



Saint Anthony of Padua Church

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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." Jn 1:29

II DOMINGO ORDINARIO

Vio Juan el Bautista a Jesús, que venía hacia él, y exclamó: "Éste es el Cordero de Dios, el que quita el pecado del mundo. Jn 1, 29

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.

SUNDAY JANUARY 18, 2026

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

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Mario Rojas, IVE

Fr. Jayapaul Poliseti, IVE

Deacons

Deacon Leo Racine (*retire*)

Deacon Eduardo Borges

Deacon Jeremias Carranza

Secretary

Reina McCarty (508) 993-1691 Ext. | 101
office@saintanthonybn.org

Organist & Music Director

Daniel Marshall (401) 288-7172
music@saintanthonybn.org

Maintenance

Luis Sicajau | Ext. 113

Religious Education Director

Mother Maria Aeiparthenos Berry, SSVM | 774 849 0986
ccd@saintanthonybn.org

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 & Joe 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

JANUARY 17

†Manuel Lavado
Int. for all Cristo Moreno de
Esquipulas Parishioners

SUNDAY

6:30am *English*

8:00am *Español*

9:30am *English*

11:00am *Español*

JANUARY 18

†Oscar de Castro
†Souls in Purgatory
†Amaro Jorge Bizarro
Int. E. Pizarro

MONDAY

7:00am

JANUARY 19

†Juan Suarez

TUESDAY

7:00am

JANUARY 20

†Robert Levesque

WEDNESDAY

7:00am

JANUARY 21

†Grace Winsper(2nd Aniv)

THURSDAY

7:00am

7:30pm

JANUARY 22

†Barbara Sylvia
†Nelida Cecilia Varela

FRIDAY

5:15pm

JANUARY 23

†John Santos

SATURDAY

4:00pm

JANUARY 24

†Paul Joseph Kennedy

SUNDAY

6:30am *English*

8:00am *Español*

9:30am *English*

JANUARY 25

Int. Carlos & Paola Mejia
†Souls in Purgatory
†Bob Keegan
†Pedro, Teresa, Adriano
Miguel & Jose Carvalho
†Luis Nieva

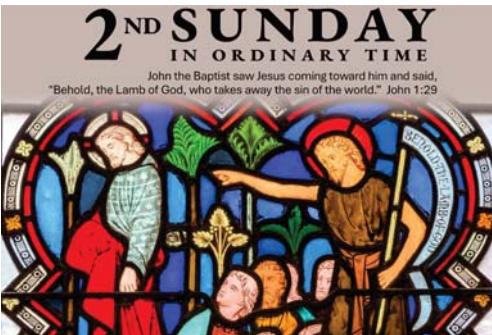
11:00am *Español*

READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2026

SUNDAY Jan 18	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34
MONDAY Jan 19	Martin Luther King Jr. Day 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21+23/Mk 2:18-22
TUESDAY Jan 20	Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
WEDNESDAY Jan 21	Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
THURSDAY Jan 22	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
FRIDAY Jan 23	Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6+11/Mk 3:13-19
SATURDAY Jan 24	Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
SUNDAY Jan 25	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Pastor Message

As we enter the season of Ordinary Time in the liturgical year, we, as Christians, are invited to reflect deeply on what it means to be followers of Jesus. This season asks us not only to recall the life and teachings of Jesus but to seek ways in which we can become a living reflection of him in our daily lives.



The Gospel of John offers us a powerful image as we begin this journey: John the Baptist stands before the crowds and declares, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world." With these words, John presents Jesus not only as the long-awaited Messiah but as the one whose very life offers redemp-

tion, forgiveness, and new beginnings. John's proclamation invites us to turn our gaze toward Christ, to recognize in him the fullness of God's love and mercy.

To look at Jesus is to see the model of a life fully surrendered to the will of God. He teaches us humility, compassion, and sacrificial love. In every encounter, whether with the sick, or the sinner, Jesus embodies a radical openness and generosity. Ordinary Time is a summons for us to contemplate these qualities and allow them to shape our own hearts.

Yet, our calling does not stop at mere admiration. The Christian vocation is to become a new version of Jesus in the world. This means allowing his Spirit to renew our minds and transform our actions. We are invited to take up the mission of reconciliation, to be bearers of hope, healing, and peace wherever we go. As John the Baptist points to Jesus as the one who takes away sin, we too are called to participate in this redemp-

tive work by forgiving others, and showing mercy.

Ordinary Time is a journey of daily conversion. It is a season to let go of old ways, habits, and patterns that keep us from Christ. Each day is a chance to choose love over indifference, generosity over selfishness, and faith over fear. As we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, we learn to follow him more closely, becoming signs of his presence in our families, workplaces, and communities.

Let us embrace this Ordinary Time as an extraordinary opportunity—seeking not only to know Jesus, but to become, in our words and deeds, a new version of him for the world. May our lives echo John's testimony, pointing others to the Lamb of God who brings forgiveness, renewal, and the promise of newness for all.

Fr. Mariano Varela, IVE



Save the Date for the Following Dates



40 HOURS DEVOTION

4th, 5th, and 6th of June 2026

Eucharistic Procession from St. Anthony to Immaculate Conception



CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Saturday June 6th after the 4pm Mass

Sunday June 7th Eucharist Procession Parish wide event from Our Lady's Chapel



SOLEMN MASS OF SACRED HEART

250 anniversary and Consecration of the USA to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
June 12, 2026



PARISH BAZAAR

Saturday 7th Sunday 8th November 2026

FAMILY BECOME WHAT YOU ARE.

JOIN US for IVE MEETING

2026 in DALLAS, TEXAS!!!

JULY 8-12, 2026

A Province-Wide gathering of our Priests, Brothers, Seminarians, Sisters, 3rd Order Members, and Parish families for a 5-DAY CONFERENCE hosted at the University of Dallas with:

- **Sacraments and Prayer**
- **Conferences and Workshops**
- **Competitions and Entertainment**
- **Youth and Kid Activities**

For more information or to register, visit <https://ivemeeting.us/> or contact Mother Maria Aciparthenos @ 774-849-0986



Diocesan News

Divorced and Separated— Ministry in the Diocese of Fall River

*The Family and Respect Life Office invites you to join us for the
Divorced and Separated Healing Mass
Sunday, January 25, 2026, 10:30am*



*Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption
327 2nd St, Fall River, MA 02721
With Celebrant Very Rev. Jeffrey Cabral, JCL*



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THE ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO
RENEW YOUR WEDDING VOWS WITH
MOST REV. EDGAR M DA CUNHA, S.D.V., D.D.,
BISHOP OF FALL RIVER



SUNDAY | 3:00pm
FEBRUARY 08, 2026

Cathedral of Saint Mary of
the Assumption

327 Second Street
Fall River, MA 02721

*To register contact your pastor
RSVP before January 16, 2026*

News and Events

Five Smooth Stones OCIA Retreat 2026

Saturday, February 28, 2026
8:30am-2:15pm

St. John Neumann Church
157 Middleboro Road
East Freetown, MA 02717



Secretariat for
**The New
Evangelization**

Dcn. Christopher Paul
cpaul@dioc-fr.org
(508) 658-9089

Register
here! →



FIRST CONFESSIONS

Saturday, February 7th at 9:30am

For all those preparing to make their 1st Holy
Communion, we will be having 1st
Confessions on Saturday, February 7th at
9:30am at
St. Anthony of Padua Parish
1359 Acushnet Ave, New Bedford, MA 02746

*"Confession heals, confession justifies,
confession grants pardon of sin, all hope
consists in confession; in confession there is
a chance for mercy."
-St. Isidore of Seville*

LAST YEAR PALMS

We are asking you please start bring-
ing the last year palms that were
blessed for Palm Sunday.

We want to be ready to get sufficient
palms for the ashes. Thank you.



Announcements and Events



Lent 2026 Presentation On The Holy Face of Jesus

Presented By:
Maryann Lindgren

Feb. 13, 2026

St. Anthony of Padua Church
1359 Acushnet Ave. N.B

Join us for this encounter with the Holy Face of Jesus and deepen your understanding of the devotion.

Learn About:

- Why Jesus gave His Holy Face as the object of this devotion
- What His five senses suffered through His passion.
- Why the specific instruments of His passion were used to make reparation for particular sins committed by mankind and what the contrary virtue is.
- How you can make reparation for your own sin and those of the people you love

No one gives me a kiss of love on My Face to make amends for the Kiss of Judas."

Sponsored by St. Anthony of Padua

Eucharistic Adoration: 4:15pm
Holy Mass: 5:15pm
Presentation: 6pm

All participants will receive a relic of the Holy Face of Jesus which has been touched to a relic of the Holy Face of Jesus, blessed by Pope Pius X and touched to the spear which pierced Christ's side, a relic of the true Cross and Veronica's veil, venerated in Rome.

Holy Face of Jesus Feast
Day: February 17th
Ash Wednesday February 18th- The beginning of Lent

Free Will Donation Accepted

For info, call (508) 993-1691

Sacrificial Giving and Stewardship

Weekly Collections

SUNDAY JANUARY 11, 2026

Weekly Collection	\$ 6,319.00
Fuel	\$ 2,194.00
Grand Annual Appeal on line	\$ 1,570.00
Grand Annual	\$ 150.00
To Date	\$ 53,150.00
Candle Shrine	\$ 187.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY Upcoming Second Collections

01/26/2026	Latin America Church
02/08/2026	The Catholic University of America
02/18/2026	Ash Wednesday
02/22/2026	Fuel



St. Francis Xavier School
Acushnet, MA

SAVE-THE-DATE
Open House

JOIN US SUNDAY 1/25 FROM 12-2:00PM!

- Take a tour
- Meet our amazing teachers
- Applications open for new families on Feb. 2nd




OFFICE CLOSED

On Monday January 19th the office will be closed, due to Martin Luther King Holiday.

FINANCIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday January 28 at 7pm in the Pastor's Office.

Sale of Malasadas

Sunday February 15, 2026

Enjoy a special treat before the Lenten Season begins on Wednesday February 18th. Pre-Order forms will be on the table with the bulletins. Please fill out form and drop in the box provided. Deadline to place order will be Sunday February 8, 2026.



Price: \$2.00 each 6 for \$10.00 12 for \$20.00

St. Anthony of Padua Church

Breakfast

Hosted by the Parish Food Pantry Ministry

Sunday
February 8, 2026
7am - 11:30am

MENU

Eggs, bacon, sausage,
French toast, home fries,
coffee, juice, and pastry

\$8.00 adults
\$5.00 children under 7
years old

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St. Anthony of Padua Church Hall
Use the Nye St. entrance to hall,
1359 Acushnet Ave.
New Bedford, MA
(508) 993-1691

Please come and join us for a great breakfast
and fellowship



Celebrate



FAMILIA CONVIÉRTETE EN LO QUE ERES.

*¡ LA REUNIÓN IVE 2026
en DALLAS, TEXAS!
8-12 de JULIO de 2026*

Una reunión provincial de nuestros sacerdotes, hermanos, seminaristas, hermanas, miembros de la Tercera Orden y familias parroquiales para una CONFERENCIA de 5 DÍAS organizada en la Universidad de Dallas con:

- **Sacramentos y oración**
- **Conferencias y talleres**
- **Competiciones y entretenimiento**
- **Actividades para jóvenes y niños**

Para obtener más información o registrarse, visite <https://ivemeeting.us/> o contactar a Madre Maria Aciparthenos al 774-849-0986



Respeto Por la Vida



"Respeto por la vida humana nos llama a defender la vida de estas y de otras amenazas... Pero aún así, el aborto y la eutanasia se han convertido en amenazas constantes a la dignidad humana porque atacan directamente a la vida misma, el más fundamental de los bienes humanos y la condición para todos los demás. Se cometen en contra de los más débiles e indefensos, los que son verdaderamente 'los más pobres de los pobres'" (Los Obispos Católicos de E.E. U.U., *Vivir el Evangelio de la Vida*, 1998, no.5).

PROXIMAS CHARLAS DE BAUTIZO!

Clase: Viernes 6 de Febrero
7:30pm en el Salón Parroquial

Bautizo: Sábado 28 de Febrero
12:00pm en la Iglesia Principal.



Iglesia San Antonio de Padua

Desayuno

Organizado por el Ministerio de Distribución de Alimentos

**Domingo
Febrero 8, 2026
7am - 11:30am**

MENU

Huevos, tocino, salchicha, tostadas francesas, papas, café, jugo de naranja, y pastelerías

\$8.00 adultos

\$5.00 Menores de 7 años de edad

PARA BENEFICIO DE LA DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS DE SAN ANTONIO DE PADUA

Salon parroquial de la Iglesia San Antonio de Padua
Entrada por la calle Nye
1359 Acushnet Ave.
New Bedford, MA
(508) 993-1691

Favor ven y únete a nosotros para un gran desayuno y un compartir



Celebrar

VENTA DE MALASADAS DOMINGO 15 DE FEBRERO DE 2026

Disfrute de este antojo portugués especial antes de que comience el tiempo de Cuaresma.

Las ordenes estarán sobre la mesa con los boletines. Complete el formulario y colóquelo en el buzón provisto. La fecha límite para realizar el pedido será el domingo 8 de febrero de 2026.



Precio: \$2.00 cada uno 6 por \$10.00 12 por \$20.00

Rosario de Los Jueves

Comunidad San Kilian: 01/01/2026

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

Comunidad Maria Puerta del Cielo: 01/15/20256

Comunidad San Kilian: 01/22/2026

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

Grupos de Limpieza

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

Comunidad San Kilian: 01/10/2026

Comunidad Maria Puerta del Cielo: 01/17/2026

Comunidad Maria Sede de La Sabiduria: 01/24/2026

Comunidad San Kilian: 01/31/2026

Comunidad Maria Puerta del Cielo: 02/7/2026

Comunidad Maria Sede de La Sabiduria: 02/14/2026

Comunidad San Kilian: 02/21/2026

Anuncios

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.



REGISTRACION

Les recuerdo la importancia de la Registración Parroquial. Esto es importante para obtener cartas de recomendación tanto para ser padrinos de bautismo, boda o confirmación. Si usted no está registrado y perseverando en la parroquia no podemos asistirlo con las cartas de recomendación.

CHARLAS DE MATRIMONIO

En breve empezaremos con una nueva tanda de charlas para matrimonio. Llame a la parroquia para las inscripciones.

Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento

Invitamos a todos a adorar a Jesús en el Santísimo Sacramento. Todos los jueves en la Iglesia de San Antonio desde las 6:30 a 7:15pm.



Los sábados desde las 9:30am hasta las 3:30pm. Recemos unidos como comunidad creyente y fortalezcamos a nuestras familias con oración y amor. Invitamos especialmente a las familias, padres e hijos a adorar a Jesús en la Eucaristía. Los esperamos.

"La familia que reza unida permanece unida"

Ven. P. Patrick Payton

Sábado 7 de febrero a las 9:30

Para todos aquellos que se preparan para hacer su Primera Comunión, tendremos las Primeras Confesiones el sábado 7 de febrero a las 9:30 en San Antonio de Padua.

1359 Acushnet Ave, New Bedford, MA 02746

"La confesión cura, la confesión justifica, la confesión concede el perdón del pecado, toda esperanza consiste en la confesión; en la confesión hay una posibilidad de misericordia."

-San Isidoro de Sevilla

Del Padre Mariano



El Tiempo Ordinario en el calendario litúrgico es, para muchos, una etapa silenciosa, desprovista del esplendor de la Navidad o la solemnidad de la Pascua. Sin embargo, precisamente en esta aparente sencillez, la Iglesia nos invita a vivir una profunda renovación interior y a buscar ser una nueva versión de Cristo en nuestra vida cotidiana.

Recordemos cómo Juan el Bautista, en el Evangelio, señala a Jesús y lo proclama "el Cordero de Dios, que quita el pecado del mundo". Esta imagen no solo resalta la humildad y la entrega total de Jesús, sino que también nos llama a contemplar cómo podemos encarnar estos valores en nuestra propia existencia.

Convertirnos en una nueva versión de Cristo implica, ante todo, abrir nuestro corazón a la humildad y al servicio desinteresado. Jesús, presentado como el Cordero, no vino a ser servido, sino a servir a los demás, a dar su vida por amor. En este Tiempo Ordinario, se nos invita a ofrecer gestos sencillos de amor, a tender la mano a quien lo necesita en nuestro entorno: un familiar, un vecino, un compañero de trabajo. Cada acto de bondad, por más pequeño que parezca, es una forma concreta de reflejar a Cristo en el mundo de hoy.

Además, ser una nueva versión de Cristo implica también reconocer nuestros propios límites y debilidades, pero no desde la resignación, sino desde la esperanza y la confianza en la gracia de Dios. Así como Juan el Bautista reconoció que él solo era la voz que clamaba en el desierto, nosotros también podemos ser portadores humildes de la presencia de Jesús, dejando que sea Él quien brille a través de nuestras acciones.

El Tiempo Ordinario no es un paréntesis en nuestro caminar de fe, sino un espacio privilegiado para transformar la rutina diaria en ocasión de encuentro con Dios y con los demás. Renovémonos, pues, dejando atrás actitudes que nos impiden crecer y abrazando la novedad del Evangelio. Sigamos el ejemplo de Jesús, el Cordero de Dios, y respondamos cada día al llamado a ser testigos vivos de su amor y misericordia. Solo así, en lo cotidiano, nos convertiremos en esa nueva versión de Cristo que nuestro mundo tanto necesita.

Christus Vincit, Christus Regnat,
Christus Imperat!
P. Mariano

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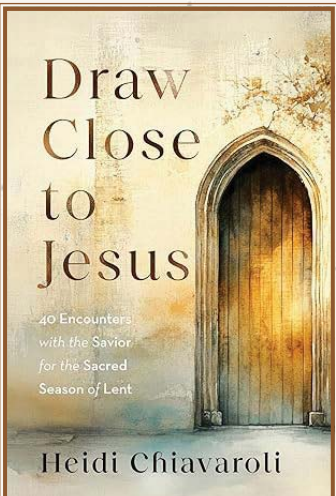
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