

## February 22, 2026 † 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

*As we enter into the first full week of Lent, reflect today on the temptations you face in your own life. Though satan is powerful and highly intelligent, he is no match for the grace of God. By uniting ourselves to Christ, we are strengthened to resist all that satan and his demons throw at us. Victory over temptation is not achieved by our own strength but through Christ's grace, which He freely offers to all who turn to Him.  
(Visit [www.catholic-daily-reflections.com](http://www.catholic-daily-reflections.com) for more!)*

### Saturday, February 21, 2026

#### 8:00am Mass

Intention: Frank Carlos White †

Requested by: Parish Community

#### 5:30pm Mass

Intention of: Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Rosary † St. Mary's Altar Society

Intention: Gilberto DaRosa †

Requested by: Nephew & Family

### Sunday, February 22, 2026

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

#### 7:00am Mass

Intention: Joe Louro †

Requested by: Janice Louro

Intention: Julio Agueda †

Requested by: Maria Silva

#### 8:30am Portuguese Mass

Intention of: Maria Margarida de Sousa †

Requested by: Children

Intention: Joaquim & Angelina Soares †

Requested by: Manuel & Maria Soares

#### 10:00am Mass

Intention: Valerie Krug †

Requested by: Mom & Dad

Intention of: Dominic John "Happy 14<sup>th</sup> Birthday!"

Requested by: Parents

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

Intention: Parents of Frank & Maria Amarante †

Requested by: Frank & Maria Amarante

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

Intention: People of the Parish

### Tuesday, February 24, 2026

#### 8:00am Mass

Intention: José C Couto †

Requested by: Parish Community

### Wednesday, February 25, 2026

#### 8:00am Mass in Mission Church

Intention: Living & Deceased Family Members †

Requested by: Rafael & Nathalie Apolinario

#### 10:00am † Funeral Mass for *Tony Sousa*

### Thursday, February 26, 2026

#### 8:00am Mass

Intention: Liberal Azevedo †

Requested by: Parish Community

### Friday, February 27, 2026

#### 8:00am Mass in the New Church

Intention: Feliciano & Teresa Dores

Requested by: Manuel & Angela Jorge

#### 10:00am Rosary † Funeral Mass for *Richard Silva*



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

5:00pm to 6:00pm Confessions in the New Church

6:00pm Stations of the Cross in the New Church followed by Soup Supper in the Parish Hall

### Saturday, February 28, 2026

#### 8:00am Mass

Intention: Mary Kathleen Cox †

Requested by: Parish Community

#### 5:30pm Mass

Intention of: Maria Bernardette de Sousa Teixeira †

Requested by: Rosa Teixeira

Intention: João & Vitalina Coelho †

Requested by: Frank B Coelho

### Sunday, March 1, 2026

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

#### 7:00am Mass

Intention: Antonio Diniz †

Requested by: Tony & Diane Diniz

Intention: Julio M Silva, Jr. †

Requested by: Family

#### 8:30am Portuguese Mass

Intention of: Joaquim & Rosa Fraga "Happy 56<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!"

Requested by: Children

Intention: José Silveira Maciel †

Requested by: Francisco Maciel & Family

#### 10:00am Mass

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

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

Intention of: All Unborn Children: May they be blessed with health, safety & the opportunity to live full & happy lives

Requested by: Costello Family

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

Intention: People of the Parish

### **This Week's Parish Schedule**

February 23, 2026 • Festa Planning Meeting

February 24, 2026 • Children's Mass at 4pm

February 24, 2026 • Book Club at 6:30pm in Msgr. Minhoto Room

February 26, 2026 • YMI Meeting at 7:30pm in Parish Hall

### **Upcoming Parish Events & Activities**

March 3, 2026 • English Baptism Class • 6:30pm

March 6, 2026 • Spanish Baptism Class at 6:30pm

March 7, 2026 • Rosary & Memorial Mass for Leonard King

March 9, 2026 • Festa Planning Meeting at 6:30pm in Parish Hall



STATIONS of the CROSS

Fridays during Lent starting at 6pm in the New Church

*My victorious Lord, You faced satan with courage, the once-beautiful angel who fell from grace through pride and envy. Now he seeks to destroy those whom You love. Give me Your strength and courage this Lent as I confront my own temptations, so that united with You, I may share in Your victory.  
Jesus, I trust in You.*

## This Week on



### Foretold | Trailer

From the beginning, God had a plan to save man from sin. With Jesus, that plan was fulfilled. But he also has a specific plan for you. Watch Foretold to rediscover God's providential love for you.

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**Step 1** • Go to [formed.org](http://formed.org)

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*That's it, enjoy!*

## Pray for our service members



- Benjamin Holland – US Navy
- Adam Inderbitzen – US Navy
- Isaak Rodriguez – US Navy

Please let us know about our active service members! We want to pray that God grant them protection as they serve to protect our freedoms and liberties! To add your loved one to our prayer list, email:

[BulletinHolyRosary@gmail.com](mailto:BulletinHolyRosary@gmail.com)



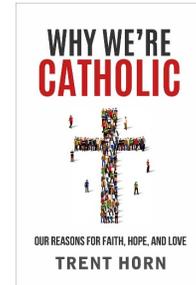
**March 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Mass at 11:30am in the Mission Church, followed by lunch & games in the parish hall. This is a FREE event! Raffle prizes are gladly accepted!**

## 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! Scan the code below to take you there!



**LAST SESSION!** February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Msgr. Minhoto Meeting Room. **Reading for February 24th is Morality and Destiny (pages 169-210)**

### Lenten Prayer

O Lord, be with me as I enter into the desert of Lent. Please give me the courage, honesty and humility needed to recognize my own sins; and the strength, tears and firm resolve to overcome them. Purify my heart O Lord and renew a steadfast spirit within me. May I turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.

Lord, I offer every little sacrifice of this holy season for the following intention(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
May I remember throughout these 40 days that every little thing that I give up for love of You can become a spiritual gift for the good of others. By Your grace O Lord, help me to grow in virtue and holiness; may I enter deeper into a life of prayer, fasting and care for the poor.

O Christ, true Bread of Life, may I hunger for You alone. Be my constant joy and delight as I seek to relinquish my appetites for this world and to be fed from above with faith, hope and charity. Lord, lead me through Your sorrowful passion and death, that I may rejoice in Your resurrection. Amen.

## 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)

## Please Keep In Your Prayers

Maura Almada, Addy Alvarez, Linda Andrade, Maria Olivia Avila, Sally Baggett, Maria L. Bettencourt, Laucia Bogacki, 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, Carol Firestine, 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, 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, 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!

## This Week's Featured Advertiser



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This important ministry takes place on Fridays after morning Mass. Anyone who is not able to come to Mass and would like a visit from Fr. Isaque or a Eucharistic Minister are asked to call the office with their information.



## 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!

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



Simply visit our website: [www.hilmarholysrosary.org](http://www.hilmarholysrosary.org)  
Click on the OSV online giving logo. Open an account.  
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### OUR OFFERING COLLECTION FOR.....

February 14 & 15 ..... \$5,248

This week's 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection will be for the HOME MISSIONS

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



## CELEBRATING THIS WEEK...

### *Happy Anniversary to...*

Manuel ♥ Maria Soares – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
José Manuel ♥ Monica Jimenez – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

### *Happy Birthday to...*

Gláucio Cota • Sherri Couchman • Ethan Houser • Dominic John  
Denise Maciel • Isabel Teixeira • Olivia Vasquez

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



## TEAMS OF OUR LADY

is hosting a Marriage Retreat at  
St. Anthony Retreat Center in Three Rivers  
March 27-29, 2026

This retreat is for married couples only. You do **NOT** need to be a member of Teams of Our Lady to attend. Come spend a weekend away in a beautiful setting with your spouse. This is a wonderful opportunity to enrich your marriage! Flyers are available in the parish office. Contact Annie Leandro for more information.



## SAVE THE DATE

Holy Rosary's Building Fund  
Fish Dinner will be on  
March 20<sup>th</sup>

Tickets will soon be available at the Parish Office.  
We SOLD OUT last year!



The First Week of Lent begins just after Ash Wednesday, when Catholics receive ashes as a visible sign of repentance and a reminder of their need for God’s mercy. This week sets the tone for the entire Lenten journey. The readings at Mass often emphasize conversion, humility, and trust in God. It is a time to step back from the noise of daily life and honestly examine one’s heart. Rather than rushing through Lent, Catholics are invited to slow down and intentionally begin these forty days with a spirit of openness and resolve.

The Church calls the faithful to three central practices during Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. During the first week, it is helpful to choose specific, realistic commitments in each of these areas. Deepening prayer might mean attending daily Mass, spending quiet time with Scripture, or praying the Rosary more faithfully. Fasting is not only about giving up certain foods but about creating space for God by letting go of distractions or unhealthy attachments. Almsgiving encourages Catholics to look outward, practicing generosity toward those in need through acts of charity and compassion.

The Gospel readings of the First Week of Lent often highlight interior transformation rather than outward show. Jesus teaches about sincerity in prayer and forgiveness of others. This is a powerful moment to reconcile broken relationships and seek the Sacrament of Reconciliation early in the season. By going to confession in the first week, Catholics set a firm spiritual foundation and allow grace to work more deeply throughout Lent. True repentance is not about guilt alone, but about turning back to God with hope.

Lent ultimately prepares the faithful for the celebration of Easter, the Resurrection of Christ. Keeping that goal in mind during the first week helps shape one’s sacrifices with purpose. Catholics are not simply “giving things up”; they are training their hearts to love more fully. Small daily acts of self-denial become meaningful when united to Christ’s sacrifice. When practiced consistently, these disciplines soften the heart and strengthen faith.

The First Week of Lent is also a time to renew trust in God’s mercy. No matter how busy life may be—especially with parish events and family commitments—setting aside intentional time for reflection allows grace to take root. Reading the daily Mass readings, journaling, or making a brief nightly examination of conscience can keep one spiritually focused. The key is consistency rather than perfection.

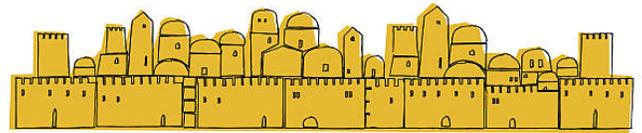
If Catholics begin Lent with sincerity and perseverance during this first week, the entire season unfolds differently. By committing to prayer, fasting, and charity with a humble and willing heart, they prepare themselves to enter Easter renewed and spiritually refreshed. When Easter arrives, the joy of Christ’s victory will feel deeper and more personal because the journey of Lent has truly shaped and strengthened their faith.

*“Let us not allow this season of grace to pass in vain.”*

- Pope Francis



## February 28 & March 1 A group from the Holy Land



**(Bethlehem & Jerusalem)** will be selling religious articles after masses to support the Catholic Christian minorities in Bethlehem. As a tradition, many of the Catholic families in the Holy Land work in small workshops to produce religious articles from olive wood. These articles represent the Christian art of the Holy Land. In the past, they used to sell their artwork to pilgrims who visit the Holy Land. However, these days they are facing an economic hardship, as there are not many pilgrims are visiting the Holy Land due to pandemic and political issues. Many of the Catholic families immigrated and left the Holy Land. The percentage of Christians in the Holy Land has dropped from 20% to less than 1%. Therefore, if this hardship continues as it is now, we believe that in a few years, there will be no Catholics in Bethlehem or Jerusalem. The struggle to preserve the Catholic identity of the birthplace of our savior; Jesus Christ is a serious concern for Catholics around the world. Sales will be used to help and support the Catholics in the Holy Land and to encourage them not to immigrate.

## Easter Lilies & Ferns....



will be available from the Altar Society if you would like to donate one in memory or honor of a family member or friend. The donation is \$10 for lilies & \$15 for ferns. The plants will help to beautify our churches during this Easter Season. Please call the parish office to reserve yours.



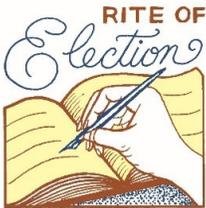
Let us remember and pray  
for our beloved departed & especially for

**Tony Sousa**  
**Richard Silva**

*"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."*

### Catechumens of our Order of Christian Initiation

of adults known as  
O.C.I.A. will be held at this Sunday's 10am  
Mass. Please, as a member of our Church  
community, continue to support these  
people with prayers and gracious  
hospitality as they begin the Lenten  
period of purification and enlightenment  
as "The Elect".



## DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

*In the words of Pope Francis*

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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## STATIONS of the CROSS

will be held every **Friday beginning February 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm** in the New Church along with daily Mass every Friday during the Lenten season. Our traditional Lenten Soup Suppers will be held after the stations of the Cross in the Hall except on **March 20<sup>th</sup>**



We reach out to our parish organizations to help with these suppers. Please call Anna to sign up for a Friday of your choice. We thank our organizations in advance for their time, talent and treasure!

**February 20 • YLI, St. Patrick's #223**

**February 27 • P.F.S.A.**

**March 6 • Raising Future Saints**

**March 13 • YMI**

**March 20 • Fish Dinner (no soup)**

**March 27 • CPIDES**

**ALMS GIVING...** During this season of Lent please remember the less fortunate families of our community by bringing non-perishable food items every Sunday during Lent for our local pantry

### Hilmar Helping Hands.



**February 22<sup>nd</sup> • Jam & Jelly**

**March 1<sup>st</sup> • Cereal**

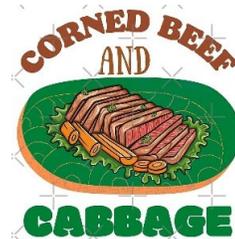
**March 8<sup>th</sup> • Pasta & Sauce**

**March 15<sup>th</sup> • Boxed Meals**

**(Mac & Cheese & Helpers)**

**March 22<sup>nd</sup> • Soup/Condiments**

Of course, any and all items are gratefully accepted. Please place all items in barrels at church each Sunday. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



**Holy Rosary Y.M.I. #44 announces its  
Corned Beef & Cabbage Drive Thru Dinner**

**Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**

**3pm to 6pm • Donation \$25**

If you have any questions, please call Manuel Drumonde (209) 988-3656 or Y.M.I. #44 President Greg Ouse at (209)678-2087.

## 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

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Raising Future Saints • Anjelica Locke

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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