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UPCOMING EVENTS

December 4th

1st Year Confirmation • Sponsor Verification Deadline

December 6th

St. Nicholas Feast Day

December 9th

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

December 11th

1st Year Confirmation • Saint Essays Due
CCD Advent Confessions

December 12th

Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 14th

Christmas Caroling!

December 18th

Finals Week at School – NO CCD CLASSES! Make it a study night!!

December 20th

Children's Christmas Vigil Mass Practice at 6pm (Mass on 12/24 at 5pm)

**December 23rd – January 6th
Christmas & New Year's Break •
NO CLASSES!**

Nello to my CCD Families!

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday! We are now in the Advent Season and are preparing for the coming of Jesus! We know that this is a very hectic time of year for everyone. I pray that you and your families have a blessed Advent and Christmas seasons.

This is also a time of lots of activities at our Holy Rosary parish. I'll do my best to keep you updated via the weekly CCD Newsletter but encourage you to check the church website for current updates. www.hilmarholyroary.org

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

*God bless you and yours!
Annie*

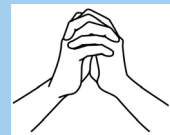
Children's Christmas Eve Vigil Mass



The Children's Christmas Eve Vigil Mass will include the children reenacting the Gospel reading the Nativity of our Lord. If you have a child that would like to participate in the Mass, we will be needing readers, gift collectors and children to participate in the actual nativity play: Mary, Joseph, Shepherds, Angels, Animals, etc. I will also need parent participation to "cue" the kids during the Gospel reading so that things can go as smoothly as possible.

We will hold a practice on Friday, December 20th at 6pm. Our Christmas Vigil Mass will be held at 5pm on December 24th

DECEMBER



Prayer Focus...

First Communion: 1st Year
Glory Be

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

Confirmation: 1st Year
Prayer to One's Guardian Angel

Confirmation: 2nd Year
St. Michael Prayer

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! **Congratulations to our newest PRAYER CHAMPIONS: Amelia Alvarez, Jaxson Pires & Getsemani Rosas!**

New Christmas Tradition

Beginning December 1st, read one chapter of the Book of Luke in the Bible each evening. There are 24 chapters. On Christmas Eve you will have read an entire account of Jesus' life and wake up Christmas morning knowing WHO and WHY we celebrate!

The Advent Wreath



The wreath itself has no beginning or end, representing the eternity of God that even after this life, we may worship him forever. The wreath also consists of four candles, each with a different meaning:

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 angels 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) – The Christ Candle. The white candle reminds us that Jesus is his 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)

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!!*

HAPPY Birthday

Celebrating birthdays
this week...

- Yuri Rodrigues
- Morgan Pimentel

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.hilmarholysrosary.org to sign up for these and other opportunities!

Holy Rosary, Saint Marys
COOKIES & MILK WITH ST. NICK

**14TH OF
DECEMBER**

JOIN US AFTER CAROLING 6PM
HEAR SANTA READ A
STORY & ENJOY MILK &
COOKIES

7:00-8:00 PM AT HOLY ROSARY