

First Sunday of Lent February 14, 2016

The second reading from Saint Paul to the Romans is a favorite of those involved in the ministry of evangelization. There are no “secret” disciples of the Lord. Those who exercise good stewardship of their faith realize that publicly identifying themselves as followers of Christ has a cleansing effect on their lives. Openly confessing Christ makes them more conscious of how they live their daily lives. Are we content to privatize our faith or are we good stewards of a faith that we share, make public, and regularly identify as a life in Christ?

Saturday, February 13, 2016

5:00 p.m.

Intention: All Deceased Members of the Y.L.I.

7:00 p.m. (St. Mary's)

Intention: Jose L. Borges
Requested by: Wife

Sunday, February 14, 2016

First Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m.

Intention: Frances Mendes †
Requested by: Manuel Mendes
Family

10:00 a.m.

Intention: People of the Parish

11:30 a.m. (Bilingual)

Intention: Zelia Azevedo †
Requested by: John Mendonca Family

6:30 p.m. (Spanish/St. Mary's)

Intention: Delores Rosa †
Requested by: Family

Monday, February 15, 2016

NO 8:00 a.m. Mass

Parish Office closed in observance of Presidents Day

Tuesday, February 16, 2016

8 a.m. Mass

Intention: Antonio E. Vieira †
Requested by: Wife

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

8:00 a.m. Mass

Intention: Antonio & Olinda Enes & Derek Rocha †
Requested by: Joe & Celina Rocha

Thursday, February 18, 2016

8 a.m. Mass

Intention: Antonio & Maria Dinis †
Requested by: Joao & Maria Faria

Friday, February 19, 2016

6:00 p.m. Stations & Mass (New Church)

Intention: Joao Coelho Sr. †
Requested by: Wife

During the season of Lent the Friday Mass will be celebrated in the evening after the stations of the cross until Easter.

Saturday, February 20, 2016

10:00 a.m. Confirmation

5:00 p.m.

Intention: Manuel Rodrigues †
Requested by: Fernando Rodrigues
Family

7:00 p.m. (St. Mary's)

Intention: Jose L. Borges †
Requested by: Wife

Sunday, February 21, 2016

Second Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m.

Intention: Frances Mendes †
Requested by: Manuel Mendes
Family

10:00 a.m.

Intention: People of the Parish

11:30 a.m. (Bilingual)

Intention: Manuel Rodrigues †
Requested by: Parish Community

6:30 p.m. (Spanish/St. Mary's)

Intention: Delores Rosa †
Requested by: Family

We Congratulate the newest members of our Catholic Faith Community who were baptized last weekend: **Alena Grace Dias** daughter of Dominic & Amanda, **Carter Marques Dias & Haley Rae Dias** children of Lucas & Lacy, **Frankie Lynn Rodrigues** daughter of Jonathan and Kristine, and **Isabella DeFatima Vitorino** daughter of Paulo & Madalena. We pray that they and their family will continue to grow in faith and in the love of Jesus as they remain close to His church.

February 13 & 14 Catholic

Communications Campaign special collection WILL BE TAKEN THIS weekend. This collection helps support the important ideals of the Catholic faith through all media as directed by the Holy Father. Please be as generous as you can as half of this collection goes for our Diocesan media

Please Keep in Your Prayers: Deana Abraham, Priciliano Alejandre, Eliza Alves, Maria F. Amaral, Manuel Andrade, Bob Arieas, Angelica Avelar, Alex, Carroll, Sally and Scott Baggett, Joseph Belo, Jack Betschart, Donna & John Cardoza, Janet Correia, Adelina Costa, Shelly Cunha, Cynthia Dawson, Jose Deniz, Ann DePalma, Jordan Devires, Joyce Ebertowski, Manuel & Terry Espinola, Melissa Fitzgerald-Whalen, Elvira Freitas, Jared Germann, John & Sandra Gisla, Alex Gonsalves, Ruby Hernandez, Jose Homen, Loraine Jones, Ricky Jorge, Fran Kowall, Deacon Ed Kull, Andrea Leal, Carrie Lourenco, Steven Lunde II, Antonio Machado, Gerald Martin, Ralph & Esther Martinez, Adam Mattos, Fatima Melo, Carmen Mora, Robert Mora Jr., Helen Morris, Jim Nichols, Maria Nunes, Joey Pacheco, Kaiden Pacheco, Maria Pires, Ray Piro, Riley Rhoads, Isabella Rodrigues, Rob Rosa, Jen Sanchez, Patrick Shields, Theresa Sherman, Lily Sousa, Amaro Souza, Manuel F. Souza, Sylvia Souza, Judith Teixeira, Rosa Teixeira, John Verissimo, Dave Vieira, Khloe Ann Maria Vieira, Matthew Watkins, David Wood, and Carmen Zorra. ***We pray for God's healing power and grace. Please remember if you have an ill family member or friend that you would like to include on our prayer list or even a visit by the priest call the parish office at 667-8961.***

Religious Education News+

We thank Arminda Machado, Paula DeOliviera and Martha Bamber for helping out last weekend with the First Year Confirmation Retreat.

Confirmation will take place on Saturday, February 20th at 10AM and rehearsal is Friday, Feb. 19 at 7:00pm. Altar Servers and Eucharistic Ministers are needed please contact Dina at 632-7163 if you can help.

CCD Students are selling raffle tickets. 1st Prize is an Ipad Air, there is also cheese boxes, 1large pizza a month for a year from Pizza Plus. Origami Owl Locket with Charm gift cert. Avon Basket, Avon Perfume set and much, much, more.

Baptism Certificates are needed for those preparing for First Holy Communion. Please turn them in **by February 23rd**.

First Communion parents meeting regarding the banners and first Holy Communion will take place **Tuesday, March 1st at 6:30pm** for parents only.

The Tradition of giving Lent & Easter gifts during Mass continues. We are now accepting donations for those gifts in memory or honor of a loved one. The gifts will be labeled accordingly. If you would to be a sponsor please call Dina at 632-7163. These gifts will be given to every child that is in attendance during the weekend Masses.

Cave Quest coming June 6-10. Concluding with Mass on June 12th at 10AM. Mark your calendars and plan now on attending.

Due to the long presidents weekend there will be no CCD Sunday, Feb. 14th and Tuesday, Feb. 16.

Altar Society thanks everyone who supported the Filhos sale this past weekend, by making donations, purchasing and especially all those who gave their time and talent to produce the delicious filhos for all to enjoy! The sale netted \$2,045.00.

Thank you for all of the good work and care you have taken of our church!

A big "thank you" to **Team #1** Our Portuguese Choir members and their spouses for making our church shine last week. We appreciate your generosity in sharing your time and talent working hard to make our church a place worthy of our worship.

Our Lenten preparation has begun with the Stations of the Cross....

every Friday 6:00 p.m. during the Lenten Season followed by Mass in the New Church.

We will once again be having our traditional Lenten Soup Suppers in the Hall except on **March 11** New Chr. Dinner). We thank the following organizations who have offered to help with the suppers with their time, talent & treasure.

Feb.19th – P.F.S.A.

Feb. 26th – S.P.R.S.I.

March 4th – Y.L.I.

March 11th New Church Fish Dinner

March 18th -TBA

TBA=To Be Announced

ALMS GIVING During this season of Lent please remember the less fortunate families of our community by bringing non-perishable food items every Sunday during Lent for our local pantry **Hilmar Helping Hands.**

February 14th - Jam & Jelly

February 21st -Cereal

February 28th - Pasta & Sauce

March 6th -Boxed or Canned Meals

March 13th –Soup.

Of course any and all items are gratefully accepted. Please place all items in barrels at church each Sunday. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

In Celebration of Our New Church we will once again be publishing a **Parish Directory.** Our last directory was done in 2005. Since then our parish family has grown and we want to include the many new faces as well as new additions to our existing families.

Every participating family will receive one complementary directory as well as an 8x10 photo of their choice. **Sign- ups will begin next weekend February 6 & 7 after all Masses** for the following photo dates:

Feb. 24-27, March 2-4, 22-23 & 29-30. Or you may make your appointment on line <https://www.securedatatrans14.com/ap/holyrosarycaatholicchurch/index.php?page=10> Please don't miss this opportunity in this posterity event for the parish. *Our directory will not be complete without you!*

News From Campaign Headquarters

Memorial/Honorary Bricks may still be purchased. The next order will be sent Monday, February 16th.

For more information or questions, please call the parish office or you may also place your order on line: www.engravedbricks.com/campaign/holyrosary

Fish Dinner, Dance and Auction on March 11th. Tickets are \$25.00 for adults. The delicious menu includes: deep fried marinated tuna, pan fried fish fillet, white and sweet potato, rice pudding, corn and white bread, salad and wine. Drive thru take outs served from 5:00 – 6:30pm and dinner will be served 7:00-9:00pm. Dance will follow until midnight! **Tickets will be available after all Masses on February 27 & 28 and March 5&6 for your convenience.**

Purchasing an Annual Memorial Candle in honor of a loved one or for a special intention is a wonderful way to remember your loved one while supporting the parish and beautifying the sacred space of our church. Your memorial candle by our Lady of the Rosary or St. Joseph's statue will "burn" for one full year in honor of your loved one or your special intention.

A plaque displaying the name of your intention will be mounted in front of each candle. And will remain for one year. The annual offering for each candle is \$250.00.

For further information please pick up a form at the church entrance or call the parish at 667-8961.

Monthly Finance Report

Our Revenues for the month of **January** (plate collection, rental fee, weddings & Baptisms Totaled \$32,022.50. Our expenses for January (utilities, Diocesan & Education Assessments, Property Taxes, repairs, maintenance, office & church expense, payroll, payroll taxes & insurance Totaled \$30,355.74 Bottom Line \$1,666.76

Our offering collection for February 6 & 7 \$4,761.00
Last year Feb. 6 & 7 \$4,152.00
Thank You, Obrigado & Gracias!
Contributions statements are now available by calling the parish office.