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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 5th

Last Night of 2nd Year Confirmation

February 6th at 10:30am

Raising Future Saints • Meeting

February 7th at 6pm

Confirmation Mass Practice

MANDATORY for all Candidates and their Sponsors

February 8th at 10am

Sacrament of Confirmation Mass

February 11th

Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day

February 13th – 18th

NO CLASSES during HUSD School Break. Classes resume on Tuesday, February 19th

February 20th at 6pm

Raising Future Saints • Rosary Walk

February 23rd at 10am

4th Grade Children's Mass

Hello to my CCD Families!


It's Confirmation Week! It is a week where my focus goes to the 25 candidates who are to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday morning. Please pray for them during this time. May they truly open themselves up to receive the graces that this Sacrament provides.

Remember that we will be on break from February 13-18. Classes resume on WEDNESDAY the 19th.

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

God bless you and yours!

Annie



Holy Rosary Saint Mary's parish

FAMILY ROSARY WALK

FEBRUARY 20TH 6:00
HOLY ROSARY HILMAR

please join us for an evening of fellowship & prayer as we recite the most Holy Rosary together as a parish. We will pray the joyful mysteries as we walk the parish grounds.
We hope to see you there!

Please come and join us!

Raising Future Saints is for **ALL** women who are seeking to grow in their faith, learn a little bit about living a liturgical life AND seeking this in a fun and welcoming environment with fellow Catholic ladies!

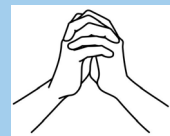
There is 1 meeting scheduled for the month of February:
Thursday, February 6th at 10:30am

Meetings are in the Msgr. Minhoto Meeting Room across the street from the parish offices.

Want to see the AMAZING newsletter that goes out on a monthly basis that is loaded with LOTS of wonderful information? Email:

RFSHolyRosary@gmail.com to get added to the list!

FEBRUARY



Prayer Focus...

First Communion: 1st Year
The 10 Commandments

Confirmation: 1st Year
Apostles' Creed

PRAYER *Champions*

Please encourage your children who are in First Holy Communion or Confirmation formation to test on prayers! **We are approaching deadlines for the upcoming Sacraments. 2nd Year Confirmation has a deadline for ALL requirements of January 31st. Our 2024 First Communion candidates have a deadline of April 30th.** We may be concentrating on certain prayers each month, but the children are more than welcome to test on **ALL** the prayers that they know!

February 11th Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day

When God speaks to you, do you hear him? Do you expect messages from God, and when one comes, do you believe that he really could be speaking to you?

There's nothing wrong with a healthy dose of skepticism, but too often we doubt even the *idea* of God trying to speak to us, whether it be through an answered prayer, a miraculous coincidence, or a vision of the Virgin Mary. Such was the case in 1858, when Mary appeared to a fourteen-year-old girl named Bernadette Soubirous. At first, no one believed her, not even her own mother. And Bernadette herself did not know it was Mary—she simply believed that God was speaking to her through these visions and referred to this heavenly woman as "The Lady."

Bernadette kept returning to the place where "The Lady" had appeared, even though her family and the local government told her not to.

Eventually, "The Lady" revealed herself to Bernadette as the "Immaculate Conception." And on February 25, 1858, Mary told Bernadette to drink from a fountain. Bernadette was confused because there was no fountain, but she started digging. Soon, she discovered the natural spring of Lourdes, which pilgrims still travel to today for healing.

God spoke to Bernadette through Mary, and Bernadette had the faith to



receive the message, even when it didn't seem to make sense. We can adopt the same attitude of openness to God and his messages. We probably won't see visions or hear voices, but we can always ask the Big Question: "God, what do you want me to do?" That is a question he will always answer.

Be open to messages from God. He is always speaking to you and always trying to guide you. When it becomes hard to hear him, that might be a sign that your life is too loud. Go to a quiet place, and pray, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." (1 Samuel 3:9)

HAPPY Birthday

Celebrating birthdays
this week....

- Omar Hernandez
- Elizabeth Teixeira
- Victoria Aguiar
- Isaac Corralejo
- Melissa Mendoza
- Naiara Oliveira
- Lizzy Relva

SERVICE HOURS

opportunities!

- Children's Liturgy Room Helper
- Cleaning the CCD Classrooms
- Cleaning at St. Mary's
- Filhos Kitchen Helpers
- Holy Rosary Fish Dinner

Make sure to go to the CCD tab at www.hilmarhollyrosary.org to sign up for these and other opportunities!