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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 4th
Last Night of 2nd Year Confirmation

February 6th at 6pm
Confirmation Mass Practice
MANDATORY for all Candidates
and their Sponsors

February 7th at 10am
Confirmation Mass

February 10th at 2:30pm
Children's Mass • Mission Church

February 12th at 10:30am
Raising Future Saints in the Msgr.
Minhoto Mtg. Room. ALL MOMS ARE
INVITED TO ATTEND!!

February 13th – 17th
NO CLASSES during HUSD
School Break. Classes resume
on Wednesday, February 18th

February 22nd at 10am
4th Grade Children's Mass

February 24th at 4pm
Children's Mass • Mission Church

Hello to my CCD Families!

It's Confirmation Week! It is a week where my focus goes to the 37 candidates who are to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday morning. Please pray for them during this time. May they truly open themselves up to receive the gifts that this Sacrament provides.

Remember that we will be on break from February 13-17. Classes resume on WEDNESDAY the 18th.

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

God bless you and yours!
Annie

Our Confirmation Retreat was a great success!

Many, many thanks to those who came to set up for the retreat, make the food, planning, etc. It took many hands to make it happen! A very special thank you to Fr. Mathias, Brother Ryan and Brother Steven who spoke from the heart with our candidates. God bless you all!



FEBRUARY



Prayer Focus...

First Communion: 2nd Year
The 10 Commandments

Confirmation: 1st Year
Hail, Holy Queen
Memorae

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. Our 2026 First Communion candidates have a deadline of April 30th.**

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*... April Valadez & Lydia Valadez!**



February 11th Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day

When God speaks to you, do you hear him? Do you expect messages from God, and when one comes, do you believe that he really could be speaking to you?

There's nothing wrong with a healthy dose of skepticism, but too often we doubt even the *idea* of God trying to speak to us, whether it be through an answered prayer, a miraculous coincidence, or a vision of the Virgin Mary.

Such was the case in 1858, when Mary appeared to a fourteen-year-old girl named Bernadette Soubirous. At first, no one believed her, not even her own mother. And Bernadette herself did not know it was Mary—she simply believed that God was speaking to her through these visions and referred to this heavenly woman as "The Lady."

Bernadette kept returning to the place where "The Lady" had appeared, even though her family and the local government told her not to. Eventually, "The Lady" revealed herself to Bernadette as the "Immaculate Conception." And on February 25, 1858, Mary told Bernadette to drink from a fountain. Bernadette was confused because there was no fountain, but she started digging. Soon, she discovered the natural spring of Lourdes, which pilgrims still travel to today for healing.

God spoke to Bernadette through Mary, and Bernadette had the faith to receive the message, even when it didn't seem to make sense. We can adopt the same attitude of openness to God and his messages. We probably won't see visions or hear voices, but we can always ask the Big Question: "God, what do you want me to do?" That is a question he will always answer. Be open to messages from God. He is always speaking to you and always trying to guide you. When it becomes hard to hear him, that might be a sign that your life is too loud. Go to a quiet place, and pray, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." (1 Samuel 3:9)

HAPPY *Birthday*

Celebrating birthdays this week...

- Leo Mancebo
- Adelina Ruezga
- Elijah Espinoza
- Omar Hernandez
- Elizabeth Teixeira
- Cynthia Ruezga
- Melissa Mendoza
- Naiara Oliveira

SERVICE HOURS

opportunities!

- Children's Liturgy Room Helper
- Cleaning the Classrooms
- Cleaning at St. Mary's
- Filhós Kitchen Helpers

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