

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS for the 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Good morning and welcome to our guests and visitors. If you miss any of the following, these announcements will, as always, be posted in our WhatsApp and Facebook groups and on the English community website. We have these announcements:

1. To assist the parish, we ask that if you do not choose to take any of the handouts home with you (*and it is fine if you do take them home!*), please take a moment to leave them at the ends of the pews or return them to the entrances when you leave. Your cooperation is appreciated!
2. We will be providing printed copies of the readings during Lent. We welcome donations to help offset the 25 euro weekly cost of printing the readings. If you would like to support this, please contact Rob and he can provide information on how to donate this week.
3. Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. There will not be a Portuguese Mass in the morning here at Santiago, but instead one at 7:30 PM. There will also be a Portuguese Mass in Cabanas at 6:00 PM. *There will **not** be an English Mass that day.*
4. During the **Fridays** of Lent, there will not be a Portuguese Mass here at Santiago church in the morning. Instead, to celebrate Fridays of Mercy, we will have a time of adoration and confessions in the afternoon. We will expose the Blessed Sacrament at 5:00 PM and have prayer and adoration until 7:00 PM, ending with the celebration of the Eucharist. You may gain a plenary indulgence for the Jubilee. To do this, you will also need to go to confession during Lent, receive Holy Communion, recite the creed, and pray for the Holy Father's intentions. During these Fridays, there will be a priest available for confession.
5. Tomorrow, as the first Monday of the month, we will have our Portuguese Bible study at Igreja de Santo Antonio at 8:30 AM.
6. If you would like to learn more about Catholicism or become a Catholic with English language instruction, please see Rob after Mass.
7. On Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, our parishes will be hosting the Vicariate meeting of adolescent catechesis.
8. This weekend another fraternal meeting is taking place, with the participation of two young people from our community. Let us pray for the participants.
9. Please note there are additional announcements on the reverse side of the PDF posted online with the readings for today.