Third Sunday of Advent December 15, 2019

It would have appeared to Jesus that John began to doubt. Perhaps it was the confinement of prison that let his mind question what he once so clearly understood. But even so, Jesus affirmed John in this scripture as the greatest of all prophets. From this experience, it is reassuring as parents to know that even when we doubt, either ourselves or God, we are still great in God's eyes. Our strength is in knowing God is with us as a loving parent.

Saturday, December 14, 2019

4:30 p.m.
Intention:Joao Azevedo & Joao Brasil✞
Requested by:Libania Brasil
Intention:Joao & Maria Galhano✞
Requested by: Maria A. Galhandro

NO 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary's Stevinson

Sunday, December 15, 2019
Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m.
Intention: Maria L. Lourenco ✞
Requested by: Joe H. Lourenco Family
Intention: Manuel Fontes ✞
Requested by: Family

11:00 a.m.
Intention: Deceased Caetano Family Members ✞
Paul Caetano Family
Intention: Julia Silva ✞
Requested by: Brindeiro & Cox Families

12:30 p.m. Portuguese
Intention: People of the Parish

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

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

7:00 p.m. Rosary for Joao I. Mendonca

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

8:00 a.m. Mass
Intention: John Nunes ✞
Requested by: Family
Intention: Mateo Garcia ✞
Requested by: Filomena Silva
9:00 a.m. Funeral Mass for Joao I Mendonca
11:00 a.m. Senior Mass
Intention: Joao Batista, Lurdes & Domingos Bertao✞
Requested by: Joao & Maria Bertao

Friday, December 20, 2019

8:00 a.m. Mass- New Church
Intention: Deceased Family Members ✞
Requested by: John & Pat Baptista
Intention: Jordan Ouse ✞
Requested by: Greg & Maria Ouse
Intention: MaryLee Sousa ✞
Requested by: Husband
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 5:00 p.m. New Church Chapel

Confessions 5p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Come spend some quite time in the Presence of Our Lord
Adoration takes place every Friday from 9 to 5. Please consider signing up for an hour of prayer every week.

Saturday, December 21, 2019

4:30 p.m.
Intention:Antonio S. & Maria H. Caetano ✞
Requested by:Wagner & Zelia Caetano
Intention:Valponi Family Ancestors✞
Requested by: John & Ann Steffen

NO 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary's Stevinson

Sunday, December 22, 2019
Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m.
Intention: People of the Parish

11:00 a.m.
Intention: Jose H. Brasil ✞
Requested by: Oscar Drumonde Family
Intention: Jose S. Maria Machado ✞
Requested by: Joe & Elmira Machado

12:30 p.m. Portuguese
Intention: Sibblings
Requested by: Armelim & Leonor Silveira
Intention: Jertrudes Bettencourt
Requested by: Husband & Son

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

Let us remember and pray for our beloved departed, especially for **Joao I. Mendonca** 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: Roxy Abrams, Eliza Alves, Joao Avila, Olivia Avila, Maria Apolinario, Jim Baballe**,** Charles Bausano, **Rui & Maria Belo,** Isidoro Bettencourt, Rebecca Bennett, Maurice Brindeiro**,** Leonor Brasil, Barbara Cappel, Ann DePalma,**Rose DePalma**, Elizabeth de Sousa, Jose Dutra, Paul Dutra, Randy Edwards, Jr**.** Julia Elam**,** Rosa Fagundes, John Faria, Elvira Freitas**,** Irma Garcia, Jared Germann, Samuel Gonzalez**,** Patrick Leyden, **James K. Mann, Esther Martinez** Gloria Jean Mendes, Manuel Mendes, Phyllis Mendes, Rosalinda Mouro**,** Felismina Noronha, Joe M. Oliveira, Maria J. Solorio, Lilly Sousa, **Shaun Sousa,** Fr. Leonard Trindade, Jeanne Tristant, Jose & Maria Vieira**,** Michael Vierra, Lincoln Voss**,** Katie Walter & Frank 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+

THANK YOU!! A very big thank you goes out to everyone who donated blankets & bath wash for the elderly. Your caring gesture made a huge impact on the elderly, but also on the youth of our parish who delivered these items. The youth were very touched to see the smiles and excitement of the elderly. We also want to thank the drivers. Without you, we would not have been able to transport the youth, and last but not least our wrapping angels who wrapped all the blankets and bath wash… God Bless each of you and THANK YOU again.

1st Year Confirmation Students mark your calendars. You and your sponsors have a retreat on **Sunday, January 26th** from 8:15-5:00pm. **The retreat will be put on by the Net team.** Housing will be needed for the net group, if you are willing to help with housing or a group meal. Please call Dina at 632-7163.

Children's Christmas Mass, Dec. 24th @4:00pm, practice will take place on **Wednesday, Dec. 18th at 4:30pm** in the New Church. There are still a few parts left, please call Dina at 632-7163, if your child would like to participate.

Walk For Life will take place on **Saturday January 25h**. We will be taking a bus. Cost is $20.00 per person and sign- ups are being taken in the parish office. All Parishioners are encouraged to participate. We will be attending Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral.

Net – National Evangelization Team will be here on **Jan. 26th & Jan. 29.** 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.

Children's Ministry takes places on Sunday's during the 11am Mass. We are in need of leaders. If you would like to lead this group, please call Dina at 632-7163.

We are pleased to announce that our Seminarian *Bonaventure Okoro* will be receiving his Deaconate Ordination on Saturday, December 21st at 11 a.m. at St. John's Cathedral in Fresno. All are invited to support him as he receives this very special sacrament in his journey to priesthood.

Thank you to all those who supported the Filhos Sale last weekend help defray the Fish Dinner expenses for the Building fund raiser in March 2020.
Net proceeds was $4,015.00

We Congratulate *the newest member of our Catholic Faith Community who is being baptized this weekend:* ***Raelyn Marie Sousa*** *daughter of Jonathan & Megan. We pray that she and her family will continue to grow in faith and in the love of Jesus as they remain close to His church.*

Attention Senior Citizens

Join us for our monthly gathering on **Wednesday, December 18th** 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.

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.

Mark Your Calendars for Parish Upcoming Events

Epiphany Celebration ***Jan. 5, 2020***
beginning with the 12:30 Mass .
*Filhos Sale for Fish Dinner** ***Jan. 12, 2020***
Parish Breakfast ***Jan. 19, 2020***
Altar Society Filhos Sale ***Feb. 2, 2020***
Fish Dinner ***March 20, 2020***
to Benefit the Building Fund
Please help support these very important parish activities, if not with your time and talent, then with your treasure!

Have A New Baby??

Our next Pre-Baptismal class will be held **Thursday, December 19th at 7:00 p.m.** in the parish center. **Please pre-register** by stopping by the parish office and filling out the registration forms.

Christmas Confession Schedule

Friday, December 20th
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Monday, December 23rd
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24th
4 p.m. Children's Mass
December 25th
Midnight @ Holy Rosary, 8 a.m. @St. Mary's
10 a.m. @Holy Rosary & 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) at St. Mary's

SHARE IN THE CARE

Retired religious need your support. By 2020, it is projected that retired religious will outnumber wage earning religious by nearly four to one. Your gift to the ***Retirement Fund for Religious*** helps ensure that elderly Catholic sister, brother, and religious order priests receive the care they so richly deserve, now and in the future. Please give generously to **THIS weekend's second collection**

Our offering collection for
Dec. 7 &8 = $4,267.00
Last Year
December 8 & 9 $4,747.00
Thank You, Obrigado & Gracias!

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