



# FALL RIVER MASSACHUSETTS

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## **Itinerary for the Annual Great Feast of the Holy Ghost in Fall River**

**(FALL RIVER, MA-August 15, 2024)**- The Great Feast of the Holy Ghost is returning to Fall River this month. The annual celebration will commence on Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> and conclude on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. The Great Feast of the Holy Ghost is one of the largest Azorean celebrations in the world, celebrated annually since 1986.

**Residents should be advised that from Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, there will be road closures and potential delays in streets surrounding the Feast.** Special parking permits will be administered by the Fall River Police Department to those who live near Kennedy Park. **Eligible residents for a parking permit are as follows:**

- **Bradford Avenue (#380 - #651)**
- **Middle Street (#517 - #685)**
- **Eagle Street (#289 - #303)**
- **Fountain Street (#311 - #358)**
- **Mulberry Street (#358 - #384)**
- **Division Street (#369, #381, #451 and #509)**

**The permits will be valid from Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> through Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>.**

Parking permits will be distributed by the Fall River Police Department on **Wednesday August 21<sup>st</sup> from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.** at the FRPD Mobile Command Post located in upper Kennedy Park. Residents must present their current motor vehicle registration to be issued a permit. Permits will only be given to those with MV registrations that reflect vehicles registered to the above addresses.

For updates on parking and street closures on the week of the Feast, please visit [The City of Fall River Facebook Page](#) and/or [www.fallriverma.gov](http://www.fallriverma.gov).

The Great Feast of the Holy Ghost in Fall River is organized by the Holy Ghost Committee, and is filled with activities centered on faith, food, Azorean culture, and entertainment. Please see the full itinerary below:

### **The Great Feast of the Divine Holy Spirit 2024 Itinerary**

#### **Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>:**

**5:00 p.m.:** The recitation of the Rosary following the blessing and serving of the Soups in Adoration of the Divine Holy Spirit.

#### **Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>:**

**Location:** Kennedy Park, 145 – 199 Bradford Street, Fall River, MA 02721.

**4:00 p.m.:** Food courts open

**7:00 p.m.:** Opening Lighting at Kennedy Park

**7:00 p.m. – 10:45 p.m.:** Live entertainment

- **7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.:** Nathan Pimentel
- **7:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.:** Sabrina
- **8 :00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.:** YaBoi Loco
- **8:15 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.:** Dimanne
- **8:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.:** XAXA
- **9:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.:** Peter Vieira
- **9:30 p.m. – 10:45 p.m.:** Band Inc.

**11:00 p.m.:** Closing

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## **Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>:**

**Location:** Kennedy Park, 145-199 Bradford Street, Fall River, MA 02721.

**4:00 p.m.:** Food courts open

**7:00 p.m.:** The entry of Divine Holy Spirit Officials, blessing and distributing of the “Pensoes” this ceremony will be officiated by Bishop Armando Esteves Domongues. A performance from the Philharmonic Lira Nossa Out Lady Star of Candelaria from the Azores at the ceremony.

**8:00 p.m.:** Inauguration of the Azorean Handicraft Exhibitions and Regional Products of the Azores of the responsibility of artisans from the Azores and locals.

**8:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.:** Leaflets of the Holy Spirit: Leaflets of Our Lady of the Rosary of Providence Church.

**8:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.:** Amigos Acoreanos de Somerset

**9:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.:** Jessia Amaro

**9:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.:** Emily

**10:00 p.m.- 10:45 p.m.:** Legacy

**11:00 p.m.:** Closing

## **Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>:**

**9:30 a.m.:** Parade of the “Bodo de Leite” and Ethnographic Display leaving the Gates of the City, going through Columbia Street and South Main Street in the direction of Kennedy Park, where the milk and sweet bread will be distributed to those present in honor of the Divine Spirit.

**1:00 p.m.:** The procession will arrive at Kennedy Park around 1:00 p.m. to kick off the feast festivities for the day and will go until 11:00 p.m.

**2:00 p.m. – 10:45 p.m.:** Music and Folklore Festival

- **2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.:** Rancho Folclorico do Cranston Portuguess Club
- **2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.:** Azorean Cultural Society Folk Ranch
- **3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.:** Fishtail Village Sea & Land Pantry USA

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- **3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.:** Folk Music- Various Groups
  - **5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.:** Packets
- **6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.:** Concert by St. Ceclia Philharmonic – USA
- **7:15 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.:** Concert by the Philharmonic Lyra Our Lady Start of Candelaria, Sao Miguel, Azores.
- **8:45 p.m. – 9:05 p.m.:** Nelson Rego
- **9:05 p.m. – 9:45 p.m.:** Promix
- **9:45 p.m. – 10:45 p.m.:** Nelia

**11:00 p.m.:** Closing

### **Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>:**

**12:00 p.m.:** Solemn High Mass at Santo Cristo Church at 240 Columbia Street, celebrated by Bishop D. Armando Esteves Domingues and the Rev. Father Maurice Gauvin, pastor of the Holy Ghost Church in Fall River.

**2:00 p.m.:** Crowning Procession

**12:00 p.m. – 9:45 p.m.:** Feast festivities to take place at Kennedy Park.

- **5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.:** Concert by St. Anthony Philharmonic- USA
- **6:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.:** Concert by Philharmonic of the East Star of Algarvia, Sao Miguel, Azores.
- **7:15 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.:** Jessica Amaro
- **8:30 p.m. – 9:45 p.m.:** Joey Medeiros

**10:00 p.m.:** Closing

### **Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>:**

**6:00 p.m.:** Ending Banquet at Whites of Westport Restaurant (66 State Rd, Westport, MA 02790)

For updates or questions about the Great Feast of the Holy Ghost in Fall River, please contact the Holy Ghost Committee: [info@grandesfestas.org](mailto:info@grandesfestas.org). You can also visit their website [grandesfestas.com](http://grandesfestas.com) for more information.