Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time September 24, 2017

From an early age, we tend to distort the concept of "fairness": "I am good. I deserve good things. I am not receiving good things. Something must be wrong. Who's going to fix it?" We also know the age-old expression: "Who ever said life was fair?" Jesus knew this expression when he offered his parable in today's Gospel reading. Christian stewards acknowledge, with humility, that they receive good things from the Lord in abundance; even if these gifts are not the ones they think they need when they need them. Consider which servants you identify with most in the Gospel reading, the ones who demand "fairness", or that final servant who, seemingly, deserves the least.

Saturday, September 23, 2017 2:00 p.m. Wedding of (Hopeton) Lisa Marques & Mitchell Cheek 5:00 p.m.

Intention: Maria E. Brasil

Requested by:Oscar & Luisiana Drumonde

Intention: All Deceased Family
Members **

Requested by: Maria F. Melo

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

Intention: Louisa Borba Frandsen 🕈

Requested by: Maria May

Sunday, September 24, 2017 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m.

Intention: Manuel Brazil

Requested by: Manuel & Leonette Andre

10:00 a.m.

Intention:For All Those Inscribed in the Legacy of Faith Book

Intention of: John & Adelina Verissimo

*"Happy 59th Anniversary"

Requested by: Children

11:30 a.m. (Portuguese)

Intention: Manuel & Maria Lopes † Requested by: Rui & Maria Belo

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

Intention: People of the Parish

Monday, September 25, 2017 NO 8:00 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

8 a.m.

Intention: Manuel & Maria Pereira **†** Requested by: Laura Pereira

Wednesday, September 27, 2017 8:00 a.m.

Intention: Living & Deceased Family Members **

Requested by: Maria Vieira

<u>Thursday, September 28, 2017</u>

8:00 a.m.

Intention: Louisa Borba Frandsen **†** Requested by: Maria J. Vieira

Intention: Lena Machado † Requested by: Angela Machado

Friday, September 29, 2017

8:00 a.m.

Intention: Manuel & Lurdes Arruda **P** Requested by: Christine Martins

Saturday, September 30, 2017

5:00 p.m.

Intention: Joaquin Mancebo

Requested by: Daniel & Noel Machado

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

Intention: Antonio E. Cabral **†** Requested by: Angelo Vieira Family

<u>Sunday, October 1, 2017</u> 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m.

Intention: Adelino M. Dias 🕈

Requested by:Gino & Debbie Almeida

10:00 a.m.

Intention: Humberta Fontes **†** Requested by: Parish Community

11:30 a.m. (Portuguese)

Intention: Carlos M. Dias **†**

Requested by: John & Fatima Dias

6:30 p.m. (Spanish/St. Mary's) Intention: People of the Parish

Let us remember and pray for our <u>beloved departed</u>, especially for **Lorraine Marie Vierra** that they may receive the abundant fruit of God's presence and also for their loved ones that they may receive God's consolation and peace at this difficult time.

<u>Please Keep in Your Prayers:</u> Eliza Alves, Vasco & Dina Anacleto, Joyce Ebertowski, Joseph Belo, Jack Betschart, Maria Bettencourt, Kari Boutte, Diana Brown, Gloria Casas, Dan Coelho, Sarah Cox, Martin Cruz, , Anne DePalma, Mike Droter Jessica Flynn, Elvira Freitas, Jared Germann, Alex Gonsalves, Patrick Leyden, Frank Machado, Ester Martinez, Carmelia Mattas, Maria F. Melo, David Mendonca, Matthew Morris, Maria Merces Nunes, Riley Rhoads, Joe D. Rocha, Kaylene Rocha, Norman Silva, Lucy Silveira, Lily Sousa, Sylvia Souza Mary Suarez, Jeanne Tristant, Marijane Troiani, Jose Rodrigues Vieira, Nora Villarreal and Matthew Westcott. *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+

Substitute CCD teachers needed. If you would like to help with the CCD program as a substitute teacher please call Dina at 632-7163 to be put on the list.

Children Liturgy has begun during the 10AM Mass. Children ages 3-7 will be escorted out of Mass after the opening prayer into the chapel, where they will be learning about the readings at their level, and they will return back to Mass at the offertory. Leaders needed: If you would like to be added to the list, please call Dina at 632-7163.



On Wednesday, Oct. 4th we celebrate the

Feast of Saint

Francis of Assisi. In honor of St. Francis we will have the Blessing of the Animals. Bring your pets for a special Blessing at 6pm. Meet in front of the CCD Building.

It's time to start thinking about trunk or treat, which will be held on Tuesday, October 31st at Hilmar Covenant Church Grounds. The following items are needed: Candy, cases of water and soda, packages of hotdogs, hotdog buns, and packages of individual bags of chips and cupcakes. Any and donations greatly accepted. We will also need help running the snack bar, and someone to be in charge of the games. If you would like to help please call Dina 632-7163.

Please call the CCD line at 632-7163 for all related Religious Education questions and information.

Please Join SALT Young Adult group at Holy Rosary Church for **Eucharistic Adoration** this Friday September 29th at 7 p.m. in the New Church. Please come and join us as we spend an hour with the most Blessed Sacrament. Welcome all from different parishes and those of all ages.

The 2017 Committee Members for Our Lady of the Rosary upcoming celebration:
President: Jose Manuel & Iria Martins
Vice President: Tony & Cidalia Druomonde
Secretary: Ines Vieira
Treasurer: Mary Xavier

Our celebration is just around the corner October 13^h – October 22nd. Please remember this celebration needs many hands and talents. Offer your time to honor our blessed Mother by contacting any member of the committee to volunteer. Items are now being collected for the Bazaar & Auction.

RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) The first inquiry session begins

September 24 at 8:40 a.m. in the Parish Center.

RCIA is not only for those adults who wish to become Catholic Christians, receive missed sacraments, but also, for those who wish to learn and grow more in the faith. For more information call the parish office at 667-8961.

A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to the Acoreano Soccer Club, Dimas Carmo, Victor Marcelino and their mighty crew for their hard work in trimming the trees around the soccer field. Your time, talent and treasure are greatly appreciated. This was not an easy task. Job well done gentlemen!

Life Chain is coming October 1st from 2-3pm. Meet at 2nd and Lander. Any questions please call Dave Barcellos 535-5962.— Life chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life Americans standing for one hour praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception.

Attention Boys and Girls

We are in need of 12 girls ages 6-8 (dresses are provided) and 2 boys ages 8-10 (must wear white shirt and black slacks) to help carry the Rosary for the annual celebration of Our Lady of the Rosary Festa, **Sunday, Oct 22.** Please call Anna Cabral at 667-8961 if your child would like to participate in this special parade.

Thank you Angels Young and Old alike for your continued generosity towards the piggy dumping and for the second collection to be divided for the New Church and for the Archdioceses for the Military Services. We are blessed by your continued generosity.

Need A little help in hearing the Word of God be spoken in the New Church? We have special hearing devices to assist you at each Mass. Simply go to the sound room window and check one out for your use and return it after the Mass is over. Let us know your feedback.

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.

There are a few Parish Directories remaining for those wishing to have their very own copy. If you did not take a picture but would like to have one, please call the parish office.

Hilmar Helping Hands Thanks you for your continued support of their pantry!

Our offering collection for September 16 & 17 3,762.00

Last year September 17 & 18 \$4,393.00

Thank you, Obrigado & Gracias

Please remember to use your contribution number on all donations made.