



# Catholic Community Of New Bedford North

St. Joseph-St. Therese—St. Mary—Our Lady of Fatima

***"PARTNERING IN MISSION"***



## Weekend Masses

### *Saturday Vigil:*

4:00 p.m. – St. Joseph-St. Therese

4:00 p.m. – Our Lady of Fatima

### *Sunday:*

7:30 a.m. – St. Joseph-St. Therese

9:00 a.m. – Our Lady of Fatima

10:30 a.m. – St. Mary's

7:00 p.m. – St. Mary's

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### WEEKDAYS:

Monday	8AM	St. Mary's
Tuesday	8AM	St. Joseph-St. Therese
Wednesday	8AM	Our Lady of Fatima
Thursday	8AM	St. Joseph-St. Therese
Friday	8AM	St. Mary's

### *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Saturday 3-3:45 PM. – St. Joseph-St. Therese

3:15-3:45PM. – Our Lady of Fatima

Sunday 6:15-6:45PM – St. Mary

### **Adoration**

***Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet***

7PM Tuesdays at Our Lady of Fatima

### *VISION STATEMENT*

*To renew the presence of Christ  
in our Community by being  
disciples and stewards  
of  
Jesus Christ.*



The Churches are Handicap accessible.

# APRIL 12, 2020

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Dear Brother and Sisters,

I recognize, as you do, that we are facing the most challenging time we have ever seen with this pandemic of the coronavirus. Because of it, we will have the most unusual Easter we have ever seen, without being able to go to church, to participate in the Mass, to receiving the sacraments and celebrate the joy that Easter brings.

This year, we are left with our faith and our hope for better days soon. We have gone through a real Lent of tremendous sacrifice, but we cannot lose faith or hope knowing that this crisis will pass. When it is over, we can rebuild our world and our lives. Counting on God's help and with strong faith, we will be better people and build a better world.

Blessings on you and your family, and may we experience the peace of the risen Christ in our hearts.

My prayers for best wishes for a blessed Easter to all of you.

Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V.  
Bishop of Fall River

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The Paschal candle represents Christ, the Light of the World.

The pure beeswax of which the candle is made represents the sinless Christ who was formed in the womb of His Mother. The wick signifies His humanity, the flame, His Divine Nature, both soul and body.

Five grains of incense inserted into the candle in the form of a cross recall the aromatic spices with which His Sacred Body was prepared for the tomb, and of the five wounds in His hands, feet, and side.

During the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night the priest or deacon carries the candle in procession into the dark church. A new fire, symbolizing our eternal life in Christ, is kindled which lights the candle. The candle, representing Christ himself, is blessed by the priest who then inscribes in it a cross, the first letters and last of the Greek alphabet, (Alpha and Omega 'the beginning and the end') and the current year, as he chants the prayer below; then affixes the five grains of incense.

The Easter candle is lighted each day during Mass throughout the Paschal season until Ascension Thursday. It is also lighted during Baptisms & Funerals.



## **This year's Paschal Candles:**

**St. Mary**—in memory of Frank Condez, Jr. by his wife Beverly & his son, Frank, III.

**St. Joseph-St. Therese**—in memory of the Gonet and Marcotte Families by Judy, Jerry & Lina Marcotte.

**Our Lady of Fatima**—in memory of Susan Houde, 20th Ann. by her husband Ed & Family.

# EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

## ST MARY'S



The Hosts for the month of APRIL are offered in memory of Mark Richard, 8th Ann. by his parents

### 14-day Memorial Candles:

In Memory of Lazaro Rosa by his wife & family.

In Memory of Diarmuid Griffin by his wife Mary Elizabeth & son, Patrick.

Icon Candle: In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

## ST JOSEPH-ST THERESE

The Hosts for the month of APRIL are offered in memory of Lucien "Lou" Beaulieu & Edward Beaulieu by their Family.



### 14-day Memorial Candles:

(Church) In memory of Wayne Tremblay, Birthday Rem. By his Mom & Dad.

## OUR LADY OF FATIMA



The Hosts for the month of March are offered in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Sanctuary Candle in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Our Lady of Fatima Icon Candle is in memory of Jacob Fabian by Normand & Diane Savoie.

## Easter Dedication Candles:

In Memory of Mark Richard by family



## REMEMBRANCE BOOK

Is located near the tabernacle of St. Mary's Church. This prayer book has been compiled to provide people with the opportunity to entrust their loved ones to God's all embracing love.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** all of our parishioners who may be ill and for all of our family members or friends who are ill.



Each parish in the collaborative can now accept donations online through the collaborative website at

[www.ccnbn.org](http://www.ccnbn.org) please click on online giving and choose your parish. I realize many people are struggling financially during this crisis, however, I hope that many will find a way to support their parish with whatever they can afford at this time.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Congratulations on the birth of your child! The church celebrates with you and is ready to prepare you if this is your **FIRST** child being baptized at our Parishes. A welcoming instruction for parents and god-parents is required. Please call the Administrative office to schedule the preparatory meeting and sacramental celebration.

**INITIATION OF ADULTS:** Adults expressing an interest in becoming Catholic are invited to search through our RCIA formation process. For more information, please call the Parish Office.

**FAITH FORMATION:** Grades 1-9. First Eucharist is a two year program, grades 1 and 2. Confirmation is a two year program, grades 8 & 9.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** Congratulations on your engagement! Please speak to Fr. Raposo at least one year in advance of the intended date to allow adequate time for Parish and Diocesan Marriage preparation.

**FOR OUR HOME-BOUND:** Contact the Parish Office to receive Holy Communion at home if you are confined. **THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:** May be received after any weekday Mass or by appointment.

## March 31-April 6

CHURCH	ONLINE
OLF	\$ _____
SMNB	\$ 584.01
SJST	\$ 453.26

**Second Collection (next weekend 04/18-19) is for Education Assistance.**



## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

### Easter Sunday

Christ is risen! Our heavenly Father gives us the greatest gift of all: an opportunity for salvation through Jesus, His Son.



**VOCATION CHALICE** Your personal, prayerful and financial support as part of our Collaborative's Vocation support Association (VSA) is a great blessing for us as a collaborative and in the lives of our me in formation for the Priesthood! Consider joining the VSA. Our seminarian we are sponsoring is Chris

Hughes who is nearly half way through his second year of Pre-Theology. Will YOU promote vocations by hosting the Parish "Vocations Chalice" in your home? If you are interested in hosting and praying for vocations for one week, please sign up by calling 508-995-3593. The chalice case contains an educational DVD and prayers to say each day for one week.

### **HOW DOES A PERSON BECOME A CATHOLIC**

*"I have called you by name" Isaiah 43:1*

***"What is a holy moment? It is a moment when you do exactly what you sense God is calling you to do. (Matthew Kelly)***

Is this the moment that you know God is calling you to become fully initiated in the Catholic Faith. Are you ready to make yourself completely available to God at this moment? Take some time this week to seek information regarding the RCIA Program offered through the Catholic Community of New Bedford North by calling the office at 508-995-3593.

### Prayer for Vocations

Almighty Father,

You have created us for some definite purpose.

Grant us the grace to know the path you have planned for us in this life and to respond with a generous "Yes".

Make our diocese, parishes, homes and hearts fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations.

May our young people respond to Your call with courage and zeal.

Stir among our men a desire and the strength to be good and holy priests.

Bless us with consecrated religious and those call to chaste single life, permanent deacons, and faithful husbands and wives, who are a sign of Christ's love for His Church.

We commend our prayer for vocations to You, Father, through the intercession of Mary our Mother, in the Holy Spirit, Through Christ our Lord. Amen



### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

While the Sacrament of Reconciliation is not available at this time because of the restrictions placed on us by the coronavirus pandemic, I offer the following substitute which I hope will bring you some comfort. This is taken from an instruction given by Pope Francis.

How to receive forgiveness of sins when, in this time of crisis, you can't go to Church.

For those who are physically unable to attend individual Confession, our Holy Father, Pope Francis reminds us of the Church's teaching on perfect contrition. Such contrition arises when the penitent expresses a love of God above all else, the sincere desire for forgiveness, and firm resolve to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as soon as possible when available. Perfect contrition obtains the forgiveness of sins both venial and mortal (cfr. *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 1452)



## **EASTER MESSAGE 2020**

*“This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad.”*

These words, taken from the Easter Sunday Liturgy, reflect the meaning of this great feast of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. God’s promise of salvation is fulfilled in the dying and rising of the Son of God. The resurrection of Jesus ushers in a new age of hope and joy for mankind.

The loving sacrifice of our Messiah, Jesus Christ, reconciles us to our loving Father and opens the way for sinners like us to enter the kingdom of heaven. This indeed is the day the Lord has made, and He has made it for all of us. Alleluia.

This message of joy and hope comes to us while our nation and the world are still coping with the coronavirus pandemic. Our Lenten season took on greater meaning and challenges as we were asked to sacrifice in very unexpected ways. Many of our health care professionals and first responders selflessly put in long hours as they cared for the many persons infected with the virus. Countless people were laid off or lost their jobs; schools were closed and children adjusted to learning at home as their teachers scrambled to set up online classrooms. Throughout our country people were asked to shelter in place in order to stop the spread of this contagious disease. In an extraordinary decision, bishops across the nation cancelled public Masses and we were asked to watch Mass on TV, without the benefit and grace of receiving our Lord in Holy Communion. It’s as if our nation endured its own “way of the cross” during this Lenten season.

We can take courage in the knowledge that as disciples of the Savior, Jesus Christ our suffering and sacrifice leads us to the joy of the Resurrection. Our God has not abandoned us but has journeyed with us in our time of trouble. In faith we are confident that Our Lord Jesus Christ will lead us out of the darkness of this crisis into the light of His grace and mercy.

May the joy and peace of the Easter Season enter your hearts and reside there. You and your loved ones will be remembered in the celebration of the Easter Masses.

Yours in Christ,

Msgr. John J. Oliveira  
Fr. John Raposo  
Co-Pastors

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Even though we are unable to attend Mass and receive Communion during this difficult time in our lives, we can still receive Spiritual Communion. Please say the prayer below during communion when watching Mass on TV.

### Act of Spiritual Communion

**My Jesus, I believe that Thou art present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love Thee above all things and I desire Thee in my soul.**

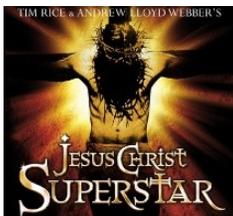
**Since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.**

**As though thou wert already there, I embrace Thee and unite myself wholly to Thee; permit not that I should ever be separated from Thee. Amen**

### Prayer to St. Thérèse, the Little Flower

O Glorious St. Thérèse, whom Almighty God has raised up to aid and inspire the human family, I implore your miraculous intercession. I fervently beseech you to answer my petition...(here state your request)...and to carry out your promises of spending Heaven doing good upon earth.

Little Flower of Jesus, give me your childlike faith, to see the face of God in all people and experiences of my life, and to love God with full confidence. Help me to always believe, as you did, in God's great love for me, so that I might imitate your "little way" each day. Amen.



We have a new date for  
**Jesus Christ Super Star**  
Thursday, September 17, 2020  
Tickets will be distributed when  
you get on the bus.

The Spiritual Life Team would like to thank all the parishioner who volunteered for all of the Lenten Events that we had to cancel. Your desire to share your faith was much appreciated. See you next year!

## COLLABORATIVE STAFF

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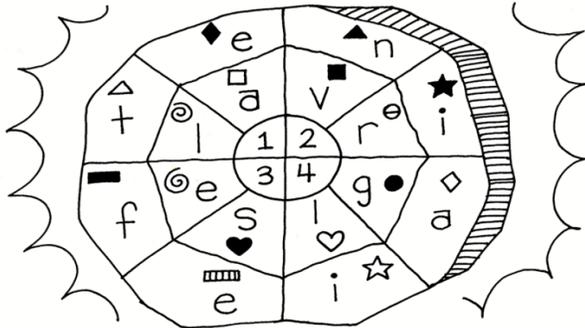
*We invite you to visit All Saints Catholic School and ex-  
perience our intimate environment where students feel  
safe, welcomed and loved —  
and form friendships that last a lifetime.*

**April 12, 2020  
Easter**

We believe that God raised Jesus from the dead  
three days after his death.

This incredible event proved he truly was the Messiah!  
The scriptures promise if we believe that Jesus Christ is the Son  
of God we'll be given something amazing, too!

Use the tombstone to solve the code that reveals the answer.



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