



Saint Anthony of Padua Church

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3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." John 1:26-27

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 17, 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

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Fr. Marcelo Da Silva, IVE - Ext.

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Deacon Eduardo Borges

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Ext. 101

office@saintanthonynb.org

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Luis Sicajau - Ext. 113

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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

MONDAY

7:00am

DECEMBER 18

Int. Bishop Strickland

TUESDAY

7:00am

DECEMBER 19

Int. Archbishop Vigano

WEDNESDAY

7:00am

DECEMBER 20

Int. Archbishop Vigano

†Martha Yar Dau

THURSDAY

7:00am

6:30pm

DECEMBER 21

†Adelio M. Ferreira

Int. Miembros de grupo Maria Sede

FRIDAY

5:15pm

DECEMBER 22

†Dennis Amaral Sr; Dennis Amaral Jr. †Manuela & Eva Silva

SATURDAY

4:00pm

DECEMBER 23

†Maria L. Silvestre

SUNDAY

6:30am English

8:00am Español

9:30am English

11:00am Español

4:00pm English

12 midnight Bilingual Pastor's Intention

DECEMBER 24

Int. Members of the Legion of Mary

Pro Populo

Int. Benefactors of the Parish

Int. Cumpleanos de Zulaidi Sicaj

Priest Intention

FYI: On Thursday December 21 the Holy Mass in spanish will be celebrated at 6:30pm.

Sanctuary Lamp

Will burn the month of December in memory of

†Mary Binette

READINGS & OBSERVANCES 2023 YEAR B

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Gaudete Sunday
Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54/
Dec 17 1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

MONDAY

Dec 18 Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

TUESDAY

Dec 19 Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

WEDNESDAY

Dec 20 Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

THURSDAY

Dec 21 Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/
Lk 1:39-45

FRIDAY

Dec 22 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

SATURDAY

Dec 23 Saint John of Kenty, Priest
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10+14/
Lk 1:57-66

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dec 24 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/
Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Pilot Bulletins



Diocese of Fall River
Office of the Bishop
Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., D.D.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

In this familiar passage from our Mass on Christmas, we read that Jesus is the Prince of Peace. “For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace” (Is. 9:5).

Most of the readings for the liturgies on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day tell of the coming of Jesus as a time of peace and remind us that He is the true source of peace, forever holding for us that great gift. In Isaiah, we read, “How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings glad tidings, announcing peace, bearing good news” (Is 52:7).

And from the Gospel of Luke, “A multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests” (Lk 2:13-14). Even the setting of the birth of Jesus is reported by the Evangelists as one of simplicity and peace. “She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn” (Lk 2:7).

Yet, as we once again celebrate the beautiful feast of Christmas, peace remains elusive for too many and in too many places. We see a world that is torn apart by war and violence, inflicting unimaginable pain and suffering upon countless people. Sadly, we see these things occurring because too many people have rejected Jesus, rejected what He stands for, rejected His example of a life of humility and simplicity, rejected His teaching about love and His message of peace. When humanity becomes indifferent to the person and teaching of Jesus, when we allow self-centeredness to prevail and hatred to fill our hearts, evil will grow in the world, and suffering will befall all humanity.

My hope is that during this Christmas season, parents will take the time to teach their children about Jesus and all He taught and did— bringing Jesus into their Christmas celebrations. I pray this Christmas will be more about the miraculous birth of Jesus and less about Santa Claus and that it will be more about simplicity of life and less about consumerism. My greatest desire for each of you is to see this joyous season as one that is more about praying together at home and in church and less about social media and isolation.

Christmas brings the best of God to humanity, His best present to us; therefore, it should also bring the best out of humanity, our best to God and to each other.

During this holy season, please be assured of my heartfelt prayers. May God bless you and your loved ones, and may you enjoy a very happy, joyful, blessed, and Merry Christmas.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V.
Bishop of Fall River

Parish News

The Nativity of our Lord



Christmas Mass Schedule 2023



Christmas Eve | Sunday December 24

In the morning Masses are as normal Sunday
Evening 4pm; 12 midnight



Christmas Day | December 25

8:00am Spanish
9:30am English
11:00am Spanish



New Year Eve | Sunday December 31

Sunday schedule



New Year Day | Monday January 1, 2024

9:00am; 11:00am in Spanish

Note: Whenever January 1, the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, or August 15, the solemnity of the Assumption, or November 1, the solemnity of All Saints, falls on a Saturday or on a Monday, the precept to attend Mass is abrogated. USCCB 12/3/1991

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



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

Craft items will be on sale

Sunday December 17th

From 7:30am to 12:30pm

(Aprons, hats, sweaters, etc.)

Great for last minute gifts



Christma's Concert at St. Anthony's



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.

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**MARCH
4 LIFE
WINTER
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Jan 18-21, 2024

St. John Baptist de la Salle & Ven. Fulton Sheen Seminary
5706 Sargent Road / Chillum, MD / 20782

Cost per person:

**March for Life & WYF
\$80.00 Individual**

(Includes shirt, bandana, Metro fare, meals)

Third Sunday of Advent

Entrance: S&S Missal— 3rd Sunday of Advent

Processional: #294 On Jordan's Bank

Offertory: # 208 Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

Communion Antiphon: S&S Missal - 3rd Sun. of Advent

Meditation: #353 The Great Forerunner of the Mourn

Recessional:#313 Rejoice, the Lord is King



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: \$3,104.00 (67 envelopes) Thank you for your support!

Sacrificial Giving and Stewardship

Weekly Collections

DECEMBER 10, 2023

Parish Collection \$ 5,042.89

Candles/Shrines \$ 249.21

Second Collection Retire Religious.....\$ 2,442.75

Thank you for your sacrifice and generosity.

Upcoming Second Collection

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Cort 9:6-7



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



“YOUNG PEOPLE, DO NOT BE AFRAID TO BE HOLY! GLORIFY GOD IN YOUR LIVES!”
Joanne Paulus M.S.

Mensaje del Padre Marcelo

En medio de vosotros está uno a quien no conocéis»



Hoy celebramos el Tercer Domingo del Adviento, "Gaudete" que significa alegría .Hoy, en medio del Adviento, recibimos una invitación a la alegría y a la esperanza: «Estad siempre alegres y orad sin cesar. Dad gracias por todo» (1Tes 5,16-17). El Señor está cerca: «Hija mía, tu corazón es el cielo para Mí», le dice Jesús a santa Faustina Kowalska (y, ciertamente, el Señor lo querría repetir a cada uno de sus hijos). Es un buen momento para pensar en todo lo que Él ha hecho por nosotros y darle gracias.

La alegría es una característica esencial de la fe. Sentirse amado y salvado por Dios es un gran gozo; saberlos hermanos de Jesucristo que ha dado su vida por nosotros es el motivo principal de la alegría cristiana. Un cristiano abandonado a la tristeza tendrá una vida espiritual raquítica, no llegará a ver todo lo que Dios ha hecho por él y, por tanto, será incapaz de comunicarlo. La alegría cristiana brota de la acción de gracias, sobre todo por el amor que el Señor nos manifiesta; cada domingo lo hacemos co-munitariamente al celebrar la Eucaristía.

El Evangelio nos ha presentado la figura de Juan Bautista, el precursor. Juan gozaba de gran popularidad entre el pueblo sencillo; pero, cuando le preguntan, él responde con humildad: «Yo no soy el Mesías...» (cf. Jn 1,21); «Yo bautizo con agua, pero en medio de vosotros está uno a quien no conocéis, que viene detrás de mí» (Jn 1,26-27). Jesucristo es Aquél a quien esperan; Él es la Luz que ilumina el mundo. El Evangelio no es un mensaje extraño, ni una doctrina entre tantas otras, sino la Buena Nueva que llena de sentido toda vida humana, porque nos ha sido comunicada por Dios mismo que se ha hecho hombre. Todo cristiano está llamado a confesar a Jesucristo y a ser testimonio de su fe. Como discípulos de Cristo, estamos llamados a aportar el don de la luz. Más allá de esas palabras, el mejor testimonio, es y será el ejemplo de una vida fiel.

¡Que tengan todos una bendecida semana , en oraciones por cada uno de ustedes !

Fr. Marcelo da Silva (IVE)

Anuncios Parroquiales

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.

Concierto de Navidad

Hoy 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.



El día 1 de enero este año no es día de precepto. En el año 1991 los obispos americanos decidieron que cualquier día de obligación que cae en lunes o sábado, el día de precepto queda abrogado. Por lo tanto la Misa del Nuevo año será el 1 de enero a las 11am.

Registración parroquial

Les recordamos que aquellos que quieren recibir los sacramentos en San Antonio tienen que estar registrados en la parroquia. Por favor, vengan a la oficina parroquial para hablar con el P. Mariano para hacer su registración.

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.

Rosario de los Jueves

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 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”



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

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH

NAVIDAD

He aquí que la virgen
concebirá y dará a luz un hijo,
a quien pondrán el nombre
de Emmanuel,
que quiere decir Dios-con-
nosotros.

Mt 1,23



Hora de Misas de Navidad 2023

Noche Buena | Domingo 24 de Diciembre
Misa de la Mañana como los Domingos normales
En la tarde: 4pm; 12 medianoche Bilingüe

Dia de Navidad | Lunes 25 de Diciembre
8:00am Español
9:30am English
11:00am Español

Domingo 31 de diciembre
Horario normal de misas de domingo

Año Nuevo y Solemnidad de María Madre de Dios
Lunes 1 de Enero 2024
9am english; 11am Español

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(Incluye camiseta, pañuelo, tarifa de metro y las comidas)