

# May 18, 2025 † 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

## This Week's Mass Schedule

### Saturday, May 17, 2025

#### 8:00am Mass

Intention: Souls In Purgatory † Requested by: Maria C Cardoso  
Intention: *Living & Deceased Mothers*

#### 3:30pm

#### Wedding of

Alondra Magaña ♥ Zachery Goodnight

#### 5:30pm Mass

Intention: Fatima Clemens & Maria J. Rocha † Requested by: Manuel & Maria Soares  
Intention: Maria Silva † Requested by: Maria Regina Pereira

### Sunday, May 18, 2025

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#### 7:00am Mass

Intention: Holy Rosary † St. Mary's Altar Society  
Intention: *Living & Deceased Mothers*

#### 8:30am Portuguese Mass

Intention: Maria Margarida Sousa † and José Oligario Oliveira †  
Requested by: Cidalia Oliveira

#### 10:00am Mass

Intention: Deceased Family Members †  
Requested by: Frank & Darlene Victoria

Intention: Valerie Krug † Kinzley Sousa †  
Requested by: Parents & Grandparents

#### 12:00pm Spanish Mass at St. Mary's Church

#### 5:00pm Mass at St. Mary's Church

Intention: People of the Parish

#### 6:30pm Spanish Mass at St. Mary's Church

Intention: Guadalupe Villagrana Requested by: Adriana Rivera  
Intention: Abelina Tinajero Requested by: Esteban Tinajero

### Monday, May 19, 2025

#### 8:00am Mass

Intention: *Living & Deceased Mothers*

### Tuesday, May 20, 2025

#### 8:00am Mass

Intention: Manuel & João Estacio † Requested by: Belmira Sousa

### Wednesday, May 21, 2025

#### 8:00am Mass

Intention: Elmiro & Elmira Rocha † Requested by: Maria Abreu

### Thursday, May 22, 2025

#### 8:00am Mass

Intention: Toste & Frontella Deceased Family Members †  
Requested by: Dolores Mendes

### Friday, May 23, 2025

#### 8:00am Mass

Intention: José & Rosa Sousa † Requested by: Joe Sousa



8:30am to 4:45pm Adoration in the Mission Church

5:00pm to 6:00pm Confessions in the New Church

### Saturday, May 24, 2025

#### 8:00am Mass

Intention: Antonio Galante † Requested by: Mary Oliveira

#### 3:00pm

#### Wedding of

Sarah Jorge ♥ Brandon Hilton

#### 5:30pm Mass

Intention: Doris Krikorian † Requested by: Bob & Bev Johnson  
Intention: Eileen Bettencourt † Requested by: Duane & Barbara Matheron

### Sunday, May 25, 2025

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

#### 7:00am Mass

Intention: Kimberly M. Machado † Requested by: Joaquin & Myrna Rose

#### 8:30am Portuguese Mass

Intention: Grandchildren † Requested by: Maria C Cardoso  
Intention: Armelim Silveira † Requested by: Leonor Silveira

#### 10:00am Mass

Intention: Durvalina Bettencourt † Requested by: Ana & Veber Caetano  
Intention: Erica Bivens Russell † Requested by: Randy & Marie Edwards

#### 5:00pm Mass at St. Mary's Church

Intention: Eliza Belo † Requested by: Family

Intention: Dan Coelho †

Requested by: Knights of Columbus, Fr. Heilman #2557

#### 6:30pm Spanish Mass at St. Mary's Church

Intention: People of the Parish

## This Week's Parish Schedule

May 18, 2025 – Kremés Guadalupana at St. Mary's at 12:00pm

May 19, 2025 – PFSA Meeting in the Parish Hall at 6:30pm

May 20, 2025 – YLI Meeting in the Parish Hall at 6pm

May 21, 2025 – VBS Planning Meeting in Classroom #4 at 6pm

May 22, 2025 – Finance Council Meeting at 6:00pm

YMI Meeting in the Parish Hall at 7:30pm

## Upcoming Parish Events & Activities

June 1, 2025 – Daily Pentecost Rosary begins at 7pm

June 6, 2025 – Spanish Baptism Class

June 10, 2025 – Parish Council Meeting at 6:30pm

June 11, 2025 – Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting at 6pm

*Reflect, today, upon death, but try to look at it as a calling to give of yourself sacrificially out of love. The best way to prepare yourself for a glorious death is to live in the love of God here and now. To the extent that you can do that, God will be glorified as you share in the glory given to Christ.*

*(Visit [www.catholic-daily-reflections.com](http://www.catholic-daily-reflections.com) for more!)*

*"Do not abandon yourselves to despair.*

*We are the Easter peopler  
and hallelujah is our song."*

*– Pope John Paul II*

## This Week's Featured Feast Day

### St. Rita of Cascia

Feast Day: **May 22<sup>nd</sup>**



Saint Rita was born Margherita Lotti in Roccaporena, Italy in 1381. At an early age, she begged her parents to allow her to enter a convent but was instead arranged to be married to a cruel man named Paolo Mancini. Young Rita became a wife and mother at only twelve years of age, and her husband was a man of violent temper. In anger, he often mistreated Rita verbally and physically. He was also known to pursue other women, and he had many enemies. Rita's influence over him eventually led him to be a better man. He even renounced a family feud between the Mancinis and Chiquis. Unfortunately, the feud between the families grew turbulent and one of Paolo's allies betrayed and killed him.

Following her husband's death, Rita gave his murderers a public pardon, but Paolo's brother, Bernardo, was still angry and encouraged Rita's two sons, Giovanni & Paulo, to join the feud. Under their uncle's leadership, each boy became more and more like their father had been before Rita married him, and they wanted to avenge their father's murder.

Rita attempted to stop them. Rita prayed to God, asking Him to take her sons before they lost their souls to the mortal sin of murder. One year later, her prayers were answered when both of her sons fell prey to dysentery and died.

Following the deaths of her sons, Rita attempted to enter the monastery of St. Mary Magdalene in Cascia, but she was not allowed to join. Though Rita's character and piety were recognized, her husband's association with the family feud was greatly feared. When Rita persisted, the convent told her she could join if she could find a way to mend the wound between the Chiquis and Mancinis. After asking John the Baptist, Augustine of Hippo, and Nicholas of Tolentino to help her in her task, she attempted to end the feud. The bubonic plague had been spreading through Italy at that time, and when Bernardo Mancini became infected, he finally abolished the feud with the Chiqui family.

Once the conflict was resolved, Rita was allowed to enter the monastery at the age of 36. It is said that she was transported into the monastery of Saint Magdalene through levitation at night by the three patron saints she appealed to.

While at the monastery, Rita performed her duties faithfully and received the sacraments frequently. Rita had a great devotion to the Passion of Christ, and one day, when she was 60 years old, she asked, "Please let me suffer like you, Divine Savior." After her request, a wound appeared on her forehead, as if a thorn from Christ's crown had pierced her. It left a deep wound, which did not heal, and caused her to suffer until she died.

It is said that as she neared the end of her life, Rita was bedridden from tuberculosis. It was then that she asked a cousin who had come to visit for a rose from the garden in her old home. As it was January, her cousin did not expect to find any roses, but there was a single rose in bloom, which was brought back to Rita at the convent. She passed away four months later, on May 22, 1457. Following her death, she was buried at the basilica of Cascia and was later discovered to be incorrupt. Her body can be found today in the Saint Rita shrine at Cascia.

## This Week on

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### Saint Rita

St. Rita of Cascia is immortalized in this wonderful, deeply moving film. This story is about the brave woman who married her knight, helped him overcome his dark past and convert to faith, happily bore him two children, and later endures immense pain as she loses everything in her life. Her story and love for Christ will inspire you to great holiness!

**Renew yourself Spiritually and log onto** purchased by the parish free to you, simple to use a lot of content. See it on the computer, smart tv or app on phones.

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***That's it, enjoy!***



### CELEBRATING THIS WEEK....

#### *Happy Anniversary to....*

Ryan ♥ Jessica Zavala – 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Chris ♥ Briannie Marlin – 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Eddie ♥ Sarah Rhoads – 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

*"What God has joined together let no one separate." – Mark 10:9*

#### *Happy Birthday to....*

Marlin Kindberg, Jr. • Paul Lourenco • Michael Machado  
Mary Martins • Dustin Soares

**Heavenly Father, bless them with good health, happiness, and hearts full of gratitude as they embark on another chapter of their journey. May this birthday or anniversary be a reminder of Your abundant love and grace. May they experience Your presence in every moment of the coming year. Thank you for the unique qualities and talents You've bestowed upon them. May they use them to glorify You and serve others in the year to come. AMEN!!**

**Liturgical Living**

Many people love the month of May because the weather is nice in many places, trees and lawns are green again, and many flowers are blooming. Spiritually, the month of May is also a magnificent month for Catholic tradition. It is the month of Mary, the most beautiful flower of God’s creation. (FESTIVE FAITH, Steffani Aquila)



Did you know that we have vases with water at our Mary statues waiting for flowers from your garden? What a beautiful gift to offer Mary! Let’s surround our Blessed Mother with flowers as a show of our humble gratitude for her gift to us.... Jesus!

**Bishop Brennan invites you to the Mass of Ordination to the Priesthood!**

With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, the Diocese of Fresno joyfully announces the ordination of:

- Deacon Martin de Jesús Ortega Ascencio
- Deacon Nemesio Santana Peñaloza

**Date:** Saturday, May 24, 2025 at 10:30AM

**Location:** St. Anthony of Padua, Fresno

On the day of the Mass, a livestream will be available online!



I APPRECIATE THE EFFORT, BUT THE WHOLE 'SITTING ON MY RIGHT HAND' THING IS NOT AS LITERAL AS YOU SEEM TO THINK

**CCD News**

**2025-2026 CCD Registrations**

Registrations are open now and will close on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms are available on the church website, in the parish office and in the New Church narthex. Registrations are on a first come, first served basis. Register today while spots are still available!

**The Kids Bulletin**

During our off season, THE KIDS BULLETIN will be printed and available along with our regular parish bulletins. Make sure to grab one for the boys & girls in your life!!

**VBS REGISTRATION has been extended!**

A few spots still remain! This fun week is for children Kindergarten – 6<sup>th</sup> grades. Sign up TODAY to join this fun-filled week! Scan the QR code or visit: [https://vbspro.events/p\\_early/079270](https://vbspro.events/p_early/079270)



**Parish Offering & 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection**

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection is for CATHOLIC CHARITIES USA. Catholic Charities USA supports a national network of agencies committed to encountering those among the margins, regardless of their faith. Join in providing help and creating hope for those in need. Thank you for your generosity!



Simply visit our website: [www.hilmarholyroary.org](http://www.hilmarholyroary.org)  
Click on the OSV online giving logo. Open an account.  
Choose: one time, weekly or monthly.  
It’s that easy!!

**OUR OFFERING COLLECTION FOR.....**

May 10 & 11 .....	\$6,997
1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Masses .....	\$1,629

**Many thanks to those who support our parish!**  
**PLEASE REMEMBER TO USE YOUR ENVELOPE #**

**APRIL MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT**

<b>REVENUES</b> (plate collections, rental fee, weddings & baptisms)	
<b>Totaled</b> .....	<b>\$50,995.72</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b> (utilities, Diocesan & Education assessments, property taxes, repairs, maintenance, office & church expenses, payroll, payroll taxes & insurance)	
<b>Totaled</b> .....	<b>\$36,811.20</b>
<b>Bottom Line</b> .....	<b>\$14,184.52</b>
<b>OSV Contributions Totaled</b> .....	<b>\$7,810.00</b>

**Bulletin Notices**

Requests must be received 10 days **PRIOR** to the weekend the announcement is to be published. Email your request to: [BulletinHolyRosary@gmail.com](mailto:BulletinHolyRosary@gmail.com)

## FEATURED Organizations & Ministries

**Are you feeling called to be of service at Mass? There are several ways that you can do this!**

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Assist in distributing Holy Communion during Mass and visit the homebound and provide them the Eucharist.

**Lectors:** Read the scripture passages during the Liturgy of the Word.

**Altar Servers:** Assist the priest at the altar, carrying the cross, lighting candles, and assisting in various other ways.

**Music Ministers (Cantors & Choir):** Lead the congregation in singing hymns and responsorial psalms.

**Sacristan:** Prepares the church and altar for Mass, as well as assisting with vestments and sacred vessels.

**Greeters & Ushers:** Welcome the community and assist with the collection and seating arrangements.

**Want more information? Contact Veber Caetano.**



**CHESTERTON ACADEMY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** at Our Lady of the Assumption Church will be holding an **Information Meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm** in the parish hall. Those interested in learning more are invited to attend!

## Please Keep In Your Prayers...

Maura Almada, Addy Alvarez, Linda Andrade, Maria Olivia Avila, Sally Baggett, Maria L. Bettencourt, Laucia Bogacki, Luciano Cabral, Adolfo Cisneros, Shirley Coelho, Marren de Orta Cordeiro, Chasity Cox, Kelly Cox, Nisa Cox, Sarah Cox, Jennifer DeCoteau, Ann DePalma, Bailey Fernandes, Gary Fernandes, Porter Fernandes, Jared Germann, Finley Huff, Richard Huntley, Austin Jones, Tiesha Kelley, Debbie Kidder, Steven LaMarre, Brian Lawrence, Nancy Lawrence, Philbert Lawrence, Henry Locke, Linda Lopes, Mike Lopes, José Lourenco, Marylou & Jerry Lourenco, JoAnn Lundell, Joe Machado, Josephina Martins, Brenda Mays, Mark Medeiros, Kendra Mendes, Nico Morasci, Maverik Nash, Robert Nascimento, Alan Oliveira, Anthony Parreira, Stephanie Rockwell, Manuel Silveira, Jeanne Tristant, Zeb Parreira, Samantha Roberts, Tony Rodrigues, Manuel A. Sequeira, Lucy Silveira, Amaro Souza, Mary José Vieira, 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.**

*"There is nothing impossible to God."*  
- St. Rita



Our **Pentecost Sunday Celebration** is just around the corner (June 8<sup>th</sup>). All those wishing to help in this special celebration are asked to call the parish office at 667-8961. Praying the daily Rosary begins June 1<sup>st</sup> - June 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Mission Church. There will be a special Portuguese Mass on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am followed by Portuguese sopas in the storage building. Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend!



We congratulate the newest members of our Catholic Faith Community who were recently baptized:

*Angeleigh Dolores Martinez*

daughter of Jesus Martinez & Susana de Sousa

*Gabriel Galicia*

son of Jaziel & Christina Galicia

*Mikaela Fuentes Guzman*

daughter of Marcos & Maria Fuentes

We pray that they and their families will continue to grow in faith & in love of Jesus as they remain close to His Church.



**Special Thank You to Laurette Locke who donated the beautiful flowers at this past weekend's Mother's Day presentation of flowers to Mary!**

**Thank you to Armelim & Odelta Cardoso and Carlos & Tina Rocha who loaded all the bricks for our newly bricked area on the southeast corner of the church! Thank you for your hard work!**

**A very BIG Thank You to everyone who participated in the Our Lady of the Rosary Festa Fish Dinner this year. To everyone who donated ingredients, worked hard to make the delicious meal and to those who purchased tickets, you are the reason why this event is what it is. With incredible gratitude, we are happy to announce that the Fish Dinner netted a total of \$45,657.22!**



## This Week's Featured Advertiser



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## Blessed Candles

Blessed Candles are available for purchase at the Parish Office. Boxes of 12 cost \$45. These funds go to the Altar Society for beautifying our churches.

## Holy Rosary Brick Project

Your personalized brick will be a lasting legacy at our Parish for all your successive generations to hold and behold with pride and gratitude. You can personalize these bricks. These bricks will be placed beautifully in a special areas as part of our landscape phase for all to see. Order forms are available on the church website and parish office.

## Memorial Candle Program

Purchasing an Annual Memorial Candle in honor of a loved one or for a special intention is a wonderful way to remember your loved ones while supporting the parish and beautifying the sacred space of our church. Order forms are available on the church website and parish office.

## Legacy of Faith † St. Mary's Memorial Book

With a Legacy of Faith gift, your friends or loved ones will become beloved friends of our parish for years to come. Making a Legacy of Faith gift is as easy as making a phone call. For gifts that exceed \$50, Honorees will be inscribed in the Legacy of Faith Book. A Mass is offered once a month for all those inscribed in this special book. For more information contact the parish office at 667-8961 Thank you for your consideration.

## Parish Needs & Volunteer Opportunities



### Church Cleaning Teams need YOU!

Some of our teams are short-handed and could use your help. A team consists of 7+ members who clean the new church once every 2 months. You can make this a bonding experience with family & friends.

Please contact Carmel Caetano at 495-8007.



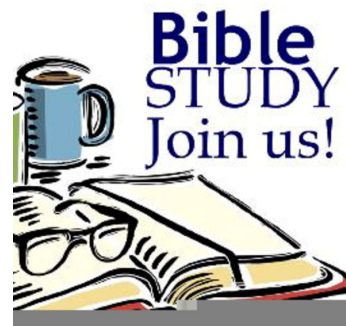
A NEW COMMANDMENT I GIVE TO YOU,  
THAT YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER;  
*as I have loved you,*  
THAT YOU ALSO LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

JOHN 13:34

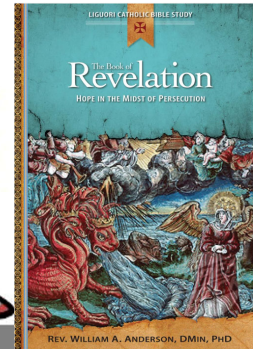
*Thank you to everyone who participated in our Rosary Walk!*



Raising Future Saints would like to thank YMI for their generous food donation that was enjoyed by our rosary participants. Special thank you to the Zavala family for the delicious desserts in honor of Mary Jo Rocha Pires.



**Bible  
STUDY  
Join us!**



Join us for a 6-part Bible Study into the Book of Revelation. We will be using **The Book of Revelation: Hope in the Midst of Persecution** which is available on Amazon for \$13.28. Join us Wednesday nights, June 25<sup>th</sup> – July 30<sup>th</sup> in the Msgr. Minhoto Room starting at 6pm. All are welcome!!



## Holy Rosary Golf Tournament

Thank you to Manuel Rosa, Michael Oliveira and everyone who helped with our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holy Rosary Golf Tournament. It was another successful fun-filled day!

## FINANCE COUNCIL

*The Finance Council meets every two months and oversees the finances of the parish.*

### Current Members:

Pat Bivens  
Wesley Caetano  
Anthony Ortiz  
Natalie Pires  
Tima Seward  
Shirley Vierra

## PASTORAL COUNCIL

*The Pastoral Council meets monthly to discuss the needs of the parish. Our Council members are the eyes and ears of our parish. Please feel free to give them your input to be shared at the monthly meetings. This meeting is open to everyone.*

### Current Members:

Christopher Freeberg  
Annie Leandro  
Taylor Nylund  
Lindsey Oliveira  
Betty Jean Rocha  
Carlos Rocha  
Jorge Vieira  
Paulo & Madalena Vitorino

## CONTACTS

Altar Servers • Veber Caetano

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Baptism Preparation • Christopher & Monica Lopes

Children's Liturgy • Annie Leandro

Cleaning Teams • Dina Brindeiro

Eucharistic Ministers • Veber Caetano

Finance Council • Tima Seward

Lectors • Veber Caetano

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**Need to get in touch with one of our contacts?**

**Call the parish office at (209) 667-8961**

## WELCOME TO HOLY ROSARY † ST. MARY'S FAITH COMMUNITY

We welcome all visitors. Thank you for joining us in the Celebration of the Eucharist.

We hope you will find ways to participate in and support our parish life and mission by sharing your time, talent and treasure.

If you have been attending services but are not registered or if you just moved into the area, we invite you to join us as a member of our parish family, using the registration form below or stopping by the Parish Office. Your registration makes it possible for us to communicate with you and to plan and provide for your needs more effectively. Registration is required for Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage and enrollment in our religious education programs.

Register, Participate, and Share your Gifts and Talents!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*(This registration form will be followed by a telephone call to obtain more information.)*