

ANNOUNCEMENTS for THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Good morning and welcome to our guests and visitors. We have these announcements:

1. For the Catholic Francophone community here in Portugal, beginning next Sunday the 19th of January, a Mass in French will be celebrated in Altura at 11:00 AM. Future Masses in French will be held once per month, with the schedule to be confirmed.
2. On 1st and 2nd of February we will have the Pastoral visit of our Bishop Manuel Quintas. A detailed schedule will be shared when available, 2 key items to bring to your attention at this time:
 - a. The Bishop is expected to greet the English community in Santa Maria do Castelo on February 2nd at 10:30 AM. This means that our normal Sunday Mass in English will be celebrated in the Igreja Santa Maria for that day only.
 - b. There is a lunch scheduled for 1 PM on Feb 2nd (location TBD) and parishioners are welcome to attend. If you wish to take part in the lunch, please contact Rob de Santos.
3. On the weekend of 25/26 January, we are kicking off 'Saint Mary's Week'. The aim is to earnestly celebrate the Mother of God, patron saint of one of our parishes. There will be conferences, concerts and Eucharists scheduled throughout the week. The schedule will be shared as it is finalized.
4. The collection after Mass today for the St. Vincent de Paul Conference. Please donate so they can help the poor in our community.
5. Please note there are additional announcements on the reverse side of the PDF posted online with the readings for today.