

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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

1. Peace candles in support of the Caritas international charity are on sale outside the church. The candle sales support the ten million stars project of Caritas serving people in need around the world during the year.
2. The St. Vincent de Paul Conference is collecting non-perishable food for the poor during Advent. Bring milk, canned food, oil, olive oil, rice, pasta, cereals, etc. and leave them here in the church.
3. We will have English Mass on New Year's Day here at Santiago at 10:30 AM. Please invite your friends to join you. There is a full schedule of all the Masses in the parish, in both English and Portuguese on the WhatsApp group, the Facebook group, and the website.
4. On Sunday December 29th the Jubilee door will be opened in the Faro Cathedral in recognition of the Jubilee Year of 2025. All are invited to attend. Please meet at the Igreja de São Paulo in Faro and a procession will go from there to the cathedral. You can learn more about this Jubilee year in the Catholic church worldwide with links posted on our WhatsApp and Facebook groups, and on our website. **Diocese of the Algarve - Opening of church doors - <https://afl.fan/vdxlx>**
5. At the doors when you exit, you will find the book "Palavra e Vida," priced at five euros. It contains a reflection on the Gospel of the liturgy for every day of the year in Portuguese for those learning the language.
6. As you will have noted this morning, we are providing, on a trial basis during Advent, the readings and general information on a handout. The Lay Liturgical ministry and Media ministry of the English Community are exploring a regular weekly bulletin as a more permanent solution, but we do not have any decision or timetable currently. The cost for this month is funded by donations from the Lay Liturgy group of the English community.
7. Please note there are additional announcements on the reverse side of the reading's handout for today.