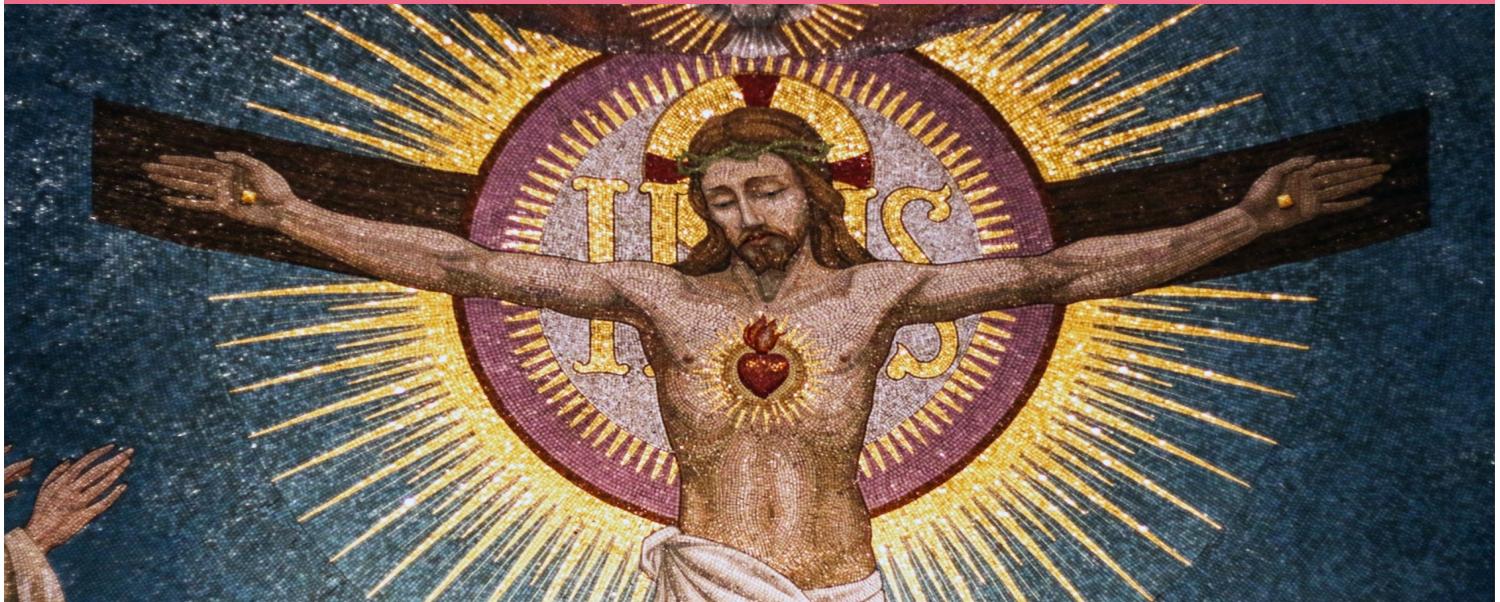




# Saint Anthony of Padua Church

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LAETARE SUNDAY

4<sup>TH</sup>

SUNDAY OF LENT

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

John 3:16

Photo: Fr. Lawrence Lew, O.P.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 10, 2024

## 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)

## CONFESIONS

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

11:00 am – 11:45 am Church

3:00 pm – 3:45 pm Church

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday from 9:00 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; Saturday 9:30 am – 3:30 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.

## RCIA (*Rite 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.

## 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

#### Associate Pastor

Fr. Thomas Steinke, IVE - Ext. 108

#### Deacon

Deacon Eduardo Borges

#### Secretary

Reina McCarty (508) 993-1691 Ext. - 101  
office@saintanthonynb.org

#### Organist & Music Director

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

#### Maintenance

Luis Sicajau - Ext. 113

#### Religious Education Director

Mother Mater Consecrata, SSVM - Ext. 114  
ccd@saintanthonynb.org

#### Sacristan

Sr. Annette Brassard - Ext. 112

## Remember them in your prayers!

### Eternal Rest

We pray for those called home to the Lord



We are asked to pray for the sick, especially for  
**Grace Gonsalves, Henrique Trindade, Theresa Quintin, Nancy Paiva, Lucille Connolly, Diane Barksdale, Hunt Barksdale, Rob Jardin, Adrien Aube, Jose Soares, Loretta Hevey, Thomas Sargent, Robert Keegan, Sandra & Family, Antonio Manuel, Alan Edwards, Marcelino De La Cruz**  
 that the Lord may give them health and strength.

## Mass Intentions

### MONDAY

7:00am

### MARCH 11

For the health of Olimpia Rosado

### TUESDAY

7:00am

### MARCH 12

For the health of Medardo Vasquez

### WEDNESDAY

7:00am

### MARCH 13

†Sandra Swain  
†Laura Almeida

### THURSDAY

7:00am

7:30pm

### MARCH 14

Vocation to the Priesthood  
Por la salud de Marcelino de la Cruz

### FRIDAY

5:15 pm

### MARCH 1

†Jason Berube

### SATURDAY

4:00pm

### MARCH 16

†Antonio Martinez

### SUNDAY

6:30am English

8:00am Español

9:30 am English

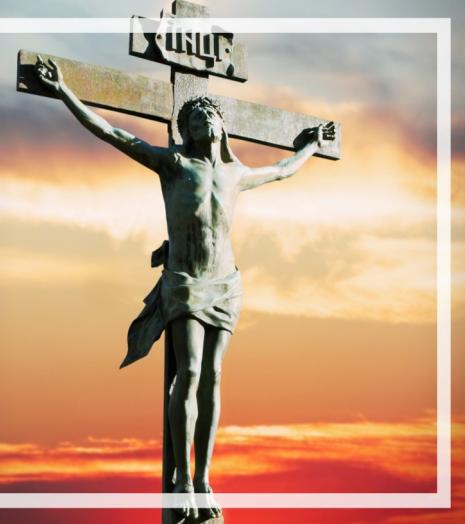
11:00am Español

### MARCH 17

†Roger Trahan  
†Patrick Burns  
†Antonio and Jose Laranjeira  
Pro Populo

**Laetare Sunday**  
**4th**  
**Sunday of Lent**

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John 3:16



## READINGS & OBSERVANCES 2024 YEAR B

<b>4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT</b> Mar 10	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/ Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21
<b>MONDAY</b> Mar 11	Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2+4, 5-6, 11-12a+13b/Jn 4:43-54
<b>TUESDAY</b> Mar 12	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Mar 13	Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
<b>THURSDAY</b> Mar 14	Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
<b>FRIDAY</b> Mar 15	Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21+23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
<b>SATURDAY</b> Mar 16	Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53
<b>5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT</b> Mar 17	Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15/Heb 5:7-9/ Jn 12:20-33

## Pastor's Message

Dear brothers and sisters, this fourth Sunday of the Lenten season is called “Laetare” because it is the first word of the entrance antiphon, which means, “rejoice”, in Latin. On this Laetare, the Church expresses joy and hope in the midst of the Lenten fast and penance. That is why the

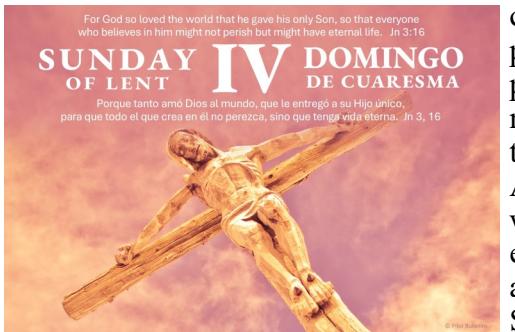
God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in what he has done promised a redeemer, someone who will crush the head of the serpent. By dying on the cross, a terrible death by any standard, Jesus showed us that there was no limit to God’s love. He was unwilling to endure to redeem mankind. “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” The passion and death of Christ teaches us, above all, the immense mercy and love of God. We do not merit salvation. Rather, it is God who never ceases to love us despite our sinfulness, that is today we rejoice in the Lord. We adore you oh Christ and we praise you, because by his Cross and Resurrection you have redeemed the world.

rose color and also a bit of decoration in the church signifies joy and hope, then the Holy Mother Church is inviting us to take a pause to take strength to continue our Lenten journey in the coming weeks. The words that Jesus proclaims with such solemnity and authority, “that

others sins. Then the people started to get more depraved and God sent the flood, burn cities, and finally, God allowed them to go prisoners to other city, to experience suffering so that they can at least reflect on what they have done. But God who is mer-

Have a blessed Sunday and a fruitful Lent.

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



## A PRAYER FOR POPE FRANCIS

On March 13<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the anniversary of Pope Francis' election! Say a prayer for the Holy Father.

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful,  
look favorably on your servant Francis,  
whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd;

Grant, we pray, that by word and example  
he may be of service to those over whom he presides  
so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care,  
he may come to everlasting life.

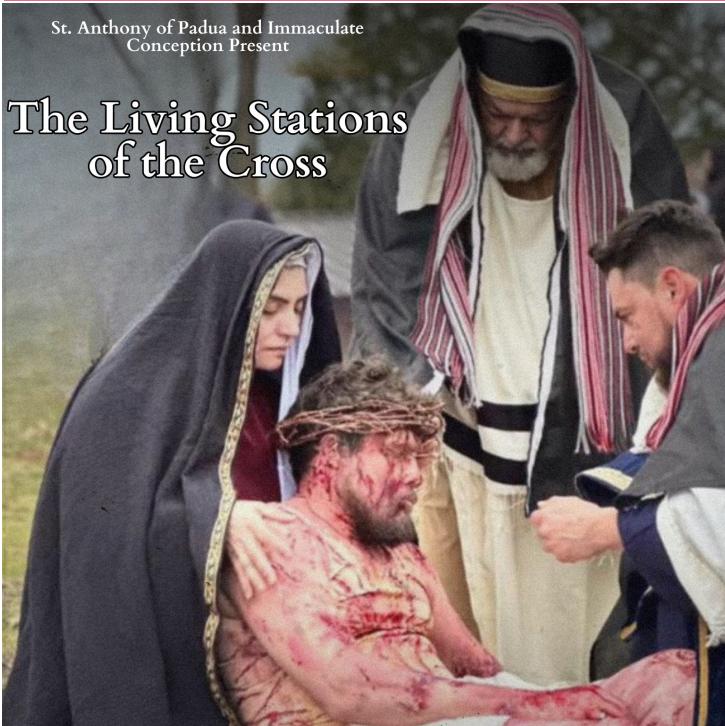
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

## Community & Diocesan News

St. Anthony of Padua and Immaculate Conception Present

### The Living Stations of the Cross



Come pray and begin your Holy Week with the Living Stations of the Cross

March 24th at 3pm  
Brooklawn Park  
New Bedford, MA

## Faith Formation

### MANDATORY CONFIRMATION RETREAT Make-Up

Saturday, March 23 9am – 2pm

St. Ann's Parish Raynham, MA

Cost: \$40

RSVP and payment to M. Consecrata  
by March 4

## Parish News

2024

To Jesus through Mary

Legion of Mary  
Our Lady of Good Counsel

St. Anthony of Padua Church

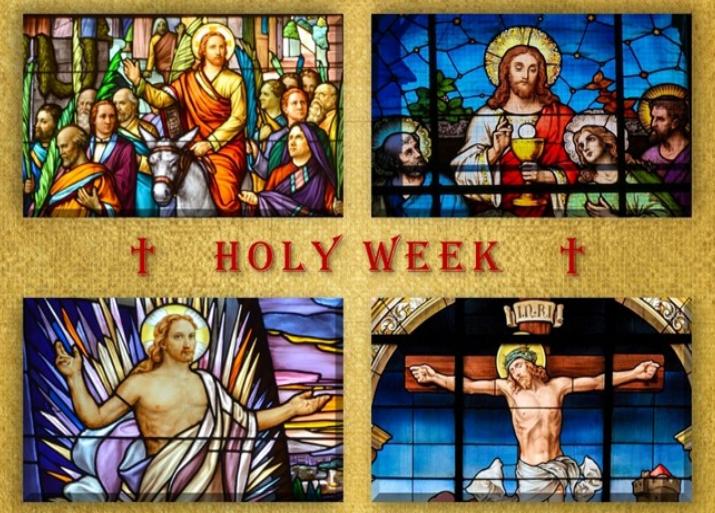
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"The Legion aims to bring Mary to the world as the infallible means of winning the world to Jesus" Founder Frank Duff

We meet every Tuesday during Lent  
6pm-7pm

For information call the parish rectory at:  
508-993-1691



## HOLY WEEK

### Holy Week Schedule 2024

March 23-Palm Sunday | Sunday Schedule  
3pm Living Station of the Cross in Brooklawn Park

March 28-Holy Thursday | Mass of the Lord's Supper  
7:00pm Bilingual Mass with the washing of feet  
Adoration & company with our Lord until 11pm  
10-11pm Confessions

March 29-Good Friday | Celebration of the Passion  
3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Bilingual)  
followed by the Stations of the Cross

March 30-Holy Saturday | Easter Vigil  
8:00pm Solemn Easter Vigil with Baptism

March 31-Easter Sunday | Sunday Schedule

## Hymns for 4th Sunday of Lent - Year "B"

**Entrance Antiphon:** S&S Missal pg.206

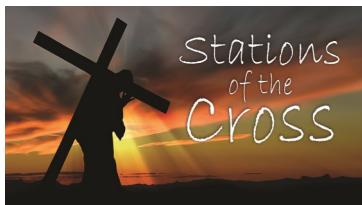
**Processional:** # 277 O Merciful Creator, Hear

**Offertory:** # 256 My Song is Love Unknown

**Communion Antiphon:** S&S Missal pg.212

**Communion:** #357 The King of Love My Shepherd Is.

**Recessional:** # 251 Lord, Who Throughout This Forty Days.



## ATTENTION!

The 5:15pm Mass on Fridays during the Lenten Season, will be celebrated in the Main Church followed by the Stations of the Cross.

### Soup Supper Social After the Stations of the Cross

MARCH 15, 2024 - Holy Spirit Society

MARCH 22, 2024 - Puerta del Cielo

Thank you to all the groups for their generosity in



*Prayer Before a Crucifix*

*En ego, O bone et dulcissime Iesu*

Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus while before your face I humbly kneel, and with burning soul pray and beseech you to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope, and charity; true contrition for my sins, and a firm purpose of amendment. While I contemplate with great love and pity, your five most precious wounds, pondering over them within me, I call to mind the words which David, your prophet, said of you, my good Jesus: "They have pierced my hands and my feet, they have numbered all my bones."

## Sacrificial Giving and Stewardship

# Weekly Collections

MARCH 3 2024

Weekly Collection ..... \$ 5,866.63

Candles/Shrines ..... \$ 136.78

*Thank you for your sacrifice and generosity.*

## Upcoming Second Collection

March 10 - Catholic Relief Services Collection

March 29 - Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land

March 31 - Retired and Infirm Priests



Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you stand in solidarity with the Church in Holy Land as a witness of peace, supporting Catholics there in parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines and caring for refugees in the Holy Land. Please be generous!

## 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.



Deanery Communal Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday March 12, 2024 at 6:30pm

at Holy Name of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

The New Bedford Deanery priests are hosting a Lenten Penance Service at 6:30PM at Holy Name of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, 121 Mt. Pleasant St., New Bedford. Various priests from the area will be available for Confession, a sure way to prepare our heart for the Lord in this Lenten Season.

*There will be no Adoration and Confessions at Saint Anthony's on that day.*

## Mensaje del Párroco

Queridos hermanos y hermanas, este cuarto domingo del tiempo cuaresmal se llama "Laetare", porque es la primera palabra de la antífona de entrada, que significa "alegraos", en latín. En este Laetare, la Iglesia expresa alegría y esperanza en medio del ayuno y la penitencia cuaresmales. Por eso el color rosa y también un poco de decoración en la iglesia significa alegría y esperanza, entonces la Santa Madre Iglesia nos está invitando a hacer una pausa para tomar fuerzas para continuar nuestro camino cuaresmal en las próximas semanas.

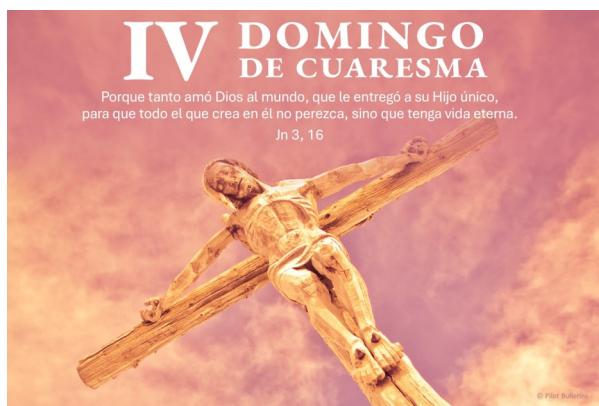
Las palabras que Jesús proclama con tanta solemnidad y autoridad, "que tanto amó Dios al mundo que le dio a su Hijo, para que todo el que crea en él no perezca, sino que tenga vida eterna", muestran el gran amor de Dios Padre por todos nosotros, pecadores. La primera lectura nos muestra claramente cuál es el resultado del pecado, cuál es la consecuencia de que la gente abandone a Dios y se vuelva hacia otros dioses.

"Todos los principios de Judá, los sacerdotes y el pueblo añadieron infidelidad a la infidelidad,

practicando todas las abominaciones de las naciones y contaminando el templo del Señor..."

Eso es exactamente lo que hicieron Adán y Eva con Dios que eran sus amigos que disfrutaban de todo con él., Ellos se apartaron del rostro de Dios haciendo la voluntad de Satanás y entonces con ello la maldad vino al mundo que son asesinatos, fornicaciones, robos y muchos otros pecados. Entonces la gente comenzó a ser más depravada y Dios envió el diluvio, quemar ciudades, y, finalmente, Dios permitió que fueran prisioneros a otra ciudad, que experimentaran el sufrimiento para que al menos reflexionaran sobre lo que habían hecho. Pero Dios, que es misericordioso y no quiso condenar lo que había hecho, prometió un redentor, alguien que aplastaría la cabeza de la serpiente. Al morir en la cruz, una muerte terrible se mire por donde se mire, Jesús nos mostró que el amor de Dios no tenía límites. No estaba dispuesto a sufrir para redimir a la humanidad. "Nadie tiene amor más grande que el que da la vida por sus amigos". La pasión y muerte de Cristo nos enseña, sobre todo, la inmensa misericordia y amor de Dios. Nosotros no merecemos la salvación. Más bien, es Dios quien nunca deja de amarnos a pesar de nuestra pecaminosidad, por eso hoy nos alegramos en el Señor. Te adoramos oh Cristo y te alabamos, porque por su Cruz y Resurrección has redimido al mundo.

Feliz Domingo  
P. Mariano



## Atención

Los sacerdotes del Decanato de New Bedford están organizando una *liturgia penitencial cuaresmal* a las 6:30 p. m. en la Parroquia del Santo Nombre del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, 121 Mt. Pleasant St., New Bedford. Varios sacerdotes de la zona estarán disponibles para la Confesión, una forma segura de preparar nuestro corazón para el Señor en esta temporada de Cuaresma.

**Martes 12 de Marzo 2024  
6:30pm**

*Ese día no habrá adoración con Confesión en San Antonio.*



## Horario Semana Santa 2024

**23 de Marzo-Domingo de Ramos | horario de domingo– 3pm Estaciones de la Cruz en el Brooklawn Park**



**28 de Marzo-Jueves Santo | Misa de la Ultima Cena**

7:00pm Santa Misa (Bilingüe)  
Adoración hasta las 11pm  
10-11pm Confesiones



**29 de Marzo-Viernes Santo | Cele. Pasión de Jesús**  
3:00pm Celebración de la Pasión (Bilingüe) Inmediatamente rezo de las estaciones de la Cruz



**30 de Marzo-Sábado Santo | Sábado de Gloria**  
8:00pm Misa de la Vigilia Pascual con Bautismo



**31 de Marzo-Domingo de Pascua | sigue horario de los domingos**

## PRÓXIMAS CHARLAS DE BAUTISMO Y FECHA DE LOS MISMOS

### APRIL 2024

*Charlas:* Viernes 5 de Abril 7:30pm en el

salón parroquial

*Bautismo:* sábado 6 de Abril a las 12pm

## Formación de la Fe

# RETIRO OBLIGATORIO DE CONFIRMACIÓN para los que se lo faltaron

sábado 23 de marzo

9am – 2pm

St. Ann Parish, Raynham

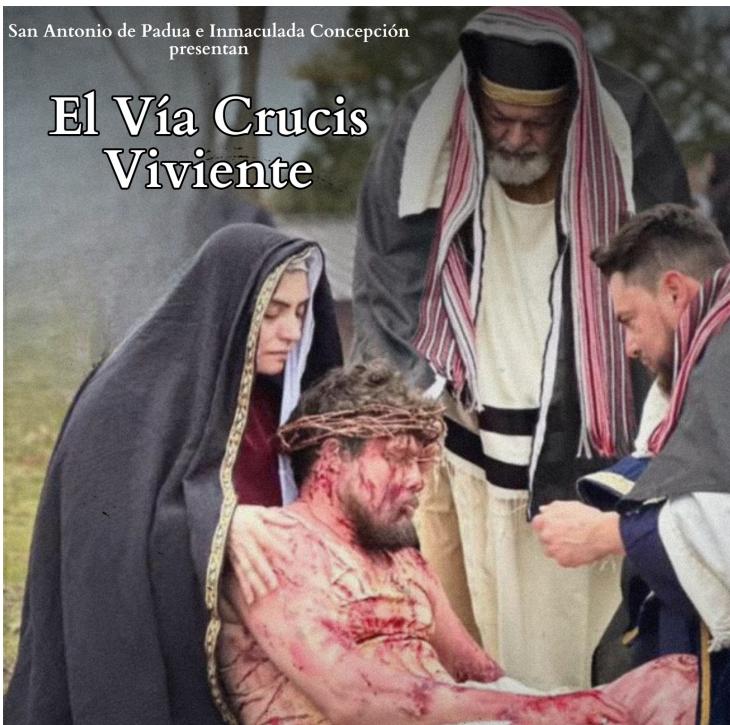
pago: \$40

RSVP y pago a M. Consecrata antes  
del 4 de marzo

**Después del Vía Crucis uno de  
los grupos estará a cargo de la  
cena en el Salón Parroquial**



Espíritu Santo (*Portugueses*) - VIERNES 15 DE MARZO  
Puerta del Cielo - VIERNES 22 DE MARZO



Ven a orar y  
comienza tu Semana  
Santa con el Vía  
Crucis Viviente

24 de marzo a las 3 p.m.  
Brooklawn Park New  
Bedford, MA

## Anuncios

- ♦ Primera Comunión de Adultos  
El Domingo 28 de Abril 2024 en la misa de las 11am.
- ♦ Primeras Comuniones: Domingo 5 de Mayo en la Misa de las 11:00 am
- ♦ Confirmaciones: Miércoles 8 de Mayo 2024 a las 7pm con la presencia del Señor obispo. En la Iglesia de los Portugueses.



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## Rosario de los Jueves

Comunidad María Puerta del Cielo: 3/7/2024

Comunidad San Kilian: 3/14/2024

Comunidad María Sede de la Sabiduría: 3/21/2024

Comunidad María Puerta del Cielo: 4/4/2024

Comunidad San Kilian: 4/11/2024

Comunidad María Sede de la Sabiduría: 4/18/2024

Comunidad María Puerta del Cielo: 4/25/2024

Comunidad San Kilian: 5/2/2024

Comunidad María Sede de la Sabiduría: 5/9/2024

## Grupos de Limpieza

Comunidad San Kilian: 3/2/2024

Comunidad María Sede de la Sabiduría: 3/9/2024

Comunidad María Puerta del Cielo: 3/16/2024

LIMPIEZA GENERAL TODAS LOS GRUPOS: 3/23/2024

Comunidad San Kilian: 3/30/2024

Comunidad María Sede de la Sabiduría: 4/6/2024

Comunidad María Puerta del Cielo: 4/13/2024

Comunidad San Kilian: 4/20/2024

Comunidad María Sede de la Sabiduría: 4/27/2024

Comunidad María Puerta del Cielo: 5/4/2024