



Saint Anthony of Padua Church

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Be strong, fear not! Here is your
God, he comes with vindication;
with divine recompense he comes
to save you. *Is 35:4*

III DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

¡Ánimo! No teman. He aquí que
su Dios, vengador y justiciero,
viene ya para salvarlos.
Is 35, 4

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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.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 14, 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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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

DECEMBER 13

†Georgina Mendez

†Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY

6:30am *English*

8:00am *Español*

9:30am *English*

11:00am *Español*

DECEMBER 14

†Eric Fernandez

†Souls in Purgatory

†Pedro, Teresa, Adriano, Miguel &
Jose Carvalho.

†Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY

7:00am

DECEMBER 15

†Medardo Vasquez

TUESDAY

7:00am

DECEMBER 16

†Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY

7:00am

DECEMBER 17

†Jani Papajani

Int. Holy Name Ladies Guild

THURSDAY

7:00am

6:30pm

NOVEMBER 18

†Leo Rousseau

†Olimpia Rosado

FRIDAY

5:15pm

DECEMBER 19

†Bertha Melo

SATURDAY

4:00pm

DECEMBER 20

†Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY

6:30am *English*

8:00am *Español*

9:30am *English*

11:00am *Español*

DECEMBER 21

†Ernest & Dolores Oliveira

†Souls in Purgatory

†Manuel & Ernestina Macedo

Int. Paola Mejia

Sanctuary Lamp

Will burn the month of December in memory of

†Nancy Paiva

READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2025

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
MONDAY Dec 15	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27
TUESDAY Dec 16	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19+23/Mt 21:28-32
WEDNESDAY Dec 17	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17
THURSDAY Dec 18	Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25
FRIDAY Dec 19	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25
SATURDAY Dec 20	Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
SUNDAY Dec 21	Fourth Sunday of Advent Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6./Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Pastor Message

As we gather on this Third Sunday of Advent, our hearts are drawn to the theme of joy—Gaudete Sunday—which invites us to rejoice in anticipation of the coming of Jesus Christ. The Advent season is a journey from waiting to fulfillment, and today's liturgy lifts our spirits with the promise that the Lord is

faith: the joy of knowing that Jesus, our Savior, is about to enter into our world and our lives. The readings encourage us to shout for joy, to be patient, and to let our faith shine forth in acts of kindness and love. Let us embrace the joy that is ours, not because of the absence of struggle, but because of the certainty of God's love and the fulfillment of His promises.

This week also holds special significance for us as we honor the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe, whose feast was celebrated on December 12. Our Lady appeared to Saint Juan Diego with words of comfort and assurance, saying, "Am I not here, I who am your mother?" Her loving presence continues to inspire us to trust in God and to rejoice, even in challenges. She is a model of hope and a beacon of joy, reminding us that God draws near to His people through the intercession of the Blessed Mother. Let us invoke her guidance as we continue our Advent journey and prepare to welcome Christ with open hearts.

Finally, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to

everyone who participated in the *Grand Parish Appeal*, which comes to a close in a couple weeks. Your generosity and commitment have strengthened our parish community and enabled us to serve others in faith. As we give thanks, let us remember that every act of kindness and stewardship is a reflection of the joy we find in Christ. We are truly blessed by your support, and together we look forward to what God has in store for our parish in the coming year.

May this Third Sunday of Advent fill your hearts with joy, peace, and hope as we await the glorious coming of Jesus. Rejoice, for the Lord is near! With gratitude and prayers,

Christus Vincit! Christus Regnat!
Christ Imperat!

Fr. Mariano Varela, IVE



near. The pink candle we light on our Advent wreath is a beautiful symbol of this joy, reminding us that, even in times of longing and preparation, God's presence brings hope and gladness.

This Sunday, we are especially called to open our hearts to the joy that springs from



Our Lady of Guadalupe

The Nativity of our Lord



Christmas Mass Schedule 2025



Christmas Eve | Wednesday December 24
7am; 4pm; 12 midnight



Christmas Day | Thursday December 25
9:30am English
11:00am Spanish



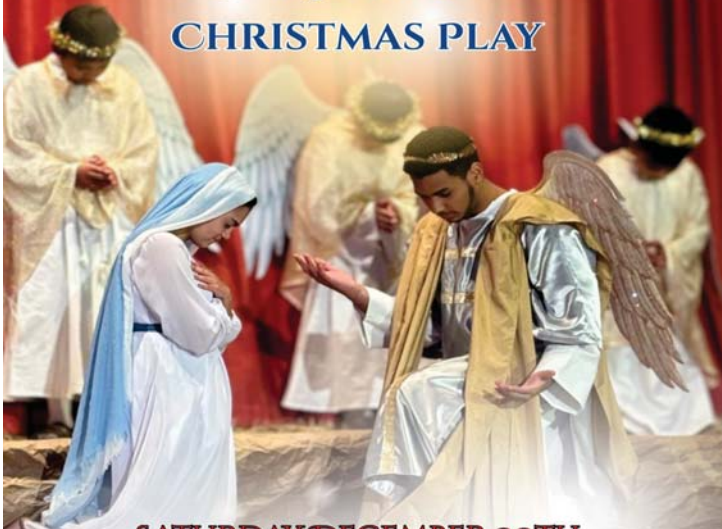
New Year Eve | Wednesday December 31
7am; 7pm Spanish Mass



New Year Day | Thursday January 1, 2026
9:30am English
11:00am Spanish

The youth of St. Anthony of Padua and Immaculate Conception Present:

5TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PLAY



SATURDAY DECEMBER 20TH
5PM DOORS OPEN!
FUNDRAISER FOR THE YOUTH GROUP
6PM SHOW STARTS!
LOCATION: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC
CHURCH (SCHOOL GYM) 136 EARLE STREET
NEW BEDFORD, MA 02746

Christmas Giving Tree For the Holy Family Parish in Gaza



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



St. Anthony of Padua Church

Thank You

A special Thank You to Tremblay's Bus for donating the school bus for the trip to La Salette Shrine.

To the parishioners and friends from both the Spanish and English Community who signed up and collaborated to the raising of funds for the Grand Annual Parish Appeal.

From the bus trip the amount raised \$1000. An anonymous benefactor match the money raised by the bus trip and total given to the parish is \$2000.

Please include all in your prayers.

GREETERS AND USHERS NEEDED

We invite you to practice your stewardship by greeting and handing out the Sunday Booklets at the 9:30am Mass. Please talk to Edwing Aldarano for information and guidance. Thank you.



Announcements and Events

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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!**



Sacrificial Giving and Stewardship

Weekly Collections

SUNDAY DECEMBER 7, 2025

Weekly Collection	\$5,252.00
Christmas Flowers	\$2,117.00
Grand Annual Appeal	\$1,460.00
To Date	\$43,260.00
Giving Tree	\$930.00
To date	\$1,100.00
Candle Shrines	\$280.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Upcoming Second Collections

12/14/2025 Retirement Fund for Religious

12/25/2025 Christmas Offering

01/01/2026 Solemnity of Mary

Announcement

CRAFT ITEMS FOR SALE!

Hats, Sweaters, Aprons Blankets, Scarfs etc. will be on sale in the Church Hall This Sunday December 14th from 7:30am to 11:30 am. Great for last minute Christmas gifts.



HOLY ROSARY

Please join us to pray the Holy Rosary in English at 6:00am, every Sunday Before Holy Mass, and at 7:30am In Spanish.

THANK YOU FOR THE CHRISMTAS WREATHS

The front doors of the Church are decorated and invites us to live the spirit of Advent & Christmas. Thank you to Erick James for his volunteer work in beautifying the parish. Mr. James is friends of St. Anthony's and well known in the community.

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.

UPDATE FROM SSVN SISTERS

Sister Transfiguration has received a new mission assignment, and she will move to New York in January. All are invited for a farewell *Christmas Party on Saturday, January 3rd. Join for the Rosary at 6 PM in Immaculate Conception Church, then 6:30 PM Celebration in the Immaculate Conception parish hall (136 Earle Street). Please bring a dish of food to share. Through the intercession of the Blessed Mother, we thank God for her generous service. Later in January, we will welcome another sister who will arrive to serve in our parishes!*

Noticias & Eventos

Los jóvenes de San Antonio de Padua e Inmaculada Concepción
presentan:

5TO ANUAL OBRA DE NAVIDAD



SÁBADO 20 DE DICIEMBRE
5PM PUERTAS ABIERTAS!
RECAUDACIÓN DE FONDOS PARA EL GRUPO DE JÓVENES
6PM COMIENZA LA OBRA!
LUGAR: IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE LA INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN
(GIMNASIO ESCOLAR) 136 EARLE STREET NEW BEDFORD, MA 02746

NAVIDAD

He aquí que la virgen
concebirá y dará a luz un hijo,
a quien pondrán el nombre
de Emmanuel,
que quiere decir Dios-con-
nosotros.

Mt 1,23



Horario de Misas de Navidad 2025

Noche Buena | **Miercoles 24 de Diciembre**
7 am; 4 pm; 12 medianoche



Día de Navidad | **Jueves 25 de Diciembre**
9:30am English
11:00am Español



Año Nuevo | **Miércoles 31 de Diciembre**
7am; 7pm Misa en español



Año nuevo | **Miércoles 1 de Enero 2025**
9:30am Ingles
11:00am Español

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!

DOMINGO

14 DE DICIEMBRE



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

Iglesia San Antonio de Padua
Festival de Luces en La Salette

Gracias

Un agradecimiento especial a la compañía Tremblay's Bus por
donar el autobus escolar para el viaje al Santuario de la Salette.

A los feligreses y amigos de las comunidades Hispana e Inglesa que
se inscribieron y colaboraron en la recaudación de fondos para la
Gran Campana Anual Parroquial.

Gracias al viaje en autobus, se recaudaron \$1000. Un benefactor
anonimo igualo la cantidad recaudada en el viaje en autobus, por lo
que el total donado a la parroquia asciende a \$2000.

Favor de incluir a todos en sus oraciones.

Please include all in your prayers.



Rosario de Los Jueves

Comunidad San Kilian: 12/11/2025

Comunidad Maria Sede de la Sabiduria: 01/08/2026

Comunidad Maria Puerta del Cielo: 01/15/20256

Comunidad San Kilian: 01/22/2026

Comunidad Maria Sede de La Sabiduria: 01/29/2026

Grupos de Limpieza

Comunidad Maria Puerta del Cielo: 12/06/2025

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

Comunidad San Kilian: 12/20/2025

Comunidad Maria Puerta del Cielo: 12/27/2025

Comunidad Maria Sede de La Sabiduria: 01/03/2026

Anuncios

NUEVA COMITIVA EN MARIA SEDE

El grupo kerigmatico Maria Sede de la Sabiduría ha elegido su nueva comitiva. Ellos son: Dominga (Mingui) Cardoza como coordinadora; Antonio & Maritza Tino como Subcoordinadores; Mariana Moreno, secretaria general; subsecretaria Rosa Elena de la Cruz; Omar Alvarado y Melvy Castro en la tesorería; Feliz Tino & Martina Vicente Subtesoreros; Manuel & Candelaria Mateo, vocales junto con el joven Socorro. Le deseamos lo mejor y muchas bendiciones a la junta coordinadora de Maria Sede.



LAS POSADAS NAVIDEÑAS

Desde el 15 al 23 de Diciembre 2025 a las 7pm 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: 2 de Enero a las 7:30pm en el Salón Parroquial
Bautizos: Sábado 24 de Enero a las 12:00pm en la Iglesia Principal.

SANTO ROSARIO

Por favor únete a nosotros todos los Domingos a las 7:30am a recitar el Santo Rosario en Español, antes de la Misa de las 8am. El Rosario es el arma que nos defiende de los ataques del maligno.

ACTUALIZACIÓN DE LA MISIÓN DE LAS HERMANAS

La hermana Transfiguración ha recibido una nueva asignación misionera y se mudará a Nueva York en enero. Todos están invitados a una fiesta de Navidad de despedida el sábado 3 de enero. Unanse al rosario a las 6 p. m. en la iglesia Immaculate Conception, y luego a la celebración a las 6:30 p. m. en el salón parroquial Immaculate Conception (136 Earle Street). Por favor, traigan un plato de comida para compartir. Por intercesión de la Santísima Virgen, damos gracias a Dios por su generoso servicio. A finales de enero, daremos la bienvenida a otra hermana que llegará para servir en nuestras parroquias.



Del Padre Mariano

Queridos Hermanos, la semana que viene empezaremos con la novena de navidad por medio de las posadas que nos introducen al misterio de la humildad de Jesús, Jose y Maria, sin embargo al celebrar el tiempo de Adviento no podemos dejar de contemplar también la alegría que trae el nacimiento de Jesús cada año. El adviento



y la navidad son momentos de reflexión, de mas oraciones, y de compartir la alegría de nuestro Redentor. Unámonos en oraciones a tantos hermanos nuestros que en este momento están pasando por momentos difíciles debido a las nuevas leyes de inmigración. Oremos para que Dios en su providencia proteja a todas las familias para que permanezcan unidas en el amor. Jesús, Maria y Jose fueron también inmigrantes como nosotros que tuvieron que exiliarse para otro país para proteger al niño Jesús. Que ellos protejan a las familias que hoy también buscan seguridad y bienestar en este país.

Que la Virgen de Guadalupe que se revelo como Madre para escuchar las suplicas de su pueblo nos ayude a seguir siendo fiel en medio de las dificultades de la vida.

Bendiciones. P. Mariano



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



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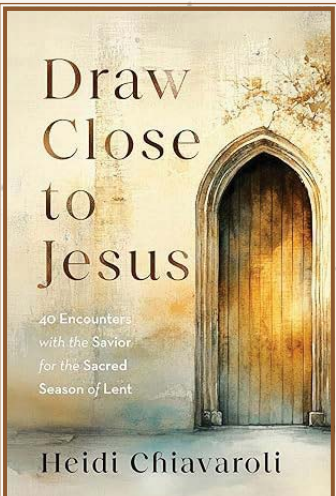

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