

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 26, 2024

- 7:30 AM Souls in Purgatory
- 12:30 PM The unborn
- 7:30 PM Spanish Mass

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

- 7:30 AM Sally Breslawski
- 12:30 PM Teresa Rodrigues

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

- 7:30 AM Marie & Frank DiLorenzo
- 12:30 PM Teresa Keresztes

Thursday, February 29, 2024

- 7:30 AM Mark Matthews
- 12:30 PM Maria & Antonio Cirne

Friday, March 1, 2024

- 7:30 AM John de Almeida
- 12:30 PM Lena & Anthony Fiorillo & Family

Saturday, March 2, 2024

- 5:00 PM Joseph P. Jankay (25th Anniversary)
Olinda & Ernesto Marques
Vicencio Viegas
Howard Smith
Giuseppina Itri

Sunday, March 3, 2024

- 7:00 AM Eileen Hendrickson
- 8:30 AM Portuguese Intentions
- 10:00 AM Rosa Reis
- 11:30 AM People of the Parish
- 5:00 PM Spanish Intentions
- 7:00 PM Antonio Dias

PRIEST CELEBRANTS' SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 2, 2024

5:00 PM Fr. Yesudas

Sunday, March 3, 2024

7:00 AM Fr. Malcolm

8:30 AM Fr. Milciades

10:00 AM Fr. Ngozi

11:30 AM Fr. Malcolm

5:00 PM Fr. Tomaz

7:00 PM Fr. Ngozi

(Schedule is subject to change)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Sharing Time, Talent and Treasure

“Here I am!” he answered.”- Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, “Here I am, Lord,” when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say “Here I am, Lord,” when a neighbor needs our help, or when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it’s not convenient for us. Discipleship is not easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

Sunday February 18th Actual Collection = \$9,192
Sunday February 18th Mail-In Donations = \$2,492
Sunday February 18th Electronic Donations = \$779
Sunday February 18th Total Collection = \$12,463
Attendance = 1,175
Ash Wednesday = \$2,388



CMA Final Numbers for 2023

Goal = \$95,900

Pledges = \$63,000 Payments = \$58,947

Donors = 315 Average = \$191

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



*Please Pray For
The Deceased*



**Giuseppina Itri
Maria Coimbra
Antonia Bassi
Fernando Mendes**

Pastor's Notes

Thanks to the warm winter weather this February (before the snowfall on Tuesday), along with the wonderful work of our Portuguese/Spanish men; we were able to erect the beautiful statue of "Child Jesus and Mother Mary" on a pedestal just off Willis Avenue in front of the Church. I hope that you pray daily for the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph; to draw more souls into the life of our beloved parish family at Corpus Christi.

Also, may the Lord guide/guard your life during these 40 Lenten days of Christ in the desert, to arrive renewed during Holy Week and Easter Sunday to come!!!

Yours in Christ,

Father Malcolm





COFFEE with JESUS

Lenten Series via Zoom

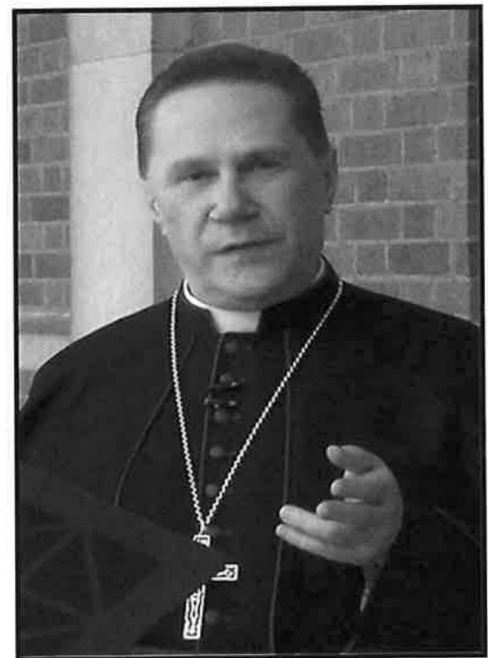
Join Bishop Andrzej

10:00 am on Friday mornings during Lent:

February 23, March 8 and March 22

Online Lenten Reflections
on Scripture Readings,
with the special emphasis
on the Last Words of Jesus.

Join this great opportunity to prepare and nourish your mind,
spirit and heart in preparation for Easter.



To register,
please call Suzanne 516-744-6850
or email westernvicariate@drvc.org.

Once you are registered, you will be emailed the
ZOOM information prior to each session
of this Lenten series.

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Lent 2024

*...We need our prayer to rise with greater insistence to the Father,
So that He may hear the voice of those who turn to Him
on the confidence of being answered... Pope Francis*

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

On Sunday, January 21 of this year, Pope Francis inaugurated a Year of Prayer ahead of the 2025 Jubilee Year. The Holy Father is calling on the faithful “to pray more fervently to prepare ourselves to live properly this grace-filled event and to experience the power of hope in God.” This Year of Prayer, the Holy Father explained, is dedicated “to rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer, prayer in personal life, in the life of the Church, prayer in the world.”

In response to the Holy Father’s initiative, together with Bishop Barres, all the Bishops and I would like to encourage you, especially during this 2024 Season of Lent in particular, to focus on prayer. Traditionally, during this time all Christians are called to practice fasting, prayer, repentance, and almsgiving as a way of drawing us closer to God and reflecting on the meaning of Jesus' death and resurrection in anticipation of the gift of new life at Easter. All pillars of Lent complement and support each other. Customarily, fasting is a way of disciplining ourselves and expressing our repentance for our sins. By abstaining from certain foods or activities, we show our love for God and our gratitude for His mercy. Fasting also helps us to empathize with those who are less fortunate and to share our resources with them. In fact, prayer binds all these Lenten practices all together, giving them an extra strength and direction. In days to come, as we prepare for the celebration of Easter, let us take this great opportunity to renew ourselves in the life of prayer, making it not just a duty or an obligation but also as a privilege and a joy.

Prayer is a gift from God, connecting us with Him and allowing us to experience His love in our lives. It is a ground for an authentic encounter which God uses to transform us and to make us more like Christ to one another. It is also a power that God grants us to overcome sin and evil and to advance His cause in the world, especially very much needed peace as we reflect these days on the situations in Ukraine, the Holy Land, Syria, Congo, and many other troubled places.

Personal Prayer. A classic description says that prayer is “the raising of our mind and heart to God.” We all might have our own experiences of prayer, and we can define prayer in our own and unique ways. However, most important is the fact that during sacred time of the year each of us should make the best effort to make a time for prayer, short or longer, in our daily lives. There are many ways in which we can engage with it during Lent. Many people might continue to follow a lectionary and other materials that provide Scripture readings and reflections for each day of Lent and be led by it to prayer. It is possible use prayer books, journals, apps, or online resources that offer different forms of prayer, such as meditation, contemplation, praise, worship, adoration, thanksgiving, and supplication. In some

places there are groups of friends, or parishioners, who join prayer meetings, retreats, or online communities that share prayer requests and support each other in prayer. Most people create a prayer space in their home or workplace that helps them to focus on God. We should all look for an opportunity to pray without distractions and practice silence or solitude as a way of listening to God and being attentive to His presence. Whatever method or style of prayer we choose, the important thing is to pray with sincerity of heart, humility, honesty, and openness. During Lent, we should pray especially for the grace of conversion, so we can be inspired to experience the need of repentance and change and be led to encounter Jesus in the Sacrament of Penance. May we all grow in a deep desire to know the Lord more intimately and to love him more fully with the hunger for his grace and a thirst for his Spirit.

Communal Prayer. Time spent in prayer is never only personal. We all know that every individual action of one person has an impact on the whole community. Together in prayer, as we walk a synodal way, we grow in a deep sense of awareness that every act of love or time of common worship can profoundly strengthen and sanctify the whole Christian community and the whole human family. We are all connected in a special way as members of the Body of Christ, and we share the same mission and vision by celebrating of the Eucharist. This is the most profound and ultimate way of prayer. At each Mass we engage personally with the Paschal Mystery of the Lord and make it our own to be led by him, through the sacrifice of the cross to the glory of his Resurrection and our life in Him. The mystery of the Cross and the mystery of love Jesus shares with us can be understood in a deeper sense through prayer. Renewing our commitment to attend the Mass every Sunday would be the best step to renew ourselves in the life of prayer.

Prayers for the World. Both the celebration of the Eucharist and our personal daily prayer nourishes our faith, strengthens our hope, and increases our charity towards others. During Lent and beyond we are called to share our gifts and resources with the world around us, especially with those who are in need. We are to take care of the poor, the oppressed and the marginalized, and are to join them in their struggle for justice and dignity in the best way we can. Every good deed is always inspired and properly executed with the assistance of our continuing prayers, making us God's instruments of peace, justice, and mercy, which is so much needed in the world today.

Dear Friends, prayer is basically a conversation with God who is waiting for us. It doesn't have to be made up of loads of words as it is all about the conversion of heart. It's not just "saying prayers", it is more about living by them, letting our heart declare our love for God and others. Let this Lent be for all of us a sacred time of our spiritual renewal in prayer so we can all become who we are supposed to be in relationship with God and with each other. Our life prayer is a statement about who we are. The future of the world depends on our prayers and begins in us. Even though our prayers do not give any extra reverence to God, they certainly make us more revered before Him so we walk "humbly with the Lord."

Have a blessed and grace filled Lent,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Bp. Andrzej Zglejszewski". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski
Episcopal Vicar

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Tuesday, Feb. 27
Wednesday, Feb. 28

Classes resume
Last instructional class for:
8A (Ms. Kelen Rosier), 8B (Mrs. Sanderleaf,
8C (Mrs. Raspen Razzano), IC-4 (Mr. Guevara)

Thursday, Feb. 29

Last instructional class for:
8D (Mr. Mullen, Mr. Connor, Mr. Harrington)

Sunday, Mar. 3, 2024

Blood Drive (Fitzgerald Hall)

“Twenty Minutes with the Director” resumes on March 10th.



Our third and fourth graders joined Father Malcolm and Deacon Brian in The Lord's Prayer during their class Mass following Twenty Minutes with the Director.



We congratulate Robert Kearns and his family. Robert served as a junior lector for the first time on Sunday, February 11th. If you are interested in becoming a junior lector, please contact Mrs. Anaischik at sanaischik@verizon.net

	Junior Lectors 10:00 AM
Sunday, Mar. 3, 2024	Luigi Sartori and Lisbeth McIntosh
Sunday, Mar. 10, 2024	Marc Machado and Ana Pereira

	<i>Twenty Minutes with the Director</i>
<i>Sunday, March 10th</i>	<i>Grades 7, 8, IC-4</i>
<i>Sunday, March 17th</i>	<i>Grades 1, 2, IC-2</i>

Stations of the Cross

**There will be Stations of the Cross every
Friday during Lent.**

7:00 PM in English

&

7:30 PM in Spanish/Portuguese



Lenten Regulations

Weekdays of Lent:

There is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday:

These are days of Fast and Abstinence from meat.

There is a limit to one full meal on these days for all between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive.

Days of Abstinence: (All Fridays in Lent)

All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat.

Extraordinary Ministers for the homebound needed



We are in need of current Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to bring the Eucharist to our sick and homebound parishioners. Our sick and homebound group of parishioners is growing and our need is expanding to meet this important ministry. The amount of time and commitment needed to be dedicated to this ministry is not large, perhaps 20-30 minutes a week.

Please prayerfully consider this request to bring the Body of Christ to those in our parish who can't be with us at Mass. If you wish to enhance your existing Eucharist Ministry by volunteering to bring the Eucharist to the sick and homebound, please contact Parish Outreach at 516-248-4858. We greatly appreciate your consideration.

BLOOD DRIVE

DONATIONS SAVE LIVES

Sunday, March 3, 2024

7:30am – 1:30pm

Corpus Christi Church

155 Garfield Avenue, Mineola

Click on link below to schedule an appointment:
https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/312889



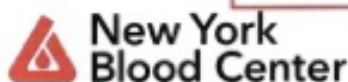
or scan the QR code:

or call 1 800-933-BLOOD

For more information, please contact Parish Outreach 516-248-4858

Appointments preferred but Walk-ins are welcome. Please bring your Donor ID if you have one.

*Appointments are preferred however walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits.
Please remember to eat, drink and bring your donor ID card or ID with name and photo.
Masks are optional for all donors and staff. For full list of COVID-19 safety protocols,
please visit nybc.org/coronavirus.*



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Corpus Christi Parish
Lenten Project

SOCKS *for the* **HOME**  **LESS**

One of the most requested items from homeless shelters is new, unused socks.

During the six weeks of Lent, Parish Outreach will be sponsoring "Socks for the Homeless", where we will be donating new, unopened socks for men, women and children to The INN in Hempstead.

There will be a container in the Church lobby for your generous donations.

We will bring them forth at evening Mass on Holy Thursday.

'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'



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

Connie Altvater, Aurora Antunes, Armandina Araujo, Vinnie Benedetto, Violeta Bernal, Anne Boland, Diane Bombardi, Erin Burke, Marie Byrnes, Gerald Campbell, Jeanne Carroll, Michael Castalino, Frank de Carolis, Sue Citro, Christine Englund, Emmanuel Colon, Joann Cornacchioli, James Cunney, Jerry Daraio, Kate Donovan, Virginia Fallon, Laurie Fefta, Lilly Fuentes, Anne Gallagher, Kenneth Gallagher, Elba Garcia, Vanessa Gomes, Sue Krebs, Pat Kober, Diane LaBianca, Joseph LaBianca, Lorraine Liqury, 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, Paul Tubito, Lorraine Verdade, and any other members of our parish who are sick at this time.

A Corpus Christi Parish Outreach Needs Your Help

Parish Outreach has had the honor of providing food and supermarket gift cards to many of our clients in need, however our pantry supplies are running low. We are in need of the following items:

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| Dry Beans | Canned Fruit |
| Bags of white rice | Canned ravioli |
| Canned Meat | Canned Spaghetti & Meatballs |
| Canned Tuna | Fruit Juice |
| Mustard | Ketchup |
| Snacks | |

This is not an exhaustive list of our needs but anything you can donate is greatly appreciated. Food donations can be left in the lobby of the church or dropped off at the Parish Outreach Office. Please help us take care of those in our community who are struggling with putting food on their tables. Remember our parish motto:

“YOU Together are My Body”

Memorials Bread & Wine

Sunday, March 2 – 5:00pm Mass
In Loving Memory of Joseph P. Jankay
25th Anniversary in Heaven
 Requested by his loving family

St. Vincent de Paul

If you are in need financially or need food call 516-746-1223.

Jesus said to his disciples, “You have heard that it was said, “You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.” But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous...,” Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” Matthew 5:43-48. God first chose Israel (and we belong to the new Israel), as a people especially gifted and beloved. Our special gift is the awareness of the divine presence in the depths of our mind and heart, and enshrined in the prayer and traditions of our church. The divine presence surrounds us like the sun and the rain. Lent is a time for some kind of fasting and renewal of personal prayer, so that we may be disposed to let the rhythm of God’s spirit take possession of ours. A perfectionist demands getting everything precisely right. When Jesus says, “Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect,” he did not ask for perfectionism. He means we should “Be merciful as your heavenly Father is merciful.” Being perfect consists in loving in the way that God loves, which is with a love that doesn’t discriminate on the basis of how people relate to us. The fact that Jesus calls on us to love as God loves shows that He does not consider this call unrealistic. We may not be able to love in this divine way on our own, but we can do so with God’s help. As Jesus will say to his disciples later on in Matthew’s gospel, “for God, all things are possible.”

Please think about helping (loving) and become a part of St Vincent de Paul. If not you, then who?

Altar Server Schedule



Sat., March 2	5:00 PM	M.Machado/D.Ferreira
Sun., March 3	10:00 AM	A.Alvarez/K.Alvarez
	11:30 AM	G.Wasserman/L.Wasserman

Español

II DOMINGO DE CUARESMA



EVANGELIO DE SAN MARCOS 9, 2-10

En aquel tiempo, Jesús tomó aparte a Pedro, a Santiago y a Juan, subió con ellos a un monte alto y se transfiguró e su presencia. Sus vestiduras se pusieron esplendorosamente blancas, con una blancura que nadie puede lograr sobre la tierra. Después de se les aparecieron Elías y Moisés, conversando con Jesús. Entonces Pedro le dijo a Jesús: *“Maestro, qué a gusto estamos aquí. Hagamos tres chozas, una para ti, otra para Moisés y otra para Elías”*. En realidad no sabía lo que decía, porque estaban asustados. Se formó entonces una nube, que los cubrió con su sombra, y de esta nube salió una voz que decía: *“Este es mi Hijo amado; escúchenlo”*. En ese momento miraron alrededor y no vieron a nadie sino a Jesús, que estaba solo con ellos. Cuando bajaban de la montaña, Jesús les mandó que no contaran a nadie lo que habían visto, hasta que el Hijo del hombre resucitara de entre los muertos. Ellos guardaron esto en secreto, pero discutían entre sí qué quería decir eso de resucitar de entre los muertos.

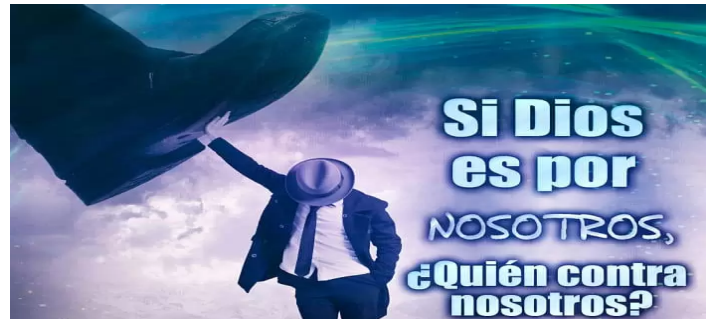


El relato de la Transfiguración de Marcos nos asoma a una experiencia intensa de Jesús con sus discípulos, camino de Jerusalén después de haber anunciado la pasión, para que esos discípulos puedan meterse de lleno en el camino y en la verdadera misión de Jesús. Los personajes del Antiguo Testamento, Moisés y Elías, están allí para respaldar precisamente la acción de Jesús. Y la voz misteriosa, entre las nubes,

reafirma que, desde ahora, a quien hay que escuchar y seguir es a Jesús. El relato en sí es en evangelio de Marcos el comienzo del viaje hacia Jerusalén. Pedro no quiere bajar del monte porque la vida nueva proclamada por Jesús supone aceptar la muerte, y no una muerte cualquiera, sino la muerte en la cruz. La gloria divina que se ha experimentado en el monte está llamando a otro monte, el del Calvario. Del cielo se ha oído un mandato: “escúchenlo”, pero no lo escuchan, porque su mentalidad es bien otra. No lo han entendido todavía.



La primera lectura está recogida de un texto muy importante en el ciclo de Abrahán (Génesis 22), probablemente el momento culminante de lo que Dios pide al padre del pueblo: la fe incondicional, hasta la vida de su hijo, el heredero, por el que había soñado. Si ahora a Abrahán se le pide que renuncie a su futuro, a su heredero, es porque se quiere poner de manifestó que nuestro futura está en las manos del Dios de la promesa y la Alianza. Es verdad que este relato es contado como una especie de condena de los sacrificios humanos: Dios puede parecer que pide lo máximo, pero Dios o puede pedir vidas humanas; sería un Dios sin corazón: por eso Dios siempre ofrece otro camino.



La segunda lectura de la carta a los Romanos es un himno al amor de Dios que se nos ha revelado en Cristo, en su vida y en sus sufrimientos. El cristiano nada tiene que temer y debe afrontar la vida con serenidad y esperanza.

Português

DOMINGO II DA QUARESMA



EVANGELHO DE SÃO MARCOS 9, 2-10

Naquele tempo, Jesus tomou consigo Pedro, Tiago e João e subiu só com eles para um lugar retirado num alto monte e transfigurou-se diante deles. As suas vestes tornaram-se resplandecentes, de tal brancura que nenhum lavadeiro sobre a terra as poderia assim branquear. Apareceram-lhes Moisés e Elias, conversando com Jesus. Pedro tomou a palavra e disse a Jesus: *“Mestre, como é bom estarmos aqui. Fazemos três tendas: uma para ti, outra para Moisés, outra para Elias”*. Não sabia o que dizia, pois estavam atemorizados. Veio então uma nuvem que o cobriu com a sua sombra e da nuvem fez-se ouvir uma voz: *“Este é o meu Filho muito amado: escutai-o”*. De repente, olhando em redor, não viram mais ninguém, a não ser Jesus, sozinho com eles. Ao descerem do monte, Jesus ordenou-lhes que não contassem a ninguém o que tinham visto, enquanto o Filho do homem não ressuscitasse dos mortos. Eles guardaram a recomendação, mas perguntavam entre si o que seria ressuscitar dos mortos.



Marcos situa o episódio da transfiguração na fase final da etapa da Galileia, antes de Jesus se dirigir para Jerusalém. Depois do êxito inicial da sua pregação, Jesus vinha sentindo cada vez mais resistência, por parte dos líderes religiosos locais, ao

seu anúncio. Para os discípulos de Jesus, isto levantava questões inquietantes. Eles viam Jesus como o Messias que Israel esperava ansiosamente, mas as autoridades judaicas estavam contra ele e não lhe davam crédito. Jesus comunicou aos discípulos a sua decisão de se dirigir para Jerusalém e os avisou de que lá iria sofrer muito e ser morto pelas autoridades. Jesus achou que tinha chegado a hora de revitalizar o ânimo dos discípulos. O sentido da Transfiguração de Jesus não está tanto em querer que os discípulos, tendo acesso à sua glória, desejem permanecer nessa condição, mas em prepará-los para a incompreensível morte em Jerusalém.



O Livro do Gênesis, nos apresenta um quadro dramático. Naquele tempo, havia o costume de oferecer a Deus os próprios filhos, imolando-os pelo fogo. Sabe-se, por exemplo, que muitos reis da antiguidade, quando se encontravam em situações difíceis, procuravam obter os favores das suas divindades oferecendo-lhes o que tinham de mais caro: um filho. O primeiro ensinamento, o mais evidente, é que Deus recusa e condena a prática pagã do sacrifício de crianças. O ensinamento mais importante diz a respeito à fidelidade de Abrão. Ele acreditou cegamente em Deus. Abandonou a sua terra, renunciou à sua segurança. Cortou todas as pontes com o passado, porque estava seguro de que Deus realizaria a promessa de lhe dar uma numerosa descendência.

INTENÇÕES PARA O DIA 3 DE MARÇO

+Maria Isabel da Costa + Maria Ermelinda Duarte
 +Carlos e Célia da Costa + Leroy e Isabel Barroca
 +Manuel e Joaquina Freitas + Armando Ramalhete
 +António Arantes Forte e Família + António Mendes Oliveira + Luciane Araújo + José e Joaquina Barbosa + Julian Barreto Albuquerque +Teresa Gonçalves Duarte e Pais