

Altar Society Newsletter 2018-2019

Hello Members:

I hope all of you had a restful and enjoyable summer. I am looking forward in being the President for another year and taking this opportunity to thank you for continuing to be an Altar Society member for St. Mary Queen of Apostles Church Altar Society. Just remember all of you when participating in all of our fundraisers carry out your work with awe, joy, gratitude and love for our Lord Jesus Christ. As an Altar Society member, our tasks are not a burden, but a delight, not a duty, but a high privilege. The Altar Society's responsibility is to help and offer assistance materially and financially to our parish by providing and purchasing the altar flowers, candles, hosts and wine for our liturgical space for worship inside the church every weekend. I urge you all to continue with your help and support us.

The officers and coordinators for the 2018-2019 year are as follow:

President: Lupe Hernandez	Vice President: Liz Carlson
Secretary: Sharon Nakagawa	Co-Secretary: Diane Criado
Treasurer: Linda Hood	Co-Treasurer: Esther Rosales
Sunshine Lady: Mary Chavez	Phone Caller: Enriqueta Martinez

Budget Report: Our annual budget for this coming year from July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019 will be \$10,000.00

Prayer & Support: If any Altar Society member is going for have any type of surgery or recovering from one, celebrating a wedding anniversary, or if a death in the family has occurred, I would appreciate it very much to give me a call so our members will pray for the intention at our monthly meetings. I will contact Mary Chavez, our Sunshine Lady to send a card.

Altar Flowers: If you wish to donate a flower bouquet in memory of a loved one or for a celebration of a special occasion, call Lupe Hernandez at 977-4571 (3 weeks before the scheduled date so the name of the person(s) will be announced in the church bulletin as well as the special occasion. The cost of a flower bouquet is \$25 each and two bouquets are provided by San Francisco Floral each weekend. A family may purchase the 2 bouquets for \$50 and/or 2 families may each donate one bouquet for any weekend.

Membership: Our annual Membership Drive will begin on November 10th/11th whereby the Membership Application Form will be inserted inside the church bulletin so any interested woman parishioner may join the Altar Society. On the following weekend, November 17th/18th after the masses in back of the church, we will have the ladies collect the membership application form & to answer any questions. I would appreciate it very much if you may ask your parish friends to join the Altar Society by completing the Membership Application form as membership is open all year round. Please take notice of our new Altar Society Banner being placed next to our membership table. We will welcome all new members to join us for dessert & refreshments at our December 6th meeting.

Monthly Meetings - Our meetings are held on the first Thursday at 6:30 p.m. – CCD Room 2 from September to May. We do not meet during the months of June, July and August. Members are not required but are encouraged to attend. No membership dues are required. Our mission is to provide our Parish through financial support to pay for the Altar Flowers, wine, hosts, linens and church decorations from our fundraising events each year.

Parish Participation – Annual Carnival: The Altar Society will be helping the parish for the Annual Carnival on **Sunday, September 30th** as we will do the Snow Cone and Sweet Shoppe booths. For the Sweet Shoppe, we will have the phone callers call the members to remind them to help by donating cupcakes, cookies and brownies (**no cakes**). All baked items are to be brought to the Old Church Building Room 9 on Sunday morning from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. as packaging will be done. If you have any questions, please call Sharon Nakagawa at 276-7069-home or 709-1124-cell. We will also need some members to help out in the Snow Cone booth and the Sweet Shoppe booth to work a 2 hour shift from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. For the Snow Cone booth call Lupe Hernandez at 977-4571-cell and for the Sweet Shoppe booth call Sharon Nakagawa at 276-7069-home or 709-1124-cell . Please see flyer enclosed and post it onto your refrigerator as a reminder.

Fundraisers: This year we will have our three fundraisers: October 27^h & 28th –Country Store; December 15th & 16th-Christmas Cookie Sale; and March 23rd -Salad Bar Luncheon (see the enclosed Activity Calendar as listed). Our telephone committee phone callers will be calling the members 2 weeks before each event for their support. We are asking all members to help in any way they can.

First Fundraiser : Altar Society Country Store - October 27th& 28th after all the masses. We are asking members to start making their aprons, crafts, crochet/knit items and holiday items, etc. as members will be asked to bring their craft items; homemade jellies/jams; salsas; baked items (cakes/pies/cookies/sweet breads, etc.); homegrown fruits, nuts, vegetables. This will be our 8th year and parishioners look forward to this event.

If you have any questions, please call Lupe at 977-4571(cell) and you are welcome to leave a message or a text.

May God bless you and also may our beloved Mother Mary be with you and your families.

Sincerely,

Lupe Hernandez, President