November 29, 2026 † 1st Sunday of Advent

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Saturday, November 28, 2026

NO MASS at 8:00am

5:30pm Mass
Intention: Maria Bettencourt † • Bill & Teresa Ottman
Intention: Susan Santos † • Parish Community

Sunday, November 29, 2026
1st Sunday of Advent

7:00am Mass
Intention: Manuel S & Angela Machado † • Arthur & Anna Cabral
Intention: Guilhermina Meneses † • Family

8:30am Portuguese Mass
Intention of: Maria C Gonzalez
Intention: Teresa B Carreia † • Luis Carreia

10:00am Mass
Intention: Gabriel Oliveira † • Elizabeth Oliveira & Family
Intention: Celeste Lopes & Msgr. Minhoto † • Manuel & Angela Jorge

5:00pm English Mass at St. Mary's Church
Intention: Cathy Azevedo † • Ramiro Azevedo

6:30pm Spanish Mass at St. Mary's Church
Intention: People of the Parish

Tuesday, December 1, 2026
8:00am Mass
Intention: James Victor Lopes † • Parish Community

2:30pm CCD Learning Mass
Intention: Finley Huff † • Manuel & Nelia Silveira

Wednesday, December 2, 2026
8:00am Mass
Intention: Joseph Macklin † • Wife

6:45pm CCD Family Mass
Intention: Anthony Ortiz † • Holy Rosary CCD

Thursday, December 3, 2026
8:00am Mass
Intention: All Souls in Purgatory † • Guillermina Costa

10:00am † **Funeral Mass for**
Alzira Azevedo

Friday, December 4, 2026
8:00am Mass
Intention: Antonio & Maria Costa † • Filomena Marcelino

10:00am † **Funeral Mass for**
Amaro Souza

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

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

Saturday, December 5, 2026

8:00am Mass
Intention: Joe Louro † • Loren & Linda Lopes

5:30pm Mass
Intention: Joe L Mendes, Jr. † • Delores Mendes
Intention: Lodovina Meneses † • Family

Sunday, December 6, 2026
2nd Sunday of Advent

7:00am Mass
Intention: Robert Fonseca † • Manuel & Leonette Andre
Intention of: Nathan Enes "Happy Birthday!" • Mom & Dad

8:30am Portuguese Mass
Intention: João Lopes † • Maria F Lopes
Intention: Deceased & Living Family Members • Maria Vieira

10:00am Mass
Intention: Those Inscribed in the Legacy of Faith Book

5:00pm English Mass at St. Mary's Church
Intention of: Emily Locke "Happy Birthday!" • Mom & Dad

6:30pm Spanish Mass at St. Mary's Church
Intention: People of the Parish

This Week's Parish Schedule

December 1, 2026 • English Baptism Class
December 4, 2026 • Spanish Baptism Class
December 6, 2026 • Youth Group

Upcoming Parish Events & Activities

December 8, 2026 • Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Schedule:
- 8:00am – English Mass
- 11:00am – Portuguese Mass
- 2:30pm – CCD Learning Mass
- 6:00pm – English Mass

December 9, 2026 • Right to Life Presentations after 6:45pm Family Mass
December 10, 2026 • Senior Mass & Luncheon
December 13, 2026 • Youth Group

*Msgr. Minhoto Meeting Room **

My ever-present Lord, each day You call to me, morning, noon, and night. You never cease calling me to Yourself, desiring to pour out Your grace upon me. I pray that this Advent be a time of reawakening in my life. For the ways I have compartmentalized my faith, I am sorry and beg forgiveness. Please instill in me the holy virtues I need to stay awake, watching for Your grace and heeding Your gentle voice.
Jesus, I trust in You.

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

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Adore: Advent with Fr. John Burns | Trailer

You have a choice this Advent: Get caught up in the annual rush of shopping, decorating, and parties or slow down and take a few minutes each day to remember who this season is really about—Jesus. In Adore, Fr. John Burns will help you reclaim the sacred sense of longing and joyful hope at the heart of Advent.

Renew yourself Spiritually and log onto *p*urchased 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!



Join our Hispanic Community
at St. Mary's in Stevinson for the Novena honoring

Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 3-11 at 6pm Novena Rosary
Saturday, December 12th Mañanitas at 5am.
Mass at 6pm followed by food and mariachi music.
Come and enjoy the festivities honoring our Blessed Mother!



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

Amaro Souza & Alzira Azevedo

"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."

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**!
It is an easy way to code to take you directly there!

MASS INTENTIONS

2027 Mass Intentions Request forms will be available next weekend!

We will try to accommodate as many requests as per availability. **PLEASE TAKE ONLY ONE FORM**, as all forms are accounted for. Intentions are limited to a maximum of 4 per household. Please note dates requested on the form are **NOT GUARANTEED** and will be accommodated **IF POSSIBLE**. The requested donation remains the same at $10 per Mass. Please check the bulletin weekly for Mass intentions.

ATTENTION Bulletin Advertisers…

Renewal letters for our current advertisers have gone out this week. Thank you to our advertisers who support our weekly bulletins. Should you be interested in advertising your business in our bulletin, call the parish office.



Holy Rosary † St. Mary's Altar Society

will have Poinsettias available if anyone would like to donate towards one in memory of or in honor of a family member or friend. These plants will be used to decorate our 3 churches. Minimum donation is $10. Please call Anna at the Parish office to reserve yours.

Still Need THAT special Christmas gift?



Do your parents or other loved ones have material items galore?

Is someone on your shopping list difficult to buy for?

Please remember Holy Rosary † St. Mary's Legacy of Faith can make your Christmas shopping meaningful and *so easy*. Gifts of any amount c*an be made in honor of a loved one.*
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 $50.00, 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!

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, Logan Clayton, 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, MaryJo Fontes, Jared Germann, Tobias Govea, Richard Huntley, Rose Marie Huntley, Austin Jones, Angela Jorge, 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, Sheila Smith McDonough, Mark Medeiros, Amelia Melo, Antonio Mendes, Daniel Mendonca, Nico Morasci, Maverik Nash, Adeline Nelson, Beatriz Nunes, Maria Mercedes Nunes, Alan Oliveira, Anthony Parreira, Zeb Parreira, Bernice Ramos, 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, Zelma Souza, Susie Totten, José Vieira, Mary José Vieira, Summer Vieira, Sally Ann Thomas and Lesley Zorra

If you would like someone who is currently ill, or someone who will be having surgery 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.



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**

PARISH OFFERING & 2ND COLLECTION

Online Giving from OurSundayVisitor

Simply visit our website: www.hilmarholyrosary.org
Click on the OSV online giving logo. Open an account.
Choose: one time, weekly or monthly.
It's that easy!!

November 14 & 15 ..... **$4,618**

Next weekend's 2nd Collection is for the **BUILDING FUND**

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



CELEBRATING THIS WEEK...

Happy Anniversary to...

Larry ♥ Michele Olson – 46th Anniversary
Raymond ♥ Cecilia Sequeira – 29th Anniversary
Edwin ♥ Grettel Morera – 24th Anniversary
Juan Carlos ♥ Alexandra Vazquez – 7th Anniversary
Eduardo ♥ Priscilla Serafim – 4th Anniversary

Happy Birthday to...

Pedro Aquiar • Theresa Barcellos • Gizella Borba
Quinten Caetano • Shirley Coelho • Georgia Cozzitorto
Gianni Cozzitorto • Sidney Lima • Emily Locke
Andrew Machado • Maria Meneses • Jayden Pires
Natalie Pires • Demi Silva • José Teixeira • Gregory Vierra

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

LEGACY of Faith

Next weekend's 10am Mass is dedicated to those honored and memorialized through our *Legacy of Faith* program. We thank all those who have supported the *Legacy of Faith* book by their contributions to this lasting gift made in honor or remembrance. The individuals noted above have been recently inscribed in our *Legacy of Faith* book.

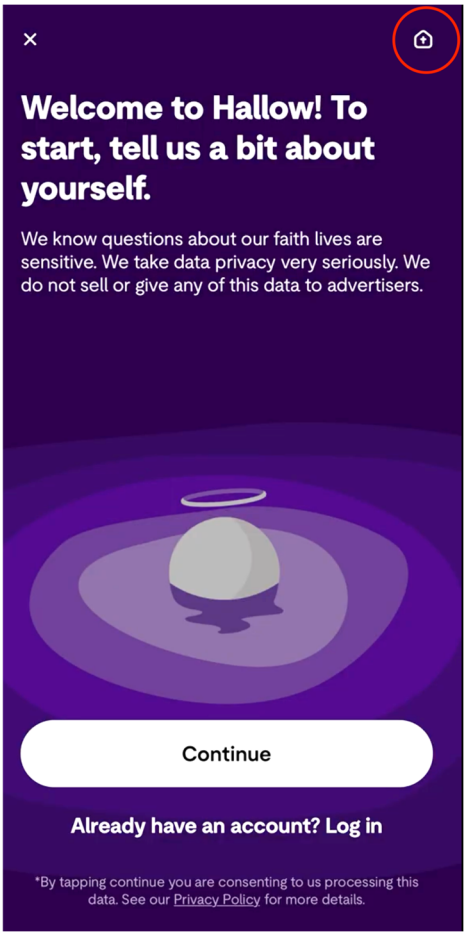
† Michael Quinn Freeberg
† Finley Huff
† Maria de Fatima Oliveira
† Shirley Vierra



Christmas Memorial Gifts...

We are now accepting donations for those gifts in memory of loved ones. The gifts will be labeled accordingly. These gifts will be given to every child in attendance during the Christmas weekend Masses.

What is Hallow?



Through **prayer** and **meditation** rooted in the Catholic faith, Hallow helps people **find peace** and **grow in faith**, every day. As the #1 prayer app in the world, Hallow provides a wide variety of audio-guided meditation, prayer challenges, mental health content, sleep stories, and sacred music. Users are able to pray with Fr. Mike, Sr. Miriam, Jonathan Roumie, Bishop Barron, and many others.

How do I join our parish on Hallow?

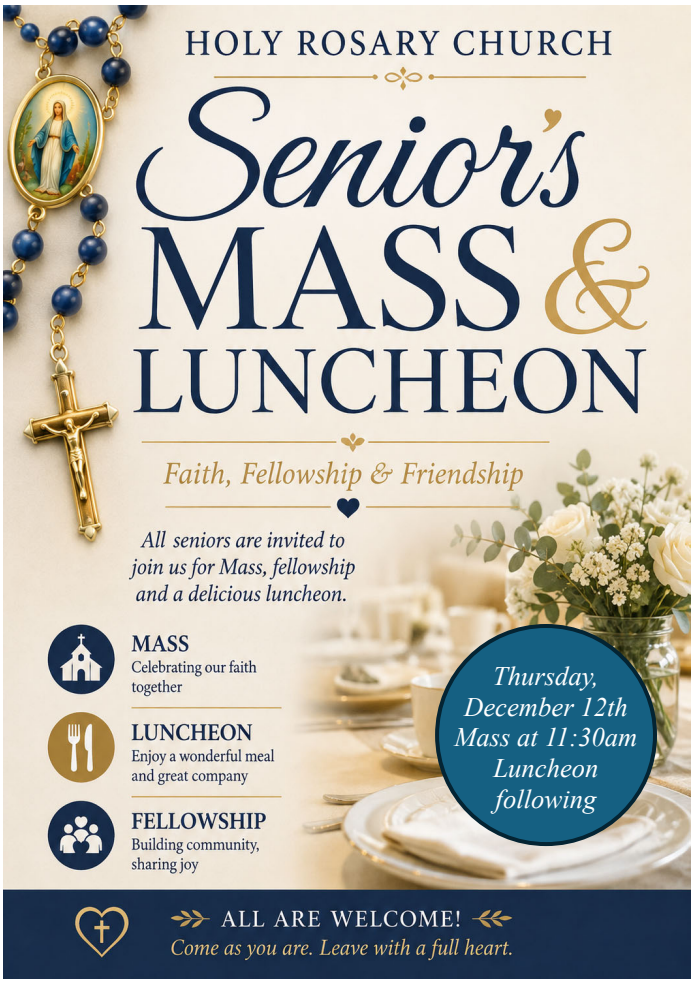
Everyone is invited to join our parish page on Hallow—free users and subscribers alike. There, you can create a profile, connect with friends, share and pray for one another's intentions, and participate in prayer challenges alongside the parish community. The steps are simple:

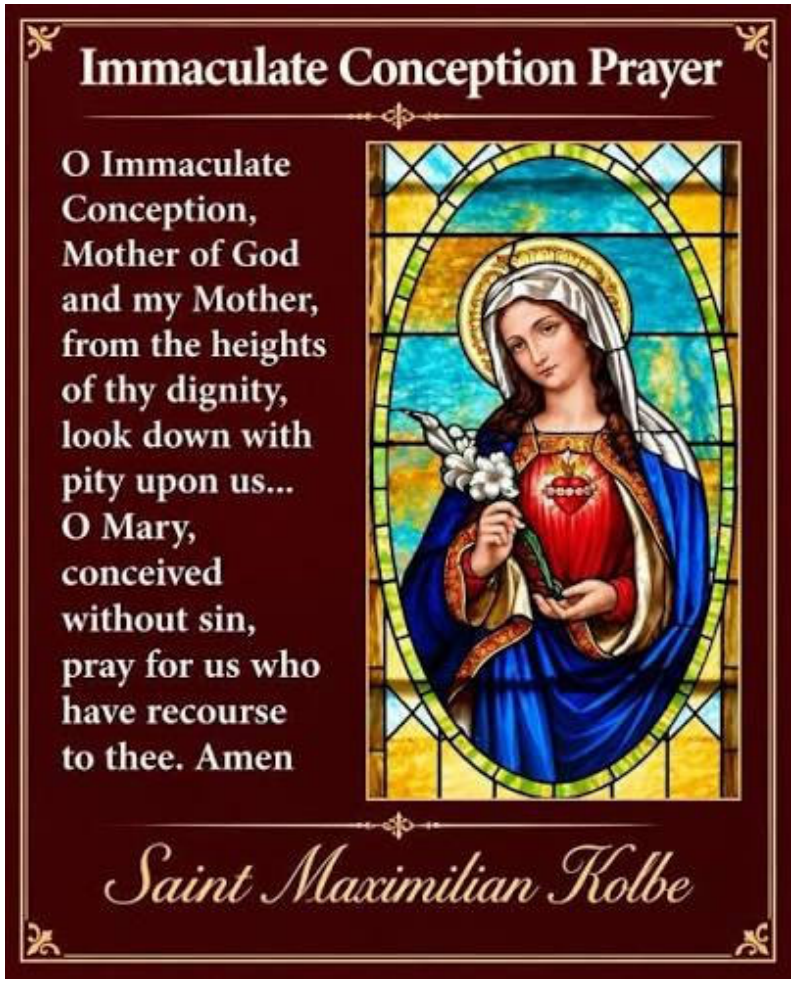
If you're new to Hallow:

- Download the Hallow app.
- Rather than following the prompts to create your account, begin at the church icon in the **top right corner*.**
- Search for our parish (use zipcode if needed) & **Join.**
- Continue creating your account by following the prompts. Some questions can be skipped.
- Join the prayer challenge and begin exploring all that's available!

If you already have a Hallow account:

- Open the Hallow app.
- Tap the **Church** tab at the bottom of the screen.
- Follow the prompts to complete your profile.
- Tap **Explore** and find our parish *(enter parish zipcode if needed).*
- Join the prayer challenge and begin exploring all that's available!







Being Prepared

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

Mark 13:35-37

One simple yet profound word sums up today's Gospel: "Watch!" There are many images that help us understand the meaning Jesus wants to convey. Think of a young girl who is excited about Christmas Day. Every morning she goes to her Advent calendar, marks off another day, and counts how many are left. Think of a soldier tasked with being the lookout for the fortress where his fellow soldiers are sleeping. His vigilance could mean the difference between safety and death, as the lives of his fellow soldiers depend on his unwavering attention. Or think of societies long ago in which hunting was the primary way of providing food for one's family. The hunter had to fix his eyes and ears on the game he was pursuing so his family would not starve. Numerous occupations and hobbies require a person to be highly attentive to the task at hand.

Of the many responsibilities and activities we engage in every day, nothing is more important than the care of our souls and the souls of those entrusted to us. To "watch" spiritually means more than just waiting; it involves active discernment, being alert to God's voice in our daily interactions, and recognizing His presence in the ordinary and unexpected moments of life. Parents, siblings, friends, neighbors, parishioners, co-workers, and other acquaintances are all people whom God wants to touch and draw close to Himself through our instrumentality. We can only be effective in this mission if we ourselves are vigilant, continuously seeking out the voice of God and responding to His grace. This is especially accomplished through prayer—daily prayer, attentive prayer, and deep prayer. Prayer is our lifeline to God and the primary way that He communicates to us, directs us toward His holy will, and transforms us into instruments of His mercy to others.

Do you watch? Do you do so every day, all day? Sometimes we compartmentalize our relationship with God. We give Him our Sunday morning, a moment before each meal, and perhaps a short period of time in the morning or evening. Attentiveness to God, however, must take place all day, every day. It must become the central habit of our lives. As Saint Paul wrote to the Church in Thessalonica, we must "pray without ceasing." Praying without ceasing can be as simple as offering short prayers throughout your day—thanking God for blessings, asking for guidance in decisions, or offering your work as a prayer. These small acts keep us connected to God and remind us of His presence in every moment.

To pray without ceasing does not mean we must all become cloistered nuns or monks, though some are called to that vocation. For most of us, it means building an interior attentiveness to God, allowing that act to become so much a part of our daily lives that it becomes habitual and automatic. As we cultivate this habit of vigilant prayer, it should naturally lead us to action, such as responding to God's grace by reaching out to others in love, kindness, and mercy. Our vigilance is not just for ourselves but for those around us.

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Rite of Catechumen · December 19th at 5:30pm

The **Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens** (often part of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults or RCIA/OCIA) is the first public liturgical rite where unbaptized inquirers declare their intention to follow Christ and are officially welcomed by the Catholic Church as catechumens.

Welcome to our newest members…

OCIA
Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

- Natalie Cabrera
- Casey Apolinario Costello
- Gaston Diaz
- Jacqueline Magaña
- Kayla Rosalie Yepez
- Matthew James Johnson

FINANCE COUNCIL

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

Current Members:

Jennifer Avila
Pat Bivens
Wonderly Correia
Josh Davis
Natalie Pires
Natalie Wilson

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:

Mario Alvarez
Frank & Licia Costa
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

Cleaning Teams • Carmel Caetano

Eucharistic Ministers • Veber Caetano

Finance Council • Tima Seward

Lectors • Veber Caetano

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

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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:

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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