

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

1. Our young people continue to sell cakes at the end of each Mass to raise money for the youth jubilee that will take place in Rome beginning at the end of July in 2025.
2. 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 every year.
3. 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.
4. Confessions during Advent at the Church of Santiago will be on Friday the 20th of December from 7:00 to 9:00 PM and Saturday the 21st of December from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. There will be multiple priests present to take your confession. There will also be confessions on December 16th from 4:00 to 6:00-PM in Santa Luzia, on December 18th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM in Cabanas, and on the 21st from 8:00 to 9:00 PM in Conceição.
5. Today, the Feast of Light will be celebrated with the arrival of the Light of Peace in Santiago parish at 9:00 PM. At 4:00 PM, there will be a celebration in Portimão to welcome the Light of Peace from Bethlehem in Palestine.
6. We will have English Mass on Christmas Day here at Santiago at 10:30 AM. On Christmas Day and next Sunday, December 22nd, we will sing carols led by our cantor Isobel Reis. Printed music will be provided.
7. 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.
8. Please note there are additional announcements on the reverse side of the readings for today.
9. Today is the monthly collection for the St. Vincent de Paul community and their work feeding those in need in our community.