



# Saint Anthony of Padua Church

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## 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert!  
You do not know when the time will come." Mark 13:33

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 3, 2023

#### 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. Marcelo Da Silva, IVE - Ext.

Fr. Thomas Steinke, IVE - Ext. 108

#### Deacon

Deacon Eduardo Borges

#### Secretary

Carla Matos - 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

sapccd@gmail.com

#### Sacristan

Sr. Annette Brassard - Ext. 112

## Remember them in your prayer!

### 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, and Alan Edwards** that the Lord may give them health and strength.

## Mass Intentions

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 4</b>
7:00am	Int. Germania & Pedro Pimentel
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 5</b>
7:00am	†Fernando do Couto
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 6</b>
7:00am	†Int. Fr James Blount
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 7</b>
7:00am	†Manuel Perreira
7:30pm	†Difuntos del IVE
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 8</b>
7:00am	<i>Immaculate Conception-Holy Day of Oblig.</i>
6:00pm	<i>Pro Populo</i>
7:30pm	†Int. James Blount †Marta & Laurindo Varela
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 9</b>
4:00pm	†Maria Silvestre
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 10</b>
6:30am <i>English</i>	†Emilio & Maria DaSilva †Manuel Couto <i>Pro Populo</i>
8:00am <i>Español</i>	†Jose Montanez
9:30am <i>English</i>	Sick and Shut-in of the parish
11:00am <i>Español</i>	

## Sanctuary Lamp

Will burn the month of December in memory of  
†Mary Binette

## READINGS & OBSERVANCES 2023 YEAR B

<b>1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
<b>MONDAY</b>	<i>Saint John of Damascus, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i> Dec 4 Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24 Dec 5
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<i>Saint Nicholas, Bishop</i> Dec 6 Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<i>Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> Dec 7 Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1+8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<i>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Dec 8 Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/ Day of Obligation Lk 1:26-38
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<i>Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin</i> Dec 9 Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
<b>2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14/2 Pt 3:8-14/ Dec 10 Mk 1:1-8

## Pastor's Message

Once again we are celebrating the joyful season of Advent. Advent season has a special significance in the journey of the Catholics. We know that the Church as mother, wants us to prepare our heart for the commemoration of the birth of the Only begotten Son of God. The Church does this by bringing to our

watchful means to have our home well guarded, and we do this also by setting our home in order. Our home is our soul. Well guarded is our watchfulness through prayer, vigils, fasting, and every other act of piety. Here we may include our good act of charity.

sistance they will help us with their prayers. Let us be generous with them.

I also want to thank all those who help out in the preparation for the successful of the 40 hours devotion in St. Anthony's. It was wonderful to see an increase of devotion and love for the Most Holy Eucharist. We hope to repeat this beautiful tradition in our parish.

During this holy season you will have an unique opportunity to help out those in need of material goods. The annual Christmas giving tree will sponsor this year the St. Martin of Tours Orphanage in San Rafael, Argentina. This orphanage housed deep handicap children, and elderly men without families. As Argentina is going through an economic default, the orphanage needs to continue assisting these children. The good news of this is that, they are not deprived of spiritual goods. The children with the religious and volunteers attend Mass everyday and pray the Rosary for the generous benefactors. Because of their apostolate they are called, "Los angelitos intercesores" the angels intercessors. As we help them through our momentary as-

Below my message is the blessings of the Advent Wreath which can help you and your family to go deep into the mystery of the first coming of Jesus, by meditating and contemplating the messages of the prophets.

Be patient with the new hymnal, *Source and Summit*, we will need not more the ordo of worship. We have in the new hymnal the Mass setting of St. Francis, and the Misa di Angelis that we sing during Christmas.  
Happy Advent to all

Fr. Mariano Varela, IVE

## Liturgy Corner

### About Advent Wreaths

Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple and one is rose, but white candles can also be used.

The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and goods works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas.

The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.

### Blessing of an Advent Wreath

*All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:*

Our help is in the name of the Lord.  
Response (R.) Who made heaven and earth.

*Then the Scripture, Isaiah 9: (lines 1-2 and 5-6) or Isaiah 63 (lines 16-17 & 19) or Isaiah 64 (lines 2-7) is read:*

*Reader: The Word of the Lord.  
R/. Thanks be to God.*

*With hands joined, the leader says:*

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation.

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath.

May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.

May he come quickly and not delay.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
R/. Amen.

*The blessing may conclude with a verse from*

*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel":  
O come, desire of nations, bind  
in one the hearts of humankind;  
bid ev'ry sad division cease  
and be thyself our Prince of  
peace.*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.*



## Parish News

### Holy Ghost Breakfast Sunday December 3rd, 2023



#### Donation:

Adults:\$10 Children (5-10):\$5 Children (5 & Under):FREE

#### Menu:

Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Home Fries, French Toast,  
Orange Juice & Coffee

Serving 8:00am - 11:00am in the Church Hall  
Use Nye St Entrance

### Save the Date

Pastoral Council Meeting  
Tuesday December 12, 2023  
7:00pm Classroom

Financial Council Meeting  
Tuesday December 19, 2023  
7:30pm Pastor's office

**1st**  
**Sunday**  
**of Advent**

Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Matthew 24:42

## Community News

### What Sweeter Music: The Polyphony Choir of Magdalen College in Concert



On Monday, December 11, at 6:30 PM, The Polyphony Choir of Magdalen College will present a festive concert of sacred music for Advent and Christmas at Saint Anthony of Padua Church, 1359 Acushnet Ave, New Bedford, MA. The acclaimed 22-voice ensemble will take you on a musical journey from the season of hushed waiting to the joyful radiance of Our Lord's Nativity. Repertoire includes works by Palestrina, Victoria, Gibbons, Britten, Carter, Rutter, Stopford, and others ranging from the 15th century to the present day. It will be capped off by familiar carols for all present to sing. This concert is part of the choir's What Sweeter Music tour that is taking place at churches across New England this December. It is free and open to the public. For more information, please visit [magdalen.edu/concert](http://magdalen.edu/concert).



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 3:00 PM

### MUSIC AT SAINT ANTHONY'S - SPIRIT OF SAINT ANTHONY CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

IN OUR 19TH YEAR OF WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS CONCERTS AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH IN THE NORTH END OF NEW BEDFORD. THE SPIRIT OF ST. ANTHONY CHOIR UNDER THE DIRECTION OF DAVID TOUCHETTE, WITH A CHOIR OF MEMBERS FROM CHURCHES IN THE GREATER NEW BEDFORD AREA. DONATIONS ACCEPTED AT THE EVENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE 1912 HISTORIC CASAVANT PIPE ORGAN RENOVATION FUND.

[WWW.MUSICATSINTANTHONY'S.ORG](http://WWW.MUSICATSINTANTHONY'S.ORG)

# Catechism

## First Sunday of Advent

**Entrance:** S&S Missal- 1st Sunday of Advent pg. 89  
**Processional:** #267 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
**Offertory:** #312 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers  
**Communion Antiphon:** S&S Missal-  
1st Sunday of Advent pg. 91  
**Communion:** #248 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming  
**Meditation:** #113 Alma Redemptoris Mater  
**Recessional:** #247 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending



# Christmas GIVING TREE

JOIN US IN RAISING MONEY FOR THE "ST. MARTIN DE TOURS" HOME OF MERCY FOR THE DISABLED IN ARGENTINA!

- 1 TAKE AN ENVELOPE OFF THE TREE
- 2 PLACE YOUR MONETARY DONATION INSIDE THE ENVELOPE
- 3 PLACE YOUR ENVELOPE IN THE COLLECTION BASKET

DECEMBER 1 TO 25

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION



FRIDAY DECEMBER 8, 2023

7:00am

6:00pm

7:30pm Mass in Spanish

## Sacrificial Giving and Stewardship

# Weekly Collections

NOVEMBER 26, 2023

Parish Collection ..... \$ 8,022.00  
Candles/Shrines ..... \$ 208.89

Among this Week's Bills and Expenses:  
Parish Staff Average Weekly Salaries \$ 3,743.70  
Parish Staff Average Weekly BC/BS \$ 964.20

## Upcoming Second Collection

12/10/2023 - Retirement Fund for Religious

## Thank you for the Hard Work

I want to thanks to the Bazaar Committee for the great success of the annual parish bazaar. The committee works all the year long to get the prizes ready for the event.

Thank you everyone for your support and attendance and also for the great group of volunteers that are in the different areas. Also the Portuguese and Hispanic communities for their support.

The total of this year was \$56,066.00



## Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration



You are invited to the celebration of

**Our Lady of Guadalupe,**

Patroness of the Americas

Sunday December 10, 2023 after 11am Mass  
Procession outside the church and then a lunch in the parish hall

## Mensaje del Padre Marcelo

**A todos lo digo: ¡Velad!»**  
*(Queridos hermanos )*



Hoy iniciamos con toda la Iglesia un nuevo Año Litúrgico con el primer domingo de Adviento. Tiempo de esperanza, tiempo en el cual se renueva en nuestros corazones el recuerdo de la primera venida del Señor, en humildad y ocultación, y se renueva el anhelo del retorno de Cristo en gloria y majestad.

Este domingo de Adviento está profundamente marcado por una llamada a la vigilancia. San Marcos incluye hasta tres veces en las palabras de Jesús el mandamiento de “velar”. Y la tercera vez lo hace con una cierta solemnidad: «Lo que a vosotros digo, a todos lo digo: ¡Velad!» (Mc 13,37). No es sólo una recomendación ascética, sino una llamada a vivir como hijos de la luz y del día.

Esta llamada está dirigida no solamente a sus discípulos, sino a todos los hombres y mujeres de buena voluntad, como una exhortación que nos recuerda que la vida no tiene sólo una dimensión terrenal, sino que está proyectada hacia un “más allá”. El ser humano, creado a imagen y semejanza de Dios, dotado de libertad y responsabilidad, capaz de amar, tendrá que rendir cuentas de su vida, de cómo ha desarrollado las capacidades y talentos que de Dios ha recibido; si los ha guardado egoístamente, o si los ha hecho fructificar para la gloria de Dios y al servicio de los hermanos.

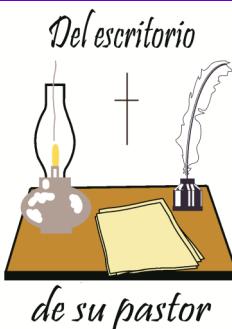
La disposición fundamental que hemos de vivir y la virtud que hemos de ejercitar es la esperanza. El Adviento es, por excelencia, el tiempo de esperanza, y la Iglesia entera está llamada a vivir en la esperanza y a llegar a ser un signo de esperanza para el mundo. Nos preparamos para conmemorar la Navidad, el inicio de su venida: la Encarnación, el Nacimiento, su paso por la tierra. Pero Jesús no nos ha dejado nunca; permanece con nosotros de diversas maneras hasta la consumación de los siglos. Por esto, «¡con Jesucristo siempre nace y renace la alegría!»

«Ha llegado, amadísimos hermanos, aquel tiempo tan importante y solemne, que, como dice el Espíritu Santo, es tiempo favorable, día de la salvación, de la paz y de la reconciliación» (San Carlos Borromeo)

Que Dios los bendiga .  
Que tengan un Santo y bendecido Adviento □□

Fr. Marcelo IVE

## Fechas para Recordar



♦ Desayuno Portugués: El grupo de Holy Ghost de los portugueses tendrá un desayuno el Domingo 3 de Diciembre después de las misas. Los esperamos.

♦ Fiesta de la Virgen de Guadalupe Domingo 10 de Diciembre 2023.

Procesión con la imagen de nuestra Señora de Guadalupe después de la misa de 11am. Almuerzo festivo y mariachi. La Virgen de Guadalupe es la patrona de las Américas, por eso es que celebramos esta gran fiesta como comunidad hispana.

♦ Visita de un Coro

Lunes 11 de Diciembre a las 6:30pm en la parroquia de San Antonio de Padua. Los esperamos.

♦ Las Posadas Navideñas

Desde el 15 al 23 de Diciembre 2023 cada grupo de oración tendrá tres días para celebrar las posadas. El Jueves 21 de diciembre la santa Misa será a las 6:30pm No a las 7:30pm como de costumbre.

♦ Pesebre Viviente

Sábado 16 de Diciembre a las 5:30pm y Domingo 17 de Diciembre a las 6pm, se llevará a cabo el pesebre viviente de Navidad en la iglesia de la Inmaculada Concepción. Todos están invitados.

♦ Concierto de Navidad

Domingo 17 de Diciembre a las 3pm se llevará a cabo el concierto anual de Navidad en la iglesia de San Antonio de Padua. Después del concierto están todos invitados para bajar al salón parroquial a compartir café y galletas.

## Rosario de los Jueves

Comunidad María Puerta del Cielo: 12/7/2023

Comunidad San Kilian: 12/14/2023

Comunidad María Sede de la Sabiduría: 12/28/2023

Comunidad María Puerta del Cielo: 1/4/2024

Comunidad San Kilian: 1/11/2024

Comunidad María Sede de la Sabiduría: 1/18/2024

Comunidad María Puerta del Cielo: 1/25/2024

## Grupos de Limpieza

Comunidad San Kilian: 12/9/2023

Comunidad María Sede de la Sabiduría: 12/16/2023

Comunidad María Puerta del Cielo: 12/23/2023

Comunidad San Kilian: 12/30/2023

Comunidad María Sede de la Sabiduría: 1/6/2024

Comunidad María Puerta del Cielo: 1/13/2024

Comunidad San Kilian: 1/20/2024

## Cursos Prematrimoniales

### Asista a las clases prematrimoniales

Lunes 4 de Diciembre desde las 6:30pm a 8pm

Sábado 9 de Diciembre 9 a 10:30am



Lugar: en el salón de las juntas.

## Inmaculada Concepción

# IMMACULADA CONCEPCION DIA DE PRECEPTO



VIERNES 8 DE DICIEMBRE 2023

7:00pm Misa en inglés  
6pm Misa en inglés  
7:30pm Misa en español

## Sacramento del Bautismo



Bautismo en Noviembre: sábado 23 de Diciembre a las 12pm

*Arbol de Generosidad de Navidad.*

AYÚDANOS RECAUDAR FONDOS PARA EL HOGAR DE MISERICORDIA PARA DISCAPACITADOS "SAN MARTÍN DE TOURS" EN ARGENTINA.

1 COGE UN SOBRE DEL DEL ÁRBOL  
2 INTRODUZCA SU DONACIÓN DENTRO DEL SOBRE  
3 DEPOSITE SU SOBRE EN EL CESTO DE LA COLECTA

1 TO 25 DE DICIEMBRE

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH

## Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento

Invitamos a todos a adorar a Jesús en el Santísimo Sacramento. Todos los jueves en la Iglesia de San Antonio desde las 6:30 a 7:15pm.

Los sábados desde las 9:30am hasta las 3:30pm. Recemos unidos como comunidad creyente y fortalezcamos a nuestras familias con oración y amor. Invitamos especialmente a las familias, padres e hijos a adorar a Jesús en la Eucaristía. Los esperamos.

*"La familia que reza unida permanece unida"* Ven. P. Patrick Payton



## Desayuno Grupo Holy Ghost

DOMINGO 3 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2023



SALÓN DE LA IGLESIA DE ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH

Acushnet Ave. (Entrada Nye), New Bedford, MA.

MENU: Tocino, Huevos, Salchichas, Tostadas, Papas Fritas, Jugo de Naranja y Café

Donación: \$10.00 Adultos; Niños (5-10) \$5.00  
Serviremos desde las 8 hasta las 11am.

## Celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Celebramos a la emperatriz de América  
Domingo 10 de Diciembre 2023



Después de la Misa de 11am tendremos la procesión y rosario alrededor de la Iglesia.

Y termina con un almuerzo para las familias.  
Los esperamos.

## La Corona de Adviento

En la Corona de Adviento hay tres velas moradas que es el color que simboliza "penitencia" y se usa durante el Adviento y la Cuaresma; y una vela rosada que es el color litúrgico que se usa solamente en el Tercer Domingo de Adviento (Domingo de Júbilo) y en el Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma (Domingo de la Alegría/del Regocijo). Adviento quiere decir "espera" y el significado de la Corona de Adviento es muy claro: es la espera de la venida de la Luz al mundo. Las cuatro velas se van encendiendo gradualmente una por una en cada Domingo de Adviento y así combinadas con los colores litúrgicos, nos ayudan a imaginar nuestras expectativas y esperanzas en la primera venida de nuestro Salvador al mundo y también su segunda venida como Juez al fin del mundo.