

March 29, 2026 † Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Reflect today on Jesus' interior disposition during His triumphal entry. He invites us to share in His sacrificial love, laying down our lives selflessly for others. This is only possible if we allow His virtues to take root in us every time we are called to imitate His love. As we embrace our own mission, we must not allow fear or anxiety to hinder us. Pray that the courage, peace, and steadfast love that Jesus embodied during that first Holy Week may flourish in your heart. Let go of fear, worry, and selfishness, and allow Jesus' love and strength to fill you, so that His mission may continue through you and, with our Lord, you may lay down your life for others. (*Visit www.catholic-daily-reflections.com for more!*)

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

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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 & Etelevina 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

Monday, March 30, 2026

8:00am Mass

Intention: Susan Santos †

Requested by: Wanda Silveira

11:00am Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday, March 31, 2026

8:00am Mass

Intention: Doris Krikorian †

Requested by: Parish Community

11:00am Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

8:00am Mass

Intention: Francisco & Maria Estrela † Requested by: José & Maria Lourenco

11:00am Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday, April 2, 2026

11:00am Sacrament of Reconciliation

7:00pm English/Portuguese Mass of the Last Supper

followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight

Intention: Julio M Silva †

Requested by: Family

Intention: Richard Silva †

Requested by: Janice Louro

Friday, April 3, 2026

Good Friday

2:30pm Portuguese Stations of the Cross

followed by Solemn Good Friday Liturgy

6:00pm English Stations of the Cross

followed by Solemn Good Friday Liturgy

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

Saturday, April 4, 2026

8:00pm English Easter Vigil Mass

Intention: Punky & Jeff Souza †

Requested by: Michael & Lindsey Oliveira

Intention: Manuel Barroso †

Requested by: Barroso Family

Sunday, April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday

7:00am Mass

Intention: Gerri Jones-Prine †

Requested by: Family

Intention: Matt Perez †

Requested by: Randy Baptista Family

8:30am Portuguese Mass

Intention: Julio Agueda †

Requested by: Maria Silva

Intention: Leon Perreira †

Requested by: Cidalia Oliveira

10:00am Mass

Intention: Kinzley Sousa †

Requested by: Avô & Avó Martins

Intention: Leonard King †

Requested by: Arlene & Leroy Vierra

12:00pm Spanish Mass at St. Mary's Church

Intention: People of the Parish

NO EVENING MASSES AT ST. MARY'S

This Week's Parish Schedule

April 3, 2026 • Parish Office CLOSED

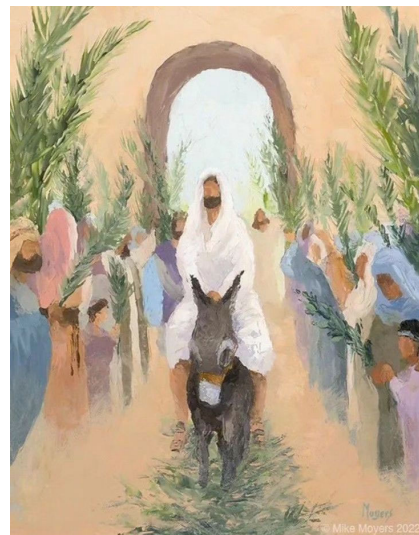
April 5, 2026 • Easter Egg Hunt at 11:30am at the Soccer Field

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



*Sacrificial Lamb of God,
You entered Jerusalem as
the new and perfect Lamb
of Sacrifice, whose blood
would be shed for the
salvation of all who turn
to You. Please open my
heart, dear Lord, to
receive all You wish to
bestow upon me. Fill me
with the virtues You
possessed, so that my life
will be united to Yours
and Your Sacrifice will
become alive in me. Jesus,
I trust in You.*

THIS WEEK ON FORMED



The Last Days: The Passion and Death of Jesus the Christ w/ Jonathan Roumie

This filmed presentation of the theatrical production movingly recreates the final moments of Jesus' earthly ministry as a teacher through His crucifixion and death. The play has been seen by thousands worldwide, not only as a live performance but also in live streams and televised broadcasts.

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!

CCD NEWS

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 are available online at the CCD tab on our church website. **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.

Inspire thru Play

Parent & Child Classes

Fun activities to connect & learn together

Join us for:

- MUSIC & MOVEMENT
- ARTS & CRAFTS
- HANDS-ON LEARNING
- SENSORY EXPLORATION

A space designed to strengthen parent-child bonds while building confidence, social skills, and a love of learning.

Location: Hilmar Holy Rosary Church
8471 Cypress St.
Hilmar, Ca 95324

CLASS SCHEDULE

- AGES 6 MONTHS-2 YEARS @ 9:30-10:30AM
April 10th, 17th, & 24th
- AGES 3-5 YEARS @ 4:00-5:00PM
April 10th, 17th & 24th
- AGES 6-8 YEARS @ 4:00-5:00PM
April 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th

\$20 per class
Sibling discount available

Reserve Your Spot

Limited spots for better attention!
209-410-9783 or [Inspire.thru.play](https://www.instagram.com/Inspire.thru.play)



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 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!



A lot can happen in seven days

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, John 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, **Serafina Silva**, 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

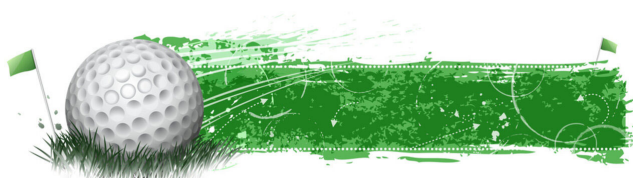


Sale Every Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
10430 North Lander Avenue • Turlock CA 95381
(209)634-4326 (209)667-0811

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 21 & 22 \$5,988
Next week's 2nd Collection will be for the **BUILDING FUND**

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



CELEBRATING THIS WEEK...

Happy Anniversary to...

John ♥ Anna Marson – 44th Anniversary
Paul ♥ Serra Lourenco – 14th Anniversary

Happy Birthday to...

Emily Couchman • Athena Govea • Mariana Gonzales
Jerry Lourenco • Blake Machado • David Machado
Quinnley Marlin

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





Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, the most sacred time in the Christian calendar. It commemorates Jesus Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, when crowds welcomed Him by waving palm branches and proclaiming Him as King. This moment is both joyful and sobering, as it foreshadows the suffering that Christ will soon endure. For Catholics, Palm Sunday is not just a remembrance of a past event, but an invitation to enter spiritually into the mysteries of Christ's Passion with renewed faith and devotion.

The dual nature of Palm Sunday—celebration and solemnity—reminds believers of the fickleness of human hearts. The same crowd that praised Jesus would later call for His crucifixion. This contrast encourages Catholics to reflect on their own faithfulness and commitment to Christ. It is a time to examine whether one's discipleship remains strong not only in moments of joy, but also in times of difficulty, sacrifice, and uncertainty. The reading of the Passion narrative during Mass sets the tone for the entire week, calling the faithful into deeper reflection.

As Holy Week unfolds, Catholics are invited to walk closely with Christ through each significant moment leading to Easter Sunday. Attending Mass on key days—such as Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil—can profoundly enrich one's spiritual experience. Each liturgy offers a unique opportunity to encounter Christ: in the Eucharist at the Last Supper, in His suffering on the Cross, and ultimately in His glorious Resurrection. Making time for these celebrations allows Catholics to fully participate in the heart of their faith.

Prayer becomes especially important during this sacred week. Setting aside intentional time for personal prayer, Scripture reading, or meditating on the Stations of the Cross can deepen one's connection to Christ's sacrifice. Reflecting on the Passion narratives from the Gospels helps Catholics better understand the depth of Jesus' love and the cost of redemption. Even small acts, such as quiet moments of gratitude or offering daily struggles to God, can transform the week into a powerful spiritual journey.

Acts of sacrifice and charity also play a meaningful role in preparing for Easter. Continuing Lenten practices—such as fasting, almsgiving, and self-denial—helps Catholics unite their own sacrifices with those of Christ. Reaching out to those in need, forgiving others, and practicing humility are tangible ways to live out the Gospel during this time. These actions not only honor Christ's sacrifice but also prepare the heart to receive the joy of the Resurrection more fully.

Ultimately, Palm Sunday and Holy Week lead to the celebration of Easter, the triumph of life over death. By entering deeply into this sacred time—with prayer, participation in the liturgy, and acts of love—Catholics can experience a true spiritual renewal. Holy Week is not simply something to observe, but something to live. When embraced fully, it transforms hearts and strengthens faith, allowing believers to celebrate Easter not just as a historical event, but as a living reality in their own lives.

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,

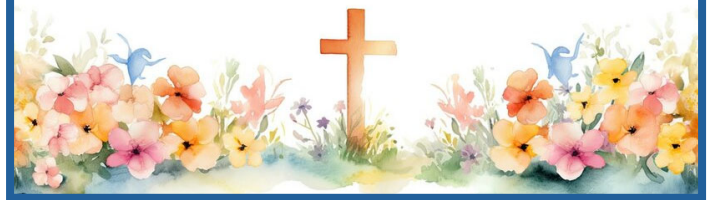
8:30am Portuguese Mass • Hilmar

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



A Catholic Guide to Holy Week

Day-by-Day Checklist

Palm Sunday

- ✓ Attend Mass
- ✓ Blessed Palms
- ✓ Read Passion Story
- ✓ Decorate Home with Palms

Holy Monday

- ✓ Pray the Rosary
- ✓ Reflect on Jesus' Teachings
- ✓ Acts of Charity

Holy Tuesday

- ✓ Attend Mass
- ✓ Confession
- ✓ Prayer & Meditation
- ✓ Prepare for Triduum

Holy Wednesday

- ✓ Mass & Tenebrae
- ✓ Fast & Abstain
- ✓ Spiritual Reading
- ✓ Examination of Conscience

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Washing of the Feet

Adoration at Altar of Repose

Night Prayer

Good Friday

- ✓ Fast & Abstain
- ✓ Stations of the Cross
- ✓ Veneration of the Cross
- ✓ Communion Service

Holy Saturday

- ✓ Easter Vigil Mass
- ✓ Bless Food Baskets
- ✓ Prayer & Silence
- ✓ Await the Resurrection!

Easter Sunday!

- ✓ Celebrate the Resurrection!
- ✓ Attend Mass *Alleluia!* ✓ Feast & Rejoice!

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.



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!

Thank You

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 of 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.

HOLY ROSARY CCD
END OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION
FAMILY FUN EVENING
WEDNESDAY APRIL 22 **MASS AT 5:30 PM**
EVENT HIGHLIGHTS
FOOD - GAMES - FACE PAINTING - FUN
VOLUNTEERS WANTED!!!
IF YOU OR KNOW SOMEONE WILLING TO VOLUNTEER PLEASE CONTACT BELOW
FOR VOLUNTEER HOURS OR QUESTIONS CONTACT: ANNIE (209) 485-4972



Inspire thru Play

Welcome to Inspire thru Play

Hi everyone! I'm Vanessa – a preschool teacher of 10+ years and a homeschooling mom who believes children learn best through play, creativity, and connection.

I created Inspire thru Play to bring families together through joyful activities like:

- Music & movement
- Arts & crafts
- Simple science exploration
- Hands-on learning
- Sensory play

These classes give little ones a chance to explore and socialize while parents and caregivers get to be part of the experience too.

Our community deserves more spaces where children can learn, play, and grow together, and I'm so excited to start this journey!

Music and movement, arts and crafts, simple science exploration, and sensory play all play a vital role in supporting the development of children from 6 months to 8 years old. Through music and movement, children build coordination, rhythm, and language skills while expressing themselves creatively. Arts and crafts encourage imagination, fine motor development, and confidence as children explore colors, textures, and their own ideas. Simple science activities spark curiosity and critical thinking, helping children understand the world around them through hands-on discovery. Sensory play engages multiple senses to support brain development, promote problem-solving, and help regulate emotions. Together, these enriching experiences create a strong foundation for learning, social interaction, and overall growth – all while having fun in a nurturing, engaging environment!



We congratulate the newest member of our Catholic Faith Community who was recently baptized:

Genesis Flores Munoz
daughter of Bonifacio & Genia

We pray that she and her family will continue to grow in faith & in love of Jesus as they remain close to His Church.

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

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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Right to Life • Melissa Wood

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