

First Sunday of Lent † March 9, 2025

As we begin this forty-day Lenten journey, reflect, today, upon the sins and temptations in your life that need to be overcome. If you find yourself in an ongoing defensive position toward certain struggles, especially if you find yourself losing the battle at times, it's time to change your strategy. Embrace the opposite virtue of the sins you are most tempted with this Lent. Embrace those virtues in an offensive manner.

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Saturday, March 8, 2025

8:00am Mass

Intention: Louis N. & Maria E. Terra †
Requested by: Jorge & Bernadette Vieira

5:30pm Mass

Intention: William M. Jones †
Requested by: Family

Intention: José Inacio Silveira Leal †
Requested by: Children & Family

Intention: Luciano Vitorino †
Requested by: Family

Sunday, March 9, 2025

1st Sunday of Lent

7:00am Mass

Intention: Kimberly Machado †
Requested by: Family

Intention: Valerie Krug †
Requested by: Parents

8:30am Portuguese Mass

Intention: Paula Christina Brasil †
Requested by: Thelma Brasil Family

Intention: Alvarino & Livramento Luis †
Requested by: Antonio Brasil Family

10:00 Mass

Intention: Bill & Judy Sousa †
Requested by: Chris Sousa Family

Intention: Raul & Maria Apolinario †
Requested by: Rafael Apolinario Family

5:00pm St. Mary's • English Mass

Intention: For All Those Inscribed in the
St. Mary's Memorial Book

6:30pm St. Mary's • Spanish Mass

Intention: People of the Parish

Monday, March 10, 2025

8:00am Mass

6:00pm

Rosary † for *Ramona Sanchez*

Requested by: Teresa Barcellos
*Located in Mission Church

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

8:00am Mass

Intention: Living & Deceased Members of
Holy Rosary † St. Mary's Altar Society

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

8:00am Mass

Intention: Francisco & Maria Estrella †
Requested by: José & Maria Lourenco

Intention: Dan Coelho †
Requested by: Family

Thursday, March 13, 2025

8:00am Mass

Intention: José S. & Maria B. Machado
Requested by: John & Anna Marson

Friday, March 14, 2025

8:00am Mass NEW CHURCH

Intention: José Freitas †
Requested by: Linda Andrade

Adoration



Following Mass on Friday until 5pm in the New Church during the Lenten season.

5:00pm Confessions in New Church

6:00pm Stations of the Cross in New Church

Saturday, March 15, 2025

8:00am Mass

Intention: Frank A. Vierra †
Requested by: Kevin & Laurette Locke

11:00am C.P.I.D.E.S. Mass for Living & Deceased Members

5:30pm Mass

Intention: Antonio & Elmira Moitoso †
Requested by: Joe B. & Mary Machado

Intention: Dan Coelho †
Requested by: Candice Fernandes

Sunday, March 16, 2025

2nd Sunday of Lent

7:00am Mass

Intention: Matt Perez †
Requested by: Randy Baptista Family

8:30am Portuguese Mass

Intention: John Dias, Manuel &
Aurora Roza †
Requested by: Fatima Dias

Intention: Rui Belo †
Requested by: Family

10:00 Mass

Intention: Rebecca Machado Bennett †
Requested by: Parish Community

Intention: João Avila †
Requested by: Wife & Sons

5:00pm St. Mary's • Stevinson

Intention: Alvarina Galante & Jose L. &
Maria Parreira †
Requested by: Antonio Galante & Son

6:30pm St. Mary's Spanish Mass

Intention: People of the Parish

Please Keep in Your Prayers: Maura Almada, Addy Alvarez, Linda Andrade, Maria Olivia Avila, Carol & Sally Baggett, Maria L. Bettencourt, Laucia Bogacki, Luciano Cabral, Adolfo Cisneros, Shirley Coelho, Marren de Orta Cordeiro, Francisco Costa, Chasity Cox, Kelly Cox, Nisa Cox, Sarah Cox, Jennifer DeCoteau, Ann DePalma, Gary Fernandes, Porter Fernandes, Jared Germann, Finley Huff, Richard Huntley, Tiesha Kelley, Debbie Kidder, Doris Krikorian, Steven LaMarre, Brian Lawrence, Nancy Lawrence, Philbert Lawrence, Henry Locke, Linda Lopes, Mike Lopes, José Lourenco, Marylou & Jerry Lourenco, JoAnn Lundell, Joe Machado, Brenda Mays, Mark Medeiros, Kendra Mendes, Nico Morasci, Maverik Nash, Robert Nascimento, Alan Oliveira, Anthony Parreira, Stephanie Rockwell, Manuel Silveira, Jeanne Tristant, John Tristao, Zeb Parreira, Samantha Roberts, Manuel A. Sequeira, Lucy Silveira, Amaro Souza, Shirley Vierra, Sally Ann Thomas, Taylor Westcott and Lesley Zorra.

Please call our office if you have an ill family member or friend that you would like to include on our prayer list or request a visit by the priest. (209)667-8961.

CCD NEWS...

First Communion

Sacrament of Reconciliation for ALL students receiving their First Holy Communion this coming May 10th, will be held on Tuesday, March 18th at 6pm.

Read the weekly CCD News (available on the church website) for updates!

We Need Snacks...

Our snack levels are extremely low. We would greatly appreciate donations of individually wrapped snacks. Thank you for your generosity!!



Vacation Bible School

Our annual VBS week will be held June 23rd – 27th. We will soon begin the planning process and will be looking for folks who are willing to give of their time and treasure for this fun-filled week. Please consider volunteering for this worthy ministry!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS has begun and will continue every **Friday beginning at 6:00pm** in the New Church along with daily Mass every Friday during the Lenten season. Our traditional Lenten Soup Suppers will be held after the Stations of the Cross in the parish hall except on **April 4th (Fish Dinner)**.

Join us for soup.... after the Stations of the Cross every Friday.

We thank our organizations in advance for their time, talent and treasure.

- March 14th • C.P.I.D.E.S.
- March 21st • Raising Saints Mom's Group
- March 28th • P.F.S.A.
- April 4th • FISH DINNER (no soup)
- April 10th • Y.M.I.

ALMS GIVING During this season of Lent please remember the less fortunate families of our community by bringing non-perishable food items every Sunday during Lent for our local pantry **Hilmar Helping Hands**.

- March 16th • Cereal
- March 23rd • Pasta & Sauce
- March 30th • Boxed Meals (Mac & Cheese & Helpers)

April 6 • Soup / Condiments
Of course, any and all items are gratefully accepted. Please place all items in barrels at church each Sunday.



BUILDING FUND FISH DINNER

on Friday, April 4th. Tickets are \$35.00 for adults. The delicious menu includes deep fried marinated tuna (only available here!), pan fried fish fillet, white & sweet potato, rice pudding, corn & white bread, and wine. Please show your continued support by purchasing your tickets for this delicious meal available only once a year. We thank the Committee members of the *Our Lady of the Rosary* for organizing this event.

Help is needed for this very labor some fund raiser. Please call Iria Martins at 634-9653 to volunteer your time. DRIVE THRU ONLY.

Let us remember and pray for our beloved departed & especially for

Mary Cox

May they receive the abundant fruit of God's presence. May their loved ones receive God's consolation and peace at this difficult time. Her services will be March 26 & 27.

We extend a Special Thank You to the **2024 Committee of Our Lady of the Rosary** for their contribution of \$234,276.39 to the parish fund. We especially thank **Joe & Marilena Oliveira** & their committee for all their hard work. We also thank all the contributors for their time, talent, and treasure. Without everyone's collaboration this special celebration honoring our Blessed Mother could not take place. Good luck to Paulo & Madalena Vitorino who are beginning their reign for the upcoming Festa.

Speaking of the Festa... Join US for Our Lady of the Rosary meeting Monday, March 24, 2025, beginning at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall.



We Congratulate the newest members of our Catholic Faith Community who are being baptized this weekend:

- Beverly Annette McGuire
- Valerie Rose McGuire
- Avery Jean McGuire

daughters of Kevin & Jessica. We pray that they and their families will continue to grow in faith and in the love of Jesus as they remain close to His church.

Holy Rosary YMI #44 announces its Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner Monday, March 17th 3-6 pm or until sold out. DRIVE THRU ONLY. Tickets \$25.00 and are available from any YMI member.



MARCH 6 10:30
MARCH 20 10:30



Attention Senior Citizens your voices must be heard. Merced County will be holding a meeting to establish a Focus Group to determine the needs of our senior citizens here in Hilmar and Stevison. This important meeting will be held in our parish hall on **Thursday, March 13th from 3pm-4:30pm**. This meeting will help the county to determine what services are needed for the elderly in our community. Please plan on attending and let any and all of your elderly family and friends know.



Happy Birthday!

Our very own **ROSIE BARKER** a long-time parishioner will be celebrating 104 times around the earth next month. Please send her birthday greetings by signing the birthday cards we have available in the church narthex!



Our offering collection for...

- March 1 & 2 \$7,845
- 2024 March 2 & 3 \$6,627
- 2nd Collection..... \$2,341

Thank You, Obrigado & Gracias!