

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ March 3, 2019

The beginning of today's Gospel reading contains much food for thought for parents and all teachers of the faith. Jesus asks, "Can a blind person guide a blind person?" (Luke 6:39) and he says, "... [W]hen fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher" (Luke 6:40). Today, take time to think about what you are doing to grow in your knowledge of the Catholic faith and in your relationship with God. Realize the importance of your role as the primary teacher of the faith to your child. Ask for the help and wisdom of the Holy Spirit in fulfilling this valuable ministry.

Saturday, March 2, 2019

5:00 p.m.

Intention : George & Ken Heilman ✚
Requested by: Michael & Filomena Heilman

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

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

Sunday, March 3, 2019

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7:30 a.m.

Intention: Joe B. Coelho ✚
Requested by: Wife & Family

10:00 a.m.

Intention: Joe M. Pires ✚
Joe & Filomena Pires
Intention: Madalena Borges ✚
Requested by: Lee & Dina Borges

11:30 a.m.

Intention: Maria E. Brasil ✚
Requested by: Husband

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

Intention: People of the Parish

Let us remember and pray for our beloved departed, especially for **Mary Correa** 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.

Monday, March 4, 2019

8:00 a.m.

Intention: Richard Avila ✚
Requested by: John & Angie Avila

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

8:00 a.m.

Intention : Living & Deceased Members of the Altar Society ✚

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Ash Wednesday

7:00 a.m.

Intention of: Annelise Cabral ☺
"Happy 15th Birthday"

Requested by: Family

5:30 p.m. St. Mary's

Intention: Herculano M. Vieira ✚
Requested by: Family

7:30 p.m.

Intention: Isabel A. Sousa ✚
Requested by: Jose & Cremilde Faustino

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption. The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. The ashes are christened with Holy Water and are scented by exposure to incense. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. His Divine mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent, and the Church calls on us to seek that mercy during the entire Lenten season with reflection, prayer and penance.

Thursday, March 7, 2019

8:00 a.m.

Intention: Joe B. Coelho ✚
Requested by: Wife & Family

Friday, March 8, 2019

NO 8 a.m. Mass

6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross & Mass New Church

Intention: Manuel Garcia ✚
Requested by: Joe & Maria Rosa

7:15 p.m. Rosary for Mary Correa
New Church Chapel

Saturday, March 9, 2019

11:00 a.m. Funeral Mass for Mary Correa
Mission Church

5:00 p.m.

Intention : Ana Lopes Ivy ✚
Requested by: Family
7:00 p.m. (St. Mary's)
Intention: Fr. Bert Melo ✚
Requested by: Greg & Shirley Vierra

Sunday, March 10, 2019

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m.

Intention: Mr. & Mrs. Joe R. Borba ✚
Requested by: Ferminio & Mary Martins

10:00 a.m.

Intention: Frank Dutra ✚

Finely Huff Family I think needs requested by??

Intention: Joaquin Mancebo ✚
Requested by: Celia Mancebo

11:30 a.m.

Intention: Jose M. Tavares ✚
Requested by: Maria Tavares

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

Intention: People of the Parish

Please Keep in Your Prayers: Eliza Alves, Joao Avelar, Joao Avila, Maria Apolinario, Isidoro Bettencourt, Shawn Bettencourt, Elizabeth de Sousa, Carlos & Joe Delgado, Oscar Drumonde, Elvira Freitas, Irma Garcia, Jared Germann, Barbara Huff, **Pascal Labrousche**, Patrick Leyden, Joe B. Machado, Gloria Jean Mendes, Phyllis Mendes, Maria J. Solorio, baby Kinzley Sousa & Jeanne 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+

Children's Ministry takes place on Sunday's during the 10am Mass. We are in need of leaders for March 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st. If you would like to lead this group on one of these days, please Call Dina at 632-7163.

First Communion parents meeting regarding the banners and first Holy Communion will take place **Tuesday, March 12th at 6:30pm** for parents only in the parish hall.

Roar! Life is wild, God is good is coming **June 10-14, 2019**, and concluding Mass on June 16th at 10AM. Mark your calendars and plan now on attending. Parents help is greatly needed for that week, if you can help please call Shasta Oliveira at 605-2814.

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.

Jr. & Sr. High CCD will meet at 7:00pm on March 6th and attend the 7:30pm Ash Wednesday Mass together as a group.

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 received a huge donation of plastic eggs last year after Easter, but we need Candy to fill the eggs. Take a bag of eggs home and return then filled with your favorite Candy. We also need prizes, which 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.
Does this sound ok???

We Congratulate the newest members of our Catholic Faith Community who are being baptized this weekend: **Emersyn Louise Baptista** daughter of Devin & Kelcie, **David Manuel Pereira** son of Frank & Mundy. *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.*

Lent Is Just Around the Corner

We will once again be having our traditional Lenten Soup Suppers in the Hall after the Stations of the Cross. We reach out to our parish organizations to help with these suppers. Please call Anna to sign up for a Friday of your choice.

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

March 8th ~ Y.L.I.

March 15th ~ Fish Dinner for New Church

March 22nd ~ C.P.I.D.E.S.

March 29th~ P.F.S.A.

April 5th~ S.P.R.S.I.

April 12th ~ TBA (Open)

Got Palms?

If you have old palms, you can bring them in to the office. We will burn them for ashes to be distributed on Ash Wednesday.

RETROUVAILLE--You Can Help Your Marriage – 25% of surveyed couples say they are 'Happily Married'.

For everyone else, there is *Retrouvaille*. Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking make things worse? Need tools to help you better communicate with your spouse?

Retrouvaille helps couples rebuild their marriages at any level of difficulty.

For information, or to register for the Modesto Retrouvaille program beginning with a Weekend on

March 22-14, 2019,

visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org

or call 209-232-5315.

DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR

CLOCKS forward one hour next Saturday evening in order to arrive at Mass on time the next day, Sunday March 10th, **the fire??** day of daylight savings.

Uncle Sam Will Soon Come Calling

Year-End contribution statements are ready. Please call the parish office if you need a copy for tax purposes!

SAVE THE DATE

Fish Dinner on March 15th.

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 – 7:00pm and sit down dinner will be served 7:00-9:00pm. **We SOLD OUT last year! Be sure to purchase yours soon** so you don't miss out on this delicious meal that comes around only once a year. Tickets will be **available after all Masses the weekend of March 9 & 10.**

Auction Items are now being requested and collected. Please drop off your donations at the Parish Office.

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 10th - Jam & Jelly

March 17th -Cereal

March 24th - Pasta & Sauce

March 31st -Boxed or Canned Meals

April 7th -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.

Our offering collection for February 23 & 24 \$4,426.00

February 24 & 25 \$5,149.00
(Incl. Conf. Mass.)

Thank you to all who donated to the second collection for the Bishop's Annual Appeal last weekend. The 2nd collection total was \$1,596.00. Our next collection will be March 31st. Thank you again for your continued generosity to help our parish fulfill this obligation.

Thank you, Obrigado & Gracias!