



# Saint Anthony of Padua Church

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## Epiphany of the Lord



When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod,  
behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?  
We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

Matthew 2:1-2

### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 7, 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)*

#### 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 11:00 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.*

#### ANOIDING 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

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Deacon Eduardo Borges

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Luis Sicajau - Ext. 113

**Religious Education Director**  
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**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> 7:00am	<b>JANUARY 8</b> †Manuel Pereira Int. Petra Danielle Villascuesa
<b>TUESDAY</b> 7:00am	<b>JANUARY 9</b> Int. Petra Danielle Villascuesa
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 7:00am	<b>JANUARY 10</b> Int. Petra Danielle Villascuesa †Germaine Varieur
<b>THURSDAY</b> 7:00am drigues 7:30pm	<b>JANUARY 11</b> Int. Estevan & Skylar Renee Rodriguez  Int. Daniel G. Villascuesa
<b>FRIDAY</b> 5:15pm	<b>JANUARY 12</b> Int. Daniel G. Villascuesa
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:00pm	<b>JANUARY 13</b> †Maria Silvestre
<b>SUNDAY</b> 6:30am <i>English</i> 8:00am <i>Español</i> 9:30am <i>English</i> 11:00am <i>Español</i>	<b>JANUARY 14</b> †Eric Fernandes <i>Pro Populo</i> †Kyle Roy; †Rose Mary Bealad †Manuel De Reyes Nieva

# Epiphany

## READINGS & OBSERVANCES 2024 YEAR B

<b>SUNDAY</b> Jan 7	<b>Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</b> Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13/Eph 3:2-3,5-6/ Mt 2:1-12
<b>MONDAY</b> Jan 8	<b>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</b> Is 42:1-4,6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Ps 29:1-2,3-4,3,9-10/ Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mk 1:7-11
<b>TUESDAY</b> Jan 9	1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28 or 1 Sm 1:1-8+1:9-20/ 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:14-20+1:21-28
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Jan 10	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2+5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/ Mk 1:29-39
<b>THURSDAY</b> Jan 11	1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
<b>FRIDAY</b> Jan 12	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
<b>SATURDAY</b> Jan 13	<b>Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b> 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Mk 2:13-17
<b>2ND SUNDAY</b> <b>ORDINARY TIME</b> Jan 14	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/ 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42



## Pastor's Message

In my native country there is a very beautiful tradition regarding the celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord. This tradition consists of giving a very special reception to the wise men who visited the baby Jesus. With great joy and excitement, we children were looking forward on the

leave the shoes outside the rooms so that the magis could place the gifts on them. What a beautiful and significant tradition.

On this Sunday I invite you to pray to the wise men to bring us those gifts that we Christians need so much on this new year; the gift of faith, hope and charity. These virtues that are called theological together with the acquired virtues are the beginning of the life of holiness. There is no holiness if there are no practices of virtues. Jesus teaches us to ask for "the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things [materials things] will be added to you." (Mt 6:33) At the beginning of the new year it is very normal to ask for special graces such as to live a peaceful and happy life. The Christian needs to ask for those spiritual things that bring us closer to God: doing his holy will and trusting in his divine providence. It would not be bad for us to ask the wise men for the same faith that guided them to

Bethlehem to worship the Child God. They not only brought gifts to Jesus, but they received from Jesus the greatest gift anyone can receive: the gift of faith.

On the day of the Epiphany, all of us children went out to visit friends and talk about the gifts that the three wise men had brought us. So we must also be witnesses of that great gift that God has given to all humanity, salvation and grace through Jesus Christ.

**Baptism of the Lord:** Tomorrow Monday January 8, the Church will celebrate the solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord. With this celebration the Christians Season comes to end. Next Sunday will be the second Sunday in the ordinary time. Once again thank you to all those who generously donated to the orphanage St. Martin of Tours in Argentina. God bless you all!

*Fr. Mariano Varela, IVE*



### The Epiphany of the Lord

"They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they spent their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, and having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way." (Mt 2: 10-12)

Epiphany, because that was the day we all received our gifts. Christmas Eve. On the night before January 6, each household with children, prepared a little sort of snack that consisted of water and hay for the camels, and cookies for the three wise men. And the most important thing was to

## Liturgy Corner

### What is the solemnity of the Epiphany?

On this feast, the Church celebrates the manifestation (epiphany) of Christ to the Nations (Gentiles) in the persons of the Magi—also known as the Wise Men or the Three Kings. In earlier times, this feast combined two other manifestations, that which took place at the Lord's Baptism, and that which took place in Cana at the Wedding feast. This is still the custom in Eastern Christianity.

Although the date of the Epiphany on the General Calendar of the Church is January 6th, in the United States and some other countries it is celebrated on the Sunday after January 1st so more Catholics can participate. Thus, in 2024 the Solemnity of the Epiphany is Sunday, January 7.





## Community & Diocesan News



### Will you join us?

for the first National Eucharistic Congress  
in 83 years in our country?

**July 17-21, 2024 | Indianapolis, IN**  
Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis Convention Center  
& Gainbridge Fieldhouse



The 10th National Eucharistic Congress will be the first of its kind in 83 years! Expected to draw over 80,000 people from across the country to Indianapolis, the Congress will inspire and revive Eucharistic devotion and prepare Catholics to be sent out "for the life of the world", as part of the National Eucharistic Revival.

The Congress will feature general and breakout sessions, multi-language tracks, Sacraments, catechetical sessions, a city-wide Eucharistic procession, and much, much more!  
**It will be an experience unto itself.**

The Diocese of Fall River is working to secure discounted group rates for individuals from our diocese to attend, which would include:

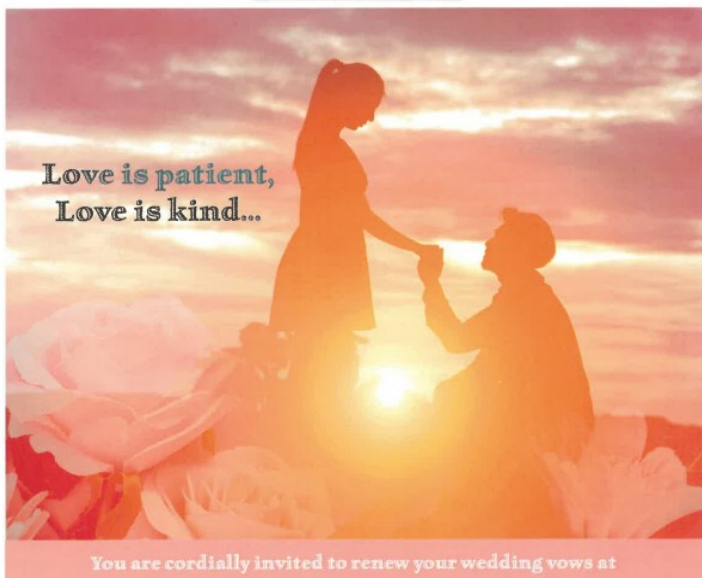
- Congress Registration, which includes full-access to all venues and programming
- 4-night stay at an Indianapolis hotel, including breakfast
- Round-trip flights from Boston
- Transportation to and from the airports

Visit the link below to express interest and receive more information on the Congress and rates.

Visit <https://bit.ly/NEC2024>



**Love is patient,  
Love is kind...**



You are cordially invited to renew your wedding vows at

*The Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass*

**Sunday, February 11, 2024, 3:00pm.**



*Celebrated by Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha  
at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption  
327 2nd St, Fall River, MA 02721.*

**To register contact your parish**

## Parish News



**DONATE  
AUCTION  
ITEMS**

Did you receive Christmas gifts that you may never use, if so you could donate it to be used for our annual bazaar. We collect items all year long. Gift cards are a popular gift item that you may not want to use, we could use those also. Or If you like to shop this is a great time to pick up clearance items at 50% off (especially toys) and we need plenty to use as prizes for the games.

Thank you for your support. We are also looking for small toys or trinkets for boys and girls prizes for **"PICK YOUR LUCK"**



## Sale of Malasada



**Sunday February 11, 2024**

Enjoy a special treat before the  
Lenten Season begins on

Wednesday February 14th. Pre-  
Order forms will be on the table

with the bulletins. Please fill out form and drop in the box provided. Deadline to place order will be Sunday February 4, 2024.

**Price: \$2.00 each    6 for \$10.00    12 for \$20.00**



### ARE YOU A CATHOLIC MARRIED COUPLE WANTING TO LEAD OTHERS TO CHRIST?

You're invited to join the Diocese of Fall River Marriage Preparation Team

You will receive training, formation, guidance, and resources, to help you prepare engaged couples for their Sacrament of Matrimony.



*If interested please contact :*

*Irina Robinson, Family and Respect Life Director  
[irobinson@dioc-fr.org](mailto:irobinson@dioc-fr.org) / 508-669-7966*



## Epiphany of the Lord

**Mass Setting:** Missa de Angelis (pp. 66-68, #s 65-68)

**Entrance:** S&S Missal— pg. # 135

**Processional:** #383 We Three Kings of Orient Are

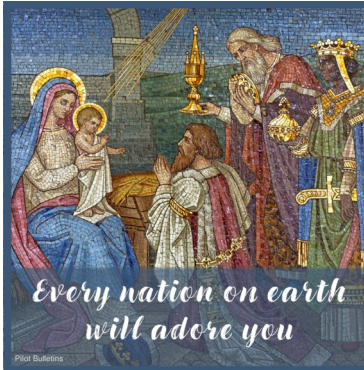
**Offertory:** #275 Oh Little Town in Bethlehem

**Communion Antiphon:** S&S Missal pg. 138

**Communion:** #141 Brightest and Best

**Meditation:** #387 What Star Is This

**Recessional:** #120 As With Gladness Men of Old



### Solemnity of the Epiphany of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Sunday, January 7, 2024

**First Reading** — Isaiah 60:1-6: "Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD."

**Responsorial Psalm** — Psalm 72: "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you."

**Second Reading** — Ephesians 3:2-3A, 5-6: "It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel."

**Gospel** — Matthew 2:1-12: "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

## Sacrificial Giving and Stewardship

# Weekly Collections

DECEMBER 31, 2023

Weekly Collection ..... \$ 4,955.00

Solemnity of Mary Collection ..... \$ 2,000.00

Candles/Shrines ..... \$ 267.92

*Thank you for your sacrifice and generosity.*

## Upcoming Second Collection

1-14-2024: Fuel

1-28-2024: Latin America

**A Note from the pastor:** We, the priests of St. Anthony's want to thank all of you, our dear parishioners, for your love, generosity and good wishes you shower upon us during these holydays. We received a lot of goodies, meals, gift cards, and monetary gift. Thank you and we pray for you and loved ones always.

Fr. Mariano

## 10 Reason to do a Eucharistic Holy Hour with your Family

1. To avoid sin

2. To learn the art of prayer

3. To Improve the reception of the Eucharist

4. To ignite a fire in the hearts of your family

5. To fight against bad habits

6. To fight against mediocrity

7. To bless your family

8. To gain peace of soul

9. To fight for the salvation of our own soul and of others

10. To give joy to Jesus and Mary

**Parish Adoration Schedule:** Tuesday & Thursday 6:30 -7:15pm  
Friday 4:15-5pm and Saturday 9:30am - 3:30pm

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

January 7th last week for the Giving Tree.

Collected to date: **\$7,239.00** (178 envelopes)  
Thank you for your support!



## Fiesta de La Epifanía del Señor.



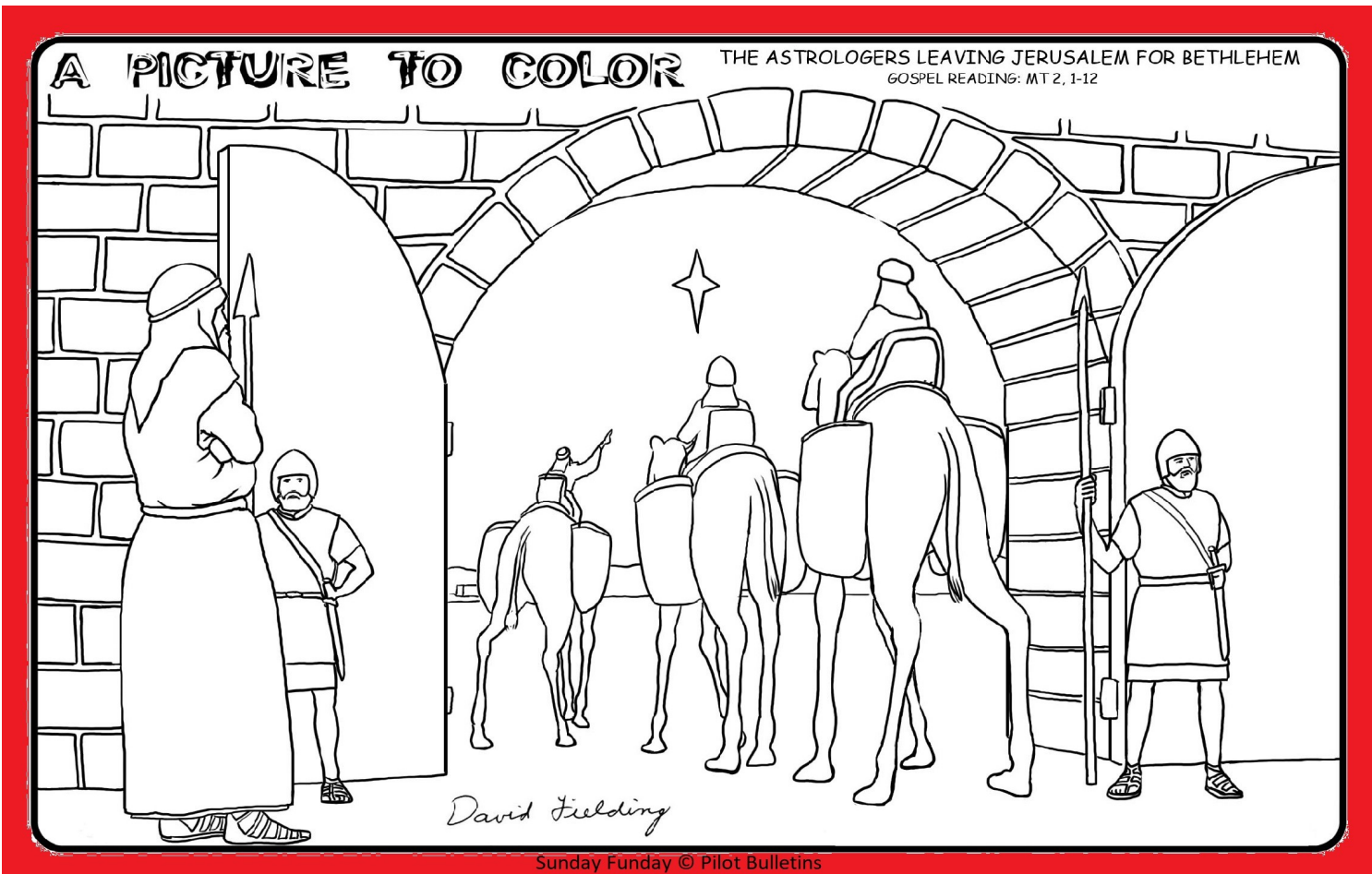
Queridos hermanos. Hoy, celebramos la fiesta de la Epifanía del Señor, el profeta Isaías nos anima: “¡Levántate! ¡Que se encienda! ¡Tu luz ha llegado! La gloria del Señor os ilumina” (Is 60,1). Esta luz que vio el profeta es la estrella que ven los Magos en Oriente, junto con otros hombres. Los Reyes Magos descubren su significado. Los demás lo contemplan como algo que admiran pero que no les afecta. Y entonces no reaccionan. Los Reyes Magos se dan cuenta de que, con ella, Dios les envía un mensaje importante y que vale la pena abandonar la comodidad del seguro y arriesgarse a un viaje incierto: la esperanza de encontrar al Rey los lleva a seguir esta estrella, que los profetas habían anunciado y esperado. el pueblo de Israel durante siglos. Llegan a Jerusalén, la capital

de los judíos. Creen que entonces podrán decirle el lugar exacto donde nació su Rey, de hecho, le respondieron: “En Belén de Judea, porque está escrito por el profeta” (Mt 2,5).

La noticia de la llegada de los Magos y su pregunta se difundió por toda Jerusalén en poco tiempo: Jerusalén era entonces una ciudad pequeña y la presencia de los Magos con su séquito era vista por todos los habitantes, porque «Al enterarse de esto, El rey Herodes se sobresaltó, y toda la ciudad de Jerusalén con él” (Mt 2,3), dice el Evangelio.

Jesucristo se cruza en la vida de muchas personas, a quienes no le importa. Un pequeño esfuerzo habría cambiado sus vidas, habrían encontrado al Rey de la Alegría y de la Paz. Esto requiere voluntad de buscar, de moverse, de preguntar sin desanimarse, como los Reyes Magos, de dejar nuestro sillón, nuestra rutina, para apreciar el inmenso valor de encontrar a Cristo. Si no lo encontramos, no encontraremos nada en la vida, porque sólo Él es el Salvador: encontrar a Jesús es encontrar el Camino que nos lleva a conocer la Verdad que nos da la Vida. Y, sin Él, nada vale nada.

Que Dios los bendiga. Fr. Marcelo IVE



## Anuncios



**10 Razones para practicar la Hora Santa**

- 1 Evita el pecado
- 2 Se aprende el arte de la oración
- 3 Mejora la recepción de la Eucaristía
- 4 Evita la mediocridad
- 5 Inicia incendios en nuestro corazón
- 6 Ayuda a superar malos hábitos
- 7 Bendice a tu familia
- 8 Da paz en el alma
- 9 Útil para la salvación de nuestras almas y la de otros
- 10 Jesús y María se regocian

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Muchas gracias a todos los que participaron en el Árbol Generoso de Navidad.

Hasta la presente fecha recaudamos \$ 7,239.00 (de 178 Sobres) Muchas gracias a todos por vuestra generosidad. Feliz Año Nuevo a todos.



**Árbol de Generosidade 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

## Anuncios

Próximas charlas de bautismo y fecha de los mismos

### ENERO 2024

Charlas: Viernes 5 de enero 2024 7:30 pm en el salón parroquial

Bautismo: Sábado 27 enero a las 12 pm

### FEBRERO 2024

Charlas: Viernes 2 de febrero 2024 7:30pm en el salón parroquial

Bautismo: sábado 10 febrero a las 12pm

### MARZO 2024

Charlas: Viernes 1 de Marzo 7:30pm en el salón parroquial

Bautismo: sábado 6 de Abril a las 12pm



**NO HAY BAUTISMOS EN MARZO SOLAMENTE LAS CHARLAS. LOS BAUTISMOS SERÁN EN ABRIL**

Antes de asistir a las charlas los padres del niño deben traer el certificado de nacimiento del niño y los nombres de los padrinos, que tiene que estar casados por la Iglesia.

## Donación para el Bazar Parroquial

Si usted recibió juguetes, ropa, electrónicos que no los necesita y los quiere donar para el bazar siempre son bienvenidos. No necesitamos que sean caros, sino nuevos y pequeños para poder prepararlos con papel de regalos. También si usted no utiliza las tarjetas de regalos, también son útiles para los premios.



Los puede traer a la secretaria en cualquier día de la semana o dejar con algunos de los sacerdotes. Gracias.

## Rosario de los Jueves

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

Comunidad San Kilian: 2/1/2024

Comunidad María Sede de la Sabiduría: 2/8/2024

## Grupos de Limpieza

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

Comunidad María Puerta del Cielo: 1/13/2024

Comunidad San Kilian: 1/20/2024

Comunidad María Sede de la Sabiduría: 1/27/2024

Comunidad María Puerta del Cielo: 2/3/2024

Comunidad San Kilian: 2/10/2024