



Saint Anthony of Padua Church

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4TH

SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

SERMON ON THE MOUNT: THE BEATITUDES

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

Matthew 5:8

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 FEBRUARY 1, 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

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

5:15pm

SATURDAY

4:00pm

SUNDAY

6:30am *English*

8:00am *Español*

9:30am *English*

11:00am *Español*

JANUARY 31

†Laurina & Abilio Medina

FEBRUARY 1

†Carlos & Concepcion Vasquez

Pro Populo

†Amaro Jorge Bizarro &

†Filomena Pereira

†Decease of the IVE

FEBRUARY 2

Int. Long Pham

FEBRUARY 3

†Gladys Fauteux

†Patrick Winsper (3rd Aniv)

FEBRUARY 4

†John Moniz

FEBRUARY 5

†Fernando do Couto

†Amanda Varela

FEBRUARY 6

†Manuel Pereira

FEBRUARY 7

†Joseph F. Murtha

FEBRUARY 8

†Barbara Sylvia

Pro Populo

†Jose Francisco Bizarro

†Marcelino de La Cruz

Sanctuary Lamp

Will burn the month of February in memory of
†John Connolly

READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2026

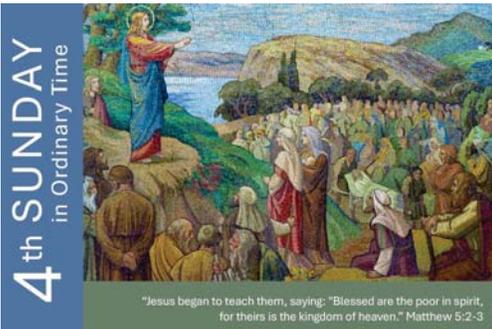
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| SUNDAY Feb 1 | 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/ Mt 5:1-12a |
| MONDAY Feb 2 | The Presentation of the Lord Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32 |
| TUESDAY Feb 3 | <i>Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop</i> 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43 |
| WEDNESDAY Feb 4 | 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6 |
| THURSDAY Feb 5 | <i>Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr</i> 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chron 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13 |
| FRIDAY Feb 6 | <i>Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs</i> Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29 |
| SATURDAY Feb 7 | 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34 |
| SUNDAY Feb 8 | 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16 |

Pastor Message

On this Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Gospel reading invites us to journey with Jesus up the mountainside in Matthew chapter 5, where He delivers the profound teachings known as the Beatitudes. These eight statements, often called the heart of the Sermon on the Mount, are not only words of comfort but also a blueprint for Christian

wealth, power, and self-sufficiency, Jesus speaks of humility, meekness, mercy, and a thirst for righteousness. He assures those who mourn, those who are pure in heart, and those who make peace that they are truly blessed in the eyes of God. These blessings are not reserved for the elite or the accomplished but are open to all who desire to follow Christ's path of love and service.

command, helps us to break resentment and hurt. Striving for a pure heart invites us to examine our motives and seek sincerity in our relationships.



living. As we listen anew to "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven," we are challenged to reexamine our values and the way we interact with God and one another.

The Beatitudes turn conventional wisdom upside down. In a world that often prizes

How, then, can we apply the Beatitudes to our daily lives? First, "poor in spirit" reminds us to cultivate humility and dependence on God, recognizing that everything we have is a gift. This attitude helps us to be thankful and generous. "Blessed are those who mourn" encourages us to be compassionate, standing with those who suffer and offering comfort where we can. When we are meek, we choose gentleness over aggression, seeking understanding rather than insisting on our own way.

Hungering and thirsting for righteousness means yearning for justice—not only for ourselves but also by speaking up for what is right and supporting those in need. Showing mercy and forgiveness, as the Beatitudes

Finally, being peacemakers calls us to heal divisions in our families, workplaces, and neighborhoods. Even when we are misunderstood or mistreated for our faith or values, Jesus promises we are blessed.

As we reflect this Sunday, let us pray for the courage to live out the Beatitudes in concrete ways. May they shape our hearts, our choices, and our witness to the world, so that we become living signs of God's kingdom here and now. Have a blessed and warm Sunday!

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

Announcements

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! →

RELIGIOUS FAMILY OF THE INCARNATE WORD

IVE Third Order
Family Night

All are invited to come learn about The Religious Family of the Incarnate Word. There will be prayer, presentations, kids activities and a Potluck dinner!

Saturday

February 14

Topic: Fraternal Life

March 21

What it means to be a Third Order Member of the Religious Family

**6 PM: PRESENTATION
6:45 PM DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT**

Location:
Immaculate Conception
136 Earle Street, New Bedford MA
Contact: 774-849-09868



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.

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*

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 25, 2026

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| Weekly Collection | \$ 4,806.00 |
| Latin America Church | \$ 1,615.00 |
| Candle Shrine | \$ 100.00 |

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY Upcoming Second Collections

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| 02/08/2026 | The Catholic University of America |
| 02/18/2026 | Ash Wednesday |
| 02/22/2026 | Fuel |

Every Friday during Lent, after the Stations of the Cross, All are invited!



- Feb, 20, 2026 - The Knights of Columbus
- Feb, 27, 2026 - Maria Sede de La Sabiduría
- March 6, 2026 - Salt Ladies
- March 13, 2026 - Charismatic group of Saint Kilian
- March 20, 2026 - Holy Spirit Society
- March 27, 2026 - Puerta del Cielo Group

LAST YEAR PALMS

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



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 3 for \$5.00 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

TO BENEFIT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
FOOD PANTRY

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



Breakfast tickets Available at the office and at the door.

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 Aeiparthenos al 774-849-0986



FAMILIA RELIGIOSA DEL VERBO ENCARNADO



IVE Third Order

Noche familiar

Todos están invitados a venir a aprender sobre la Familia Religiosa del Verbo Encarnado.

¡Habrà oración, presentaciones, actividades para niños y una cena compartida!

Sábado

14 de febrero

Tema: Vida Fraternal



21 de marzo

Qué significa ser miembro de la Tercera Orden de la Familia Religiosa



**6 PM PRESENTACIÓN
6:45 PM CENA Y ENTRETENIMIENTO**

**Ubicación:
Inmaculada Concepción
136 Earle Street, New Bedford, MA
Contacto: 774-849-09868**



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 Distribucion de Alimentos

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

MENU

Huevos, tocino, salchicha, tostadas francesa, papas, cafe, jugo de naranja, y pastelerias

\$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



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 pro-

visto. La fecha límite para realizar el pedido será el domingo 8 de febrero de 2026.



Precio: Una por \$2.00 3 por \$5.00 6 por \$10.00 12 por \$20.00

Rosario de Los Jueves

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

Comunidad San Kilian: 03/05/2026

Comunidad Maria Sede de La Sabiduría: 03/12/2026

Grupos de Limpieza

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

Comunidad Maria Sede de La Sabiduría: 03/07/2026

Comunidad San Kilian: 03/14/2026

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

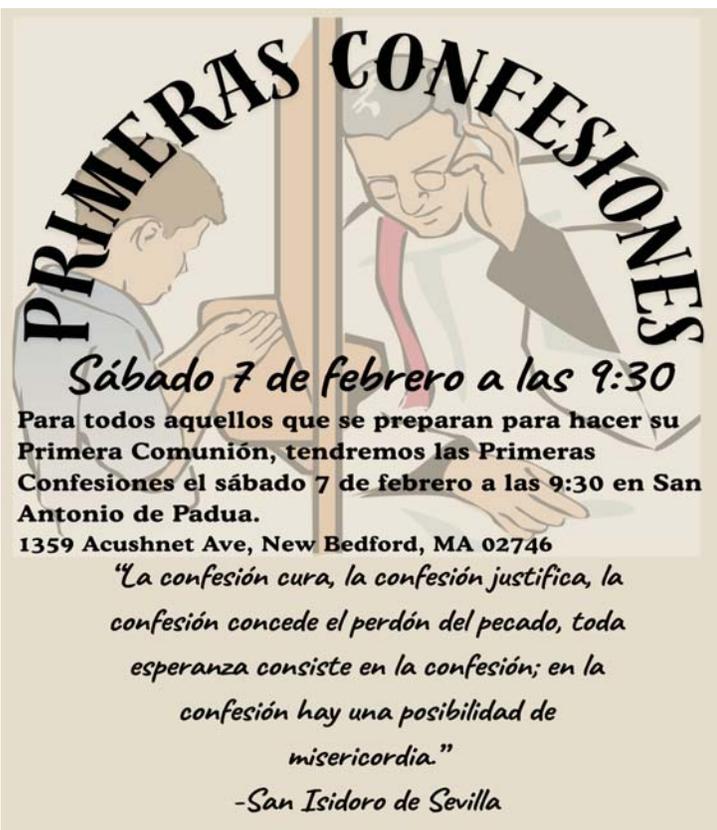
Invitamos a todos a adorar a Jesús en el Santísimo Sacramento. Todos los jueves en la Iglesia de San Antonio desde las 6:30 a 7:15pm.



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 este cuarto domingo del tiempo ordinario, la liturgia nos invita a meditar sobre un pasaje central del Evangelio: las Bienaventuranzas. Estas palabras de Jesús, pronunciadas en el Sermón del Monte, nos muestran el corazón del mensaje cristiano: una llamada a la felicidad verdadera, que no se mide por el éxito mundano, sino por la profundidad de nuestra relación con Dios y con los demás.



Las Bienaventuranzas comienzan con "Bienaventurados los pobres de espíritu, porque de ellos es el Reino de los cielos". Jesús nos enseña que la humildad y la sencillez son el camino para acercarnos a Dios. No se trata solo de pobreza material, sino también de reconocer nuestra necesidad de Dios y nuestra pequeñez ante Él. Al vivir con humildad, abrimos nuestro corazón a la gracia y aprendemos a valorar lo verdaderamente importante.

"Bienaventurados los que lloran, porque serán consolados". Aquí, Jesús nos recuerda que el sufrimiento y el dolor no tienen la última palabra. La fe nos impulsa a confiar en que Dios consuela a quienes sufren y ofrece esperanza en medio de las dificultades. Al acompañar a los que sufren, nos convertimos en instrumentos de ese consuelo divino.

Las demás Bienaventuranzas nos invitan a ser mansos, misericordiosos, limpios de corazón, pacificadores y a soportar la persecución por causa de la justicia. Cada una de estas actitudes es una llamada concreta a transformar nuestro mundo, comenzando por nuestro entorno más cercano. Practicar la mansedumbre implica responder con serenidad ante las ofensas. Ser misericordiosos nos mueve a perdonar y a ayudar a quienes nos rodean. Los limpios de corazón buscan amar con sinceridad y sin doblez, y los pacificadores construyen puentes de diálogo y comprensión.

Aplicar las Bienaventuranzas en nuestra vida cotidiana supone un compromiso de fe valiente y generosa. Nos invitan a vivir con alegría y esperanza, a pesar de las dificultades. Podemos empezar en lo pequeño: escuchar con atención, tender la mano al necesitado, perdonar de corazón y buscar siempre la justicia y la paz.

Que este domingo, al escuchar las palabras de Jesús, nos anime a renovar nuestro compromiso cristiano y a ser testigos vivos de las Bienaventuranzas en nuestro día a día. Así, contribuiremos a hacer presente el Reino de Dios entre nosotros.

¡Feliz domingo y que Dios os bendiga!

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

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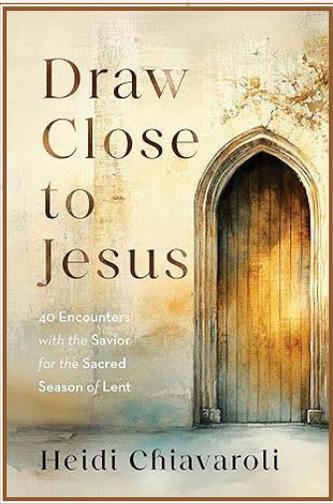
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 If you have questions about funeral plans or want to transfer your plans from another provider, we can help.

Draw Close to Jesus
 Award-winning novelist Heidi Chiavaroli invites you to draw closer to Jesus this Lent. Through imaginative retellings, Heidi brings to vivid life the stories of forty people who encountered the Savior in the pages of Scripture.

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