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UPCOMING EVENTS

December 16th at 6pm
Christmas Caroling

December 18th
Christmas Memorial Gift deadline

December 21st at 6pm
Christmas Eve Vigil Mass
Rehearsal

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

December 22nd – January 6th
Christmas • New Year's Break
NO CCD CLASSES

Hello to my CCD Families!

I hope that you're having a wonderful season of Advent. It truly takes intentional focus to make sure that this season does not pass by without taking time to take to heart the miracle that occurred with the birth of our Lord Jesus. I find myself busy with all the activities going on and find that at the end of the day, I have taken little to no time to meditate on the season. I pray that you're doing better than I am!

Last week, you received an Advent Calendar. I hope that you and your family will make use of it and participate in the activities and readings it suggests.

As always, contact me should you have any questions or concerns!

*God bless you and yours!
Annie*

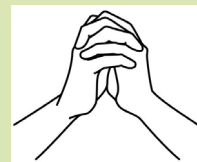
Christmas Eve Vigil Children's Mass



We have begin to prepare for the upcoming Christmas Eve Vigil Children's Mass. What does this mean? It means that we're going to need helpers to sort out costumes, children to participate in the mass as readers, characters, etc. If you're interested in helping with this event or would like to sign up your child to participate in the Mass, let Annie know. **Our Christmas Eve Vigil**

Mass will be on Sunday, December 24th at 5pm.

DECEMBER



Prayer Focus...

First Communion: 1st Year
Glory Be

First Communion: 2nd Year
Glory Be • Grace Before Meals

Confirmation: 1st Year
Guardian Angel

Confirmation: 2nd Year
St. Michael Prayer

Lost & Not Yet Found....

I have several sweatshirts and miscellaneous items in our Lost & Found. Please feel free to come and look through the items to see if they belong to your household.

PRAYER *Champions*

We have a new addition to our wall! Congratulations to **Mckenzie Machado** on finishing her prayers for this year! Please encourage your children who are in First Holy Communion or Confirmation formation to visit Annie regularly to test on prayers! We may be concentrating on certain prayers each month, but the children are more than welcome to test on ALL the prayers that they know!

Christmas Caroling!



Our Family Night of Christmas Caroling is scheduled for Saturday, December 16th at 6pm. Families are invited to join us as we spread Christmas joy throughout several of our Hilmar neighborhoods. We will have walking routes as well as hayride routes. Signups are now available online at the CCD tab of our church website! You can also contact Annie to be signed up!

The Advent Wreath

1st CANDLE – (purple) **THE PROPHECY CANDLE or CANDLE OF HOPE** – We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God. (Romans 15:12-13)

2nd CANDLE – (purple) **THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF PREPARATION** – God kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to “get ready”. Help us to be ready to welcome YOU, O GOD! (Luke 3:4-6)

3rd CANDLE – (pink) **THE SHEPHERD CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF JOY** – The angels sang a message of JOY! (Luke 2:7-15)

4th CANDLE – (purple) **THE ANGEL CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF LOVE** – The angles announced the good news of a Savior. God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us! (John 3:16-17)

5th CANDLE – (white) **“CHRIST CANDLE”** – The white candle reminds us that Jesus is the spotless lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins! His birth was for his death, his death was for our birth! (John 1:29)



Celebrating birthdays
December 11 - 18

- **Nicholas Baballe**
- **Samuel Azevedo**
- **Westin Pires**
- **Kassidy Mancebo**
- **Bryan Romero**
- **Kaelyn Machado**
- **Kenadie Machado**
- **Nathan Segura**
- **Joana Azevedo**
- **Cooper Soares**
- **Amelia Melo**

SERVICE HOURS

opportunities!

- Children's Liturgy Room Helper
- Cleaning the Church
- Filhos Kitchen Helpers
- Christmas Caroling
- Christmas Vigil Mass Helpers

