

September 7, 2025 † 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Week's Mass Schedule

Saturday, September 6, 2025

8:00am Mass

Intention: Liberal Azevedo †

Requested by: Joe & Rosemary Silveira

5:30pm Mass

Intention of: Bill & Teresa Ottman

Requested by: Antonio Thomas

Sunday, September 7, 2025

23rd Week in Ordinary Time

7:00am Mass

Intention: Jeanne Tristant †

Requested by: Dina Brindeiro

Intention: Antonio & Louise Borba †

Requested by: Norbert & Joanne Komos

8:30am Portuguese Mass

Intention: Maria Margarida de Sousa & José Oligario Oliveira †

Requested by: Family

10:00am Mass

Intention: Those Inscribed in the *Legacy of Faith* Book

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

Intention: People of the Parish

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

Intention: Gumaro Lazaro, Pedro Gabriel, Rigoberto Juarez †

Requested by: Francisca Lazaro

Intention: Juan Antonio Nuñez-Soto †

Requested by: Family

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

8:00am Mass

Intention: Joe & Noemia DaRocha †

Requested by: Rocha Family

Intention: Steve Fells †

Requested by: Troy & Ann Lopes

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

8:00am Mass

Intention: Leontina Sousa †

Requested by: Manuel & Leonette Andre

Thursday, September 11, 2025

8:00am Mass

Intention of: Bill Ottman

Requested by: Antonio

Thomas

Friday, September 12, 2025

8:00am Mass

Intention: Deolinda Lopes †

Requested by: Dimas & Connie Lopes



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

5:00pm Confessions in the New Church

"Faith sees the invisible, believes the unbelievable, and receives the impossible."

– St. Augustine

Saturday, September 13, 2025

8:00am Mass

Intention: Rosa Diniz †

Requested by: Lee Cabral

12:00pm

Wedding of

Marilyn Martinez ♥ Eduardo Basurto

3:30pm

Wedding of

Sierra Omlin ♥ Dakota Harkreader

5:30pm Mass

Intention: Living & Deceased Members of the

Holy Rosary † St. Mary's Altar Society

Sunday, September 14, 2025

24th Week in Ordinary Time

7:00am Mass

Intention: Vera Gundersen †

Requested by: Kathy Macklin

Intention: Bill & Judy Sousa †

Requested by: Mark Sousa & Family

8:30am Portuguese Mass

Intention: Anselmo, João Paul Silveira †

Requested by: Manuel & Fatima Silva

Intention: Manuel & Rosa Diniz †

Requested by: Antonio & Ana Barcellos

10:00am Mass

Intention: People of the Parish

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

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

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

Intention: Gumaro Lazaro

Requested by: Francisca Lazaro

This Week's Parish Schedule

September 9, 2025 – Festa Meeting at 6:30pm in the parish hall

September 9, 2025 – First Day of Kindergarten–6th Grade CCD

September 10, 2025 – SPRSI Meeting at 2pm in the parish hall

September 10, 2025 – First Day of 7th–2nd Year Confirmation CCD

September 11, 2025 – Raising Future Saints at 10:30am in the Msgr. Minhoto Meeting Room

September 11, 2025 – First Day of St. Mary's CCD

September 11, 2025 – Finance Council Meeting at 6pm

September 13, 2025 – Family Outdoor Movie Night following the 5:30pm Mass on the Soccer Field

September 14, 2025 – First Day of Kindergarten–6th Grade CCD

Upcoming Parish Events & Activities

September 15, 2025 – PFSA Meeting • 6:30pm in the parish hall

September 16, 2025 – YLI Meeting • 6:30pm in the parish hall

September 18, 2025 – CPIDES Mtg • 5:30pm in the parish hall

September 25, 2025 – YMI Meeting at 7:00pm in the parish hall

Reflect, today, upon the passion that you must have to reject all forms of sin. This includes sin that tempts you through the mediation of your family and friends. It also includes every form of temptation that arises within you on account of your disordered human nature. This holy hatred is an act of love in that it seeks to eliminate everything that keeps you from true love. Choose, today, to be a faithful disciple of Jesus and commit yourself to reject all that seeks to interfere with this choice. Doing so will not only increase your love for God, it will also increase your love for others, and even your love for your own soul.

(Visit www.catholic-daily-reflections.com for more!)



The Boy from Milan | Trailer

You may have heard of him, the sneaker-wearing, computer-loving "gamer saint" of our time. But beyond the headlines and hashtags, the real story of Carlo is something deeper, something the world desperately needs to hear. Known for his deep love of God, devotion to the Eucharist, and quiet acts of charity, Carlo's life was a testament to everyday holiness.

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September 11th
September 25th
10:30 am

Join us for Coffee in the Monsignor Minhoto Meeting room September 11th & 25th for Lectio Divina and fellowship. All Catholic Mom's & children welcome!



DONATIONS NEEDED

With the beginning of our CCD Season this week, we are now accepting donations of 8oz. water bottles and individually wrapped snacks. Donations can be dropped off at the parish office.

We also need prizes for our Prize Shelves which the children who have completed their prayers for the year receive a reward for their hard work! We sure could use prizes valued under \$5 – this includes candy bars, sugar free gum, toys, games (anything the kiddos will like!)

Children's Liturgy

Are you interested in volunteering to help with the Children's Liturgy during the Sunday 10am Masses? We are scheduling for the upcoming season. Please contact Annie for more info and if you would like to be a part of this special ministry.

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HolyRosaryStMarysCCD@gmail.com

A Great Way to GIVE!

Want to donate to our Religious Education Program, but don't know how or what? Check out our **AMAZON Wish List!** It is an easy way to provide for the needs of our program. Use the QR code to take you directly there!



RFS HOLY ROSARY
FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 26TH
 AT DUSK

BRING YOUR BLANKET & SNACKS TO ENJOY AN OUTDOOR SCREENING OF MONSTERS INC ON THE CHURCH SOCCER FIELD



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Receiving the Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick: This Sacrament of Healing is available to baptized Catholics who are seriously ill, facing major surgery or near death. Call the Parish Office to schedule.

Confession: Confessions are held every Friday in the New Church starting at 5pm. You may also call the parish office to schedule an individual confession with Father.

Baptism: Parental participation in a program to prepare parents & godparents is required. Contact the Parish Office at least three months in advance of your desired baptismal date to make the proper arrangements.

Baptismal Prep Sessions in ENGLISH are the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm in the Msgr. Minhoto Meeting Room.

Contact - Christopher & Monica Lopes

Baptismal Prep Sessions in SPANISH are the first Friday of each month at 6:30pm in the Msgr. Minhoto Meeting Room.

Contact - Roberto & Grettel Morera

Marriage: Couples are asked not to set a date for their wedding until an initial meeting with the Pastor. Diocesan requirements mandate a minimum six-month period of preparation. Marriage classes (5 classes per session) are scheduled 3 times per year as needed. Contact – Armel & Odelta Cardoso

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults): Classes will return September 7, 2025. Registration forms are available in the parish office for those adults seeking the Sacraments of Initiation.

Contact – Christopher Freeberg

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, MaryJo Fontes, Jared Germann, Tobias Govea, 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, Jerry Lourenco, Maria Lourenco, JoAnn Lundell, Joe Machado, Josephina Martins, Brenda Mays, Mark Medeiros, Kendra Mendes, Nico Morasci, Maverik Nash, Robert Nascimento, Beatriz Nunes, Alan Oliveira, Anthony Parreira, Jane Bigelow Poindexter, Lidia Rocha, Stephanie Rockwell, Manuel Silveira, John Toste, Zeb Parreira, Samantha Roberts, Tony Rodrigues, Nathan Segura, Manuel A. Sequeira, Lucy Silveira, Amaro Souza, Zelma Souza, Rose Tristao, Mary José Vieira, Shirley Vierra, Sally Ann Thomas 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.

Cabrillo Club



Annual Drive-Thru Chicken BBQ

½ Chicken, Beans, Apple Slices, Roll & Cookie.

Sunday, September 14th from 11am to 2pm

Tickets are \$20 and available at the parish office or Danco Trailers
Please show your support!

Parish Offering & 2nd Collection



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

Next weekend's 2nd Collection will be for our CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT.



MEXICAN FOOD SALE

At St. Mary's, Stevinson

September 28th from 1-6 pm.

Please come out and support this fundraiser for our Guadalupe celebration



Our Lady of the Rosary FESTA MEETING

Tuesday, September 9th at 6:30pm in the parish hall.

As our annual festa approaches, we need you, our Holy Rosary parishioners, to join us as we come together to host one of the best festas in our area! We need your help to continue our tradition of excellence!

HOLY ROSARY SAINT MARYS

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

ALL MASSES 9/14 VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS WILL BE OFFERED.

Veneration is the act of remembering the passion of Christ. You may venerate the cross by simply kneeling, bowing, touching or kissing the cross. After Mass we invite you to approach the cross at the altar and offer your prayers of thanksgiving.

This Week's Featured Feast Day



The Catholic Church celebrates today the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary on its traditional fixed date of **September 8**, nine months after the December 8 celebration of her Immaculate Conception as the child of Saints Joachim and Anne.

The circumstances of the Virgin Mary's infancy and early life are not directly recorded in the Bible, but other documents and traditions describing the circumstances of her birth are cited by some of the earliest Christian writers from the first centuries of the Church. These accounts, although not considered authoritative in the same manner as the Bible, outline some of the Church's traditional beliefs about the birth of Mary.

The "Protoevangelium of James," which was probably put into its final written form in the early second century, describes Mary's father Joachim as a wealthy member of one of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. Joachim was deeply grieved, along with his wife Anne, by their childlessness. "He called to mind Abraham," the early Christian writing says, "that in the last day God gave him a son Isaac."

Joachim and Anne began to devote themselves extensively and rigorously to prayer and fasting, initially wondering whether their inability to conceive a child might signify God's displeasure with them. As it turned out, however, the couple were to be blessed even more abundantly than Abraham and Sarah, as an angel revealed to Anne when he appeared to her and prophesied that all generations would honor their future child: "The Lord has heard your prayer, and you shall conceive, and shall bring forth, and your seed shall be spoken of in all the world."

After Mary's birth, according to the Protoevangelium of James, Anne "made a sanctuary" in the infant girl's room, and "allowed nothing common or unclean" on account of the special holiness of the child. The same writing records that when she was one year old, her father "made a great feast, and invited the priests, and the scribes, and the elders, and all the people of Israel."

"And Joachim brought the child to the priests," the account continues, "and they blessed her, saying: 'O God of our fathers, bless this child, and give her an everlasting name to be named in all generations' . . . And he brought her to the chief priests, and they blessed her, saying: 'O God most high, look upon this child, and bless her with the utmost blessing, which shall be forever.'"

The protoevangelium goes on to describe how Mary's parents, along with the temple priests, subsequently decided that she would be offered to God as a consecrated Virgin for the rest of her life, and enter a chaste marriage with the carpenter Joseph.

Saint Augustine described the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary as an event of cosmic and historic significance, and an appropriate prelude to the birth of Jesus Christ. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley," he said.

The fourth-century bishop, whose theology profoundly shaped the Western Church's understanding of sin and human nature, affirmed that "through her birth, the nature inherited from our first parents is changed."



Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

The 2025-2026 session of our parish's OCIA will begin September 7th at 8:30am for the "Inquirers" only those **NOT** baptized. We will meet weekly in the Msgr. Minhoto Meeting Room on Cypress Street across from the parish offices. Meetings begin promptly at 8:30am each Sunday. Beginning Sunday, September 21st and forward ALL adults: those requesting to be baptized, those from other Christian communities considering joining the Catholic Church and baptized Catholics who have not received all the Sacraments of Initiation (First Holy Communion & Confirmation). All married candidates are asked to call the parish office and schedule a meeting with Father Isaque PRIOR to September 21st. Please pick up an application at the parish office to sign up.



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

Athena Rose Govea
daughter of Joseph & Conceição

Angel Soto Ruezga
son of Sergio & Paula

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

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This weekend's 10am Mass is dedicated to those honored and memorialized through our *Legacy of Faith* program. We thank all those who have supported the *Legacy of Faith* book by their contributions to this lasting gift made in honor or remembrance. The individuals noted above have been recently inscribed in our *Legacy of Faith* book.

- † Maria Bettencourt
- Ashton Skye Caetano (H)
- Carmel Martin Caetano (H)
- Henry Paul Caetano (H)
- Jade Aspen Caetano (H)
- Martin James Caetano (H)
- Michael Paul Caetano (H)
- † Celeste Drumonde
- † Antonio Galante
- † MaryLou Lourenco
- Christopher Mathew Martin (H)
- † Maria da Encarnação Rocha
- † Jeff Souza
- † Jeanne Tristant



CCD Classes Start THIS WEEK!

We welcome all the boys & girls who are returning or joining us for the first time! PARENTS, please make sure to walk your little ones to their classroom door and pick them up at their classroom. Teachers have been instructed to dismiss the children at parent pickup only.

We are also looking for parents/grandparents who might be available to serve as an extra set of eyes during class sessions. Contact Annie for more information!



CELEBRATING THIS WEEK....

Happy Anniversary to...

- Flaminio ♥ Lucia Souto – 53rd Anniversary
- Russell ♥ Linda Dutra – 48th Anniversary
- Edward ♥ Debbie Mendes – 42nd Anniversary
- Robert ♥ Leslie Machado – 26th Anniversary
- Raymond ♥ Gorette Oliveira – 14th Anniversary

Happy Birthday to...

- Louis Barroso • Greg Couchman • Debbie Mendes • Bill Ottman
- Abigail Rhoads • Karley Segura • Lillyette Terra • Liliann Vaz

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



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- Health insurance enrollment referrals
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For more information about the Mobile Care Clinic, call (209) 564-4500.

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 2, 2025 MOBILE CLINIC WILL BE AT MERQUIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BETWEEN 9AM-3PM



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
Kevin Lindo
Taylor Nylund
Lindsey Oliveira
Betty Jean Rocha
Carlos Rocha
Jorge Vieira
Paulo & Madalena Vitorino

**Need to get in touch with one of our contacts?
Call the parish office at (209) 667-8961**

CONTACTS

Altar Servers • Veber Caetano

Altar Society • Carmel Caetano & Ines Vieira

Baptism Preparation

Christopher & Monica Lopes – English Classes
Roberto & Grettel Morera – Spanish Classes

Children's Liturgy • Annie Leandro

Cleaning Teams • Carmel Caetano

Eucharistic Ministers • Veber Caetano

Finance Council • Tima Seward

Lectors • Laurette Locke

Marriage Preparation • Armelim & Odelta Cardoso

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) • Christopher Freeberg

Our Lady of the Rosary Festa • Paulo & Madalena Vitorino

Pastoral Council • Fr. Isaque Meneses

Portuguese Prayer Group • Iria Martins

Raising Future Saints • Anjelica Locke

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Annie Leandro • HolyRosaryStMarysCCD@gmail.com

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Right to Life • Melissa Wood

Safe Environment Training • Annie Leandro

Teams of Our Lady • Frank & Annie Leandro

Young Ladies' Institute • Pam Real

Young Men's Institute • Duarte Monteiro

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!

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