



Saint Anthony of Padua Church

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EASTER

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed; let us then feast with joy in the Lord. 1 COR 5:7B-8A

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*
Saturday 11:00am- 11:45am *Church*
3:00 pm -3:45pm *Church*

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 APRIL 5, 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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Pastor

Fr. Mariano Varela, IVE | Ext. 102

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Fr. Jayapaul Poliseti, IVE

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Deacon Jeremias Carranza

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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, Selena Quiroa, Aline Laferriere, Tony Gonsalves.

That the Lord may give them health and strength

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY

4:00pm

APRIL 4

Solemn Easter Vigil with Baptisms

SUNDAY

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

APRIL 5

†Victor Leiva
Int. De Familia Laynez Tino
†Fernando do Couto
†Por los ninos no nacidos

MONDAY

7:00am

APRIL 6

Int. Tony Gonsalves
Int. Pacheco Family

TUESDAY

7:00am

APRIL 7

†Manuel Pereira

WEDNESDAY

7:00am

APRIL 8

†Marcelino de La Cruz

THURSDAY

7:00am

APRIL 9

†Steven Morais and Sr. Luis
†Antonio Vieira
†Teresa Coreas

7:30pm

FRIDAY

5:15pm

APRIL 10

†Daniel Vitz

SATURDAY

4:00pm

APRIL 11

†Mary Binette
†Erick Misiewicz

SUNDAY

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

APRIL 12

†Marcos Enrique Juan
†Almas del Purgatorio
†Berta Oliveira Correia
1st. Dominga, Jeremias Camara
†Joao & Marta Cabral
†Isabel Tamup
1st. Dominga, Jose Viveiros

11:00am *Español*

Sanctuary Lamp

Will burn the month of April in memory of
†Carlos & Concepcion Vasquez

READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2026

| | <i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i> |
|---------------------------|---|
| SUNDAY Apr 5 | Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 |
| MONDAY Apr 6 | Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a+5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15 |
| TUESDAY Apr 7 | Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20+22/Jn 20:11-18 |
| WEDNESDAY Apr 8 | Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35 |
| THURSDAY Apr 9 | Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab+5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48 |
| FRIDAY Apr 10 | Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2+4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14 |
| SATURDAY Apr 11 | Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1+14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15 |
| SUNDAY Apr 12 | <i>2nd Sunday of Easter—Divine Mercy Sunday</i> Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31 |

Pastor Message

Dear brothers and sisters, on this Easter Sunday, we proclaim with joy that Jesus Christ is risen—and in His rising, everything has changed. The resurrection is not only a miracle we remember; it is the decisive act of God that remakes our lives. In the cross, Christ bore our sin and our sorrow; in the

Easter is the dawn of that new creation: the Lord who stepped out of the tomb now steps into our hearts, transforming us by grace into people who can live differently—freed from guilt, strengthened against despair, and called into holy joy. This is why baptism matters so deeply to the Church. Those who have been baptised are not merely people who have completed a rite; you are living testimony that God writes a history of redemption in real lives.

for parents and grandparents, for those who rejoice and those who carry hidden burdens. I pray especially for all who are sick and shut in: may the risen

Christ draw near with comfort, patience, and strength; may He bless caregivers with endurance; and may His peace rest upon every home.

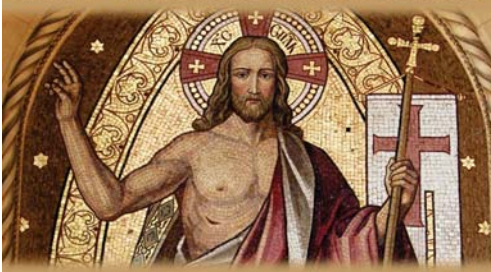
Beloved, Easter is God's "yes" to humanity in Jesus Christ. Receive that "yes" again today. Walk in the light of the resurrection. And may the Lord make us, together, a people who live as His new creation—until the day we share fully in His everlasting life.

Happy Easter to everyone! Blessings

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



EASTER ~ THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



PASCUA ~ LA RESURRECCIÓN DEL SEÑOR

empty tomb, He shattered the power of death and opened the way to a life that cannot be taken away. Because He lives, forgiveness is not a wish but a gift, hope is not a feeling but a promise, and love is not defeated by the grave. Scripture declares, "If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation."

In the waters of baptism we are united with Christ in His death and raised with Him to new life. What happened once in Jerusalem becomes present among us: the old is washed away, and a new beginning is given. Each baptised believer stands as a sign that redemption is not abstract. It is personal, communal, and ongoing—God gathering a people, healing what is broken, and making saints out of sinners.

As your Pastor, I give thanks for the faith and love I see in this parish, and today I renew my prayers for every family entrusted to this community. I pray for our children and youth,

News and Events

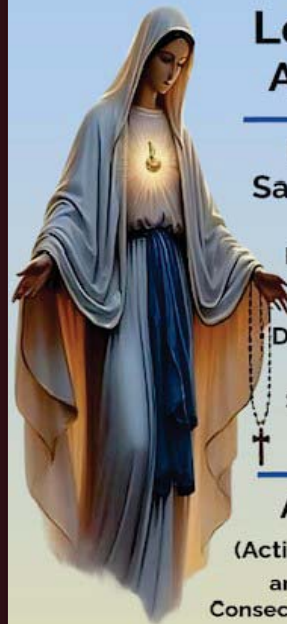
FAMILY BECOME WHAT YOU ARE.

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



Legion of Mary ACIES 2026

Holy Name of the
Sacred Heart of Jesus

121 Mt Pleasant St.
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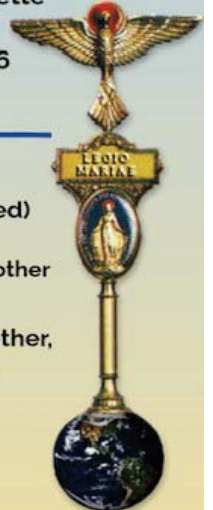
Talk By:
Deacon Maurice Ouellette

Sunday April 19, 2026
Starting: 2:00pm

All Legionaries
(Active Auxiliary, and Lapsed)
are invited to renew their
Consecration to Our Blessed Mother

I am all yours, my Queen, my Mother,
and all that I have is yours.

Fall River Diocese Curia



Diocese of Fall River
Secretariat for The New Evangelization

THIRD ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE

SAVE THE DATE FRIDAY MAY 1ST

2026

THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE
947 PARK STREET, ATTLEBORO, MA 02703



Easter Lilies Donations

Help our parish as we prepare for the Easter season! Support us with donations to purchase the Easter lilies. Checks and cash donations should be made out to St. Anthony's and placed in the collection baskets. They may include the names of loved ones that will be placed on the Altar during the Easter Season.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA BEGINS GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 3, 2026



WE WILL PRAY THE NOVENA AT 2:45 PM GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 3RD

EACH DAY THE NOVENA WILL BE PRAYED 15 MINUTES BEFORE MASS UNTIL DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH

COME TO CELEBRATE DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
APRIL 12, 2026
2:30 - 4:00PM

Sunday of Divine Mercy
"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." (Jn 20: 29)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - REFLECTION - CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY CONFESSIONS FROM 2:30PM TO 4:00PM

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April Month of Child Abuse Awareness



See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father. Matthew 18:10
Did you know... April is both Child Abuse Prevention Month and Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Child abuse can occur in every culture, religion, and socio-economic demographic. The vast majority of child abuse occurs at the hands of someone known to the child victim. Those who seek to do harm to children will pursue opportunities that provide access to children and may appear to be helpful and friendly. Our Diocesan policy of the Essential Three requires that all who minister work, or volunteer in the Diocese complete background screening, training and agree to a code of conduct. This is one of the ways we endeavor to educate our parish and school communities and create a culture of child protection.

Announcements and Events

A Spiritual Pilgrimage

An invitation to participate in a Sacred Journey



33 Day to Eucharistic Glory

Start Date: May 6, 2026
Consecration Date: June 7, 2026
Feast Day: Corpus Christi

Itinerary

- Friday May 15, 2026 - First Talk - "The Holy Mass Explained"
- Friday May 22, 2026 - Second Talk - "The Oil in the Lamp"
- Friday May 29, 2026 - Third Talk - "Meaning of Consecrating to Eucharistic Jesus"
- Friday June 5, 2026 - Opportunity to participate in the parish 40 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration
- Sunday June 7, 2026 - Corpus Christi "Day of Consecration"

Join In the 33 Day Consecration to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Talks will be held in the parish hall classroom starting at 6:00pm

The study will conclude with consecration on Corpus Christi Sunday June 7, 2026



33 Days to Eucharistic Glory is the first ever Eucharistic Consecration. This unprecedented spiritual resource presents profound truths, astonishing historical facts, powerful practical examples, a daily virtue to adopt, extraordinary prayers, and inspiring stories—all in an easy-to-follow daily format.

For more information or to sign up contact the parish rectory

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Sacrificial Giving and Stewardship

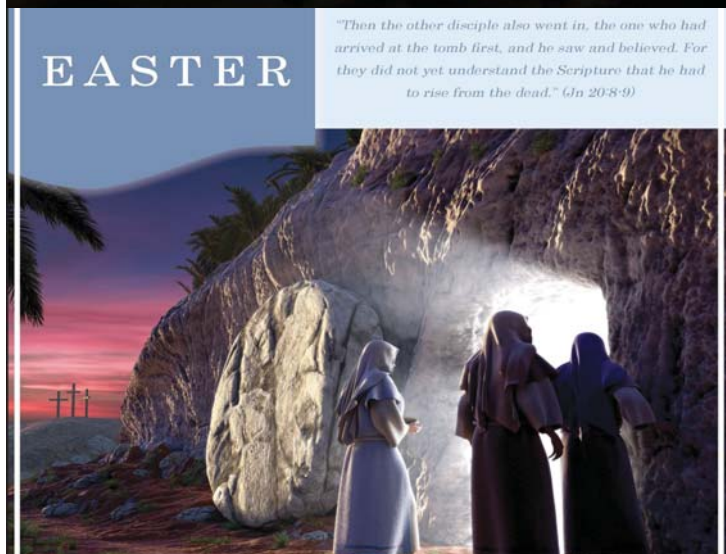
Weekly Collections

SUNDAY MARCH 29, 2026

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| Weekly Collection | \$ 7,448.00 |
| Candle Shrine | \$ 229.00 |

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY Upcoming Second Collections

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|------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 04/05/2026 | Easter, Special Offering | |
| 04/12/2026 | Renovation | 04/26/2026 Fuel |



Noticias & Eventos

BAUTISMOS PARA EL MES DE ABRIL



Charlas: Viernes 10 de Abril a las 7:30pm en el Salón Parroquial

Bautismo: Sábado 25 de Abril a las 12:00pm en la Iglesia Principal



Mirad que no despreciéis a uno de estos pequeños, porque os digo que sus ángeles en el cielo miran siempre el rostro de mi Padre celestial. Mateo 18:10 Sabías que... Abril es el Mes de la Prevención del Maltrato Infantil y el Mes de la Concienciación sobre la Agresión Sexual. El maltrato infantil puede darse en todas las culturas, religiones y grupos socioeconómicos. La gran mayoría de los casos de maltrato infantil ocurren a manos de alguien conocido por el niño víctima. Aquellos que buscan hacer daño a los niños buscarán oportunidades que les proporcionen acceso a los niños y puedan parecer serviciales y amistosos. Nuestra política Diocesana de los Tres Esenciales requiere que todos los que ejercen el ministerio, trabajan o son voluntarios en la Diócesis completen una investigación de antecedentes, formación y acepten un código de conducta. Esta es una de las maneras en que nos esforzamos por educar a nuestras comunidades parroquiales y escolares y crear una cultura de protección infantil.

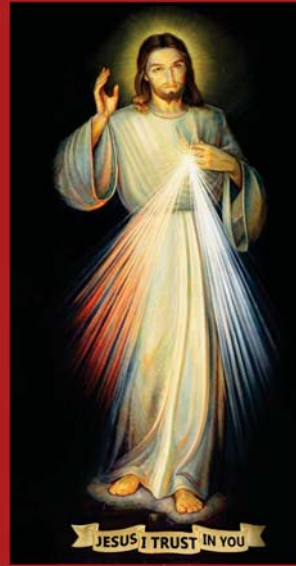
CRS Rice Bowl



Gracias por participar en CRS, Plato de Arroz
En esta Pascua,
Las donaciones recibidas irán directamente al programa de CRS Plato de Arroz.
Gracias por su apoyo.

Noticias y Eventos

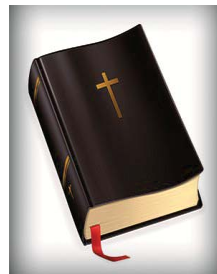
LA NOVENA A LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA COMIENZA VIERNES SANTO 3 DE ABRIL DE 2026



REZAREMOS LA NOVENA A LAS 14:45 DEL VIERNES SANTO, 3 DE ABRIL.

CADA DÍA SE REZARÁ LA NOVENA 15 MINUTOS ANTES DE LA MISA HASTA EL DOMINGO DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA, 12 DE ABRIL.

Venta de Biblias y Libros



En el Salón de la Iglesia tenemos artículos para comprar. Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, Biblias, regalos para Primera Comunión y Confirmación y más. Si está interesado en algún Artículo, consulte con la Madre Aecipartehenos, en la oficina del Catecismo.

Rosario de Los Jueves

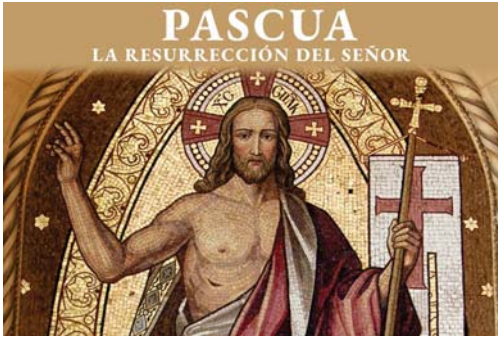
Comunidad Maria Puerta del Cielo: 04/09/2026
Comunidad San Kilian: 04/16/2026
Comunidad Maria Sede de La Sabiduría: 04/23/2026
Comunidad Maria Puerta del Cielo: 04/30/2026
Comunidad San Kilian: 05/07/2026

Grupos de Limpieza

Comunidad San Kilian: 04/04/2026
Comunidad Puerta del Cielo: 04/11/2026
Comunidad Maria Sede de La Sabiduría: 04/18/2026
Comunidad San Kilian: 04/25/2026
Comunidad Puerta del Cielo: 05/02/2026

Mensaje del Padre Mariano

Queridos hermanos, en este Domingo de Pascua nos reunimos con corazones llenos de gozo para celebrar la victoria de Jesucristo sobre la muerte. La resurrección no es solo un hecho histórico, sino una realidad viva que transforma profundamente nuestras vidas. Por medio de su sacrificio en la cruz y su gloriosa resurrección, Jesús nos ha he-



cho nuevas criaturas. Lo viejo ha pasado, y en Él todo es renovado con amor, gracia y esperanza.

La Pascua nos recuerda que ya no estamos atados al pecado ni a la desesperanza. Cristo nos ha liberado y nos invita a vivir una vida nueva, llena de propósito. Su obra de redención nos reconcilia con Dios y nos da

una identidad renovada: ahora le pertenecemos a Él. Somos su pueblo, sus hijos amados, llamados a caminar en la luz de su verdad.

Las promesas de la Pascua son el fundamento firme de nuestra fe. En medio de un mundo lleno de incertidumbre, estas promesas nos sostienen y nos fortalecen. La promesa de vida eterna, el perdón de nuestros pecados, la paz que sobrepasa todo entendimiento y la presencia constante de Dios en nuestras vidas nos llenan de confianza. No son palabras vacías, sino realidades vivas que experimentamos cada día gracias a Cristo resucitado.

Este Domingo de Pascua nos invita a recordar que la tumba está vacía, pero nuestros corazones están llenos de vida. Jesús vive, y por eso nosotros también vivimos en esperanza. Somos llamados a reflejar esa transformación en nuestra manera de vivir, mostrando amor, compasión y fe en nuestras acciones diarias. La nueva creación en Cristo se manifiesta cuando dejamos atrás el temor y abrazamos la vida abundante que Él nos ofrece.

Como Pastor, quiero expresar mi profundo amor y cuidado por cada familia de nuestra parroquia. En este día tan especial, elevo una oración por cada uno de ustedes,



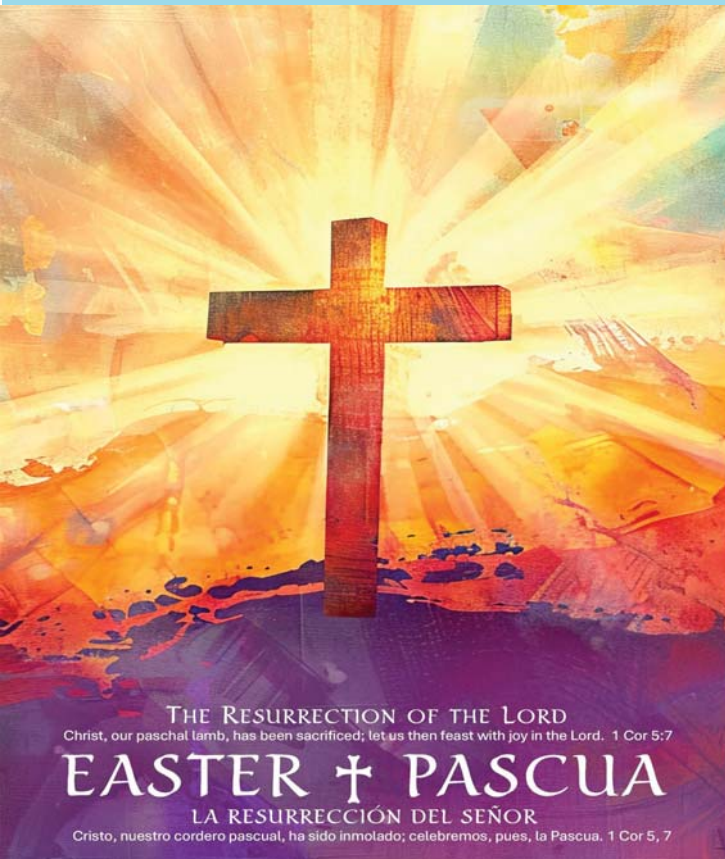
pidiendo que la alegría de la resurrección llene sus hogares de paz, unidad y bendición. De manera especial, llevo en mi corazón a aquellos que están enfermos, a los ancianos y a quienes no pueden acompañarnos físicamente. Que el Señor les conceda consuelo, fortaleza y su presencia sanadora.

Que esta Pascua renueve nuestra fe, fortalezca nuestra esperanza y nos impulse a vivir como verdaderas nuevas criaturas en Cristo. Recordemos siempre que, por su obra redentora, pertenecemos a Dios y somos llamados a vivir para su gloria.

¡Cristo ha resucitado! ¡Aleluya!

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

Anuncios



**INVITACION A CELEBRAR EL
DOMINGO DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA
12 DE ABRIL 2026
2:30- 4:00PM**



**ADORACION - REFLECCION -
CORONILLA DE LA MISERICORDIA
CONFESIONES DESDE LAS 2:30PM A 4:00PM**
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