



Saint Anthony of Padua Church

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.

Mt 3:3

II DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

Una voz clama en el desierto: Preparan el camino del Señor, enderecen sus senderos.

Mt 3, 3

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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.*

ANOINTING 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

PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER, MA

Staffed by the priests of the "Institute of the Incarnate Word" (IVE)

Pastor

Fr. Mariano Varela, IVE | Ext. 102

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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

6:00pm

7:30pm

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*

DECEMBER 6

†Souls in Purgatory

DECEMBER 7

†Emilio & Maria Dasilva

†Manuel Couto

†Souls in Purgatory

†Bob Keegan

†Souls in Purgatory

DECEMBER 8

†Manuel Pereira

Pro Populo

†Marcelino de La Cruz

DECEMBER 9

†Souls in Purgatory

DECEMBER 10

†Bob Keegan

NOVEMBER 11

†Deceased members of the IVE

†Souls in Purgatory

DECEMBER 12

†Maria L. Amaral

DECEMBER 13

†Georgina Mendez

†Souls in Purgatory

DECEMBER 14

†Eric Fernandez

†Souls in Purgatory

†Pedro, Teresa, Adriano, Miguel &
Jose Carvalho

†Souls in Purgatory

Sanctuary Lamp

Will burn the month of December in memory of
†Nancy Paiva

READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2025

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

MONDAY

Dec 8

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

TUESDAY

Dec 9

Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3+10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

WEDNESDAY

Dec 10

Our Lady of Loreto

Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

THURSDAY

Dec 11

Saint Damasus I, Pope

Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1+9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15

FRIDAY

Dec 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Judith

13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

SATURDAY

Dec 13

Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt

17:9a, 10-13

SUNDAY

Dec 14

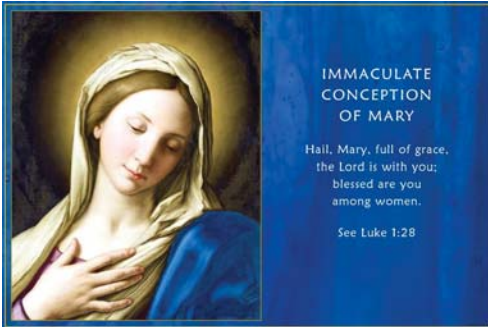
Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10./Jas 5:7-10/Mt

11:2-11

Pastor Message

As we gather in the heart of Advent, we approach a truly significant moment in our liturgical calendar: the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, which we celebrate tomorrow. This is not only a day of precept—a day when all Catholics are called to partici-



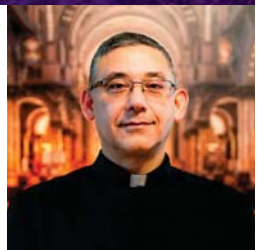
pate in the Eucharist—but also a profound affirmation of our faith in God's saving plan. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception honors Mary, the mother of Jesus, who was preserved from original sin from the very moment of her conception. This privilege, granted by God in anticipation of Christ's merits, reflects Mary's unique role in salvation history. Her immaculate state prepared

her to be a worthy vessel for the incarnation of the Son of God. On this day, we are invited to contemplate her purity, her complete openness to God's will, and her example of faithful discipleship. We are reminded that God's grace is powerful enough to transform all things, and that we too are called to cooperate with His plan, striving for holiness in our own lives. Tomorrow, as it is a holy day of obligation, let us joyfully gather for Mass, giving thanks for the gift of Mary and her unwavering "yes" to God. Let us ask her to intercede for us, that we may remain steadfast in faith, especially as we await the coming of Christ at Christmas.

Additionally, this Sunday marks the Second Sunday of Advent. Advent is a time of hopeful expectation and spiritual preparation. The readings this Sunday call us to "prepare the way of the Lord," echoing the voice of John the Baptist. It is a time to make space in our hearts, to reflect, repent, and renew our commitment to follow Christ more closely. The candles on the Advent wreath shine ever brighter, reminding us that the light of

Christ draws near even as the days grow shorter.

In the spirit of Advent, I warmly invite you to a special retreat on Saturday, December 13. This day will be dedicated to prayer, reflection, and spiritual renewal, helping us deepen our encounter with Christ and prepare our hearts for Christmas. Whether you are seeking peace, inspiration, or simply a time to reconnect with God, all are welcome to join. Let us journey together, strengthened by community and faith, as we await the fulfillment of God's promises.



May Mary, the Immaculate Conception, guide us in our Advent journey, and may this holy season bring you and your loved ones abundant grace and peace.

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

From the Choir Loft: the Second Sunday of Advent

This Second Sunday of Advent calls us to prepare the way of the Lord with hearts ready for repentance and renewal. The readings present us with a vision of the Messiah who will bring justice, peace, and salvation to all nations—and John the Baptist's urgent call to make ourselves ready for His coming. Our opening hymn, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," begins with "O Come, Thou Rod of Jesse" to directly echo Isaiah's prophecy that "a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse." This ancient plea captures our Advent longing: we cry out for the One who will "free Thine own from Satan's tyranny" and "give them vict'ry o'er the grave." Each verse addresses Christ by a different Old Testament title—Rod of Jesse, Day-spring, Key of David, Lord of Might—reminding us that all of Scripture points toward Him. The refrain's joyful "Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel" is our confident hope that the promises will be fulfilled.

At the Offertory, "Creator of the Stars of Night" shifts our focus to Christ's first coming and His future return. The hymn acknowledges that He came "in pity, lest the ancient

curse should doom to death a universe," entering our world as "the spotless Victim all divine." This connects beautifully with Paul's reminder in the second reading that "Christ became a minister of the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, to confirm the promises to the patriarchs." The final verse looks ahead with holy fear: "O Thou whose coming is with dread, to judge the living and the dead"—echoing John the Baptist's warning about the coming judgment, when "every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

The Communion Antiphon from Baruch calls Jerusalem to "arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God." This is the fruit of preparing the way of the Lord—not judgment for the repentant, but joy and peace. We who have received Christ in the Eucharist are called to be that transformed Jerusalem, strengthened and blessed by God's presence.

Our recessional hymn, "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending," completes the Advent arc by pointing us toward Christ's second coming in glory. "Thousand thousand saints

attending, swell the triumph of His train"—this is the fulfillment of Isaiah's vision when "all the nations shall proclaim His happiness." The hymn's sober second verse reminds us that "every eye shall now behold Him robed in dreadful majesty," urging us to use this Advent season well. May we heed John the Baptist's call to repent and prepare, so that we may greet our coming King with joy rather than fear.

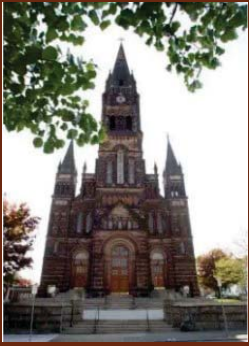
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"The musical tradition of the universal Church is a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art."

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

News and Events

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 \$ 41,800.00. 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: 129



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



News and Events

Congrats to Olga Maria Hernandez Ortiz



who received the Marian Award on Sunday November 30th from Bishop Edgar at the Cathedral in Fall River.

The Marian Award is given for generous service in the Church, and Olga has given great example of using her gifts for the glory of God.

For many years, Olga has sewn for the Church in a variety of ways: costumes for Christmas Pageant, the Living Stations cast, dance costumes for various cultures, and helping the priests and sisters with their religious habits (including making Sister Transfiguration her new religious habit for her Perpetual Vows!) MAY GOD BLESS OLGA!



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MONDAY DECEMBER 8, 2025

7:00am English
6:00pm English
7:30pm Mass in Spanish

Advent Retreat

Advent Retreat

Saturday December 13, 2025

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

8:30 am Holy Mass
9:20 am Breakfast
9:40 am Talk by Sr. Maria de Jesus
10:30 am Adoration & Confession
11:30 am Talk by Fr. Mariano
12: 15 pm Holy Rosary
12:35 pm End of retreat



Come and celebrate the Advent Season as we prepare our heart and mind to receive the Emmanuel, God with us.

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 Aldarondo or call to the parish for more information. Free donation.

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.

NEW BEDFORD DEANERY PENANCE SERVICE

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

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 30, 2025

Weekly Collection	\$5,407.00
Grand Annual Appeal	\$1,302.00
Giving Tree	\$170.00
Candle Shrines	\$220.00

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

Bazaar Announcement

CRAFT ITEMS FOR SALE!

Hats, Sweaters, Aprons Blankets, Scarfs etc.

Will be on sale in the Church Hall

This Sunday December 7th and 14th

From 7:30am to 11:30 am

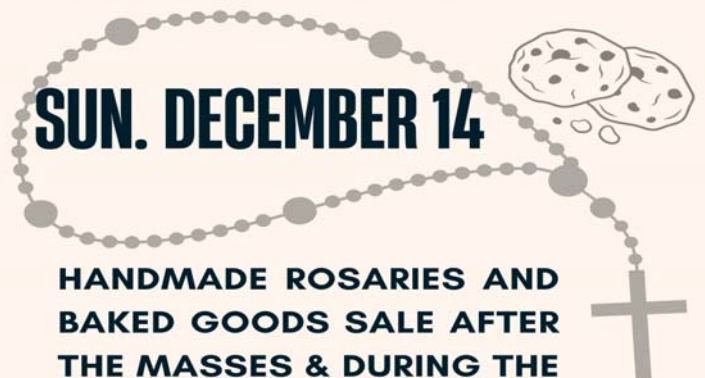
Great for last minute Christmas gifts.

MARCH FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER

HELP OUR **YOUTH** GROUP RAISE
MONEY TO ATTEND THE **MARCH**
FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON DC!

SUN. DECEMBER 14

**HANDMADE ROSARIES AND
BAKED GOODS SALE AFTER
THE MASSES & DURING THE
GUADALUPE FEAST WHILE
SUPPLIES LAST!**



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 \$ 41,800.00. 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: 129

Noticias & Eventos



Felicitaciones a Olga María Hernández Ortiz,

quien recibió el "Marian Award" el domingo 30 de Noviembre de manos del Obispo Edgar en la Catedral de Fall River.

El Premio mariano se otorga por su generoso servicio en la Iglesia, y Olga ha dado un gran ejemplo de cómo usar sus dones para la gloria de Dios.

Durante muchos años, Olga ha puesto al servicio de la comunidad su talento de costura, trabajando para la Iglesia de diversas maneras: vestuario para la Representación Navideña, el elenco de las Estaciones Vivientes, vestuario de baile para diversas culturas y ayudando a sacerdotes y hermanas con sus hábitos religiosos (¡incluyendo la confección de la Hermana Transfiguración como su nuevo hábito para sus Votos Perpetuos!). ¡Que Dios la bendiga! Y un ejemplo para todos nosotros de también poder ofrecer a Dios nuestros dones como buen administradores de los bienes de Dios.

Noticias & Eventos

MARCHA POR LA VIDA RECAUDACIÓN DE FONDOS

¡AYUDA A NUESTRO GRUPO DE **JÓVENES** A RECAUDAR FONDOS PARA ASISTIR A LA MARCHA **POR LA VIDA** EN WASHINGTON DC!



VENTA DE ROSARIOS HECHOS A MANO Y COMIDA DESPUÉS DE LAS MISAS Y DURANTE LA FIESTA DE LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE
¡VIVA LA VIRGEN!



**IMMACULADA CONCEPCION
DIA DE PRECEPTO
LUNES 8 DE DICIEMBRE 2025**
7:00am Misa en ingles
6pm Misa en ingles
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

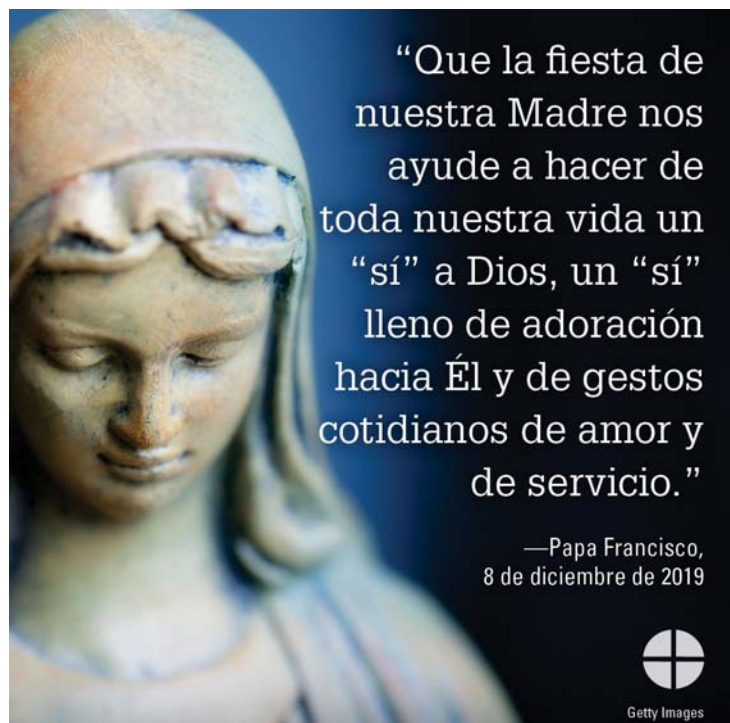
LAS POSADAS NAVIDEÑAS

Desde el 15 al 23 de Diciembre 2025 cada grupo de oración tendrá tres días para celebrar las posadas. El Jueves 18 de diciembre la santa Misa será a las 6:30pm.

VIGILIA DE FIN DE AÑO: Están invitados a la Vigilia de fin de año el día 31 de Diciembre después de la Santa misa de 7pm.

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.



“Que la fiesta de nuestra Madre nos ayude a hacer de toda nuestra vida un “sí” a Dios, un “sí” lleno de adoración hacia Él y de gestos cotidianos de amor y de servicio.”

—Papa Francisco,
8 de diciembre de 2019



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Pesebre Viviente

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

San Nicolás

270-343, DÍA DE FIESTA — 6 DE DICIEMBRE

Desde el siglo IX en el oriente y el siglo XI en el occidente, Nicolás ha sido uno de los santos más populares en el cristianismo y en el arte cristiano y es el patrón de muchos países, diócesis, iglesias y ciudades. Él fue un obispo griego de Myra y Licia (hoy Turquía).

Según la leyenda, él habría salvado de la prostitución a tres muchachas, devuelto a la vida a tres niños que habían sido asesinados y salvado de la muerte a tres hombres que fueron condenados injustamente. Aunque algunas fuentes cuentan que él pudiese haber estado preso durante la persecución de Diocleciano, históricamente, no hay certeza que haya sufrido persecución debido a su fe. De igual forma, algunas fuentes lo incluyen en el Concilio de Nicea en el año 325 pero no hay certeza de que haya estado allí.

Su caridad hacia el pobre es conmemorada en los tiempos modernos por aquellos que siguen la tradición de colocar una bota o media con regalos en su día de fiesta. “Santa Claus” deriva de “Sinterklaas”, su nombre en holandés. Él es el santo patrón de los marineros, los comerciantes y los niños.



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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AN ADVENT FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS
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Sunday, December 7, 3:00PM

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