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85TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
DIVERSITY OF LIFE, UNITY OF FAITH

Let it Begin with Me

Peace

"Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give to you."
- John 14:27

Donate or Pledge
May 1 - June 30



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 10, 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

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Mario Rojas, IVE

Fr. Jayapaul Poliseti, IVE

Deacons

Deacon Leo Racine (*retire*)

Deacon Eduardo Borges

Deacon Jeremias Carranza

Secretary

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office@saintanthonynb.org

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Daniel Marshall (401) 288-7172
music@saintanthonynb.org

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Luis Sicajau | Ext. 113

Religious Education Director

Mother Maria Aeiparthenos Berry, SSVM | 774 849 0986
ccd@saintanthonynb.org

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

MAY 9

†Raymond & Georgette Roy

SUNDAY

6:30am *English*

8:00am *Español*

9:30am *English*

MAY 10

†Adelio M. Ferreira

†Concepcion Torres

5th Dominga, Joshua Arruda Jr.

†Blanche Ciacci

†Candida Borges

5th Dominga, Dionisia & Jose Farias

11:00am *Español*

MONDAY

7:00am

MAY 11

†Cecilia Borges

TUESDAY

7:00am

MAY 12

†Heather Cordeiro

WEDNESDAY

7:00am

MAY 13

†Muriel Brunelle

THURSDAY

7:00am

7:30pm

MAY 14

†Joseph & Helene Chouinard

†Teresa Coreas

FRIDAY

5:15pm

MAY 15

†Eduardo De Medeiros

†Alice Rocheleau

SATURDAY

4:00pm

MAY 16

†Deceased of the IVE

SUNDAY

6:30am *English*

8:00am *Español*

9:30am *English*

MAY 17

†Deceased of the McCarty family

Int. Marcela Nieva & Laura Gongora

†Manuel & Ernestina Macedo

†Nancy Paiva


6th Dominga, John Arruda

6th Dominga, Lisa Soares

11:00am *Español*

Sanctuary Lamp

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



Readings To-Go!

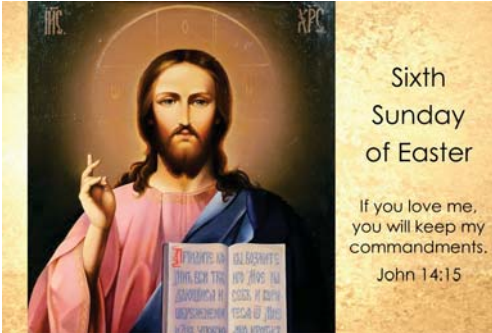
6th Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2026

Scan QR code to see this week's readings!

Thank you to everyone who generously supported the weekend's spring yard sale. We raised. \$2,000.00 for the Church's ongoing renovation

Pastor Message

Dear brothers and sisters, on this Sixth Sunday of Easter, Jesus speaks with tenderness and clarity to His disciples, reminding them that love is not merely a feeling but a commitment expressed through action. "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." These words challenge us to examine our own lives: do our choices, priorities, and



actions reflect a genuine love for Christ? Jesus does not leave His followers alone in this calling. He promises the gift of the Paraclete—the Holy Spirit—who will remain with us forever. This Advocate, this divine helper, strengthens us, guides us into truth, and reminds us of all that Jesus has taught. In moments of confusion, weakness, or doubt,

the Spirit reassures us that we are not abandoned. We are accompanied by God's very presence dwelling within us.

To remain in Jesus' love means to live in a relationship that is alive and active. It is not passive. It calls for trust, obedience, and a willingness to follow His example of compassion, mercy, and self-giving love. The fulfillment of His commandments becomes the visible sign that our love for God is real. When we forgive, when we serve, when we choose truth over convenience, we make His love present in the world.

This Sunday also coincides with the celebration of Mother's Day, a beautiful opportunity to honor the women who have nurtured, guided, and loved us so faithfully. Mothers, in many ways, reflect the very love that Jesus speaks about—patient, enduring, and selfless. Their daily sacrifices and quiet acts of care reveal a love that mirrors God's own. To all mothers, we extend our heartfelt gratitude and warmest greetings. May you be blessed with strength, joy, and the deep awareness that your love makes a difference

in countless ways. Your witness teaches us how to love more fully and live more faithfully.

As we continue this Easter season, may we open our hearts to the Holy Spirit, remain rooted in Christ's love, and faithfully keep His commandments. In doing so, we become living signs of God's presence, bringing hope and light to all we encounter.



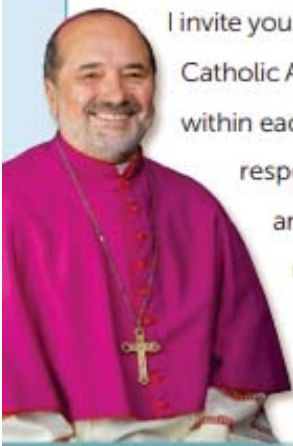
The 2026 Catholic Appeal has raised:

\$1,246,133
(as of 5/4/26)

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

*Happy Mothers Day to all the mothers of
the Parish*

A society without mothers would be a dehumanized society, for mothers are always, even in the worst moments, witnesses of tenderness, dedication and moral strength.

—Pope Francis, January 7, 2015



2026 Annual Diocesan Appeal St. Anthony's pledge

AS OF MAY 5, 2026	
# S.A FAMILIES	19
\$ PLEDGED	\$2,890.00
AMOUNT PAID	\$2,715.00
BALANCE DUE	\$175.00

ASCENSION THURSDAY MAY 14, 2026

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

7 AM ENGLISH

6 PM ENGLISH

7:30 PM SPANISH

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

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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**

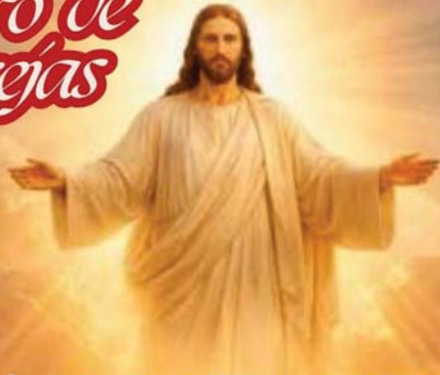
**TICKETS: 1 TICKET FOR \$5
3 TICKETS FOR \$10
7 TICKETS FOR \$20**

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



Noticias & Eventos

Retiro de parejas



Un vino nuevo, Un nuevo amor

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MAYO
30-31

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SEDE DE LA SABIDURÍA PARROQUIA
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NEW BEDFORD

St. Anthony of Padua Feast

1359 Acushnet Ave New Bedford

Sabado 13 de Junio, y
De 10 am a 6 pm

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

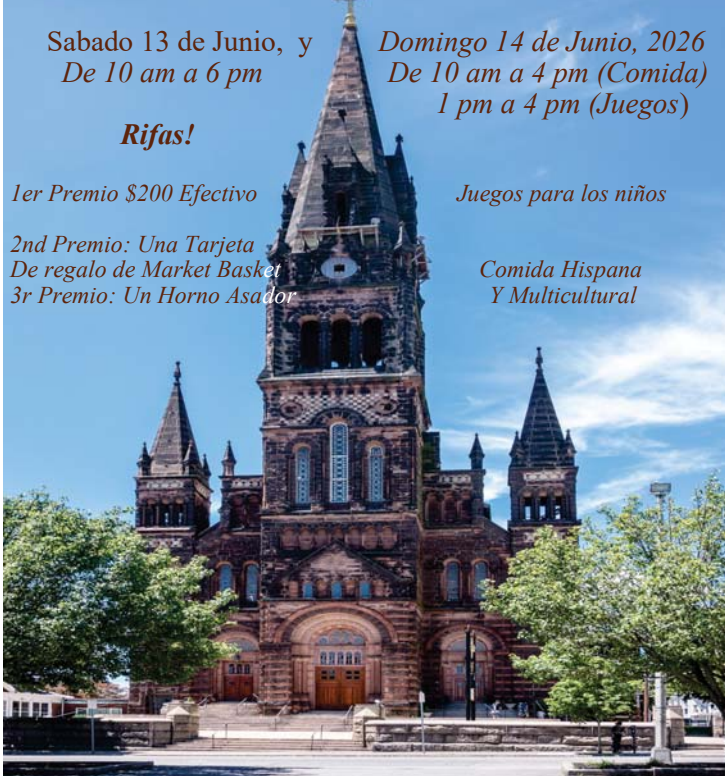
Rifas!

1er Premio \$200 Efectivo

Juegos para los niños

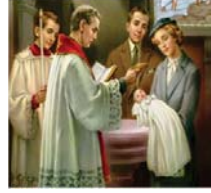
2nd Premio: Una Tarjeta
De regalo de Market Basket
3r Premio: Un Horno Asador

Comida Hispana
Y Multicultural



Noticias y Eventos

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

Nuestra Señora de Fatima: El próximo miércoles 13 de Mayo a las 7pm tendremos Misa, procesión con candelas y bendición eucarística en honor de nuestra Señora de Fatima. El evento se realizara en la parroquia de la Immaculada Conception.

Primeras Comuniones: El próximo Domingo 17 de Mayo a las 9:30am en ingles y a las 11am en Español. Las practicas son el Sábado a las 9:30am.

Confirmaciones: El próximo Miércoles 20 de Mayo a las 7pm con la presencia del Señor Obispo Mons. Edgar Da Cunha. Las practicas serán el martes 19 de mayo a las 6pm en la iglesia. Los padrinos también tienen que asistir.

Dia de Precepto: Dia de la Ascension del Señor es día de precepto. Debemos asistir a la misa. Tendremos las misas a las 7am en ingles; 6pm en ingles y a las 7:30pm. en español.

Retiro de Parejas: El próximo sábado 30 y domingo 31 de mayo en 235 N. Front St. NB. Donde era antes la parroquia de nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro. Las parejas que quieren asistir por favor hablar con Mingui o la Señora Maria Elena.

Concierto de Órgano: El próximo Domingo 31 de Mayo a las 3pm en nuestra parroquia, tendremos un concierto de órgano por el Dr. Michal Szostak, que viene desde Warsaw, Polonia. Los tickets cuestan \$25. Todos los fondos son para la renovación del órgano de nuestra parroquia.

Picnic parroquial: Domingo 26 de Julio en Catedral Camp en Freetown.

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

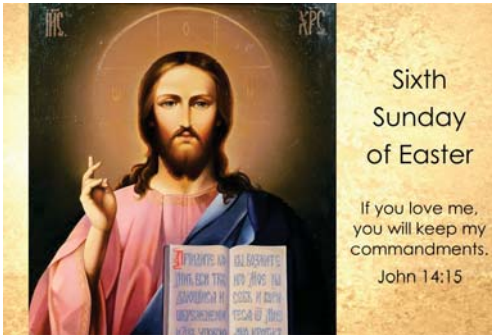
Comunidad Maria Sede de La Sabiduría: 05/09/2026

Comunidad San Kilian: 05/16/2026

Comunidad Puerta del Cielo: 05/23/2026

Mensaje del Padre Mariano

Queridos hermanos, en este Sexto Domingo de Pascua, el Evangelio de Juan nos invita a profundizar en el amor que Jesús nos tiene y en la respuesta que Él espera de nosotros. En este pasaje, Jesús habla a sus discípulos con ternura, asegurándoles que no los dejará solos. Les promete el envío del Paráclito, el Espíritu Santo, que permanecerá con ellos



para siempre como guía, consuelo y fuerza en su camino de fe.

Jesús nos recuerda una verdad fundamental: "Si me amáis, guardaréis mis mandamientos." Amar a Cristo no es solo una expresión de palabras o sentimientos, sino un compromiso concreto que se manifiesta en nuestras acciones diarias. Permanecer en

su amor significa vivir según sus enseñanzas, practicar la caridad, el perdón, la justicia y la verdad. El cumplimiento de sus mandamientos se convierte así en la señal visible de que realmente amamos a Dios.

La promesa del Espíritu Santo nos llena de esperanza, porque sabemos que no estamos solos. El Paráclito nos acompaña en cada momento, especialmente en nuestras dificultades y debilidades. Él nos ilumina, nos fortalece y nos ayuda a permanecer fieles al amor de Cristo.

Hoy celebramos también el Día de la Madre, una ocasión especial para honrar y agradecer a todas las madres. Su amor generoso, paciente y constante refleja el amor mismo de Dios. A todas las madres les extendemos un saludo lleno de gratitud y cariño. Que el Señor las bendiga abundantemente y les conceda alegría y paz.

Asimismo, quiero recordarles que nuestra campaña diocesana número 85 se está llevando a cabo en este tiempo. Esta iniciativa es una oportunidad para unimos como comunidad y apoyar la misión de la Iglesia,

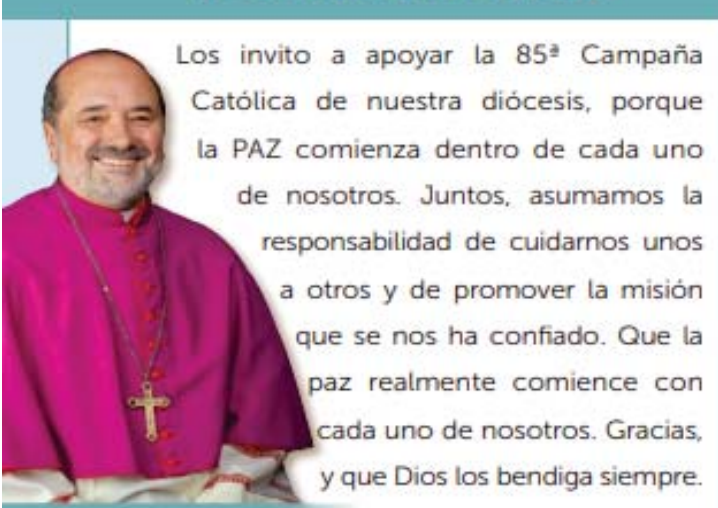
ayudando a quienes más lo necesitan. La generosidad de cada uno es un signo concreto de amor y solidaridad.



Que en este tiempo pascual abramos nuestro corazón al Espíritu Santo, permanezcamos en el amor de Cristo y vivamos fielmente sus mandamientos. Así seremos verdaderos testigos de su amor en el mundo y portadores de esperanza para todos los que nos rodean.



Mis queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:



Los invito a apoyar la 85ª Campaña Católica de nuestra diócesis, porque la PAZ comienza dentro de cada uno de nosotros. Juntos, asumamos la responsabilidad de cuidarnos unos a otros y de promover la misión que se nos ha confiado. Que la paz realmente comience con cada uno de nosotros. Gracias, y que Dios los bendiga siempre.

+ Edgar M. da Cunha

Reverendísimo Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., D.D.
Obispo de Fall River

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.

7 AM INGLÉS

6PM INGLÉS

7:30 PM ESPAÑOL

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