



# Saint Anthony of Padua Church

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## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;  
he will prepare your way. *Mark 1:2*

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 10, 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

Ext. 101

[office@saintanthonynb.org](mailto:office@saintanthonynb.org)

#### Organist & Music Director

Daniel Marshall (401) 288-7172

[music@saintanthonynb.org](mailto:music@saintanthonynb.org)

#### Maintenance

Luis Sicajau - Ext. 113

#### Religious Education Director

Mother Mater Consecrata, SSVM Ext. 114

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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>	<b>DECEMBER 11</b>
7:00am	Int. Fr. Christopher Alar
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 12</b>
7:00am	†Maria Lourdes Amaral Orinda Vida <i>Birthday blessings</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 13</b>
7:00am	†Friends of Dumont Family
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 14</b>
7:00am	Int. Fr. Christopher Alar
7:30pm	Alejandro Varela <i>Birthday blessings</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 15</b>
5:15pm	Int. Bishop Joseph Strickland
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 16</b>
4:00pm	<i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 17</b>
6:30am <i>English</i>	†Louis Ledoux
8:00am <i>Español</i>	†Maria Angelica Cisneros
9:30am <i>English</i>	†Manuel & Ernestina Macedo
	†Domingos Maria Gomes
11:00am <i>Español</i>	†John Martins
	†Pedro & Uvaldina Romano



## Sanctuary Lamp

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

## READINGS & OBSERVANCES 2023 YEAR B

<b>2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> Dec 10	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14/2 Pt 3:8-14/ Mk 1:1-8
<b>MONDAY</b> Dec 11	<i>Saint Damasus I, Pope</i> Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab+10, 11-12, 13-14 Lk 5:17-26
<b>TUESDAY</b> Dec 12	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ Judith 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Dec 13	<i>Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr</i> Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8+10/Mt 11:28-30
<b>THURSDAY</b> Dec 14	<i>Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i> Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1+9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15
<b>FRIDAY</b> Dec 15	Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4+6/Mt 11:16-19
<b>SATURDAY</b> Dec 16	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4+6/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
<b>3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> Dec 17	<i>Gaudete Sunday</i> Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54/ 1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

## Pastor's Message

The Gospel of St. Mark, which will be the main gospel to be read for the ordinary time, begins with the ministry of John the Baptist. The Baptist is considered the last prophet of the Old Testament. Every year for the second Sunday of Advent the figure of John the Baptist

Christ in our lives. Isaiah's words are an invitation to us how to jump over the hurdles of our lives: "In the desert prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley." When consciously we try to prepare our soul for the Lord, "then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together."

preparation for the feast of Christmas."

I also want to invite you to come down to the parish Hall this Sunday December 10 to celebrate the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The feast is on December 12. Our Lady of Guadalupe is proclaimed by several Popes the patroness and empress of the Americas. The shrine of our Lady is one of the most visited shrine in the whole world. Consider learn more about the story of the apparition of our Lady and how beautiful and comforting the words she addressed to San Juan Diego.

There is a temptation which any one us could fall is that, Advent is not just a time to have Christmas parties, speed up the Christmas shopping list, etc, etc.

Advent means to make a pause and reflect on how I can remove the obstacle to the grace. Pope Benedict XVI once said to the people gathered for the Angelus that, "As we prepare for Christmas, it is important that we find time for self-contemplation and carry out an honest assessment of our lives," He continues saying, "The style of John the Baptist was meant to call all Christians to choose a sober lifestyle, especially in

Thank you also for your participation in the Christmas Giving Tree. Your generosity will really help the St. Martin of Tours Orphanage in San Rafael, Argentina. God bless you all and have a happy and renewed Advent Season.

*Christus Vincit! Christus Regnat!  
Christus Imperat!*

Fr. Mariano Varela, IVE

is highlighted. John is a model of what entail to be prepared for the coming of the Lord. In fact, he catechized the people, through repentance and baptism for the forgiveness of sin, so that they may recognize the Messiah. During this holy season of Advent the Church urges us to recognize and to receive our Lord Jesus

hill and encountered Our Lady again. The Virgin told him to climb to the top of the hill and pick some flowers to present to the Archbishop.

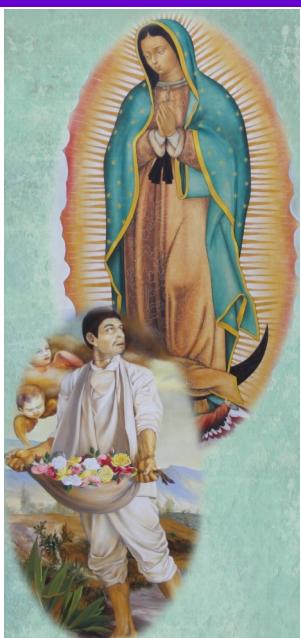
Mexico.

### Winter bloom

Although it was winter and nothing should have been in bloom, Juan Diego found an abundance of flowers of a type he had never seen before. The Virgin bundled the flowers into Juan's cloak, known as a tilma. When Juan Diego presented the tilma of exotic flowers to Zumárraga, the flowers fell out and he recognised them as Castilian roses, which are not found in Mexico.

The story is best known from a manuscript written in the Aztec's native language Nahuatl by the scholar Antonio Valeriano. It was written sometime after 1556.

Over 20 million people visit the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe each year, now situated



on the very same hill on which she appeared. In 1990, Pope Saint John Paul II visited Mexico and beatified Juan Diego. 10 years later, in the year 2000, he was declared a Saint. Source: Vatican News by Francesca Merlo

## Liturgy Corner History of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Empress of the Americas

The Virgin of Guadalupe, like the shroud of Turin, appears on a piece of fabric. Both are sacred objects, hundreds of years old, and both depict an image said to be miraculous. The Virgin of Guadalupe was declared Queen of Mexico and is Patron of the Americas.

### First apparition

Our Lady of Guadalupe first introduced herself as the Mother of God and the mother of all humanity when she appeared on the hill of Tepeyac in Mexico in 1531.

An indigenous peasant, Juan Diego, saw a glowing figure on the hill. After she had identified herself to him, Our Lady asked that Juan build her a shrine in that same spot, in order for her to show and share her love and compassion with all those who believe.

Afterwards, Juan Diego visited Juan de Zumárraga, who was Archbishop of what is now Mexico City.

Zumárraga dismissed him in disbelief and asked that the future Saint provide proof of his story and proof of the Lady's identity. Juan Diego returned to the

What was even more significant, however, was that the tilma had been miraculously imprinted with a colorful image of the Virgin herself.

### Tilma

This actual tilma, preserved since that date and showing the familiar image of the Virgin Mary with her head bowed and hands together in prayer, represents the Virgin of Guadalupe. It remains perhaps the most sacred object in all of

## Parish News

### 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

# MARCH FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER

HELP OUR YOUTH GROUP RAISE MONEY TO ATTEND THE MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON DC!

DECEMBER 10

HANDMADE ROSARIES AND BAKED GOODS SALE AFTER THE MASSES & DURING THE GUADALUPE FEAST WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!



### 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



## 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.MUSICATSINTANTHONYNS.ORG](http://WWW.MUSICATSINTANTHONYNS.ORG)

### National Eucharistic Congress

As part of the National Eucharistic Revival, there will be a National Eucharistic Congress July 17-21, 2024 in Indianapolis, IN; the first congress of its kind in 83 years in our country. The Diocese 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. Those interested and wanting to receive more information can visit <https://bit.ly/NEC2024>.

## Second Sunday of Advent

**Entrance:** S&S Missal— 2nd Sunday of Advent  
**Processional:** #267 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
**Offertory:** #164 Comfort, Comfort, O My People  
**Communion Antiphon:** S&S Missal - 2nd Sun. of Advent  
**Meditation:** #92 A Thrilling Voice By Jordan Rings  
**Recessional:** #358 The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns



Have you picked up a orphanage envelope from the Christmas Giving Tree?

We need everyone to participate.

- 1) If you know someone homebound who would like to help, bring them an envelope.
- 2) If you are homebound you can mail in a donation just mark it "orphanage".

Goal: \$5,000.00

Collected to date: \$668.00 (22 envelopes) Thank you for your support!

## Sacrificial Giving and Stewardship

# Weekly Collections

DECEMBER 3, 2023

Parish Collection ..... \$ 5,174.10  
Candles/Shrines ..... \$ 372.51

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 - Today Second Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious

## ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA & IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

### YOUTH GROUP



OUR YOUTH GROUP MEETS EVERY FRIDAY FROM 6:00 TO 8:00PM. ALL YOUTH IN 6TH TO 12TH GRADE ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR PIZZA, SPORTS, TALKS, AND GAMES!

“IT HAS IMPACTED ME VERY WELL. IT MAKES ME FEEL LIKE A PLACE WHERE I CAN HAVE FUN AND LEARN MORE ABOUT MY FAITH.  
-TEEN FROM THE YOUTH GROUP ,”

CONTACT SISTERS FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
(508) 965-8210



## 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

Hoy, cuando se alza el telón del drama divino, podemos escuchar ya la voz de alguien que proclama: «Preparad el camino del Señor, enderezad sus sendas» (Mc 1,3).

Hoy, nos encontramos ante Juan el Bautista cuando prepara el escenario para la llegada de Jesús.



Algunos creían que Juan era el verdadero Mesías. Pues hablaba como los antiguos profetas, diciendo que el hombre ha de salir del pecado para huir del castigo y retornar hacia Dios a fin de encontrar su misericordia. Pero éste es un mensaje para todos los tiempos y todos los lugares, y Juan lo proclamaba con urgencia. Así, sucedió que una riada de gente, de Jerusalén y de toda Judea, inundó el desierto de Juan para escuchar su predicación.

¿Cómo es que Juan atraía a tantos hombres y mujeres? Ciertamente, denunciaba a Herodes y a los líderes religiosos, un acto de valor que fascinaba a la gente del pueblo. Pero, al mismo tiempo, no se ahorraba palabras fuertes para todos ellos: porque ellos también eran pecadores y debían arrepentirse. Y, al confesar sus pecados, los bautizaba en el río Jordán. Por eso, Juan Bautista los fascinaba, porque entendían el mensaje del auténtico arrepentimiento que les quería transmitir. Un arrepentimiento que era algo más que una confesión del pecado —en sí misma, ¡un gran paso hacia delante y, de hecho, muy bonito! Pero, también, un arrepentimiento basado en la creencia de que sólo Dios puede, a la vez, perdonar y borrar, cancelar la deuda y barrer los restos de mi espíritu, enderezar mis rutas morales, tan deshonestas.

«No desaprovechéis este tiempo de misericordia ofrecido por Dios», dice San Gregorio Magno. —No estropeemos este momento apto para impregnarnos de este amor purificador que se nos ofrece, podemos decirnos, ahora que el tiempo de Adviento comienza a abrirse paso ante nosotros.

¿Estamos preparados, durante este Adviento, para enderezar los caminos para nuestro Señor? ¿Puedo convertir este tiempo en un tiempo para una confesión más auténtica, más penetrante en mi vida? Juan pedía sinceridad —sinceridad con uno mismo— a la vez que abandono en la misericordia Divina. Al hacerlo, ayudaba al pueblo a vivir para Dios, a entender que vivir es cuestión de luchar por abrir los caminos de la virtud y dejar que la gracia de Dios vivificara su espíritu con su alegría.

Que Dios los bendiga.

Fr. Marcelo IVE

## Fechas para Recordar



### ♦ 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



día 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.

### ♦ 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.

## Sacramento del Bautismo



**Bautismo en Diciembre** sábado 23 de Diciembre a las 12pm.

Requisitos para los bautismos: Los padres de los niños deben estar registrados en la parroquia y los padrinos deben estar casados por la Iglesia.



## Reunión de Monaguillos

Sábado 16 de Diciembre 2023  
10am en la Iglesia parroquial  
No Faltes!

## Rosario de los Jueves

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 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

SAN ANTONIO DE PADUA &  
INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN

## GRUPO DE JÓVENES



NUESTRO GRUPO DE JÓVENES SE REÚNE TODOS LOS VIERNES DE 6:00 A 8:00PM. ¡TODOS LOS JÓVENES DE 6° A 12° GRADO ESTÁN INVITADOS A UNIRSE A NOSOTROS PARA PIZZA, DEPORTES, CHARLAS Y JUEGOS!

“  
ME HA IMPACTADO  
MUY BIEN. ME  
HACE SENTIR EN UN  
LUGAR DONDE  
PUEDO DIVERTIRME  
Y APRENDER MÁS  
SOBRE MI FE.  
—JOVEN DEL GRUPO DE  
JÓVENES”



“JÓVENES, NO TENGÁIS MIEDO  
DE SER SANTOS! GLORIFICAD A  
DIOS EN VUESTRAS VIDAS.”  
*Joanete Paulin, M.E.*

## Árbol 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

SAIN T ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH



### Pesebre Viviente

Sábado 16 de Diciembre a las 5:30 pm  
En la escuela de la parroquia de la Inmaculada Concepción.

### 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 al rededor de la Iglesia.  
Y termina con un almuerzo para las familias.  
Los esperamos.

## MARCHA POR LA VIDA RECAUDACIÓN DE FONDOS

¡AYUDA A NUESTRO GRUPO DE  
JÓVENES A RECAUDAR FONDOS PARA  
ASISTIR A LA MARCHA POR LA VIDA  
EN WASHINGTON DC!

10 DE DICIEMBRE



VENTA DE ROSARIOS HECHOS A  
MANO Y PRODUCTOS HORNEADOS  
DESPUÉS DE LAS MISAS Y DURANTE  
LA FIESTA DE GUADALUPE  
¡HASTA AGOTAR EXISTENCIAS!