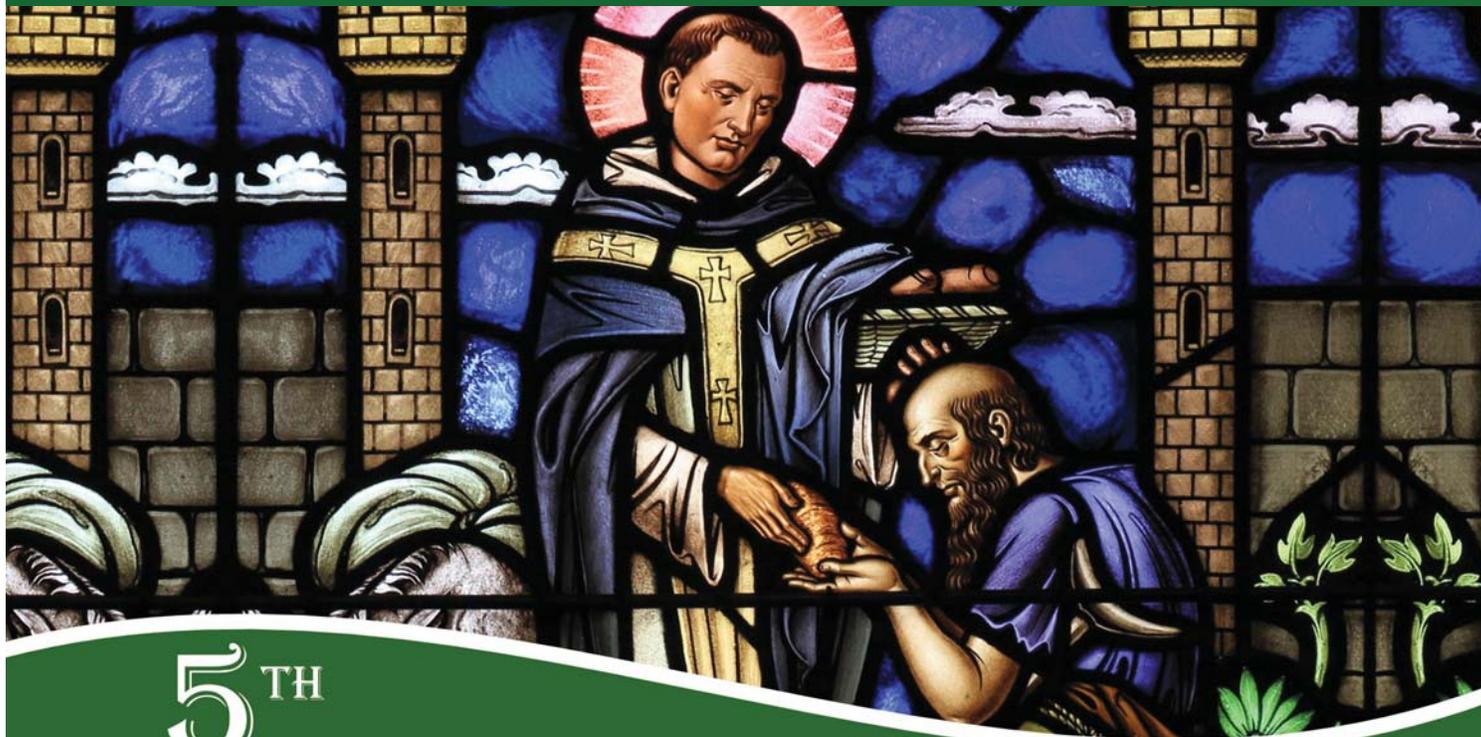




Saint Anthony of Padua Church

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5TH

SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

"You are the light of the world. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." Matthew 5:14,16

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 8, 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

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

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Sacristan Sr. Annette Brassard | Ext. 112

Remember them in your prayers!

Eternal Rest

† Alexandria Quiroa

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,
Selena Quiroa.*

That the Lord may give them health and strength

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY

4:00pm

FEBRUARY 7

†Joseph F. Murtha

SUNDAY

6:30am *English*
8:00am *Español*
9:30am *English*
11:00am *Español*

FEBRUARY 8

†Barbara Sylvia
Int. Juan Carlos Perez (1st. Bday)
†Jose Francisco Bizarro
†Marcelino de La Cruz

MONDAY

7:00am

FEBRUARY 9

†Emiliana Dias (death Aniv.)

TUESDAY

7:00am

FEBRUARY 10

†Tito & Rosa Vasquez

WEDNESDAY

7:00am

FEBRUARY 11

†Alba D. Vasquez

THURSDAY

7:00am
7:30pm

FEBRUARY 12

†Reymond Joseph Mercier
†Rubi Alexandra Quiroa Santos

FRIDAY

5:15pm

FEBRUARY 13

Int. Karen DeCarlo

SATURDAY

4:00pm

FEBRUARY 14

Int. Nora M. Vasquez

SUNDAY

6:30am *English*
8:00am *Español*
9:30am *English*
11:00am *Español*

FEBRUARY 15

Int. Fr. Jeffrey Obniski
†Rubi Alexandra Quiroa Santos
†Manuel & Ernestina Macedo
†Felicita Alejandrina Suarez

Sanctuary Lamp

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

READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2026

SUNDAY 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feb 8 Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

MONDAY

Feb 9 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56

TUESDAY

Saint Scholastica, Virgin

Feb 10 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5+10, 11/Mk 7:1-13

WEDNESDAY Our Lady of Lourdes

Feb 11 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23

THURSDAY

Feb 12 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37+40/Mk 7:24-30

FRIDAY

Feb 13 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/
Mk 7:31-37

SATURDAY

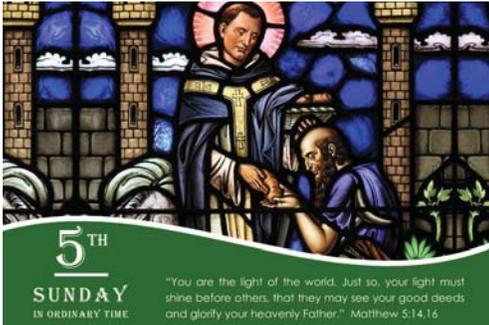
Feb 14 *Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop*
1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/
Mk 8:1-10

SUNDAY 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feb 15 Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6
-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Pastor Message

On this fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, we encounter a powerful challenge and a beautiful invitation from Jesus in the Gospel. He tells his disciples—and each of us today—“You are the salt of the earth,” and “You are the light of the world.” These metaphors are not only poetic; they’re deeply meaningful for how we live our faith and interact with others.



Salt in ancient times was essential. It preserved food, brought out flavor, and symbolized value and purity. When Jesus calls us to be the salt of the earth, he’s asking us to bring flavor and zest to the world around us.

Our Christian lives are meant to enrich, preserve, and uplift society, never losing our ‘taste’—our unique identity and calling as

followers of Christ. If salt loses its flavor, it becomes useless; likewise, if we lose sight of our faith and the values Jesus teaches, we risk becoming ineffective witnesses to God’s love.

Jesus also calls us to be “the light of the world.” Light cannot be hidden; it’s meant to shine, to guide, to reveal, and to comfort. In a world that can sometimes feel shadowed by confusion, pain, and division, our actions are meant to illuminate the presence of God. We do this not by grand gestures alone, but in the everyday acts of kindness, mercy, forgiveness. Our lives, when lived with integrity and compassion, serve as a beacon that points others toward hope and meaning.

Importantly, Jesus tells us that our good works are not for our own glory. We are called to act so “that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” Our purpose is not to draw attention to ourselves but to reflect God’s love outward, leading others to encounter God’s goodness. Every small act of charity, every honest word, every moment we choose love instead

of indifference, becomes a light that draws others closer to God.

As we celebrate this Sunday and reflect on these profound words, let us ask ourselves: Am I truly being the salt of the earth? Does my presence bring out the best in others? Is my life a lamp set on a stand, shining with the light of Christ? Let us renew our commitment to live faith-filled lives, so that others, seeing our good works, may be inspired to glorify God the Father.

Remember next week the “Fat Sunday” since it is the last Sunday before Ash Wednesday. A Time to enjoy the traditional Malasadas. I hope everyone will support the Holy Ghost society. May you have a happy Sunday and a blessed week.

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



THANK YOU to all those who in so many ways supported our youth/young adult trip to the DC March for Life and Youth Conference; we felt the assistance through the fundraising, rides to Providence train station, and especially your prayers!!! Our group of 55 took the train early Thursday January 22nd, arriving for the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception’s Vigil for Life Mass on the day of prayer for the protection of the unborn. Friday we marched around the Capitol to Supreme Court, witnessing the joy of life, and Saturday was filled with games, talks, Adoration/Confession, and songs. Due to the snow, we enjoyed an extra day with sports, and safely returned Mon. January 26th. WE APPRECIATE YOUR COLLABORATION IN SUPPORTING OUR YOUNG CHURCH!

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



Lenten Season begins with Ash Wednesday
February 18, 2026



Ashes will be distributed at the following Mass.

**7:00am English; 6:00pm English
7:30pm Spanish**

Stations of The Cross will be on Fridays after the 5:15pm Mass followed by our Soup Supper.

Ash Wednesday is also a day of Fasting and Abstinence.

They shine through the darkness, a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and just. - Psalm 112:4

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.

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*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

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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(508) 993-1691

Please come and join us for a great breakfast
and fellowship



Breakfast tickets are Available at the office and at the door.



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 FEBRUARY 1, 2026

Weekly Collection \$ 4,963.00
Candle Shrine \$ 221.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY
Upcoming Second Collections

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

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 Aepiparthenos 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.

¡Habrá 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



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, cafe, jugo de naranja, y pastelerías

\$8.00 adultos

\$5.00 Menores de 7 años de edad

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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: 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

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

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.



Del Padre Mariano

El Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario nos invita a reflexionar sobre dos imágenes poderosas y llenas de significado que Jesús usa para describir nuestra misión como cristianos en el mundo: la sal de la tierra y la luz del mundo. Estas comparaciones nos llaman a ser agentes de cambio y esperanza en la sociedad, resaltando la importancia de no perder nuestra esencia, aquello que nos hace verdaderos discípulos de Cristo.



Agradecimiento por el apoyo Marcha por la Vida



GRACIAS a todos los que de tantas maneras apoyaron nuestro viaje de jóvenes y adultos jóvenes a la Marcha por la Vida y la Conferencia Juvenil en Washington D.C.; sentimos su ayuda a través de la recaudación de fondos, los viajes a la estación de tren de Providence y, especialmente, ¡sus oraciones! Nuestro grupo de 55 personas tomó el tren temprano el jueves 22 de enero y llegó a la Basílica de la Inmaculada Concepción para la Misa de Vigilia por la Vida, en el día de oración por la protección de los no nacidos. El viernes marchamos alrededor del Capitolio hasta el Tribunal Supremo, dando testimonio de la alegría de la vida, y el sábado estuvo lleno de juegos, charlas, adoración/confesión y canciones. Debido a la nieve, disfrutamos de un día extra con deportes y regresamos sanos y salvos el lunes 26 de enero. ¡AGRADECEMOS SU COLABORACIÓN EN EL APOYO A NUESTRA JOVEN IGLESIA!

MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA **18 DE FEBRERO 2026**

Las cenizas serán distribuidas en las siguientes Misas.

7 am y 6 pm Ingles
7:30pm Español

Las Estaciones de La Cruz, todos los Viernes de la Cuaresma después de la Misa de las 5:15pm seguido de Nuestra cena de Sopa.

Miércoles de Ceniza es también un día de Ayuno y Abstinencia.

Jesús dice: "Vosotros sois la sal de la tierra; pero si la sal pierde su sabor, ¿con qué se le volverá a salar? Ya no sirve para nada, sino para ser tirada y pisoteada por los hombres". La sal, en tiempos de Jesús, no solo daba sabor a los alimentos, sino que también preservaba y evitaba la corrupción. De igual manera, nuestra vida y testimonio deben dar sabor a las relaciones humanas, aportar sentido, esperanza y alegría donde a veces reina la rutina o la tristeza. No podemos permitir que nuestra fe se vuelva insípida o irrelevante; cada gesto de caridad, de perdón, de compasión es como una pizca de sal que transforma el entorno.

Asimismo, Jesús nos llama a ser luz del mundo: "Vosotros sois la luz del mundo. No se puede ocultar una ciudad situada en la cima de un monte". La luz disipa las tinieblas y orienta a quienes buscan el camino. Nuestra luz es reflejo de la luz de Cristo, que habita en nosotros. Ser luz implica vivir con coherencia, ser testigos valientes del Evangelio, irradiar amor y verdad a través de nuestras obras y palabras.

Para ser mejor sal y mejor luz, primero debemos cuidar nuestra relación personal con Dios a través de la oración, la Eucaristía y la escucha de la Palabra. Luego, debemos comprometernos con los demás, especialmente con los más necesitados, siendo presencia de misericordia y justicia. De este modo, nuestra vida irá mostrando el rostro de Dios y muchos, viendo nuestras buenas obras, glorificarán al Padre que está en el cielo.

Que este domingo sea para todos una invitación a renovar nuestro compromiso de ser sal y luz, para que la presencia de Dios se haga visible en nuestro mundo.

Recuerden que la próxima semana es el «Domingo Gordo», ya que es el último domingo antes del Miércoles de Ceniza. Es el momento de disfrutar de las tradicionales malasadas. Espero que todos apoyen a la sociedad del Espíritu Santo.

Que tengan un feliz domingo y una semana bendecida.

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

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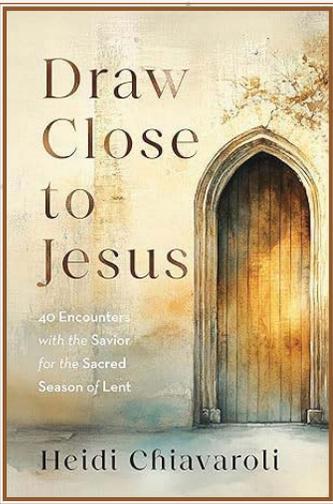
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