

## Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ December 23, 2018

When the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary, he told her that Elizabeth was already in her sixth month of pregnancy. Mary again models true discipleship for us. Even though she too is with child and could easily choose to stay home, she says yes to helping and serving her elderly cousin. Today's Gospel tells us that she traveled "in haste" to do so. Take time today to consider older family members or neighbors who need your help and support. As Advent days continue, how will you say yes to serving them?

### Saturday, December 22, 2018

**5:00 p.m.**

Intention : Matthew M. Freitas †

Requested by: Parish Community

Intention: Sophia & Joao Avila †

Requested by: Joao & Oliva Avila

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

Intention: Joe B. Coelho †

Requested by: Wife & Family

### Sunday, December 23, 2018

#### *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

**7:30 a.m.**

Intention : Vera Almeida †

Requested by: John Almeida Family

**10:00 a.m.**

Intention: Jose L. Borges †

Requested by: Madalena Borges (RIP)

Intention: Richard Avila †

Requested by: Fernando & Mary Rodrigues

**11:30 a.m.**

Intention of: Children & Their Families

Requested by: Manuel & Maria Cardoso

Intention: Maria F. Melo †

Requested by: Frank & Miguel Family

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

Intention: People of the Parish

### Monday, December 24, 2018

**NO 8:00 a.m. Morning Mass**

**Parish Office will close at 12noon**

**5:00 p.m. Children's Vigil Mass**

Intention: Antonio S. Caetano †

Requested by: Veber & Ana Caetano

Intention: John C. Brasil †

Requested by: Family

**Midnight Mass**

Intention: Manuel Silveira Jr. †

Requested by: Lucy Silveira & Family

### Tuesday, December 25, 2018

Nativity of the Lord

"Happy Birthday Jesus"

**8:00 a.m. St. Mary's Stevinson**

Intention: Mary C. Brindeiro †

Requested by: August & Bernice Short

**10:00 a.m. Mass**

Intention: Deceased members of the Martins family †

Requested by: Paul & Carmel Caetano

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

Intention: People of the Parish

### Wednesday, December 26, 2018

**8:00 a.m.**

Intention: Gertrudes Bettencourt †

Requested by: Leroy Bettencourt

### Thursday, December 27, 2018

**8:00 a.m.**

Intention: Francisco & Delmida Mendonca †

Requested by: Ermilinda S. Mendonca

Intention: Zelia Azevedo †

Requested by: John & Maria Mendonca

### Friday, December 28, 2018

**8:00 a.m.**

Intention: Filomena Cardoso †

Requested by: Family

Intention: Joao & Carolina Pereira †

### Saturday, December 29, 2018

**5:00 p.m.**

Intention : Manuel C. Vieira †

Requested by: Parish Community

Intention: Isabel Faria †

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

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

Intention: Teresa DeJesus Pires †

Requested by: Joe & Filomena Pires

### Sunday, December 30, 2018

**7:30 a.m.**

Intention : Jose & Teresa Faustino †

Requested by: Joe Faustino Family

**10:00 a.m.**

Intention: All Those Inscribed in the Legacy of Faith Book

**11:30 a.m.**

Intention : Carlos M. Dias †

Requested by: Gary E. Dias

Intention: Living & Deceased Family Members †

Requested by: Rufino Enes Family

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

Intention: People of the Parish

*May the God of peace fill each of us with abounding hope and joy in believing, for this day a Son is born to us; today, lying in a manger, God is with us.*

*Merry Christmas & a Blessed New Year filled with peace, health, & happiness.*

**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, **Frank White, & Steven White.** *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+

### Children's Gift Donors

We express our sincere appreciation to the following families who donated the Children's gifts in memory of their loved ones: Leroy & Arlene Vierra in loving memory of **Mary & Shauna Vierra**, Lucy Silveira in loving memory of **Manuel Silveira**, Theresa Faria in loving memory of **Isabelle "Belle" Faria**, Ana & Gilbert Hinds and Family in loving memory of **Joao T. Abreu** and Veber & Ana Caetano in loving memory of **Antonio & Maria Caetano**. A special thank you goes out to the **Staff at Hilmar Unified School District** for their generous donation to the less fortunate.

**Walk For Life** will take place on **Saturday January 26<sup>th</sup>**. We will be taking a bus. Cost is \$20.00 per person and sign-ups are being taken.

**1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation Students mark your calendars.** You and your sponsors have a retreat on **Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>** from 8:15-4:30pm. **Parents** will have a mandatory meeting on **Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>** from 7:00pm-8:30pm in the Mission Church. John Sablan will be the guest speaker.

### CCD is on Christmas Break *Till the week of January 6<sup>th</sup>.*

We will resume regular sessions beginning on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

**1<sup>st</sup> Communion students** who have a contract for prayers remember the **deadline is December 31<sup>st</sup>**; please make your appointments now, by calling Dina at 632-7163.

**Net** - National Evangelization Team will be here on **Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> & Jan. 30**. To facilitate mini retreats for the youth of our parish. We are in need of 6 families for each day to host young adults (2 per house). This includes feeding them dinner and breakfast. If you could help for one or both days your help would greatly be appreciated. Please Call Dina 632-7163.

We thank the families who donated the beautiful Poinsettias to beautify our Churches for this Christmas season in memory/honor of their loved ones:

Antone & Maria B. Silva(2)  
Lawrence & Adeline Rocha  
George, Dave & Ken Heilman  
John & Mary Rocha  
Joaquin & Albertina Ramos  
Raymond & Patricia Campbell  
Joe L. Mendes  
Joe C. & Mary Mendes  
Joe V. & Mary B. Toste  
Stephen & Amelia Serpa  
Joe & Mamie Carvalho  
Tony Vaz  
Albert & Geraldine "Tiny" Baptista  
Joe & Evelyn Nicholas  
John & Anna Baptista  
Joe & Margaret Vaz  
Antonio Rocha  
Frank & Mary Vierra (4)  
Cleo Katsounakis (2)  
Thomas F. Locke (2)  
Manuel B. Laurinda Cunha (4)  
Lonnie Correia  
Frank & Mary Brindeiro (2)  
Frank Dutra  
Franklyn & Dorothy Matheron (2)  
A.V. & Fritz Bettencourt (2)  
Shawn McCown (2)  
Jose Mariano Noronha  
Urbano Nascimento  
Joe M. & Aurora Coelho  
Joe & Josephine Fernandes  
Jose Galhandro  
Jose Pacheco  
Esperanca Brasil  
Bill, John & Robert Cox (3)  
Jack & Florie Lathrop  
Frank & Emily Mello  
Frank & Maria Miguel  
Isabelle "Belle" Faria  
Marie Faria  
Joe B. Coelho (2)  
Deceased family Members of Maria Coelho  
Frances Mendes  
Manuel & Elia Mendes  
Deceased family Members of  
Manuel & Maria Gomes (2)  
Raul Apoinario (2)  
Joao Machado Borba (2)  
Joao Coelho  
Germano Martins  
Jose I. & Madalena Borges (2)  
All Deceased Family Members of  
Amaro & Ilene Souza (2)  
Jack & Louise Vierra  
Joe & Leontina Sousa (2)  
Herminia Andre  
Deceased Family Members of  
Jose & Maria Lourenco  
Anthony L. Vierra  
Steve Cozzitorto  
Deceased Family Members of  
Joe & Maria Rosa (2)  
John & Anabelle Souza  
Adelina Souza  
Ronnie Souza  
Filomena Ramos  
Manuel S. Machado  
Manuel L. & Crystal Machado  
Antonio E. Cabral  
Manuel Silveira Jr.  
Ben Pacheco

*(Poinsettias List Continued)*

Deceased family members of  
Jose & Cremilde Faustino  
Mr. & Mrs. Joe R. Borba  
Mrs. & Mrs Joao L. Martins  
Maria Borges  
Charles Martin Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Luis R. Nunes  
~In Honor~  
Frank & Frances Miguel Children,  
Grandchildren & Greatgrandchildren  
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Religious give thanks.....  
"This money is pure gift," writes a religious sister of the support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. "It enables us to continue providing care for our elderly sisters." Your gift of \$1,268 to last week's collection helps hundreds of religious communities meet pressing retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Thank you for your generosity.

**EPIPHANY CELEBRATION will be held January 6, 2019** beginning with the 11:30 Mass where children are asked to bring a gift to offer to Baby Jesus. These items will later be auctioned at the Parish Hall during an afternoon of fellowship and entertainment and delicious food. Please join us in this special celebration!

**Attention Angels young and older...** Next weekend is piggy dumping weekend and there will also be a second collection for the Building Fund. We are truly thankful for your continued generosity.

### Mark Your Calendars for Parish Upcoming Events

*Epiphany Celebration Jan. 6, 2019 beginning with the 11:30 Mass .  
Filhos Sale for Fish Dinner\*  
Jan. 13, 2019  
Parish Breakfast Jan. 20, 2019  
Altar Society Filhos Sale  
Feb. 3, 2019  
\*Fish Dinner March 15, 2019 to Benefit the Building Fund  
Please help support these very important parish activities, if not with your time and talent, then with your treasure!*

**Our offering collection for December 15 & 16 \$4,099.00**  
Last Year December 16 & 17 \$4,323.00  
**Thank you, Obrigado & Gracias!**