

March 22, 2026 † 5th Sunday of Lent

Reflect today on Jesus' humanity and how He perfectly understands everything we experience. His deep empathy for our suffering and His joy when we rise with His grace show us how intimately He knows us. God became one of us in every way, sharing in our human condition—though without sin—so that we might share in His divinity. Ponder His humanity and let His closeness draw you to Him, giving you a share in His divine life.
(Visit www.catholic-daily-reflections.com for more!)

Saturday, March 21, 2026

8:00am Mass

Intention: Armelino Silveira †

Requested by: Danny & Shawna Silveira

5:30pm Mass

Intention: José R Borba †

Requested by: John & Doralice Rocha

Intention: James Lopes †

Requested by: Deanna Lopes

Sunday, March 22, 2026

5th Sunday of Lent

7:00am Mass

Intention: Valerie Krug & Kinsley Sousa †

Requested by: Mr. & Mrs. Ferminio Martins

Intention: Joe B Coelho †

Requested by: Maria Coelho

8:30am Portuguese Mass

Intention: José Avila & Maria Almada †

Requested by: Maria J Vieira

Intention of: Mr. & Mrs. José Reis

Requested by: Mariazinha Vieira

10:00am Mass

Intention: José & Felismina Norohna †

Requested by: Manuel & Maria Almada

Intention of: Tenaya Silveira "Happy Birthday!"

Requested by: Manuel & Maria Matos

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

Intention: José Couto †

Requested by: Johnston Family

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

Intention: People of the Parish

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

8:00am Mass

Intention: Franklyn Matheron †

Requested by: Duane & Barbara Matheron & Family

10:00am † Rosary & Funeral Mass for
Francisco Costa

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

8:00am Mass

Intention: Alexander Gundersen †

Requested by: Kathy Macklin

10:00am † Rosary & Funeral Mass in Mission Church for
Donna Cardoza

Thursday, March 26, 2026

8:00am Mass

Intention: Albert & Maria Monteiro †

Requested by: Joe & Mary Monteiro

Friday, March 27, 2026

8:00am Mass in the New Church

Intention: Manuel Barroso †

Requested by: George Barroso & Family

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, March 28, 2026

8:00am Mass

Intention: Cathie Araiza †

Requested by: Manuel Reis

5:30pm Mass

Intention: Mary M Vierra †

Requested by: Kevin & Laurette Locke

Intention: Manuel A Espinola & José Picanso †

Requested by: Valentina Espinola

Sunday, March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

7:00am Mass

Intention: Julio Agueda †

Requested by: Maria Silva

Intention: Joe & Gloria Dias †

Requested by: Frank & Manuela Enes

8:30am Portuguese Mass

Intention: Vitalina Coelho †

Requested by: João B Coelho

Intention: José & Elvira Ferreira †

Requested by: João & Etelvina Lemos

10:00am Mass

Intention: Manuel da Veiga Vasconcelos †

Requested by Parish Community

Intention: Erica Bivens Russell †

Requested by: Bivens Family

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

Intention: Leonel & Rosemary Mendonca †

Requested by: Greg & Shirley Vierra

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

Intention: People of the Parish

This Week's Parish Schedule

March 23, 2026 • Last Day of CCD Planning Meeting at 6pm in Classroom #4

March 24, 2026 • CCD Children's Mass at 2:30pm in Mission Church

March 26, 2026 • Chrism Mass at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Visalia at 2pm **This event is open to everyone!**
No invitation or ticket needed!

Upcoming Parish Events & Activities

April 7, 2026 • English Baptism Class at 6:30pm in Msgr. Minhoto Meeting Room

April 10, 2026 • Spanish Baptism Class at 6:30pm in Msgr. Minhoto Meeting Room

April 13, 2026 • Festa Planning Meeting in Parish Hall at 6:30pm

Most compassionate Lord, You experienced human nature in its fullness. Though You never sinned, You allowed Yourself to feel the effects of our sin and suffering, filling them with Your divine compassion. Help me to always remember Your humanity, knowing that through it, I come to share in Your divinity. Jesus, I trust in You.



The Annunciation | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they discuss the spiritual and theological significance of the Annunciation over a piece of Sacred Art by Elizabeth Zelasko that depicts this incredible scene.

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!

The tradition of giving Lenten & Easter gifts during Mass continues.

We continue our Holy Rosary tradition of providing the boys & girls of our parish with Easter gifts in memory of our loved ones. If you are interested in participating, please leave your donation and the name(s) of those we remember at the parish office.



Calling on all Easter Bunny helpers...

We are now accepting donations of candy filled Easter eggs. Please drop off your eggs at the parish office. We are also accepting prizes for the Easter Egg Hunt Prize room. Prizes for our children ages 0-12 years old will be greatly appreciated! The children get so excited to see what prize they've won. Your donation of a prize will bring a BIG smile on Easter Sunday! Thank you!

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Children receiving their First Holy Communion this May will be preparing for their Sacrament of Reconciliation with one of two classes available on either Saturday, April 11th at 9am OR Wednesday, April 15th at 6pm. Signups for these classes will be available online soon. I will be sending an email with the link as soon as it's available. **The children will be receiving their Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday, April 21st at 6pm.** Please keep an eye out for additional emails and notices in the CCD News and Church Bulletin with information regarding these two sacraments.



Happy Birthday to our very own

Rosie Barker

**who turns 105
on April 4th**

**May God continue to
bless you!**

Cards can be sent to Rosie
in care of Kathy Gallichio at:

20647 West Capri • Los Banos, CA 93635



Lent † Easter 2026 Schedule

SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION

Monday, March 30th • 11am & 5:30pm

Tuesday, March 31st • 11am & 5:30pm

Wednesday, April 1st • 11am & 5:30pm

Thursday, April 2nd • 11am ONLY

HOLY THURSDAY • April 2nd

7:00pm English/Portuguese Mass of the Last Supper followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight

GOOD FRIDAY • April 3rd

2:30pm Portuguese Stations of the Cross followed by the Solemn Good Friday Liturgy

6:00pm English Stations of the Cross followed by Solemn Good Friday Liturgy

6:30pm St. Mary's Spanish Solemn Good Friday Liturgy

HOLY SATURDAY • April 4th

8:00pm English Easter Vigil Mass, Hilmar

EASTER SUNDAY • April 5th

7:00am English Mass • Hilmar,

8:30am Portuguese Mass • Hilmar

10:00am Children's Mass • Hilmar

11:30am Children's Easter Egg Hunt

12:00pm Spanish Mass • St. Mary's

NO EVENING MASSES IN STEVINSON



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

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, Delores Ramos, Guimar Reis, Lidia Rocha, Stephanie Rockwell, Samantha Roberts, Tony Rodrigues, Nathan Segura, Joe Sequeira, Manuel A. Sequeira, Matthew Shelton, Lucy Silveira, Manuel Silveira, Amaro Souza, Zelma Souza, Susie Totten, José Vieira, Mary José Vieira, Summer 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

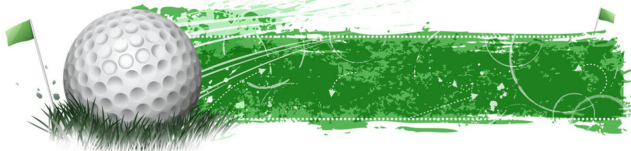


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Pray for our service members

- Benjamin Holland – US Navy
- Adam Inderbitzen – US Navy
- Isaak Rodriguez – US Navy
- Evangeline G Tilman - Airforce

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



Our Holy Rosary 4th Annual Golf Tournament

Our Golf Tournament is one of our parish's biggest fundraisers! Want to help, but don't know how? We need donations for the raffle & auction. Find out what is needed by contacting Manuel Rosa at (209)652-9144 or Michael Oliveira at (209)607-2186.

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.....

March 14 & 15..... **\$7,502**
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES..... \$1,226

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



CELEBRATING THIS WEEK...

Happy Anniversary to...

Tony ♥ Alissa Delgado – 5th Anniversary

Happy Birthday to...

Paul Baballe • Estelle Coelho • Mariana Gonzales
 Athena Govea • Blake Machado • David Machado • Debra Terra

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

HOLY WEEK READING PLAN

TRACE THE STEPS OF JESUS FROM PALM SUNDAY THROUGH EASTER.

PALM SUNDAY	ZECHARIAH 9:9 LUKE 19:28-44	MATTHEW 21:1-11 MARK 11:1-11 JOHN 12:9-19
MONDAY	ISAIAH 56:1-8 LUKE 19:45-48	MATTHEW 21:12-22 MARK 11:12-19
TUESDAY	PSALM 118:19-21 PSALM 110 LUKE 20:1-22	MATTHEW 21:23-26:5 MARK 11:27-14:2 JOHN 12:37-50
WEDNESDAY	LUKE 22:3-6	MATTHEW 26:6-16 MARK 14:3-11
THURSDAY	ISAIAH 50:4-10 LUKE 22:7-71	MATTHEW 26:17-75 MARK 14:12-72 JOHN 13:1-18-27
GOOD FRIDAY	PSALM 22:1-18 LUKE 23:1-56	MATTHEW 27:1-61 MARK 15:1-47 JOHN 18:25-19:42
SATURDAY	ISAIAH 52:13-15 ISAIAH 53	MATTHEW 27:62-66
EASTER SUNDAY	ISAIAH 52:7-10 LUKE 24:1-12	MATTHEW 28:1-15 MARK 16:1-11 JOHN 20:1-22



The Fifth Week of Lent marks a turning point in the Lenten journey, as the Church begins to shift more deeply into the mystery of Christ's Passion. The readings at Mass become more intense, pointing clearly toward the suffering and sacrifice of Jesus Christ. It is a time when Catholics are invited to draw closer to Him, reflecting on His obedience to the Father and His love for humanity. The tone becomes more solemn, preparing the faithful for the events of Holy Week.

During this week, Catholics can deepen their prayer life by meditating on the Passion narratives found in Scripture. Spending time with these readings—either through daily Mass or personal reflection—helps believers enter into Christ's suffering with greater understanding and gratitude. Practices like praying the Stations of the Cross or the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary are especially meaningful now, as they focus on the final moments of Jesus' earthly life.

Fasting and sacrifice continue to play an important role in the Fifth Week of Lent. By this point in the season, it can be easy to grow tired or lose focus on earlier Lenten commitments. This is the perfect opportunity to renew those sacrifices with intention, offering them up in union with Christ's suffering. Even small acts of self-denial—such as giving up comforts or practicing patience—can become powerful spiritual offerings when done with love.

Almsgiving also takes on deeper significance during this time. As Catholics reflect on the sacrificial love of Christ, they are called to mirror that love through acts of charity and generosity. This might mean helping someone in need, reaching out to someone who is lonely, or donating time or resources to a worthy cause. These acts become a living expression of the Gospel and help transform hearts during the Lenten season.

Another meaningful way to observe this week is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As Lent nears its conclusion, Catholics are encouraged to examine their consciences more closely and seek God's mercy. Confession allows the faithful to experience spiritual renewal and to enter into Holy Week with a clean heart, ready to fully participate in the celebration of Christ's Passion, death, and Resurrection.

Ultimately, the Fifth Week of Lent is about drawing nearer to Christ in both sorrow and hope. It invites Catholics to walk more intentionally with Him, embracing both sacrifice and grace. By committing to prayer, fasting, and charity with renewed focus, the faithful can prepare themselves to fully experience the profound mystery of Easter, where suffering is transformed into new life.

"God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking His mercy."

– Pope Francis

Guide to Holy Week



Palm Sunday

Sunday before Easter. Celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Observed with palm branches, parades, and celebration.



Maundy Thursday

Thursday before Easter. Commemorates the Last Supper. Often observed with foot washing, stripping of the altar, and overnight prayer vigil to keep watch with Jesus in the garden.



Good Friday

Friday before Easter. Most solemn day of the church year. Observes the day Jesus was crucified. Observed by praying the Stations of the Cross and three hours of silent prayer while Jesus was on the cross.



Holy Saturday

Saturday before Easter. Observes the day Jesus was in the tomb. This is a day of somber reflection, reflecting on what we'd miss in a world without Jesus.



Easter Sunday

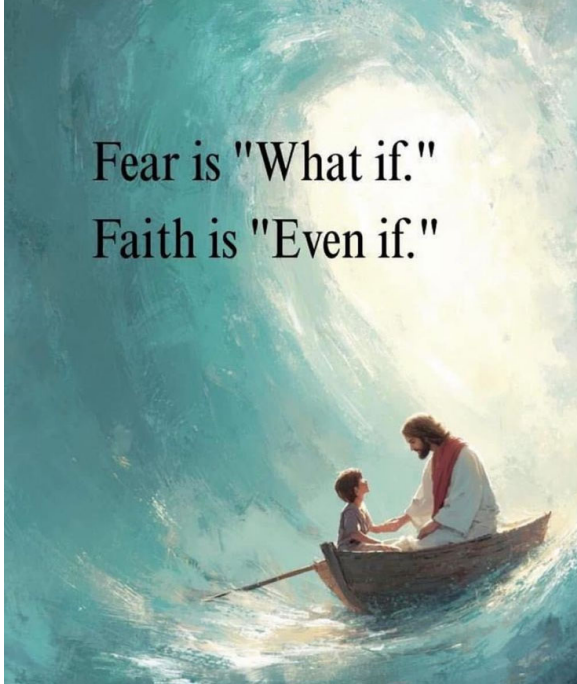
Hallelujah! Christ has risen! This day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Sing hallelujahs and celebrate with great joy.



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.



Fear is "What if."
Faith is "Even if."



If you notice one of our Memorial Candles out, please contact the parish office so that we can repair it. Please do not relocate Memorial Candle plaques. Thank you!



We have begun planning an AMAZING VBS week!

Last year we were in the Alaskan wilderness and **THIS YEAR** we will be in a tropical rainforest! This is such a special for week for everyone involved. We have the opportunity to share the love of God with our children in a fun-filled week. Signups will soon be available online for participants **AND** volunteers. More information to come soon!



Our traditional Lenten Soup Suppers will be held after the Stations of the Cross in the parish hall with the exception of **March 20th** as we hold our annual Fish Dinner.

Thanks to the organizations listed below who have volunteered to host our Lenten Soup Supper!
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

March 22nd • 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!



A BIG THANK YOU to

Our Lady of the Rosary Festa Committee for organizing another successful fish dinner.

This dinner would not be possible without the many hardworking dedicated volunteers who continue to make this fundraiser a success for the benefit our future building projects. It has become a well-oiled machine and great opportunity for fellowship
To all we say....

Thank you, Obrigado & Gracias!

We will report on the financials when all accounting has been completed.

Parish Easter Letters were mailed out this week. If your family did not receive one, it is because we do not have an updated registration form from our last registration drive. Please contact the parish office if you would like to register or need to update your information. There are no obligations – only benefits!



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

Francisco Costa

"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."

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

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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