

Our Lady of Fatima Church



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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.

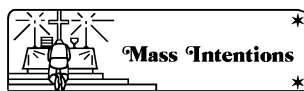
St. Vincent De Paul Society: For assistance contact us at OLOFSVdPS@aol.com or call Ron Cabral at (508) 717-2688.

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 2, 2018



Saturday	December	1,	4:00 PM	Lillian Hathaway by Family
Sunday	December	2,	8:00 AM	Gilbert & Irene Soares by Debbie & Family
			10:00 AM	Hildeberto Oliveira, Manuel, Maria, Emanuel & Luduina Furtado by Family
Monday	December	3,	8:00 AM	Gordon Family by Joyce Gordon
Tuesday	December	4,	8:00 AM	Lubelia Oliveira by Family
Wednesday	December	5,	8:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory by Mark
Friday	December	7,	8:00 AM	Norman & Alice Hebert by daughters, Rachel & Diane
			6:30 PM	Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Resendes & Mrs. & Mrs. Jose Cordeiro by Family
Saturday	December	8,	8:00 AM	Anibal Tavares by Family
			4:00 PM	Fr. Roger Levesque
Sunday	December	9,	8:00 AM	Antonio & Steven DaPonte, Artur Freitas, Maria Melo, Cecilia Pereira, by Family
			10:00 AM	Missa Pro Populo



Sanctuary Lamp: In memory of Antonio Vasconcelos, parents, brothers, sister & Godson
 Our Lady of Fatima: In memory of Robert Caldwell

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT:

Collection for last weekend: \$2,399.00 Thank you!
 Expenses last week: \$2,890.58 (\$1,075.00 salaries, \$400.00 parish assessment, \$239.00 utilities, \$1,176.58 gas & electric)

Second Collections scheduled for December:

Christmas Flower Memorial anytime

December 2nd– Extra Effort

December 25th 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 lofnb@comcast.net.

MASS INTENTIONS AND CANDLES FOR FEBRUARY 2019 WILL OPEN ON 12/5. Mass intentions can be scheduled by email, phone, or by stopping by the rectory office on Wednesdays from 9-3 and Fridays 9-12.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Don't focus on the struggle. Keep your eyes on Jesus and He will guide you through. He is faithful and trustworthy.



“Mercy that is truly Christian is also the most perfect incarnation of ‘equality’ between people,” wrote Pope John Paul II in his encyclical *Rich in Mercy*. Our compassion compels us to see the dignity of persons in need. They become lovable simply because they are. Despite any faults, poor choices, weaknesses, or circumstances beyond their control, those in need are worthy of alms (from the Greek words for *compassion* and *mercy*)—for Christ’s sake. Strive to see in others what Jesus saw in tax collectors, sinners, and the least among us: the face of God.



FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8TH.

This is a holy day of obligation for all Catholics. The Mass schedule is as follows: Friday, December 7th, Vigil Mass at 6:30 PM. Saturday, December 8th, Mass at 8:00 AM.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This Sunday, December 2, 2018 marks the beginning of our Season of Advent. 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. Too often our spiritual preparation is interrupted or completely non-existent because of our secular preparation and parties. When our secular concerns outweigh our spiritual preparations, we are ill-prepared to celebrate the Birth of Our Lord with joy. As part of our preparation for Advent, I invite you to join me for an Advent Holy Hour on Sunday, December 2 at 3:00PM. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration, we will pray the Rosary and I will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). I hope that this special time with the Lord will set the tone for the remainder of your Advent preparations. In addition, I will be available for Confessions on Saturdays from 3:15 to 3:45 pm and on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 7:30 pm during Advent. I hope you will take advantage of these opportunities.

Fr. John Raposo

ADVENT HOLY HOUR



**Please join me here on the
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 2nd at 3:00 PM
Let us come together to pre-
pare for Our Lord’s Coming!**

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

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH.

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. To schedule an hour, please sign your name on the sign-up sheet on the rear north wall of the church

GIVING TREE

Our parish annual Angel Giving Tree up. Please help make this season of giving a bit brighter for the children of Saint Vincent’s Home in Fall River. **Please return the gift unwrapped with the Angel Tag no later than Sunday, December 9th. Please remember to bring in your gift by this date. We wouldn’t want any child to be without a gift for Christmas.**



Please know that the majority of children who live at Saint Vincent’s are between the ages of 13 and 18. Video games need to be rated E for everyone or T for Teen, DVD’s need to be rated G, PG, or PG-13 non violent themes only.

In case you are unable to find the requested gift, a gift certificate to Walmart or Kohl’s can be purchased for \$20.00. Thank you for your charitable participation.

2019 CALENDARS

Calendars are available at the doors of the church this weekend. Please feel free to take one per family. They are being provided to you through the generosity and the sponsorship of **The Rock Funeral Home**. We are very grateful to Rock Funeral Home for sponsoring our Church Calendars. Please thank them for their generosity to us.

**Report of Sunday Mass Attendance
November 2018**

Masses	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	Total
Nov. 3/4	120	120	108	348
Nov. 10/11	136	124	90	350
Nov. 17/18	132	109	106	347
Nov. 24/25	137	106	98	341
Total	525	459	402	1386

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Christmas flower memorial envelopes may be placed in any collection basket as your offering to assist in the purchase of flowers for our church during the Christmas Season. The names of your loved ones will be placed beside the tabernacle as we remember them at Holy Mass. Thank you for your help!



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