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Welcome to St. John Neumann Parish.

Thank You for joining us in worship today.
We hope you will join us on the spiritual journey,
in ministry to all God's people. Please contact
the parish office for information on how to
register as a member of our parish.

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11



The Epiphany of the Lord

January 2, 2022

Saturday, Jan. 1: *Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord*
4:00PM - People of the Parish

Sunday, Jan. 2: *The Epiphany of the Lord*
8:00AM – Antonio Miguel Jr.
10:00AM – Michelle & Dennis Messier

Monday, Jan. 3: *Christmas Weekday*
7:30AM – Pauline Roy

Tuesday, Jan. 4: *Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious*
7:30 AM – Daniel J. Hanlon

Wednesday, Jan. 5.: *Saint John Neumann, Bishop*
7:30 AM - Kenneth Bock

Thursday, Jan. 6: *Christmas Weekday*
7:30 AM – Alvaro DeSousa

Saturday, Jan. 8: *Vigil: Baptism of the Lord*
4:00PM - Lizotte & Nowicki Families

Sunday, Jan. 9: *Baptism of the Lord*
8:00AM – June Harriman
10:00AM – Maria Sousa



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mary, Mother of All Nations Chapel is now open on Weekdays from 8:00 am to 7:00pm for private prayer

Eucharistic Adoration is available on Mondays & Thursdays from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm. (excluding holidays)

WeShare (Online Giving)

If you would like to enroll in Online Giving, please visit www.sjnfreetown.org and click on “Donate Online”. With WeShare, you can set up a recurring weekly or monthly transactions using your checking, savings or credit card. Any questions about WeShare, please contact the parish office at 508-763-2240.



Prayer Tree - Please stop by the Chapel and visit our prayer tree . It will be in the chapel until January.

2021 End of Year end Statements of Donations are available by calling the office at 508-763-2240 or by emailing: contact@sjnfreetown.org



Daily Mass

No School = No Daily Mass

(Weather related)

Piety doesn't require needless risk. We cannot guarantee a plowed parking lot in time for Mass.

And, a “*Mass-no-matter-what*” policy seems to encourage needless driving and pedestrian slipping risk.

The St. Vincent de Paul members here at SJN would like to thank all those who gave generously through Holy Day collections as well as other donations to the collection basket and parish office throughout the year. Please know that we have put the funds to good use, supporting several families and individuals in need in the local community. Please know that you are making a difference. May God bless you for your generosity!

**“Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”
Mark 10:14**

At St. John Neumann Parish we all work together to protect our children. Please visit the Diocesan Safe Environment page for information on how we protect the faithful, and the steps involved to minister, work, or volunteer in the Diocese.

<https://www.fallriverdiocese.org/office-of-safe-environment/>

New to the parish ? Welcome !!

Consider officially registering in the parish. Registration forms can be found in the narthex, by calling the parish office or on our website, www.sjnfreetown.org





Diocese of Fall River
Office of the Bishop
Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., D.D.

Bishop da Cunha's 2021 Christmas Message

A Season of Opportunity

Dear Friends in Christ,

Opportunity is defined as a set of circumstances that makes it possible to do something. The last two years have presented us with various circumstances, some extremely difficult, with which we can do something beautiful. We can come together and use these moments to breathe fresh hope into our homes, parishes, and world. While the Covid-19 pandemic continues to concern us, and require our caution, I look toward the celebration of Christmas and the New Year that is nearly upon us with expectant hope and faith.

This year, Pope Francis invited the whole Church to join on a two-year journey (2021-2023) to focus on synodality: a decisive theme for the life and mission of the Church. The Holy Spirit is undoubtedly moving in our Diocese. As the theme of my pastoral letter, I chose *Journeying Together: With Jesus on the Path of Faith and Hope*, shortly after Pope Francis announced the synod theme, *For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission*. Synodality asks us to consider: how can the Church better function as the Body of Christ?

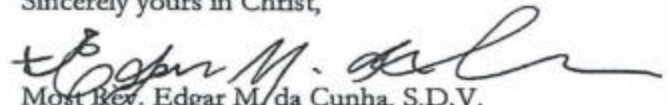
The central hope for us embracing this synodal process is for all of us to become part of a caring and listening Church. Journeying together requires a great commitment to listen to the voices of all who make up the People of God. Individually and as a parish, we have an opportunity to embrace the process as a means for growth and creating meaningful connections. First, during this joyous time of holiday gatherings, either in person or virtual, open your heart to truly listen to your friends and family—pay attention to their cares and concerns; what a magnificent way to experience the synodal process in your life. Second, the synod will create opportunities for parishes in their revitalization efforts. What remarkable potential the formal and informal coming together of the People of God presents.

I also look forward with faith and hope to the nationwide Eucharistic Revival set to launch next summer and conclude with a Eucharistic Congress in 2024. I am truly excited as plans are taking shape for this initiative. I can already envision the many blessings these will bring to the Church at large as well as to the Diocese of Fall River. The three years working together to better understand and communicate the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist will bring innumerable graces. I have no doubt hearts will be set aflame, people's faith will be reignited, and souls will grow ever closer to Christ.

During this Christmas season, I pray that we all experience a renewal of faith and hope as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior. May our celebrations strengthen us to remain steadfast in our desire to share this Good News with the world. May we see all the good things put into motion this year come to fruition in our lives, our Diocese, and the world. May all answer God's call to be a part of the revitalization and renewal of the Church, through our love, dedication, and perseverance as disciples and witnesses of our Eucharistic Lord.

May God bless you and your loved ones, and may you enjoy a very happy, joyful, blessed and Merry Christmas.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V.
Bishop of Fall River

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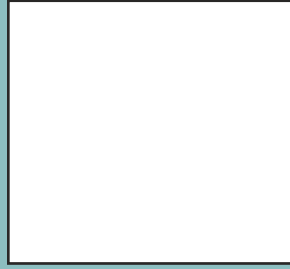
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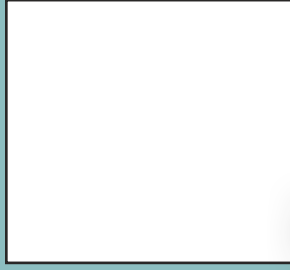
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