

Fourth Sunday of Advent † December 22, 2024

Reflect, today, upon this holy gift of the Holy Spirit that Elizabeth experienced. Place yourself at the scene. Try to see the experience within her heart. Try to feel how she felt. Try to sense the praise that resulted. And try to open yourself more fully to receive this same gift of the Holy Spirit in your life. The Lord comes to you constantly by grace, especially every time you receive Him in Holy Communion. For that reason, we must all strive to live a holy wonder and awe every day of our lives.

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Saturday, December 21, 2024

8:00am Mass

Intention: Gina Coelho †
Requested by: Mother

5:30pm Mass

Intention: John L. Lewis †
Requested by: Parish Community
Intention: Judy Sousa †
Requested by: Randy & Marie Edwards

Sunday, December 22, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:00am Mass

Intention: Mary Marson †
Requested by: Husband

8:30am Portuguese Mass

Intention: Alvarinho & Livramento Luis †
Requested by: Antonio & Fatima Brasil

Intention of: Francisco Costa
"Happy 100th Birthday!"
Requested by: Parish Community

10:00am Mass

Intention: Maria Goncalves &
José Lourenco †
Requested by: Jose & Maria Lourenco

5:00pm St. Mary's • Stevinson

Intention: Matthew Freitas †
Requested by: Parents

6:30pm St. Mary's Spanish Mass

Intention: People of the Parish

Monday, December 23, 2024

8:00am Mass

Intention: Kathleen Silva †
Requested by: Joao Coelho

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

8:00am Mass

Intention: Lidio Meneses †
Requested by: Family

3:30pm Mass St. Mary's • Stevinson

Intention: Luis S. Pereira †
Requested by: Ana M. Simoes

5:00pm Children's Vigil Mass

Intention: Antonio Diniz & Joe Faria †
Requested by: Tony & Diane Diniz

Intention: Living & Deceased Silva & Cox
family Members †
Requested by: Kelly & Nisa Cox

12:00am Midnight BiLingual Mass

Intention: Antonio S. Caetano †
Requested by: Veber & Ana Caetano

Intention: Manuel A. Cardoso †
Requested by: Frank & Michelle Cardoso

Wednesday, December 25, 2024

8:30am Portuguese Mass

Intention: Julio Agueda †
Requested by: Maria Silva

Intention: Domingos & Lurdes Bertão &
José & Elvira Ferreira †
Requested by: João & Maria Bertão

10:00 am Mass

Intention: Judy Sousa †
Requested by: Dave & Diane Alves

Intention: Maria & Filomena Pereira †
Requested by: Laura Pereira

11:30am St. Mary's Spanish Mass

Intention: Souls in Purgatory †
Requested by: Joe & Judy Souza

Thursday, December 26, 2024

No 8:00am Mass

Friday, December 27, 2024

No 8:00am Mass OR Adoration

5:00pm Confessions in New Church

Saturday, December 28, 2024

8:00am Mass

Intention: John Souza †
Requested by: Amaro Souza Family

Intention: José & Elvira Fraga & Derek Rocha †
Requested by: Joaquin & Rosa Fraga

5:30pm Mass

Intention: Bill & Judy Sousa †
Requested by: Family

Intention: Manuel M. & Nivia Cardoso †
Requested by: Manuel & Genia Rosa

Sunday, December 29, 2024

Feast of the Holy Family Jesus, Mary & Joseph

7:00am Mass

Intention: Maria Augusto & Husband
Requested by: Ana M. Simoes

8:30am Portuguese Mass

Intention: Manuel F. Silva †
Requested by: Family

Intention: Maria Fontes †

10:00am Mass

Intention: Manuel Silveira Jr. †
Requested by: Lucy Silveira Family

Intention: Kimberly Machado †
Requested by: Family

5:00pm St. Mary's • Stevinson

Intention of: Henry & Emily Locke
Requested by: Mom & Dad

6:30pm St. Mary's Spanish Mass

Intention: People of the Parish

Please Keep in Your Prayers: Maura Almada, Addy Alvarez, Maria Amarante, Linda Andrade, Maria Olivia Avila, Carol & Sally Baggett, Maria L. Bettencourt, Laucia Bogacki, Luciano Cabral, Adolfo Cisneros Dan & Shirley Coelho, Marren de Orta Cordeiro, Chasity Cox, Kelly Cox, Sarah Cox, Jennifer DeCoteau, Ann DePalma, Gary Fernandes, Porter Fernandes, MaryJo Fontes, Jared Germann, Alex Gonsalves, Finley Huff, Richard Huntley, Tiesha Kelley, Doris Krikorian, Steven LaMarre, Brian Lawrence, Nancy Lawrence, Philbert Lawrence, Sara Lindo, Henry Locke, Linda Lopes, Mike Lopes, **Marylou & Jerry Lourenco**, JoAnn Lundell, Joe Machado, Brenda Mays, Mark Medeiros, Kendra Mendes, Nico Morasci, Maverik Nash, Alan Oliveira, Anthony Parreira, Stephanie Rockwell, Jeanne Tristant, John Tristao, Zeb Parreira, Samantha Roberts, Manuel A. Sequeira, Lucy Silveira, Amaro Souza, Sally Ann Thomas, Taylor Westcott and Lesley Zorra. **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 • New Year's

Break We will be on break December 23rd through January 6th. We wish ALL our CCD families a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!!

2nd Year Confirmation

We have our 2nd Year Confirmation Candidate & Sponsor retreat scheduled for January 11th starting at 9am. Parents, please check your emails for more information regarding this event!

Raising Future Saints • Motherhood & Communion

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!!



TEAMS OF OUR LADY for a Better Marriage

Are you interested in enriching your marriage? Teams of Our Lady might be for you! Joining Teams of Our Lady members come together once a month to eat, pray and discuss topics reflecting faith and marriage. **Want more information? Contact Annie at (209)632-7163**



EPIPHANY CELEBRATION will be held Sunday, January 5, 2025 beginning with the 11:30am Portuguese Mass where children are asked to bring a gift to offer to Baby Jesus. These items will later be auctioned in the Storage Building during an afternoon of fellowship and entertainment and delicious food. Please join us in this special celebration!



We thank the families who donated the beautiful Poinsettias to beautify our place of worship for this Christmas season in memory or in honor of their loved ones:

Tony Vaz

- Albert & Geraldine "Tiny" Baptista (2)
- Joe & Evelyn Nicholas (2)
- John & Anna Baptista (2)
- Joe & Margaret Vaz (2)
- Antonio Rocha (2)
- Frank A. Vierra (2)
- Mary M. Vierra (2)
- Thomas F. Locke (2)
- Cleo Katsounakis (2)
- Manuel B. & Laurinda Cunha (2)
- Lonnie Correia
- Antone & Maria B. Silva (2)
- George & Carol Heilman
- Joe & George Silva
- A.V. & Fritz Bettencourt (2)
- Franklyn & Dorothy Matheron (2)
- Aaron Pareira
- Jeanie Nelson
- Harold DePalma
- Manuel S. & Angela L. Machado
- Antonio E. Cabral
- Manuel & Crystal Machado
- Rebecca Machado Bennett
- Joe L. Mendes
- Joe C & Mary R. Mendes
- Joe V & Mary B. Toste
- Mamie & Joe Carvalho
- Amelia & Stephen Serpa
- Joe & Leontina Sousa
- Herminia Andre
- All Deceased Family Members of
- Lee & Dina Borges (2)
- João Almada
- Manuel & Cecilia Raposo
- Jorge & Angela Azevedo
- José & Serafina Mendonca
- Cecilia Mendonca
- José Teixeira
- João Goncalves
- James & Gloria Mendonca
- Norbert & Lorraine Komos
- Joseph & Hazelle Silva
- Steven Silva
- David Ramos
- John J. & Mary P. Rocha
- Joaquin & Albertina Ramos
- (H)Ann DePalma
- (H) Joe & Filomena Pires Family
- (H) Joe & Marie Reis Family

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Confessions

Monday, December 23rd

9:00am to 10:00am
& 5:00pm to 7:00pm

Christmas Eve Tuesday, December 24th

3:30pm • Mass St. Mary's • Stevinson
5:00pm • Children's Vigil Mass
12:00 • Midnight Bi-Lingual Mass-

Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25th

8:30am • Portuguese Mass
10:00am • English Mass
11:30am • St. Mary's Spanish Mass

2025 New Year's Masses

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

10:00am • English Mass
11:30am • Portuguese Mass



May the God of peace fill each of us with abounding hope and joy in believing, for this day a Son is born to us; today, lying in a manger, God is with us. Merry Christmas & a Blessed New Year filled with peace, health & happiness.

MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

REVENUES for November
(plate collection, rental fee, weddings & Baptisms)

Totalled..... \$38,923.17

EXPENSES for November
(utilities, Diocesan & Education Assessments, Property Taxes, repairs, maintenance, office & church expense, payroll, payroll taxes & insurance)

Totalled..... \$47,076.59

Bottom Line..... \$-8153.42

OSV Contributions for November..... \$7,318.00

Our offering collection for...

December 14 & 15.....\$5,092.00

2023 December 16 & 17...\$5,236.00

2nd Collection for Religious Retired
.....\$1,391.00

Thank You, Obrigado & Gracias!