 1 & 2 \$ 4,759.00

Last Year December 2 & 3 \$4,752.10
Thank you, Obrigado & Gracias!

Please Support the Retirement Fund for Religious

A donor writes, "your flyer touched my heart-seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced." Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give to next week's second collection.

Marriage Prep Program ...

is getting ready to begin new sessions. If you are engaged and need to complete the marriage prep requirement, it is not too late to register. Engaged couples meet with a mentor couple for five sessions. Sessions will begin on **Sunday, January 13th at 11:15a.m.** For more information contact, Odelta Cardoso 648-4956.

2018-2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal "Renewed Passion".....

is the theme of this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal that begins now.

As mentioned on the brochure the Bishop's Annual Appeal focuses on the renewal of our passion to love God with all our mind, heart, body and soul and our neighbor as our self. Bishop Ochoa stated: "The burdens and distractions of day to day life can dull our spiritual senses. Sometimes, we are not even aware of it until we take time to pause, pray and reflect." Your gift towards this year's appeal is greatly needed and appreciated. This appeal help to tend to the needs of those we are called to serve.

Brochures are 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.

Remember to pick up the latest copy of the **Central California Catholic Life** Diocesan newspaper available at all church entrances. There is an article about St. Mary's 100th Anniversary Celebration on page 9. We thank Shirley Vierra for her efforts.