



Saint Anthony of Padua Church

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5TH SUNDAY OF

Easter



"I am the way and the truth and the life."

JOHN 14:6

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 MAY 3, 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

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

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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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

SUNDAY

6:30am *English*

8:00am *Español*

9:30am *English*

11:00am *Español*

MONDAY

7:00am

TUESDAY

7:00am

WEDNESDAY

7:00am

THURSDAY

7:00am

7:30pm

FRIDAY

5:15pm

SATURDAY

4:00pm

SUNDAY

6:30am *English*

8:00am *Español*

9:30am *English*

11:00am *Español*

MAY 2

†Richard Fournier

MAY 3

†Emilio & Maria Dasilva

†Manuel Couto

† Almas del Purgatorio

†Tobias & Maria Oliveira

4th Dominga, Diane Amaral

4th Dominga, Aldina & Jose Melo

MAY 4

†Emiliana Diaz & Goulart Family

MAY 5

†Fernando do Couto

†Guadalupe Massis

MAY 6

†Souls in Purgatory

MAY 7

†Manuel Pereira

†Marcelino de La Cruz

MAY 8

†Gladys Fauteux

†Mr. & Mrs. Denis Pereira

MAY 9

†Raymond & Georgette Roy

MAY 10

†Adilio M. Ferreira

†Concepcion Torres

5th Dominga, Joshua Arruda Jr.

†Blanche Ciacci

†Candida Borges

5th Dominga, Dionisia & Jose Farias

Sanctuary Lamp

Will burn the month of May in memory of

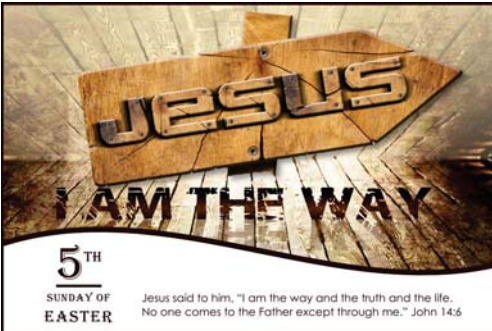
† **Maria P. Amaral & Nancy Paiva**

READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2026

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
MONDAY May 4	Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
TUESDAY May 5	Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
WEDNESDAY May 6	Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
THURSDAY May 7	Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
FRIDAY May 8	Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10+12/Jn 15:12-17
SATURDAY May 9	Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
SUNDAY May 10	6th Sunday of Easter Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Pastor Message

On this Fifth Sunday of the Easter season, the Gospel invites us into a moment of both tenderness and strength. Jesus speaks to His apostles, who are anxious and uncertain about what lies ahead. Into their fear, He offers words that still echo in our hearts today: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Do not be afraid." These are not empty reassur-



ances, but a promise grounded in His presence. Christ knows our struggles, our doubts, and the weight of the unknown, yet He calls us to trust. When Jesus declares, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life," He is not simply offering guidance; He is revealing that the path we seek is found in relationship with Him. He

is the way that leads us through confusion, the truth that anchors us amid competing voices, and the life that gives meaning to all we do. In a world that often encourages self-reliance above all else, this message challenges us to place our confidence in Him. Trusting in Christ does not remove hardship, but it transforms how we walk through it.

As we enter the month of May, traditionally dedicated to honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary, we are invited to deepen our devotion to her who always leads us closer to her Son. In a special way, we can turn to Our Lady of Fatima, asking for her intercession for our families, our Church, and our world. Through the simple yet powerful prayer of the Rosary, may we find peace, strength, and renewed trust in God's plan.

As a diocesan family, we are reminded that we do not journey alone. We are united in faith, called to support one another as members of the Body of Christ. This spirit of unity is especially visible in the 85th Annual Catholic Appeal of the Diocese of Fall River, taking place from May 1 through June 30. This

appeal is an opportunity for each of us to live out our faith in a tangible way.

Through your generosity, the Appeal supports our parishes, cares for our priests, strengthens Catholic schools, and sustains vital ministries and programs that serve so many throughout our diocesan community. It is a reflection of Christ's love in action, reaching those in need and nurturing the faith of future generations.

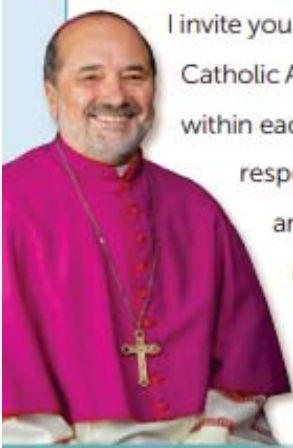
As we hear Jesus' call not to be afraid, let us also hear His invitation to act with faith and generosity. May we trust in Him who is the way, the truth, and the life, and may our shared efforts continue to build up the Church with hope and love..

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



The 85th Annual Catholic Appeal ~ Diocese of Fall River

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,



I invite you to support our diocese's 85th Catholic Appeal, because PEACE starts within each of us. Together, let us take responsibility for caring for one another and for advancing the mission entrusted to us. May peace truly begin with each of us. Thank you, and God bless you always.

Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., D.D.
Bishop of Fall River

The Diocese of Fall River serves:

- 45 cities and towns
- More than 60 parishes
- Countless ministries across Southeastern Massachusetts, Cape Cod and the Islands.

Our diocese encompasses communities from New Bedford and Fall River, over to the Attleboros, then east to Taunton and including Mansfield and Easton, then south to Wareham and across the bridges to include all of Cape Cod and the Islands, including each of the cities and towns in between.

In addition to supporting parishes and nurturing our faith, our diocese provides resources and opportunities to anyone in need, because our faith calls us to serve. The Catholic Appeal makes a real impact by funding dozens of important initiatives—from Pastoral Ministries and social services to child care, care for the sick and homebound, and Catholic Schools.

Organ recital

"Music at St Anthony's" Concert Series

\$25 Tickets at the door
or online at
musicatsaintanthonys.org
or scan the QR code



Sunday, May 31, 2026, 3:00 PM
St. Anthony of Padua Church
New Bedford, MA, 1359 Acushnet Ave

Michal Szostak
(Warsaw, Poland)

Proceedings designated for
the church renovation fund



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

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

ASCENSION THURSDAY

MAY 14, 2026

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

7 AM ENGLISH

6 PM ENGLISH

7:30 PM SPANISH

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TUES. MAY 12, 2026

TICKETS: 1 TICKET FOR \$5

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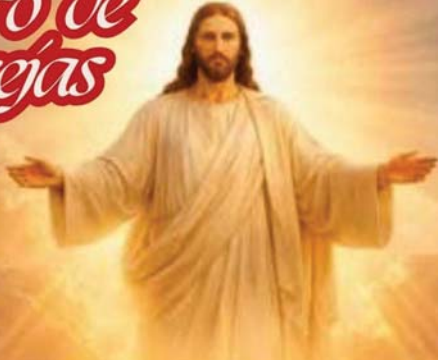
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Yard Sale

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

BAUTISMOS PARA EL MES DE JUNIO



Clase: Viernes 5, de Junio, 7:30pm en el Salón Parroquial
Bautismo: Sábado 27 de Junio, a las 12:00pm en la Iglesia principal

St. Anthony of Padua Feast

1359 Acushnet Ave New Bedford

Saturday June 13, and Sunday June 14, 2026
10Am to 6Pm 10Am to 4Pm

Sabado 13 de Junio, y Domingo 14 de Junio, 2026
De 10 am a 6 pm De 10 am a 4 pm (Comida)
1 pm a 4 pm (Juegos)

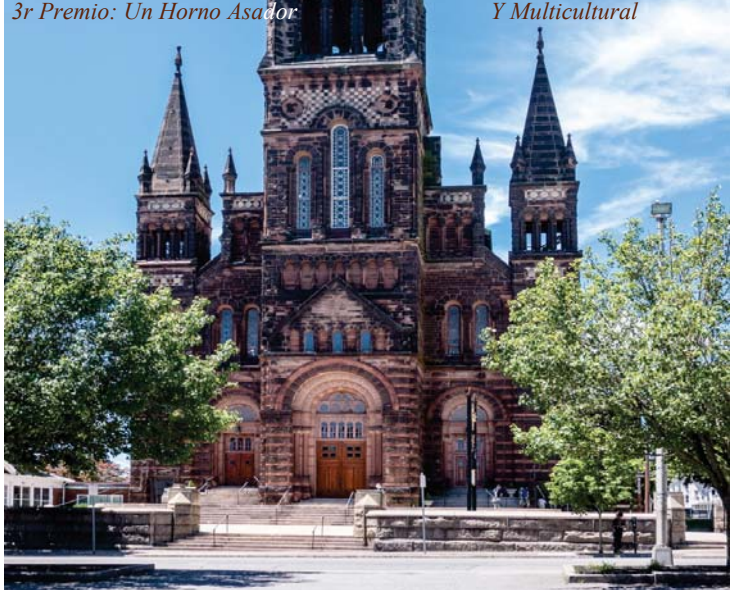
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1er Premio \$200 Efectivo

Juegos para los niños

2nd Premio: Una Tarjeta
De regalo de Market Basket

Comida Hispana
Y Multicultural



Rosario de Los Jueves

- 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
- Comunidad San Kilian: 05/28/2026

Grupos de Limpieza

- 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
- Comunidad Puerta del Cielo: 05/23/2026

Mensaje del Padre Mariano

Queridos hermanos, En este Quinto Domingo del tiempo de Pascua, el Evangelio nos invita a un momento de ternura y fortaleza. Jesús habla a sus apóstoles, que se sienten inquietos e inseguros ante lo que vendrá. En medio de su temor, les ofrece palabras que siguen resonando en nuestros corazones hoy: "No se turbe su corazón. No tengan

Él. Él es el camino que nos guía en la confusión, la verdad que nos sostiene entre tantas voces, y la vida que da sentido a todo lo que hacemos. En un mundo que con frecuencia promueve la autosuficiencia por encima de todo, este mensaje nos desafía a poner nuestra confianza en Él. Confiar en Cristo no elimina las dificultades, pero transforma la manera en que las enfrentamos.

Al comenzar el mes de mayo, tradicionalmente dedicado a honrar a la Santísima Virgen María, se nos invita a profundizar nuestra devoción a aquella que siempre nos conduce a su Hijo. De manera especial, podemos acudir a Nuestra Señora de Fátima, pidiendo su intercesión por nuestras familias, nuestra Iglesia y nuestro mundo. A través de la oración sencilla y poderosa del Rosario, que encontremos paz, fortaleza y una renovada confianza en el plan de Dios.

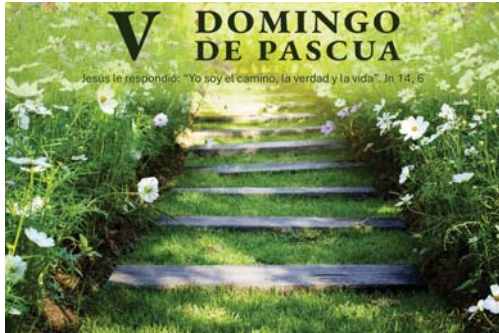
Como familia diocesana, recordamos que no caminamos solos. Estamos unidos en la fe, llamados a apoyarnos unos a otros como miembros del Cuerpo de Cristo. Este espíritu de unidad se hace especialmente visible en la 85ª Campaña Católica Anual de la Dioc-

se of Fall River, que se llevará a cabo del 1 de mayo al 30 de junio. Esta campaña es una oportunidad para vivir nuestra fe de manera concreta.

Gracias a su generosidad, la Campaña apoya a nuestras parroquias, cuida de nuestros sacerdotes, fortalece las escuelas católicas y sostiene ministerios y programas vitales que sirven a tantos en nuestra comunidad diocesana. Es un reflejo del amor de Cristo en acción, que alcanza a los necesitados y nutre la fe de las futuras generaciones.

Al escuchar el llamado de Jesús a no tener miedo, escuchemos también su invitación a actuar con fe y generosidad. Que confiemos en Él, que es el camino, la verdad y la vida, y que nuestros esfuerzos compartidos sigan edificando la Iglesia con esperanza y amor.

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



miedo." No son palabras vacías, sino una promesa fundada en su presencia. Cristo conoce nuestras luchas, nuestras dudas y el peso de lo desconocido, y aun así nos llama a confiar.

Cuando Jesús declara: "Yo soy el camino, la verdad y la vida," no solo nos da una orientación; nos revela que el camino que buscamos se encuentra en una relación viva con

ESTÁS INVITADO A
CELEBRAR

**NUESTRA
SEÑORA
DE LUJÁN**

VIERNES 8 DE MAYO

5:15 PM MISA SOLEMNE

DESPUES VAMOS A HACER
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(CADA QUIEN TRAR ALGO)

IGLESIA DE SAN ANTONIO DE PADUA

1349 Acushnet Ave
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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
DESPUES DE PASCUA
Y ES DÍA DE
PRECEPTO.

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