



Saint Anthony of Padua Church

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20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire,
and how I wish it were already blazing!" Luke 12:49



MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday

6:30 am *English*
8:00 am *Spanish*
9:30 am *English*
11:00 am *Spanish*

Monday - Thursday

7:00 am *English*

Thursday

7:30 pm *Spanish*

Friday

5:15 pm *English*

Saturday

4:00 pm *English (Sunday Vigil Mass)*

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday 6:30 pm – 7:15 pm *Chapel*
Thursday 6:30 pm – 7:15 pm *Church*
Friday 4:15 pm – 5:00 pm *Chapel*
Saturday 11:00 am – 11:45 am *Church*
3:00 pm – 3:45 pm *Church*

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

BAPTISM

Saturday at 12:00 pm | Every third in English | Every fourth in Spanish

MARRIAGE

Diocesan rules require registered parishioners to contact the Pastor at least 8 months in advance. *Classes are required.*

ANOIDTING OF THE SICK

Please notify the Parish Office at 508-993-1691 for a Minister of Care to bring communion to those who are in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes. This can be arranged on a regular basis. Anointing of the Sick (performed by a priest) can be received at any time during a serious illness.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday 6:30 pm – 7:15 pm *Chapel*; Thursday 6:30 pm – 7:15 pm *Church*
Friday 4:15 pm – 5:00 pm *Chapel*; Saturday 9:30 am – 3:30 pm *Chapel*

FAITH FORMATION *(For youth and children)*

Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 6:00 pm – 7:15 pm at Immaculate Conception School - 136 Earl Street New Bedford, MA.

OCIA *(Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)*

If you or anyone is interested in the Catholic Faith or in becoming a Catholic, please call the parish Office at 508-993-1691.

SUNDAY AUGUST 17, 2025

Welcome to Saint Anthony's

If you are new to St. Anthony of Padua Parish, please know how welcome you are to worship God with us. The motto of our parish is written in Latin over the front entrance: "The hardworking people of St. Anthony have built this Temple to the Lord." We know that we have been blessed with one of the most beautiful church most people have ever seen and that the Lord demands more of those who have been given more. Our goal is to allow the Lord to build with us a parish community of "living Stones" even more beautiful than the physical edifice in which we have the awesome privilege to worship Him. We would love you to become part of that building project!



Parish Staff

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Pastor

Fr. Mariano Varela, IVE | Ext. 102

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Fr. Mario Rojas, IVE

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Deacon Jeremias Carranza

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Sacristan Sr. Annette Brassard | Ext. 112

Remember them in your prayers!

Eternal Rest

We are asked to pray for the sick, especially for

*Grace Gonsalves, Henrique Trindade, Lucille Connolly,
Diane Barksdale, Hunt Barksdale, Rob Jardin, Adrien
Aube, Jose Soares, Loretta Hevey, Thomas Sargent, Robert
Keegan, Sandra & Family, Manuel Debrito
Alan Edwards and Jose M. Carcamo, Nataly Alvarado,
Madaleine Mendoza.*

That the Lord may give them health and strength

Mass Intentions

MONDAY

7:00am

TUESDAY

7:00am

WEDNESDAY

7:00am

THURSDAY

7:00am

7:30pm

FRIDAY

5:15pm

SATURDAY

4:00pm

SUNDAY

6:30am *English*

8:00am *Español*

9:30am *English*

11:00am *Español*

AUGUST 18

†Grace Winsper

AUGUST 19

†Joao Dasilva & Carmina Diaz

AUGUST 20

†Benta & Celestina Goncalves

†Palmina Pacheco

AUGUST 21

†Vivian Paiva

†Andres Aj

†Lorenzo Carrascoza

†Brayden A. Reyes

AUGUST 22

†Gilberto & Maria Flor

†Manuel & Jose Lopes

†Carlos Cordeiro

AUGUST 23

†Theresa Quintin

AUGUST 24

†Eugenia Martins

†Jesus Garcia

†Stephen Mendoza

†Joao DaSilva

†Carmina Diaz

†Edgar Pucha, IVE

Sanctuary Lamp

Will burn the month of August in memory of
†Raymond & Georgette Roy

READINGS & OBSERVANCES 2025 YEAR C

20TH SUNDAY	Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18/Heb 12:1-4/Lk
ORDINARY TIME	Aug 17 12:49-53
MONDAY	Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab+44/
Aug 18	Mt 19:16-22
TUESDAY	<i>St. John Eudes, priest</i>
Aug 19	Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30
WEDNESDAY	<i>St. Bernard, abbot and doctor of the Church</i>
Aug 20	Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16
THURSDAY	<i>St. Pius X, pope</i>
Aug 21	Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14
FRIDAY	<i>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Aug 22	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40
SATURDAY	<i>St. Rose of Lima, virgin</i>
Aug 23	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12
21ST SUNDAY	Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-
ORDINARY TIME	Aug 24 30

Pastor's Message

Dear brothers and sisters, this Sunday we hear Jesus tell us, "I have not come to bring peace, but division." We could say that this phrase of Jesus contrasts with other words from his own lips: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you." So how can we understand what Jesus says, "I have not

situation of indifference where everything is equal, nor does it come from the elimination of difficulties. Christ is the complete opposite of false peace, of that dull attitude that ultimately reveals that one has nothing worth fighting, living, and dying for; he is pure passion, a consuming fire: "I have come to set the world on fire."

Christians, too, live in a deadly struggle against evil: "You have not yet fought for blood in your fight against sin." The prophet Jeremiah, in the first reading, is persecuted for denouncing evil. A peace born of tolerating evil is not the peace of Christ. We must reckon with those who reject evil. Christ, even if they are members of our own family, will always persecute us, precisely for following Christ and being faithful to the gospel. A cowardly peace, achieved by betraying Christ, is not peace. He is the first, the only, the absolute. Christ and his gospel are non-negotiable. Setting the ultimate criterion of not clashing, being on good terms with everyone at any price, not creating problems for oneself, ends up leading to a rejection of Christ. And sometimes the choice is im-

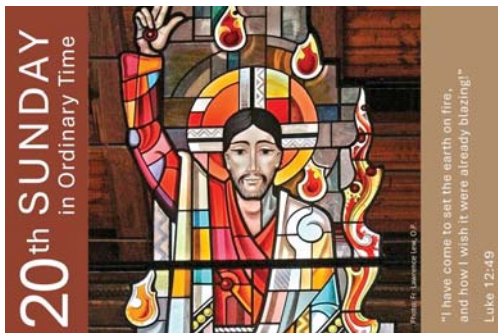
posed: "Either with me or against me."

I also remind you about the registrations for catechism classes. This year, due to the large number of children, we will close registration early. Therefore, if you have your children or grandchildren, please call to the parish or one of the sisters for more information. We also need volunteers as security.

You are also invited to the procession of the Bom Jesus Senhor da Pedra, in the Church of the Immaculate Conception at 2pm. This is a beautiful procession where you can see the devotion and culture of the Acores.

On Friday August 22nd the adoration and the Mass will be held at the main Church, since after Mass there will be a talk regarding our blessed Mother of Guadalupe.

Blessings to all! Fr. Mariano



come to bring peace, but division"? This means that we must not understand Christ's words according to our purely human criteria: "Not as the world gives, I give to you" (Jn 14:27).

The peace of Christ does not consist in the absence of struggle; it is not identified with a

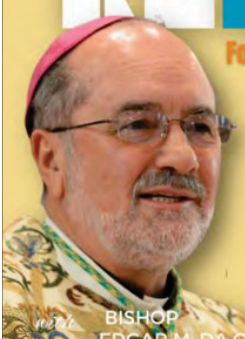


Are you a catholic married couple ready to inspire others? Become a Marriage Ministry Mentor in the Diocese of Fall River. Receive training, formation, guidance, and resources and help prepare engaged couples for their Sacrament of Matrimony. If interested, please contact Irina Robinson, Family and Respect Life Director, at irobinson@dioc-fr.org / 508-669-7966 or Deborah LeDoux, Family and Respect Life Coordinator at dledoux@dioc-fr.org / 508-658-2956.

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News and Events

Parish Bazaar

As we planned for the next parish bazaar we need your generosity. Please donate gift cards, children toys, new items you would like to donate.

Saint Anthony Food Pantry

Volunteers are always needed. Feel free to come to see if that is for you. Thursdays from 10am to 11:30am. For permanent volunteers you will need to do the Safe environment training.

OCIA Classes

If you or someone you know you like to know more about the Catholic Church, or receive the Sacrament of Confirmation as adult, please call the secretary for enquiries. We meet every Sundays after the 9:30am Mass.

Legion of Mary

Every Friday of the year from 6pm to 7pm in the classroom of the parish. Weekly meeting and home visiting, and special events.



FAITH FORMATION

Classes start: **Tues. Sept 9th** (grades 6th thru 9th)

Wed. Sept. 10th (K thru 5th grade)

Location to Register and Classes:

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 136 EARLE ST.

SIGN UP TIMES Cost: \$60/child, \$80 for 2+ children

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Discount for Registration during August!

SIGN UP NOW **SAT. Aug. 16th** from 10 AM to 1 PM
SUN. Aug. 17th from 10 AM to 1 PM

SAT.. Aug. 30th from 10 AM to 1 PM

SUN.. Aug. 31st from 10 AM to 1 PM



Parish Leader CONVOCATION

Saturday, September 6, 2025
St. John Neumann, 157 Middleboro Road, East Freetown

Commencement and Development for all Parish, Catechetical, & Ministry Leaders, Catechists and Volunteers ahead of Catechetical Sunday with:

INTO THE BREACH

Calling Catholic men into the battle.

Wednesday August 20, 2025 7:00pm

St. Anthony of Padua Church

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New Bedford, MA 02746



The K&C of St. Anthony's are inviting men to join us on Wednesday August 20 at 7:00pm for prayer, fellowship, and discussing on a video series - Into the Breach— an Apostolic Exhortation for Catholic men written by Bishop Thomas Olmsted.

Each session will include a twenty or so video presentation. Following the video presentation we will have a group discussion for approximately an hour.



St. Teresa of Calcutta School

Seeks a Grade 5 Teacher for the 2025-26 School Year

Announcement



St. Anthony of Padua Church You're Invited

Our Lady of Guadalupe
"Am I not here, I, who am your mother"

Friday Aug. 22, 2025

4:15PM - Eucharistic Adoration
5:15PM - Holy Mass
6:15PM - Talk

Speaker: Jane Wilcox

Jane will give a history of the miraculous image and how it relates to what we are living through in our times.

The Miraculous Image

A special Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe is visiting the Fall River Diocese from Aug. 17 to Sept. 8, 2025. St. Anthony of Padua parish will have the blessing of hosting Our lady's image for Friday August 22, 2025. This image is an exact replica of the original image of Our Lady which She left on the Tilma of St. Juan Diego in Dec 1531.

The image is among four blessed at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico by the Rector of the Basilica, Msgr. Monroy, to bring conversions, reverence for life, sanctity of the family and solidarity of the Church in America. The Missionary Images are known to have been associated with many miracles and healings.

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Maria Sede Breakfast Sunday August 17, 2025

Menu: Eggs, Bacon, Pancake, Home
Fries, Toast
Orange Juice and Coffee

Serving from 7am to 12 noon

Adults : \$ 10.00

Children : \$ 7.00

Tickets are available

To purchase tickets call (508) 993 1691

Or purchase tickets at the door.

Sacrificial Giving and Stewardship

Weekly Collections

SUNDAY AUGUST 10, 2025

Weekly Collection		\$ 5,549.25
2nd Collection		\$ 1,653.50
Candle Shrines		\$ 170.75

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY
Upcoming Second collections

8/24/2025

RENOVATION

Announcement

BAZAR REQUEST!

Our annual Bazaar will be held Saturday November 1st and Sunday November 2nd only 3 months away. We need someone who's willing to manage the pastry tables. This does not mean you bake everything yourself you would display the baked goods that are brought in and price the items to sell. Call the rectory and leave your name and Tel# if interested in volunteering for this particular activity.

**SALVATION
OF SOULS**



WE NEED YOU!



CATECHISM

Catechism Help needed:

- Catechists to teach Adults, Children, and Youth
- Assistants in set-up and classroom
- Security/hall monitor

*Days available: Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday

*Instruction provided

Contact: Mother Maria Aeiparthenos

774-849-0986 or ccd@saintanthonynb.org



Mensaje del Padre Mariano

Queridos hermanos en este domingo escuchamos a Jesús que nos dice «No he venido a traer paz, sino división». Podríamos decir que esta frase de Jesús contrasta con otras palabras salidas de sus mismos labios: «La paz os dejo, mi paz os doy». Entonces como podemos entender a lo que Jesús dice, "no

de indiferencia donde todo da igual, ni proviene de la eliminación de las dificultades. Cristo es todo lo contrario a es falsa paz, a esa actitud anodina que en el fondo delata que uno no tiene nada por lo que valga la pena luchar, vivir y morir; él es pura pasión, fuego devorador: «He venido a prender fuego en el mundo».

También el cristiano vive en una lucha a muerte contra el mal: «Todavía no habéis llegado a la sangre en vuestra pelea contra el pecado». El profeta Jeremías en la primera lectura, es perseguido por denunciar el mal. Una paz que nace de tolerar el mal no es la paz de Cristo. Hay que contar con que los que rechazan a Cristo, aunque sean de la propia familia, siempre nos perseguirán, precisamente por seguir a Cristo ser fieles al evangelio. Una paz cobarde, lograda a base de traicionar a Cristo, no es paz. Él es el primero, el único, el absoluto. Cristo y su evangelio no son negociables. Poner como criterio máximo el no chocar, el estar a bien con todos a cualquier precio, el no crearse

problemas, acaba llevando a renegar de Cristo. Y a veces se impone la opción: «O conmigo o contra mí».

Les recuerdo también las registraciones para la catequesis. Este año, debido al gran número de niños, vamos a cerrar pronto las inscripciones. Por eso, los invitamos a que hablen con las hermanas para la registración.

El día 6 de Septiembre tenemos la convocatoria para los líderes parroquiales. El encargado de evangelización de la Diócesis de Fall River aviso que el estará dando una charla a la comunidad hispana en ese día. Los esperamos.

Están invitados también a la procesión del Senhor Da Pedra en la iglesia de la Inmaculada.

P. Mariano



he venir a traer la paz, sino división? Ello quiere decir que no hemos de entender las palabras de Cristo según nuestros criterios puramente humanos: «No os la doy como la da el mundo» (Jn 14,27).

La paz de Cristo no consiste en la carencia de lucha, no se identifica con una situación



Convocatoria de Líderes Parroquiales - 6 de septiembre a las 9:00 a. m. en la Iglesia de San Juan Neumann

La Convocatoria de Líderes Parroquiales es uno de los dos días de desarrollo profesional del año para líderes pastorales y catequéticos, así como para sus catequistas y voluntarios. Este año, este día también servirá como la celebración diocesana del Jubileo de los Catequistas. El día incluirá una misa con el obispo da Cunha, desayuno, almuerzo y un discurso del obispo da Cunha.



AVISO IMPORTANTE:

A todos los miembros de los grupos de oración y voluntarios de Nuestra Iglesia San Antonio les pedimos que por favor pasen a la oficina de la Parroquia a renovar el Cori para el año 2025-2026, la oficina esta abierta de lunes a Viernes de 8:30am a 4:30pm si necesita mas informacion por favor llame a la oficina (508) 993-1691

Rosario de Los Jueves

Comunidad Maria Puerta Del Cielo: 08/21/2025
Comunidad San Kilian: 08/28/2025
Comunidad Maria Sede de La Sabiduria: 09/04/2025
Comunidad Maria Puerta del Cielo: 09/11/2025
Comunidad San Kilian: 09/18/2025

Grupos de Limpieza

Comunidad Maria Puerta del Cielo: 08/16/2025
Comunidad San Kilian: 08/23/2025
Comunidad Maria Sede de la Sabiduria: 09/06/2025
Comunidad Maria Puerta del Cielo: 09/13/2025
Comunidad San Kilian: 09/20/2025



Inicio de clases: martes 9 de septiembre (6.º a 9.º grado)

Miércoles 10 de septiembre (K a 5.º grado)

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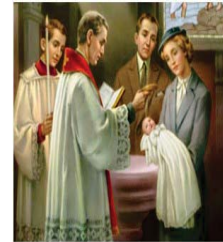
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**PRÓXIMAS CHARLAS DE BAUTISMO
Y FECHA DE LOS MISMOS**

Septiembre 2025

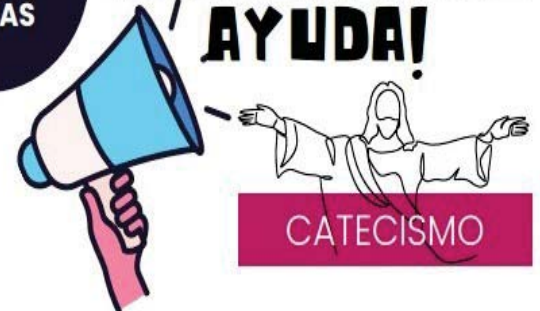
Charlas: Viernes 5 de Sept. 2025 a las
7:30pm en el Salón Parroquial



Bautismo: Sábado 27 de Sept. 2025 a las
12:pm En La Iglesia Principal.

**SALVACIÓN
DE LAS
ALMAS**

**¡TE
NECESITAMOS
AYUDA!**



Catecismo Ayuda necesaria:

- Catequistas para enseñar a adultos, niños y jóvenes.
- Asistentes en aula.
- Monitor de seguridad/pasillo

***Días disponibles: Domingo, Martes, Miércoles**

Contacto: Madre María Aeiparthenos

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San Bernardo
Abad y Doctor de la Iglesia

Conocido como Bernardo de Claraval, este abad francés y doctor de la iglesia, es considerado como el segundo fundador de los cistercienses. En el año 1113, ingresó al relativamente nuevo monasterio en Citeaux junto con cuatro de sus hermanos y 27 amigos y, más adelante, ellos fundaron el monasterio en Claraval, del cual surgieron 68 otras comunidades. A pesar de su delicada salud y de su devoción a la mortificación personal, Bernardo fue una de las primeras estrellas en Europa occidental: A él le consultaban papas y reyes, combatió herejías y apoyó la Segunda Cruzada. Los enfermos y mutilados bordeaban los caminos que él recorría, esperando que se produjera un milagro. Dante eligió a Bernardo como su guía final en el "Paraiso", al término de "La Divina Comedia". Él es el patrón de Gibraltar.

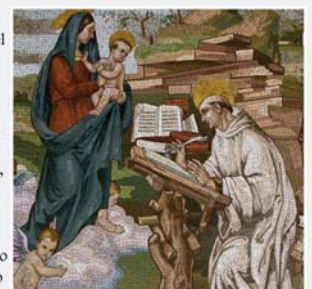


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