

# Second Sunday of Advent December 10, 2023

Reflect, today, upon that “desert” to which you have been called, so as to prepare yourself and others for the coming of Christ. That desert is any place where there is need and every place where our Lord is not. It might be your family, work environment, community, among friends, or any place that lacks the superabundance of God’s grace. Seek to enter those deserts and to be open to be a channel of our Lord’s grace to those in need.

(Visit: [www.catholic-daily-reflections.com](http://www.catholic-daily-reflections.com) for more!)

## Saturday, December 9, 2023

### 8:00am Mass

Intention: Maria & Filomena Pereira †

Requested by: Laura Pereira

### 5:30pm Mass

Intention: João Abreu & All Souls †

Requested by: Maria Abreu

Intention: Joe L. Mendes †

Requested by: Wife

## Sunday, December 10, 2023

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

### 7:00am Mass

Intention: Carolina Sousa †

Requested by: Manuel Sousa Jr.

### 8:30am Portuguese Mass

Intention: João Lourenco Meneses †

Requested by: Maria Meneses & Family

### 10:00am Mass

Intention: Leonel Mendonca †

Requested by: Nelda Mendonca

### 5:00pm St. Mary’s • Stevinson

Intention: For All Those Inscribed in the

*St. Mary’s Memorial Book*

### 6:30pm St. Mary’s Spanish Mass

Intention: People of the Parish Community

## Tuesday, December 12, 2023

### 8:00am Mass

Intention: Guadalupe Sousa †

Requested by: Angela Melo

Intention: Emilia Almada †

Requested by: Olivia Avila

## Wednesday, December 13, 2023

### 8:00 am Mass

Intention: Manuel S. Machado †

Requested by: Wife & Family

## Thursday, December 14, 2023

### 8:00am Mass

Intention: João, Mariana, Anselmo &

João P. Silveira †

Requested by: Manuel & Fatima Silva

## Friday, December 15, 2023

### 8:00am Mass

Intention: José A. Alves †

Requested by: Wife

Intention: Rui Belo †

Requested by: Wife

*Friday’s Adoration  
until 5pm in the Mission Church*

5:00pm Confessions in New Church

## Saturday, December 16, 2023

### 8:00am Mass

Intention: Elmira Moitoso †

Requested by: Joe & Elmira Machado

### 9:00am Rosary † Funeral

*Manuel Foste*

### 5:30pm Mass

Intention: Deceased Lourenco Family

Members †

Requested by: José & Maria Lourenco

Intention: Frank Nogueira †

Requested by: Oscar & Luisiana Drumonde

## Sunday, December 17, 2023

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

### 7:00am Mass

Intention: Dana Stavrianadakis †

Requested by: Family

### 8:30am Portuguese Mass

Intention: José A. Lemos, Domingos &

Lurdes Berto †

Requested by: João & Maria Bertão

### 10:00am Mass

Intention: Anthony D. Barcellos †

Requested by: Wife & Family

### 5:00pm St. Mary’s • Stevinson

Intention: Maria Lina Couto †

Requested by: Tony & Elisa Martins

### 6:30pm St. Mary’s Spanish Mass

Intention: People of the Parish Community

The Advent season is all about reflecting on how we can prepare our hearts and homes for Christ's birth in the world as it is today. It is a time for faith communities and families to remember, through prayer, reflections, special music, and good deeds what the true meaning of Jesus' birth is.

**Please Keep in Your Prayers:** Maura Almada, Maria Olivia Avila, Lilia Babelle, Carol & Sally Baggett, Odelta Cardoso, Dan & Shirley Coelho, Sarah Cox, Ann DePalma, Randy J. Edwards Jr., Gary Fernandes, Porter Fernandes, Richard Fernandes, MaryJo Fontes, Jared Germann, Alex Gonsalves, Doris Krikorian, Brian Lawrence, Sara Lindo, Mike Lopes, Edward Mendes Jr., Delores Mendes, Lewis Mendes, Nico Morasci, Maverik Nash, Christy Oliveira, Anthony Parreira, Jeanne Tristant, Zeb Parreira, Samantha Roberts, Kathleen Silva, Taylor Westcott and Lesley Zorra.

*Father God, we lift up all those who are facing illness today.*

*We ask that You would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies.*

*Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love. In Jesus’ name. Amen*

Please call our office if you have an ill family member or friend that you would like to include on our prayer list or request a visit by the priest. (209)667-8961.

# CCD NEWS...

## Christmas Memorial Gifts...

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 in attendance during the Christmas weekend Masses.

## Join us for... A Journey Though the Mass

This Wednesday evening at 7pm in the new church, we will cover "The Introductory Rites". If you're interested in learning the meaning behind the prayers and rites of our Catholic Mass, then please join us!

## Join us for a night of Christmas Caroling!



We are planning for a fun-filled night on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Sign-ups are available on the CCD tab of the church website!



## Children's Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5pm**

Do you have a youngster who is interested in participating in the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass? Planning has begun and we are looking for children and parents who can help. Assignments will be given soon!



Let us remember and pray for our beloved departed, especially for

**Manuel Toste &  
John Lopes Lewis**

that they may receive the abundant fruit of God's presence. May their loved ones receive God's consolation and peace at this difficult time.

Thank to everyone who supported and provided the delicious Filhos Sale last Sunday. This sale will help offset the upcoming Fish Dinner expenses. Save the date of March 15, 2024



## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

### CONFESSIONS

**Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**  
5:00pm-7:00pm

**Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**  
5:00pm- 7:00pm

**Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**  
9am-10am & 5:00pm-7:00pm

**Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
9am-10am & 5:00pm-7:00 pm

### CHRISTMAS LITURGY

**Christmas Eve Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**  
3:30pm • English Mass St. Mary's, Stevinson  
5:00pm • Children's Vigil Mass  
12:00 • Midnight Portuguese & English Mass

### Christmas Day, Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

8:30am • Portuguese Mass  
10:00am • English Mass  
12 noon • St. Mary's Spanish Mass

### 2024 New Year's Masses

**Monday, January 1, 2024**

10am English Mass  
11:30am Portuguese Mass

*Bulletin Advertiser renewals* have gone out. If your business would like to advertise in our parish bulletin, please call the parish office in the event of a cancelled ad. We take this opportunity to THANK our current advertisers for their support in helping to defray the cost of our weekly bulletin.

## Our Lady of the Assumption Vacation Bible School

Presents:

## A Night in Bethlehem

**Saturday, December 9, 2023**

Rain or shine from 4pm to 8pm  
Start your adventure in the City Gates!  
(west side of the church grounds)

## SHARE IN THE CARE

Your gift to the *Retirement Fund for Religious* helps ensure that elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, & religious order priests receive the care they so richly deserve, now and in the future. Please give generously to **NEXT weekend's second collection.**

## 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, 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.



Set up your weekly contributions by simply visiting our website:

[www.hilmarholyroary.org](http://www.hilmarholyroary.org)

Click on the OSV online logo, open an account Choose: one time, weekly or monthly. It's that easy...

December 2 & 3.....  
**\$5,691.00**

2022 December 3 & 4.....  
**\$6,409.00**

*Thank You, Obrigado & Gracias*