

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 23, 2020

In today's gospel we hear God's Law, we are to live a life of holiness. We are called to be perfect as God is perfect. Perfection is a tall order, but Jesus asks us as his disciples to emulate the perfection of God the Father. Jesus is calling us to "be perfect" in our relationships with one another. When difficult times and strife occur in family life, what are our natural tendencies? Taking the perspective of the other person is a great challenge, yet a necessary skill for a healthy relationship. Consider the challenge of Jesus to turn the other cheek during difficult times. Jesus is not asking us to accept or tolerate abuse, but to consider the perspective of the other person in how we relate to him or her. So next time when the family is challenged, or an argument occurs, how might you consider the perspective of the other person? How might you show your spouse or children the love that God shows all of us?

Saturday, February 22, 2020

4:30 p.m. Mass

Intention: Jean Tristant †

Requested by: Family

Sunday, February 23, 2020

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7:30 a.m. Mass

Intention: Mary L. Correa †

Requested by: Parish Community

10:00 a.m. Mass

Intention: People of the Parish

Intention: Valarie M. Krug †

Requested by: Maria Coelho

Intention: Jose C. Borges †

Requested by: Family

11:30 p.m. Portuguese Mass

Intention: Manuel Fontes †

Requested by: Maria Fontes & Family

5:00 p.m. Mass @ St. Mary's Stevinson

Intention: Emilia C. Silva †

Requested by: Maria N. Pedro & Family

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00 a.m. Mass

Intention: All Deceased Family Members †

Requested by: Howard & Pam Real

Intention: Frank Homen †

Requested by: Wife & Son

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

Intention of Firminio & Mary Martins

Requested by: Carolina Sousa

7:00 p.m.

Intention: Antonio Vieira †

Requested by: Wife

Friday, February 28, 2020

8:00 a.m. Mass- New Church

Intention: Dina Anacleto †

Requested by: Veber & Ana Caetano

Intention: Joao Faria †

Requested by: Children

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

Confessions 5p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 29, 2020

4:30 p.m. Mass

Intention: Deceased Members of the C.P.I.D.E.S. †

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

Sunday, March 1, 2020

First Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. Mass

Intention: People of the Parish

10:00 a.m. Mass

Intention: All Those Inscribed in the Legacy of Faith Book

Intention: Mary Sequeira †

Requested by: Joe & Marie Reis

Intention: Marvin A. Fernandes

Requested by: Parish Community

11:30 p.m. Portuguese Mass

Intention: Maria C. Soares Maciel †

Requested by: Antonio Soares

5:00 p.m. Mass @ St. Mary's Stevinson

Intention: Jordan Ouse †

Requested by: Greg & Maria Ouse

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

PLEASE NOTE: BULLETIN COVERS are not correct as we are using all of the old inventory before using the new covers with the current information. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

LENTEN MINI-RETREAT – THE EUCHARIST

Start your Lent with a Mini-Retreat on the evenings of **Monday, March 2nd and Tuesday, March 3rd at 7 p.m.** Conducted by *Deacon Clyde and Anita Davis*, the retreat will use Ignatian Prayer to enhance our understanding of, and appreciation and love for, the Eucharist.

The retreat will be held in the parish hall and begins each evening at 7PM. You are asked to bring a note book/journal and pen to write. Teenagers through seniors are invited. Also, feel free to invite your non-Catholic friends.

To help us plan for this event, please call the office at 667-8961 to reserve your space.

We hope to see you there.

Please Keep in Your Prayers: Eliza Alves, Joao Avila, Olivia Avila, Dan Coelho, Vitalina Coelho, Ann DePalma, Randy Edwards, Jr., Rosa Fagundes, Jared Germann, Jeanne Tristant, Frank Anthony Freitas, Woody Jorritsma, James K. Mann, **Patrick McSweeney & Piper Sousa.** *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+

We welcome Miss Brasil's 5th Grade Class to the 10:00AM Mass: Sophia Azevedo, Kherington Azevedo, Emily Barroso, Kelsi Egli, Lucas Lima, Natalia Lindo, Vincent Machado, Daniel Melo, Madison Oliveira, John Pereira, Gabby Sousa Joao Sousa, Mouises Torres, Isaac Ventura, and Blake Vitornio. We also welcome Ricky Jorge, Maria Oliveira and her choir: James Avila, Felicity & Kherington Azevedo, Sienna & Sebastian Couto, Madilin Silveira, and Amelia De Oliveira

Children's Ministry takes place on Sunday's during the 10am Mass. We are in need of leaders for March 8th, 15th, and 22nd. If you would like to lead this group on one of these days, please call Dina at 632-7163.

We welcome the 8th Graders in Mr. Ortiz's class to the 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Mass. Allison Azevedo, Spencer Azevedo, Evan Barroso, Isabella Berbereia, Oscar Drumonde, Alece Fanelli, Jack Inderbitzen, Paul Janeiro, Logan Machado, Natalia Pereira, Demi Silva, and Caden Wood.

First Communion parents meeting regarding the banners and first Holy Communion will take place **Tuesday, March 10th at 6:00pm** for parents only in the parish hall.

Rocky Railway, Jesus' power pulls us through, is coming **June 8-12, 2020** and concluding with Mass on June 14th 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 Lenten & Easter gifts to the children 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.



*Let Us Begin Our Lenten Journey
Even now, return to me with your
whole heart, with fasting, weeping
and mourning".*

~Joel 2:12

With its various invitations to conversion, Lent comes providentially to awaken us, to rouse us from torpor, from the risk of moving forward by inertia. The exhortation which the Lord addresses to us through the prophet Joel is strong and clear: "Return to me with all your heart." Why must we return to God? Because something is not right in us, not right in society, not right in the Church and we need to change and give it a new direction. And this is called needing to convert! Once again Lent come to make its prophetic appeal, to remind us that it is possible to create something new within ourselves and around us, simple because God is faithful, always faithful, for God cannot deny himself, but continues to be rich in goodness and mercy, and is always ready to forgive and start afresh. So with confidence, let us set out on the journey.

~Pope Francis

Ash Wednesday Schedule

7 a.m. Holy Rosary

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

7:00 p.m. Holy Rosary

Lent Begin Next Week.....

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.

February 28th ~ Y.L.I.

March 6th ~ TBA (to be announced)

March 13th ~TBA

March 20th ~ Fish Dinner for Blg. Fund

March 27th ~TBA

April 3rd ~TBA

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 1 - Jam & Jelly

March 8 - Cereal

March 15 - Pasta & Sauce

March 22 -Boxed or Canned Meals

March 29 -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.

TIME FOR

BREAKFAST this Sunday the **Cabrillo Club #30-Hilmar will hold their Annual Pancake Breakfast Scholarship fund raiser** Sunday, February 23rd, 8am to 12 noon at the Parish Hall. Enjoy Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Linguica, Juice, Coffee & Milk. Donation \$8.00. Tickets available at the door

Attention Angels – Next weekend is piggy dumping weekend. Please remember to bring your piggy banks to Mass. There will also be a second collection for the building fund. We are blessed by your continued generosity.

SAVE THE DATE

Building Fund Fish Dinner on

March 20th. TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE at the Parish Office.

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 are \$25.00.

Our offering collection for February 15 & 16 = \$6,307.00 (including Confirmation Mass)
Last year February 16 & 17 \$5,982.50 (incl. Confirmation Mass)

Thank You, Obrigado & Gracias!

New Year, New Way to Give

Online Giving will help sustain our church. Make this year's personal tithing goal will help support our church's many ministries dedicated to strengthening our church's community and community at large. Online Giving allows you to make donations, payments, and pledges via your smart device or computer to our church.

Simply visit our website:

www.hilmarholYROsary.org

