

# *Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*February 26, 2017*

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls in this week's Mass intention; for Eric Gonet whose funeral mass was celebrated here; for the souls in Purgatory; and for the deceased of our parish.

Sat., Feb 25,	4:00 P.M.	Alexander A. Dupre by family
Sun., Feb 26,	8:30 A.M.	Hugh Murray by wife, Hazel (1 <sup>st</sup> anniversary)
	10:30 A.M.	<b>Community Mass:</b> Hilda Costa, Irene Polston Pepin, Unnie M. Cabral, Wayne Dubois, Suzanne Boffa, Paul Allain, Albert Farias, Eric Gonet
	7:00 P.M.	Andre Protin by Eric & Andrea Corrie
Mon., Feb 27,	8:00 A.M.	For parishioners of St. Mary
Tues., Feb 28,	8:00 A.M.	Lilly Santos by Samuel Santos & family
<b>Wed., Mar 1</b>	8:00 A.M.	Normand Bergeron by wife, Shirley
<b>Ash Wed.</b>	12:00 P.M.	Roger Grenon by Jeannette & family
	7:00 P.M.	Butler & Lenihan families
Thurs., Mar 2,	12:00 P.M.	Lucy Davignon by Jeanne Swiszc
Fri., Mar 3,	12:00 P.M.	Alfred Freitas, Jr. by sister, Ann & brother, Gary
Sat., Mar 4,	4:00 P.M.	Edna Setera by daughter & family
Sun., Mar 5,	8:30 A.M.	Conrad LaCroix by Jim, Cathy & Heather
	10:30 A.M.	<b>Community Mass:</b> Michael Lopes, Mario Lopes, Vincent Lopes
	7:00 P.M.	Lucilia Sousa by family



14-day Memorial Candles: In Memory of Michael Francis by mother  
In Memory of Wilkinson & Sousa-Alves families by Maria & Bob

Icon Candle: In Memory of Normand Bergeron by wife, Shirley & son

Hosts for February: In Memory of Edna Schard by DeTerra & LeBoeuf families

Budget: \$5491.      Expenses: Electric: \$733.      Gas: \$1911.      Candles: \$673.

## Religious Education

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered here at St. Mary's Church on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 7:00PM by Bishop Edgar da Cunha to the candidates from St. Mary's and Our Lady of Fatima.

Rehearsal for sponsors and candidates is Sunday, March 19 following the 10:30 Mass.

*Religious Education classes resume this week, February 26th*

Parish Lenten Mission - "Called To Be Salt And Light" March 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>, Mass at noon and 7 PM, directed by Father Thomas Washburn OFM. Plan now to make this your special time of prayer during Lent.

***Rice Bowls:** CRS Rice Bowl is a Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in action program. It offers daily opportunities for your family to engage in the spiritual pillars of Lent: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. It is an opportunity for our parish to come together as a community and reflect on what it means to live out the Gospel call to go to the margins and encounter those in need. We are excited that this is journey that we will take as a parish community. I hope you will take home a CRS Rice Bowl located at all the entrances of the church. We will be collecting your CRS Rice Bowls at the end of Lent.*

First Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, will open with prayers at 8:30 AM, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until before the noon mass at 11:45 AM, when we will celebrate Benediction. A sign-up sheet is available at the entrance of the church. Please remember all the sick and homebound of our parish in your prayers.



**Ash Wednesday, March 1st:** Our **Mass schedule is 8 AM, 12 Noon and 7 PM.** Ashes will be distributed during Mass.

Please note that there will be no 8 AM Mass weekdays during Lent.

**Daily Mass will be celebrated at Noon, Monday-Friday.**

### **Lenten Regulations 2017**

**Law of Fast** – All adults, 18 and older, are bound by law of fast up to the beginning of their 60<sup>th</sup> year. On days of fast, those bound by the law are limited to a single full meal. This meal is meatless. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs; however, together these two meals should not equal another full meal. There are two prescribed days of fast: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

**Law of Abstinence** - Those who are 14 years of age and older are obliged to observe the law of abstinence. On days of abstinence, those bound by the law abstain from meat. Abstinence is prescribed on all Fridays of Lent, Good Friday as well as Ash Wednesday.

**Lenten Discipline** - The Code of Canon Law (1249) summarizes: "All members of the Christian faithful in their own way are bound to do penance in virtue of divine law; in order that all may be joined in a common observance of penance, penitential days are prescribed in which the Christian faithful, in a special way, pray, exercise works of piety and charity, and deny themselves by fulfilling their responsibilities more faithfully and especially by observing fast and abstinence...."

***We extend our gratitude to Kathi and Roger Desrosiers who have assisted one weekend a month in processing the collection. We are happy that Lynne Resendes will join our group along with Louise Robitaille to assist in this important endeavor.***

**Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors schedules for March & April** are available in the sacristy and on-line on our parish website.

**St. Vincent de Paul meeting** will be **Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**, at **5:45 PM** for all members.

Please note day & time change. Presidents' meeting to follow.

**Priesthood Discernment Retreat** – The Diocesan Vocations Office is sponsoring a retreat for men ages 19-45 who are open to praying about a Vocation to the Priesthood. This retreat will be held **March 3-5** at the Betania II Retreat Center in Medway. For more information or to register please contact Fr. Chris Peschel at [discernmentretreat@yahoo.com](mailto:discernmentretreat@yahoo.com) or 508-398-2248.

The Bishop has called a **Men's & Women's Conference** which will take place **Saturday, March 11**, at **Stonehill College from 9:00AM-4:00PM.** Cardinal Sean O'Malley, is the keynote speaker. There will be breakout sessions for Men & Women. The cost of the day including lunch and refreshments is \$45. It should be a very interesting day and will be a great opportunity to grow in faith and knowledge. There will be confessions during the lunch break and catholic vendors during the downtime. The closing Mass with Bishop da Cunha will be at 3:00PM. I have put information flyers at the entrance of the church. You can also go to the Diocesan website [www.fallriverdiocese.org](http://www.fallriverdiocese.org) to get more information. In addition to Cardinal Sean, Sr. Terry Rickard will be speaking and Christian music artist, ValLimar Jansen will be speaking and singing. Michael Cumbie a lay evangelist and humorist will be leading the Men's breakout.

**Charis Weekend Retreat** *The What Next? Finding Answers with Faith Retreat* is designed for men and women in their 20s and 30s who are interested in taking time out from their busy lives to prayerfully reflect on the transitions they have faced or are currently facing. This retreat allows young adults the opportunity not only to reflect on how their experiences of transition influence their faith, but also how their faith can guide, comfort, and support their journey of transition.

**Charis Retreat Weekend** – 5PM Friday, March 3 through 1PM Sunday, March 5. Cost is \$50/person for college students, or \$100/person for non-college students in their 20's and 30's if registered by Feb 14. Add \$25 after February 14. Sponsored by the Diocese of Fall River Office for Campus Ministry. For more information, visit <http://fallrivercampusministry.com> or contact Fr David Frederici at [FrDavid@fallrivercampusministry.com](mailto:FrDavid@fallrivercampusministry.com).

**Middle School Rally "He Lives In You"** - Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at Bishop Stang High School, 6PM arrival to 8PM, cost \$5 – paid by the parish. The keynote speaker is Cooper Ray, a dynamic and light-hearted speaker and musician who shares his faith with honesty and passion. Through music, story, humor, and audience participation, Cooper leads groups to a greater awareness of who they are as Catholic Christians and how to recognize God's presence in their lives. Please call the rectory office to register. Parents invited as well.

