

May 17, 2026 † Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Reflect today on the interior disposition Jesus manifested as He faced His imminent suffering and death. He did not cower or hesitate. He looked at His Cross with divine eyes, seeing His Sacrifice as the pinnacle of His life's mission and the source of glory for Him and His Father. As we strive to embrace our own sacrifices, turn to Christ in prayer, asking for His grace and strength to offer His prayer as He offered it to the Father.
(Visit www.catholic-daily-reflections.com for more!)

Saturday, May 16, 2026

8:00am Mass

Intention: *All Living & Deceased Mothers*

Intention: João Borba & Louise Borba Frandsen †
Requested by: Rafael & Nathalia Apolinario

2:00pm

Wedding of

Amanda Mulgado ♥ Daniel Lagunas

5:30pm Mass

Intention: Antonio & Maria P Rosa † Requested by: Manuel & Efgenia Rosa
Intention: Erica Bivens Russell † Requested by: Joe & Connie Lourenco & Family

Sunday, May 17, 2026

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7:00am Mass

Intention: Mike Vierra † Requested by: Randy Baptista Family
Intention: Joe & Maria Lourenco and Erica B Russell †
Requested by: Angelique Cardoza

8:30am Portuguese Mass

Intention: João Alvarino & Maria Teixeira Luis †
Requested by: Carlos & Michelle Luis
Intention: Souls in Purgatory † Requested by: Joaquim & Rosa Fraga

10:00am Mass

Intention: *All Living & Deceased Mothers*
Intention: Felismina Noronha † Requested by: Melanie Almada & Family
Intention: Antonio Diniz † Requested by: Lee & Dina Borges

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

Intention: People of the Parish

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

Intention: Guadalupe Villagrana † Requested by: Adriann Rivera

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

8:00am Mass

Intention: *All Living & Deceased Mothers*
Intention: Maria Rojelia Alcalá † Requested by: Parish Community
Intention: Linda Chavez † Requested by: Judy Coelho

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

8:00am Mass

Intention: *All Living & Deceased Mothers*
Intention: Joe Castro † Requested by: Wife

Thursday, May 21, 2026

8:00am Mass

Intention: *All Living & Deceased Mothers*
Intention: Cathie Araiza † Requested by: Parish Community

Friday, May 22, 2026

8:00am Mass

Intention: *All Living & Deceased Mothers*
Intention of: Sara Cox "Happy Birthday!" Requested by: Parents

10:00am † Funeral Mass for
Derek Santos

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

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

Saturday, May 23, 2026

8:00am Mass

Intention: *All Living & Deceased Mothers*
Intention: Armelim Silveira † Requested by: Joe & Rosemary Silveira

12:00pm

Wedding of

Alexia Fernandez ♥ Arnoldo Perez

2:30pm

Wedding of

Melissa Alcalá ♥ George Martins

5:30pm Mass

Intention: Durvalina Bettencourt † Requested by: Ana & Veber Caetano
Intention: José & Rosa Sousa † Requested by: Tony & Mary Sousa

Sunday, May 24, 2026

Pentecost Sunday

7:00am Mass

Intention: Charles Baptista † Requested by: John Baptista Family
Intention: All Deceased Family Members † Requested by: Maria J Vieira

10:00am Mass

Intention: *All Living & Deceased Mothers*
Intention: John Victoria † Requested by: Frank & Darlene Victoria
Intention: José Couto † Requested by: Johnston Family

11:30am Portuguese Mass

Intention: Manuel Francisco de Matos, Júlio Àgueda and All Souls in Purgatory † Requested by: José & Maria Gorete Matos
Intention of: Belmira Sousa "Happy Birthday"

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

Intention: Richard Silva † Requested by: João & Frank Coelho

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

Intention: People of the Parish

This Week's Parish Schedule

May 18, 2026 • PFSA Meeting at 6:30pm in Parish Hall

May 19, 2026 • YLI Meeting at 6:30pm in Parish Hall

May 21, 2026 • CPIDES Meeting at 5:30pm

May 21, 2026 • Finance Council Meeting at 6:30pm

Upcoming Parish Events & Activities

May 26, 2026 • Festa Planning Meeting

May 28, 2026 • YMI Meeting at 7:30pm in Parish Hall

June 2, 2026 • English Baptism Class at 6:30pm MMR*

June 5, 2026 • Spanish Baptism Class at 6:30pm MMR*

Mmgr. Minhoto Meeting Room *

Most glorious High Priest, when Your hour of suffering had arrived, You embraced that Sacrifice with unwavering resolve. That resolve revealed the glory You shared with the Father. Please draw me into Your sacrificial love and help me to prayerfully choose every sacrifice to which I am called with the same determination modeled in Your High Priestly Prayer. Jesus, I trust in You.

THIS WEEK ON FORMED



Saint Rita of Cascia: The True Story

A compelling docu-drama that tells the whole story of the amazing life of St. Rita of Cascia, the very popular saint who lived in Italy in the 14th century. Famous as the patronness of hopeless situations, St. Rita dealt with many very difficult and tragic events in her life. Through it all she developed a profound faith in God that was the source of her great strength, and why she is such a popular saint for all those dealing with difficult events in their own lives.

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

2026-2027 Registration Now Open

We are now accepting registrations for our upcoming CCD season which will begin in September. Forms are available on the church website, parish office and in the New Church narthex.

Registration is on a first come, first served basis. Registered parishioners will be given priority over non-registered applicants. **INCOMPLETE APPLICATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** Make sure to register soon. Spots fill up quickly!



VBS Sign Ups Extended ONE WEEK ONLY!

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 are available online for participants **AND** volunteers. Cost for participants is \$50 per child. **Last day to sign up will be May 22nd at:**

vbspro.events/p/c57f1f

HOLY ROSARY PARISH

Sacred Heart of Jesus

During the month of June, children are invited to decorate a heart at home in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Families are encouraged to talk together about Jesus' love and mercy. Children may color, paint, or decorate their heart and write a prayer intention or one way they hope to grow closer to Jesus this month. Completed hearts will be collected at the end of June and placed in a basket at the foot of our Sacred Heart statue to be prayed for by our parish community led by Father Isaque. "O Sacred Heart of Jesus, make our hearts like unto Thine."

Inspire thru Play

Parent & Child Classes

Fun activities to connect & learn together

Join us for:

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

CLASS SCHEDULE

AGES 6 MONTHS-2 YEARS @ 9:30-10:30AM
May 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th

AGES 3-5 YEARS @ 4:00-5:00PM
May 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th

AGES 6-8 YEARS @ 4:00-5:00PM
May 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th

\$20 per class
Sibling discount available

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

[Reserve Your Spot](https://www.inspire.thru.play)

Limited spots for better attention!
209-410-9783 or Inspire.thru.play

Get Ready!

We are excited to announce the beginning of Holy Rosary Youth Group for High School Teens coming to you this fall! Teens can look forward to nights of faith, fun and fellowship. More information on events and details to come. Stay tuned!

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, Cathy Costa, Chasity Cox, Kelly Cox, Nisa Cox, Sarah Cox, Victor Cunha, 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, Troy Lopes, José Lourenco, Jerry Lourenco, Maria Lourenco, Serra Lourenco, Maria Odelta Luis, JoAnn Lundell, Joe Machado, John Machado, Josephina Martins, Brenda Mays, Mark Medeiros, Amelia Melo, Antonio Mendes, Kendra Mendes, Nico Morasci, Maverik Nash, Beatriz Nunes, Maria Mercedes Nunes, Alan Oliveira, Anthony Parreira, Zeb Parreira, Delores Ramos, Guimar Reis, Lidia Rocha, Stephanie Rockwell, Samantha Roberts, Tony Rodrigues, Nathan Segura, Joe Sequeira, Manuel A. Sequeira, Matthew Shelton, Serafim 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

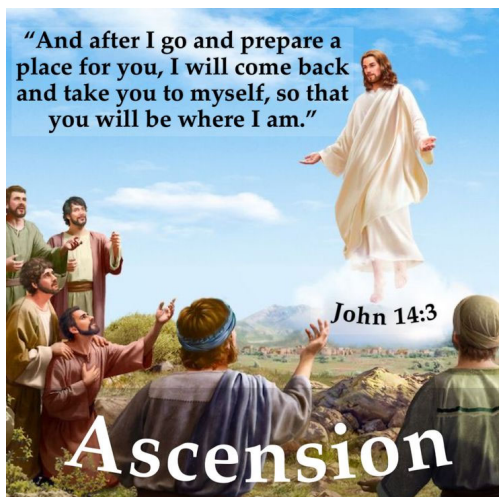


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PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEMBERS

- Benjamin Holland – US Navy
- Adam Inderbitzen – US Navy
- Isaak Rodriguez – US Navy
- JD Souza – US Army
- 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



PARISH OFFERING & 2ND COLLECTION



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 Click on the OSV online giving logo. Open an account.
 Choose: one time, weekly or monthly.
 It's that easy!!

OUR OFFERING COLLECTION FOR.....

May 9 & 10 **\$6,821**
1st Communion Masses..... \$954

This weekend's 2nd Collection is for the **CATHOLIC CHARITIES**.

Across the Diocese of Fresno, people are quietly struggling. Some have never asked for help before. But when the fridge is empty... when the lights are about to be shut off.. when hope feels out of reach - Catholic Charities is there. In every corner of our Diocese, we're offering food, rental assistance, support for immigrants, disaster relief, and so much more. And this work keeps moving forward because hearts like yours make space for mercy.

Whether your parish is big or small, in one of our Valley cities or rural communities, you are part of something bigger: a Church that catches people when they fall. Your compassion stretches far beyond your pews. It reaches your neighbors - people you may never meet, but whose lives are forever changed because someone cared.

So how can you help?
Pray for us.
Come volunteer with us.
Consider making a donation.

Together, we are the hands and feet of Christ in the world. Together, we are mercy in motion.

Visit ccdof.org or email info@ccdof.org to learn more.

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



CELEBRATING THIS WEEK...

Happy Anniversary to...

- Father Isaque on his Priestly Ordination – 16th Anniversary**
 Eddie ♥ Sarah Rhoads – 18th Anniversary
 Chris ♥ Briannie Marlin – 11th Anniversary
 Ryan ♥ Jessica Zavala – 10th Anniversary
 Zachary ♥ Alondra Goodnight – 1st Anniversary

Happy Birthday to...

- Felicity Azevedo • Madalena Enes • Marcelino Enes
 Octavius Govea • Steven John • Marlin Kindberg Jr.
 Paul Lourenco • Michael Machado • Mary Martins
 Ryan Meneses • Dustin Soares

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

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

commemorates the moment when Jesus Christ, forty days after His Resurrection, ascended into Heaven in the presence of His apostles. This sacred event is described in the Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel of Luke. The Ascension marks the completion of Christ's earthly ministry and His return to the Father in glory. Catholics believe that Jesus did not abandon His followers but instead opened the gates of Heaven for humanity and promised the coming of the Holy Spirit. The feast reminds the faithful that Christ reigns eternally and continues to guide His Church from Heaven.

The Ascension also reveals an important truth about the Christian vocation. Jesus calls His disciples to continue His mission on earth by proclaiming the Gospel and living lives of holiness. Before ascending, Christ commanded the apostles to "go and make disciples of all nations." Catholics today are invited to share their faith through kindness, charity, prayer, and courageous witness in daily life. The feast encourages believers to lift their hearts toward Heaven while remaining committed to serving others here on earth. It is both a celebration of glory and a reminder of responsibility.

Catholics can celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension by attending Mass with special devotion and gratitude. In many dioceses, the feast is celebrated on the Thursday forty days after Easter, while in others it is transferred to the following Sunday. During the liturgy, the faithful hear Scripture readings that emphasize Christ's triumph and the mission of the Church. Participating fully in the Eucharist, singing hymns of joy, and reflecting on the mystery of Heaven can help deepen appreciation for this holy day. Families may also spend time reading the biblical account of the Ascension together and discussing what it means to live with hope in eternal life. Prayer is another beautiful way to honor the Ascension. Catholics can spend time in Eucharistic Adoration, pray the Rosary, or meditate on the Glorious Mysteries, especially the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven. This feast invites believers to trust in Christ's promise that He is always with His people, even though He is no longer visibly present on earth. Many Catholics also pray for a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit during the days between the Ascension and Pentecost, following the example of the apostles who gathered in prayer with the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Solemnity of the Ascension is also a wonderful opportunity to focus on the virtue of hope. In a world often filled with uncertainty and suffering, the Ascension reminds Christians that Heaven is their true home. Jesus' return to the Father assures believers that death does not have the final word and that eternal life awaits those who follow Him faithfully. Catholics can celebrate this hope by reaching out to the lonely, comforting the grieving, and encouraging those who struggle in faith. Acts of mercy and charity reflect the love of Christ and help bring His presence into the world.

Finally, the Ascension calls Catholics to keep their eyes fixed on Heaven while faithfully carrying out their mission on earth. The apostles left the Mount of Olives filled not with sadness, but with joy and determination. They understood that Christ would continue working through them by the power of the Holy Spirit. Catholics today are invited to live with that same joy and confidence. By remaining faithful in prayer, the sacraments, and service to others, believers can celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension not only as a historical event, but as a living promise that Christ leads His people toward eternal glory.

Eight Sundays, one great feast – how to celebrate every Sunday of Eastertide

Jessica Nardi



Seventh Sunday of Easter or Ascension weekend

Near the end of the Easter season, the Church celebrates the **Ascension of the Lord**, when Jesus returns to the Father after His Resurrection.

Traditionally the feast occurs **40 days after Easter**, on a Thursday. In many dioceses — including most of the United States — it is celebrated on the following Sunday instead. Either way, the Church enters a brief but meaningful moment in the story of Eastertide: **the time when the apostles wait in prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit.**

Ways to celebrate

- Read the Ascension story together from the Gospel and talk about the Christian hope of heaven.
- Begin a **family novena to the Holy Spirit** leading up to Pentecost.

Family activity

Celebrate the upward movement of the Ascension by going outside and:

- **Flying kites.**
- Blowing bubbles.

Feast idea

Keep the theme light and celebratory with something "heavenly" for dessert:

- **Angel food cake**, cloud-like meringues, whipped cream and berries
- Make **homemade pizza or flatbread together at your kitchen table**, symbolizing the Apostles gathered together in the Upper Room waiting for the Holy Spirit.

Check next week's bulletin for the continuation of this article sharing how to make the most of the joyous Easter season!



MEXICAN KERMES SALE

At St. Mary's, Stevinson
May 31st from 1-6 pm.

Please come out and support this fundraiser for our Guadalupe celebration

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



TEAMS OF OUR LADY

If you are interested in enriching your marriage, come and meet couples that are already involved in an International Movement that is doing just that! They will share with you the joy that they have found meeting with like-minded couples once a month to eat, pray and discuss topics reflecting faith and marriage. **We will have an information meeting on Sunday, May 17th after the 10am Mass in classroom #4**

For more information, contact Frank & Annie Leandro at Teams.Turlock4sc@gmail.com



Our Holy Rosary 4th Annual Golf Tournament

Was held this past May 11th and was a HUGE SUCCESS! Thank you to Manuel Rosa and Michael Oliveira and their volunteer army who made this event fun for all involved!



Thank You to everyone who participated in the Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Walk



Our Pentecost celebration will be here soon.

All those wishing to help in this special celebration in any way are asked to call the parish office at (209)667-8961 or Ines Vieira at (209)300-1186. Praying the Rosary begins May 17th at 7pm in the Mission Church and concludes on the 23rd. Everyone is welcome to attend! There will be a special Portuguese Mass on Sunday, May 24th at 11:30am followed by Portuguese sopas in the storage building. Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend!

HOLY ROSARY BRICK

Your personalized brick will be a lasting legacy at our Parish for all your successive generations to hold and behold with pride and gratitude. You can personalize these bricks. These bricks will be placed beautifully in a special areas as part of our landscape phase for all to see. Order forms are available on the church website and parish office.

MEMORIAL CANDLE PROGRAM

Purchasing an Annual Memorial Candle in honor of a loved one or for a special intention is a wonderful way to remember your loved ones while supporting the parish and beautifying the sacred space of our church. Order forms are available on the church website and parish office. Cost is \$150.

Legacy of Faith + St. Mary's Memorial BOOK

With a Legacy of Faith gift, your friends or loved ones will become beloved friends of our parish for years to come. Making a Legacy of Faith gift is as easy as making a phone call. For gifts that exceed \$50, Honorees will be inscribed in the Legacy of Faith Book. A Mass is offered once a month for all those inscribed in this special book. For more information contact the parish office at 667-8961 Thank you for your consideration.

PARISH NEEDS & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Church Cleaning Teams need YOU!

Some of our teams are short-handed and could use your help. A team consists of 7+ members who clean the new church once every 2 months. You can make this a bonding experience with family & friends. Please contact Carmel Caetano at 495-8007.

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:

Frank & Licia Costa
Christopher Freeberg
Annie Leandro
Kevin Lindo
Taylor Nylund
Lindsey Oliveira
Betty Jean Rocha
Carlos Rocha
Jorge Vieira

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 • Frank & Licia Costa

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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