

September 28, 2025 † 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Week's Mass Schedule

Saturday, September 27, 2025

8:00am Mass

Intention: MaryLou Lourenco †

Requested by: Husband

2:00pm

Wedding of

Shaila Gutierrez ♥ *Abraham Guerrero*

5:30pm Mass

Intention: Charlie Kirk † Requested by: Frank Victoria, Carmel Caetano & Family

Sunday, September 28, 2025

26th Week in Ordinary Time

7:00am Mass

Intention: People of the Parish

8:30am Portuguese Mass

Intention: Alvarina Galante †

Requested by: Antonio Galante

Intention: Antonio & Ana Barcellos "Happy 57th Anniversary!"

Requested by: Children

10:00am Mass

Intention: Maria Bettencourt, José G Rosa & Maria Furtado †

Requested by: Joe Rosa & Family

Intention: Living & Deceased Members of PFSA

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

Intention: Fr. Pedro Olmos

Requested by: Alida Ramirez

Intention: Ana Karen & Oscar Lopez "Happy 2nd Birthday!"

Requested by: Family

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

Intention: Bernard Arrutia †

Requested by: David & Fatima Amaral

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

Intention: Pedro Gabriel

Requested by: Francisca Lazaro

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

8:00am Mass

Intention: Antonio Diniz & Madalena Borges †

Requested by: Lee & Dina Borges

4:00pm Children's Mass in the Mission Church

Intention: Children of the Parish

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

8:00am Mass

Intention: Williams M Jones †

Requested by: Family

Thursday, October 2, 2025

8:00am Mass

Intention: João & Emilia Almada †

Requested by: Olivia & Family

Intention: Deolinda F Lopes †

Requested by: Dimas & Connie Lopes

Friday, October 3, 2025

8:00am Mass

Intention: Antonio Rosa & Emily Silveira †

Requested by: Manuel & Maria Silveira

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

5:00pm Confessions in the New Church

Saturday, October 4, 2025

8:00am Mass

Intention: Maria Rose Rocha †

Requested by: John & Doralice Rocha

3:30pm

Wedding of

Irma Perez ♥ *Francisco Aguilar*

5:30pm Mass

Intention: João Almada †

Requested by: Manuel & Maria Almada

Sunday, October 5, 2025

27th Week in Ordinary Time

7:00am Mass

Intention: Lloyd Fantazia †

Requested by: Maureen Fantazia

8:30am Portuguese Mass

Intention: Anibal Espinola, Vidalina Silva, Albertino Silva †

Requested by: Albertina Espinola

Intention: José Couto †

Requested by: Wife & Family

10:00am Mass

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

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

Intention of: Andrew Cabral "Happy Birthday!"

Requested by: Family

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

Intention: Rosa Maria Elenes †

Requested by: Family

Intention: People of the Parish

This Week's Parish Schedule

September 28, 2025 – Mexican Food Sale at St. Mary's from 1pm to 6pm

September 28, 2025 – PFSA Grand President's Visit

October 3, 2025 – Spanish Baptism Class in the Msgr. Minhoto Meeting Room at 6:30pm

October 3, 2025 – Blessing of the Animals at 7pm

October 3, 2025 – Pilgrimage to Italy Planning Meeting at 6pm in the Parish Hall

Upcoming Parish Events & Activities

October 7, 2025 - English Baptism Class in the Msgr. Minhoto Meeting Room at 6:30pm

October 8, 2025 – SPRSI in the Parish Hall at 2:00pm

October 9, 2025 – YMI Meeting in the Parish Hall at 7:30pm

October 13, 2025 – Festa Planning Meeting in the Parish Hall at 7:00pm

*"All the darkness in the world cannot
extinguish the light of a single candle."*

– St. Francis of Assisi

Reflect, today, upon those things or persons in your life that have become an occasion of sin for you. Do not fool yourself into believing that you can handle the temptation. If you have some source of ongoing temptation in your life, you need to eliminate it. Ponder this very graphic teaching from Jesus and try to apply it to your life. Identify those things that lead you into sin and eliminate them with much determination.

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

This Week on



St. Francis of Assisi: Sign of Contradiction

From 4PM Media and The Ministry of the Wild Goose comes a breathtaking film on the life of St. Francis of Assisi. A fool according to the standards of the world, St. Francis' life was a sign of contradiction, convicting others of the beauty of Christ and his Gospel.

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.

Step 1 • Go to formed.org

Step 2 • Click "Formed for Parishes"

Step 3 • Click "Find parish subscription" and enter Hilmar zip code **95324**. Holy Rosary will appear.

Step 4 • Enter first and last name & your email.
That's it, enjoy!

Parish Needs & Volunteer Opportunities



Church Cleaning Teams need YOU!

Cleaning Team 4 needs 4-6 people on Saturday, Oct 25th at 7AM to help clean the church. Many of the team members are involved in the Festa and unable to help. Please contact Dina at 209-277-2487 if you can help.

This Week's Featured Advertiser



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"In loving others, we reflect the love of God." - St. Francis of Assisi

CCD News

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. **209.632.7163**
HolyRosaryStMarysCCD@gmail.com

A Great Way to GIVE!

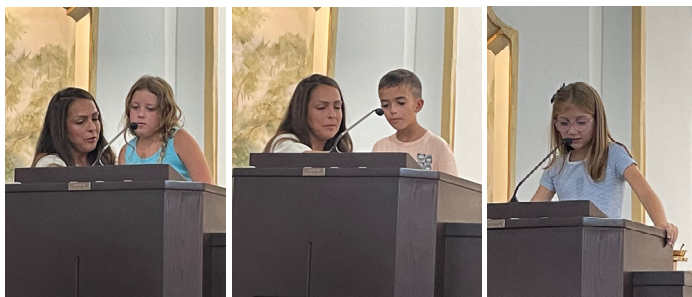


Want to donate to our Religious Education Program, but don't know how or what? Check out our **AMAZON Wish List**! It is an easy way to code to take you directly there!

Children's Mass THIS Tuesday at 4:00pm in the Mission Church

All are welcomed to join our 3rd – 6th Grades children as they celebrate Mass this Tuesday. We will be celebrating Mass once a month during CCD to share the beauty of Mass with the children. What better way to show them that Mass is for **EVERYONE** than for them to see their parents, grandparents and fellow parishioners coming to celebrate with them!

Thank you to Mrs. Nylund and her 2nd Grade Class who read at this Tuesday's Children's Mass!



Please Keep In Your Prayers...

Maura Almada, Addy Alvarez, Linda Andrade, Maria Olivia Avila, Sally Baggett, Manuel Barroso, Maria L. Bettencourt, Laucia Bogacki, Luciano Cabral, **Arthur Carmo**, 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, **Riley Rhoads**, 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.



CELEBRATING THIS WEEK....

Happy Anniversary to...

Joe ♥ Karen Lourence – 41st Anniversary
Joe ♥ Fatinha Pires – 41st Anniversary
Eric ♥ Teresa Azevedo – 6th Anniversary

Happy Birthday to...

Braidyn Correia • Jim Eugler • Anthony Gonzales
Fatima Machado • John Souza



Pilgrimage to Italy with Father Isaque

Planning Meeting in the Parish Hall
October 3rd starting at 6pm

All attending the pilgrimage are encouraged to attend!

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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PLEASE REMEMBER TO USE YOUR ENVELOPE #



This Week's Featured Feast Day



Feast Day: **October 4th**

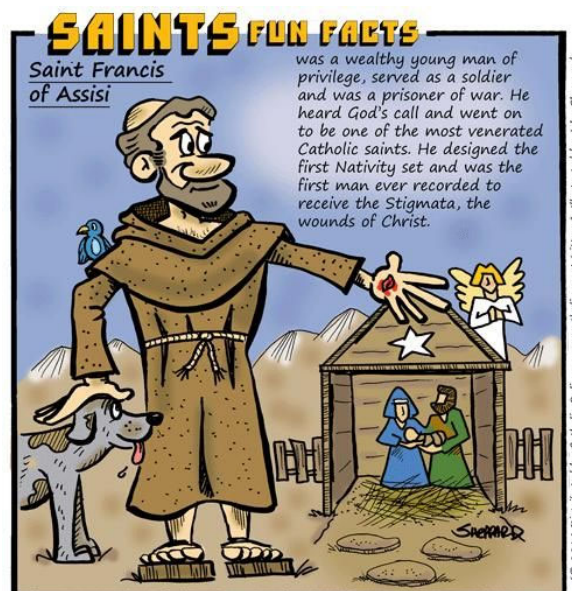
Saint Francis of Assisi, born in 1181 or 1182 in Assisi, Italy, is one of the most beloved saints in the Catholic Church. As a young man, Francis lived a wealthy and carefree life, but after a profound conversion experience, he gave up his riches and devoted himself entirely to God. He embraced a life of poverty, humility, and service, modeling himself after Christ. In 1209, he founded the Order of Friars Minor, commonly known as the Franciscans, who continue to live out his spirit of simplicity and charity. His radical love for the poor, the sick, and all of creation remains a lasting witness to Christian discipleship.

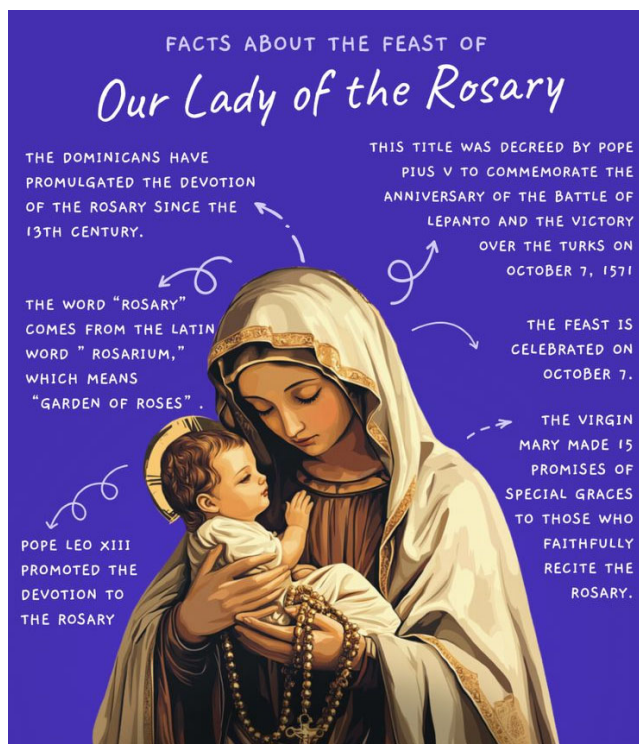
One of the most remarkable aspects of Saint Francis' spirituality was his deep connection to nature. He saw all creatures as his brothers and sisters, calling the sun his "brother" and the moon his "sister." This love for creation was not simply poetic but rooted in his understanding that all life reflects the goodness of God. His *Canticle of the Sun* is a hymn of praise that captures this profound awareness of God's presence in the natural world. Because of this, Francis is often regarded as the patron saint of ecology and animals, inspiring Catholics to care for the earth as part of their faith.

Saint Francis also received the stigmata, the wounds of Christ, on Mount La Verna in 1224, becoming the first known person to bear them. This mystical gift was a sign of his deep union with the suffering of Jesus. Despite his physical pain, Francis remained joyful, humble, and committed to his mission of preaching the Gospel. He died in 1226 and was canonized just two years later, in 1228, by Pope Gregory IX. Today, countless Catholics and non-Catholics alike are moved by his example of simplicity, peace, and love.

The feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi is celebrated on October 4th. Many Catholic parishes mark this day with the "Blessing of the Animals," where people bring their pets and animals to church to receive a special blessing in honor of Francis' love for God's creatures. Families can also celebrate by spending time outdoors, appreciating the beauty of creation, or even volunteering in ways that care for the environment. His feast day is a reminder that our faith is lived out not only in prayer but also in how we treat the world around us.

Catholics can also honor Saint Francis by practicing acts of charity and simplicity in their daily lives. Donating to the poor, visiting the sick, or reducing excess material possessions are all ways to imitate his spirit. Reading his prayers, such as the *Prayer of St. Francis* ("Lord, make me an instrument of your peace"), can inspire individuals and families to live with greater peace and compassion. Ultimately, celebrating Saint Francis' feast day is an opportunity to embrace his message of humility, care for creation, and deep love for Christ and others.





October Mass Schedule

Saturday, October 18th at 4:30pm

Mass in the Mission Church

Saturday, October 18th at 6:30pm

Festa Novena in the New Church

Sunday, October 19th

Normal Mass Schedule

Sunday, October 19th at 6:30pm

Festa Novena in the New Church

Tuesday thru Friday, October 21st to 24th

Daily Mass in the Mission Church

NO MASS, Saturday, October 25th at 8:00am

Saturday, October 25th at 5:30pm

Bilingual Novena Mass followed by procession

Sunday, October 26th at 7:00am

English Mass

Sunday, October 26th at 10:00am

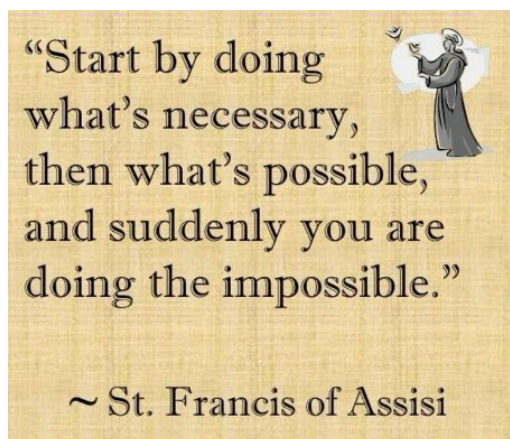
Portuguese Festa Mass

Sunday, October 26th at 5:00pm

English Mass at St. Mary's Church

Sunday, October 26th at 6:30pm

Spanish Mass at St. Mary's Church



The 2025 Committee Members for



***Our Lady of the Rosary* celebration:**

Presidents

Paulo & Madalena Vitorino

Vice Presidents

Frank & Licia Costa

Secretary

Betty Jean Rocha

Treasurer

Mary Xavier

*Our celebration is just around the corner **October 25th– October 26th**. Please remember this celebration needs many hands and talents. Offer your time to honor our blessed Mother by contacting any member of the committee to volunteer. **Sign-Ups for Festa Volunteers is on the Church Website. Sign up TODAY!***

**The next planning meeting for
Our Lady of the Rosary Festa
Monday, October 13th at 7pm in the Parish Hall**

Bazaar & Auction Items are now being collected for the *Our Lady of the Rosary* Celebration. You may drop off your items at the parish office.

Angels Needed

We are in need of little girls & boys between the ages of 3-6 to be angels in the procession on Sunday, October 26th. For more information, please contact Maria Almada at (209)346-6128.

Attention Boys & Girls

We need 10 girls ages 6-8 (dresses are provided) and 4 boys ages 8-10 (must wear white shirt and black slacks) to help carry the Rosary for the annual celebration of *Our Lady of the Rosary Festa* on Sunday, October 26th. Please call Anna Cabral at (209)667-8961 if your child would like to participate in this special procession.

Also, any boys or girls who wish to participate in the Bodo de Leite (cow parade) on Saturday, October 25th, in the morning, call Annie at (209)632-7163.

Calling All Bakers!

The snack bar (at the Festa) is looking for home baked goodies to sell: Bundt cakes, cupcakes, breads (banana, zucchini, pumpkin, etc). Please bring your fresh baked goodies to the Storage Building on Saturday morning, October 25th.

For more information, call Rosa Fraga at (209)277-9082.

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

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Raising Future Saints • Anjelica Locke

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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!

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

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