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 - Wednesday 8:00 am
Saturday: 11:00 am (see bulletin), 4:00 pm Vigil
Sunday: 9:00 am (English)
           11:00 am (Portuguese-Crioulo)
Holy Day of Obligation 7:00pm (Check Bulletin)

Parish Staff
Pastor: Fr. Sudhir Nayak, 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
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
Phone: (508) 994-7602, Fax: (508) 994-9461
E-Mail: oloaoffice@verizon.net
Rectory: (508) 994-0106
Today’s readings emphasize that we are called to do more during Advent than just wait for the Lord’s coming. We are called to act. Isaiah calls all people to come in peace and light to the mountain of the LORD. Saint Paul encourages the Romans to live in the light, conducting themselves appropriately. Jesus warns his disciples that the Second Coming could occur at any time and they must be prepared. Let us prepare right now by listening attentively to the word of God.

**Readings for the week of December 1, 2019**

**Sunday:** Is 2:1-5/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 1]/ Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

**Monday:** Is 4:2-6/Ps122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/ Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/ Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6/Ps 118: 1 and 8-9. 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/ Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday:** Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31

**Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Next Sunday:** Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 19 [cf. 7]/ Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF DEC. 2 – DEC. 8**

**Monday:** 8:00AM  
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**Tuesday:** 8:00AM  
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**Wednesday:** 8:00AM  
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**Thursday:**  
**Friday:**  
**NO MASS**  
**Saturday:** 11:00AM  
**NO MASS**

**4:00PM – VIGIL MASS**  
+ José Barros/ 1st Anniversary (by family)  
+ John H. DeBarros/ 15th Anniversary (by family)

**Sunday:** 9:00AM  
+ Eugenia Sylvia (by Tony & Susan Costa)  
+ Anthony N. Costa/ 1st Anniversary (by Mike Costa & family)  
11:00AM – FOR THE PEOPLE

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**Sanctuary Lamp – Dec. 1 – Dec. 7**

In Memory of  
All Deceased Members of O.L.O.A

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**WEEKLY COLLECTION NOVEMBER 2019**

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

Those that wish to mark a Mass or Sanctuary Lamp for 2020, the book is now opened. We kindly ask that payment is made at time of booking a Mass or mailing in payment when scheduling a Mass.

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

David DePina, Carol Almeida-Fortes & Carlton E. Pina

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**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Stay awake! With so many things competing for our attention and so many details to attend to, it is very easy to fall into a slumber. We can find ourselves simply going through the motions of life and losing a sense of purpose and direction. Busy with many things, we lose touch with the things of God, especially the gentle stirrings of His presence. Advent calls us to the challenge of living a wakeful life. Awake from the sleep that life’s demands can put on us, and allow God’s word to transform our hearts. Being ready for the coming of the Lord is life’s priority for the Christian. Let us walk in the light of the Lord!

**Question of the Week:** What am I doing that I would not want seen in the light of day, or at the hour I do not expect? What do I need to do to change this?
Second collection next Saturday & Sunday is for the Retired Religious. Please give generously.

Collection will take place on December 7 & 8th
Give in thanksgiving. “The nuns left lasting impressions on me,” writes a donor. “I shall always be grateful for my Catholic education.” Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. Next week’s second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. Please give generously.

Budget Envelope: If you are currently NOT using budget envelopes for your weekly contributions and would like to have an envelope box assigned to you, a sign-up sheet is located in front of the elevator lift.

Our Lady of the Assumption Church has 7 adults attending sessions to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop de Cunha will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Mary’s Cathedral in Fall River on December 5, 2019.

The OLOA parishioners who are in preparation are: Jassire Fernandes, Leidyna Furtado, Maria V. Gomes, Frezina Mendes, Elvis Sanchez, Ana and John Varela. Let us remember them in prayer.

Lectors & Eucharist Ministers Dec. 7 & Dec. 8
Vigil 4:00PM Lectors: Caroline Ramos & Nancy DaSilva
Eucharist Ministers: Camille Raymond & Peggy Rosa
9:00AM Lectors: Lindsey Monteiro & Luis Rosa
Eucharist Minister: Maria Grace, Dennis Golden & Linda Almeida
11:00AM Lectors: Marie Correia Coleman & Agnelo Centeio
Eucharist Minister: Shirley Magnett, Antonio R. Gomes & Ana Beal Mendes

Bishop da Cunha’s new blog
Did you know that this past Wednesday Bishop da Cunha launched a blog called “Building Faith?” That’s right! With the intent of sharing regularly with the faithful of the Diocese in an easy and increasingly popular way, Bishop da Cunha hopes to post each week on a variety of topics to our community of faith. Read Bishop da Cunha’s blog at fallriverdiocese.org

ADVENT PROGRAM
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OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION CHURCH
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2019 3:30PM
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The Office for Child Protection works to ensure the safety and security of all children as they participate in parish and diocesan programs. The Diocese of Fall River continues to offer Safe Environment programs to ensure the safety and security of all children as they participate in church and religious activities. Safe Environment programs require background check, training, and codes of conduct for employees and volunteers who work with young people.

Fall River Catholic Diocese Area — Bereavement Support Groups
This is a support group to help people cope with the loss of a loved one. Losing someone we love truly hurts. Leaving us with so many unanswered questions and a multitude of conflicting emotions. At first, we may turn to family and friends to share our grief; but as time goes on, we may find it difficult to reach out to them. It becomes difficult for them to understand our feelings. The group meets on Tuesdays from 7-9pm at the Catholic Education Center, 423 Highland Ave. Fall River, MA – Contact Rose Mary Saraiva at 508-678-2828 ext. 27 for more information.
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HAPPY Thanksgiving
“Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.”
- Psalm 107:8-9

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