

August 23, 2026 † 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflect today on the significance of the papacy. Even now, in the successor of Saint Peter, the words of Simon continue to echo throughout the world: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." This is the pope's first and most important duty—to bear witness to Christ, the Son of God. Despite the personal weaknesses of some popes and the saintliness of others, it is Jesus who established Peter and his successors as the visible foundation of the Church. Pray for the Holy Father, and trust in the timeless witness of every pope since that first moment in Caesarea Philippi—a witness upheld not by human strength, but by Christ's own promise. To profess faith in the papacy is to profess faith in the One who instituted it and endowed it with His divine authority.

(Visit www.catholic-daily-reflections.com for more!)

Saturday, August 22, 2026

8:00am Mass

Intention: Richard Silva †

Requested by: Janice Louro

5:30pm Mass

Intention: Marylou Locke †

Requested by: Victor & Lauralee Locke & Family

Intention: Diana Pacheco †

Requested by: Joe & Rachel Souza

Sunday, August 23, 2026

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am Mass

Intention: People of the Parish

8:30am Portuguese Mass

Intention of: Children of Frank & Maria Amarante

Requested by: Frank & Maria Amarante

Intention: José Galhandro †

Requested by: Wife & Family

10:00am Mass

Intention: Angie Vierra †

Requested by: David & Diane Alves

Intention: Armelim Silveira †

Requested by: Kathleen & Paul Xavier

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

Intention: Marylou Locke †

Requested by: Sean Locke

Family

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

Intention: Rosalva Rivera †

Requested by: Adriana Rivera

Tuesday, August 25, 2026

8:00am Mass

Intention: John Raymond & Mary Elizabeth Ottman †

Requested by: Bill & Teresa Ottman

Wednesday, August 26, 2026

8:00am Mass

Intention of: Cecilia Rodrigues Hulse

Requested by: Tony Rodrigues

Thursday, August 27, 2026

8:00am Mass

Intention: Tony Joe Alves †

Requested by: Mom & Dad

Friday, August 28, 2026

8:00am Mass

Intention: Richard Avila †

Requested by: Maria Olivia Avila



ADORATION
of the
BLESSED
SACRAMENT

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

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

Saturday, August 29, 2026

8:00am Mass

Intention: David Ramos †

Requested by: Dolores Ramos & Family

5:30pm Mass

Intention: Alvarinho & Livramento Luis †

Requested by: Fatima Brasil

Intention: Tony Souza †

Requested by: Joe & Elmira Machado

Sunday, August 30, 2026

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am Mass

Intention of: Alberto & Maria Armendariz "Happy 42nd Anniversary!"

Intention: João & Mariana Silveira †

Requested by: Manuel & Ryan Silva

8:30am Portuguese Mass

Intention: José & Felismina Noronha †

Requested by: Manuel & Maria Almada

Intention: Antonio & Olinda Enes and Derek Rocha †

Requested by: Joaquim & Rosa Fraga

10:00am Mass

Intention: Bill & Judy Sousa †

Requested by: Family

Intention: People of the Parish

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

Intention: Joe L Mendes, Jr. †

Requested by: Family

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

Intention of: Angelica Ortega-Garcia

Requested by: Virginio Ortega

This Week's Parish Schedule

August 23, 2026 • Youth Group in the Parish Hall at 6pm

August 24, 2026 • CCD Teachers Workshop in MMMR at 6pm

August 26, 2026 • CCD Teachers Workshop in MMMR at 6pm

August 27, 2026 • YMI Meeting in the MMMR at 7:30pm

Upcoming Parish Events & Activities

September 1, 2026 • English Baptism Class in MMMR at 6:30pm

September 2, 2026 • 1st Year Confirmation Parent & Candidate
Information Meeting in the Mission Church at 6pm

September 4, 2026 • Spanish Baptism Class in MMMR at 6:30pm

*Msgr. Minhoto Meeting Room **

My Lord, You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God. With Simon, I profess this truth and place my faith in You, who established Simon, son of Jonah, as Peter—the rock and foundation of Your Church. I believe and profess that the gates of hell shall never prevail against the Church, not because of human strength or perfection, but because of Your eternal promise. I pray for our Holy Father, the pope, and for all his successors. Make them true and faithful witnesses to the confession first spoken by Saint Peter. Jesus, I trust in You.

THIS WEEK ON FORMED



Restless Heart

This film on the life of St. Augustine offers a message of conversion and redemption. It is the story of a gifted man who pursues fame and fortune without a moral compass - and the dramatic changes that occur in his soul when challenging events lead him to see the light of truth.

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!

Scholarship

Our Lady of the Rosary Celebration Committee is pleased to offer scholarships to members of the Class of 2026. Scholarship applications are available at all church entrances and in the parish office. If you recently graduated from high school, we encourage you to apply. Please submit your completed application, along with all required supporting documents, no later than **Monday, August 31, at 4:00 p.m.**

If you have any questions, please contact
Dina Brindeiro at (209) 277-2487.



Marriage Prep Program...

is getting ready to begin new sessions. If you are engaged and need to complete the marriage prep requirement, it is not too late to register. Engaged couples meet with a mentor couple for five sessions. Sessions will begin soon! For more information contact Odelta Cardoso 648-4956.

CCD NEWS



1st Year Confirmation Parent & Candidate Information Meeting

Wednesday, September 2nd at 6pm in the Mission Church

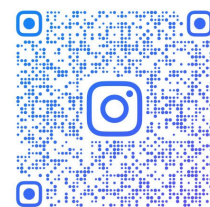
We will discuss the coming season and the requirements of our formation program. Please make sure to attend!



A Big Thank You to those who are returning as our AMAZING CCD teachers and those who will be joining us for the 1st time this season! **We will have teacher/volunteer workshops on August 24th & 26th at 6pm in the Msgr. Minhoto Meeting Room.** It will be a quick meeting discussing the upcoming CCD season and strategize on making this the best season yet!



**Holy Rosary Youth Group
High School Teens 9-12
Grade**



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PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Maura Almada, Addy Alvarez, Linda Andrade, Maria Olivia Avila, Sally Baggett, Maria L. Bettencourt, Laucia Bogacki, 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, Manuel Espinola, 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, Maria Lourenco, Serra Lourenco, John Louro, Maria Odelta Luis, JoAnn Lundell, Joe Machado, John Machado, 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, 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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SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2026

9:00 AM – 6:30 PM
Doors open at 8:30

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church
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Simply visit our website: www.hilmarholysrosary.org
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August 15-16 \$5,273
2nd Collection THIS WEEKEND is for **CATHEDRAL MAINTAINANCE**

Many thanks to those who support our parish!
PLEASE REMEMBER TO NOTE YOUR PARISHIONER # ON CHECKS



JULY MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

REVENUES (plate collections, rental fee, weddings & baptisms)
Totalled **\$35,057.39**

EXPENSES (utilities, Diocesan & Education assessments, property taxes, repairs, maintenance, office & church expenses, payroll, payroll taxes & insurance)
Totalled **\$45,449.44**

Bottom Line **-\$10,442.05**

OSV Contributions Totalled **\$8,893.00**



CELEBRATING THIS WEEK...

Happy Anniversary to...

Manuel ♥ Maria Machado – 41st Anniversary
Nelson ♥ Kathy Brasil – 27th Anniversary
Paul ♥ Stephanie Pacheco – 26th Anniversary
Orlando ♥ Carmen Bettencourt-Machado – 4th Anniversary

Happy Birthday to...

Arlene Azevedo • Suzette Bettencourt-Machado • Olivia Cunha
Randy Edwards, Jr. • Gary Fernandes • Marlin Kindberg
Steve Mancino • David Morera • Emily Pires • Nancy Segura
Elijah Soares • Fernando Tejeda

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

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

PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEMBERS



- Benjamin Holland – US Navy
- Adam Inderbitzen – US Navy
- Isaak Rodgriguez – US Navy
- JD Souza – US Army
- James Michael Stroup – 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



The 2026-2027 session of our Parish's O.C.I.A. (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Beginning **September 20th** all adults: those requesting to be Baptized, those from other Christian communities, considering the Catholic church; and Baptized Catholics who have not received all their Sacraments of Initiation (*First Communion, & Confirmation*). All married candidates are asked to schedule a meeting with Father Isaque. Please pick up an application in the Parish Office to sign up

Our Lady of the Rosary Festa
Portuguese Folklore
Dancing!



Our Lady of the Rosary Festa is looking for
children interested in Portuguese Folklore
Dancing
Children interested will be invited
to participate in the Bodo De Leite
and perform on stage Saturday
afternoon

209-678-5284
for more information

Overcoming the Gates of hell



Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Matthew 16:13-16

The symbolism associated with Caesarea Philippi is central to today's Gospel. Located north of Jesus' home base in Capernaum, it was a predominantly pagan city known for its shrines to false gods. One of the most prominent was Pan, after whom the region was named Panias (later Banias). Pan, a Greek god, was honored at a shrine near a large cave and spring considered the entrance to Hades. Pan was the god of nature, shepherds, flocks, wild places, fertility, and rustic music, and was often depicted as half man, half goat, with horns and hooves. He played the pan flute and was associated with lust, chaos, and sudden fear—from which we get the word panic.

Additionally, the city was the site of a temple dedicated to the late emperor, Caesar Augustus, who was worshiped as a god throughout the Roman Empire. It was into this spiritually dark pagan setting that Jesus led His disciples—on what may have been a two-day journey—for what culminated in a single, monumental question.

Jesus took the Twelve away from the comfort of their familiar fishing village and Jewish neighbors for a reason. He wanted them to answer His question not in the midst of the familiar and safe, but in a place marked by spiritual confusion and idolatry. Why? So that faith could be professed even there, and divine grace could confront the darkness that permeated the region.

At first, He asked who the people said He was. They answered, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." But then He posed the question that reached the heart of His mission: "But who do you say that I am?" This was a moment of divine testing—one which Simon passed with profound faith: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus' extraordinary and consequential response has enduring significance to this day. He declared:

"Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" ([Matthew 16:17-19](#)).

With these sacred words, Jesus founded His Church upon Peter, making him the first pope. In biblical tradition, a change of name signifies a new mission and identity. Simon, son of Jonah, was now to be called Peter—*Petros* in Greek and *Cephas* in Aramaic—meaning "rock." Peter became the solid foundation upon which Christ's Church would be built. No pagan power, false god, or earthly ruler would ever overcome what Christ established with divine authority.



Trade Winds Import Export, Inc.

Will be at accepting packages on
Saturday, **September 5th from 8am to 12pm.**
For more information, call (510)836-1644



Looking to grow closer to your spouse and to God?

Come discover *Teams of Our Lady*—a Catholic movement for married couples who desire to deepen their relationship through prayer, shared reflection, and supportive community life.

Join us for an **information session on August 23, 2026** after the 10am Mass in CCD Classroom #4. Both husband and wife are encouraged to attend.

For more info, contact Annie Leandro or visit
www.teamsofourlady.org



Speaking of our Blessed Mother, the **Statue of Our Lady of the Rosary** continues making her pilgrimage to family homes. Families will be chosen or may request to take her home and pray together with their families for their special intentions as well as in thanksgiving of the blessing of our new church. The family will return her the following weekend at whichever Mass they attend. It is important to continue this special **tradition as well as set an example of** the importance of family prayer time.



We congratulate the newest members of our
Catholic Faith Community who were recently baptized:

Ayleen Esqueda
daughter of Alexis and Lisvet
and
Dahlia Emiliana Martinez
daughter of José and Estefani

*We pray that they & their families will continue to grow
in faith & in love of Jesus as they remain close to His Church.*

Why do Catholics Pray to Saints and Angles?



When the Jewish general Judas Maccabeus leads the resistance against the Greek occupation of their country, he tells his soldiers about “a dream, a kind of waking vision, worthy of belief” (2 Mc 15:11). In this vision, the general saw Onias, a former high priest who has died, “praying with outstretched arms for the whole Jewish community” (15:12). Then he saw God’s prophet Jeremiah, “who loves his fellow Jews and fervently prays for the people and the holy city” (15:14). In part through the assistance of these two Old Testament saints, the Jewish fighters win their battle.

The angel Raphael tells the couple Tobit and Sarah: “When you... prayed, it was I who presented the record of your prayer before the Glory of the Lord” (Tb 12:12). Then the angel reveals that God sent him to heal them in answer to their prayer (see 12:14).

The New Testament displays similar scenes. Jesus’ parable of Lazarus the beggar (see Lk 16:19-31) assumes that the deceased man is aware of those still living, is concerned with them, and want to pray for them. In St. John’s Revelation, the Christian martyrs in heaven know what is happening on earth, and they pray to God to accomplish justice there. In addition, both the saints and the angels in heaven bring to God’s throne “the prayers of the holy ones” (see Rv 6:9-11; 8:3-4).

In such passages, we find the saints and angels mediating before God for believers on earth, either interceding or otherwise assisting them. (In the parable, even someone in hell is attempting to do so, if unsuccessfully.) Does this contradict St. Paul’s statement that “There is... one mediator between God and the human race, / Christ Jesus” (1 Tm 2:5)? No, because the apostle wasn’t excluding the participation of others in Christ’s mediating role.

In face, whenever Christians prays for one another, whether in heaven or on earth, they are doing just that. In a similar way, Jesus is the “chief” Shepherd of his flock (see Jn 10:11-16; Pt 5:4), yet he assigns lesser shepherds to take part in his ministry (see Jn 21:15-17; Eph 4:11).

Catholics ask the saints and angels for their help, then, for the same reason they ask Christians on earth to pray for them and assist them in other ways: It has pleased God to make us interdependent as members of Christ’s Body (see 1 Cor 12:12-27).

FINANCE COUNCIL

The Finance Council meets every two months and oversees the finances of the parish.

Current Members:

Pat Bivens	Natalie Pires
Wesley Caetano	Tima Seward
Anthony Ortiz	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	Lindsey Oliveira
Christopher Freeberg	Betty Jean Rocha
Annie Leandro	Carlos Rocha
Kevin Lindo	Jorge Vieira
Taylor Nylund	

***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

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

Pastoral Council • Fr. Isaque Meneses

Portuguese Prayer Group • Iria Martins

Raising Future Saints • Anjelica Locke

Religious Education • 209-632-7163

Annie Leandro • HolyRosaryStMarysCCD@gmail.com
Nicole Cozzitorto • HolyRosaryChurchConfirmation@gmail.com

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 have 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 & Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Please circle all that apply:

New Parishioner • Update Information • Moving, please remove from directory

Receiving the Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick: This Sacrament of Healing is available to baptized Catholics who are seriously ill, facing major surgery or near death. Call the Parish Office to schedule.

Confession: Confessions are held every Friday in the New Church starting at 5pm. You may also call the parish office to schedule an individual confession with Father.

Baptism: Parental participation in a program to prepare parents & godparents is required. Contact the Parish Office at least three months in advance of your desired baptismal date to make the proper arrangements.

Baptismal Prep Sessions in ENGLISH are the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm in the Msgr. Minhoto Meeting Room.

Contact - Christopher & Monica Lopes

Baptismal Prep Sessions in SPANISH are the first Friday of each month at 6:30pm in the Msgr. Minhoto Meeting Room.

Contact - Roberto & Grettel Morera

Marriage: Couples are asked not to set a date for their wedding until an initial meeting with the Pastor. Diocesan requirements mandate a minimum six-month period of preparation. Marriage classes (5 classes per session) are scheduled 2 times per year as needed. Contact – Armel & Odelta Cardoso

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults): Classes will return September 2026. Registration forms are available in the parish office for those adults seeking the Sacraments of Initiation. Contact – Christopher Freeberg