



Saint Anthony of Padua Church

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

So too, you also must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.

Mt 24:44

I DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

También ustedes estén preparados,
porque a la hora que menos lo
piensen, vendrá el Hijo del hombre.

Mt 24, 44

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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*

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday from 8:30 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*.

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.

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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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, Sandra
& Family, Alan Edwards and Jose M. Carcamo, Nataly
Alvarado, Madaleine Mendoza, Nick Dagenais.*

That the Lord may give them health and strength

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY

4:00pm

SUNDAY

6:30am *English*

8:00am *Español*

9:30am *English*

11:00am *Español*

MONDAY

7:00am

TUESDAY

7:00am

WEDNESDAY

7:00am

THURSDAY

7:00am

7:30pm

FRIDAY

5:15

SATURDAY

4:00pm

SUNDAY

6:30am *English*

8:00am *Español*

9:30am *English*

11:00am *Español*

NOVEMBER 29

†Everardo Lara

NOVEMBER 30

†Gerry Laferriere

†Souls in Purgatory

Pro Populo

†Andres Aj

DECEMBER 1

Int. Long Pham

DECEMBER 2

†Souls in Purgatory

DECEMBER 3

†Souls in Purgatory

†Anne Hayes Berry

NOVEMBER 4

†Deceased members of the IVE

†Germana & Pedro Pacheco

†Juana F. Ayala

DECEMBER 5

†Fernando do Couto

DECEMBER 6

†Souls in Purgatory

DECEMBER 7

†Emilio & Maria Dasilva

†Manuel Couto

†Souls in Purgatory

†Bob Keegan

†Souls in Purgatory

Sanctuary Lamp

Will burn the month of December in memory of

†Nancy Paiva

READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2025

SUNDAY Nov 30	First Sunday of Advent, Year A Is 2:1-5/Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44
MONDAY Dec 1	Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
TUESDAY Dec 2	Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
WEDNESDAY Dec 3	<i>Saint Francis Xavier, Priest</i> Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37
THURSDAY Dec 4	<i>Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i> Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1+8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27
FRIDAY Dec 5	Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31
SATURDAY Dec 6	<i>Saint Nicholas, Bishop</i> Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
SUNDAY Dec 7	Second Sunday of Advent Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Pastor Message

The first Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of a sacred journey—a season of preparation, hope, and renewed anticipation for the coming of our Lord. As we light the first candle, we are invited to pause, reflect, and awaken our hearts to God's presence and purpose. The prophet Isaiah, with his power-

mation. Over these four weeks, we experience four sacred knocks at the door of our hearts. Each week, Christ gently calls us, asking: Are you awake? Are you ready? Will you open the door and let me in? This is not just a rhetorical question. It is an invitation to renewal, to rediscover what it means to live as people of faith, hope, and love.

Isaiah's message is timely and relevant. In the busyness and distractions of life, it is easy to drift into spiritual sleep—going through motions, but missing the heart of the season. Advent calls us to be intentional. It urges us to make room for prayer, acts of kindness, and moments of quiet reflection. It challenges us to let go of habits that dull our spirits and instead embrace the things of God: humility, compassion, forgiveness, and joy.

As we listen to the gentle knocking at our hearts, let us ask ourselves: Am I truly awake? Am I open to God's surprises? Am I preparing not only my home, but my soul, for Christ's coming? Each Sunday, as we gather

in hope, let us answer Christ's call with a resounding yes. Let us keep watch, stay awake, and welcome Him with open hearts when Christmas dawns. For those who watch and wait in faith will be filled with the light and love of Emmanuel—God with us.

I joyfully invite you and your loved ones to join us for our Advent Retreat on **Sunday, December 13, 2025**. The retreat will begin with Mass at 8:30 AM. The Advent Retreat is a wonderful opportunity to pause, reflect, and spiritually prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Through prayer, reflection, and community, we can open our hearts to the true meaning of this sacred season. Have a wonderful Sunday!

Christus Vincit! Christus Regnat!
Christ Imperat!
Fr. Mariano Varela, IVE



ful words, encourages us to "wake up from our sleep" and turn toward the ways of God. It is a call to shake off spiritual slumber, to open our eyes to the miracles around us, and to prepare ourselves for the greatest miracle of all: the birth of Jesus Christ.

Advent is not merely a countdown to Christmas; it is a season designed for transfor-

From the Choir Loft: the First Sunday of Advent



As we begin this new liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent, we're also embarking on a new chapter in how we worship together as a parish. Starting today, you'll notice that instead of the familiar Source and Summit hardcover missals in the pews, we're introducing weekly printed worship aids.

Advent is a season of preparation and watchful waiting—a time when the Church invites us to examine our practices and prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming. In that same spirit of discernment, we're trying something new to better serve our parish community.

What's Changing?

Each week, you'll receive a fresh worship aid containing everything you need for that Sunday's Mass: the readings, the responsorial psalm, and all the music for

our liturgy. The music and readings will continue to come primarily from Source and Summit, maintaining the quality and beauty you've come to know and appreciate.

Why the Change?

This is an experiment to determine whether weekly worship aids might be more cost-effective than our annual missal subscription. At the end of the year, we'll evaluate this approach and decide which option best serves our parish's needs and stewardship responsibilities.

What We're Asking of You

As with any new beginning, there may be an adjustment period. We ask for your patience and feedback as we navigate this change together. Please feel free to share your thoughts with me, as we're happy to include anything in the worship aids that you feel may be lacking from the hard copy missals.

Just as we prepare in Advent for Christ's coming, we trust that the Lord will guide us in this practical matter of parish life. Whether we worship with weekly

aids or annual missals, what matters most is that we gather as one Body to give God the praise He deserves.

May this Advent season—and this new approach to our worship aids—help us all draw closer to Christ as we await His coming with joyful hope.

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"The musical tradition of the universal Church is a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art."

~ Vatican Council 2, The Constitution of The Sacred Liturgy, 1963, 112.

GRAND ANNUAL PARISH APPEAL



As our "Grand Annual Parish Appeal" is coming to close, Fr. Mariano extends his heartfelt thanks to everyone who has stepped forward this year in loving support of our church and all that it does for us and for our brothers and sisters in the community. To date, we have raised \$ 40,498.00. If you have not yet made your gift this year, please do so at your earliest convenience.

You can use a contribution card located in the church and drop your gift in the basket at Mass; you can mail your gift to the parish office; or you can give quickly and easily online at our secure website: stanthonvb.org.

Number of responses to Date: 127



Support our suffering brothers and sisters in Christ in Gaza this Christmas. The Holy Family Parish in Gaza is an IVE mission that cares for hundreds who have been left destitute by the ongoing conflicts. The children and families there are in desperate need of basic supplies and are dependent on the charity of others.

Help Today in 3 Easy Steps:

- 1) Take an envelope from the tree.
- 2) Place your donation inside it.
- 3) Return the envelope in the collection box or the donation box near the tree



SUPPORT Our Youth SAVE Your Cans

COLLECT YOUR SODA CANS AND BRING THEM TO ST. ANTHONY'S IN THE PARISH HALL IN THE BASEMENT, THERE IS A BIN WHERE YOU CAN DONATE YOUR CANS THE YOUTH GROUP IS THEN ABLE TO TURN IN THE CANS AND FUNDRAISE FOR TRIPS AND RETREATS!!!



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
MONDAY DECEMBER 8, 2025

7:00am

6:00pm

7:30pm Mass in Spanish



ADVENT

The Advent season begins today! The next four weeks are a time for reflection and preparation of the heart.

Announcements and Events



Wreaths Across America

This weekend your Knights of Columbus Council will begin its annual "Wreaths Across America" campaign. On Dec 13th we will be placing wreaths on veterans' graves at the Bourne National Cemetery and some local cemeteries. Your donation of \$17.00 will insure that those who have fought to preserve our freedoms and liberties are not forgotten at Christmas.

We accept donations of any amount.

Thank You!

God Bless Our Veterans

Holy Ghost Breakfast

Sunday December 7, 2025

Donation: Adults \$13.00

Children (5-10) \$ 6.00

MENU: Bacon, Eggs, Sausages, French Toast, Home Fries, Orange juice and Coffee.



Serving from 8:00am to 11:00am

LA SALETTE SHRINE OUTING

Saturday December 6th at 5:15pm from Nye St to explore more than 2000 Christmas lights. Talk to Edwin Aldarano or call to the parish for more information. Free donation.

NEW BEDFORD DEANERY PENANCE SERVICE

Wednesday December 17 at 6:30pm Holy Name of Sacred Heart Parish, 121 Mount Pleasant St. New Bedford.

ADVENT RETREAT

Saturday December 13, 2025 with Mass at 8:30am. May this Advent Retreat be a blessed moment for you and your family as we prepare to welcome the joy of Christmas.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

You invited for the celebration of our Lady of Guadalupe on Sunday December 14. Procession with our Lady after the 11am Mass. Lunch to followed.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Saturday December 20, at 5:45pm Immaculate Conception Hall, 136 Earle St. New Bedford.

You are invited to enter into the true meaning of Christmas!

Sacrificial Giving and Stewardship

Weekly Collections

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23, 2025

Weekly Collection	.....	\$ 5,072.00
2nd Collection	.....	\$ 1,799.00
Grand Annual Appeal	.....	\$ 305.00
On line Giving	... ..	\$ 660.00
Candle Shrines	.....	\$ 221.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY
Upcoming Second collections

12 /07/2025 Christmas Flowers
12/14 /2025 Retirement Fund for Religious
12/25/ 2025 Christmas Offering
01/01/ 2026 Solemnity of Mary



Explore the

National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette
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Saturday December 6, 2025

Depart from Nye St @ 5:15 -5:30pm

All Bus Proceeds Goes towards the St. Anthony of Padua Church Great Annual Appeal. Be Generous...

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Donations:
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more. Ages 5
and older

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New Bedford, MA

Children
Donations: \$5
each or more.
Ages 3 to 5



Sign up and make payment with Edwin & Ana Aldarondo. Bus capacity 47 people. Payment due by Nov. 30, 2025. For questions call the rectory at (508) 993-1691



Saint Francis Xavier

1506 - 1552
FEAST DAY — DECEMBER 3

Known as the Apostle to the Indies and to Japan, Francis was born in Spanish Navarre, the young-est in a large family. He studied at the University of Paris, where he met St. Ignatius of Loyola, and was among the first seven Jesuits who vowed to be spiritual soldiers for Christ. They were ordained as a group in 1537. For 11 years, from 1541 until his untimely death after only two weeks on the Chinese coast, Francis evangelized in the East Indies, Mozambique, India, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Indonesia and Japan. A missionary prone to seasickness who had trouble learning foreign languages, Francis is the patron saint of missionaries, Borneo, the East Indies, India, Pakistan, Japan and Outer Mongolia.

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Noticias & Eventos



GRAN CAMPANA ANUAL PARROQUIAL

A medida que nuestra "Gran Campaña Parroquial Anual" está llegando a su fin, el P. Mariano extiende su más sincero agradecimiento a todos los que han dado un paso adelante este año en apoyo amoroso de nuestra iglesia y todo

lo que hace por nosotros y por nuestros hermanos y hermanas en la comunidad. Hasta la fecha, hemos recaudado \$ 40,498.00. Si aún no ha hecho su donación este año, hágalo lo antes posible. Puede usar una tarjeta de contribución ubicada en la iglesia y dejar su regalo en la canasta en la Misa; puede enviar su donación por correo a la oficina parroquial; o puede donar rápida y fácilmente en línea en nuestro sitio web seguro: stanthonyb.org.

Respuestas recibidas hasta la fecha: 127

APOYO JÓVENES GUARDAR TUS LATAS

RECOGE TUS LATAS DE REFRESCO Y TRÁELAS A SAN ANTONIO.

EN EL SALÓN PARROQUIAL DEL SÓTANO HAY UN CONTENEDOR DONDE PUEDES DONAR TUS LATAS.

¡DE ESTA FORMA, EL GRUPO JUVENIL PUEDE ENTREGAR LAS LATAS Y RECAUDAR FONDOS PARA VIAJES Y RETIROS!



San Francisco Javier

1506 - 1552
DÍA DE FIESTA — 3 DE DICIEMBRE

Francisco, conocido como el Apóstol de las Indias y de Japón, nació en la Navarra española y era el más joven de una extensa familia. El estudió en la Universidad de París donde conoció a san Ignacio de Loyola y fue uno de los siete primeros jesuitas que hicieron votos para ser los soldados espirituales de Cristo y, en 1537, fueron ordenados en grupo. A lo largo de 11 años, desde 1541 hasta su fallecimiento que ocurrió solo a las dos semanas de haber llegado a las costas de China, Francisco había evangelizado en las Indias Orientales, Mozambique, India, Malasia, Sri Lanka, Indonesia y Japón. Francisco, que era un misionero propenso al mareo y que tenía dificultad para aprender idiomas extranjeros, es el santo patrón de los misioneros, de Borneo, de las Indias Orientales, India, Pakistán, Japón y Mongolia Exterior.

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Iglesia San Antonio de Padua Les Invita



Explore el

**Santuario Nacional de Nuestra Señora de La Salette
Con Más de 1 Millón de Luces!**

Sábado Diciembre 6, 2025

La Salida desde la Calle Nye 5:15pm

Todo lo recaudado con el autobús se destina a la Gran Campaña Anual de la Iglesia de San Antonio de Padua. ¡Sean generoso!

Inscríbase y realice los pagos en la rectoría parroquial o con Edwin y Ana Aldarondo. Fecha límite de pago: 30 de Noviembre de 2025. Para cualquier consulta, llame a la rectoría al (508) 993-1691.



Todos son bienvenidos!



**IMMACULADA CONCEPCION
DÍA DE PRECEPTO**

LUNES 8 DE DICIEMBRE 2025

7:00am Misa en inglés

6pm Misa en inglés

7:30pm Misa en español

Rosario de Los Jueves

Comunidad Maria Sede de La Sabiduria: 11/27/2025

Comunidad Maria Puerta del Cielo: 12/04/2025

Comunidad San Kilian: 12/11/2025

Comunidad Maria Sede de la Sabiduria: 12/18/2025

Comunidad Maria Puerta del Cielo: 12/25/2025

Grupos de Limpieza

Comunidad Maria Sede de La Sabiduria: 11/22/2025

Comunidad San Kilian: 11/29/2025

Comunidad Maria Puerta del Cielo: 12/06/2025

Comunidad Maria Sede de La Sabiduria: 12/13/2025

Comunidad San Kilian: 12/20/2025

Anuncios

ENCUENTRO PARROQUIAL: Como todos los años realizamos el retiro de Adviento, este año vamos a tener la presencia del Padre Jose Corbelle, IVE doctor en teología que también conoce Guatemala y muy especialmente el Quiché. Esperamos contar con vuestra presencia.



LIMPIEZA GENERAL: recuerde! El Sábado 6 de diciembre vamos a tener la limpieza general de la parroquia.

PROXIMAS CHARLAS DE BAUTIZO:

Charlas: 5 de Diciembre a las 7:30pm en el Salón Parroquial
Bautizos: Sábado 27 de Diciembre a las 12:00pm en la Iglesia Principal.



Pesebre Viviente
Sábado 20 de Diciembre a las 5:45 pm
En la escuela de la parroquia de la Inmaculada Concepción.



ADVIENTO

¡Hoy empieza el tiempo de Adviento! Las próximas cuatro semanas serán un tiempo para la reflexión y preparación del corazón.

San Andrés, el Apóstol

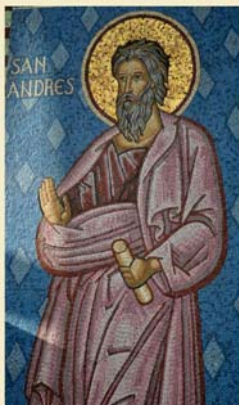
SIGLO I

DÍA DE FIESTA— 30 DE NOVIEMBRE

En los Evangelios Sinópticos, Andrés es el pescador galileo agrupado con su hermano Pedro y con Santiago y Juan en el círculo íntimo de los apóstoles; en el Evangelio de Juan, él es el discípulo de Juan Bautista quien fue el primero en seguir a Jesús y que lleva a su hermano hacia el Señor. Muchas tradiciones acerca de Andrés provienen de los Hechos apócrifos del siglo II de Andrés que lo muestran como un misionero muy fervoroso en la zona del Mar Negro y que es crucificado—amarrado a una cruz en forma de equis—por el gobernador romano. Algunos historiadores de la Iglesia inicial dicen también que él evangelizó en Grecia y en Asia Menor. Andrés es el santo patrón de Escocia, Rusia, Grecia y de los que pescan para ganarse la vida.

“Era verdaderamente un hombre de fe y de esperanza; y un día escuchó que Juan Bautista proclamaba a Jesús como “el cordero de Dios” (Jn 1, 36); entonces, se interesó y, junto a otro discípulo cuyo nombre no se menciona, siguió a Jesús, a quien Juan llamó “cordero de Dios”. El evangelista refiere: “Vieron donde vivía y se quedaron con él” (Jn 1, 37-39). Así pues, Andrés disfrutó de momentos extraordinarios de intimidad con Jesús.”

—Papa Benedicto XVI, Audencia General, 14 de junio de 2006



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Eventos



Apoyemos a nuestros hermanos y hermanas en Cristo que sufren en Gaza esta Navidad. La parroquia de la Sagrada Familia en Gaza es una misión del IVE que atiende a cientos de personas que han quedado en la indigencia a causa del conflicto. Los niños y las familias de allí necesitan urgentemente artículos de primera necesidad y dependen de la caridad.

Obtén ayuda hoy en 3 sencillos pasos:

- 1) Toma un sobre del árbol.
- 2) Coloca tu donación dentro.
- 3) Devuelva el sobre en la caja de recogida o en la caja de donaciones que



DESAYUNO GRUPO HOLY GHOST!
Domingo 7 de Diciembre 2025

Menu: Bacon, Huevos, Salchichas, French Toast, Papas fritas, Jugo de Naranja y Café.

Donacion: Adultos \$13.00
Ninos (5-10) \$ 6.00

Sirviendo de 8am a 11 am



Fiesta Virgen de Guadalupe

La Fiesta de la Virgen de Guadalupe se llevara a cabo el Domingo 14 de Diciembre con procesión después de la misa de 11am.

Por favor, traiga su plato favorito para compartir en ese día ya sea, arroz, ensaladas, carnes, pollo, postres, tortilla, pupusas, tacos, etc.



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Sunday, December 7, 3:00PM

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