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2ND

SUNDAY OF EASTER

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APPEARANCE TO THE DISCIPLES

"Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." *John 20:29*

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 12, 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

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Pastor

Fr. Mariano Varela, IVE | Ext. 102

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Fr. Mario Rojas, IVE

Fr. Jayapaul Poliseti, IVE

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Deacon Eduardo Borges

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 Laferrriere, Tony Gonsalves, Denise Murphy.

That the Lord may give them health and strength

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY

4:00pm

APRIL 11

†Mary Binette

†Erick Misiewicz

SUNDAY

6:30am *English*

8:00am *Español*

APRIL 12

†Santo Antonio

Int. Daniel & Maria Tejada (Aniv.)

†Blanca Machado, 1er Aniv.

†Berta Oliveira Correia

1st Dominga, Jeremias Camara

†Joao & Marta Cabral

†Isabel Tamup;

1st. Dominga, Jose Viveiros

MONDAY

7:00am

APRIL 13

†Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY

7:00am

APRIL 14

†Otilia y Manuel Santos

Members of the IVE

WEDNESDAY

7:00am

APRIL 15

†Berta Melo

†Evariste Lafrance (12th Aniv)

THURSDAY

7:00am

7:30pm

APRIL 16

Int. Helen Calahan (Bday)

†Nemesio Agustin Benitez

FRIDAY

5:15pm

APRIL 17

†Decease of the IVE

SATURDAY

4:00pm

APRIL 18

†Raymond & Georgette Roy

Int. Kyle Gauthier (49 Bday)

SUNDAY

6:30am *English*

8:00am *Español*

APRIL 19

†Carlos M. Buela

†Ruby Santos

†Ninos no Nacidos

9:30am *English*

11:00am *Español*

2nd Dominga, Angelina Lopez

2nd Dominga, Antonio Amaral

Sanctuary Lamp

Will burn the month of April in memory of

† Carlos & Concepcion Vasquez

READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2026

SUNDAY Apr 12	2nd Sunday of Easter—Divine Mercy Sunday Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31
MONDAY Apr 13	Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8
TUESDAY Apr 14	Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
WEDNESDAY Apr 15	Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21
THURSDAY Apr 16	Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2+9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36
FRIDAY Apr 17	Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
SATURDAY Apr 18	Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
SUNDAY Apr 19	3rd Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

Pastor Message

Dear brothers and sisters, on this beautiful Sunday of Divine Mercy, our hearts are still filled with the joy of the Resurrection. Christ is risen, and His victory over sin and death continues to shine upon us as a living hope.

In this Easter season, the Church invites us not only to celebrate, but to deeply receive

Chaplet of Divine Mercy, adore the Blessed Sacrament, and place all our needs—both spoken and unspoken—into His compassionate hands. Whether you come with gratitude, burdens, or simply a desire for peace, know that you are welcome.

On this day in a particular way, we are reminded of the incredible gift of the Sacrament of Confession. Through it, the Risen Lord meets us in our weakness and restores us with His mercy. No sin is greater than His love. If it has been some time since your last confession, consider this a gentle invitation to return. The grace of this sacrament renews our souls and allows us to fully share in the joy of Easter.

As a parish community, we continue to rejoice together in the Resurrection, supporting one another in faith and hope. Even amid the ordinary challenges of life, Christ walks with us, bringing light into every situation. I also want to share a brief update regarding our roof replacement project. Due to recent weather conditions, there has been a slight delay in the timeline. However, work is ongoing,

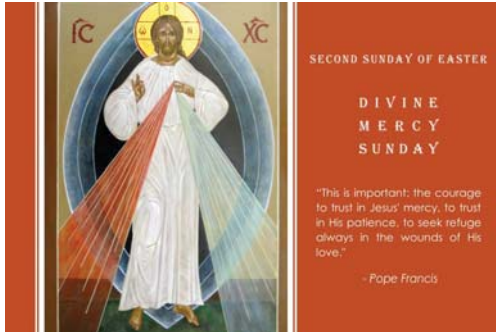
and we are grateful for the steady progress being made. Thank you for your patience, understanding, and continued support as we care for our parish home.

Let us continue this Easter journey with hearts open to mercy, joy, and renewal. May we trust more deeply in Jesus each day and share His love with those around us.

We look forward to praying with you this afternoon.

God bless you all.

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



the gift of God's mercy—a mercy that is infinite, personal, and always available to us.

Today, we warmly invite all parishioners and friends to gather with us at 2:30 PM for our Divine Mercy devotion. This is a special time of prayer, reflection, and trust in the loving heart of Jesus. Together, we will pray the

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

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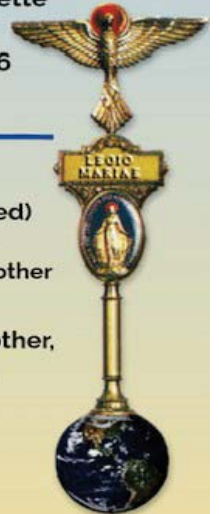
Talk By:
Deacon Maurice Ouellette

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





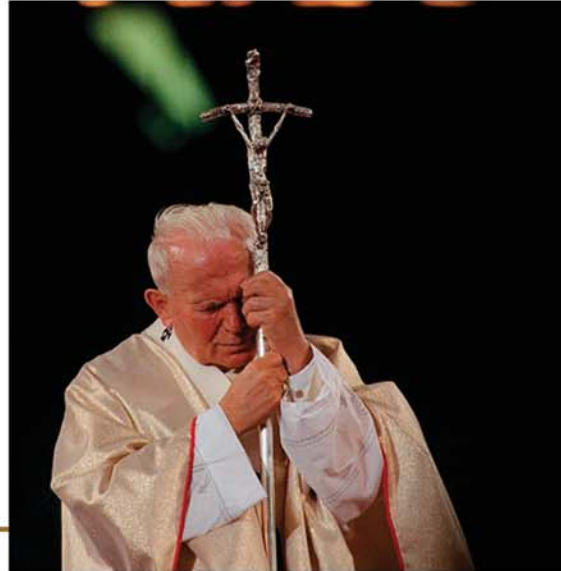
Divine Mercy Sunday

Second Sunday of Easter

"Jesus told Sr Faustina: 'Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to divine mercy' (Diary, p. 132). . . It is not a new message but can be considered a gift of special enlightenment that helps us to relive the Gospel of Easter more intensely, to offer it as a ray of light to the men and women of our time." –St. John Paul II, Divine Mercy Sunday, 2000

In 1931, Jesus appeared to Sr. Faustina in Poland and expressed his desire for a feast celebrating his mercy. The Feast of Mercy was to be on the Sunday after Easter and was to include a public blessing and liturgical veneration of His image with the inscription "Jesus, I trust in You." All priests were to proclaim God's great mercy on this day.

This promise of mercy has been affirmed by the Church, which has made Divine Mercy Sunday an occasion for receiving a plenary indulgence, "the remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sin whose guilt has already been forgiven" (CCC, no. 1471). The plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful under the usual conditions (Confession, Eucharist, prayer for the intentions of the pope, and complete detachment from sin, even venial sin). The faithful may either take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy in any church or chapel or recite the Our Father and Creed in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus.



The Easter Season

Easter isn't just a day, it's a whole season and stretches all the way to the feast of Pentecost.

At masses all through the Easter season, our usual practice of reading from the Old Testament is replaced by reading from the Acts of the Apostles. These readings tell the story of the church's earliest days, and the beginnings of our faith's spreading throughout the ancient world. These stories of heroism, controversies, persecutions and miracles all testify to the continued presence of the Risen Christ in the world, through the lives of his disciples, and the actions of the Holy Spirit.

All of this should be an encouragement and a sign of hope for us today. Despite war, violence, personal struggles, and an under-performing economy, God has not abandoned us, nor left us to our own devices. The risen savior is still with us. These 50 days of Easter ask us to reflect on his presence, and—even in the face of danger or fear—to live with joy.

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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COME TO CELEBRATE DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

**APRIL 12, 2026
2:30 - 4:00PM**



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

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Sacrificial Giving and Stewardship

Weekly Collections

SUNDAY APRIL 5, 2026

Weekly Collection	\$ 7,520.00
Retired Priest	\$ 2,731.00
Holy Land	\$ 1,459.00
Candle Shrine	\$ 198.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY
Upcoming Second Collections**

- 04/12/2026 Renovation
- 04/26/2026 Fuel

April Month of the Child Abuse Awareness



Did you know.... Research estimates 1 in 6 children will experience online sexual abuse before the age of 18 (Crimes Against Children Research Center 2022). As parents and caregivers, we must remain vigilant and involved in our children's online worlds. Want to know more? Visit <https://protectyoungeyes.com/>

WHERE: St. Anthony's Parish Hall
WHEN: Saturday, May 2, 2026 9am -3pm
Sunday, May 3, 2026 9am -1pm
To benefit Renovations at St. Anthony of Padua

DROP OFF ITEMS WILL BE
April 27 & 28, 12-2pm
April 29, 4-6pm
April 30, 12-2pm



Noticias & Eventos

BAUTISMOS PARA EL MES DE MAYO



Charlas: Viernes 1, de Mayo a las 7:30pm en el Salón Parroquial

Bautismo: Sábado 23 de Mayo a las 12:00pm en la Iglesia Principal



Sabía que....

Las investigaciones estiman que 1 de cada 6 niños sufrirá abusos sexuales en línea antes de los 18 años (Crimes Against Children Research Center 2022). Como padres y cuidadores, debemos permanecer vigilantes e implicados en el mundo online de nuestros hijos. Quieres saber más? Visite <http://protectyoungeyes.com/>

Noticias y Eventos

INVITACION A CELEBRAR EL DOMINGO DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA

12 DE ABRIL 2026

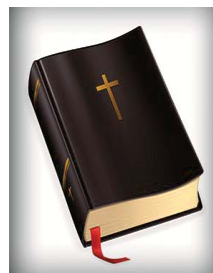
2:30- 4:00PM



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

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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 Aepartenos, 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

VENTA DE GARAJE

DÓNDE: St. Anthony of Padua
CUANDO: Sábado 2 de Mayo 2026 de 9am a 3pm y Domingo 4 de Mayo 2026 de 9am a 1pm
Los fondos recaudados se usaran para La renovacion de Nuestra Iglesia

Mensaje del Padre Mariano

Queridos hermanos, en este hermoso Domingo de la Divina Misericordia, seguimos llenos de la alegría pascual que brota de la Resurrección del Señor. Cristo ha resucitado, y su victoria sobre el pecado y la muerte ilumina nuestras vidas con esperanza renovada. Este tiempo de Pascua no es solo

esta tarde a las 2:30 PM en nuestra parroquia para celebrar juntos la devoción a la Divina Misericordia. Será un momento de oración, recogimiento y encuentro con el amor de Dios. Rezaremos la Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia y tendremos un espacio para poner en las manos del Señor nuestras intenciones, necesidades y agradecimientos.

Que nuestra vida refleje la esperanza que hemos recibido.

Quiero también compartir una breve actualización sobre el proyecto de reemplazo del techo de nuestra parroquia. Debido a las condiciones recientes del clima, el trabajo ha experimentado un pequeño retraso. Sin embargo, las labores continúan avanzando, y confiamos en que pronto veremos su finalización. Agradecemos sinceramente su paciencia, comprensión y generoso apoyo en este proceso.

En este día también recordamos el gran don del sacramento de la confesión. A través de él, el Señor resucitado sale a nuestro encuentro, nos perdona y nos devuelve la paz. No hay pecado que sea más grande que su misericordia. Si hace tiempo que no te confiesas, este es un momento propicio para regresar con confianza. La confesión no es solo un acto de perdón, sino un encuentro sanador que renueva nuestra alma y nos permite vivir plenamente la alegría de la Pascua.

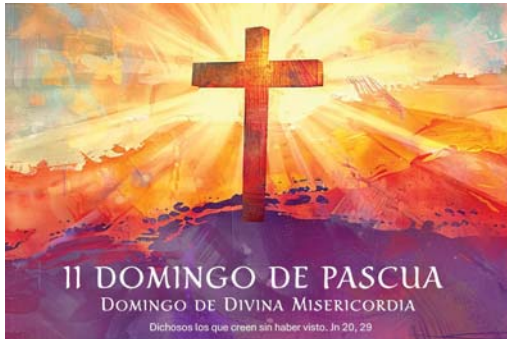
Sigamos confiando en Jesús, acercándonos a su misericordia y viviendo con alegría la Resurrección. Que el Señor bendiga a cada uno de ustedes y a sus familias. Feliz Domingo y esperamos verlos esta tarde

para recordar un acontecimiento, sino para vivirlo profundamente, permitiendo que la misericordia de Dios transforme nuestros corazones.

Hoy, de manera especial, la Iglesia nos invita a contemplar y confiar en la infinita misericordia de Jesús. Por eso, queremos extenderles una cordial invitación para reunirnos

Como comunidad parroquial, seguimos caminando juntos en la luz de la Resurrección. Estamos llamados a ser testigos de esa alegría en nuestras familias, en el trabajo y en cada ambiente donde nos encontremos.

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



“Señor, que con tu muerte y resurrección revelas el amor del Padre, creemos en ti y con confianza te repetimos hoy: ¡Jesús, confío en ti, ten misericordia de nosotros y del mundo entero!”

(San Juan Pablo II, Mensaje para el Domingo de la Misericordia Divina, el 3 de abril de 2005)



Jesús se presentó de nuevo en medio de ellos y les dijo: “La paz esté con ustedes”. Luego le dijo a Tomás: “Aquí están mis manos; acerca tu dedo. Trae acá tu mano, métela en mi costado y no sigas dudando, sino cree”. Jn 20, 26-27

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Dichosos los que creen sin haber visto. Jn 20, 29

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