



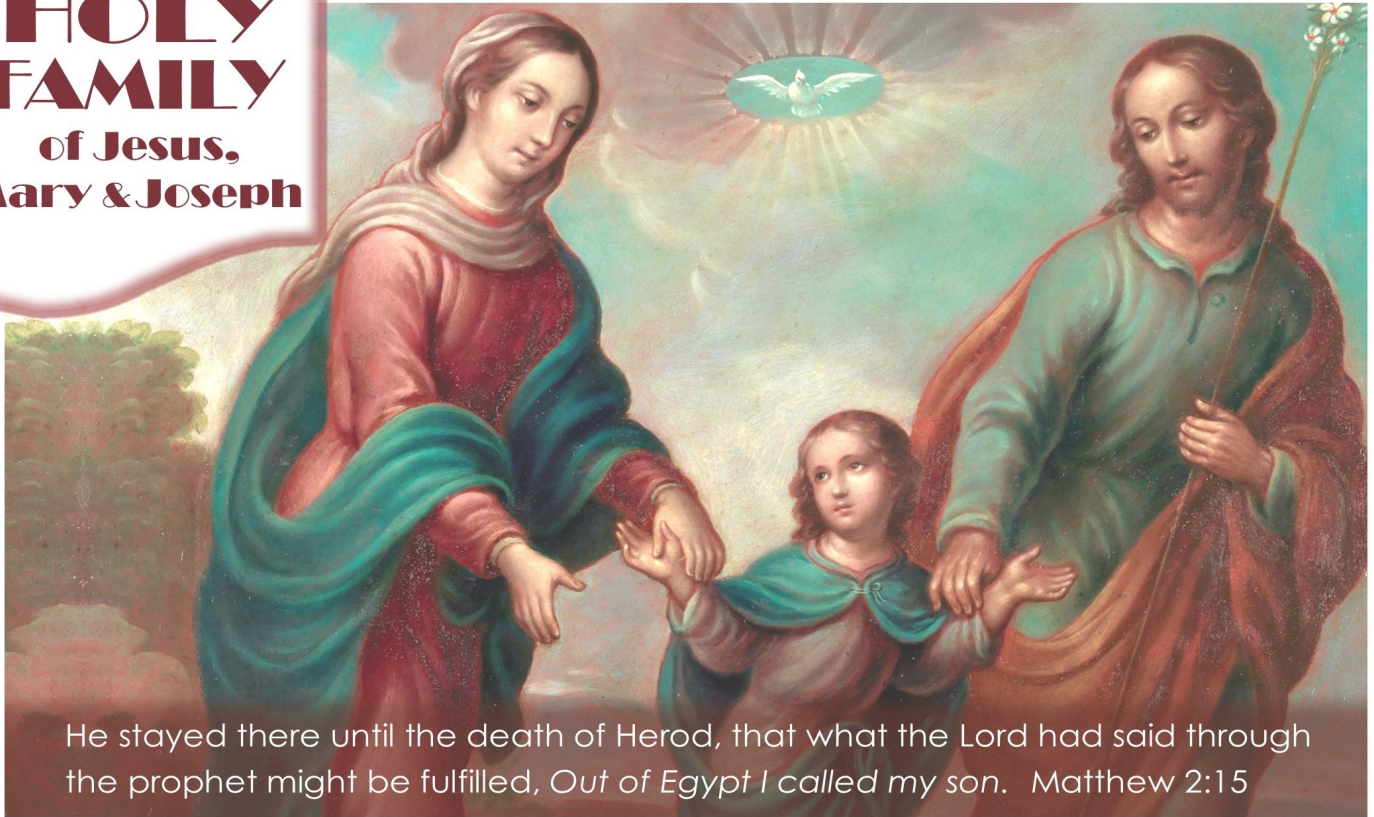
Saint Anthony of Padua Church

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HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary & Joseph



He stayed there until the death of Herod, that what the Lord had said through the prophet might be fulfilled, *Out of Egypt I called my son.* Matthew 2:15

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*

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 DECEMBER 28, 2025

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

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Deacon Jeremias Carranza

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Mother Maria Aeiparthenos Berry, SSVM | 774 849 0986
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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 Hevey, Thomas Sargent, Sandra
& Family, Alan Edwards and Jose M. Carcamo, Nataly
Alvarado, Madaleine Mendoza, Nick Dagenais.*

That the Lord may give them health and strength

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY

4:00pm

DECEMBER 27

†Maria & Armino Demelo

†Rachel Demello

SUNDAY

6:30am *English*

8:00am *Español*

9:30am *English*

11:00am *Español*

DECEMBER 28

†Ethan & Bernadeth Mejia

†Guillermo Constantini, IVE

†Wilfred H. Fauteux

Int. Inocencia de Castro (Bday)

MONDAY

7:00am

DECEMBER 29

†Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY

7:00am

DECEMBER 30

Int. Long Pham

WEDNESDAY

7:00am

7:00pm

DECEMBER 31

Pastor's Intentions

†Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY

9:30am

11:00am

JANUARY 1

Pro Populo

Priest's Intentions

FRIDAY

5:15pm

JANUARY 2

†Bob Keegan

SATURDAY

4:00pm

JANUARY 3

†Delia Lafrance

SUNDAY

6:30am *English*

8:00am *Español*

9:30am *English*

11:00am *Español*

JANUARY 4

†Medardo Vasquez

Pro Populo

†Deceased of the IVE

†Jose Luis Hernandez, IVE

Sanctuary Lamp

Will burn the month of December in memory of

†Nancy Paiva

READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2025

SUNDAY

Dec 28

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Col 3:12-21 or
3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

MONDAY

Dec 29

Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas

Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

TUESDAY

Dec 30

Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

WEDNESDAY

Dec 31

Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas

Saint Sylvester I, Pope

1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

THURSDAY

Jan 1, 2026

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord

Num 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6+8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

FRIDAY

Jan 2

Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

SATURDAY

Jan 3

Most Holy Name of Jesus

1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

SUNDAY

Jan 4

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3, 5-6/
Mt 2:1-12

Pastor Message

As we gather at the threshold of a new year, our hearts are filled with gratitude and hope. On this joyous occasion, we also celebrate the beautiful feast of the Holy Family, a day that invites us to reflect on the sacred bonds of love, unity, and faith that bind us together as a par-

ish family. As we honor the Holy Family, let us re-commit ourselves to nurturing our own families and strengthening the ties within our parish community. May patience, kindness, and understanding guide us in the year ahead.

The beginning of a new year is a time to look forward with hope and anticipation. Let us pray for peace in our hearts, our homes, and our world. May God's light shine upon all our intentions and guide us through challenges, granting us wisdom, resilience, and joy. Let us remember those who are struggling, lonely, or in need, and reach out with compassion—living the gospel in every encounter.

have been able to invest in the future of our parish. Your faithfulness and sacrifice inspire us and strengthen our shared mission.



Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ in our community. I also want to thank those families who in some one or another has sent us either Christmas cards or goodies, your gifts are signs of your love for the priests who serve in St. Anthony's. God bless you all and may the new year be filled with blessings, peace, and the abiding presence of God.

Let us walk together, united in faith and love, as we journey forward as one family in Christ. With every blessing.

Fr. Mariano Varela, IVE

Solemnity of the Holy Family

From the Choir Loft: Solemnity of the Holy Family

This weekend we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, the perfect model of Christian family life. The readings call us to honor our parents, practice patience and love, and let the peace of Christ rule our hearts.

Our opening hymn, *Splendor of the Father*, places the Holy Family before us: "Jesus Christ our Savior, Mary, Virgin Mother, Joseph, their protector." The hymn marvels at God's humility as "angels bow in wonder, Son of God perceiving in our human nature, subject to His servants." The Creator of the universe submitted Himself to the care of Mary and Joseph. The hymn reminds us that "this most lowly cottage court of kings surpasses, therein flowered salvation, for all men and nations."

At the Offertory, *O Come, Little Children* invites us to join the shepherds at the manger, where "Mary and Joseph with fond loving eyes

are gazing upon it." The final verse calls us to "kneel with the shepherds in worship and prayer" and to "praise Him for Jesus, the gift of His love." Saint Paul's words in the second reading echo this gratitude as he urges us to do everything "in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

Our recessional hymn, *Angels We Have Heard on High*, sends us forth with the angels' joyful song: "Gloria in excelsis Deo!" Like the shepherds who left their fields and the Holy Family who obeyed God's will, we too are called to put Christ first in our families. May the Holy Family intercede for us, that our homes may become, like theirs, places where God's love dwells.



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"The musical tradition of the universal Church is a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art."

~ Vatican Council 2, The Constitution of The Sacred Liturgy, 1963, 112.

News and Events



New Year Mass Schedule

New Year Eve | Wednesday December 31
7am; 7pm Spanish Mass



New Year Day | Thursday January 1, 2026
9:30am English
11:00am Spanish

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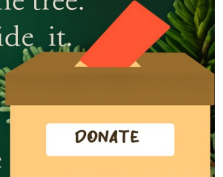
Christmas Giving Tree For the Holy Family Parish in Gaza



Support our suffering brothers and sisters in Christ in Gaza this Christmas. The Holy Family Parish in Gaza is an IVE mission that cares for hundreds who have been left destitute by the ongoing conflicts. The children and families there are in desperate need of basic supplies and are dependent on the charity of others.

Help Today in 3 Easy Steps:

- 1) Take an envelope from the tree.
- 2) Place your donation inside it.
- 3) Return the envelope in the collection box or the donation box near the tree



*May ALL kings
BOW
before HIM,
all nations
SERVE HIM.*

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Psalm 72:11

Readings To-Go!

*Holy Family Sunday
December 28, 2025*



*Scan QR code to see
this week's readings!*



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GREETERS AND USHERS NEEDED

We invite you to practice your stewardship by greeting and handing out the Sunday Booklets at the 9:30am Mass. Please talk to Edwin Aldarondo for information and guidance. Thank you.



Announcements and Events

Dear Parishioners, I am grateful to share some positive developments regarding our ongoing roof replacement project. Thanks be to God, we have received the necessary permit from the DPI Plan for Storm Water Management. After many weeks of waiting, the city has also granted us the permit to proceed with replacing the church roof.

In the near future, there will be a general meeting that will include representatives from the Diocese of Fall River as well as Chaffee's, our roofing contractor. This meeting will provide important information about the project and answer any questions we have. Additionally, our school is currently seeking DPI approval for its own roof replacement project. We will keep you informed as we make progress on that front as well.

Thank you for your patience, prayers, and continued support as we work to maintain and improve our parish facilities. God bless, Fr. Mariano Varela.

Happy New Year!

A festive blue and white graphic for a Christmas party. At the top, colorful Christmas ornaments and stars are scattered. The text "You're invited to a special" is written in a cursive font. Below it, "Christmas Party" is in a large, bold, serif font. The invitation details include: "Celebrate the joy of Jesus and thank Sister Transfiguration for her service in New Bedford. Please come for a farewell and send off to her new mission in Harlem, NY!" followed by "Sat. Jan. 3rd", "6 PM Rosary in IC Church", "6:30 PM Celebration in Parish Center", and "Please bring a dish to share!". The location is "Immaculate Conception, 136 Earle Street NB". At the bottom, there is a silhouette of a nativity scene with Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, and two donkeys under a starry night sky.

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Immaculate Conception
136 Earle Street NB

Sacrificial Giving and Stewardship

Weekly Collections

SUNDAY DECEMBER 21, 2025

Weekly Collection	\$ 5,279.00
Grand Annual Appeal	\$ 2,200.00
To Date	\$45,460.00
Giving Tree	\$ 820.00
To date	\$ 1,920.00
Candle Shrines	\$ 77.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY
Upcoming Second Collections

01/01/2026 Solemnity of Mary
01/11/2026 Fuel
01/26/2026 Latin America Church

Announcement

HOLY ROSARY

Please join us to pray the Holy Rosary in English at 6:00am, every Sunday Before Holy Mass, and at 7:30am In Spanish.

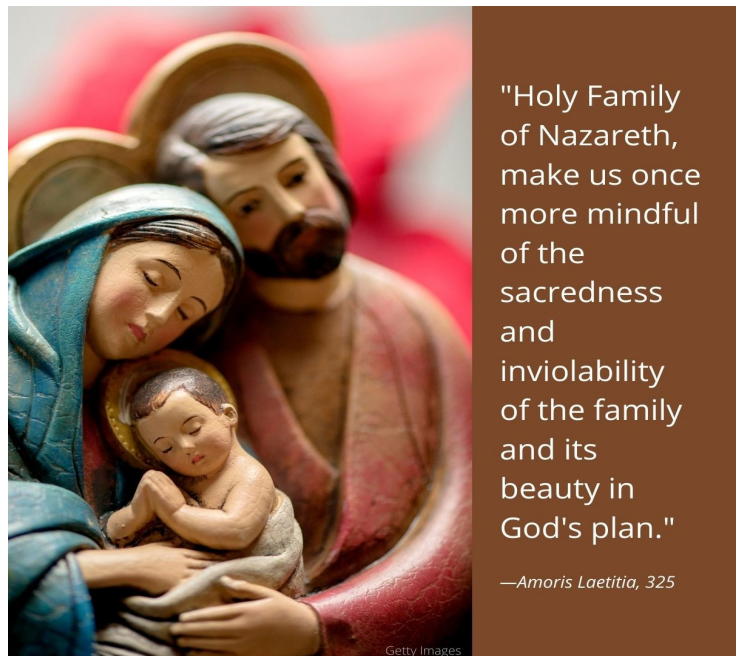
OFFICE CLOSED

Due to new years festivity the office will be closed on January 1st and January 2nd 2026. Happy and Blessed New Year to all.

GIVING TREE

To date \$1,920.00 (21 Envelopes) last year collected \$6,811.00.

Can we reach \$5,000.00 at least! Last weekend for collecting will be Epiphany Sunday January 4th, 2026. Thank you!



FIESTA DE LA SAGRADA FAMILIA



Horario de Misas de Año Nuevo

Año Nuevo | Miércoles 31 de Diciembre

7am; 7pm Misa en español



Año nuevo | Miércoles 1 de Enero 2025

9:30am Inglés

11:00am Español

Fiesta de Navidad

Celebren la alegría de Jesús y agradezcan a la
Hermana Transfiguración por su servicio en
New Bedford.

¡Vengan a despedirnos y a enviarnos a su nueva
misión en Harlem, Nueva York!

Sábado 3 de enero

Rosario de las 6 p. m. en la Iglesia IC
6:30 PM Celebración en el Centro Parroquial
¡Por favor trae un plato para compartir!

Inmaculada Concepción
136 Earle Street
New Bedford



PROXIMAS CHARLAS DE BAUTIZO!

Clase: Viernes 2 de Enero a las
7:30pm en el Salón Parroquial

Butizo: Sábado 24 de Enero a las
12:00pm en la Iglesia Principal.



Rosario de Los Jueves

Comunidad San Kilian: 12/11/2025

Comunidad Maria Sede de la Sabiduria: 01/08/2026

Comunidad Maria Puerta del Cielo: 01/15/20256

Comunidad San Kilian: 01/22/2026

Comunidad Maria Sede de La Sabiduria: 01/29/2026

Grupos de Limpieza

Comunidad Maria Puerta del Cielo: 12/06/2025

Comunidad Maria Sede de La Sabiduria: 12/13/2025

Comunidad San Kilian: 12/20/2025

Comunidad Maria Puerta del Cielo: 12/27/2025

Comunidad Maria Sede de La Sabiduria: 01/03/2026

Anuncios

PROXIMAS CHARLAS DE BAUTIZO:

Charlas: 2 de Enero a las 7:30pm en el Salón Parroquial

Bautizos: Sábado 24 de Enero a las 12:00pm en la Iglesia Principal.



SANTO ROSARIO

Por favor únete a nosotros todos los Domingos a las 7:30am a recitar el Santo Rosario en Español, antes de la Misa de las 8am. El Rosario es el arma que nos defiende de los ataques del maligno.

OFICINA CERRADA

La oficina estará cerrada el día Jueves 1 y 2 de Enero 2026, con motivo de la celebración de año nuevo.

ARBOL GENEROSO

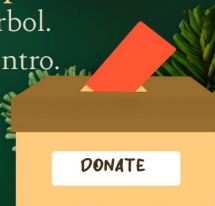
Hasta la fecha hemos colectado \$1,920.00 (21 sobres) para Gaza. El año pasado se colectó \$6,811.00. Podemos alcanzar este año \$5,000.00 al menos! La última semana para coleccionar es el Domingo 4 de Enero 2026



Apoyemos a nuestros hermanos y hermanas en Cristo que sufren en Gaza esta Navidad. La parroquia de la Sagrada Familia en Gaza es una misión del IVE que atiende a cientos de personas que han quedado en la indigencia a causa del conflicto. Los niños y las familias de allí necesitan urgentemente artículos de primera necesidad y dependen de la caridad.

Obtén ayuda hoy en 3 sencillos pasos:

- 1) Toma un sobre del árbol.
- 2) Coloca tu donación dentro.
- 3) Devuelva el sobre en la caja de recogida o en la caja de donaciones que



Del Padre Mariano

Queridos hermanos, al iniciar un nuevo año, la Iglesia nos invita a celebrar la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia de Nazaret, modelo perfecto de amor, unión y fe. Es una ocasión especial para mirar hacia atrás y reconocer la presencia de Dios en medio de nuestra comunidad parroquial, agradecer por las bendiciones recibidas y renovar nuestro compromiso de caminar juntos en la fe.



Este año que concluye ha sido testigo de innumerables gestos de generosidad, entrega y servicio. Gracias a todos ustedes, familias y feligreses, por su colaboración constante. Cada palabra amable, cada hora dedicada al voluntariado, cada oración compartida y cada iniciativa llevada a cabo reflejan el espíritu de la Sagrada Familia, que supo vivir en humildad, sencillez y profunda confianza en Dios.



Hoy quiero expresarles mi más sincero agradecimiento. Sin su apoyo, nuestra parroquia no sería el hogar cálido y acogedor que es para tantos. Gracias por abrir sus corazones, por cuidar unos de otros y por responder con alegría a

los desafíos y proyectos que juntos emprendimos. Han sido ustedes quienes, con su dedicación, han hecho posible que nuestra comunidad siga creciendo y sea signo de esperanza para quienes nos rodean. También agradezco a todos los grupos por vuestra generosidad en mandarnos regalos y tarjetas; esto es signo de vuestro amor y devoción a la iglesia y a los sacerdotes.

Al mirar hacia el futuro, pidamos a Jesús, María y José que nos acompañen en este nuevo año. Que su ejemplo nos inspire a vivir la fe en familia y a seguir construyendo juntos una parroquia donde reine el amor, la paz y la solidaridad. Que cada hogar sea reflejo del hogar de Nazaret, y que cada uno de nosotros se sienta parte de esta gran familia parroquial. Que el Señor les bendiga abundantemente en este Año Nuevo. Sigamos caminando unidos, con gratitud y esperanza. ¡Feliz Año Nuevo y feliz fiesta de la Sagrada Familia!

¡Feliz Navidad y próspero Año Nuevo!
P. Mariano