

# December 21, 2025 + 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

## Saturday, December 20, 2025

### 8:00am Mass

Intention: Liberal Azevedo †  
Intention: Armelim Silveira †

Requested by: Paul & Kathleen Xavier  
Requested by: Danny & Shawna Silveira

### 5:30pm Mass

Intention: Antonio Galante †

Requested by: Mary Oliveira

## Sunday, December 21, 2025

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

### 7:00am Mass

Intention: Manuel & Rosa Diniz †

Requested by: Ana Galhano

### 8:30am Portuguese Mass

Intention: Frank & Mary Rodrigues †  
Intention: João DaRocha Martins †

Requested by: Tony Rodrigues  
Requested by: Caetano Family

### 10:00am Mass

Intention: Cathy Araiza †  
Intention: Larry D Soares †

Requested by: Manuel Reis  
Requested by: Parish Community

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

Intention: José Couto †  
Intention: Matthew Freitas †

Requested by: Tony Couto  
Requested by: Parents

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

Intention: People of the Parish

## Tuesday, December 23, 2025

### 8:00am Mass

Intention: Maria Bettencourt †

Requested by: Joe Rosa Family

## Wednesday, December 24, 2025

### PARISH OFFICE CLOSED at 12pm

### 3:30pm Mass at St. Mary's Church

Intention: Deceased Members of Couto & Coelho Families †  
Requested by: Diamentina Couto & Family

### 5:00pm Children's Vigil Mass

Intention: Antonio S Caetano †  
Intention: Erica Bivens Russell †

Requested by: Veber & Ana Caetano  
Requested by: Family

## Thursday, December 25, 2025

### PARISH OFFICE CLOSED



### 12:00am Midnight Portuguese/English Mass

Intention: Julio Agueda †

Requested by: Maria Silva

### 8:30am Portuguese Mass

Intention: Francisco & Teresa B Costa †  
Intention: José & Elvira Ferreira and Domingos & Lurdes Bertão †

Requested by: João & Maria Bertão

### 10:00am Mass

Intention: Luis Rodrigues †

Requested by: Fernando & Mary Rodrigues

### 11:30am Spanish Mass at St. Mary's Church

Intention: All Souls in Purgatory †

Requested by: Gorette Matos

## Friday, December 26, 2025

### PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

### No MASS, ADORATION or CONFESSIONS today

## Saturday, December 27, 2025

### NO 8:00am MASS TODAY

### 5:30pm Mass

Intention: Frances Miguel †  
Intention: MaryLou Lourenco †

Requested by: Joe & Connie Aguiar  
Requested by: Husband

## Sunday, December 28, 2025

### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

### 7:00am Mass

Intention: Roberto Nascimento †

Requested by: Robert & Marie Costa

### 8:30am Portuguese Mass

Intention: Maria José Feliciano †  
Intention: José Couto †

Requested by: Ana Cabral Family  
Requested by: Joe Couto & Family

### 10:00am Mass

Intention: Thomas F Locke †

Requested by: Victor & Lauralee Cunha

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

Intention of: Henry Locke "Happy Birthday!"

Requested by: Mom & Dad

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

Intention of: People of the Parish

## This Week's Parish Schedule

December 24 & 25, 2025 – Parish Office **CLOSED**

## Upcoming Parish Events & Activities

January 2, 2026 – Spanish Baptism Classes

January 4, 2026 – Holy Rosary Epiphany Celebration

January 6, 2026 – English Baptism Classes

January 8, 2026 – YMI Meeting in the Parish hall at 7:30pm

January 11, 2026 – Filhós Sale

January 12, 2026 – Festa Meeting in the Parish hall at 6:30pm

Reflect today on your personal devotion to Saint Joseph. Ponder, especially, his deep faith and obedience to the will of God as was communicated to him in a dream. Strive to imitate that obedience in your own life, never hesitating to undertake the mission God has given you. Turn to Saint Joseph in prayer and know that his powerful intercession will help protect you and win God's grace in the areas you need it the most.

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



## EPIPHANY CELEBRATION

will be held Sunday, January 4, 2026, beginning with the 11:30am Portuguese Mass where children are asked to bring a gift to offer to Baby Jesus. These items will later be auctioned at the Storage Building during an afternoon of fellowship and entertainment and delicious food. Please join us in this special celebration!

## This Week on



### Christmas | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they look at the painting Adoration of the Shepherds by Gerard van Honthorst to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. This famous painting reveals the Christ Child as the light that has come into the world and also depicts the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and the shepherds to be models of adoration to our humble Lord who came as a helpless baby.

**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!*

### 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!

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son."*

- John 3:16

## CCD News

### 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 • New Year's Break

We will be on break December 22<sup>nd</sup> through January 5<sup>th</sup>.

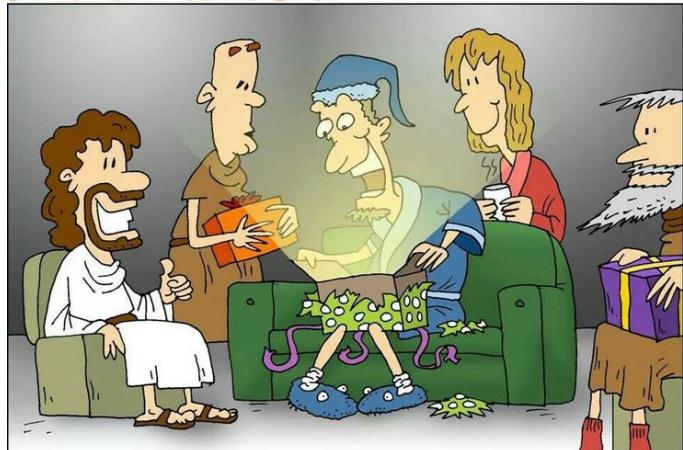
We wish ALL our CCD families a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!!

### Christmas Caroling & Cookie Decorating

Thank you to those who helped and participated in this year's Christmas fun with the kids! It was a treat for all!



### REVEREND FUN



## Please Keep In Your Prayers...

Maura Almada, Addy Alvarez, Linda Andrade, Maria Olivia Avila, Sally Baggett, Maria L. Bettencourt, Lucia Bogacki, Britny 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 Lopes, Mike Lopes, José Lourenco, Jerry Lourenco, Maria Lourenco, Serra Lourenco, JoAnn Lundell, Joe Machado, Josephina Martins, William Matheron, Brenda Mays, Mark Medeiros, **Amelia Melo**, Antonio Mendes, Edward Mendes, Kendra Mendes, Nico Morasci, Maverik Nash, Beatriz Nunes, Alan Oliveira, Anthony Parreira, Zeb Parreira, Jane Bigelow Poindexter, **Guimar Reis**, Lidia Rocha, Stephanie Rockwell, Samantha Roberts, Tony Rodrigues, Nathan Segura, **Joe Sequeira**, Manuel A. Sequeira, Lucy Silveira, Manuel 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!



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

**Mary Lou Locke**

**John Tostte**

*"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."*

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



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

December 13 & 14 ..... \$4,878

This weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection is for the RETIRED RELIGIOUS

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



**Thank you to all those families who made  
year-end contributions to our parish.  
Your generosity is greatly appreciated!**



### CELEBRATING THIS WEEK....

*Happy Anniversary to...*

Marcos ❤ Ana Tejeda • 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

*Happy Birthday to...*

Angie Correia • Oscar Drumonde • Henry Locke  
Noel Machado • Darin Maciel • Sara Mendonca  
Landyn Segura

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

## This Week's Featured Advertiser



### St. Patrick's YLI #223

A Catholic women's organization supporting...  
Scholarships, priesthood, Parish and community functions.  
Info: Danette Fernandes • (209)605-3261  
Meetings: Third Tuesday at 6:30pm in the Parish hall

## 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)



**Thank you!**

*Our altar servers have fresh clean albs thanks to Ana Barcellos!  
It takes many hands to take care of all the needs of our parish.  
We are so thankful to our faithful parishioners who see that  
these needs are met. May God bless you all!*

*"Do not let your hearts be troubled.*

*Trust in God; trust also in me."*

- John 14:1



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

**We thank the families who donated the beautiful Poinsettias to beautify our place of worship for this Christmas season in memory of or in honor of their loved ones:**

### **IN MEMORY OF:**

### **BY:**

Antone & Maria B Silva ..... Clarence & Mary Rocha  
Geroge & Carol Heilman ..... Michael & Filomena Heilman  
Antone & Maria B. Silva ..... Michael & Filomena Heilman  
Joe & George Silva ..... Michael & Filomena Heilman  
Herminia Andre ..... Manuel & Leonette Andre  
Joe & Leontina Sousa ..... Manuel & Leonette Andre  
Steve Fells ..... Rose DePalma  
Harold DePalma ..... Rose DePalma  
Deceased Galhandro Family Members ..... Mary Xavier  
Deceased Pacheco Family Members ..... Tony Pacheco  
Deceased Lopes Family Members ..... Mary Xavier  
Frank A & Mary M Vierra (2) ..... Kevin & Laurette Locke  
Thomas & Marylou Locke (2) ..... Kevin & Laurette Locke  
Cleo Katsounakis ..... Kevin & Laurette Locke  
Annabell Souza ..... Gloria Ramos  
Johnny Souza ..... Gloria Ramos  
Ronnie Souza ..... Gloria Ramos  
Joe & Maria Borba ..... Fermino & Mary Martins  
John & Matilde Martins ..... Fermino & Mary Martins  
Valerie Krug ..... Fermino & Mary Martins  
Kinzley Sousa ..... Fermino & Mary Martins  
Louis & Eleanor Nunes ..... Fermino & Mary Martins  
Maria L. Sousa ..... Fermino & Mary Martins  
Tony Vaz ..... Kathy Vaz & Family  
Albert & Geraldine "Tiny" Baptista ..... Kathy Vaz & Family  
Joe & Evelyn Nicholas ..... Kathy Vaz & Family

### **IN MEMORY OF:**

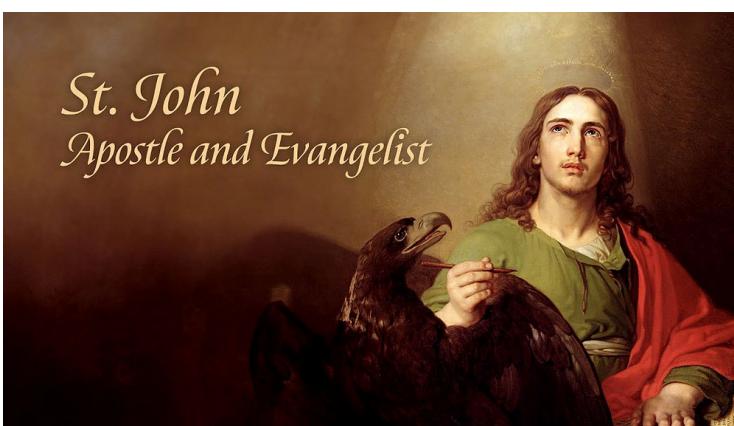
### **BY:**

Joe & Margaret Vaz ..... Kathy Vaz & family  
Antonio Vaz ..... Kathy Vaz & Family  
Manuel & Adelino Enese ..... Frank & Manuela Enes  
José & Gloria Dias ..... Frank & Manuela Enes  
João Almada ..... Raposo Family  
Manuel & Cecelia Raposo ..... Raposo Family  
Manuel B. & Laurinda Cunha (2) ..... Victor & Lauralee Cunha  
Thomas & Marylou Locke (2) ..... Victor & Lauralee Cunha  
Cleo Katsounakis ..... Victor & Lauralee Cunha  
Lonnie Correia ..... Victor & Lauralee Cunha  
Manuel & Laurinda Cunha ..... David & Shelli Cunha  
Joe Louro ..... Janice Louro  
José & Felismina Noronha ..... Manuel & Maria Almada  
Manuel S. & Angela Machado ..... Arthur & Anna Cabral  
Antonio E. Cabral ..... Arthur & Anna Cabral  
Manuel & Crystal Machado ..... Arthur & Anna Cabral  
In Honor of the Pires Family ..... Joe & Filomena Pires  
Deceased Family Members ..... Joe & Marie Reis  
Manuel Silveira, Jr. ..... Lucy Silveira & Family  
John & Dalia Toste ..... Lucy Silveira & Family  
Manuel & Maria Silveira ..... Lucy Silveira & Family  
Mary Inacio ..... Lucy Silveira & Family  
John & Anna Baptista ..... Kathy Vaz & Family



## This Week's Featured Feast Days

### St. John Apostle and Evangelist



Feast Day: December 27

The Feast of St. John the Apostle and Evangelist, celebrated on December 27, honors the beloved disciple of Jesus—one of the Twelve Apostles and the author traditionally associated with the Gospel of John, three epistles, and the Book of Revelation. St. John holds a unique place in salvation history as the disciple “whom Jesus loved,” present at key moments of Christ’s life, including the Transfiguration, the Last Supper, and the Crucifixion. At the foot of the Cross, Jesus entrusted Mary to John, symbolizing John’s role as a spiritual son of the Mother of God and, by extension, a spiritual father to the Church.

St. John’s Gospel stands apart from the others for its deeply theological and poetic tone. Rather than focusing primarily on parables and miracles, John emphasizes the mystery of Christ as the eternal Word made flesh. His writings invite believers into a profound contemplation of God’s love, light, and truth. Central to John’s message is the commandment of love—love of God and love of neighbor—which remains foundational to Christian life. His emphasis on abiding in Christ continues to shape Catholic spirituality and theology.

Catholics can celebrate the Feast of St. John by attending Mass and reflecting on the Gospel proclaimed that day, which often highlights John’s witness to Christ’s divinity. Reading passages from the Gospel of John—such as the Prologue (“In the beginning was the Word”)—is a meaningful way to enter into the heart of his message. Taking time for quiet prayer and Scripture meditation allows believers to grow in intimacy with Christ, just as John did.

A traditional custom associated with this feast is the blessing of wine, recalling a legend in which St. John was unharmed after drinking poisoned wine. Some Catholic families mark the day by having a priest bless wine or by sharing a modest glass at home, offering prayers for health, joy, and fidelity to Christ. This practice emphasizes gratitude and trust in God’s protection and providence. The feast also invites Catholics to imitate St. John’s love and faithfulness. Acts of charity—especially toward those who feel lonely, misunderstood, or forgotten—are fitting ways to honor the apostle who remained close to Jesus in times of suffering. Writing a note of encouragement, visiting someone in need, or offering reconciliation within families reflects John’s message that “God is love.”

Finally, the Feast of St. John encourages believers to deepen their relationship with Mary, whom John welcomed into his home. Praying the Rosary, especially the Luminous Mysteries, or offering a Marian prayer can be a beautiful way to live out this aspect of John’s legacy. By celebrating this feast with prayer, Scripture, charity, and devotion, Catholics are reminded that they too are called to rest close to the heart of Christ and to bear witness to His love in the world.

*“Love one another as I have loved you.”*

- John 13:34



### CONFESIONS

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*

Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

3:30pm • Mass St. Mary’s • Stevenson

5:00pm • Children’s Vigil Mass

12:00am • Midnight Bi-Lingual Mass

#### *Christmas Day*

Thursday, 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



The **2 turtle doves** were the Old & New Testaments

The **3 French hens** stood for faith, hope, and love.

The **4 calling birds** were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

The **5 golden rings** rerepresented the first five books of the Old Testament

The **6 geese a-laying** stood for the six days of creation.

The **7 swans a-swimming** represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit----Prophesy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.

The **8 maids a-milking** were the eight beatitudes.

The **9 ladies dancing** were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit----Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience [Forbearance], Goodness [Kindness], Mildness, Fidelity, Modesty, Continency [Chastity].

The **10 lords a-leaping** were the Ten Commandments.

The **11 pipers piping** stood for the eleven faithful Apostles.

The **12 drummers drumming** symbolized the twelve points of belief in The Apostles' Creed.



## 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 Vieira

## 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

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Nicole Cozzitorto • [HolyRosaryChurchConfirmation@gmail.com](mailto: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