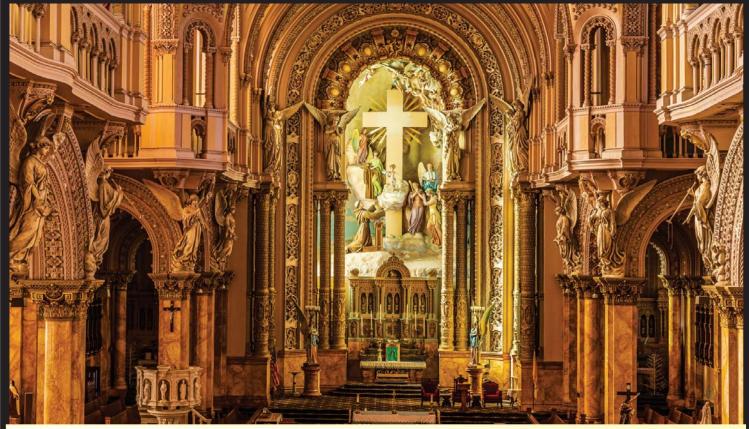


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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR "A"

DECEMBER 18, 2022

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday

6:30am English

8:00am Spanish

9:30am English

11:00am Spanish

Monday | Thursday

7:00am

Thursday

7:30pm Spanish

Friday

5:15 pm

Saturday

9:00am Spanish

4:00pm Vigil Mass

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday 6:30 pm to 7:15 pm Thursday 6:30 pm to 7:15 pm Friday 4:15 pm to 5:00 pm 11:00 am to 11:45 am Saturday

3:00 pm to 3:45 pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday from 9am to 4pm.

BAPTISM

Saturday at 12pm | Every third in English | Every fourth in Spanish

Diocesan rules require registered parishioners to contact the Pastor at least 8 months in advance. Classes 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 TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:30-7:15pm; Friday 4:15 –5pm Saturday 9:30 am -3:30 pm Chapel

FAITH FORMATION

Youth and children, Wednesdays from 6pm to 7:30pm at Immaculate Conception School on 136 Earl Street New Bedford, Ma.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

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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 is allow the Lord to build with us a parish



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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 Juliann Hallal, Grace Gonsalves, Henrique Trindade, Theresa Quintin, Nancy Paiva, Lucille Connolly, Diane Barksdale, Hunt Barksdale, Rob Jardin, Louise Parent, and Adriano Almeida Jr. the Lord may give them to health & strength.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY 7:00am DECEMBER 19
For peace in the family

TUESDAY DECEMBER 20 7:00am Int. of Sarah Bui

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 21 St. Peter Canisius

7:00am Final Perseverance of SSVM

THURSDAY 7:00am In thanksgiving †Edwin Vasquez

FRIDAY5:15pm

DECEMBER 23
†Joe e Candida Evora

SATURDAY
9:00am
4:00pm

Priest Intentions

SUNDAY
6:30am English
8:00am Español
9:30am English
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Fourth Week of Advent:
Trusting God's Love

Sanctuary Lamp



The Sanctuary lamp is burning the month of December in loving memory of *M/M Wilfred Fauteux and Janice*

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24 Dec 18 MONDAY Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25 Dec 19 TUESDAY Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38 Dec 20 Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church WEDNESDAY Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/ Dec 21 LK 1:39-45 THURSDAY 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56 Dec 22 Saint John of Kanty, Priest FRIDAY Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10+14/Lk 1:57-66 Dec 23 SATURDAY 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27+29/ Lk 1:67-79 Dec 24 Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/ Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 **NATIVITY OF** Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/ THE LORD Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 **CHRISTMAS** Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/ SUNDAY Lk 2:15-20

1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Day: Is 52:7-10/ Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn

Dec 25

Pastor's message

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, on this fourth Sunday of Advent the Gospel focus on the preparation St. Joseph had to do for his first Christmas. Advent focus on the preparation of the second coming of Jesus with honor and Gloria to judge the living and the dead and to give the reward to their works. Let us



not forget about that. I think St. Joseph is a great example of the coming and preparation for the Messiah. Faith, Trust in God's providence are key words and sentence that leads us to imitate him. St. Joseph is the patron of the universal Church because he is the protector of the Holy Church, and model of trust in the

Divine Providence. In the fulness of time God the Father decided to sent the Messiah and for that wonderful decision, God chose a pure Virgin and a chaste and humble man. Mary and Joseph were betrothed to each other in marriage, but, according to the gospel, before they came to be together Joseph found that Mary was expecting a child. Cf Mt 1:18 Mary in her generosity and obedience to God's designed said, Yes to the Angel. Pope St. John Paull II in the Apostolic Exhortation *Redemptoris* Custos on the person and mission of Saint Joseph in the life of Christ and of the Church, states, "In these circumstances, "her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to send her away quietly" (Mt 1:19). He did not know how to deal with Mary's "astonishing" motherhood. He certainly sought an answer to this unsettling question, but above all he sought a way out of what was for him a difficult situation." RC # 3 What was his way out? To bring everything to God. St. Joseph in his humility was a little trouble about what was going on in both

lives and decided to put everything in prayer. That is how the Angel encouraged him to accept Mary as his spouse because was she



conceived by the Holy Spirit. Joseph shows us that whatever challenges we have to face, everything we have to place into God's providential hands through prayer. Every good enterprise demands to take the challenge of it, especially when it means serving the Lord. Satan by his part will try to destroy or scramble our thoughts and confidence in God to loose and trust in Him. May the example of Joseph inspire us to do everything for the God's glory and when we find ourselves in difficult moments, let's bring everything to the Lord in Prayer. St. Joseph, pray for us! Happy Advent

Christus vincit! Christus regnat! Christus imperat! Fr. Mariano Varela, IVE

Liturgy Corner

Blessing of the Christmas Tree

When all have gathered, a suitable song may be sung.

The leader makes the sign of the cross, and all reply "Amen."

The leader may greet those present in the following words:

Let us glorify Christ our light, who brings salvation and peace into our midst, now and forever.

R/. Amen.

In the following or similar words, the leader prepares those present for the blessing:

My brothers and sisters, amidst signs and wonders Christ Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea: his birth brings joy to our hearts and enlightenment to our minds. With this tree, decorated and adorned, may we welcome Christ among us; may its lights guide us to the perfect light.

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, Titus 3:4 (lines 4-7) or Ezekiel 17:22 (lines 22-24 4; I will plant a tender shoot on the mountain heights of Israel.)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

The intercessions are then said. The leader says: Let us ask God to send his blessing upon us and upon this sign of our faith in the Lord. R/. Lord, give light to our hearts.

That this tree of lights may remind us of the tree of glory on which Christ accomplished our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. R/.

That the joy of Christmas may always be in our homes, let us pray to the Lord. R/. That the peace of Christ may dwell in our hearts and in the world, let us pray to the Lord. R/.

After the intercessions the leader invites all present to say the Lord's Prayer.
The leader says the prayer with hands joined:

Lord our God,

we praise you for the light of creation: the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night. We praise you for the light of Israel: the Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of the Scriptures.

We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son:

he is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of Peace, who fills us with the wonder of your love

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we illumine this tree.

May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts. May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. R/. Amen.







Christmas Mass Schedule 2022

New Bedford Deanery Penance Service
Tuesday December 13 at 6:30pm | Holy Name of
Sacred Heart | 121 Mount Pleasant St. NB

X

Christmas Eve | December 24

4pm; 12 midnight *Bilingual* 1130pm Christmas Carols 1131

X

Christmas Day | December 25

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

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New Year Eve | Saturday December 31

X

New Year Day | Sunday January 1, 2023 Follows the Sunday schedule

Eucharistic Miracle Exhibit



Sunday, December 18th, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. will be hosting the diocesan Eucharistic Miracle Exhibit in its parish hall. There have been many Eucharistic miracles

documented over the centuries, many of which have occurred when faith in the Holy Eucharist had been lacking. This exhibit depicts Eucharistic Miracles from throughout the world, featuring panels of historical information, details, and images of these miracles. Individuals are invited to view the panels placed throughout our parish hall and to learn about the Holy Eucharist, for who it truly is - the Real Presence of Jesus Christ; Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. Please note that Eucharistic Adoration will be taking place from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday the 17th in the parish church which is adjacent to the parish hall.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Opening – V-329 Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus Kyrie - V-108 No Gloria Readings V-388-389 Offertory – V-226 O Come, O Come Emmanuel *ver. 1,4,5*

Sanctus - Holy V-113 Amen - M.A. V-114 Agnus Dei - V118

Communion - V-327 Creator of the Stars of Night **Meditation** – BB-43 O Come, Divine Messiah

Recessional – V-330 O Quickly Come, Dread Judge of All



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Parish Staff Average Weekly Salaries \$ 3,743.70 Parish Staff Average Weekly BC/BS \$ 964.20

Upcoming Second Collection

December 11 - Retired Religious December 25 - Christmas

"ONE DISCIPLE AT A TIME"

The diocesan Secretariat for Evangelization is offering a training for catechists, youth leaders, or any person who wants to be a better one-on-one evangelizer. This event will be on January 7th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. John Neumann Hall in East Freetown. The cost is \$30. This planning summit entitled "One Disciple at a Time" will feature Everett Fritz, and while his ministry focuses on youth, his message at this event encompasses strategies and techniques for engaging and connecting with any age. For more information or to register, please visit: https://form.iotform.com/222966587874174.

THANK YOU!

The "Robitaille Legacy Project" is pleased to award a

\$4,500 grant, for the restoration of St. Anthony of Padua's church steeple. Our organization's mission is, "To raise money for the restoration of long-standing, established religious structures within the City of New Bedford, and adjoining towns." Grants are awarded in memory of Lionel and Bernadette Robitaille who, with unwavering faith, pledged their lives to God and, even in times of adversity, joyfully raised a family of 8 children.



Throughout their lives, they perpetuated the example of service through their involvement within their parish and surrounding community. On a personal note, the Robitaille Children are especially pleased to provide assistance to St. Anthony's as it was the surround that provided a rich fabric for the religious and educational experiences of our growing years. Thank you for allowing us to continue to be of service. Sincerely, Bernadette (Robitaille) Hanks Chair, Board of Directors https://robitaillelegacy.org/Tel: (508-728-7451)

Catequesis Parroquial



Pastorela

17 y 18 de diciembre 2022

Representación de la Natividad

17 de diciembre en Inmaculada Concepción a las 5:45 pm

> 18 de diciembre en San Antonio de Padua Después del concierto



Retiro de Jóvenes



Bautismo

Charlas: Viernes 2 de Diciembre a las 7:30pm en el salón

Bautismo: sábado 31 de Diciembre a las 12pm



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Hora de Misas de Navidad 2022

Noche Buena | 24 de Diciembre 4pm; 12 medianoche (Misa Bilingüe)

Dia de Navidad | 25 de Diciembre

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

Año Nuevo | Sábado 31 de diciembre 4pm

Año nuevo | Domingo 1 de Enero 2023 Sigue los horario de domingos

Mensaje del Padre Marcelo

"Despertado José del sueño, hizo como el Ángel del Señor le había mandado"

Queridos hermanos.

Hoy, la liturgia de la Palabra nos invita a considerar y admirar la figura de san José, un hombre verdaderamente bueno. De María, la Madre de Dios, se ha dicho que era bendita entre todas las mujeres (cf. Lc 1,42). De José se ha escrito que era justo (cf. Mt 1,19).

Todos debemos a Dios Padre Creador nuestra identidad individual como personas hechas a su imagen y semejanza, con libertad real y radical. Y con la respuesta a esta libertad podemos dar gloria a Dios, como se merece o, también, hacer de nosotros algo no grato a los ojos de Dios.



No dudemos de que José, con su trabajo, con su compromiso en su entorno familiar y social se ganó el "Corazón" del Creador, considerándolo como hombre de confianza en la colaboración en la Redención humana por medio de su Hijo hecho hombre como nosotros.

Aprendamos, pues, de san José su fidelidad —probada ya desde el inicio— y su buen cumplimiento durante el resto de su vida, unida —estrechamente— a Jesús y a María.

Lo hacemos patrón e intercesor para todos los padres, biológicos o no, que en este mundo han de ayudar a sus hijos a dar una respuesta semejante a la de él. Lo hacemos patrón de la Iglesia, como entidad ligada, estrechamente, a su Hijo, y continuamos oyendo las palabras de María cuando encuentra al Niño Jesús que se había "perdido" en el Templo: «Tu padre y yo...» (Lc 2,48).

Con María, por tanto, Madre nuestra, encontramos a José como padre. Santa Teresa de Jesús dejó escrito: «Tomé por abogado y señor al glorioso san José, y encomendeme mucho a él (...). No me acuerdo hasta ahora haberle suplicado cosa que la haya dejado de hacer».

Especialmente padre para aquellos que hemos oído la llamada del Señor a ocupar, por el ministerio sacerdotal, el lugar que nos cede Jesucristo para sacar adelante su Iglesia. — ¡San José glorioso!: protege a nuestras familias, protege a nuestras comunidades; protege a todos aquellos que oyen la llamada a la vocación sacerdotal... y que haya muchos.

Que Dios los bendiga, Padre Marcelo.



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Dicembre 18 -

Dicembre 19 -

Dicembre 20 - Ruby Santos 128 Eugenia Street

Dicembre 21 -

Dicembre 22 -

Dicembre 23 - Rosa Riz 209 Nash Rd.

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Comunidad San Kilian: 12/22/2022

Comunidad María Sede de la Sabiduría:12/29/2022

Comunidad María Puerta del Cielo: 1/5/2023

Comunidad San Kilian: 1/12/2023

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Comunidad San Kilian: 2/2/2023

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Comunidad San Kilian: 12/24/2022

Comunidad María Sede de la Sabiduría: 1/7/2023

Comunidad María Puerta del Cielo: 1/14/2023

Comunidad San Kilian: 1/21/2023

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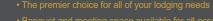
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