

# 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

## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JULY 12, 2020 (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 - Thursday 8:00 am  
Friday: 7:00 pm  
Saturday: 4:00 pm Vigil  
Sunday: 9:00 am (English)  
11:00 am (Portuguese-Crioulo)  
1:00 pm (Portuguese-Crioulo)

### PARISH STAFF

Parochial Administrator: Fr. David Reid, SS.CC.  
Priest in residence: Fr. Alfie McHugh, 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

### Sacraments

**BAPTISM:** Second and fourth Sundays of the month. Baptism preparation is required of parents and godparents. E-mail: [OLOAbaptism@gmail.com](mailto:OLOAbaptism@gmail.com)

**CONFESSION:** Upon request, please call the Parish Office

**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

Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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Website: [oloanb.org](http://oloanb.org)

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And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying:  
*“A sower went out to sow...Some seed fell among thorns,  
 and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell  
 on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or  
 thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear.”*

— Mt 13:3, 7-9

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Isaiah's poetry and Jesus' parable tell in complementary ways the power of God's word. Isaiah extols its fruitfulness, the LORD promising that it will flower just as the fertile earth does when watered by rain or snow. Jesus tells of the sower, whose indiscriminate scattering of the word of the kingdom leads to different outcomes depending on where it lands. May we listen attentively today, soaking up God's word so that it may bear fruit in us.

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

### Readings for the week of July 12, 2020

- Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 [Lk 8:8]/  
 Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
- Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/  
 Mt 10:34—11:1
- Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 9d]/  
 Mt 11:20-24
- Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15 [14a]/  
 Mt 11:25-27
- Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21 [20b]/ Mt 11:28-30
- Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16 [cf. 17b]/  
 Mt 12:1-8
- Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14 [12b]/Mt 12:14-21
- Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 [5a]/  
 Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF JULY 13 – JULY 19

- Monday: 8:00AM  
 +  
 Tuesday: 8:00AM  
 + Mildred Lopes/ Birthday (by daughter Marilyn)
- Wednesday: 8:00AM  
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 Thursday: 8:00AM  
 +  
 Friday: 7:00PM  
 +  
 Saturday: 4:00PM – VIGIL MASS  
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 Sunday: 9:00AM  
 +Netti & Manny Pina/ 68<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary (by Robin)  
 11:00AM – FOR THE PEOPLE



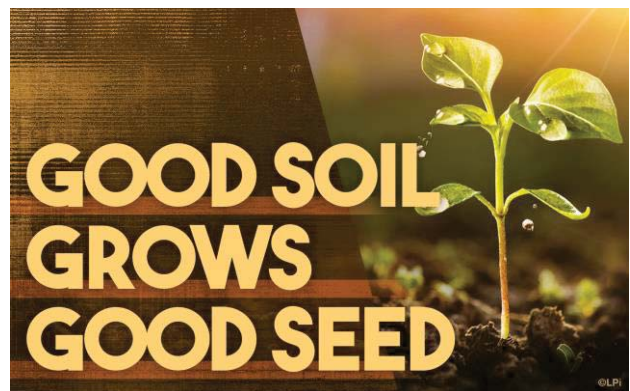
### Sanctuary Lamp – July 12 – July 18

In Memory of

All Deceased Members of the Sacred Hearts  
 Community

**Please remember in your prayers those who have  
 asked for our caring support:**

Mary Costa



### LIVE THE LITURGY – INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Any good farmer will tell you that regardless of how good the quality of the seed, its sprouting and bearing of effective fruit is dependent upon the quality of the soil. Preparing the soil is one of the most essential components of farming. There is no doubt that the seed of God's Word will eventually achieve its purpose. God cannot and will not fail. When and how that seed bears fruit is, however, dependent upon us. What is the quality and condition of your soil? Life's concerns and preoccupations can cause us to become inattentive to our inner life. This sometimes unintentional neglect can result in our soil becoming hard, overgrown with weeds, rocky, parched, and lifeless. When God's seed is sown, it doesn't always take root because it struggles to establish roots and flourish. How can you more attentively attend to the soil of your heart so that it will be a fertile and vital place for the fruit of the Gospel to grow?

**Question of the Week:** How can I be more receptive to God's word, like rich soil? What specific action can I accomplish this week to bear fruit?

## Lectors July 18 & July 19

Vigil 4:00PM Lector: **Carolina Ramos**

9:00AM Lectors: **Maurice Charbonneau**

11:00AM Lectors: **Maria Cruz**

Starting in July, we will only have 1 scheduled Lector at each Mass. Thank you for your continued Ministry

## UNITED INTERFAITH ACTION REACHES OUT TO THE COMMUNITY



**ASSISTANCE** is available for parishioners who, due to the Corona Virus, may have lost their jobs, or have been furloughed. UIA has raised funds to assist families who are struggling with unpaid bills and food supplies. There is a survey that can be filled out to request assistance. You may contact any of the OLOA, UIA leaders: Jennie Antunes, Renee Ledbetter, Jack Livramento, Dorothy Lopes, Rhoda Purcell, Grace Stanford, S. Marianna Sylvester

## Employment Opportunity

### St. Mary's Parish Fairhaven, MA

#### Religious Education Coordinator

Position objective is to assist the pastor with the development, supervision and coordination of all parish religious education and sacrament preparation programs for students in grades 1 thru 9 and encourages parental involvement in these programs.

**Benefits:** The parish offers medical, dental, and vision benefits and a 403(B) program. Generous paid time off in the form of vacation, sick, and holidays are also included.

#### Essential Duties:

Develop and coordinate the parish religious education program for children of the parish in conjunction with their parents or guardians. Maintain age appropriate curricula for 1<sup>st</sup> thru 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Develop and implement Faith Formation program for the older grades. Recruit, train and supervise catechists for all children's programs. Ensure that required safety protection programs (CORI) are completed.

Must be a practicing Catholic, in good standing with the Church who is committed to the authentic teaching of the Catholic Faith.

**All employees are CORIED.**

Classification and compensation to be determined.

Please send resume and references to [stmarysfairhaven@comcast.net](mailto:stmarysfairhaven@comcast.net) or Search for R.E.C. St. Mary's Church 41 Harding Road, Fairhaven, MA 02719

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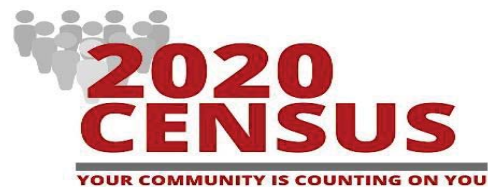
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Please visit our website ([oloanb.org](http://oloanb.org)) for this week's homily help (**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**). Go to the Parish Life tab and scroll to homily help from Fr. David Reid. This is NOT a homily but a reflection on one or other of the readings and many times on the psalm. The idea is that once a parishioner has read all the readings for the coming Sunday (always announced in the bulletin of the previous Sunday), you might like to look at the texts again and add to your meditations. We can evaluate the practice as we go along. Fr. David



**Parish Bulletins:** We encourage every parishioner to start receiving our weekly parish bulletin directly to their e-mail inbox if possible. Please visit [www.pilotbulletins.net](http://www.pilotbulletins.net) – At the top of page, select bulletins and scroll down until you find Our Lady of the Assumption New Bedford. Click on the sign-up tab and follow the instructions



AS PEOPLE OF FAITH, WE BELIEVE IN THE DIVINELY GIVEN DIGNITY OF EVERY PERSON. When we answer the Census and help our neighbors do so too, we declare that we are part of "we the people" and we refuse to be excluded from the critical resources and political representation that we deserve. Because everyone counts in the eyes of God, we must work to ensure that everyone is counted by our government.

**Our community benefits from everyone being counted, and we have one chance in a decade to get it right**

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