

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 13, 2016

The Gospel for the fifth Sunday of Lent continues to offer lessons about God's mercy and forgiveness. Today we hear of an encounter in which the scribes and the Pharisees approach Jesus, bringing a woman who has been caught in the act of adultery. They put to Jesus the question of what ought to be done in this case. According to the Law of Moses, those caught in the act of adultery were to be stoned to death. Under Roman occupation the Jewish people did not have the authority to execute people. To answer the Pharisees' question, Jesus must propose an action that will be either contrary to the Law of Moses or contrary to Roman law. Jesus avoids the trap, however, by offering an answer that was not anticipated. Jesus suggests that the one without sin cast the first stone. Jesus' response to those who accuse the woman is more than a caution to us about making judgment of others. It is a profound lesson in divine mercy and forgiveness. As sinners, we are all unworthy to judge the sins of others and we would stand convicted by God for our transgressions. Yet Jesus, the one without sin and thus our judge, offers us who are sinners his mercy and forgiveness. Redeemed by Jesus' compassion, we are sent to sin no more and to live in God's love and peace.

Saturday, March 12, 2016

5:00 p.m.

Intention: Frank Dutra ✚

Requested by: Huff Family

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

Intention: Antonio & Mariana Fontes ✚

Requested by: Joe & Judy Souza

Sunday, March 13, 2016

Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m.

Intention: All Deceased Family

Members and Souls in Purgatory ✚

Requested by: Maria Rocha

10:00 a.m.

Intention: People of the Parish

11:30 a.m. (Bilingual)

Intention: Jose F. Oliveira ✚

Requested by: Manuel & Mary Oliveria

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

Intention: Living & Deceased

Benefactors of Terceira Crown

Monday, March 14, 2016

NO 8:00 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

8:00 a.m. Mass

Intention: Joaõ & Isalino Bettencourt ✚

On the 6 year anniversary of Joaõ's passing

Requested by: Maria Bettencourt

Wednesday, March 16, 2016

8:00 a.m. Mass

Intention: Celestino S. Silva ✚

Requested by: Parish Community

6 p.m. Confessions in English & Portuguese in the New Church

Thursday, March 17, 2016

No 8 a.m. Mass

Communion Service

Friday, March 18, 2016

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

Intention: Joaõ Coelho & All the Souls in Purgatory

Requested by: Joaõ Coelho Jr.

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

Saturday, March 19, 2016

11:00 a.m. YLI Mass

5:00 p.m.

Intention: Estulano & Maria F. Silva ✚

Requested by: Huff Family

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

Intention: Manuel Brasil ✚

Requested by: Family

Sunday, March 20, 2016

Palm Sunday

7:30 a.m.

Intention: People of the Parish

10:00 a.m.

Intention: Teresa Amelia Does ✚

Requested by: Frank & MaryLou

Dores & Family

11:30 a.m. (Bilingual)

Intention: Joaõ M. Borba ✚

Requested by: Rafael Apolanario

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

Intention: Isalino Fontes ✚

Requested by: Joe & Judy Souza

Please Keep in Your Prayers: Deana Abraham, Aurelio Alejandre, Maria de Jesus Alejandre, 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, Albano da Ponte, Jordan Devires, Romero Diaz, 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, Elmira Machado, **John Marson**, Gerald Martin, Ralph & Esther Martinez, Adam Mattos, Fatima Melo, Carmen Mora, Robert Mora Jr., Helen Morris, Jim Nichols, Maria Nunes, Joey Pacheco, Maria Pires, Ray Piro, Riley Rhoads, Isabella Rodrigues, Rob Rosa, Jenó 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+

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. The raffle will be held on Sunday, March 27th after the Easter Egg Hunt.

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

It's Time to start thinking about EASTER: The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on **Sunday, March 27** after the 10 a.m. Mass. We are in need of **plastic filled Easter eggs**, and prizes for each age group. Prizes can be large chocolate bunnies, jump ropes, stuffed animals, etc. You can drop off your donations at the Parish Center Mon-Thurs 8-12 & 1-3 p.m. or during CCD class times. **ALSO**, help is needed to set up the field and assist the Easter Bunny in hiding the eggs. Call Dina if you can help.

Confirmation Certificates are in the front office and ready to be picked up.

Parents who did not attend the First Communion meeting on March 1st, should make an appointment to meet with Dina **ASAP**.

1st Holy Communion Banners are due back the week of April 10-14.

There will be a practice on Tuesday, March 15th at 5:30pm to hand out the parts for the Children's Easter Mass. All those who would like a part should attend. Parts include readers, greeters, and ushers

Our offering collection for March 5&6 \$4970.00

Last year March 7&8 \$3508.00

Thank You, Obrigado & Gracias!
Contributions statements are now available by calling the parish office.

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 March 11th. We thank the following organizations who have offered to help with the suppers with their time, talent & treasure.

March 18th -C.P.I.D.E.S.

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**.

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**.

Every participating family will receive one complementary directory as well as an 8x10 photo of their choice. **The following dates are available for pictures:** March, 22-23 & 29-30.

There are still appointments available by going on line at <https://www.securedata-trans14.com/ap/holyrosarycatholicchurch/index.php?page=10>

or calling the parish office at 667-8961.

Please don't miss this opportunity in this posterity event for the parish. Our *directory will not be complete without you!*

Help needed June 8, Aug. 10, and Sept. 14 to feed those in need at the Gospel Mission. We need families or groups to help with food, and paper products. Paper products are plates, cups, knives, spoons, forks and napkins. Each time we go we need to be prepared to feed 65 people. If you would like to commit to one of the above dates please call Dina at 632-7163.

Easter Lilies & Ferns....

will be available from the Altar Society if you would like to donate one in memory or honor of a family member or friend. The donation is \$10 for lilies & \$15 for ferns. The plants will help to beautify our churches during this Easter Season. Please call the parish office to reserve yours!

St. Patrick's Day is just around the corner and it won't be the same without the traditional **Corn Beef and Cabbage dinner from the Y.M.I.** Pick up 4-6 p.m. or Dine in 6-7:30 p.m. at the Parish Hall on **Thursday, March 17th**. Tickets are \$15.

**Parish Confessions in English & Portuguese
Wednesday, March 16 at 6:00 p.m.
in the New Church**

Memorial/Honorary Bricks may still be purchased. For more information or questions, please call the parish office or you may also place your order on line:

www.engravedbricks.com/campaign/holyrosary

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.

Save the Date for Annual Card Party to benefit our New Church, April 3, 2016.

Tickets are now available for the 8th Annual Bunco Event on Sunday, April 17th in the parish office or from members of the committee.

For more information contact Nisa Cox 480-5191 or Leonette Andre 604-2830.

Uncle Sam Will Soon Come Calling

Year-End contribution statements are ready. Please call the parish office if you need a copy for tax purposes!

We Congratulate the Our Lady of the Rosary 2016 Committee;

President: Joe & Teresa Soares

Vice President: Jose & Iria Martins

Secretary: Ines & Antonio Vieira

Treasurer: Mary Xavier

We thank them in advance for their willingness to take part in this very special celebration honoring our Blessed Mother and wish them much success as they begin preparations for this year's Festa.