



Saint Anthony of Padua Church

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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.

SUNDAY JANUARY 25, 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
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Daniel Marshall (401) 288-7172

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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 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*

MONDAY

7:00am

JANUARY 26

For vocation to the priesthood

TUESDAY

7:00am

JANUARY 27

For the sick of the parish

WEDNESDAY

7:00am

JANUARY 28

Fr. Ed. Murphy's Intentions

THURSDAY

7:00am

7:30pm

JANUARY 29

Members of the IVE

†Oscar Nieva

FRIDAY

5:15pm

JANUARY 30

†Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY

4:00pm

JANUARY 31

†Laurina & Abilio Medina

SUNDAY

6:30am *English*

8:00am *Español*

9:30am *English*

FEBRUARY 1

†Carlos & Concepcion Vasquez

Pro Populo

†Amaro Jorge Bizarro

†Filomena Pereira

†Decease of the IVE

11:00am *Español*

READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2026

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
MONDAY Jan 26	Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/Mk 3:22-30
TUESDAY Jan 27	Saint Angela Merici, Virgin 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35
WEDNESDAY Jan 28	Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
THURSDAY Jan 29	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25
FRIDAY Jan 30	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34
SATURDAY Jan 31	Saint John Bosco, Priest 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
SUNDAY Feb 1	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

Pastor Message

In the Gospel of Matthew, we read that after John the Baptist was arrested, Jesus withdrew to the region of Galilee, specifically to the territories of Zebulun and Naphtali. This movement was not random, but a fulfillment of the ancient prophecy from Isaiah: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who lived in a land of

God, inviting all to step out of spiritual darkness and into the light of faith and truth.

This promise resonates in our world today, where so many still experience darkness—whether through confusion, suffering, or a sense of isolation. Yet, Jesus continues to be the light that breaks through, offering clarity, purpose, and hope. His message challenges us to recognize the light that has dawned and to carry it into the lives of others.

This week, a special group of young people from our own parishes of Immaculate Conception (IC) and St. Anthony's (SA) have answered that call in a remarkable way. They are traveling to Washington, D.C., to participate in the annual Pro-Life March, joining thousands of others in standing up for the dignity and sanctity of every human life. Their courageous witness is a sign that the light of Christ continues to shine, especially among our youth, inspiring them to defend the most vulnerable and to speak up for truth and justice.

We are so proud of these young parishioners who have stepped forward to be witnesses

of hope and compassion in our world. Let us keep them in our prayers as they march, that their faith may be strengthened and their hearts filled with the love of Christ.

May their journey remind us all that we are called not only to receive the light of Jesus but to reflect it, bringing hope to those who still walk in darkness.

May the Lord bless our young people and our entire parish family as we continue to walk in His light, trusting in the transforming power of His love. Have a blessed Sunday!

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



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed Him.
Mt 4:19-20

3º DOMINGO DO TEMPO COMUM

Jesus disse a eles: "Segui-me, e eu farei de vós pescadores de homens". Eles, imediatamente deixaram as redes e o seguiram. Mt 4, 19-20

gloom, a light has shone." As Jesus began His ministry in this region, His very presence—His words and actions—became a beacon of hope and transformation for people who had long felt forgotten or oppressed. Through His preaching, healing, and loving presence, Jesus illuminated the path toward

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

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! →

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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<https://www.fallriverdiocese.org/>

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*

St. Anthony of Padua Church

Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary

The Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary also known as the Rosary Altar Society in the United States is an international association of the faithful that exists "to praise and honor the Blessed Virgin Mary and to secure her patronage by the recitation of the Holy Rosary for the mutual benefit of all the members throughout the world".

Each week countless thousands of members pray the Holy Rosary and includes each other's intentions in their prayers.



Membership of the Confraternity

Membership in the Rosary Confraternity is open to all the Catholic lay faithful as well as to priests, deacons, and consecrated religious. The first Rosary Confraternity was established in the 1470s through the zealous preaching of the Dominican friar Alan de la Roche, O.P. It was partly due to the spread of the Rosary Confraternity that devotion to Our Lady's Rosary flourished so widely and a uniform way of reciting the Rosary developed. From the beginning, Rosary Confraternities were erected under the direction of the Dominican friars and the formal chartering of Rosary Confraternities eventually became an apostolic privilege reserved to the Dominican Order.

Throughout the world, many Catholic parishes and shrines have established local chapters of the Rosary Confraternity—or "Rosary Altar Societies"—with the help of the Dominican Friars. In the United States, Rosary Altar Societies can be found in numerous parishes and often play an important role in promoting devotion to Our Lady and in helping to organize parish activities.

St. Anthony of Padua Church in New Bedford is officially a Chapter or Rosary Altar Society with the approval of the St. Joseph Dominican Order Province and the blessing of Our Fall River Diocese Bishop Edgar Da Cunha. For more information on the responsibilities and benefits of the Rosary Altar Society contact the parish rectory at (508) 993-1691.

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



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 18, 2026

Weekly Collection \$ 5,040.00

Candle Shrine \$ 157.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY Upcoming Second Collections

01/25/2026 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-TH-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



LAST YEAR PALMS

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



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
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Please come and join us for a great breakfast
and fellowship



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 María 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 francesa, 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
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(508) 993-1691

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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: 01/22/2026

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

Comunidad Maria Puerta del Cielo: 02/05/2026

Comunidad San Kilian: 02/12/2026

Comunidad Maria Sede de La Sabiduría: 02/19/2026

Comunidad Maria Puerta del Cielo: 02/26/2026

Grupos de Limpieza

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

Comunidad San Kilian: 01/31/2026

Comunidad Maria Puerta del Cielo: 02/7/2026

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

Comunidad San Kilian: 02/21/2026

Comunidad Maria Puerta del Cielo: 02/28/2026

Anuncios

AVISO CONSULADO DE GUATEMALA

El consulado móvil de Guatemala en Providence estará en New Bedford. En ese día usted podrá realizar sus pasaportes, inscripción de nacimiento y certificado de nacimiento, etc. Lugar en el salón de nuestra parroquia de San Antonio 1359 Acushnet Ave. New Bedford. MA

Sábado 21 de Febrero 2026 desde las 8am a 6pm.

Domingo 22 de Febrero 2026 desde las 8am a 2pm.



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.

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

PRIMERAS CONFESIONES

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

En el Evangelio de Mateo, capítulo 4, se relata un momento clave en el ministerio de Jesús: "Al oír que Juan había sido encarcelado, Jesús volvió a Galilea. Dejando Nazaret, se fue a vivir a Cafarnaúm, en la región de Zabulón y Neftalí, para que se cumpliera lo dicho por el profeta Isaías: 'El pueblo que habitaba en tinieblas vio una gran luz; a los que habitaban en región y sombra de muerte, luz les resplandeció.'" Este pasaje no solo tiene un profundo significado histórico, sino también espiritual para cada uno de nosotros hoy.



La región de Zabulón y Neftalí representaba lugares marcados por la desolación. Eran territorios donde la esperanza parecía haberse desvanecido por generaciones. Sin embargo, precisamente allí, Jesús decidió comenzar su ministerio, llevando consigo el mensaje de la salvación, la compasión y la luz que disipa toda oscuridad. La presencia de Jesús transformó la vida de aquellos que caminaban en sombras, trayendo claridad, propósito y una nueva esperanza.

Hoy, muchos de nosotros, en diferentes momentos y circunstancias, también experimentamos oscuridad: dudas, miedos, injusticias o desafíos personales. Pero el mensaje de Jesús sigue vigente: donde hay tinieblas, Él es la luz capaz de iluminar nuestro camino y de renovar nuestro corazón. Esta promesa se extiende a todos, especialmente a los jóvenes, quienes enfrentan desafíos enormes en una sociedad llena de voces contradictorias.

En este contexto, es inspirador destacar el testimonio de los jóvenes de IC y SA, quienes han decidido viajar hasta Washington D.C. para participar en la marcha pro-vida. Estos jóvenes no solo representan el presente y el futuro de la Iglesia, sino que también son portadores de una luz que se niega a ser apagada por las sombras de la indiferencia o el desánimo. Su valentía y compromiso nos recuerdan que, así como en Zabulón y Neftalí, la luz de Cristo sigue llegando a lugares inesperados a través de quienes se disponen a ser instrumentos de esperanza y amor.

Que el ejemplo de Jesús y el testimonio de estos jóvenes nos animen a caminar con fe, a ser luz en medio de la oscuridad y a defender siempre la dignidad de la vida humana, desde su concepción hasta su fin natural.

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

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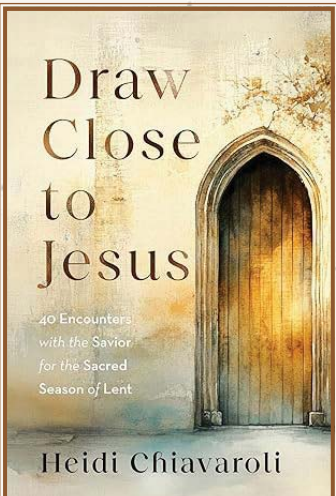
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