

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 19, 2022

- 7:30 AM Antonio Pires (3rd Anniversary)
- 12:30 PM Carmela DeStefano
- 7:30 PM Spanish Intentions

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

- 7:30 AM Alejandro Tan
- 12:30 PM Antonio Afonso Martins

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

- 7:30 AM Souls in Purgatory
- 12:30 PM Paul Vincent Fabiszewski

Thursday, December 22, 2022

- 7:30 AM Josefina Castro
- 12:30 PM Rev. Patrick Callan

Friday, December 23, 2022

- 7:30 AM John de Almeida
- 12:30 PM Domingos Barbosa
- 7:30 PM Portuguese Intentions

Saturday, December 24, 2022

- 4:00 PM For the children, families & all those in service to the Religious Education Program
- 6:00 PM Rob & Mary Fitton
- 11:00 PM Michael Palumbo

Sunday, December 25, 2022

- 7:00 AM Ann Phelan (2nd Anniversary)
- 8:30 AM Portuguese Intentions
- 10:00 AM Julio & Ilda da Silva
- 11:30 AM People of the Parish

PRIEST CELEBRANTS' SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 24, 2022

- 4:00 PM Fr. Malcolm
- 6:00 PM Fr. Ngozi
- 8:00 PM Fr. Tomaz (Spanish)
- 11:00 PM Fr. Malcolm

Sunday, December 25, 2022

- 7:00 AM Fr. Jerome
- 8:30 AM Fr. Tomaz (Portuguese)
- 10:00 AM Fr. Ngozi
- 11:30 AM Fr. Malcolm

(Schedule is subject to change)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Sharing Time, Talent and Treasure

When he discovered that Mary was with child, Joseph resolved to end their engagement with as little disgrace as possible. But obedient to the voice of God, he changed those plans ... God grant that I may be as open to the leading of the Holy Spirit! (Our Sunday Visitor, ibid., page 7).

December 11th Actual Collection = \$10,194
December 11th Mail-In Donations = \$3,322
December 11th Electronic Giving = \$715
December 11th Total Collection = \$14,231
Immaculate Conception = \$2,401
Attendance = 1,021



*Please Pray For
The Deceased*



Manuel Silva Henriques

20 Catholic Ministries Appeal
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One Family in Mission - Building a Community of
 FAITH HOPE & LOVE

*"God's love calls us to move beyond fear. We ask God for the courage to put on faith, hope and love as we go out into the world and become the Word in body as well as spirit."
 - Pope Francis*

CMA Numbers for 2022

Goal = \$95,900
 Pledges = \$54,708 Payments = \$54,178
 Donors = 190 Average = \$288

Thank you to all the families who already have made a sacrificial gift. Please consider a yearly offering.

Altar Server Schedule



Sat., December 24
 4:00 PM A.Basel/D.Lobo
 6:00 PM A.Alvarez/K.Alvarez
 11:00 PM M.Palumbo/G.Palumbo

Sun., December 25
 10:00 AM J.Donatelli/K.Cunha
 11:30 AM G.Wasserman/L.Wasserman

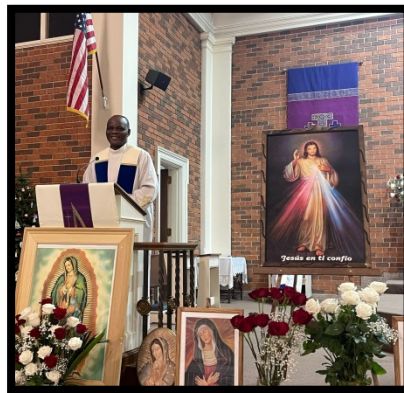
Pastor's Notes

I hate to put out an **EMERGENCY ALARM** just before Christmas. But as I write this, no one in our parish has received by mail the Church letter/offering envelopes/schedule for Christmas. Usually you get this by early December. But the envelope company we employ to carry out this task has failed miserably. They claim supply chain problems. But it comes down to professional irresponsibility.

I apologize for this failure. And I pray you will still contribute generously to our Christmas collection. All churches rely heavily on this end-of-year giving. So I pray that whether or not you receive the Corpus Christi Christmas mailing, nevertheless you will find a way to financially support our parish; especially by your presence and prayers.

Yours in Christ,
Father Malcolm

Our Lady of Guadalupe 12 December





Behold, Christ is Born

Christmas 2022

My Dear Friends and Families of Corpus Christi Church,

“Joseph went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem...to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with Child. While they were there, the time came for Her to have Her Child, and She gave birth to Her firstborn Son. She wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger...” (Luke 2:4-7)

These wonderful Gospel words of Midnight Mass, capture the deepest mystery of our yearly Christmas celebration. The travels and trials of the Holy Family led them to a most unlikely place of birth for the Savior of the world, because there was “...no room for them in the inn”. The question we need to ask ourselves this holy season; is there room in the inn of our hearts and homes for Jesus?

Here at Corpus Christi this 2022, we needed to do some major work on our 51-year-old “manger-inn”, by way of a new exterior roof over the church and rectory. This was done so that your family will always have this sacred space to celebrate babies’ Baptisms, youngsters Communions and Confirmations, holy matrimones, family funerals, and most importantly, Sunday Eucharist. We fully intend to clean-up the interior ceiling repairs by early next year, so that the beautification of our building might be complete.

In Bethlehem, the Lord provides the Holy Family with the humble simplicity of a manger, so that pure Divine Love might be born into our broken humanity. This same mystery of the Incarnate Christ-Child gives profound Hope to our weakened world today. And God blesses us all with a deep Faith to overcome all fear.

I thank you for being so generous with your time, talents and treasures; not only at Christmas, but all year long. May Jesus, Mary and Joseph watch over your family, children and grandchildren, with the greatest gifts of faith, hope and love. God bless your Christmas season and New Year 2023 to come!

Yours in Christ,

Handwritten signature of Rev. Malcolm J. Burns

Father Malcolm J. Burns
Pastor



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Christmas 2022

To the People of God of the Diocese of Rockville Centre:

Merry Christmas to you and your families!

In union with our Holy Father Pope Francis, and in a non-judgmental spirit of mercy, humility and charity, I invite everyone who will be present at our Christmas Masses, or watching our Christmas Masses via the Catholic Faith Network or CBS, or not present at all: If your life has been far from the Catholic Mass and the Eucharist, I invite you with Pope Francis to return.

I invite you to experience the power and liberation of Christ's mercy and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance and to cross the bridge into the full practice of your Catholic Faith through a radical fidelity to the Sunday Mass and an ever-deepening love for the Holy Eucharist.

Perhaps you are not a Catholic and yet have some mysterious attraction to the Catholic Mass and the Eucharist.

You are not alone! Many saints – I think of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the pioneering American Catholic educator and convert – had the same experience and were drawn to enter the Church through their intuitive experience of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist in our parish churches! Be open to the Eucharistic movement of the Holy Spirit in your life!

Our celebration of Christmas 2022 occurs this year as every Catholic diocese, every Catholic parish, every Catholic hospital, university, and institution in the United States is engaged in an evangelizing ***Eucharistic Revival***.

What do we mean by the phrase "Eucharistic Revival" and why is it so important for our celebration of Christmas?

What does a love for the Eucharist and an openness to being a 21st Century Eucharistic missionary have to do with our celebration of Christmas 2022?

Pope Francis points out the relationship between the Birth of Christ and the Holy Eucharist and the Mass. The very word Bethlehem means "house of Bread."

Pope Francis states: "Bethlehem is the turning point that alters the course of history. There God, in the *house of bread*, is born in a *manger*. It is as if he wanted to say: 'Here I am, as your food.' He does not take, but gives us to eat; he does not give us a mere thing, but his very self. In Bethlehem, we discover that God does not take life, but gives it. To us, who from birth are used to taking and eating, Jesus begins to say: 'Take and eat. This is my body.' (Matthew 26:26) The tiny body of the Child of Bethlehem speaks to us of a new way to live our lives: not by devouring and hoarding, but by sharing and giving. God makes himself small so that he can be our food. By feeding on him, the bread of life,

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we can be *reborn in love*, and break the spiral of grasping and greed. From the 'house of bread,' Jesus brings us back home, so that we can become God's family, brothers and sisters to our neighbors. Standing before the manger, we understand that the food of life is not material riches but love, not gluttony but charity, not ostentation but simplicity. The Lord knows that we need to be fed daily. That is why he offered himself to us every day of his life: from the manger in Bethlehem to the Upper Room in Jerusalem. Today too, on the altar, he becomes bread broken for us; he knocks at our door, to enter and eat with us (cf. Revelation 3:20). At Christmas, we on earth receive Jesus, the bread from heaven. It is a bread that never grows stale, but enables us even now to have a foretaste of eternal life."¹

Eucharistic Revival, in the words of Pope St. John Paul II, is a rediscovery of "Eucharistic Amazement" and Eucharistic Devotion.

Eucharistic Revival means that we understand deeply that every Mass has a cosmic significance, and every Mass is celebrated on the Altar of the world – the Altar of Ukraine and every war torn and injustice-ridden area of our world.

Eucharistic Revival is an effective catechesis of the theology and spirituality of the Catholic Mass that moves the hearts, minds, souls and imaginations of the People of God.

Eucharistic Revival in our Catholic schools means the cultivation of a radical fidelity to the Sunday Catholic Mass on the part of our teachers, our staff and our families.

Eucharistic Revival is a rekindling of Pope Benedict XVI's insight that every period of Church reform and effective Catholic evangelization and mission throughout history can be traced to a rediscovery of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist.²

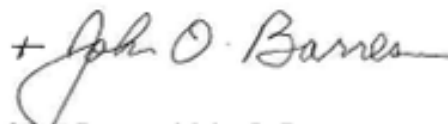
As we celebrate the birth of Christ and his rebirth in our hearts and families at Christmas, we pray for a renewal of our faith in Christ's Eucharistic presence.

We pray that each of us could be Divine Mercy instruments of bringing many, many people back to a full fidelity to the Eucharist and the Catholic Mass.

As we celebrate Christmas, we are being called to be intentional, compassionate, understanding and listening Eucharistic missionaries.

Merry Christmas to you and your families! May the love of the Christ child and the love of the Holy Family light your remaining steps on earth and light your path to Heaven and Eternal Life.

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

¹ Pope Francis Homily for Midnight Mass, Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, December 25, 2018.

² See Pope Benedict XVI's 2017 Apostolic Exhortation *Sacramentum Caritatis* 6: "Every great reform has in some way been linked to the rediscovery of belief in the Lord's eucharistic presence among his people."

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2022



Christmas Eve (Saturday, December 24th)

4:00 P.M. Family Mass (English)

6:00 P.M. (English)

8:00 P.M. (Spanish)

11:00 P.M. Midnight Mass (English)

Christmas Day (Sunday, December 25th)

7:00 A.M. (English)

8:30 A.M. (Portuguese)

10:00 A.M. (English)

11:30 A.M. (English)

There is no Mass on Christmas Day at night.

CONFESSIONS

Monday, December 19th

6:30 P.M.- 7:30P.M.

Tuesday, December 20th

11:00 A.M.– 12:00P.M.

Wednesday, December 21st

4:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve (Saturday, December 31st)

5:00 P.M. (English)

New Year's Day (Sunday, January 1st)

7:00 AM, 8:30 AM (Portuguese), 10:00 AM and 11:30 AM, 1:00 PM (Spanish)

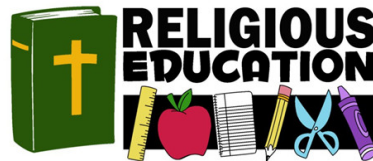
There is no Mass on New Year's Day at night.

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM



On Sunday, December 18th, following "Twenty Minutes with the Director", the young children will form a Nativity Parade honoring the birth of Jesus and process up and down the aisles set to the beautiful music by Mr. Troy Gordon and Mrs. Francine Luisi at 9:45 AM in the church. After the 10:00 AM Mass the children will create a living Nativity within the sanctuary.

May this beautiful display by our young students open our hearts to the Gift of Jesus that the Father has given to us, and may we have a greater appreciation and devotion to the Nativity scenes we have set up in our homes. Join us!



Sunday, Dec. 18, 2022

9:30 AM Gr. 1, 2, IC-2 (Fitz. Hall)

9:45 AM "Journey to Bethlehem"

10:00 AM Class Mass

**Tues., Wed., Thurs.
Dec. 20, 21, 22, 2022**

No classes-Christmas Recess



Our 5th & 6th graders join Fr. Malcolm in prayer on Gaudete Sunday
Following 20 Minutes with the Director

Junior Lectors 10:00 AM Mass

Sat., December 24th (4:00 PM)

Robert Basel

Sunday, December 25

Ashley Ferreira/Jasmine Ferreira

Sunday, January 1

Marc Machado/Nicole Henriques

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

CATHOLIC CHURCHES, 2022-2025, UNITED STATES

CORPUS CHRISTI HOLY HOURS

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FOLLOWED BY BENEDICTION

MONDAYS : 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

WEDNESDAYS : 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

THURSDAYS : 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

COME LET US ADORE HIM!



CORPUS CHRISTI 2022 GIVING TREE

For many people, the holidays are extremely difficult. This year the Christmas season looks difficult for many. covid, hunger, poverty, run-away inflation, unemployment, loss of a loved one prevent may people from experiencing the joy of the Christmas season. The Church of Corpus Christi helps bring the miracle of Christmas to families that are in need through our Giving Tree. Please take an ornament off the tree and purchase the requested gift card which is inside the stocking and return the gift card to us by December 18th. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your wonderful kindness and generosity by making this Christmas season a little brighter for those in our community who are in need.



COFFEE with JESUS **Advent Reflections**



From the comfort of your home, with a cup of coffee and
ZOOM connection,
join **Bishop Andrzej** at 10:00 am
on Friday mornings during the Advent Season:
December 16 and 23, 2022
for Advent Scripture Reflections
...WORD made FLESH...

This is a great opportunity to prepare and nourish your mind,
spirit and heart in anticipation of Christmas.

To register for **Coffee with Jesus**
please call Suzanne at 516-744-6850 or email westernvicariate@drvc.org.
Once you are registered, you will receive the ZOOM information prior to each session.



Please remember the sick in your daily prayers, including the following who have asked to be included in our list:

Connie Altvater, Amanda Alves, Aurora Antunes, Armandina Araujo, Vinnie Benedetto, Violeta Bernal. Anne Boland, Erin Burke, Marie Byrnes, Jeanne Carroll, Michael Castalino, Arlene Cavanagh, Frank de Carolis, Sue Citro, Emmanuel Colon, Joann Cornacchioli, James Cunney, Jerry Daraio, Kate Donovan, Virginia Fallon, Laurie Fefta, Lena Fiorillo, Lilly Fuentes, Kenneth Gallagher, Vanessa Gomes, Robert Hartlett, Eileen Hendrickson, Frank Iaquinto, Sue Krebs, Pat Kober, Diane LaBianca, Joseph LaBianca, Lorraine Liquy, Vincent Lodato, Christine Lucivero, Augustus & Camella Lodato, Jason Lopes, Thomas Mitchell, Susan O'Brien, Gabriel Palhete, Linda Pires, Dennis Radovic, Elizabeth Rose, JoAnn Russo, Mary Santucci, Robert Santucci, Ann Schwarz, Lisa Simeone, Lucy Elena Sivirichi, Beatriz Silva Pontes, Paul Tubito, Lorraine Verdade, and any other members of our parish who are sick at this time.



We are in desperate need of Gently Used and New Winter Clothes for Boys and Girls in sizes Newborn through 4T. Our four centers in Hempstead, Massapequa, Deer Park, and Smithtown will all gladly take donations. Thank you.

Hempstead
(516) 408-6300

Massapequa
(516) 798-9100

Deer Park
(631) 243-2373

Smithtown
(631) 656-0441

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

We are very grateful to the Knights of Columbus Council #2502 for the food and coat drive they had last Saturday to help the families in the Corpus Christi Outreach Program!!



Distressed financially or need food or clothing?
Please call 516-746-1223

King Ahaz could be honored as the patron of skeptics. He simply would not rely on God to help him through the greatest crisis in his life. In the crisis facing his kingdom, he preferred to trust in his soldiers and his military plans. Are we much the same? Do we trust only the range of our own power and resources, and turn to the true God only as an extra insurance, a vague source of possible help in moments of crisis? But such faith is weak and inadequate. A fuller kind of faith would see us relying on God's invisible, helping presence, not just in those moments when human support fails us. Real faith accepts the reality of God in every moment of life. It sees God as a dimension of all our experience, literally, the Emmanu-El, God- with-us.

The promise that God is with us was not for Isaiah's time only, it is for our own. Even now the sign of that continuing presence is a young woman and her child, the Virgin Mary and her son Jesus. For Joseph the unexpected pregnancy of Mary was not a sign to confirm his trust either in her or God, it was a contradictory sign. In the hours of his darkness he found the enlightening Spirit of God, the Spirit who teaches us not to judge by what our eyes see or by what our ears hear. This gospel shows us that the signs God gives are not always the ones we would choose for ourselves. He gives signs for those who are willing to take on the darkness of doubt in openness and sincerity.

Peace be with you,
Jim O'Keefe,
President

Español

IV DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO



EVANGELIO DE SAN MATEO 1, 18-24

Cristo vino al mundo de la siguiente manera: Estando María, su madre, desposada con José, y antes de que vivieran juntos, sucedió que ella, por obra del Espíritu Santo, estaba esperando un hijo. José, su esposo, que era hombre justo, no queriendo ponerla en evidencia, pensó dejarla en secreto. Mientras pensaba en estas cosas, un ángel del Señor le dijo en sueños: *“José, hijo de David, no dudes en recibir en tu casa a María, tu esposa, porque ella ha concebido por obra del Espíritu Santo. Dará a luz un hijo y tú le pondrás el nombre de Jesús, porque él salvará a su pueblo de sus pecados”*. Todo esto sucedió para que se cumpliera lo que había dicho el Señor por boca del profeta Isaías: *“He aquí que la virgen concebirá y dará a luz un hijo, a quien pondrán el nombre de Emmanuel, que quiere decir Dios-con-nosotros”*. Cuando José despertó de aquel sueño, hizo lo que le había mandado el ángel del Señor y recibió a su esposa.



El centro del relato evangélico es José, el cual, al considerar la situación embarazosa de María, pretendió abandonarla en secreto. ¿Que ha pretendido el evangelista Mateo? Sin duda, solucionar el problema que se ha suscitado; y el esclarecimiento lo tenemos en el versículo 25: José, pone al niño el nombre de Jesús, un nombre eminentemente bíblico. José, descendiente de David y esposo legal de María, al imponer el nombre a Jesús se convierte legalmente en su

padre, con lo cual lo inserta en su genealogía davídica. De este modo, Jesús es hijo de David a través de José, y es también el Mesías. Así se cumple igualmente la profecía de Isaías de que el Mesías nacería de una virgen y el plan de Dios se realiza de modo pleno. Por tanto, decir Emmanuel o decir Jesús, para el evangelista Mateo, es correspondiente.



El rey Ajaz era descendiente de David. Como sus antecesores, había sido ungido para que desempeñase bien su reinado, siendo fiel a Dios, que era el verdadero Rey de Judá. Pero Ajaz no le era fiel. El reino de Judá era pequeño y pobre, y poco podía hacer por sí solo para oponerse a otros reinos. Todos ellos deseaban reemplazar a Aja en el trono de Judá para poner en su lugar un gobernante vasallo que les apoyara. Por eso la dinastía de David se hallaba en una situación muy delicada. Pero Dios, por medio del profeta Isaías, le prometió a Ajaz que su dinastía iba a continuar. El propio Dios anima a Ajaz a pedirle una señal que le haga ver que su promesa se cumplirá. Sin embargo, Ajaz se negó a pedir una señal a Dios. Ajaz no se fiaba en Dios. Y entonces Isaías, hablando en nombre de Dios, le anunció el nacimiento del Mesías, aquel que llevaría a su plenitud la dinastía de David, el Hijo de Dios. Pasó siete siglos antes del cumplimiento de esta promesa. José, a diferencia de Ajaz, confió totalmente en Dios.



Português

IV DOMINGO DO ADVENTO



EVANGELHO DE SÃO MATEUS 1, 18-24

O nascimento de Jesus deu-se do seguinte modo: Maria, sua Mãe, noiva de José, antes de terem vivido em comum, encontrava-se grávida por virtude do Espírito Santo. Mas José, seu esposo, que era justo e não queria difamá-la, resolveu repudiá-la em segredo. Tinha ele assim pensado, quando lhe apareceu num sonho o Anjo do Senhor, que lhe disse: “José, filho de David, não temas receber Maria, tua esposa, pois o que nela se gerou é fruto do Espírito Santo. Ela dará à luz um Filho e tu pôr-lhe-ás o nome de Jesus, porque Ele salvará o povo dos seus pecados”. Tudo isto aconteceu para se cumprir o que o Senhor anunciara por meio do Profeta, que diz: “A Virgem conceberá e dará à luz um Filho, que será chamado Emanuel, que quer dizer: Deus conosco”. Quando despertou do sono, José fez como o Anjo do Senhor lhe ordenara e recebeu sua esposa.



No tempo de Jesus, o matrimônio tinha duas etapas. A primeira consistia num contrato estipulado entre o dois esposos, os pais e duas testemunhas; depois desta assinatura, o rapaz e a rapariga eram marido e mulher, mas não conviviam. Em geral, deixavam passar ainda um ano durante o qual não se podiam

encontrar. Este intervalo servia às duas famílias para um melhor conhecimento recíproco e servia aos dois esposos para amadurecerem: de facto, as pessoas casavam muito novas, 12 a 13 anos de idade da rapariga; 15 a 16 anos o rapaz. Estas deveriam ser as idades de Maria e José. Passado o ano de espera, era organizada uma festa, a esposa era conduzida à casa do marido e os dois iniciavam a vida em comum. Foi durante este intervalo que teve lugar a anunciação a Maria e a sua gravidez por obra do Espírito Santo.



*Eis que uma virgem
conceberá, e dará
à luz um filho, e
será o seu nome
Emanuel.
Isaías 7:14*

Na primeira leitura, o profeta Isaías anuncia que Jahwéh é o Deus que não abandona o seu Povo. É n’Ele (e não nas sempre falíveis seguranças humanas) que devemos colocar nossa esperança. Ele é o “Deus-conosco”. O rei Acáz confiava mais na segurança dos exércitos estrangeiros do que em Jahwéh. O rei Acáz não quis ou não soube ler os sinais que Deus colocou diante dos seus olhos, não conseguiu fazer a escolha acertada e acabou por conduzir o seu Povo por caminhos de morte e de desgraça. Estamos atentos aos sinais que Deus semeia na estrada da nossa vida e através dos quais nos indica o caminho a seguir? Em que o homem de hoje coloca a sua confiança e a sua esperança? É no equilíbrio das armas que podemos confiar? Para termos uma sociedade mais justa e mais fraterna, é nos políticos ou no dinheiro que podemos confiar?



“A todos os que em Roma são amados de Deus e chamados para serem santos: ‘A vocês, graça e paz da parte de Deus nosso Pai e do Senhor Jesus Cristo’.” Romanos 1:7

Na segunda leitura deste domingo, da carta de Paulo aos Romanos, ele manda uma saudação de esperança e paz aos cristãos de Roma.

INTENCÕES PARA O DIA 23 DE DEZEMBRO

+Diamantino e Jerry Garrido + Rosa e Adelino Cruz +Maria de Lurdes Lima + Rosa e Adélio Martins +Domingos Martins + José Gomes + Alpoim e Otilia Real + Miguel Almeida + Angelina Do Vale + António e Ana Maria Silva