



Saint Anthony of Padua Church

1359 Acushnet Ave | New Bedford | MA 02746



The Nativity of The Lord (Christmas)

DECEMBER 25, 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

CONFESIONS

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

MARRIAGE

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*)

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

Mrs. Ana Aldarondo - Ext. 101
ana@saintanthonynewbedford.com

Organist & Music Director

Thomas Sargent
tsagentsr@aol.com

Maintenance

Luis Sicajau - Ext. 113

Religious Education Director

Mother Mater Consecrata, SSVM Ext. 114
sapccd@gmail.com

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
**Julian 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	DECEMBER 26 <i>St. Stephen</i> In honor of the Family
7:00am	
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 27 <i>St. John Apostle</i> †Santos & Pinhancos Family
7:00am	
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 28 <i>The Holy Innocents</i> †Wilfred Fauteux
7:00am	
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 29 <i>St. Thomas Becket</i> Int of Fr. Anton †Marta Estela Nieva
7:00am	
7:30pm	
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 30 <i>The Holy Family</i> †Wilhelm & Sophie Binder †Johann & Francisca Binder
5:15pm	
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 31 †Ramona Cecilia Leiva †Manuel de Reyes Nieva
9:00am	
4:00pm	
SUNDAY	January 1 <i>Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God</i> Priest Intentions
6:30am <i>English</i>	Priest Intentions
8:00am <i>Español</i>	Priest Intentions
9:30am <i>English</i>	Priest Intentions
11:00am <i>Español</i>	Priest Intentions <i>Pro Populo</i>



SCRIPTURE READINGS 2022

NATIVITY OF THE LORD	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
CHRISTMAS	Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/ Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
SUNDAY	Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/ Lk 2:15-20
Dec 25	Day: Is 52:7-10/ Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
MONDAY	Saint Stephen, The First Martyr Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6ab+8a, 16bc+17/ Mt 10:17-22
Dec 26	
TUESDAY	Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Dec 27	
WEDNESDAY	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18
Dec 28	
THURSDAY	Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35
Dec 29	
FRIDAY	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Dec 30	
SATURDAY	Saint Sylvester I, Pope 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18
Dec 31	
SUNDAY	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Num 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6+8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Jan 1, 2023	



***"I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all the people: today in the city of David a Savior has been born to you, who is the Messiah, the Lord"* (Lk 2:23)**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with great joy that I extend to all greetings of peace and hope at this present Christmas.

The heavenly words of the angel Gabriel reveal to us the cause of so much joy that it encouraged the shepherds to go and adore the Redeemer, born of the Virgin Mary. That same joy which dispelled the fear of the shepherds must also reign in each of our hearts because the Savior has been born.

O immense joy that blossoms from the mystery of love and mercy, being Omnipotent, the Creator becomes a humble child to be born among us, "*The grace of God has appeared, saving all*" Tit 2:11

At this crucial moment in history, it seems that sin, lies, and hatred are the main protagonists of our society; Christmas invites us to adore the Child Jesus, made flesh, truth and life, to bring that light that dispels all darkness and glamor of sin, "*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.*" Isa 9:1

Let us contemplate the Holy Family of Nazareth and may the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem make us grow in holiness and sustain us in the good work to be light in our society.

Let us open our hearts and adore God! Glory to God in Heaven and on earth peace to men of good will!

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Blessed and Prosperous New Year.

Fr. Mariano Varela, IVE
Pastor



Diocese of Fall River

Office of the Bishop

Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., D.D.

Bishop da Cunha's 2022 Christmas Message

Dear Friends in Christ,

In the Gospel account by Luke, an angel appears to the shepherds to announce the birth of Christ, saying: “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests” (Luke 2:14).

From that Gospel has come the oft-used phrase in Christmas cards and carols, “Peace on earth, goodwill toward men.” Perhaps we have shared this as a greeting during the season. Although meant as a sincere sentiment, one longed to be brought to fruition, the world continues to live in darkness.

For centuries, God tried to bring people together to live in harmony. They would always return to evil, sin, division, and rejection of God. Finally, God sent His Son, Jesus, to become one of us and to show us, by word and deed, what God expects of us, and to show us how to live in love, peace, and harmony. The prophet Isaiah says, “For a Child is born to us, a Son is given to us; upon His shoulder dominion rests. They name Him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:5).

Yes, Jesus is the Prince of Peace; yet peace continues to elude us.

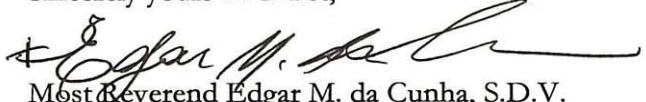
After 2000-plus years of Christianity, we live in a divided world confronting sin, evil, hatred, racism, injustice, and war. Because we have rejected the teaching of Jesus and the Word of God and have embraced a secularized way of life, we are facing these problems and seeing the suffering of so many people throughout the world.

I know we would all like to live in a world guided by justice, peace, harmony, and love. A world that is reflective of the light and peace of Jesus. The way to embrace the life God intends for us is to return to the Lord, listen to his Word, and follow his teachings. Otherwise, the world, each one of us, and especially the next generation, will pay a very high price.

My profound hope this Christmas is that hearts everywhere will be open to Jesus and that the gift of the peace of Christ will reign in our Diocese, in our country, and around our world. May harmony and understanding overcome discord and division wherever they exist.

In closing, let me assure you, my brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Fall River, that you have my heartfelt prayers and best wishes for a very happy, joyful, and Merry Christmas. May God bless you and your loved ones now and in the coming New Year.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


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

47 Underwood Street • Fall River, Massachusetts 02720-3701
Telephone: 508-675-1311 • Facsimile: 508-679-9220

Nativity of The Lord Mass

Opening – V-231 O Come, All Ye Faithful
Kyrie - V-163 **No Gloria** - V- 165
Offertory – V-230 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Sanctus - **Holy** V-166
Amen - M.A. V-114
Agnes Dei - V-167
Communion - V-233 God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen
Meditation – N. Sleeth - Silent Night
Recessional – V-232 Joy To The World



St. Anthony of Padua Church

Legion of Mary Our Lady of Good Counsel

Home Visitation

- Would you like to have the statue of Our Lady visit your home?
 - Could be for just a weekend or the entire week.
 - An opportunity to have a priest visit your home.
 - Have your home blessed and confessions heard.
- Beginning in January 2023
Sign up now

Call the parish rectory at: (508) 993-1691 and leave your name, address and contact number. A member of the Legion of Mary will contact you to answer any questions and go over the visitation process.

St. Anthony of Padua Church
1359 Acushnet Ave. New Bedford, MA

"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 held **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 info or to register, visit: <https://form.jotform.com/222966587874174>

Faith Formation Night

December 21 Last Day of Faith Formation class before Christmas Break

No Faith Formation Classes or Voces Verbi Teens During Christmas Break
December 28 to January 4th

Voces Verbi Teens will resume on Friday January 6th at Immaculate Conception School from 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Sacrificial Giving and Stewardship

Weekly Collections

Weekly Offertory: DECEMBER 18, 2022

Offertory will be posted next week due to early submission of bulletin

Parish Collection \$
Candles/Shrines \$

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

December 25 - Christmas
January 1- Solemnity of Mary
January 8 - Fuel

Sanctuary Lamp

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



Christmas Mass Schedule 2022

- ❖ **Christmas Eve | December 24**
4pm; 12 midnight Bilingual
11:30 pm Christmas Carols
- ❖ **Christmas Day | December 25**
8:00am Spanish
9:30am English
11:00am Spanish
- ❖ **New Year Eve | Saturday December 31**
4pm
- ❖ **New Year Day | Sunday January 1, 2023**
Follows the Sunday schedule

Catequesis Parroquial

21 de diciembre Último día de clase de Formación antes de las vacaciones de Navidad

No hay clases de Formación de Fe ni Voces Verbi Teens
Durante las vacaciones de Navidad
28 de diciembre al 4 de enero

Voces Verbi Teens se reanudará el viernes 6 de enero en Escuela de la Inmaculada Concepción de 6:30pm a 8:00pm



Hora de Misas de Navidad 2022

Noche Buena | 24 de Diciembre
4pm; 12 medianoche (*Misa Bilingüe*)
11:30pm Christmas Carols O+fg



Día 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

Grupos de Oración

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
Comunidad María Sede de la Sabiduría: 1/19/2023
Comunidad María Puerta del Cielo: 1/26/2023
Comunidad San Kilian: 2/2/2023



Mensaje del Padre Marcelo

"Encontraron a María y a José, y al niño acostado en el pesebre"



Hoy resplandece una luz para nosotros: ¡nos ha nacido el Señor! Del mismo modo que el sol sale cada mañana para iluminar y dar vida a nuestro mundo, esta misa de la aurora, celebrada todavía con cierta oscuridad, evoca la figura del pequeño Infante nacido en Belén como el sol naciente, que viene para iluminar a toda la familia humana.

Después de María y José, fueron estos pastores del Evangelio los primeros que fueron iluminados por la presencia de Jesús Niño. Los pastores, que eran tenidos como los últimos en la sociedad. Hemos de ser pastores para acoger al Niño, y ser conscientes de nuestra nada.

Que Jesús sea luz no nos puede dejar indiferentes. Miremos a los pastores: era tan grande el gozo que sentían por lo que habían visto que no paraban de hablar acerca de ello: «Todos los que lo oyeron se maravillaban de lo que los pastores les decían» (Lc 2,19).

“Tu Salvador ya está aquí”, nos dice también el profeta, y eso nos llena de alegría y de paz. Amados hermanos, esto nos falta a muchos cristianos de hoy día: hablar de Él con alegría, paz y convencimiento; cada uno desde su vocación, es decir, desde el designio eterno que Dios tiene “para mí”. Y esto será posible si previamente estamos convencidos de nuestra identidad: los laicos, religiosos y sacerdotes. Todos formamos “el pueblo santo” del que nos habla el profeta Isaías.

Fue designio de Dios que acudieran pastores a adorar al Niño Jesús. Todos somos pastores. Todos hemos de ser pobres y humildes, los últimos... Contemplando el pesebre de nuestra casa, con sus pastores de plástico o de cerámica, vemos una imagen de la Iglesia, que el profeta en la primera lectura describe como una “ciudad-no-abandonada” y como “la-que-tiene-un enamorado” (cf. Is 62,12). En esta Navidad hagamos el propósito de amar más a nuestra Iglesia... que no es nuestra, sino de Él, y nosotros la recibimos y entramos a participar en ella como indignos siervos, y la recibimos como un don, como un regalo inmerecido. De ahí que nuestro estallido de alegría en esta Navidad ha de ser una profunda y sincera acción de gracias.

Que tengan una Santa y feliz Navidad.

Que Dios lo bendiga.
Padre Marcelo



¡FELIZ NAVIDAD!

Grupos de Limpieza

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
Comunidad María Sede de la Sabiduría: 1/28/2023
Comunidad María Puerta del Cielo: 2/4/2023
Comunidad San Kilian: 2/11/2023





“Les traigo una buena noticia, que causará gran alegría a todo el pueblo: hoy les ha nacido, en la ciudad de David, un Salvador, que es el Mesías, el Señor” (Lc 2:23)

Queridos hermanos en Cristo,

Con gran alegría extiendo a todos un saludo de paz y esperanza en esta Navidad.

Las celestiales palabras del ángel Gabriel nos revelan la causa de tanta alegría que animó a los pastores a ir a adorar al Redentor, nacido de la Virgen María. Esa misma alegría que disipó el miedo de los pastores debe reinar también en cada uno de nuestros corazones, porque ha nacido el Salvador.

Oh, alegría inmensa que brota del misterio del amor y de la misericordia, siendo Omnipotente, el Creador se hace niño humilde para nacer entre nosotros, "*La gracia de Dios ha aparecido, salvando a todos*" Tit 2,11

En este momento crucial de la historia, parece que el pecado, la mentira y el odio son los principales protagonistas de nuestra sociedad; la Navidad nos invita a adorar al Niño Jesús, hecho Carne, Verdad y Vida, para traer esa luz que disipa todas las tinieblas y glamor del pecado, "*El pueblo que caminaba en las tinieblas ha visto una gran luz; sobre los que habitaban en el país de las tinieblas ha brillado una luz.*" Isa 9,1

Contemplemos a la Sagrada Familia de Nazaret y que el nacimiento de Jesús en Belén nos haga crecer en santidad y nos sostenga en el buen hacer para ser luz en nuestra sociedad.

Abramos nuestros corazones y adoremos a Dios. Gloria a Dios en el cielo y paz en la tierra a las personas de buena voluntad.

Les deseo una Feliz Navidad y un Bendecido y Próspero Año Nuevo.

P. Mariano Varela, IVE
Párroco

AMARAL'S

WE SPECIALIZE IN YOUR AUTO NEEDS

774-849-4860AMARALSAUTOMOTIVECENTER.COM
24 COUNTY RD. EAST FREEPORT**Dignity^{MEMORIAL} ROCK FUNERAL HOME**

Celebrating Lives With Dignity

508-995-57721285 Ashley Boulevard, New Bedford, MA
www.rock-funeralhome.com*falamos portugues*A service family affiliate of AFFS / Service Corp. Int'l
178 Winter St. Fall River, MA 02720 • (508) 676-2454

By Appointment only

EUROPEAN HAIR STYLISTS


508-997-7535
 1349 Acushnet Ave
 New Bedford
 Zelia (Zee) Fernandes

Remember to say
"Thank You"
 to our
WONDERFUL
Sponsors

We extend our sincere
 appreciation to our sponsors,
 without whom this bulletin
 would not be possible.

Awesome Oranges!



ONLY \$23.99*
 Special limited-time offer!
SAVE \$14!
 Reg. Price \$37.99

Picked fresh from the Grove

Call 1-855-382-8750 to order item 491X
 or Visit HaleGroves.com/H3YG01

* Only \$23.99 (reg. \$37.99) plus \$7.99 shipping and handling per pack to 48 contiguous states. Some restrictions may apply. Limit 5 boxes per customer.
 IC: H3YG01

The New Bedford Council on Aging Adult Social Day (North) and Adult Social Day (South) Programs

- Structured senior programs include Arts & Crafts, Bingo, Holiday Celebrations, Group/Individual Therapy, and more!
- Monday-Friday: 8:30am-3pm
- COVID-19 protocols enforced to ensure the safety of participants and staff!
- South Program staff are Tri-Lingual: Portuguese, Spanish and English*

North Program Location:
 1997 Acushnet Avenue
 New Bedford, MA

For Admissions Contact:
 Debra Lee at 508-991-6251
CALL TODAY!

South Program Location:
 553 Brock Avenue
 New Bedford, MA


 841 Main Street
 Tewksbury, MA 01876
 (978) 851-9103
Rosaries from Flowers
*"Handmade from the Flowers
 of your Loved One"*
www.rosariesfromflowers.com
*"God is Love" 1 John 4:8***JCM**
Electrical Contractors, Inc.
 JOHN MEDEIROS

For All Your Electrical Needs
 Industrial • Commercial • Residential

Smoke Detectors • Fire Alarms
 Burglar Alarms • Free Estimates

Master Lic. 14088-A

jcmelectrical@comcast.net
Call: (508) 995-0165


**Medeiros & Associates
 Real Estate Inc.**

1702 Acushnet Ave.

New Bedford, MA 02746

Established Since 1986

Manuel A. Medeiros**Realtor/Broker Since 1980**

Experience, Commitment, Dedication

Cell: 508-989-7518 • Office: 508-997-2644
 Email: medeiros.associates@yahoo.com
www.MedeirosAndAssociatesRealEstate.com
*Helping seniors stay healthy.*Call (866) 384-6796
 (TTY 711) to join.
**Here today,
 here tomorrow.**
S W H
 Senior Whole Health
 BY MOLINA HEALTHCARE

STAND OUT
 Color Advertising
617-779-3771
ATTY. SCOTT W. LANG**Lang, Xifaras & Bullard***For all your family's legal needs*

115 Orchard Street, New Bedford

508-992-1270 | www.lxblaw.com
**AD SPACE
 AVAILABLE**
617-779-3771

Goyette's^{Inc.}
AUTO RECYCLING
*Domestic and Foreign Used Auto Parts Since 1935**"Our Goal is to provide Quality Products at Competitive Prices with Honesty and Integrity"*
 1260 Shawmut Avenue
 New Bedford, MA 02746
goyetteautoparts.com
 Tel: 508.994.1801
Shop Online at Our Website!

- The premier choice for all of your lodging needs
- Banquet and meeting space available for all occasions
- 222 Union Restaurant and Bar on-site
- Complimentary off-site parking


NEW BEDFORD
HARBOR HOTEL

 222 Union Street New Bedford, MA
508-999-1292
newbedfordharborhotel.com
**Prepare for power outages today**

WITH A HOME STANDBY GENERATOR

\$0 MONEY DOWN + LOW MONTHLY PAYMENT OPTIONS

Contact a Generac dealer for full terms and conditions

REQUEST A FREE QUOTE

CALL NOW BEFORE THE NEXT POWER OUTAGE

(855) 401-9893**GENERAC**
FREE
 7-Year Extended Warranty*
 A \$695 Value!


*To qualify, consumers must request a quote, purchase, install and activate the generator with a participating dealer. Call for a full list of terms and conditions.

**Butcher's Deluxe Package**

- 4 Butcher's Cut Top Sirloins (5 oz.)
- 4 Air-Chilled Boneless Chicken Breasts (5 oz.)
- 4 Boneless Pork Chops (6 oz.)
- 4 Individual Scalloped Potatoes (3.8 oz.)
- 4 Caramel Apple Tartlets (4 oz.)
- 1 jar Omaha Steaks Seasoning (3.1 oz.)
- 8 **PUREGROUND™ Filet Mignon Burgers (6 oz.)**

71941GHZ separately \$225.94
SPECIAL INTRODUCTORY PRICE \$99.99**8 BURGERS FREE****ORDER NOW! » 1.877.858.9308 Ask for 71941GHZ****OmahaSteaks.com/GiftGiving3544**

Savings shown over aggregated single item base price. Standard S&H applies. Exp. 12/31/22.



Saint Anthony of Padua, New Bedford, MA

5029