

## Holy Rosary † St. Mary's C.C.D.

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Hello to my CCD Families!

We are approaching "Sacrament Season" – did you know it's a thing? It's not, but we are approaching a special time of year for our CCD program.

+ We have **4** students who will be baptized this spring,  
+ **37** Confirmation Candidates who will receive their Sacrament of Confirmation on February 7<sup>th</sup> and we have  
+ **41** children receiving their First Holy Communion on May 9<sup>th</sup>! Isn't that amazing!?

Please pray for these children and their families. It is a special time and being surrounded by prayers from their community makes it all the more special!

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

God bless you and yours!  
Annie

**NO CCD Classes this coming Sunday the 18th as we celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am**

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation Candidate AND Sponsor Retreat

**January 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am Mass**

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Children's Mass

**February 4<sup>th</sup>**

Last Night of 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation

**February 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**

Confirmation Mass Practice  
MANDATORY for all Candidates and their Sponsors

**February 7<sup>th</sup> at 10am**

Confirmation Mass

**February 12<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>**

NO CLASSES during HUSD School Break. Classes resume on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>

**February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10am**

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Children's Mass

## JANUARY



*Prayer Focus...*

First Communion: 1<sup>st</sup> Year  
Grace Before Meals

First Communion: 2<sup>nd</sup> Year  
Act of Contrition  
Form of Confession

Confirmation: 1<sup>st</sup> Year  
Nicene Creed

Confirmation: 2<sup>nd</sup> Year  
Nicene Creed

## PRAYER Champions

Please encourage your children who are in First Holy Communion or Confirmation formation to visit Annie regularly to test on prayers! **We are approaching deadlines for the upcoming Sacraments. 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation has a deadline for ALL requirements of January 21<sup>st</sup>. Our 2026 First Communion candidates have a deadline of April 30<sup>th</sup>.**

We may be concentrating on certain prayers each month, but the children are more than welcome to test on **ALL** the prayers that they know! Congratulations to our newest

### PRAYER Champions...

Clara Houser & Nikita Mendonca!



## Confirmation Families....

**We have a Candidate AND Sponsor Retreat** on January 24<sup>th</sup> starting at 9am in the Parish Hall. Please bring a snack to share. The retreat will end after the 5:30pm Mass. Cost for the retreat is \$60.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation** is reaching the January 21<sup>st</sup> deadline for ALL Confirmation requirements. Please, please make sure that your candidates have done all that is required so that they can receive their Sacrament of Confirmation on February 7<sup>th</sup>.



**1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation** families.... Once I get the 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Candidates taken care of, I will begin reaching out to you so that your candidates make sure to complete their 1<sup>st</sup> Year requirements. Look for an email from me in mid-February!



**The Season of Lent begins on February 18<sup>th</sup>. It will be here before we know it! In order to make the most of this season, we need to prepare ourselves for it. Here are 6 ways that we can help our children and our families to make it a season of change and renewal.**

1. **Start with the “Reason for the Season”.** Take the opportunity to share that without Lent we wouldn’t have Easter.
2. **Create a Countdown.** We will be handing out our annual Lenten calendar soon. This will be a great tool to walk you through the season.
3. **Fasting:** Choose Something to Give Up. Fasting from some of our favorite things is an opportunity to put God before these “things” that we hold in such high regard.
4. **Define Giving Alms.** Start by pointing out blessings that your family has. Recognize and share the difference between what we need and what we want. Take action – donate items or save up to give to charity.
5. **Schedule Prayer Time.** Make time to pray together as a family.
6. **Lead by Example.** The best way of them all is for us to lead by example. It seems children are always watching, wanting to take on “adult” tasks. What better time for them to look up to us than during Lent. No matter how you choose to observe Lent with your child(ren), the key is that we all talk more about Jesus, about His sacrifice, and about how He is our Savior.



Celebrating birthdays this week...

- **Danica Maciel**
- **Kasyn Pacheco**
- **Kerrington Cozzitorto**
- **Axel Ruiz**
- **Teresa Maldonado**

## SERVICE HOURS

### opportunities!

- Children's Liturgy Room Helper
- Cleaning the Classrooms

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