



Saint Anthony of Padua Church

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR "A"

DECEMBER 4, 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

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

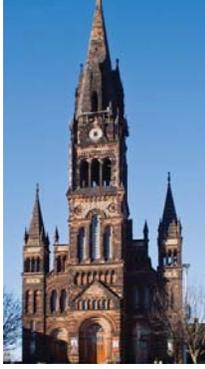
Youth and children, Wednesdays from 6pm to 7:30pm at Immaculate Conception School on 136 Earl Street New Bedford, Ma.

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 churches 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

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ana@saintanthonynewbedford.com

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Thomas Sargent
tsargentsr@aol.com

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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 **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 5 †Fernando Do Couto
TUESDAY 7:00am	DECEMBER 6 St. Nicholas, Bishop †Edna Arquette
WEDNESDAY 7:00am 6:00pm	DECEMBER 7 St. Ambrose, Bishop †Manuel Pereira 25th Priestly Anni. Fr Mariano
THURSDAY 7:00am 6:00pm 7:30pm	DECEMBER 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary †Dennis & Jeanette Mello Intentions of Mother Corredentora <i>Pro Populo</i>
FRIDAY 5:15pm	DECEMBER 9 St. Juan Diego Intentions of Lina Marcotte
SATURDAY 9:00am 4:00pm	DECEMBER 10 Our Lady of Loreto †Holy souls in purgatory †Jose Montañez
SUNDAY 6:30am <i>English</i> 8:00am <i>Español</i> 9:30am <i>English</i> 11:00am <i>Español</i>	DECEMBER 11 †Ernesto & Dolores Oliveira Bendiciones de cumpleaños Silveria Lucrecia Mejia y para su familia Int. of Michael Swavger †Maria C. Frietas <i>Pro Populo En agradecimiento por las bendiciones recibidas de la familia Laynez</i>

Sanctuary Lamp



The Sanctuary lamp is burning the month of November in loving memory of **LaFrance Family**

Readings for the week

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13;
Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;
Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19;
Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10;
Mt 11:2-11



Dear brothers and sisters,

The Psalm 115 says, "What shall I render to the Lord, for all the things that he hath rendered to me? I will take the chalice of salvation; and I will call upon the name of the Lord." With these verses I thank our Father in heaven because on December 6th, I celebrated 25th anniversary as priest, along with others 17 classmate. The Lord has been so gracious and merciful to me during these past twenty-five years of ministry, most especially for the opportunity to serving Him and all of you here at St. Anthony's. On December 6, 1997, I received my priestly ordination in the Cathedral of San Rafael, Mendoza, Argentina, by the hands of Bishop Guillermo José Garlatti, then bishop of the Diocese of San Rafael. After receiving the ordination, I spent a little more than a month leaving my country to begin the adventure of being missionary priest of the Institute of the Incarnate Word. After a brief preparation of the English language, and some advice from experienced priests, I arrived in Guyana in June 1998 to begin my first mission, which was to last 10 (ten) years. In July 2008 I was entrusted with the parish of St. Peter and Paul in Mankato, Minnesota, and at the same time, to be the rector of the Minor Seminary "San Jose Sanchez del Rio.". In September 2017 I was sent to study in Rome, at the Pontifical Universities. From September 2019 to August 2021, I was appointed pastor of three parishes in Baltimore, Maryland. From September 2021 to the present, pastor of a beautiful parish in New Bedford, Massachusetts.

My priestly journey has been a continuing blessing from God's providence despite the many challenges a priests may find on his way. Our Blessed Lord Jesus, the High Priest, has been always there to strengthen me and to console me in times of trials and difficulties. The prayers and support of the laity were and are binding force that we need to continue ministry to others. St. John Vianney, the patron of the priests would says, "If we had not the Sacrament of Orders, we should not have Our Lord. Who placed Him there, in that tabernacle? It was the priest. Who was it that received your soul, on its entrance into life? The priest. Who nourishes it, to give it strength to make its pilgrimage? The priest. Who will prepare it to appear before God, by washing that soul, for the last time, in the blood of Jesus Christ? The priest – always the priest. And if that soul comes to the point of death, who will raise it up, who will restore it to calmness and peace? Again the priest. You cannot recall one single blessing from God without finding, side by side with this recollection, the image of the priest." Please, pray for me and my perseverance.

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

Congratulation to Gisele Pappas chosen to receive the Marian Medal



Bishop Edgar da Cunha, S.D.V will present the award to Gisele at the Prayer Service at St. Mary's Cathedral in Fall River Sunday, December 4, 2022 at 3pm Everyone is invited.

Each year the Marian Medal is presented to members of the Catholic laity of the Diocese of Fall River. Gisele has been recognized for her on-going devotion to her parish. Congratulations Gisele. Reception will be held later in January 2023

Faith Formation Night



**YOUTH
GROUP**

Dinner provided!

December 9th and 16th
All Youth Grade 6th to 12th
Welcome at
Immaculate Conception
Church from 6:30pm to 8pm



Nativity Pageant
Come and see...

December 17th at Immaculate Conception at 5:45 pm
December 18th at Saint Anthony of Padua
By our Faith Formation children

Holy Ghost Brotherhood Breakfast

Sunday, December 4, 2022

ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH HALL

Acushnet Ave. (Nye Entrance), New Bedford, MA.

Serving from : 9:00 - 11:30am

MENU: Bacon, Eggs, Sausage, French Toast, Home Fries,
Orange Juice and Coffee

Donation: \$10.00 Adults; Children (5-10) \$5.00

Christmas Giving Tree



We are taking donations for **Birthright** and **Hathaway Manor** for this year's Giving Tree. Birthright's focus is on loving the mother, reminding her that there is hope and ensuring she is not alone. Hathaway Manor, has been part of the community providing top-quality skilled nursing care for short-term rehabilitation and long-term care. We

focus on maximizing patient recovery, comfort and independence for the highest possible quality of life. Please take a card purchase the item and return back to tree by December 11th. This will give us enough time to delivery on time for Christmas. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION



VIGIL MASS WEDNESDAY DEC 7

6:00pm

THURSDAY DECEMBER 8

7:00am

6:00pm

7:30pm *Mass in Spanish*

The Nativity of our Lord



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



Christmas Eve | December 24

4pm; 12 midnight *Bilingual*



Christmas Day | December 25

8:00am Spanish

9:30am English

11:00am Spanish



New Year Eve | Saturday December 31

4pm

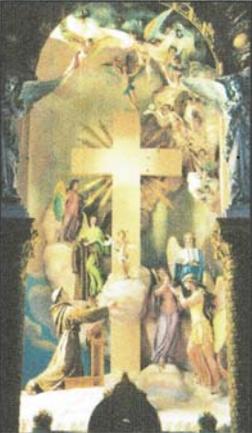


New Year Day | Sunday January 1, 2023

Follows the Sunday schedule

Second Sunday of Advent

Opening – V-229 On Jordan’s Bank
 Kyrie - V-108 No Gloria
 Offertory – V-226 O Come, O Come Emmanuel
 Sanctus - BB-876 M.A. - #B BB-p.16 #11
 Amen - BB - 880
 Agnus Dei - BB - 881
 Communion - BB-82 Lo, How A Rose E’re Blooming
 Meditation – N. Sleeth Light One Candle
 Recessional – BB-50 O Come Divine Messiah



MUSIC at ST. ANTHONY’S
 CONCERT SERIES
Christmas Concert
 Sunday, December 18, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.
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Legion of Mary



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.

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Wreaths Across America



Knights of Columbus Council will begin its annual “Wreaths Across America” campaign. **On Dec 17th** we will be placing Christmas wreaths on veterans’ graves at the Bourne National Cemetery and some local cemeteries. Your donation of \$15.00 will insure that those who have fought to preserve our freedoms and liberties are not forgotten

at Christmas. **God Bless Our Veterans**

Sacrificial Giving and Stewardship

Weekly Collections

Weekly Offertory: November 20, 2022

Parish Collection	\$ 4,328.84
Candles/Shrines	\$ 112.00
Human Development	\$1,576.61

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

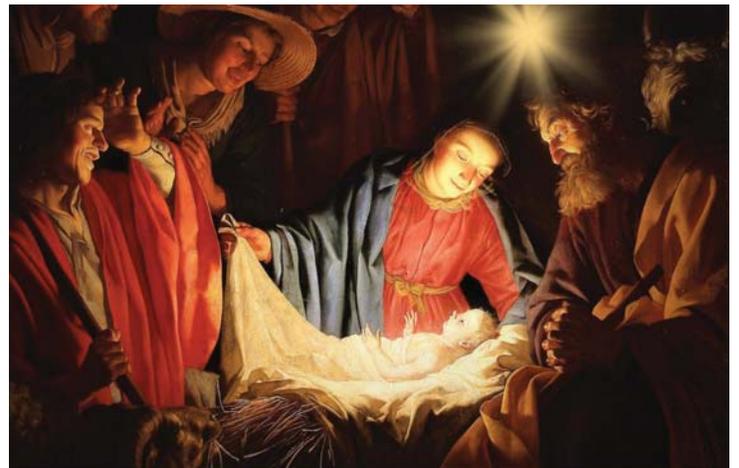
Parish Collection	\$ 5,858.91
Candles/Shrines	\$ 221.50
Fuel	\$ 2,376.00

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 11 - Retired Religious
 December 25 - Christmas



Seeking the TRUTH in Jesus Advent Retreat

Fr. Thomas Steinke, IVE

"For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Every one who is of the truth hears my voice" (Jn 18:37).

DECEMBER 10, 2022

9:00AM-3:00PM

Talks, Prayers, Eucharistic Adoration,
 Confessions and more

St. Anthony of Padua Church

1359 Acushnet Ave. New Bedford, MA 02746

Everyone is welcomed!

Bring your own lunch/Free of charge

Catequesis Parroquial



Pastorela

17 y 18 de diciembre 2022

Todos los Niños estan invitados a participar en la Pastorela de 2022
PRIMER PRACTICA OCTUBRE
29 a las 12:30pm en la iglesia
Immaculate Conception
en el gymnasio



El Árbol de los Regalos



Árbol de regalos de Navidad
Ayúdanos a proporcionar una feliz Navidad a una familia necesitada. El árbol estará en el fin de semana del 26 y 27 de noviembre. Les pedimos que tomen una etiqueta y compren un regalo y lo devuelvan con la etiqueta puesta.



Hora de Misas de Navidad 2022

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



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

Bautismo

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

Bautismo: sábado 31 de Diciembre a las 12pm



Por favor traiga el acta de nacimiento de su niño para poder corroborar correctamente los datos personales.

Retiro de Jóvenes

Retiro de jóvenes



El grupo de jóvenes adultos de la parroquia invitan a los jóvenes a una tarde de jornada, con el tema:

«Jóvenes, tengan la valentía de ir contracorriente, como Jesús» Pope Francis

Habrà dinámica, charlas, adoración, obra de teatro y música. Te esperamos !!!!

Sábado 10 de Diciembre 2022
3:00 a las 7:00 pm

En el Salón de la Parroquia de la Inmaculada Concepción
136 Earl St. New Bedford

Desayuno

Domingo 4 de diciembre de 2022
Salón de la Iglesia de San Antonio de Padua
Donación: Adultos \$10 y Niños: (5-10) \$5

Retiro de Adviento para hombres & mujeres

Sábado 17 de diciembre 2022

De 9:30 a 2:30 hora No hay que pagar.



Ven a celebrar el tiempo de Adviento mientras preparamos nuestro corazón y nuestra mente para recibir al Emmanuel, Dios con nosotros.

El retiro será dirigido por el Padre Marcelo

Por favor, traiga su propio almuerzo y merienda.

Mensaje del Padre Marcelo

“Dad fruto digno de conversión”



Hoy, el Evangelio de san Mateo nos presenta a Juan el Bautista invitándonos a la conversión: “Convertíos porque ha llegado el Reino de los Cielos” (Mt 3,2).

A él acudían muchas personas buscando bautizarse y «confesando sus pecados» (Mt 3,6). Pero dentro de tanta gente, Juan pone la mirada en algunos en particular, los fariseos y saduceos, tan necesitados de conversión como obstinados en negar tal necesidad. A ellos se dirigen las palabras del Bautista: “Dad fruto digno de conversión” (Mt 3,8).

Habiendo ya comenzado el tiempo de Adviento, tiempo de gozosa espera, nos encontramos con la exhortación de Juan, que nos hace comprender que esta espera no se identifica con el “quietismo”, ni se arriesga a pensar que ya estamos salvados por ser cristianos. Esta espera es la búsqueda dinámica de la misericordia de Dios, es conversión de corazón, es búsqueda de la presencia del Señor que vino, viene y vendrá.

El tiempo de Adviento, en definitiva, es «conversión que pasa del corazón a las obras y, consiguientemente, a la vida entera del cristiano» (San Juan Pablo II).

Aprovechemos, hermanos, este tiempo oportuno que nos regala el Señor para renovar nuestra opción por Jesucristo, quitando de nuestro corazón y de nuestra vida todo lo que no nos permita recibirlo adecuadamente. La voz del Bautista sigue resonando en el desierto de nuestros días: «Preparad el camino al Señor, enderezad sus sendas» (Mt 3,3).



Así como Juan fue para su tiempo esa “voz que clama en el desierto”, así también los cristianos somos invitados por el Señor a ser voces que clamen a los hombres el anhelo de la vigilante espera: «Preparemos los caminos, ya se acerca el Salvador y salgamos, peregrinos, al encuentro del Señor. Ven, Señor, a libertarnos, ven tu pueblo a redimir; purifica nuestras vidas y no tardes en venir» (Himno de Adviento de la Liturgia de las Horas).

Que Dios los bendiga. Padre Marcelo

IMMACULADA CONCEPCION DIA DE PRECEPTO



Misa Vigilia Miércoles 7 diciembre
6pm en Ingles
JUEVES 8 DE DICIEMBRE 2022
7:00pm Misa en ingles
6pm Misa en ingles
7:30pm Misa en español

LA PARROQUIA DE SAN ANTONIO DE PADUA
EN NEW BEDFORD INVITA A USTED Y SU FAMILIA

Celebración en Honor a

NUESTRA SEÑORA DE Guadalupe

11 DICIEMBRE

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- South Program staff are Tri-Lingual: Portuguese, Spanish and English*



North Program Location:
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