

December 28, 2025 † The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday, December 27, 2025

NO 8:00am MASS TODAY

5:30pm Mass

Intention: Manuel L Machado, Jr. †

Intention: MaryLou Lourenco †

Requested by: Arthur & Anna Cabral

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

Intention: Frances Miguel †

Requested by: Joe & Connie Aguiar

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

Tuesday, December 30, 2025

8:00am Mass

Intention: Ricardina Leal & José Alberto Leal †

Requested by: Daughters & Family

Intention: Brett Crandall †

Requested by: Nicole & John Fernandes

Wednesday, December 31, 2025

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED at 12pm

8:00am Mass

Intention: Jeanne Tristant †

Requested by: Manuel & Nancy DeSilva

Thursday, January 1, 2026

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

10:00am Mass

Intention: Joe & Marie Reis †

Requested by: Maria Vieira

Intention: Jeff Souza †

Requested by: Dave & Fatima Amaral

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

Intention: Maria Garcia Bettencourt †

Requested by: Parish Community

Friday, January 2, 2026

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED



**No MASS, ADORATION
or CONFESSIONS today**

Saturday, January 3, 2026

8:00am Mass

Intention: MaryLou Lourenco †

Requested by: Husband

5:30pm Mass

Intention: Luis Rodrigues †

Requested by: Fernando & Mary Rodrigues

Sunday, January 4, 2026

Epiphany of the Lord



7:00am Mass

Intention: All Souls in Purgatory †

Requested by: Gorette Matos

10:00am Mass

Intention of: Caetano Grandchildren

Requested by: Paul & Carmel Caetano

11:30am Portuguese Mass

Intention: Armelim Silveira †

Requested by: Leonor Silveira

Intention: Manuel & Rosa Diniz †

Requested by: Umberta Diniz

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!

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

Intention of: People of the Parish

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

Intention: Gumaro Lazaro, Pedro Gabriel, Rigoberto Juarez †

Requested by: Francisca Lazaro

This Week's Parish Schedule

January 2, 2026 – Spanish Baptism Classes

January 4, 2026 – Holy Rosary Epiphany Celebration

Upcoming Parish Events & Activities

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 the Holy Family. Ask God to give you insight into their lives together. As you do, use any insights as a source of inspiration for your own life and relationships with those closest to you. Though we will all fall short of the charity that permeated the home of the Holy Family, we can work to imitate them by allowing God to increase our charity toward one another. Through daily prayer, acts of sacrifice, and a commitment to love one another, we can create a family life that reflects the holiness and unity of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

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

This Week on



The Holy Family

We are excited to announce our series of FORMED Now! Christmas and New Year special episodes. In these episodes, professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School will lead us in reflections throughout the season!

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!

mark ✓ your **Calendar**

Attention Parish Organizations

All parish groups and organizations that customarily use the parish facilities are reminded that all events must be listed in the Facilities Use Book. Dates will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. Please submit your requests in writing to the parish office as soon as possible. NOTE: Dates and events are not automatically carried over from the prior year and must be confirmed by each individual organization or group.



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 22nd through January 5th. We wish ALL our CCD families a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!!

Confirmation Retreat

A retreat is scheduled for January 24th for ALL (1st and 2nd Year) Confirmation Candidates AND their sponsors.

Please pray that the Holy Spirit guide and lead everyone involved in this special event!

On this holy night, the Virgin Mother has brought forth the Eternal Word made flesh. The angels sing, "Gloria in excelsis Deo," and the shepherds hasten to the humble cave where the Light of the World lies in a manger.

May the Infant King, who emptied Himself for love of us, be born anew in the silence of your heart. May the Blessed Virgin enfold you beneath her mantle, and Saint Joseph guard your home with his strong, quiet protection.

In the midst of every joy and every trial, may the peace of Christmas – the peace that surpasses all understanding – remain with you and your dear ones now and through all the days of the New Year.

A most blessed and holy Christmas to you!

Fr. Isaque Meneses & Staff

Please Keep In Your Prayers

Maura Almada, Addy Alvarez, Linda Andrade, Maria Olivia Avila, Sally Baggett, Maria L. Bettencourt, Lucia 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 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, Guimaraes 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. Kindly advise us of any changes that need to be made to this list. Thank you!

This Week's Featured Advertiser



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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



Attention Church Cleaning Teams

Please update your team roster by calling Anna at the parish office or email your current list to:

holysrosaryhilmar@dioceseoffresno.org

Thank you one and all for giving your time and talent to benefit our parish and by keeping our churches looking beautiful!



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

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.....

December 20 & 21\$6,411

2nd Collection is for the **RETIRED RELIGIOUS**\$1,944

Next weekend's 2nd Collection will be for the **BUILDING FUND**



We also remind our Angels to bring their piggy banks for the monthly piggy dumping. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Many thanks to those who support our parish!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO USE YOUR ENVELOPE #



CELEBRATING THIS WEEK....

Happy Birthday to...

Maria Amelia DeLaTorre • Ana Gomes • Judy Honore
Joe Pires • Frank Silva • Ashley Soares • Melina Teixeira
Marcus Vaz • Diane Xavier • Duarte Xavier

Want your birthday/anniversary mentioned in the bulletin?

Call the parish office to be added to our list!



**Back by Popular Demand...
Senior Mass & Luncheon Day!**

Stay tuned for more information!



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:

Harold DePalma Rose DePalma
 Franklin & Dorothy Matheron Duane & Barbara Matheron
 AV & Fritz Bettencourt Duane & Barbara Matheron
 Jeannie Nelson Duane & Barbara Matheron
 Aaron Parreira Duane & Barbara Matheron

*continued from last week's list



True Sense of Time & Talent

We extend a special thank you to our wonderful members of Holy Rosary † St. Mary's Altar Society who work all year round to make our churches look beautiful for the liturgical seasons. And Christmas being no exception! Thank you one and all for your time, talent, love and dedication for our parish.

We also take this opportunity to thank ALL our volunteers who keep our churches clean by giving their time and talent to their prospective cleaning team.

First of the New Year...

Our Lady of the Rosary Festa

committee will have their meeting on Monday, January 12th at 6:30pm in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome to attend!

"We consider Christmas as the encounter, the great encounter, the historical encounter, the decisive encounter, between God and mankind."

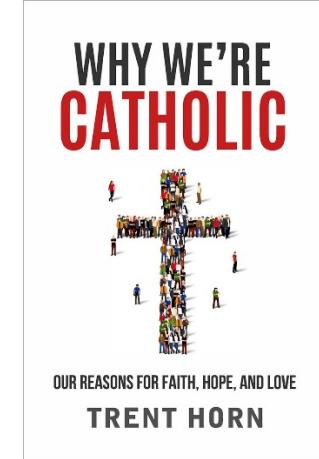
- Pope Paul VI

**Sunday, January 11th....
The Portuguese Prayer Group will be
selling hot delicious Filhós!**



These sell out quickly! Come early to get yours at the Holy Rosary Storage Building.

Upcoming Book Club!



5 sessions starting on January 20th and ending on February 24th. (No session on 2/10) at 6:30pm in the Msgr. Minhoto Meeting Room. All are welcome! Questions? Contact Annie Leandro at the parish office.

Soul of Christ

(Anima Christi)

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, inebriate me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O Jesus, hear me.

Within Thy wounds, hide me.

Suffer me not to be separated from Thee.

From the evil one, defend me.

At the hour of my death, call me,

and bid me come unto Thee,

that with Thy saints I may praise

Thee forever and ever. Amen.

This Week's Featured Feast Day



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

January 1st

Holy Day of Obligation

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, celebrated on January 1, is one of the oldest feasts dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary and holds a place of great importance in the Catholic Church. This solemnity honors Mary's divine motherhood, affirming the truth that the child she bore, Jesus Christ, is truly God and truly human. By proclaiming Mary as *Theotokos*—“God-bearer”—the Church safeguards the central mystery of the Incarnation and begins the new calendar year by turning hearts toward Christ through His Mother.

This feast also highlights Mary's humble and faithful “yes” to God's will. Through her obedience and trust, salvation entered the world, making her not only the Mother of God but also the spiritual mother of all believers. The Gospel readings for the day often recall Mary treasuring all things in her heart, inviting Catholics to reflect on her contemplative spirit and her role as a model of faith, humility, and trust in God's plan.

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, is also closely connected to the celebration of peace. The Church observes January 1 as the World Day of Peace, emphasizing Mary as the Queen of Peace who bore the Prince of Peace into the world. Catholics are encouraged to pray for peace in their families, communities, and nations, asking Mary's intercession for unity, reconciliation, and compassion in a world often marked by division.

Catholics celebrate this solemnity first and foremost by attending Mass, as it is a Holy Day of Obligation. At Mass, the faithful give thanks for Mary's role in salvation history and renew their commitment to follow Christ more faithfully in the new year. Many parishes include special Marian hymns or prayers, such as the *Hail Mary* or the *Salve Regina*, to honor her unique place in God's plan.

Beyond Mass, Catholics may celebrate this feast through prayer and devotion at home. Praying the Rosary, especially the Joyful Mysteries, is a meaningful way to meditate on Mary's motherhood and her closeness to Jesus. Families might also begin the new year with a blessing, asking Mary to watch over their homes and guide them in faith, hope, and love throughout the year ahead.

Finally, Catholics are encouraged to imitate Mary's virtues by living this feast through acts of charity and service. Just as Mary brought Christ to the world, believers are called to bring Christ's love to others—especially the poor, the lonely, and those in need. By honoring Mary, Mother of God, Catholics begin the year entrusted to her maternal care, seeking to grow closer to her Son and to live each day more fully in God's grace.

“Mary is the woman of faith, who made room for God in her heart, in her plans, in her body, in her experience as a wife and mother.”

- Pope John Paul II



Chalking the Door

Epiphany marks the occasion of a time-honored Christian tradition of “chalking the doors.” The formula for the ritual is simple: take chalk of any color and write the following above the entrance of your home:

20 + C + M + B + 26

The letters C, M, B have two meanings

- #1 – They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar
- #2 – They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, “May Christ bless the house.”

The plus signs represent the cross and 2026 is the year.

The chalking of the doors is a centuries-old practice throughout the world and an easy tradition to adopt. It's a great practice where we dedicate our year to God from its beginning, asking His blessing on our homes and on all who live, work, or visit there.

“May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is your incarnate Word, now and forever. Amen.”

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

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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