

# November 30, 2025 † 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

## Saturday, November 29, 2025

### 8:00am Mass

Intention: Bill & Judy Sousa †  
Intention: *All Souls in Purgatory*

Requested by: Michael Sousa Family

### 5:30pm Mass

Intention: Thomas F Locke †  
Intention: Maria Bettencourt †  
Intention: Liberal Azevedo †  
Intention: *All Souls in Purgatory*

Requested by: Victor & Lauralee Cunha  
Requested by: Joe Rosa Family  
Requested by: Leonor Silveira

## Sunday, November 30, 2025

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

### 7:00am Mass

Intention: Jeanne Tristant †  
Intention: Frances Miguel †  
Intention: *All Souls in Purgatory*

Requested by: Dina Brindeiro  
Requested by: Joe & Connie Aguiar

### 8:30am Portuguese Mass

Intention: José Couto †  
Intention: Antonio Galante †  
Intention: *All Souls in Purgatory*

Requested by: Wife  
Requested by: Fernando Aviz Family

### 10:00am Mass

Intention: Mateus, Encarnação Martins †

Requested by: Paul & Carmel Caetano  
Requested by: Husband & Family

Intention: Irene Sousa †  
Intention: *All Souls in Purgatory*

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

Intention: Noemia Coelho †  
Intention: *All Souls in Purgatory*

Requested by: Sean & Anjelica Locke

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

Intention of: People of the Parish  
Intention: *All Souls in Purgatory*

## Tuesday, December 2, 2025

### 8:00am Mass

Intention: Joseph Macklin †  
Intention: Irene Sousa †

Requested by: Kathy Macklin  
Requested by: Husband

## Wednesday, December 3, 2025

### 8:00am Mass

Intention: Liberal Azevedo †  
Intention: Armelino Silveira †

Requested by: Joe & Rosemary Silveira  
Requested by: Paul & Kathleen Xavier

## Thursday, December 4, 2025

### 8:00am Mass

Intention: Manuel & Rosa Diniz †

Requested by: Frank Galhano

## Friday, December 5, 2025

### 8:00am Mass

Intention: Jeanne Tristant †

Requested by: Amaro Souza



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

5:00pm Confessions in the New Church

## Saturday, December 6, 2025

### 8:00am Mass

Intention of: Nathan Enes *"Happy Birthday!"*

Requested by: Frank & Manuel Enes

### 5:30pm Mass

Intention: David Ramos †  
Intention: Joe L Mendes †

Requested by: Dolores Ramos & Family  
Requested by: Dolores Mendes

## Sunday, December 7, 2025

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

### 7:00am Mass

Intention: Frances Miguel †  
Intention: Erica Bivens Russell †

Requested by: Joe & Connie Aguiar  
Requested by: Family

### 8:30am Portuguese Mass

Intention: Maria José Feliciano †  
Intention: Rui Belo †

Requested by: Ana Cabral Family  
Requested by: Wife & Family

### 10:00am Mass

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

### 5:00pm 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of New Church Mass

Intention: Benefactors of the New Church

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

Intention of: Emily Locke *"Happy Birthday!"*  
Intention of: Fr. Isaque

Requested by: Mom & Dad  
Requested by: Alida Ramirez

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

Intention of: People of the Parish

## **This Week's Parish Schedule**

December 2, 2025 – Children's Mass • Mission Church at 2:30pm

December 2, 2025 – English Baptism Classes at 6:30pm

December 5, 2025 – Spanish Baptism Classes at 6:30pm

## **Upcoming Parish Events & Activities**

December 9, 2025 – Children's Mass • Mission Church at 4:00pm

December 10, 2025 – SPRSI Meeting in the Parish Hall at 2pm

December 11, 2025 – YMI Meeting in the Parish Hall at 7:30pm

*Reflect today on Jesus' exhortation to be awake, vigilant, attentive, and ready to love Him in the smallest ways. To stay spiritually awake, cultivate habits that keep you attuned to God's presence: set aside time for daily prayer, receive the sacraments frequently, and be mindful of opportunities to serve others. These practices will help you remain vigilant and ready to encounter Christ at any moment. Search for Him this Advent, and never tire of loving Him in your prayer and in those around you. The Son of God continuously comes to you "at an hour you do not expect." By building a spiritual habit of being prepared, you will meet and love Him throughout your day.*

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



## Rooted: Rediscover the Jesse Tree This Advent | Trailer

Hosted by Dr. Scott Hefelfinger, Rooted guides Catholics through a daily Advent reflection using the Jesse Tree model traditionally practiced by families. Each seven-minute episode introduces the ancestors of Jesus Christ, shares a Scripture passage, and offers an engaging, practical reflection.

**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](https://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!*



## Holy Rosary † St. Mary's Altar Society

will have Poinsettias available if anyone would like to donate towards one in memory of or in honor of a family member or friend. These plants will be used to decorate our 3 churches.

Minimum donation is \$15 as we will be purchasing larger plants this year. Please call Anna at the Parish office to reserve yours.

## Forms for 2026 Mass Intentions will be available the first Weekend of December!

We will try to accommodate as many requests as per availability. **PLEASE TAKE ONE FORM**, as all forms are accounted for. Intentions are limited to a maximum of 5 per household. Please note dates requested on the form are **NOT GUARANTEED** and will be accommodated **IF POSSIBLE**. The requested donation remains the same at \$10 per Mass. Please check the bulletin weekly for Mass intentions.

## A Great Way to GIVE!



Want to give 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!

## Christmas Caroling Sign-Ups Are Available!



Join us on **Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** at **5:30pm** in the Parish Hall as we gather to spread Christmas Cheer to our Hilmar community!

Sign-ups are available online on the CCD tab of the church website.

We need route leaders who will guide our carolers on our 4 routes.

You can also call the parish office and let Annie know!

**Our snack levels are very low! Please consider donating individually wrapped snacks for our HUNGRY kiddos! We also need 8 oz. water bottles. Thank you for your generosity!**

Visit our CCD page on the Holy Rosary Church website!  
[www.hilmarholyroary.org](http://www.hilmarholyroary.org)



## Still Need THAT special Christmas gift?



*Do your parents or other loved ones have material items galore?*

*Is someone on your shopping list difficult to buy for?*

**Please remember** Holy Rosary † St. Mary's Legacy of Faith can make your Christmas shopping meaningful and *so easy*. Gifts of any amount can be made in honor of a loved one.

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 \$50.00, 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!

## Please Keep In Your Prayers...

Maura Almada, Addy Alvarez, Linda Andrade, Maria Olivia Avila, Sally Baggett, Maria L. Bettencourt, Laucia Bogacki, Brityn Butrick, Luciano Cabral, Arthur Carmo, Adolfo Cisneros, Shirley Coelho, Marren de Orta Cordeiro, Chasity Cox, Kelly Cox, Nisa Cox, Sarah Cox, Jennifer DeCoteau, Vinci Deleberto, 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 & Jimmy Lopes, Mike Lopes, José Lourenco, Jerry Lourenco, Maria Lourenco, Serra Lourenco, JoAnn Lundell, Joe Machado, Josephina Martins, William Matheron, Brenda Mays, Mark Medeiros, Antonio Mendes, Edward Mendes, Kendra Mendes, Nico Morasci, Maverik Nash, 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, **Susie Totten**, Rose Tristao, José Vieira, Mary José Vieira, Shirley Vierra, Sally Ann Thomas and Lesley Zorra

If you would like someone who is currently ill, or someone who will be having surgery, to be added to our bulletin prayer list, please contact the parish office at (209)667-8961 or email [bulletinholyrosary@gmail.com](mailto:bulletinholyrosary@gmail.com). Kindly advise us of any changes that need to be made to this list. Thank you!

# 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

## New Church Celebration

December 7<sup>th</sup> • Bilingual Mass at 5pm  
Followed by a social in the Storage Building.



Parishioners are asked to bring a dessert to share.  
Drop-off will be Sunday between 10am-12pm in the Storage Building.

## This Week's Featured Advertiser



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President  
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## 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)

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



Simply visit our website: [www.hilmarholysrosary.org](http://www.hilmarholysrosary.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.....

November 22 & 23 ..... \$5,634

**Next weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection is for the BUILDING FUND**

*Many thanks to those who support our parish!*

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO USE YOUR ENVELOPE #**



## CELEBRATING THIS WEEK....

### Happy Anniversary to...

Larry ♥ Michele Olson – 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Bobby ♥ Fatima Rocha – 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Raymond ♥ Cecelia Sequeira – 28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Edwin ♥ Grettel Morera – 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary  
Juan Carlos ♥ Alexandra Vazquez – 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### Happy Birthday to...

Theresa Barcellos • Shirley Coelho • Connie Govea  
Sidney Lima • Emily Locke • Andrew Machado  
Maria Meneses • Jayden Pires • Natalie Pires  
Demi Silva • José Teixeira

*Want your birthday/anniversary mentioned in the bulletin?  
Call the parish office to be added to our list!*



Order of Christian Initiation for Adults  
This Sunday's 10am Mass is the **"Rite of Catechumen"** for those men and women continuing their journey of faith (through the O.C.I.A. program) in preparation for their Baptism and full reception into Jesus Christ and His Catholic Church and the Sacraments.

*Jason Dias*

*Monique Guthrie*

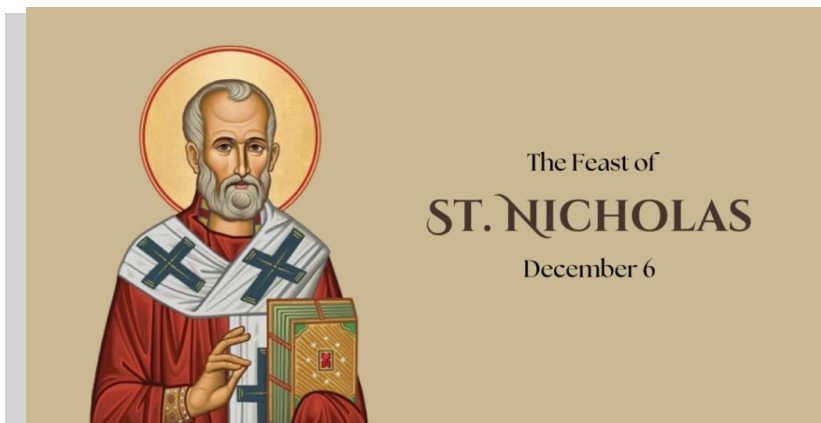
*José Lunar*

*Lauren Thurgood*

Our Holy Rosary Parish Community is encouraged to keep each of the Catechumen in our daily prayers and specifically at every Mass we participate throughout the year. Pray for their increase of Faith and Peace in Christ.



## This Week's Featured Feast Days



The Feast of St. Nicholas, celebrated each year on December 6th, honors one of the most beloved saints of the Christian tradition. St. Nicholas of Myra, a 4th-century bishop, is remembered for his deep charity, his defense of the faith, and his compassion for the poor. Though many people today associate him with the modern figure of Santa Claus, the real St. Nicholas was a courageous shepherd of his flock who stood firmly for Christ during times of persecution and heresy. His generosity became legendary, especially his practice of giving aid anonymously so that the dignity of the poor would be protected.

One of the most famous stories about St. Nicholas involves three young women whose father could not afford dowries for them to marry. Nicholas secretly tossed bags of gold through their window at night, providing what they needed without seeking recognition. This act not only saved the family from desperation, but also set the tone for the saint's legacy of discreet generosity. Catholics today look to this example as an invitation to see the needs around them and respond with quiet, thoughtful charity.

The feast day also highlights St. Nicholas's role as a defender of the faith. Tradition holds that he was present at the Council of Nicaea in 325, where he opposed the Arian heresy, which denied the divinity of Christ. Whether or not all the details of these stories are historically precise, they reflect a deeper truth: St. Nicholas was a bishop deeply committed to upholding the mystery of the Incarnation. His feast day reminds Catholics to remain steadfast in professing and living the truths of the faith with courage and humility.

Catholics can celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas by practicing acts of generosity, especially toward the poor. Many families place shoes by the door the night before, a nod to European tradition, and fill them with small treats, coins, or handwritten notes of encouragement. This simple gesture teaches children—and adults—to give with joy, and to receive with gratitude. It also creates a moment to talk about why generosity is a form of Christian love.

Another meaningful way to celebrate is by performing an anonymous act of kindness in St. Nicholas's honor. Donating to a charity, slipping a grocery card into someone's mailbox, or supporting a family in need reflects the saint's spirit of hidden generosity. Some parishes also organize toy or food drives during early Advent, offering Catholics an opportunity to share Christ's love in a very tangible way.

Finally, Catholics may honor St. Nicholas by attending Mass, praying the Litany of St. Nicholas, or reading a short biography of his life as part of a family prayer time. Preparing a festive meal, baking traditional European treats such as speculaas or gingerbread, or lighting a candle before an icon of the saint can also deepen the celebration. However it is observed, the Feast of St. Nicholas invites Catholics to begin Advent with hearts ready to give, defend the faith, and imitate Christ through generosity and compassion.

*The giver of every good and perfect gift has called upon us to mimic His giving, by grace, through faith, and this is not of ourselves.*  
~St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra



November is a time to remember the faithful departed. During the month of November, we are called in a special way to remember our loved ones who have gone to their rest. The month of November especially All Soul's Day is a traditional time for visiting the graves of loved ones, as is the anniversary of their death. Let us remember the Souls in Purgatory in our prayers and they will surely intercede for us in union with our Blessed Mother and all the Saints.

† Maria Rojelia Alcalá	† Cathie Araiza
† Antonio Fernando Azevedo	† Liberal Azevedo
† Maria Garcia Bettencourt	† Maria Carolina Cardoso
† Maria Lourdes Bettencourt	† Daniel Joseph Coelho
† Francisco Rocha Costa	† José C Couto
† Mary Kathleen Cox	† Lurdes Costa Espinola
† Maria José Feliciano	† Antonio Vaz Galante
† Tony Henrique Galante	† Sheldon Scott Gover
† Doris Krikorian	† Idalmiro Lemos
† MaryLou Lourenco	† Kimberly Ann Machado
† Madaline Louise Machado	† Vital Soares Marcelino
† Frances Emily Miguel	† Luis Alberto Rodrigues
† Armelín Faustino Silveira	† Larry Dean Soares
† Irene Martins Sousa	† Jeanne Tristant
† Manuel da Veiga Vasconcelos	† Frank Carlos White

Week 1  
\*light the first purple candle

### Advent Wreath Blessing

Dear Jesus, as we light the candles on this Advent wreath, may the light of your presence bring joy to our hearts. Bless our family and our friends, and be with all those who are in need this holiday season. Amen.

### Scripture Reflection

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined."  
Isaiah 9:2

### Advent Wreath Prayer

Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen

## Need a little help in hearing the Word of God be spoken in the New Church?

We have special hearing devices to assist you at each Mass. Simply go to the sound room window and check one out for your use and return it after the Mass is over. Let us know your feedback!

## 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 – Arnel & Odelta Cardoso

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

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## An Advent Prayer

*Precious Lord,  
we give you thanks for the  
beauty of this Christmas  
season. Through the power  
of the Holy Spirit, grant us  
peace and hope as we  
reflect on the hope of Christ  
Jesus. During Advent, we  
remember the gift of eternal  
life that we have through  
Jesus.  
Amen.*

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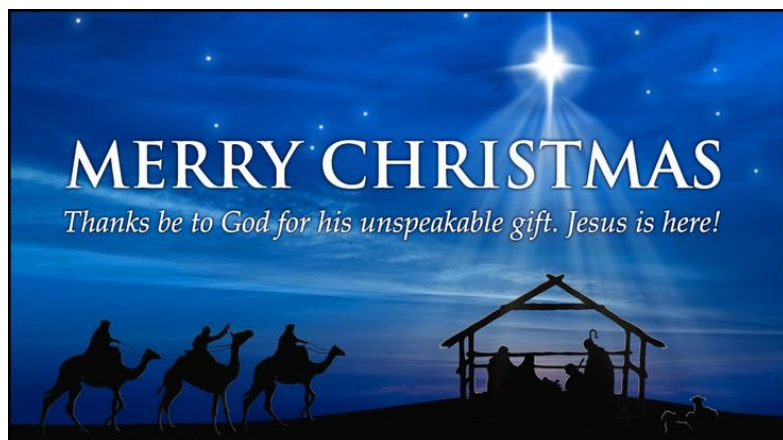
Join our Hispanic Community  
at St. Mary's in Stevinson for the Novena honoring

### Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 3-11 at 6pm Novena Rosary  
Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> Mañanitas at 5am.

Mass at 6pm followed by food and mariachi music.

Come and enjoy the festivities honoring our Blessed Mother!



### CONFESSIONS

**Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am to 10:00am & 5:00pm to 7:00pm

**Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

9:00am to 10:00am & 5:00pm to 7:00pm

**Tuesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

9:00am to 10:00am & 5:00pm to 7:00pm

### CHRISTMAS LITURGY

#### Christmas Eve

**Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

3:30pm • Mass St. Mary's • Stevinson

5:00pm • Children's Vigil Mass

12:00am • Midnight Bi-Lingual Mass

#### Christmas Day

**Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am • Portuguese Mass

10:00am • English Mass

11:30am • St. Mary's Spanish Mass

### 2026 New Year's Masses

**Thursday, January 1, 2026**

10:00am • English Mass

11:30am • Portuguese Mass

## 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

Religious Education • 209-632-7163

Annie Leandro • HolyRosaryStMarysCCD@gmail.com

Nicole Cozzitorto • HolyRosaryChurchConfirmation@gmail.com

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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please circle all that apply:** (1) New Parishioner (2) Update Information (3) Moving, please remove from directory