

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the 7th 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. If you would like to join the lay ministries in English in this parish including as a lector, extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, cantor, greeter, or help with collections, please see Rob after Mass.
2. For the Portuguese Masses, there will be a formation meeting on March 4th for those who wish to lector at the Santa Luzia Pastoral Center. It starts at 9:00 AM and ends at Noon.
3. 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 at the entrances when you leave. Your cooperation is appreciated!
4. 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.
5. On Ash Wednesday, March 5th, 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.*
6. During the Fridays of Lent, there will not be a Portuguese Mass here at Santiago church in the morning. Instead, for the greater experience of the Jubilee, we will have a time of adoration and confessions in the afternoon. We will expose the Blessed Sacrament at 5:00 PM and adoration until 7:00 PM, ending with the celebration of the Eucharist. This way, people will be able to gain a plenary indulgence for the Jubilee. To gain a plenary indulgence, you will also need to go to confession during Lent, receive Holy Communion, recite the creed, and pray for the Holy Father's intentions. It is also important to give alms and practice charity towards our brothers and sisters.
7. We have already started collecting registrations for the parish pilgrimage to Rome and Italy in November. It will take place from November 8th to 14th, 2025. Anyone wishing to take part should register at the parish office. The

program includes visits to Rome, Assisi, Florence, Padua, and Venice. The guides will be in Portuguese.

8. At the main entrance to the church, we have a booklet for sale to help you live a Lenten life, which you can purchase.
9. Please note there are additional announcements on the reverse side of the PDF posted online with the readings for today.