
2025 UPSES Portuguese Capela Annual Report

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“Today, as it was intended in 1922, the Chapel is used to house the Crown of the Holy Spirit during the Festa do Espirito Santo celebrations. On Pentecost Sunday, devotees of the Holy Spirit visit the Chapel to pray and offer a donation of money or Portuguese sweetbread to assure the continuation of this time-honored ethnic religious celebration.”

Festa 2025, the chapel collected \$7000 in donations during Festa. We were open all 3 days, on Friday & Saturday, 5:00 pm till 8:30, and on Festa Sunday from 11:00 am till 6:00 pm.

We thank the volunteers who took their 2- to 3-hour shifts. Alyssa Barandiaran, Kerena Monroig, Arnold Madruga, Rosemarie Silva, Andrea Brito, Gayle Frank, Jeff Madruga, Maria Silva, and David Tavares. The chapel was full of visitors all weekend. Thanks to Sra. Cecilia Medina, Teresa Medina, and Suzette Simoes, who donated the traditional sweet breads for purchase. To all our other bakers, Tamy Varley, and Maria Garces.

Congratulations to the Byrne Family on a beautiful 2025 Festa. To the 2026 Festa Family, Pamela Rodrigues, we wish you a successful festa.

The generosity and participation shown by our community continue to sustain the tradition and spirit of the Festa. This year, we welcomed both longtime supporters and new visitors, each contributing to the celebration's vibrant atmosphere. We look forward to continuing this legacy in the years to come.

Submitted:

Therese Garces