

## *Second Sunday Lent March 12, 2017*

In today's second reading, Timothy is issued a strong directive: "Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God." For the early Christians this could mean torture and execution. For most Christians today enduring hardship for the gospel might include accepting ridicule or mockery, or the suggestion that we lack sophistication. Nevertheless, in his letters, Saint Paul is adamant that we should not be ashamed of being followers of Christ. Good stewards are not ashamed of their allegiance to Christ. They do not hide their faith. Reflect on this question: Are you willing to speak about following Christ Jesus no matter who your listeners happen to be?

### Saturday, March 11, 2017

**5:00 p.m.**

Intention : Jose T. Avila †

Requested by: Joao & Oliva Avila

Intention: Annabelle Lopes Ivey †

Requested by: Lopes Family

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

Intention: Eduino Gomes &

Bernardo Nunes †

Requested by: Manuel & Maria Gomes

### Sunday, March 12, 2017

#### *Second Sunday of Lent*

**7:30 a.m.**

Intention: All Deceased Welsh Family

Members †

Requested by: John & Ann Steffen

**10:00 a.m.**

Intention: Teresa Dores †

Requested by: Frank Dores Family

Intention: Frank Dutra †

Requested by: Finley Huff Family

**11:30 a.m. (Bilingual)**

Intention: Herminia Carvalho †

Requested by: Parish Community

Intention: Gertrudes Bettencourt †

Requested by: Leroy Bettencourt

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

Intention: People of the Parish

### Monday, March 13, 2017

**NO 8:00 a.m. Mass**

### Tuesday, March 14, 2017

**8:00 a.m.**

Intention : Elvina Flores †

Requested by: Elvina Rodrigues

### Wednesday, March 15, 2017

**8:00 a.m.**

Intention: Louis N. Terra †

Requested by: Jorge & Bernadette Vieira

### Thursday, March 16, 2017

**8:00 a.m.**

Intention: Zelia Azevedo †

Requested by: John & Maria Mendonca

### Friday, March 17, 2017

**6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross/Mass  
New Church**

Intention: Manuel M. & Nivia Cardoso †

Requested by: Manuel & Gina Rosa

Intention: Maria C Pereira †

Requested by: Manuel & May Oliveira

### Saturday, March 18, 2017

**5:00 p.m.**

Intention : Joao & Maria Vitoria †

Requested by: Frank Victoria Family

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

Intention: Maria C. Mendes †

Requested by: Fermino & Mary Martins

### Sunday, March 19, 2017

#### *Third Sunday of Lent*

**7:30 a.m.**

Intention: Alberto Robeldo †

Requested by: Family

**10:00 a.m.**

Intention: Joe V. & Maria L Lourenco †

Requested by: Pat Bivens Family

**11:30 a.m. (Bilingual)**

Intention: Alvaro Gomes †

Requested by: Family

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

Intention: People of the Parish

*Next Weekend, our parish will take up the collection for **International Needs**. This collection helps to fund numerous Catholic organizations that improve the quality of life and protect human dignity. Give hope to Jesus in disguise. Please be as generous as you can.*

**Please Keep in Your Prayers:** Eliza Alves, Baby Quinten Caetano, Joseph Belo, Jack Betschart, Maria Esperanca Brasil, Dan Coelho, Joe Coelho, Jared Germann, Alex Gonsalves, **Maria F. Melo**, Riley Rhoads, Joe D. Rocha, Norman Silva, Eduardina Silveira, Mary Suarez, Jose Rodrigues Vieira and Lloyd Virgo . *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 have a visit by the priest call the parish office at 667-8961.*

## Religious Education News+

Drawing prizes needed for the CCD Drawing. Examples: Coffee makers, gift cards and gift baskets, toys, small electronics, T.V.'s, etc... Donations can be dropped off at the parish office. Thank you in advance for your support.

**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 632-7263. These gifts will be given to every child that is in attendance during the weekend Masses.

In need of someone to be in charge of the Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> after the 10AM Mass.

**It's Time to start thinking about EASTER:** The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 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 pictures and certificates** will be ready for pick up beginning on Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> in the parish office.

**6<sup>th</sup> graders in Mrs. Armendariz's Class** will be in charge of the Mass on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Plan now on attending.

**1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Banners are due back the week of April 23-27**

**We Congratulate the Our Lady of the Rosary 2017 Committee;**

**President: Jose & Iria Martins**  
**Vice President: Tony and Cidalia Drumonde**  
**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.

**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 31** (New Chr. Dinner). We thank the following organizations who have offered to help with the suppers with their time, talent & treasure.

**March 17<sup>th</sup> – C.P.I.D.E.S.**  
**March 24<sup>th</sup> P.F.S.A.**  
**March 31<sup>st</sup> – FISH DINNER**  
**April 7<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**March 12<sup>th</sup> -Cereal**  
**March 19<sup>th</sup> - Pasta & Sauce**  
**March 26<sup>th</sup>-Boxed or Canned Meals**  
**April 2<sup>nd</sup> –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.

### **Have A New Baby??**

Our next Pre-Baptismal class will be held **Thursday, March 16th at 7:00 p.m.** in the parish center. Please pre-register by filling out the registration forms.

**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 16<sup>th</sup>.** Tickets are \$15.

**We thank all of our Bulletin Advertisers** for continuing their ads for another year and welcome our newest:

**Joe O. Rocha Dairy Inc. & Victory Welding**  
As a way of thanking them for their support, please remember to patronize these businesses whenever possible. .

**Our offering collection for**  
**March 4 & 5 \$4,656.00.**

Last Year March 5&6 \$4970.00

Ash Wednesday (7p.m.) \$1,087.00

**Thank you, Obrigado & Gracias**

**We extend a Special Thank You to the 2016 Committee of Our Lady of the Rosary** for their contribution of \$125,000.00 to the New Church fund. We especially thank Joe & Teresa Soares & their committee for all their hard work in making this possible. Good luck to Jose & Iria Martins who are beginning their reign for the upcoming Festa.

**SAVE THE DATE** for the following upcoming fund raisers. Please support these as they are important to the success of meeting the goal of paying off our New Beautiful Church. We ask that you offer your time, talent and treasure anyway you are able.

**Fish Dinner and Auction on March 31st.** Tickets are \$25.00 for adults. **Tickets will be available after all Masses March 18 & 19 and March 25 & 26.** Please show your continued support by purchasing your tickets for this delicious meal available only once a year.

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> for Annual Card Party** to benefit our New Church.

**On March 26th at 6:00 p.m.** in the New Church the Portuguese DVD: **Passages of the Life of Our Lady** will be presented. It is a musical drama with 19 acts beginning with the Annunciation of the Angel to Our Lady and ends at Pentecost. It was presented and recorded in 2004 by a parish group. The presentation is free and everyone is invited to watch this beautiful drama.

### **Monthly Finance Report**

Our Revenues for the month of February (plate collection, rental fee, weddings & Baptisms Totaled \$24,278.50

Our expenses for February (utilities, Diocesan & Education Assessments, Property Taxes, repairs, maintenance, office & church expense, payroll, payroll taxes & insurance Totaled \$29,876.53

Bottom Line \$-5,598.03