

December 7, 2025 † 2nd Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 6, 2025

8:00am Mass

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

Requested by: Frank & Manuel Enes

5:30pm Mass

Intention: David Ramos †

Requested by: Dolores Ramos & Family

Intention: Joe L Mendes †

Requested by: Dolores Mendes

Sunday, December 7, 2025

2nd Sunday of Advent

7:00am Mass

Intention: Frances Miguel †

Requested by: Joe & Connie Aguiar

Intention: Erica Bivens Russell †

Requested by: Family

8:30am Portuguese Mass

Intention: Maria José Feliciano †

Requested by: Ana Cabral Family

Intention: Rui Belo †

Requested by: Wife & Family

10:00am Mass

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

5:00pm 10th 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!"*

Requested by: Mom & Dad

Intention of: Fr. Isaque

Requested by: Alida Ramirez

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

Intention of: People of the Parish

Monday, December 8, 2025

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED TODAY

8:00am Mass in Mission Church

Intention: Maria Bettencourt †

Requested by: Joe Rosa & Family

11:00am Portuguese Mass in Mission Church

Intention: José Couto †

Requested by: Dena Johnston & Family

Intention: Luís Rodrigues †

Requested by: Fernando & Mary Rodrigues

5:30pm Mass in Mission Church

Intention: Joaquin & Celina Mancebo †

Requested by: Celia Baballe

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

Intention: Gumaro Lazaro, Pedro Gabriel, Rigoberto Juarez †

Requested by: Francisca Lazaro

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

8:00am Mass

Intention: Manuel Guiomar †

Requested by: Antonio Soares

Intention: Maria & Filomena Pereira †

Requested by: Laura Pereira

Intention: João Abreu †

Requested by: Wife

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

8:00am Mass

Intention: MaryLou Lourenco †

Requested by: Husband

Thursday, December 11, 2025

8:00am Mass

Intention: Living & Deceased Members of

Holy Rosary † St. Mary's Altar Society

† 10:00am

Funeral Mass for
James "Jimmy" Lopes

Friday, December 12, 2025

8:00am Mass

Intention: Liberal Azevedo †

Requested by: Danny & Shawna Silveira

Intention: Armelim Silveira †

Requested by: Joe & Rosemary Silveira

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

5:00pm Confessions in the New Church

Saturday, December 13, 2025

8:00am Mass

Intention of: Manuel & Rosa Diniz †

Requested by: Maria Machado

5:30pm Mass

Intention: All Souls in Purgatory †

Requested by: Gorette Matos

Intention: David Melo *"18th Heavenly Birthday"* †

Requested by: Joe & Leonor Melo

Sunday, December 14, 2025

3rd Sunday of Advent

7:00am Mass

Intention: Jeanne Tristant †

Requested by: Manuel & Nancy DeSilva

8:30am Portuguese Mass

Intention: Dionisio Espinola †

Requested by: Dennis Espinola

Intention: Antonio Galante †

Requested by: Family

10:00am Mass

Intention: Virgínio & Maria Pacheco †

Requested by: Virgil & Carmina Pacheco

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

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

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

Intention of: People of the Parish

This Week's Parish Schedule

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

Upcoming Parish Events & Activities

December 14, 2025 – CPIDES Christmas Party

December 15, 2025 – PFSA Meeting in the Parish Hall at 6:30pm

December 16, 2025 – YLI Meeting in the Parish Hall at 6:30pm

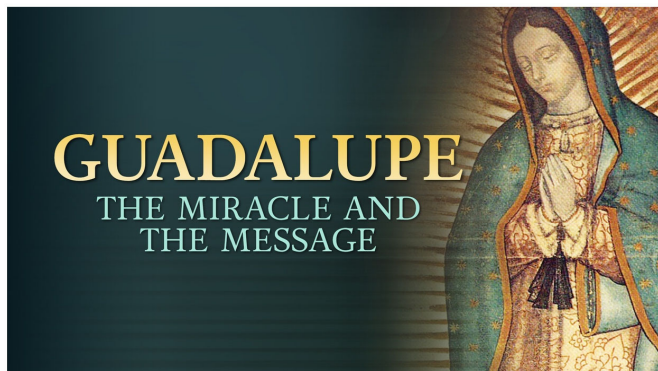
December 18, 2025 – CPIDES Meeting in the Parish Hall at 5:30pm

December 18, 2025 – Children's Christmas Vigil Mass Rehearsal in New Church at 6:30pm

Reflect today on the unquenchable fires of hell and allow yourself to foster a burning desire to flee from every sin that leads to that end. As we enter the second week of the penitential season of Advent, ponder this warning from Saint John the Baptist. Hear him speak those words directly to you. We must fear sin and avoid it, as much as we want to avoid the unquenchable fires of hell. Start with this foundational truth, so that having fostered deep repentance, you are ready to turn your heart and mind toward the glorious promise of Heaven.

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





Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message

Enjoy this film narrated by Jim Caviezel that walks us through our Mother's miraculous appearance to Juan Diego, an encounter that has influenced the conversion of millions of people.

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!



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.

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

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 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.

Visit our CCD page on the Holy Rosary Church website!

www.hilmarholyroary.org



MASS INTENTIONS



Forms for 2026 Mass Intentions will be available this weekend!

We will try to accommodate as many requests as per availability.

PLEASE TAKE ONLY ONE FORM, as all forms are accounted for. Intentions are limited to a maximum of 4 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.

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, **David Estrada**, 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. Kindly advise us of any changes that need to be made to this list. Thank you!

10TH ANNIVERSARY

New Church Celebration

December 7th • 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



8150 Lander Avenue
PO Box 310
Hilmar CA 95324
(209)668-8123

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

Parish Offering & 2nd Collection



Simply visit our website: 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 29 & 30 \$5,718

This weekend's 2nd Collection is for the BUILDING FUND

Next weekend's 2nd Collection is for the RETIRED RELIGIOUS

Many thanks to those who support our parish!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO USE YOUR ENVELOPE #



CELEBRATING THIS WEEK....

Happy Anniversary to...

Larry ♥ Michele Olson – 45th Anniversary
Bobby ♥ Fatima Rocha – 40th Anniversary
John ♥ MaryJo Fontes – 40th Anniversary
John ♥ Anne Almeida – 33rd Anniversary

Happy Birthday to...

Nazarro Anacleto • Samuel Azevedo • Marie Edwards Connie Govea • Sidney Lima • Jayden Pires • Manuel Sousa Milla Teixeira • Mariza Terra

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

LEGACY *of Faith*

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.

† Margarida Silva Reis † Cheryl Roselli
† Charles Selma † Jeff Souza
† Jeanne Tristant



Aaron & Kate Matheron would like to express their heartfelt thanks to our Holy Rosary † St. Mary's Parish Community for recent prayers for healing of their son William who was recently in critical condition at Children's Hospital. Our prayers were heard! Williams has made a miraculous recovery, is getting stronger each day, and is back at school. *Praise God!*

This Week's Featured Feast Days



Our Lady of Guadalupe

Feast Day: **December 12**

The Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe is celebrated on December 12 and honors the Blessed Virgin Mary's apparition to St. Juan Diego on Tepeyac Hill in 1531. According to tradition, Mary appeared as a loving mother dressed in garments that reflected the culture of the Indigenous people of Mexico. She spoke to Juan Diego in his native Nahuatl language and left her miraculous image on his tilma, an image that continues to inspire faith, unity, and hope throughout the world. This feast is especially cherished in the Americas, where Our Lady of Guadalupe is venerated as Mother and Patroness.

This feast day invites Catholics to reflect on Mary's message of compassion, solidarity, and evangelization. Her appearance emphasized the dignity of all people, especially the poor and marginalized. In many communities, the celebration is filled with joyful expressions of faith, reminding the faithful that Mary draws people toward her Son and offers comfort to those who feel unnoticed or burdened. Her enduring presence in the Guadalupe image speaks to God's closeness to His people.

One of the most popular ways Catholics celebrate the feast is by attending Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Many parishes offer special liturgies that include traditional hymns, Marian prayers, and blessings. These Masses often reflect a spirit of cultural richness, incorporating music or readings that highlight the deep connection between the Virgin of Guadalupe and the people of Mexico and the Americas.

Another beloved tradition is the "Mañanitas," an early-morning celebration where the community gathers to sing songs of praise and bring flowers to the image of Our Lady. Families and parish groups may also participate in processions that commemorate Juan Diego's journey to share Mary's message. These processions provide a moving way for Catholics to publicly express their devotion and remember the miraculous events of 1531.

At home, Catholics can celebrate by praying the Rosary or the Our Lady of Guadalupe novena, reflecting on her role as a unifying mother who brings God's love to all cultures. Families may set up a small shrine with candles, roses, and an image of Our Lady, using the space for quiet prayer or storytelling about the apparition. It is also a wonderful opportunity to teach children about Mary's care for those who suffer and her call to trust in God.

Finally, a meaningful way to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe is through acts of charity. Because Mary appeared to a humble, indigenous man and spoke words of comfort to the oppressed, many Catholics commemorate her feast by supporting those in need. Donating food, volunteering, or offering help to immigrants, the poor, or the lonely reflects the heart of her message. By doing so, the faithful embody the love and compassion that Our Lady of Guadalupe continues to share with the world.

"Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mystical Rose, help all those who invoke you in their necessities! Since you are the ever Virgin Mary and Mother of the true God, obtain for us from your most holy Son the grace of keeping our faith, sweet hope in the midst of the bitterness of life, burning charity, and the precious gift of final perseverance. 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!



Escola Jorge de Sena

provides Portuguese classes for children.

Beginning January 5th, we are adding a beginning class for high school students and adults. It will be on Mondays from 5:30-7:30 in the Our Lady of the Assumption hall and ends April 27th. Space is limited, so register by December 22nd. You may text 209 581-1942 for a registration form.

**Have you
registered yet?**

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! Your registration makes it possible for us to communicate with you and to plan and provide for your needs more effectively. Registered parishioners are also able to receive yearly contribution statements for tax purposes. There are no obligations associated with registering, only benefits!



Let us remember and pray
for our beloved departed & especially for

James "Jimmy" Lopes

*"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls, and the souls of all the
faithful departed, rest in peace."*



"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God's own love and concern."

— Mother Teresa

Week 2
*light the first and second purple candles

Scripture Reflection

"And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn."

Luke 2:4-7

Advent Wreath Prayer

Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most.

Amen

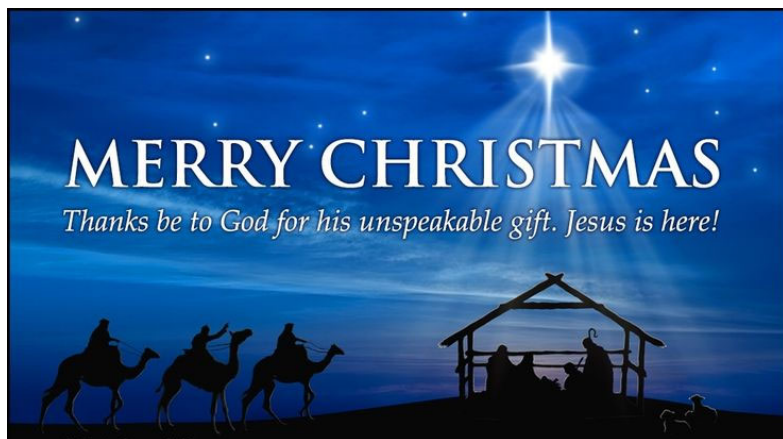


Join our Hispanic Community at St. Mary's in Stevenson for the Novena honoring

Our Lady of Guadalupe

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

Mass at 6pm followed by food and mariachi music.
Come and enjoy the festivities honoring our Blessed Mother!



CONFESSIONS

Friday, December 19th

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

Monday, December 22nd

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

Tuesday, December 23rd

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

CHRISTMAS LITURGY

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24th

3:30pm • Mass St. Mary's • Stevenson
5:00pm • Children's Vigil Mass
12:00am • Midnight Bi-Lingual Mass

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25th

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