

# Our Lady of Fatima Church



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## PARISH STAFF

Rev. John A. Raposo, *Pastor*

Mrs. Pearl Enos, *Director of Religious Education*

Mrs. Lucy Pinto, *Parish Secretary*

Patrick & Denise Morency Gannon, *Music Ministry*

## SUNDAY & WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday at 8:00 AM**

**The Rosary is prayed in common after each daily Mass.**

**Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM**

**Sunday: 8:00 & 10:00 AM**

## PENANCE

**Saturday: 3:15 to 3:45 PM**

**Marriage:** Arrangements should be made with the Church at least eight months prior to the anticipated wedding date.

**Initiation of Adults:** Non-Catholic Adults who wish to join the Catholic Church may inquire about the formation and education process which lead to Baptism or Full Communion. Please call the Parish Office for details.

**Home-Bound:** Individuals confined to their home may receive the Holy Eucharist on a regular basis at home. Contact the Parish Office to arrange an initial visit by a priest and pastoral care.

**Infant Baptism:** Parents should call the Parish Office to arrange an interview and schedule the Baptism.

**St. Vincent De Paul Society:** For assistance contact us at [OLOFSVdPS@aol.com](mailto:OLOFSVdPS@aol.com) or call Ron Cabral at (508) 717-2688.

### **Welcome to New Parishioners**

It is a joy for us to welcome new members to our parish! If you worship with us regularly here, but are not registered, please use this form to request registration information. Drop it in the basket or mail it to us. We look forward to your participation in our faith community. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 3, 2017**



Saturday	December	2, 4:00 PM	Michael & Lucille Thirston by Armand & Irene Sylvia
Sunday	December	3, 8:00 AM	Gilbert & Irene Soares by Family
		10:00 AM	Jose Torres & Family by Family
Monday	December	4, 8:00 AM	Donald Gaudette by Gloria & Armand
Tuesday	December	5, 8:00 AM	Nicole Edwards DeVincentis by Pat & Denise Gannon
Wednesday	December	6, 8:00 AM	Herbie Gautreau by Mr. & Mrs. Louis Leblanc
Thursday	December	7, 6:30 PM	Gordon Guerra by Ron & Rose Cabral
Friday	December	8, 8:00 AM	Donald Gaudette by Family
		6:30 PM	Robert Caldwell by Ron & Rose Cabral
Saturday	December	9, 4:00 PM	Mary & Antone Da Silva by Armand & Irene Sylvia
Sunday	December	10, 8:00 AM	Gilbert & Irene Soares by Family
		10:00 AM	Maria & Lisa Paiva & Calden Cunha by Lee & Brian Daffinee

Sanctuary Lamp: In memory of Jose Torres and Family  
 Our Lady of Fatima: For Our Lady of Fatima Parish and the Church

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

Collection last weekend: \$2,381.00 Thank you!  
 Expenses last week: \$2,602.56 (\$400.00 parish assessment,  
 \$992.41 salaries, \$974.37 gas & electric, \$235.78 utilities)

**Schedule Second Collections for December:**

**Christmas Flower Memorial:** anytime during month  
 December 3rd– Extra Effort

December 9th– Retirement for Religious

December 24th– Christmas Offering

**TUESDAY EVENING PRAYER GROUP**

**ROSARY AND CHAPLET OF**

**DIVINE MERCY**



All are welcomed to join us for Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. There is so much to pray for. Please email any prayer requests to Lucy at [olofnb@comcast.net](mailto:olofnb@comcast.net). Evening prayer is cancelled if it snows.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY**

**WILL OPEN ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH.**

Mass intentions can be scheduled during office hours on Wednesdays 9-3 and Fridays 9-12. The Sanctuary Lamp and Our Lady of Fatima Lamp, are also available.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**

This Advent, slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in You, Lord as we prepare our hearts to celebrate Your birth on Christmas. Amen.

**HOLY HOUR FOR FAMILIES**



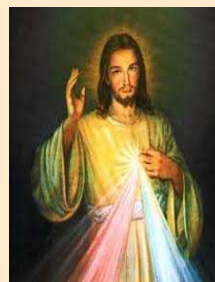
*Please join us here on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe Tuesday, December 12th at 7:00 PM*

*Let us pray for unity and peace in all families.*

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Meditation, concluding with Benediction

Refreshments and pastry following in the parish center.

**Jesus is coming!**



Are you preparing for it with the same fervor that you prepare for Christmas through shopping, cooking, decorating, etc? Are you looking forward to that day when He will return? Are you preparing for the spiritual celebration of His birth?

Are you awake and attentive to the numerous ways that God speaks to you on a daily basis? If you find that you are not as you would like to be, make this Advent a time when you get your heart ready. Commit to prayer, attend Mass, reflection and attentiveness to His gentle and glorious voice.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Church once again calls us to prepare for the coming of our Lord. We are reminded that the season of Advent prepares us for a dual celebration – the coming of Our Lord Jesus at the end of time when God's plan of salvation for all mankind comes to its fulfillment and the celebration of the birth of our lord and Savior, Jesus Christ at Christmas.

As part of our preparation during Advent we can continue to enjoy the mercy of God and the many blessings associated with it through the practice of the Sacrament of Reconciliation



(Confession). As usual I will be available on Saturday from 3:15 to 3:45 pm and on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 7:30 pm. on December 5th and 19th. I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity.

Fr. John Raposo

## Report of Sunday Mass Attendance November 2017

Masses	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	Total
Nov. 4/5	127	132	151	410
Nov. 11/12	129	110	190	429
Nov. 18/19	161	103	154	418
Nov. 25/26	130	145	140	415
<b>Total</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>1672</b>

**GIVING TREE** Our parish annual Angel Giving Tree is up and the Angels are ready for the picking to make this season of giving a bit brighter for the residents of Saint Vincent's Home in Fall River. **Please return the gift unwrapped with the Angel Tag no later than Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to bring in your gift by this date. We wouldn't want any**



**child to be without a gift for Christmas.** In case you are unable to find the gift, a gift certificate to Walmart can be purchased for \$20.00. Thank you for your charitable participation.

## FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>.** This is a holy day of obligation for all Catholics. The Mass schedule is as follows: Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, Vigil Mass at 6:30 PM. Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, Mass at 8:00 AM and 6:30 PM.



## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH.

Our parish will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Tuesday beginning at 8:30 a.m. concluding with Benediction at 1:00 p.m. Please consider signing up for an hour in prayer and reflection before the Lord. To schedule an hour, please sign your name on the sign-up sheet on the rear north wall of the church.



**Will meet on Tuesday, December 5th at 1:15 in the parish hall for an Advent Prayer Service.**

**BUDGET ENVELOPES:** Parishioners who have used their budget envelopes this past year should receive their 2018 budget envelope box within a week. If you don't receive your envelopes and you have consistently used them this year, please contact Lucy at (508) 995-7351. Thank you.

**THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH** would like to thank all who donated non-perishable foods, monies Collected/ Deposited in the SVdPS Poor box, and Gift Certificates for the Thanksgiving Holiday. We were able to give Thanksgiving dinners to members of our Parish, we also donated non-perishable foods to needy families of Our Lady of Guadalupe/St. James Parish for Thanksgiving. With Christmas coming we again ask our Parishioners if they can donate non-perishable foods so that we can help those who are in need. Containers are in the front entrance way. Once again we ask if there is known of any individual(s) residing alone or a needy family who would like a Christmas dinner please let us know. Contact Ron Cabral, 508-717-2688, [OLOFSVdPS@aol.com](mailto:OLOFSVdPS@aol.com).

**MOVING? PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR RECORDS UP TO DATE AND NOTIFY THE OFFICE OF YOUR NEW ADDRESS. THANK YOU!**