

# Holy Rosary † St. Mary's C.C.D.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**November 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Christmas Caroling Planning Meeting in Classroom #4

**November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**  
Special Speaker: Steffani Aquila author of "My Girl Sunday"

**November 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm**  
Family Rosary Walk

**November 25<sup>th</sup>–December 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Thanksgiving Week •**  
**NO CLASSES!**

**December 4<sup>th</sup>**  
1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation • Sponsor Verification Deadline

**December 11<sup>th</sup>**  
1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation • Saint Presentations/Essays Deadline  
Wednesday Night CCD • Advent Confessions

*Nello to my C.C.D. Families!*

*It's pretty crazy to think that we are already entering the holiday season! We will begin the Advent Season the Sunday following Thanksgiving. Not only do we find ourselves busy with our regular schedules, but we add on the added events and activities that come with Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas. It can feel overwhelming! I hope that in all the chaos, you will find time to rest and be present with the family and friends that you share these special times with.*

*We will be bustling with activities here at Holy Rosary: weekly Advent activities/giveaways, Christmas caroling, Christmas Memorial Gifts, and Christmas Eve Children's Vigil Mass. If you would like to help or participate in any of these activities, please let me know.*

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

*God bless you and yours!*

*Annie*



**Is your child interested in participating in the Mass as an Altar Server?** We are ALWAYS looking for boys & girls who want to serve as Altar Servers for our Masses! This is a great opportunity to learn how fun and easy it is to serve! Children who have received their Sacrament of First Holy Communion are eligible.

If your child will be receiving their First Communion this May, ask them if they'd like to become an Altar Server. Let Annie know OR you can talk to Weber Caetano about signing up!



**Christmas Caroling Planning Meeting this Thursday at 6pm in Classroom #4!**

## NOVEMBER



*Prayer Focus...*

First Communion: 1<sup>st</sup> Year  
Our Father

First Communion: 2<sup>nd</sup> Year  
Our Father

Confirmation: 1<sup>st</sup> Year  
Spiritual Works of Mercy

Confirmation: 2<sup>nd</sup> Year  
Hail, Holy Queen  
Memorae

## PRAYER *Champions*

We are now in the month of November with new prayers to focus on! Let's make sure that we continue to encourage them to practice their prayers and to test on them throughout the month. Lost your prayer sheet? That's okay! They're available on the CCD tab of the church website!

## Operation Shoebox is HERE!



All 50 shoeboxes have been picked up. Last year 35 of our 50 boxes were returned. Let's do all we can to ensure that ALL 50 boxes get returned so that children around the world get to experience Christmas and the love of the Lord and their fellow man. Remember, you can track your package and see what corner of the globe it lands!

**Boxes must be returned to Hilmar Covenant Church the week of November 18-24<sup>th</sup>.**

## Raising Future Saints

A group focused on the vocation of motherhood. Centered on the Eucharist we are committed to raising our children in our Catholic faith and living out the liturgy in our daily lives. Helping each other grow in holiness to raise the

next generation of future saints! Children are welcome! This group meets Thursdays at 10:30am in the Monsignor Minhoto Meeting Room. *Come Check It Out!!*

**FAMILY ROSARY WALK**  
• Join us for the recitation of the most Holy Rosary on November 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm. We will meet outside the Mission Church. Light refreshments will be served after. This is open to EVERYONE!

Check out **CATHOLIC PRINTABLE CLUB!** Digital Products to Inspire Your Family in the Faith  
• 50% off the first month ends 11/7. Use code: **JOIN2024**  
• 15% the shop. Use code: **FALL2024** before the 11/20 deadline.

HOLY ROSARY, SAINT MARY'S PARISH PRESENTS  
**STEFFANI AQUILA**  
SPEAKER  
MONDAY  
**NOV 18**  
6:00PM AT HOLY ROSARY HILMAR  
JOIN STEFFANI OF HIS GIRL SUNDAY FOR AN EVENING OF LITURGICAL LIVING AND HOW YOU CAN BE MORE AUTHENTICALLY CATHOLIC IN YOUR EVERYDAY.  
EVENT IS FREE TO ATTEND

# HAPPY Birthday

Celebrating birthdays this week...

- Abigail Gonzales
- Siena Lourenco
- Emily Barroso

## SERVICE HOURS

*opportunities!*

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

Make sure to go to the CCD tab at [www.hilmarholyroary.org](http://www.hilmarholyroary.org) to sign up for these and other opportunities!

**SAINTS FUN FACTS** by mario d. macari  
DO CATHOLICS WORSHIP SAINTS OR THEIR RELICS?  
SAINT JEROME, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH, HAS THE ANSWER: "WE DO NOT WORSHIP THE RELICS OF THE SAINTS, BUT HONOR THEM IN OUR WORSHIP OF HIM WHOSE SAINTS THEY ARE. WE HONOR THE SERVANTS IN ORDER THAT THE RESPECT PAID TO THEM MAY BE REFLECTED BACK TO THE LORD." HONORING THEM, HE SAID, WAS NOT IDOLATRY BECAUSE NO CHRISTIAN HAD EVER ADORED THE SAINTS AS GODS; ON THE OTHER HAND, THEY PRAY FOR US. "IF THE APOSTLES, SAINTS AND MARTYRS, WHILE STILL LIVING ON EARTH, COULD PRAY FOR OTHER MEN, HOW MUCH MORE MAY THEY DO IT AFTER THEIR VICTORIES? HAVE THEY LESS POWER NOW THAT THEY ARE WITH JESUS CHRIST?"  
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