



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.*

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 MARCH 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!



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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 & Joe Hevey, Thomas Sargent,
Sandra & Family, Alan Edwards and Jose M. Carcamo,
Nataly Alvarado, Madaleine Mendoza, Nick Dagenais,
Selena Quiroa, Aline Laferriere.*

That the Lord may give them health and strength

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY

4:00pm

FEBRUARY 28

†Antonio Taveira

SUNDAY

6:30am *English*

MARCH 1

†Ernest & Dolores Oliveira

†Alice Rocheleau

†Souls in Purgatory

†Anicento & Laurinda Miranda

†Almas del Purgatory

8:00am *Español*

9:30am *English*

11:00am *Español*

MONDAY

7:00am

MARCH 2

†Elena Vasquez

TUESDAY

7:00am

MARCH 3

Int. of parish benefactors

WEDNESDAY

7:00am *Englis*

MARCH 4

†Jamie Allison

THURSDAY

7:00am

7:30pm

MARCH 5

†Fernando do Couto

Por los enfermos de la parroquia

FRIDAY

5:15pm

MARCH 6

†Manuel Pereira

SATURDAY

4:00pm

MARCH 7

†Abilio & Laurina Medina

SUNDAY

6:30am *English*

8:00am *Español*

9:30am *English*

11:00am *Español*

MARCH 8

†Janice Fauteux

Pro Populo

†Francisco & Deolinda Bizarro

†Marcelino de La Cruz (2nd Aniv)

Sanctuary Lamp

Will burn the month of March in memory of

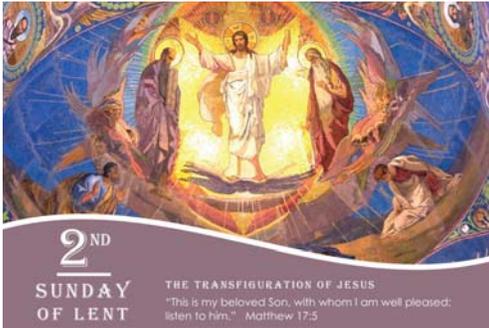
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SCRIPTURE READINGS 2026 YEAR A

SUNDAY Mar 1	Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/ Mt 17:1-9
MONDAY Mar 2	Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11+13/Lk 6:36-38
TUESDAY Mar 3	Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21+23/Mt 23:1-12
WEDNESDAY Mar 4	Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28
THURSDAY Mar 5	Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4+6/Lk 16:19-31
FRIDAY Mar 6	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20 -21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
SATURDAY Mar 7	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
SUNDAY Mar 8	Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5- 42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Pastor Message

On this second Sunday of Lent, the Church invites us to climb the mountain with Jesus and witness the extraordinary event known as the Transfiguration. We read in the Gospel of Matthew how Jesus takes Peter, James, and John—his closest friends—up a high mountain. There, before their eyes, he is transfigured: his face shines like the sun,



his clothes become dazzling white, and Moses and Elijah appear, talking with him. A bright cloud overshadows them, and a voice declares, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

The Transfiguration is much more than a miraculous event. It is a revelation of who

Jesus truly is—the Son of God, radiant in glory. In that moment, his divinity shines forth, confirming for the disciples that Jesus is the fulfillment of the law (represented by Moses) and the prophets (represented by Elijah). The three apostles are given a glimpse of Jesus' glory to strengthen them for the trials to come, especially his suffering and death in Jerusalem.

So what does this mean for us today? The Transfiguration reminds us that, even as we journey through the penance and challenges of Lent, there is hope and glory promised beyond the cross. Just as the disciples were invited to "listen to him," we too are called to renew our trust in Jesus and open our hearts to hear his voice. In times of confusion or discouragement, the Transfiguration assures us that God is present and that his light will overcome any darkness we face.

The story also challenges us to be attentive to moments of grace—those "mountaintop" experiences in our own lives when God's presence feels especially near. These moments are gifts to sustain us through valleys

of doubt or suffering. But, like the disciples, we cannot remain on the mountain forever. We are called to descend, strengthened by what we have witnessed, and carry the light of Christ into our daily lives.



As we continue our Lenten journey, let us remember that the path includes both the cross and the glory. Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, trusting that he walks with us and that, in the end, his light will lead us to transformation and eternal life. May we, too, listen to him—knowing that in following Jesus, we are truly beloved children of God.

Have a blessed Sunday and a fruitful Lent!

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

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

COME,
ENTER HOLY WEEK
WITH
OUR BLESSED LORD

PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 29, 2026
STARTS AT 2 PM
BROOKLAWN PARK
NEW BEDFORD, MA

FAMILY BECOME WHAT YOU ARE.

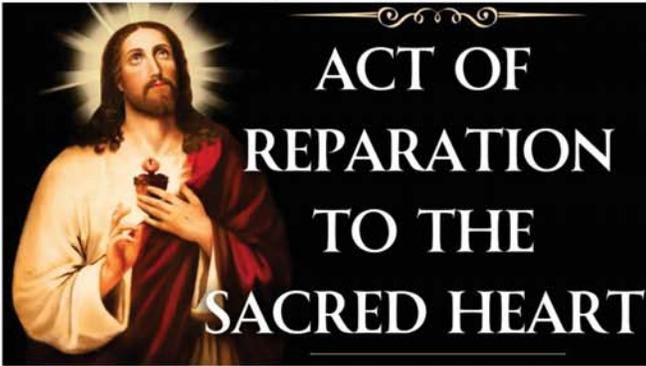
JOIN US for IVE MEETING 2026 in DALLAS, TEXAS!!!
JULY 8-12, 2026

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

First Friday of the Month



The devotion of the nine First Fridays was requested by Our Lord Himself in the revelations He made regarding His Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a nun of the Visitation Order who lived in France in the 17th century. The particular intention of the First Friday devotions is to offer reparation for the innumerable offenses committed against the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Twelve Promises are granted to those who meet the following requirements for the First Friday Devotion for nine consecutive months:

Attend Holy Mass, Receive Communion and Go to Confession

Every Friday

- + Eucharistic Adoration & Confession- 4:15pm
- + Holy Mass - 5:15pm

at

St. Anthony of Padua Church

First Saturday Devotion Immaculate Heart of Mary



The observance of the First Saturday in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is intended to console her Immaculate Heart, and to make,

reparation to it for all the blasphemies and ingratitude of men. This devotion and the wonderful promises connected with it were revealed by the Blessed Virgin with these words recorded by Lucia, one of the three children to whom the Blessed Virgin appeared at Fatima, Portugal, in 1917.

- + Confess and receive Holy Communion.
- + Recite five decades of the Rosary.
- + And keep me company for 15 minutes while meditating on one or more of the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me.



Every First Saturday of the Month at St. Anthony of Padua Church

Announcements and Events

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

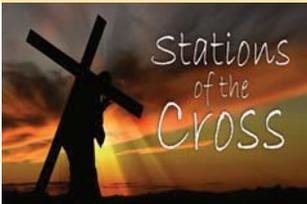
March 21

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



Every Friday during Lent After 5:15 pm Mass in the Church. Starting on February 20, 2026

Operation Rice Bowl



Through CRS Rice Bowl, you help reach more than 250 MILLION PEOPLE with lifesaving support. THANK YOU for changing lives this Lent!

- * Place your CRS Rice Bowl on your Family's dinner table.
- Follow the calendar's daily reflections.
- Put your Lenten sacrifices into your CRS Rice Bowl.
- Bring the bowl at the end of the Lenten season to share with people in most need.

Sacrificial Giving and Stewardship

Weekly Collections

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2026

Weekly Collection	\$ 5.429,00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 3.835,00
Fuel	\$ 2.338,00
Candle Shrine	\$ 192.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY
Upcoming Second Collections

- 03/08/2026 Renovation
- 03/15/2026 The Catholic Relief Services
- 03/22/2026 Easter Flowers

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



- 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

Noticias & Eventos



RETIRO DE PRIMERA COMUNIÓN
Sábado 7 de marzo 10:30AM a 2 PM

**PORQUE MI CARNE ES
VERDADERA COMIDA**

JUAN 6:55

POR FAVOR TRAIGA EL ALMUERZO DE SU HIJO
A LA ESCUELA IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (136 EARLE ST)

Bautismos

NO HAY BAUTISMOS EN MARZO, SOLO LA CLASE, LOS BAUTISMOS SERAN EN ABRIL



Antes de asistir a las charlas los padres del niño/a deben traer el Certificado de nacimiento del niño/a y los nombres de los padrinos, que tiene que estar casados por la Iglesia o solteros y tener el sacramento de Confirmación.

BAUTISMOS PARA EL MES DE ABRIL

Charlas: Viernes 6 de Marzo

Bautismo: Sábado 25 de Abril 2026.



Vía Crucis:
Textos y Reflexiones sobre la Pasión

Todos Los Viernes de La Cuaresma a las 6 pm

Noticias y Eventos



Cada Cuaresma, las familias catolicas de todo el pais se unen para poner su fe en accion atravez de la oracion, el ayuno y la limosna. Con plato de arroz de CRS, Las familias aprenden como todos

nuestros hermanos en todo el mundo superan dificultades como el hambre y la desnutricion y como gracias a nuestra limosna de Cuaresma tenemos el poder de hacer del mundo un lugar mejor para todos.

- Ponga la cajita de arroz en su mesa del comedor.
- Siga el calendario para la reflexion diaria.
- Ponga su ofrenda de Cuaresma en la cajita de arroz.
- Visita el sitio crsricebowl.org para mas informacion.

Al terminar la Cuaresma, traiga su cajita de arroz a la Iglesia o puede hacer su donación en línea a crsricebowl.org/donate.



**VÍA CRUCIS
VIVIENTE**

VENID, ENTRAD
EN LA PASIÓN DE
NUESTRO SEÑOR.

DOMINGO DE RAMOS
29 DE MARZO DE 2026
EMPIEZA A LAS 2 PM

**BROOKLAWN PARK (PARQUE DE PATOS)
NEW BEDFORD**

Rosario de Los Jueves

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

Comunidad Maria Puerta del Cielo: 03/19/2026

Grupos de Limpieza

Comunidad San Kilian: 02/21/2026

Comunidad Maria Puerta del Cielo: 02/28/2026

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

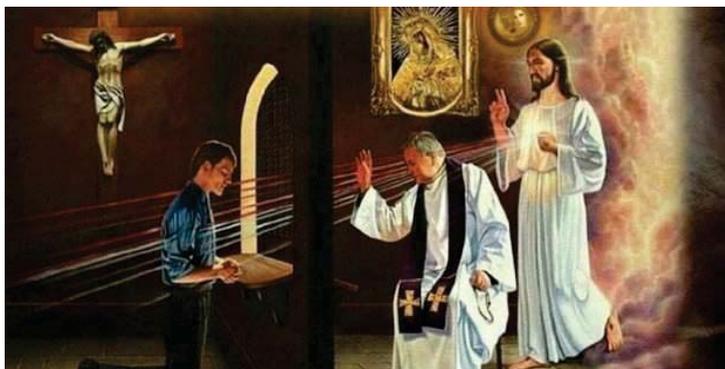
Comunidad San Kilian: 03/14/2026

Comunidad Maria Puerta del Cielo: 03/21/2026

Anuncios

ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ

Como practica de la cuaresma es tradicional y meritorio rezar las estaciones de la cruz durante la cuaresma. Todos los viernes de cuaresmas después de la misa de ingles de las 5:15pm en la iglesia mayor.



LA CONFESION. La Cuaresma es un periodo litúrgico muy significativo para los cristianos, especialmente para los católicos, pues representa cuarenta días de preparación para la Pascua. Este tiempo invita a la reflexión, el arrepentimiento y la conversión personal, con el propósito de acercarnos más a Dios y renovar nuestra vida espiritual. Dentro de este proceso, el sacramento de la confesión adquiere una relevancia especial, ya que nos permite reconocer nuestras faltas, recibir el perdón y comenzar de nuevo con un corazón limpio.

Acudir a la confesión durante la Cuaresma es fundamental porque nos ayuda a romper con el pecado y a vivir una auténtica reconciliación con Dios, con los demás y con nosotros mismos. El acto de confesar no solo consiste en admitir nuestros errores, sino en abrirnos a la misericordia divina, experimentando el amor y el perdón que solo Dios puede ofrecer. Además, este sacramento nos motiva a realizar obras de caridad, ayuno y oración, pilares esenciales de la Cuaresma, desde una perspectiva renovada y sincera.

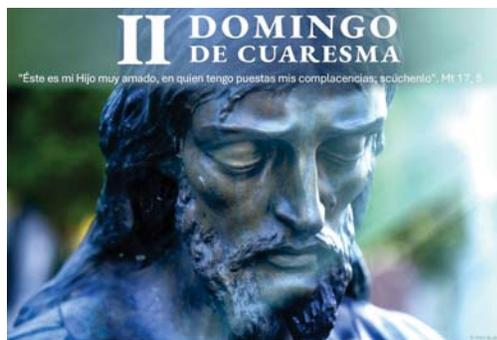
La confesión también nos brinda paz interior, fortalece nuestra voluntad y nos anima a afrontar los desafíos del día a día con mayor esperanza. Es una oportunidad para dejar atrás el resentimiento, la culpa y la tristeza que a veces nos impiden avanzar. Al reconciliarnos con Dios, recuperamos la alegría de ser hijos suyos y nos preparamos adecuadamente para celebrar la Pascua, el acontecimiento central de la fe cristiana. Por eso, aprovechar este sacramento durante la Cuaresma es un gesto que nos transforma y nos permite vivir con mayor plenitud el verdadero sentido de este tiempo litúrgico.

Del Padre Mariano

Queridos hermanos, hoy celebramos el segundo domingo de Cuaresma, que nos invita a contemplar el misterio de la Transfiguración del Señor. El Evangelio nos presenta a Jesús subiendo al monte junto a tres de sus amigos más cercanos: Pedro, Santiago y Juan. Allí, delante de ellos, Jesús se transfigura y muestra su gloria, su rostro resplandece como el sol y sus vestiduras se vuelven blancas como la luz. Junto a Él aparecen Moisés y Elías, figuras centrales de la ley y los profetas, conversando con Jesús sobre su misión y su futuro.



La escena de la Transfiguración nos impacta por su belleza y profundidad. En ese monte, Jesús revela a sus amigos su verdadera identidad: el Hijo amado del Padre, en quien reside toda la plenitud divina. Los discípulos, que hasta ese momento habían seguido a Jesús en su vida cotidiana, en sus enseñanzas y en sus milagros, ahora se encuentran ante una experiencia transformadora, una visión que les muestra el destino último de la humanidad: la participación en la gloria de Dios.



¿Qué significa para nosotros esta revelación? Ante todo, nos recuerda que la vida cristiana es un camino de transformación. Así como Jesús se transfiguró ante sus amigos, también nosotros estamos

llamados a dejarnos transformar por su presencia, por su palabra y por el amor de Dios. La Cuaresma es el tiempo propicio para renovar nuestro compromiso, para abrirnos a la gracia que nos convierte en verdaderos hijos e hijas de Dios.

Al igual que los discípulos, a veces sentimos miedo o confusión ante lo que Dios nos muestra, pero escuchamos la voz del Padre que nos anima: "Este es mi Hijo amado, escuchadle".

La Transfiguración nos invita a mirar más allá de lo visible, a confiar en que la gloria de Dios se revela en nuestra vida cotidiana, en los gestos de amor, en la entrega y en la esperanza. Que este segundo domingo de Cuaresma nos ayude a buscar la luz de Cristo, a dejar que Él nos transforme y a caminar juntos hacia la Pascua, donde la Resurrección será la plenitud de su gloria y la nuestra. Que el Señor nos bendiga y acompañe en este camino de conversión y esperanza.

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

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