

## Holy Rosary † St. Mary's C.C.D.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### December 18<sup>th</sup>

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

#### December 20<sup>th</sup>

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

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

#### January 6<sup>th</sup>

Epiphany

#### January 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am

2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation Candidate & Sponsor Retreat

#### January 26<sup>th</sup> at 10am Mass

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Children's Mass

*Nello to my CCD Families!*

*Can you believe that Christmas is just around the corner?!?! In all the hustle and bustle of the season, I pray that you will look around at all the "gifts" you have in your life...family, friends, and our faith! God is constantly blessing us with so many gifts. May our eyes be opened to them and may we remember to thank the giver of all!*

*This week will be our last before we break for the Christmas and New Year's holiday. We will be on break December 23<sup>rd</sup> through January 6<sup>th</sup>. Classes resume on Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe holiday season!!*

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

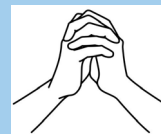
*God bless you and yours!  
Annie*

### Christmas & New Year's Break



There will be no CCD Classes from December 23<sup>rd</sup> through January 6<sup>th</sup>. Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. I will be in and out of the office during that time. It is best to contact me via email as I can get emails on my mobile and will be able to respond in a timely manner.

## JANUARY



### Prayer Focus...

First Communion: 1<sup>st</sup> Year  
Grace Before Meals

First Communion: 2<sup>nd</sup> Year  
Act of Contrition  
Form of Confession

Confirmation: 1<sup>st</sup> Year  
Act of Contrition

Confirmation: 2<sup>nd</sup> Year  
Nicene Creed

## PRAYER *Champions*

We are now approaching the month of January 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 champions: Brynn Pires & Westin Pires!**

**THE STORY OF SANTA CLAUS**  
**St. Nicholas**

That's not me...

St. Nicholas of Bari was born in Lycia (today's Turkey). From an early age he was a very generous person, especially towards the poor. He also had the custom of giving secret gifts to children.

Nicholas moved to Myra where he was ordained as a priest, and later as a bishop.

He was imprisoned during the Diocletian persecution and only released when Constantine the Great came to power.

St. Nicholas is associated with Christmas because of his tradition of giving secret gifts to children. His feast day is on the 6th of December.

DECEMBER

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- Enter 95324. Holy Rosary will appear
- Enter your first & last name along with your email address. That's it! ENJOY!

## HAPPY Birthday

Celebrating birthdays this week....

- Bryan Romero
- Kaelyn Machado
- Kenadie Machado
- Nathan Segura
- Cooper Soares
- Amelia Melo
- Gavin Bettencourt
- Leah Faria
- Ezra Lizarraga
- Justin Ortiz
- Austin Rocha
- Presley Baggett
- Olivia Cortes
- Mackenzie Silveira
- Nikita Mendonca

## SERVICE HOURS

*opportunities!*

- Children's Liturgy Room Helper
- Cleaning the Classrooms
- Filhos Kitchen Helpers
- 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!