

Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ December 18, 2022

Gospel Reflection: We must not gloss over too quickly the difficult circumstances described in today's Gospel. The way that Joseph and Mary face these circumstances tells us much about these holy people and their faith in God. Joseph and Mary are betrothed to be married. This is sometimes described as an engagement period, but it is more than that. Betrothal in first century Jewish culture was in fact the first part of the marriage contract.

Saturday, December 17, 2022

8:00am Mass (Mission Church)

Intention: Richard Avila ☩

Requested by: Rui & Jennifer Avila

5:30pm Mass

Intention: José & Maria Lourenco &
Antonio Ornelas ☩

Requested by: Francisco & Maria Lourenco

Sunday, December 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:00am Mass

Intention: Joseph Casas ☩

Requested by: Mother

8:30am Portuguese Mass

Intention: Joe M. Oliveira ☩

Requested by: Ed Agueda Family

Intention: People of the Parish

10:00am Mass

Intention: Serafim Sousa,
Joe & Derek Rocha ☩

Requested by: Danny Rocha Family

Intention: Joe & Clara Homen &
Emily Silveira ☩

Requested by: Manuel & Maria Silveira

5:00pm St. Mary's • Stevinson

Intention: Holy Rosary/St. Mary's
Altar Society

6:30pm St. Mary's Spanish Mass

Intention: Manuel Ferro

Requested by: Maria Garcia Family

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

8:00am Mass

Intention: Teresa Alves ☩

Requested by: Melanie Almada

Intention: Margarita Bettencourt ☩

Requested by: João & Etelvina Lemos

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

8:00am Mass

Intention: Olive Bettencourt ☩

Requested by: T. Bettencourt

Thursday, December 22, 2022

8:00am Mass

Intention: Matthew Freitas ☩

Requested by: Parents & Family

Friday, December 23, 2022

8:00am Mass

Intention: Anthony Alves ☩

Requested by: Christine Freitas

Intention: Deceased Family Members ☩

Requested by: Ana Brasil



**Friday's Adoration
of the Blessed Sacrament until 5pm
in the Mission Church**

5:00pm Confessions New Church

Saturday, December 24, 2022

Christmas Vigil

5:00pm Mass St. Mary's

Intention: José & Celeste Avila ☩

Requested by: Orlanda Luis & daughter

5:00pm Mass

Intention: Luke Mancebo ☩

Requested by: Mother

Intention: Antonio S. Caetano ☩

Requested by: Veber & Ana Caetano

Midnight Mass

Intention: Antonio Diniz ☩

Requested by: Tony & Diane Diniz

Intention: Julio Agueda ☩

Requested by: Wife

Sunday, December 25, 2022

The Nativity of the Lord

8:30am Portuguese Mass

Intention: Joe O. Rocha ☩

Requested by: Hilary Borba

10:00am Mass

Intention: James Sheppa ☩

Requested by: Wife & Daughter

Intention: Antonio & Maria Santos ☩

Requested by: Elizabeth Oliveira Family

12 noon St. Mary's Spanish Mass

Intention: All the People of the Parish

**Please Note:
No Evening Masses**

Please Keep in Your Prayers: Manuel Andrade, Christopher Amarante, Olivia Avila, George Azevedo, Rebecca, Bennett, Jack Betschart, Isidro Bettencourt, Carl Boutte, Greg Boutte, Dina Brindeiro, Diana Brown, Arlene Cardoso, Tina Carmo, River Cipponeri, Dan & Shirley Coelho, Nisa Cox, Ann Depalma, Celeste Drumonde, Joe Dutra, Randy Edwards, Jorge Espinoza, Gary Fernandes, Elvira Freitas, Frank & Anthony Freitas, Jared Germann, Andrew Godino, Jennifer Gonzales, Debbie Hutchins, R. J. Jefferson, Nayiree Kapeghian, Richard Keas, Doris Krikorian, Pascal Labrousche, Brian Lawrence, John Lopes, Janice Louro, Joe Louro, Celina Nunes Mancebo, David Mardone, Mary Marson, Tony Martins, Tere Mason, Loretta McFaddin, Luis Melo, Gloria Mendes, Malissa Mendes, Lewis Mendes, Margaret Mendes, Nelda Mendonca, Edward Meneses, Amaiya & Ameiya Michel, Jorge Oliveira, Anthony Parreira, Zeb Parreira, Maria Pessoa, Marina Pinkerton, Dave Ramos, **Marie Reis**, John Rocha, Maria Rosa, Joe Silva, Kathleen Silva, Violante Silva, Manuel Silva, Lucy Silveira, Sandra Smith, Carolina Sousa, Ida Sousa, Julia Sousa, Lilly Sousa, Judite Teixeira, Luciano Terra, Jeanne Tristant, & Maria Vieira. **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.**

CCD NEWS...



Children's Christmas Eve Vigil Mass - Saturday, December 24th at 5pm

We will have a rehearsal on **Wednesday, December 21st** at 6pm in the new church for the children participating in the Mass.

Advent Memorial Gifts

The tradition of giving Advent gifts during mass continues.

We are now accepting donations for those gifts in memory of loved ones. The gifts will be labeled accordingly. These gifts will be given to every child that is in attendance during the Christmas weekend masses. **Monday, December 19th** is the deadline for making donations.

CCD Christmas • New Year's Break

We will be on break from **December 19th** through **January 9th**. Classes will resume on January 10th.

Snack Donations Needed

Our snack levels are low. If you are able to donate some individually wrapped snacks, we will be greatly appreciative. You can scan the QR code below to go directly to our Amazon Wish List with lots of snack choices that can be delivered directly to the parish office. Thank you!



Holy Rosary/St. Mary's Altar Society will have Poinsettias available if anyone would like to donate towards 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 \$15 as we will be purchasing larger plants this year. Please call Anna at the Parish office to reserve yours.

A Big **THANK YOU** to everyone who purchased Filhos last weekend as well as all those who made the sale possible by giving of their Time, Talent & Treasure!



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 15th, at 11:15am**. For more information contact, Odelta Cardoso 648-4956.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CONFESSIONS

Monday, December 19th 5:00pm-7:00pm
 Tuesday, December 20th 5:00pm-7:00pm
Wednesday, December 21st
 9am-10am & 5:00pm-7:00pm

CHRISTMAS LITURGY

Saturday, December 24th
 5:00pm • Mass St. Mary's ~ Stevinson
 5:00pm • Children's Vigil Mass
 12:00 Midnight Mass • (Port./Eng.)

Sunday, December 25th

NO 7am Mass
 8:30am • Portuguese Mass
 10:00am • English Mass
 12 noon • St. Mary's Spanish Mass

NO Evening Masses

2023 New Year's Masses

Regular weekend Mass Schedule

Pray Every Day this Advent...
Download the app Hallow.

SHARE IN THE CARE

Your gift to the **Retirement Fund for Religious** helps ensure that elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, 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.**

Need A little help in hearing the Word of God be spoken in the New Church? We have special hearing devices to assist you at each Mass. Simply go to the sound room window and check one out for your use and return it after the Mass is over. Let us know your feedback.



Still Need THAT special Christmas gift?

- Do your parents or other loved ones have material items galore?
- Is someone on your shopping list difficult to buy for?

Please remember Holy Rosary/St. Mary's Legacy of Faith can make your Christmas shopping meaningful and *so easy*. Gifts of any amount can be made in honor of a loved one.

With a Legacy of Faith gift, your friends or loved ones will become beloved friends of our parish for years to come. Making a Legacy of Faith gift is as easy as making a phone call. For gifts that exceed \$50.00, Honorees will be inscribed in the Legacy of Faith Book. A Mass is offered once a month for all those inscribed in this special book. For more information contact the parish office at 667-8961 Thank you for your consideration.

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Our offering collection for...

December 10 & 11..... \$6,409.00
 2021 December 11 & 12..... \$5,873.00

PLEASE REMEMBER TO USE
 your parish registration number

Thank You, Obrigado & Gracias!