



Saint Anthony of Padua Church

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4th Sunday of EASTER

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Lord is my
shepherd;
there is nothing
I shall want.

Psalm 23:1



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 26, 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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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 25

†Concepcion Torres
†Adelaide Taveira

SUNDAY

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

APRIL 26

†Concepcion Torres
† Niños no Nacidos
3rd Dominga, Nathan Amaral
Int. Eithan Cuin Garcia
3rd Dominga, Suzette & Danny Costa

MONDAY

7:00am

APRIL 27

†Concepcion Torres

TUESDAY

7:00am

APRIL 28

†Concepcion Torres (2nd Aniv.)

WEDNESDAY

7:00am

APRIL 29

†Muriel Brunelle

THURSDAY

7:00am
7:30pm

APRIL 30

†Richard Sedlock
†Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY

5:15pm

MAY 1

†Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY

4:00pm

MAY 2

†Richard Fournier

SUNDAY

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

MAY 3

†Emilio & Maria Dasilva
†Manuel Couto
†Almas del Purgatorio
†Tobias & Maria Oliveira
4th Dominga, Diane Amaral
4th Dominga, Aldina & Jose Melo

Sanctuary Lamp

Will burn the month of May in memory of
† Maria P. Amaral & Nancy Paiva

READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2026

SUNDAY

Apr 26

4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

MONDAY

Apr 27

Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18

TUESDAY

Apr 28

Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr;

Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest

Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

WEDNESDAY

Apr 29

Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6+8/Jn 12:44-50

THURSDAY

Apr 30

Saint Pius V, Pope

Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25+27/Jn 13:16-20

FRIDAY

May 1

Saint Joseph the Worker

Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

SATURDAY

May 2

Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14

SUNDAY

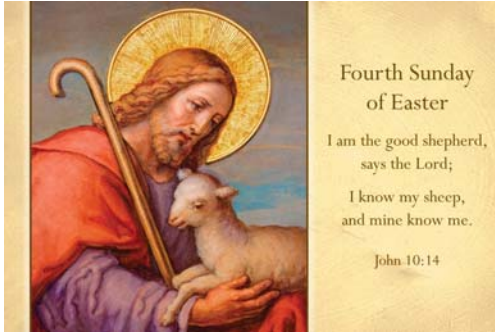
May 3

5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Pastor Message

Brothers and sisters, on this Fourth Sunday of Easter, often called Good Shepherd Sunday, we are invited to reflect deeply on the comforting and challenging words of Jesus, who proclaims: "I am the gate for the sheep." In this simple yet powerful image, Jesus reveals both his identity and his mission. He is not merely a guide from a distance; he is the



very entryway to life, safety, and communion with God. To enter through him is to be saved, to find pasture, and to dwell in the loving presence of the Father. Jesus also reminds us that the sheep recognize the voice of their shepherd. They do not follow a stranger, but instead respond with trust and familiarity to the one who knows

them intimately. This speaks to the personal relationship that each of us is called to cultivate with Christ. In a world filled with competing voices—some promising fulfillment but leading us astray—we are challenged to attune our hearts to the voice of Jesus. His voice speaks through Scripture, through prayer, through the teachings of the Church, and through the grace in our lives. The more we listen, the more we recognize him; the more we recognize him, the more faithfully we follow.

This Sunday also holds special significance as we pray for vocations to the priesthood. The Church asks us to lift our hearts in prayer that the Lord of the harvest will send laborers into his vineyard. We pray for young men to hear and respond generously to the call to serve as priests, becoming shepherds after the heart of Christ. The priesthood is a gift to the Church, a vital ministry through which Christ continues to teach, sanctify, and guide his people. May our Heavenly Father raise up holy, compassionate, and courageous priests who will lead with humil-

ty and love, reflecting the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

In this spirit of shared responsibility for the life of the Church, we also take this opportunity to highlight the 85th Annual Catholic Appeal of the Diocese of Fall River. In the coming days, you will receive a letter by email inviting you to participate in this important effort. The Appeal supports a wide range of ministries that serve our communities, including outreach to those in need, education, pastoral care, and the formation of future priests. Your participation, whatever form it may take, is a meaningful way to live out your faith and contribute to the mission of the Church. Together, as one flock under the care of the Good Shepherd, let us respond with generosity and trust. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and continued support. Christus Vincit, Christus Regnat,

Christus Imperat!
Fr. Mariano Varela, IVE



News and Events

YOU'RE INVITED TO CELEBRATE

OUR LADY OF LUJAN

FRIDAY MAY 8TH

5:15 PM SOLEMN MASS

POTLUCK DINNER TO FOLLOW

LOCATION:
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

1349 Acushnet Avenue
New Bedford, MA

Questions?
774-849-0986

YOUTH RETREAT

★ ★ RAFFLE ★ ★

SUPPORT OUR YOUTH IN THE FAITH AND WIN GREAT PRIZES!

HOLY MASS OF THANKSGIVING @ 6 PM
ICE CREAM PARTY FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY WITH RAFFLE TO FOLLOW
@ IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
TUES. MAY 12, 2026

TICKETS: 1 TICKET FOR \$5
3 TICKETS FOR \$10
7 TICKETS FOR \$20

* **PRIZES YOU COULD WIN:**
Mother's Day Basket Father's Day Basket

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Events & Announcements

The Legion of Mary of the Fall River Diocese came together for their annual Acies ceremony at Holy Name of the Sacred Heart Church this past Sunday to renew their promises to Our Mother and Queen.



FOOD SALE
TO SUPPORT YOUTH IN FAITH
 TO ATTEND THE
 STEUBENVILLE
 CONFERENCE



Beef Stew



Chicharrines with chicken



Chicharrines con Pollo

SUNDAY
APRIL 26
 FROM
8:00 AM TO
12:30 PM


Delicious
FOOD

Thank you!

Please bring change!

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BASEMENT

ASCENSION THURSDAY
MAY 14, 2026
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION



THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST, CELEBRATES THE RETURN OF CHRIST TO THE FATHER, HIS PHYSICAL BODY LEAVING THE EARTH BEHIND. THE FEAST RECALLS THE COMPLETION OF CHRIST'S MISSION ON EARTH FOR THE SALVATION OF ALL PEOPLE AND HIS ENTRY INTO HEAVEN WITH GLORIFIED HUMAN NATURE. IT IS CELEBRATED 40 DAYS AFTER EASTER. IT IS A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION.

7 AM ENGLISH
6 PM ENGLISH
7:30 PM SPANISH
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
1359 ACUSHNET AVE, NEW BEDFORD

Announcements and Events

Yard Sale

Where: St. Anthony's Parish Hall

When: Saturday May 2, 9am-3pm

Sunday May 3, 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

MALASSADAS SALE SUPPORT FAMILIES



TO ATTEND
IVE FAMILY
SUMMER
CONFERENCE
SAT. APRIL 25
FROM 4-5:30 PM

SUN. APRIL 26
6 AM- 12:30 PM

Ave Maria

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
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Sacrificial Giving and Stewardship

Weekly Collections

SUNDAY APRIL 19, 2026

Weekly Collection	\$ 6,187.00
Candle Shrine	\$ 215.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY
Upcoming Second Collections

04/26/2026	Fuel
05/03/2026	IVE Collection
05/14/2026	Ascension
05/17/2026	Fuel
05/24/2026	Renovations
05/31/2026	Ecclesiastical Students

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 202C2). As parents and caregivers, we must remain vigilant and involved in our children's online worlds. Want to know more? Visit <https://protectyouneyes.com/>

Finance Council Meeting

Finance Council Members will meet on Wednesday April 29 at 7pm in the Pastor's Office

Saint Catherine of Siena

1347-1380
FEAST DAY: APRIL 29



Catherine was the 24th of 25 children of a Siense dyer; her mystical experiences and raptures began at age 6. She refused to marry, and about 1367 joined the Third Order of St. Dominic. She attracted a like-minded group in Siena for prayer and good works and devoted her last five years to church unity and ending the scandal of rival papacies. Though she experienced the pain of the stigmata, it became visible only after her death at 33. And, in an odd division of relics, her body is in a Roman church, while her head is in a Siense church. Named a doctor of the church in 1970, Catherine is a patron saint of Europe and Italy, and the patron of fire prevention, nurses and nursing.

"Take as your example your heavenly patroness, St Catherine, a humble and fearless Dominican tertiary who gave herself unsparingly for the Church. For everyone may this great saint be not only a special protectress but a model to follow on the path of holiness."

—Saint John Paul II, October 10, 1999



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Retiro de parejas



Un vino nuevo, Un nuevo amor

RESERVA
508-863-1059

MAYO
30-31

COMUNIDAD EVANGELIZADORA MARIA
SEDE DE LA SABIDURÍA PARROQUIA
ST ANTHONY OF PADUA NEW BEDFORD MA
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VENTA DE COMIDA PARA APOYAR A LOS JÓVENES

PARA ASISTIR A
LA CONFERENCIA
DE STEUBENVILLE



CARNE
GUISADA

Chicharrines
con pollo



Chicharrines con
Pollo

DOMINGO
26 DE
ABRIL
8 AM - 12:30
PM

Delicioso
COMIDA

¡Gracias!

¡Traiga cambio,
por favor!

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SÓTANO



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/>

BAUTISMOS PARA EL MES DE MAYO

Charlas: Viernes 1, de Mayo, 7:30pm en el Salón P.
Bautismo: Sábado 23 de Mayo, 12:00pm en la Iglesia.

Yard Sale

Donde : St. Anthony's Parish Hall
Cuando: Sabado Mayo 2, 9am-3pm
Domingo, Mayo 3, 9am-1pm
Para financiar renovaciones en
Iglesia San Antonio

Traiga sus Articulos
April 27 & 28 12-2pm
April 29, 4-6pm
April 30, 12-2pm

Rosario de Los Jueves

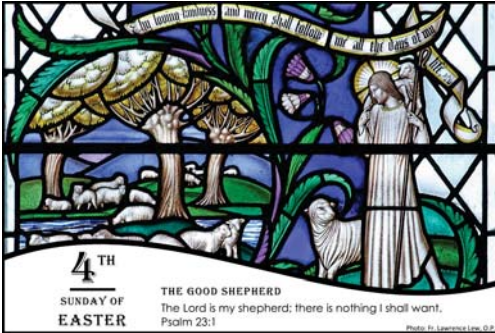
Comunidad Maria Sede de La Sabiduría: 04/23/2026
Comunidad Maria Puerta del Cielo: 04/30/2026
Comunidad San Kilian: 05/07/2026
Comunidad Maria Sede de La Sabiduría: 05/14/2026
Comunidad Maria Puerta del Cielo: 5/21/2026

Grupos de Limpieza

Comunidad Maria Sede de La Sabiduría: 04/18/2026
Comunidad San Kilian: 04/25/2026
Comunidad Puerta del Cielo: 05/02/2026
Comunidad Maria Sede de La Sabiduría: 05/09/2026
Comunidad San Kilian: 05/16/2026

Mensaje del Padre Mariano

Queridos hermanos, en este Cuarto Domingo de Pascua, conocido como el Domingo del Buen Pastor, la Iglesia nos invita a contemplar las palabras llenas de vida y esperanza que Jesús nos dirige: "Yo soy la puerta de las ovejas." Con esta imagen tan cercana, el Señor nos revela que Él es el acceso a la salvación, el camino seguro hacia la



vida plena. Quien entra por Él será salvado, encontrará protección y alimento abundante, y vivirá en la presencia amorosa de Dios Padre.

Jesús también nos dice que las ovejas escuchan su voz y no siguen a un extraño. Esta afirmación nos recuerda que estamos llamados a reconocer la voz del Señor en medio de tantas voces que compiten por nuestra

atención. En nuestra vida diaria, es fácil distraernos o dejamos llevar por caminos que no conducen al bien. Sin embargo, cuando cultivamos una relación cercana con Cristo mediante la oración, la lectura de la Palabra y la participación en los sacramentos, aprendemos a distinguir su voz, una voz que siempre guía, consuela y conduce a la verdad.

Este domingo tiene además un significado especial, ya que la Iglesia nos invita a orar de manera particular por las vocaciones al sacerdocio. Pedimos al Señor que suscite en el corazón de muchos jóvenes el deseo de seguirlo más de cerca, entregando su vida al servicio de Dios y de su pueblo. Necesitamos sacerdotes que, siguiendo el ejemplo de Jesús, sean verdaderos pastores: hombres generosos, llenos de fe, cercanos a la gente y comprometidos con el anuncio del Evangelio. Que nuestro Padre celestial escuche nuestras oraciones y envíe obreros a su mies, para que nunca falten pastores que guíen y cuiden a su rebaño.

El sacerdocio es un regalo inmenso para la Iglesia, porque a través de los sacerdotes, Cristo continúa presente y actuando en medio de su pueblo. Ellos celebran los sacra-

mentos, acompañan a las familias, consuelan a los enfermos y fortalecen la fe de la comunidad. Por eso, es importante que todos apoyemos y promovamos las

vocaciones, creando un ambiente donde los jóvenes puedan escuchar con claridad el llamado de Dios.

En este espíritu de comunión, queremos también recordar el 85° Llamado Católico Anual de la Diócesis de Fall River. En los próximos días, recibirán una carta por correo electrónico invitándolos a participar en esta importante iniciativa. Este llamado apoya los distintos ministerios de la diócesis, incluyendo la formación de futuros sacerdotes, programas educativos, obras de caridad y el acompañamiento pastoral de nuestras comunidades.

Agradecemos de corazón su generosidad, sus oraciones y su compromiso. Muchas gracias.

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



ESTÁS INVITADO A CELEBRAR

NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LUJÁN

VIERNES 8 DE MAYO

5:15 PM MISA SOLEMNE

DESPUES VAMOS A HACER UNA COMIDA COMPARTIDA (CADA QUIEN TRAR ALGO)

IGLESIA DE SAN ANTONIO DE PADUA

1349 Acushnet Ave
New Bedford, MA

¿Preguntas?
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ASCENSIÓN, JUEVES

14 DE MAYO DE 2026

DÍA DE PRECEPTO

LA FIESTA DE LA ASCENSIÓN DE NUESTRO SEÑOR Y SALVADOR JESUCRISTO CELEBRA EL REGRESO DE CRISTO AL PADRE.

SE CELEBRA 40 DÍAS DESPUÉS DE PASCUA Y ES DÍA DE PRECEPTO.

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6PM INGLÉS
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