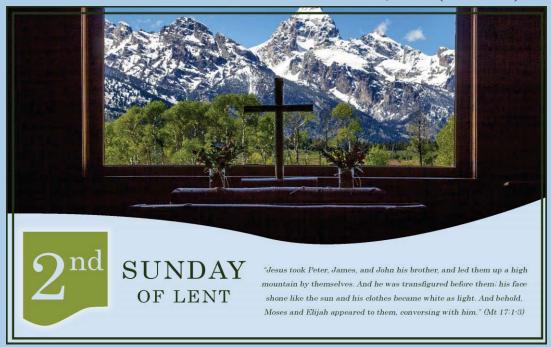
## OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH

## PARÓQUIA DE NOSSA SENHORA DA ASSUNÇÃO

The First Cape Verdean Roman Catholic Church in the Americas since 1905 47 South Sixth Street, New Bedford, MA 02740

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 5, 2023 (YEAR A)



Mission Statement: We, the people of God of Our Lady of the Assumption parish, are a uniquely gifted people of Cape Verdean heritage. We share a common belief in a God whose love is unconditional and whose dream is that every man, woman and child grow to full potential through the Paschal Mystery. We believe that the foundation of our faith lies in the very act of creation in which the human dignity of each person is born. We understand that we are called to be actively involved in the mission of Jesus. Service to this mission is our way of travelling together on the journey to our God as one body in union with the whole Church.

#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Daily: Monday - Friday 8:00 am

Saturday: 4:00 pm Vigil Sunday: 9:00 am (English)

11:00 am (Portuguese-Crioulo)

Holy Day of Obligation 6:30pm (Check Bulletin)

#### **PARISH STAFF**

Pastor: Fr. David Lupo, SS.CC.
Faith Formation Gr. K-6: Ms. Maria Grace
Confirmation/ Youth: Ms. Renee Ledbetter
Sexton: Ms. Ana Bela Mendes
Parish Secretary: Mr. Raimundo Tavares

The Pastoral care of OLOA is entrusted to the *Congregation* of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary (SS.CC.) since 1905 www.sscc-usa.org

#### **SACRAMENTS**

**BAPTISM**: Second and fourth Sundays of the month. Baptism preparation is required of parents and

godparents.

CONFESSION: Saturday 3:00 pm or by appointment

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** Call for an appointment with the pastor at least six months in advance. No dates given

before this appointment

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:** Please notify the rectory of any parishioner who is unable to attend Mass due to illness or age. Eucharistic Ministers are available upon request.

#### **PARISH OFFICE**

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#### Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

As we continue this forty-day journey through Lent, we do not want to lose sight of what the future holds—for Jesus in the Gospel and for us in our own lives. Jesus will suffer greatly and will be put to death and laid in a tomb. But on the third day he will be raised and will ascend to the Father in glory, opening the way to eternal life for us all. We mark this season with prayer and fasting, almsgiving and repentance, knowing that our destiny lies in eternal life with the Lord. Let us worship him, for he has transformed our destiny.



Peter, James, and John—Jesus' closest disciples—receive a remarkable gift in today's Gospel: seeing the Lord transfigured before their eyes. We are given a remarkable gift today and every day we come to Mass. We see our simple gifts of bread and wine transfigured into the Body and Blood of the Lord. As we listen to God's word, let us not forget the miracle we witness every Sunday.

#### **SCRIPTURE READINGS 2023**

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/

March 5 Mt 17:1-9

MONDAY March 6 Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

TUESDAY Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

March 7 Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21+23/Mt 23:1-12

WEDNESDAY Saint John of God, Religious

March 8 Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

THURSDAY Saint Frances of Rome, Religious

March 9 Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4+6/Lk 16:19-31

FRIDAY Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20

March 10 -21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**SATURDAY** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/

March 11 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**March 12

Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/
Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



**Question of the Week:** What crosses have I found difficult to carry or been unwilling to carry? What crosses have I not even thought to carry, but my taking them up could ease the burden for someone close to me or someone else in need? What cross can I carry that will transfigure my life this Lent?

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF MAR. 4 - MAR. 12

Saturday: 4:00PM -

+ John Lima/ 10th Anniversary (by daughter Kathy Silva)

**Sunday:** 9:00AM + Henry "Rickey" Barros

11:00AM - Intenções da Comunidade

Monday: 8:00AM

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Tuesday: 8:00AM

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Wednesday: 8:00AM

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Thursday: 8:00AM

+ Fr. David P. Reid, ss.cc. (Birthday Remembrance)

Friday: 8:00AM

Saturday: 4:00PM

+ Francisco Varela (by children)

Sunday: 9:00AM

+ Mildred Lopes/8th Anniversary (by daughter Marilyn)

11:00 AM - Intenções da Comunidade



#### Sanctuary Lamp Mar. 5 - Mar. 11

In Memory of Antoine G. DaCruz (by sister Elisabeth D. Tavares)

#### <u>Please remember in your prayers those who</u> <u>have asked for our caring support:</u>

All those in Hospital, Nursing Home & Homebound



#### **Pastor's Corner:**

With the coming and staying of the Coronavirus in recent times, we have taken precautions to ensure that as we assemble in our worship space, we would do our best to avoid contact with it. This included our Communion procession starting from the back pews at the 4 pm and 9 am weekend liturgies. We will continue in this fashion through the season of Lent, but at these Masses on Easter Sunday, we will revert to the procession starting from the front, provided there is no renewal of Covid warnings.

**OLOA** will have a Lenten Reconciliation Service on Saturday, March 18th, at 10 am. This season invites us to become reconciled to God and one another. Despite its weaknesses, the Sacrament of Reconciliation can bring with it a sense of peace and wholeness. Come be refreshed!"

 If you would like to take part in determining how we benefit from this Black and Native Grant, please come to an organizational meeting to be held on Saturday morning, March 25<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 am, in the parish center. A sign-up sheet can be found at each exit to commit yourself to the meeting.

Fr. David Lupo,ss.cc - Pastor

#### **Weekly Collections**

February 25 & 26- \$2,194.90 Earthquake Victims \$384.37

#### Faith Formation Class Schedule K-6 for 2023

March 12 – Class March 19 - Class

#### **Upcoming Collections**

March 4 & 5 – The Catholic University of America March 18 & 19 – Catholic Relief Services March 25 & 26 – Assessment Collection (In your Budget Box Assessment is dated for March 19, 2023)

#### Lector's Schedule – March 11 & 12

4PM Mass – Shane Burgo 9AM Mass – Lindsey Monteiro 11AM Mass – Jorge Rosa



## FALL RIVER DIOCESE 2023 WOMEN & MEN'S CONFERENCE

It's not too late to make your plans to attend the Women and Men's Conference sponsored by the Fall River Diocese, set for next Saturday, March 11, at Stonehill College in Easton. Register at <a href="https://bit.ly/23WMC">https://bit.ly/23WMC</a>



In your prayers, please consider giving to OLOA's Lenten Sacrifice. Mailing went out last week asking for your support. If you did not receive a letter asking for your support, please call the the parish office or see Fr. David. Together, we make things happen.



A SEASON FOR SLOWING DOWN: During this sacred season, we will intentionally slow down so that we can pay closer attention to our relationship with God, our neighbors and our planet. Reflect on how the pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving can guide your journey for a more enriching Lenten experience. How can practicing these pillars help you to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world? Rice Bowl materials are located in front of the elevator lift. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



As we move through the cold and darkness of the winter season, many of us who are currently experiencing the pain and devastation of grief often have no where to go and no one to turn to. Please join me for grief support. Together we share our stories and truly hear one another as we seek a new and safe place of healing and light. Session 4 started on Wednesday, March 1st and will continue through Wednesday April 5, 2023 at OLOA Parish Center from 7 -9pm. Jane Rocha, Certified Grief Educator 508-965-5254 jrocha33@comcast.net Reach out to me for any questions or concerns.

Faith Formation Schedule– Grades 7 and up Classes are held on Saturday's @ 2:30pm

March 11, 2023 March 18, 2023

March 25, 2023



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