

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**

**4:30PM** Sebastião & Maria Da Luz Costa (O); Angie Simões; António Gouveia (14<sup>th</sup> Anniv); Manuel & Conceição Piques, Francisco & Antónia Nunes; Albertina Macedo, Elaine Johnson; Gilberto Martins; Deceased Cabral & Paiva Families; Paulo De Barros, Eugenia Martins, Eduardo S. Esteves, John Silva & Wife, Maria Barros, Ernesto Oliveira & Wife; Maria Gilberta Moniz

**Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> – Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**8:00AM** José de Sousa Medeiros (O); José & Nuno Pascoal; Manuel Simão Pereira & Ana de Deus Roias & Manuel Francisco Roias Pereira & Souls; Alfred Melo & parents, Diamantina & Manuel Rosa; Arturo Rose Sousa; Manuel D. Cabral (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv); Eduardo Sampaio, Mary & Manuel Taveira; Maira Meirinho (Birth Remb); Cláudio Amaral José Raposo, In Laws, Sister in Laws, Fernando Farias



**9:30AM** Manuel da Rosa, Ana & Francisco Maciel (O); Catherine Rose Botelho; António Medeiros; Jorge & Francisco Moreira, Mario Moreira; Gilberto da Costa, Intentions of Fatima Costa

**11:30AM** Maria da Gloria Bettencourt (O); Gilberto Bettencourt; José & Dina Cunha; Afonso Pinto & Family; Maria Madalena Faria & Family; João & Maria Faria & Family; Duarte Pacheco; Joe Medeiros; Bobby Pereira & Maria dos Anjos Cabral, António José Mendonça, Artur Leite Mendonça, Deodata Pimental, Maria Lúcia Mendonça, José Piedade;

**Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**6:00PM** Frank Peixoto; Maria Vitoria Bettencourt; Antónia Jacinta Braga; David Jesus Melo; Maria Nascimento Silva (Birth Remb)

**Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve**

**4:30PM-** Mass- Pro Populo

**11:30PM –** Choir Concert

**12:00AM** Pro Populo-

*Midnight Mass- Bilingual*



**Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day**

**10:30 AM-** Pro Populo – Bilingual

**Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup>**

**12:05PM** Joaquim & Natalina Amaral & Family

**Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup>**

**12:05PM** Antonio Soito, Daniel & Aurelia Andrade & Daughter; Souls in Purgatory; Paul Gregory (Birth Remb); Jose de Andrade

**2:00PM** Wedding: Zachary DeLoughery & Andrea Moniz

**6:00PM** Idalina de Quadros (Birth Remb) & daughter; Paulo Medeiros, Father & Grandparents; Eduarda Da Costa & Family;

**Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup>**

**4:30PM** Ernesto Bairos & Kevin Cunha (O); Valdano Almeida; Al Brusie; José N. Braga, Manuel & Maria Cunha

**Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00AM** Eduíno & Lídia Meirinho (O); Francisco Rego

**9:30AM** Maria da Conceição Medeiros & Family, Souls; Maria Gilberta Moniz; António & Maria do Carmo Branco & Son, Manuel Matias Brum & Maria de Jesus Matias

**11:30AM** Manuel Carvalho & Family (O); José & Eugenia Botelho; Hernano & Maria Espirito Santo Medeiros; Gil & Suzann Raposo & Joseph Reis & Parents; Ana Santos, João António Santos; In thanksgiving, In honor of Padre Pio, Souls; Augusto Linhares Medeiros, Jacinto & Virgínia Bairos & Souls; Deceased Family of Isidoro & Dinora Bairos; Artur & Francelina Machado, João & Maria Furtado

Dear Parishioners,

Saint John’s Gospel reminds us:

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” At Christmas, we rejoice because of God’s greatest gift, Jesus Christ, who is love. With Christ we have hope, with hope comes faith and through faith we grow in love. Saint Paul tells us that love is the greatest virtue. We pray that in the midst of all the distractions and struggles of this world, we never lose sight of God’s love for all of us.

Thank you to the parishioners of Saint Francis Xavier for your prayers and generosity. Thank you for being Disciples of Christ and may we continue to grow in love for God and for one another. Please know of our prayers for you.



Merry Christmas,

*Fr. Jorge and Fr. Nathan*

**Cell phones in the Church**

***A friendly reminder, please turn off or silence your cellphones before entering the church. When the phone goes off in church, it is a distraction for everyone.***

***Rectory office will be closed on Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup>***

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

***On Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup> the Blessed Sacrament will not be exposed after the 12:05 Mass due to a wedding at 2:00PM. Thank you for understanding.***

**Grateful for God’s Providence Campaign**

Thank you to all who have donated to the Grateful for God’s Providence Campaign. So far we have raised \$313,120, which is 60% of our goal [\$524,025]. If you have not yet participated in the campaign, please consider making a contribution to help reach our goal. Saint Francis Xavier will keep 40% of all funds raised. Thank you.

**NEW YEAR’S MASS SCHEDULE:**

**New Year’s Eve**

**Tuesday, December 31, 2019**

**6:00PM English**

**New Year’s Day**

**Wednesday, January 1, 2020**

**10:30 AM — Bilingual**

***Blessed Sacrament Lamp***

***In Memory of***

***Irene Lewis***





**Christmas Giving Trees**

We thank you for your generous donations to the giving trees. For all who purchased gifts, your generosity will help children in our community during this Christmas Season. For all who donated to the "Project Forgotten Child," your generosity will assist poor children in Angola. May God continue to bless you and our St. Francis Xavier parish community.

We also thank Stop & Shop Supermarket for their generous contribution of food to help the people of our community. Stop & Shop' "Food for Friends" program donated hundreds of boxes of food to St. Francis Xavier.

*Fr. Jorge and Fr. Nathan*

**RCIA- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Have you received your Confirmation? Do you know someone who wants to be Catholic? Join us for RCIA - the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. ***Classes begin on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and run every other week on Mondays from 6-7:30 until Easter.*** Please call the rectory at 434-1878 to sign up!



***St. Francis Xavier 105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Dinner/Dance -Rego Auditorium  
Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 6:00PM***

*DJ Entertainment*

*Menu: Soup, Salad, Fish with Rice,  
Chicken & Potatoes, Wine & Soda  
Assorted desserts & Coffee*

*Adults \$35.00*

*Children (ages 5- 12) \$15.00*

*For Tickets please call the rectory at  
401-434-1878*

**Faith Formation News:**

**Christmas break:**

Grade k – 5 returning January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Winter session begins for grade 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> on January 6<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 7 pm. Please register early, see registration information below.

Grade 9: Students return on January 7<sup>th</sup>.

Feel free to e-mail me anytime if you should have questions. [sfxfaithformation4u@gmail.com](mailto:sfxfaithformation4u@gmail.com).

**Confirmation News:**

Confirmation date is scheduled for 4/1/2020 at 6:30 pm at Saint Francis Xavier Church.

***Please register before classes start in January. Both, new and existing families must renew their child's registration. Form of payment by check or cash. All checks are made out to Saint Francis Xavier. And addressed to Attention Faith Formation.***

**Registration information for 2019/20:** Please visit our website. <http://Saintfrancisxavierchurch.com>. You will find our Faith Formation Calendar 2019-20, Registration forms, Video release forms and more.

**Training Session for New Altar Servers**

There will be a training session on Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am to 12:30pm in the Church.

Please email Marilyn if you have any questions or call 508-496-7956.

**Mothers That Pray For Their Children**

*Restoring the family through the power of prayer will meet on **Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30PM In the Our Lady of the Angels Room (Library of Church)*

*This group is conducted in Portuguese.*

**Legion of Mary Prayer Group**

*Meet on **Mondays at 6:30** in the Our Lady of the Angels Room (Library of Church)*

*This group is conducted in Portuguese.*

**Charismatic Prayer Group**

*Meet on **Wednesdays at 7:00PM** in the Church*

*This group is conducted in Portuguese.*

**Holy Rosary Sodality**

*Meet on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month at 6:00PM** in Our Lady of the Angels Room (Library of Church)*

*This group is conducted in English*