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## WELCOME TO THE MOTHER CHURCH OF THE PORTUGUESE PARISHES IN THE DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER

*The Santo Christo Parish Community opens wide its doors to you. We hope that you feel at home and among family. Our wish is that you might feel your time among us prayerful, inspiring and uplifting.*

*If you have been away from the Church for a time, we rejoice that you have decided to be with us today. If you are a separated or divorced Catholic, please know that you belong here, that you are and always will be a member of the Church family. If you are divorced and remarried, and wish to annul your first marriage, please ask the Parish Priest to explain the procedure to you.*

*Feeling a part of Church family is very important, and if you are interested in joining this parish community, we would be honored to support you in making that decision.*

### PARISH PRIEST

Rev. Gastão A. Oliveira

### PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. Thomas M. Kocik

### CHAPLAIN-IN-RESIDENCE

Rev. Jason Brillhante

### PARISH SECRETARY

Deborah Cândido-Pavão

### FAITH FORMATION DIRECTOR

Osvaldo Pacheco

### OFFICE HOURS

Mon., Tue., Wed. & Thurs. 7:30AM—2:30PM

### TELEPHONES

Rectory	508-676-1184
Fax Number	508-676-9701
Faith Formation Office	508-675-3007

### EUCHARIST

Saturday 4:00PM (Portuguese)

Sunday 8:00AM (Portuguese)

9:30AM (English)

12:00PM (Portuguese)

Daily (In Chapel)

Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri 8:00AM

(No Mass on Thurs.)

Holy Day 8:00AM (Portuguese)

5:30PM (English)

### Reconciliation (Confessions)

Saturday 3:00-3:45PM

or anytime by appointment

We welcome new parishioners.

Please register at the office, or after Mass in the Sacristy.

### **Baptisms**

First Sunday of the Month (Portuguese).      Second Sunday of the Month (English)

Parents should call the office at 508-676-1184. For information about the preparation & schedule.

### **Matrimony**

We welcome the opportunity to help you prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage. Please contact the office at 508-676-1184 at least 6 months before the intended wedding date.

### **Sacraments of Initiation**

All who are interested in learning more about the Faith of the Church, please call 508-676-1184 for information.

### **Healing For Our Sick**

Please call 508-676-1184 when a family member or friend is ill. Our Eucharistic Ministers bring Communion to the homebound of our Parish.

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**MENSAGEM PARA O TEMPO PRESENTE**

No texto do Evangelho de Mateus, surge o Profeta João Batista a anunciar que o Reino de Deus está próximo de se concretizar.

O Reino acontece em Jesus Cristo, a quem aderimos na Fé, pelo batismo e no fogo do Espírito.

O acolhimento do Reino exige de nós mudança de mentalidade e atitudes (conversão de vida).

“Convertei-vos! Acreditai na Boa Nova!”

Temos necessidade de ouvir palavras novas, como ternura, amor, misericórdia, perdão, solidariedade, respeito, que façamos calar as palavras antigas como violência, ódio, vingança, indiferença, racismo!

Temos necessidade de ter gestos novos com assinatura de paz, dom, partilha, que façam desaparecer gestos antigos como declaração de guerra, rancor, críspação e egoísmo.

Viver no acolhimento do Reino, implica que nos disponhamos a assumir uma linguagem nova e novas ações.

Sendo rosto visível de Cristo no meio das pessoas, podemos dar testemunho de união e de amor, de partilha e de entreatada, do perdão e da misericórdia, e de acolhimento dos irmãos mais descartados – sempre a exemplo de Jesus.

É a partir de cada um de nós que começa um mundo novo.

É a partir dum coração novo de cada um de nós, que o mundo poderá ter um novo coração.

Não adiemos essa essencial urgência para haver Natal neste 2016.

Pe. Gastão

**HORÁRIO DAS MISSAS  
DO NATAL**

**Sábado ~ 24 Dezembro**

(Atenção - não há Missa às 8AM)

**5:30PM** na Igreja-----Inglês

**11:30PM**--Concerto Musical de Natal

**Meia Noite - Missa Solene do Natal- Bilingue**

**Domingo ~ Dia de Natal**

(Atenção - Não há Missa às 8AM)

**9:30AM** ----- Inglês

**12PM** ----- Português

**SOCIEDADE DE SÃO VICENTE DE PAULO  
“CAMPAÑA DE COMIDAS”  
PARA A FESTA DO NATAL**

A Sociedade Paroquial de S. Vicente de Paulo pede à Comunidade ajuda para melhor servir os mais necessitados. Aceitam-se **comidas enlatadas e empacotadas e donativos em dinheiro** à entrada da Igreja. Obrigado pelo vosso apoio neste ministério de Caridade Organizada.

**MUDANÇA DE DIRRECÇÃO  
DOS PAROQUIANOS**

Pedimos aos paroquianos que mudaram ou vão mudar de morada que informem a Paróquia, passando pela Sacristia depois da Missa ou telefonando para a Reitoria: 508-676-1184.

**ANGARIAÇÃO DE FUNDOS  
PARA A PARÓQUIA**

**ALMOÇO À ITALIANA  
PARA O RESTAURO DA IGREJA  
NESTE DOMINGO – 1PM**

No Salão da Igreja

Ementa: Sopa, Esparguete com Meatballs e pão com alho

Este almoço é iniciativa e organização do grupo de jovens da Paróquia.

O lucro destina-se ao fundo do restauro da Igreja.

Donativo \$15.00

Para bilhetes – à saída das missas

**SACRAMENTO DA RECONCILIAÇÃO  
ADVENTO 2016**

**NAS PARÓQUIAS DA CIDADE:**

19 de Dezembro, 2ªfeira - 7:00PM - St. Michael

20 de Dezembro, 3ªfeira - 7:00PM - Espírito Santo

21 de Dezembro, 4ªfeira - 7:00PM - St. Anthony of Padua

**NA NOSSA PARÓQUIA**

22 de Dezembro, 5ªFeira

11:00AM e 7:00PM

**Verifique se o seu telephone está desligado durante a celebração da Missa.  
Obrigado.**

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES**  
**CHRISTMAS**

**Saturday – December 24**  
**(Attention: No 8AM Mass)**

**5:30PM in Church-----English**

**11:30PM – Christmas Concert**

**Midnight - Solemn Christmas Mass - Bilingual**

**Sunday, Christmas Day**  
**(Attention: No 8AM Mass)**

**9:30AM ----- English**

**12PM ----- Portuguese**

**FUNDRAISERS FOR OUR PARISH**

**ITALIAN LUNCH FOR THE RESTORATION**

**THIS SUNDAY - 1PM**

*In the Church Hall*

*Menu: Soup, Spaghetti with Meatballs and  
garlic bread*

**This lunch will be initiated and organized by the  
parish youth group.**

**Profit is for the Restoration of the Church Fund**

*Donation \$ 15.00*

*Tickets may be purchased at  
the end of all masses.*

**CARDINAL MEDEIROS RESIDENCE**

*The Cardinal Medeiros Residence currently has three  
open positions.*

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7:30AM - 5:30PM*
- *Resident Service Assistant - 8 hours, weekends  
7:30AM - 11:30AM*
- *Resident Service Assistant - Per Diem to cover  
leaves and vacations as needed.*

*For more information please contact Joann Flanagan at  
508-675-1050.*

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
**ADVENT 2016**

**IN OTHER CITY PARISHES:**

*December 19, Monday - 7:00PM - St. Michael*

*December 20, Tuesday - 7:00PM - Espirito Santo*

*December 21, Wednesday - 7:00PM - St. Anthony of Padua*

**IN OUR PARISH**

**December 22 – Thursday**

**11:00AM & 7:00PM**

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**  
**“FOOD DRIVE” FOR CHRISTMAS**

*Our St. Vincent de Paul Society requests donations of  
canned goods & non-perishables or cash contribu-  
tions for the needy of our Church Community. This will  
help care for those in need. Thank you for supporting this  
most worthwhile ministry.*

**Please be sure that your  
cellphones & pagers  
are turned off or put into silent mode  
during the celebration of the Mass.  
Thank you.**

**CITIZENS FOR CITIZENS, INC.**

*I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some information regarding the Fuel Assistance Program available in our area. The program helps low / moderate income households with some of the winter's heating costs. Many people who may be eligible are simply not accessing our program because they may not think they qualify. Please contact 508-676-7397 or 508-679-0041 for more information.*

**THE ANCHOR**

*It's been nearly one year since The Anchor no longer receives funding from diocesan parishes. Our thanks go out to all the generous donors and to those who have faithfully renewed their subscriptions. There are, however, thousands of subscribers who still receive The Anchor who have not sent in the \$20 yearly subscription fee . This takes a toll on The Anchor account that helps offset printing, postage and other overheads. If you have not sent in the subscription fee and are still receiving The Anchor we ask that you please assist us in keeping the diocesan newspaper arriving at nearly 20,000 homes across our diocese. Send your check made payable to The Anchor, 887 Highland Avenue, Fall River MA 02720, along with your name and address. We thank you very much and wish everyone a blessed Christmas Season.*

*Dave Jolivet, editor*

# MISSAS ~ MASSÉS

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

**4PM** Vicky Ann Branco / Georgina Bernard e família / Antônio daSilva e genro / Nicolas Mello / Gabriel Mauricio / Silvério Almeida e família / Manuel e Etelvina Ferreira / Maria Rosa daSilva / Natalia Tavares / Maria Isabel daSilva / Maria Rosa daSilva / José e Elise Oliveira / Antônio e Maria Carvalho / Antônio Pimentel, pais, sogros e irmãos / João C Pimentel / Dinis Viveiros e Intenções de Fátima Viveiros e de Pauline e Duke Trindade e de Susana Pimentel

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

**8AM** Evangelina Mendes e família / Luis e Gloria Germana e filhos / Antônio e Rosa daPonte e filho / Gualter Carvalho, pais, sogros e irmão / Mariano Tavares Benjamin, esposa e filhos / João Benjamin, filha, genro e pais / Margarida Benjamin e família, e Intenções de Maria Benjamin

**9:30AM** José M Catarino / José Chaves / José Paiva / Maria Paiva / Albino Brum / John & Mary Rodrigues / Corporal Richard Rodrigues / John & Ophelia Moniz / David Hosburgh / Carlos Ferreira

**12PM** Ildeberto Soares / Maria dos Anjos Saraiva / José Moniz / Silverio Santos / Ugenia Almeida / Manuel & Aldina Ferreira / Antônio Cabeceiras, esposa e filho / Antônio Santos, esposa e genro

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

**8AM** Almas do Purgatório

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

**8AM** Intenções de Aurelio Gouveia

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

**8AM** Por todos os Sacerdotes

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

**4PM** Adelaide Maria Augusto e esposo / Regina e João Silva / Eugênio Monte, pai e família / Antônio Joaquim e Inês Fernandes / Maria Mauricio / Maria Encarnação de Andrade / João e Maria da Luz Fernandes, pais e irmãos / Silvester Pavão e pais / Silvino dos Reis e pais / Jacinto e Maria J Valentim / Manuel Farias Branco / Luis José Dias / Fernando Ferreira e filho / Augusto Rocha, pais, sogros e cunhados / Antônio Pimentel, pais, sogros e irmãos / José e Gloria Pimentel / Antônio Carvalho / Intenções de Maria Carvalho / Dinis Viveiros e Intenções de Fátima Viveiros e de Pauline e Duke Trindade e de Eduarda Araújo

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

**8AM** Tibério Borges, pais e cunhados / Evangelina Mendes e família / Teresa Vieira e esposo / Manuel Fernandes Dias / José Oscar Dias e família / Manuel Joaquim Fernandes, esposa e filhos / Francisco Silva e família / Encarnação Silva e família / Almino Botelho / João Benjamin, filha, genro e pais / Margarida Benjamin e família, e Intenções de Maria Benjamin, e de Domingos Botelho

**9:30AM** Manuel e Maria C Moniz & daughters / John & Mary Rodrigues and sons Victor & Richard Rodrigues /

**12PM** Antônio P Carvalho e pais / Manuel e Maria Medeiros e família / Antônio e Conceição Torres e família / Valdemir e Evelina Afonso e família / José e Assunção Alves / Virgilio Ferraz / Egidio e Maria José Ferreira / Antônio e Gilda Tavares e Carlos Tavares / Joe Velho / Agostinho Medeiros e esposa e filhos / Nelson Medeiros, mãe e avós / José Manuel Machado, Mercêdes e pais

**NO MASS  
ON THURSDAYS**

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

**8AM** Mario Castro



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