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Nello to my CCD families!

We are now entering the season of Lent. This is a great time to focus on the areas in our lives that are distancing us from a close relationship with our Lord. It is a great time to start new habits that will draw us closer to God. One suggestion that I've been making to the children is to say the "Our Father" before they get out of bed each morning. What a better way to start the day than to recite the prayer that Jesus himself taught us. I hope that your family will come up with some ways to make the Lenten season meaningful.

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

*God bless you and yours!
Annie*

Raising Future Saints

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!

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!

Reconciliation Class for 1st Holy Communion

We have two options for our Parent & Student Reconciliation Class. Please let Annie know if you'll be attending the Saturday, March 1st class at 9am or Monday, March 3rd at 6pm. This class takes about an hour and covers the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



UPCOMING EVENTS

February 20th at 6pm

Raising Future Saints • Rosary Walk

March 1st at 9am

Reconciliation Class for Parents & Child
OR

March 3rd at 9pm

Reconciliation Class for Parents & Child

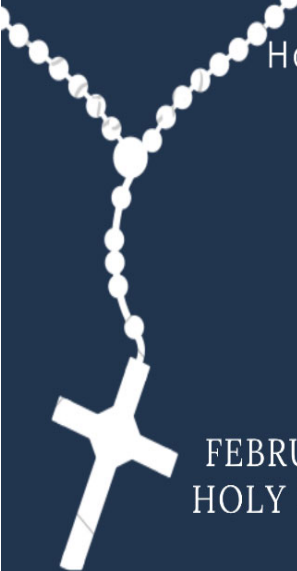
March 5th † Ash Wednesday

March 18th at 6pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation Service for all children receiving their First Holy Communion this May

March 30th at 10am

5th Grade Children's Mass



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!

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!

Congratulations to our latest **PRAYER *Champions!***

- **Matt Oliveira**
- **Nora Goncalves**

HAPPY *Birthday*

Celebrating birthdays this week....

- **Andres Camacho**
- **Guillermo Vega**
- **Jaylen Miranda**
- **Dominic John**
- **Jayden Miranda**

1 WHY THE ASHES? THE MEANING OF ASH WEDNESDAY 	2 ASHES WERE USED AS A SIGN OF REPENTANCE IN THE OLD TESTAMENT  ASHES ARE A PUBLIC SIGN OF OUR INTENT TO DIE TO OUR WORLDLY DESIRES AND LIVE IN CHRIST
3 ASHES ALSO SYMBOLIZE GRIEF, IN THIS CASE, GRIEF FOR OUR SINS. 	4 AS OUR FOREHEADS ARE BEING MARKED, THE PRIEST SAYS: "REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE DUST AND UNTO DUST YOU SHALL RETURN" 

INFORMATION FROM ARCHTORONTO.ORG AND CATHOLIC.ORG 

Lent is just around the corner! Lent starts on Ash Wednesday (March 5th) and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday (April 17th). The term "Lent" is brought to us from the Old English word "lencten" which means to lengthen, a term that correlates to the lengthening of daylight as we approach springtime. (We can already see how the days are lengthening! It's not dark at 5pm anymore.) What can you do to prepare yourself and your family to make this upcoming Lenten Season one that transforms?

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

FEBRUARY



Prayer Focus...

First Communion: 1st Year
The 10 Commandments

Confirmation: 1st Year
Apostles' Creed