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Hello to my CCD Families!

I hope that you're having a wonderful season of Advent. It truly takes intentional focus to make sure that this season does not pass by without taking time to take to heart the miracle that occurred with the birth of our Lord Jesus. I find myself busy with all the activities going on and find that at the end of the day, I have taken little to no time to meditate on the season. I pray that you're doing better than I am!

Before our Thanksgiving break, you received an Advent Calendar. I hope that you and your family will make use of it and participate in the activities and readings it suggests.

As always, contact me should you have any questions or concerns!

God bless you and yours!
Annie



Confirmation Important Dates Mark your calendars!

- December 10th – 1st Year Candidate's Saint Name Presentation deadline
- December 31st – 1st Year Candidate's Baptism & First Communion Certificates must be submitted
- December 31st – 1st Year Candidate's Sponsor Verification deadline
- **January 21st – ALL 2nd Year Confirmation Candidate Requirements MUST be met!**
- January 24th – 1st & 2nd Year Confirmation Retreat **WITH** Sponsors



UPCOMING EVENTS

December 9th

Children's Mass at 4pm in Mission Church

December 12th

Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 13th

Christmas Caroling at 5:30pm!

December 17th

Finals Week at School – **NO CCD CLASSES!** Make it a study night!!

December 18th

Children's Christmas Vigil Mass Practice at 6:30pm
(Mass on 12/24 at 5pm)

December 22nd – January 5th

Christmas & New Year's Break • NO CLASSES!

DECEMBER



Prayer Focus...

First Communion: 1st Year
Glory Be

First Communion: 2nd Year
Glory Be & Grace Before Meals

Confirmation: 1st Year
Apostles' Creed

Confirmation: 2nd Year
Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

PRAYER Champions

We are now in the month of December with new prayers to focus on! Let's make sure that we continue to encourage them to practice their prayers and to test on them throughout the month. Lost your prayer sheet? That's okay! They're available on the CCD tab of the church website! Congratulations to our newest

PRAYER Champions!

Quinn Gonzalez, Armando Iniguez, Joshua Valladares



Children's Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

The Children's Christmas Eve Vigil Mass will include the children reenacting the Gospel reading the Nativity of our Lord. If you have a child that would like to participate in the Mass, we will be

needing readers, gift collectors and children to participate in the actual nativity play: Mary, Joseph, Shepherds, Angels, Animals, etc. I will also need parent participation to "cue" the kids during the Gospel reading so that things can go as smoothly as possible.

We will hold a practice on Thursday, December 18th at 6:30pm. Our Christmas Vigil Mass will be held at 5pm on December 24th



Christmas Caroling Sign-Ups Available!



Join us on Saturday, December 13th 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!

Christmas Memorial Gifts...

We are now accepting donations for those gifts in memory of loved ones. The gifts will be labeled accordingly. These gifts will be given to every child in attendance during the Christmas weekend Masses.

10TH ANNIVERSARY

Come Join Us as we celebrate our New Church!

Sunday, December 7th • Bilingual Mass at 5pm
Followed by a social in the Storage Building.



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



Celebrating birthdays this week...

- Sarai Hernandez
- Viviana Gutierrez
- Morgan Pimentel

SERVICE HOURS

opportunities!

- Children's Liturgy Room Helper
- Cleaning the Classrooms
- Filhos Kitchen Helpers
- Christmas Caroling
- Christmas Vigil Mass Helpers

Make sure to go to the CCD tab at www.hilmarholysrosary.org to sign up for these and other opportunities!

FIRST CANDLE SIGNIFIES HOPE

"PROPHECY CANDLE"

The first candle, which is purple, symbolizes hope. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

