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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!

Before our Thanksgiving break, 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 Caroling! Sign up TODAY!



Our Family Night of Christmas Caroling is scheduled for Saturday, December 14th at 5:30pm. Families are invited to join us as we spread Christmas joy throughout several of our Hilmar neighborhoods. We will meet in the Storage Building before heading out. We will then return for some warm drinks and sweet treat.... And cookies, milk and a story read by none other than St. Nicholas himself! Sign ups

are available on the CCD tab of the church website.

There is limited space, so sign up TODAY!



UPCOMING EVENTS

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!

DECEMBER



Prayer Focus...

First Communion: 1st Year Glory Be

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

<u>Confirmation: 1st Year</u> Prayer to One's Guardian Angel

> Confirmation: 2nd Year St. Michael Prayer

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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, Sheep, etc. I will also need parent participation to "cue" the kids during the Gospel reading so that things can go as smoothly as possible. I need to know

who my volunteers are this week so that I can plan for this special Mass. Please contact me as soon as you can!

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



This week we celebrate the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe!

I found an awesome video on YouTube that highlights the miraculous tilma of St. Juan Diego! This video will bring wonder and awe and open your eyes to the miracles that God gives us. We just aren't aware of them. Give this video a watch. It will be worth your time. Go to YouTube and search: Our Lady of Guadalupe by **GabiAfterHours** or use this link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KEhjwCsDDsc&t=1s

PRAYER Champions

We are now in the month of December 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!

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Celebrating birthdays this week....

- Westin Pires
- Kassidy Mancebo
- Bryan Romero
- Kaelyn Machado
- Kenadie Machado

SERVICE HOURS

opportunities!

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

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to sign up for these and other opportunities!



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