



Saint Anthony of Padua Church

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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 19, 2023

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 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

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Thomas Sargent

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

Mass Intentions

MONDAY

7:00am

TUESDAY

7:00am

WEDNESDAY

7:00am

THURSDAY

7:00am

7:30pm

FRIDAY

5:15pm

SATURDAY

9:00am

4:00pm

SUNDAY

6:30am *English*

8:00am *Español*

9:30am *English*

11:00am *Español*

FEBRUARY 20

Presidents' Day

Genavie Machado

FEBRUARY 21

St. Peter Damian

†Antonio Maria and †Frank Moniz

FEBRUARY 22

Ash Wednesday

Int. Gladys Nieto Hernandez

FEBRUARY 23

St. Polycarp

All Souls in purgatory

FEBRUARY 24

†Maria Rego

FEBRUARY 25

†Maria Santos

†Georgina Mendes

FEBRUARY 26

First Sunday in Lent

†Jose Montanez

Pro Populo

†Antonio Taveira

†Maria Medeiros



SCRIPTURE READINGS 2023

7TH SUNDAY
ORDINARY TIME
 Feb 19 Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13/
 1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

MONDAY

Feb 20

Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29

TUESDAY

Feb 21

Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37

ASH

Ash Wednesday

WEDNESDAY

Feb 22

Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14+17/

2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

THURSDAY

Feb 23

Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

FRIDAY

Feb 24

Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

SATURDAY

Feb 25

Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

1ST SUNDAY

OF LENT

Feb 26

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-

19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

Pastor's message

Dear brothers and sisters, with the *Ash Wednesday* liturgy we are entering into the forty days and forty nights of prayers, penance and almsgiving. These three devotions are the hallmarks of the Holy Season of Lent. First of all on Ash Wednesday we will be marked with ashes on our forehead signifying our humble attitude before God Our Father that we are in need of penance. In the Old Testament as with the New Testament as well, ashes is the symbol of our return to our father home, “remember you are dust and to dust you shall return”, these words reminds us of the brevity of our life and therefore the devotions of lent equips us to atone for our sins and to be ready as a good steward before our heavenly Father. We are called to pray; prayer was the daily bread of our blessed Lord on earth. He wished to begin his public life by entering into a forty day and forty night of retreat in the desert of Judea with fasting. Jesus teach-

es us that we human not only live by bread alone, that is material things, but also by the words that comes from God. What is the food for our body is prayer for our immortal soul. So let us increase the quality of our prayer during this Lenten season. Fasting and abstinence is what the church recommends us to practice. Why this sort of sacrifice? Because we as imperfect and weak human beings need to restrain our disordinate appetites, such as pleasure, passions etc. Fasting and abstinences are the exercises we need to dominate the passions in order to be fit spiritually. Jesus endured this penance to give us an example of victory over temptations. Let us renounce to those legitimate pleasures by doing fasting and abstinence. Almsgiving is an opportunity to give of our resources, but also because according to the scripture “As water quenches a flaming fire, so almsgiving atones for sins.” (Sirach 3:30) Also The Catechism

of the Catholic Church refers to these three as “acts of religion” flowing from the New Law of Christ, the Gospel. (CCC no. 1969).

Found in the Scriptures and the writings of the Fathers of the Church, they express conversion in relation to oneself (fasting), to God (prayer), and to others (almsgiving.) (CCC no. 1434)

May this Lenten season be a time of renewal and sincere conversion of heart and mind, that we may be spiritually fit to give a true worship to our heavenly Father and through our act of mercy be ready to serve our brothers and sisters. Blessings and have a holy season of lent.

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



Liturgy Corner

Why Ashes? By Fr. Larry Rice

For centuries, Catholic Christians have marked the beginning of the season of Lent by receiving ash on their foreheads on Ash Wednesday. This tradition has its roots in the Old Testament, where wearing ashes was a common sign of repentance for sins, and a sign of one's humility before God. Since Lent is a season of penitential renewal through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, it's appropriate that this ancient sign marks the beginning of the season.

The ashes themselves are usually made by burning the palm fronds from the previous year's Palm Sunday. This symbolically connects the beginning of Lent with its end, connecting our change of heart with Christ's passion, death, and resurrection.

Ashes are usually distributed as part of the Mass on Ash Wednesday, of-



ten after the homily. As people approach the priest or other minister, he presses the ashes to their foreheads, and speaks one of two phrases: “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return,”

or “Repent and believe in the Gospel.”

In many places, Ash Wednesday services are among the most popular of the whole year—a day that's not even a Holy Day of Obligation. Cynics have suggested that this is because people “get” something, as they do on Palm Sunday. But there's nothing particularly appealing about getting smudged with ashes. Perhaps, the appeal is the ex-expression through a physical sign of a desire for interior conversion.

The Gospel for Ash Wednesday is a reminder that the real purpose of the season of Lent isn't to make public demonstrations of piety—even the wearing of ashes—but to seek conversion of heart.

Fr. Larry Rice is the former vocations director for the Paulist Fathers. Copyright © 2019, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved. Used with permission. Image: CNS photo/Gregory A. Shemitz

Faith Formation



DURING LENT



**Youth Group will meet on
Sundays at 3pm
At Immaculate Conception Church
February 26, 2023**



Youth Group meet every week with a talk and a fun activity or game. This week it was Fr. Thomas, who gave the talk and was available for confessions for anyone who would like to confess. During Lent our Youth Group will meet on Sundays with a Movie, Gourmet Popcorn and Questions & Answers with Fr. Thomas.

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Sunday February 19, 2023

Enjoy a special treat before the Lenten Season begins on Wednesday February 20th. Pre-Order forms will be on the table with the bulletins. Please fill out form and drop in the box provided. Deadline to place order will be Sunday February 12, 2023. **Price: \$2.00 each 6 for \$10.00 12 for \$20.00**

Lent Begins

Ash Wednesday February 22, 2023

Ashes will be distribute within Mass.

7:00am Mass in English

6:00pm Mass in English

7:30pm Mass in Spanish

Stations of The Cross will be on Fridays after the 5:15pm Mass followed by our Soup Supper.

Every Friday During Lent

FEBRUARY 24, 2023

The Knights of Columbus

MARCH 3, 2023

Maria Sede de la Sabiduría

MARCH 10, 2023

SALT Ladies

MARCH 17, 2023

Charismatic group of Saint Kilian

MARCH 24, 2023

Holy Spirit Society

MARCH 31, 2023

Puerta del Cielo



**Lenten Spiritual Retreat
For Both Men & Women**

Saturday March 4, 2023

10am - 3pm

Speaker

Fr. Thomas Steinke

Please bring a bag lunch.

Annual Bazaar



For Lent...would anyone consider giving up one of their coffee runs?.. and use money to donate to the bazaar. We could use \$5 gift cards from Dunkin Donuts, Honey Dew or anywhere.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Opening – V-219 Sing Praise to God, Who reigns above

Kyrie - Gloria - St. Francis Mass

Offertory – V-211 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates

Sanctus - Holy V-113

Amen - M.A. # A p.114

Agnus Dei - Great Amen-Lamb of God V-p. 118

Communion - BB-345 I Am the Bread of Life

Meditation - BB-376 Tell the Good News to all the earth

Recessional – V- 277 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Ethics Presentation



On Tuesday, March 28, 2023 Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D., will present a talk entitled, **“Transgender Issues and Gender Dysphoria”** at St. John Neumann in East Freetown. This event will begin at 7:00 p.m. and the cost for the event is \$20. For ticket

information, please reach out to Irina De Lucca, Family and Respect Life Director for the diocesan Secretariat for the New Evangelization at (508) 669-7702 or you may email her at idelucca@dioc-fr.org. Refreshments will be served by St. John Neumann's Circle of Life apostolate. Father Tadeusz is a priest of the Diocese of Fall River and also the Director of Education for the National Catholic Bioethics Center in Broomall, PA.

Fall River Diocese 2023 Catholic Conference

Registration is now open for the Fall River Diocese 2023 Women and Men's Conference, set for **Saturday, March 11, at Stonehill College in Easton**. The Conference will include prayer, music, time for reflection, multi-lingual breakout sessions, lunch, vendors and a 4 p.m. closing Mass celebrated by Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V. This event will also include Confession, a Eucharistic Miracle Exhibit, and the relics of two persons who have been recently beatified and canonized. The cost for this event is \$50. Please visit www.fallriverdiocese.org for more details and to register for this event. **Registration Deadline March 6, 2023**

If interested in going and need a ride please call parish office. Possibility of having transportation if a group of 10 or more.

Science Tests Faith Signs From God Miracles and Their Meanings

Speaker: Tim Francis

From altar boy to party boy: From non-denominational mega church back to the Roman Catholic Church. Tim Francis shares with us his quest for truth.

A consecrated host becomes living flesh. A statue of Jesus weeps tears and blood. God dictates messages to a woman who bleeds from her hands, feet, and head.

Is there solid evidence validating these claims? What does science have to say about these claims? If they really are "Signs from God", then what implications do they have for your life? What message is God wanting to convey?

Monday May 22 | 6:30 - 9:00PM

Tuesday May 23 | 6:30 - 9:00PM

Wednesday May 24 | 6:30 - 9:00PM

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Sacrificial Giving and Stewardship

Weekly Collections

Weekly Offertory: February 12, 2023

Parish Collection \$ 6,972.25

Candles/Shrines \$ 249.51

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

February 22 - Evangelization

February 26 - Fuel

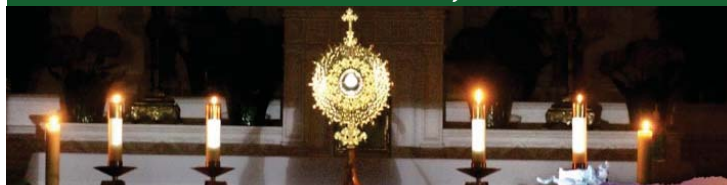
Volunteers Needed

Ushers & Greeters



If you would like to help, please call the parish office. Looking for at least 2 for all Masses.

Adoration and Confession



We have cancelled Adoration and confessions here at St. Anthony for Tuesday March 14, 2023

We ask that you join us at Holy Name of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish for

EUCCHARISTIC NIGHT & RELIC TOUR

*With talk by Fr. Roger Landry
National Eucharistic Preacher*

Adoration, confessions, and opportunity for veneration of the relics of Bl. Carlo Acutis and St. Manuel Garcia, and the Eucharistic Miracle Exhibits

Worcester Catholic Men's Conference

Men Building the Body of Christ **Saturday, March 25, 2023** Assumption University doors open at 7:30am for registration followed by speakers, lunch, Confession, Adoration, and Mass. **Tickets: \$30 for Students, \$50 for adults on or before March 13th. After March 14th \$85.00.**

Purchase: Tickets online at www.catholicmenworc.com or phone 508-835-8551 Corinn Dahm. **Speakers:** Bear Woznick, Jeff Joaquin, Msgr. James P. Moroney, Adam Minihan, David Niles, Father Chris Alar, and Bishop Robert J. McManus

Catequesis Parroquial



DURANTE LA CUARESMA



El Grupo de Jóvenes se reunirá los
domingos a las 3pm en
Iglesia de la Inmaculada Concepción

26 de febrero del 2023



El Grupo de Jóvenes se reúne cada semana con una charla y una actividad o juego divertido. Esta semana fue el P. Thomas, quien dio la charla y estuvo disponible para confesiones para cualquier persona que quisiera confesarse. Durante la Cuaresma nuestro Grupo de Jóvenes se reunirá los domingos con una Película, palomitas gourmet y Preguntas y Respuestas con el P. Thomas

Proyecto **40 horas**

"Dos sedientos,
Jesús mío:
Tú de almas y
yo de saciar
tu sed.
¿Qué nos
detiene pues?"

SANTA LAURA MONTOYA

Cuaresma

La Cuaresma es un tiempo de reflexión y restauración. Encontramos esto en el Sacramento de la Penitencia y la Reconciliación en donde se nos concede el perdón y la gracia para vivir una nueva vida en Él. Inicia la Cuaresma con un espíritu renovado y un corazón abierto.

Miércoles de Cenizas



Misa y distribución de las cenizas

Miércoles 22 de Febrero

7am Misa en ingles
6pm Misa en Ingles
7:30pm Misa en español

Vía Crucis:

Textos y Reflexiones sobre la Pasión



Todos los Viernes de Cuaresma despues de la misa de 5:15pm



Sopa Para Cuaresma

Patrocinada por uno de nuestros grupos parroquiales.

- 24 de febrero- Los Caballeros de Colón
- 3 de marzo - Maria Sede de la Sabiduría
- 10 de marzo - SALT Ladies
- 17 de marzo - Grupo carismático de San Kilian
- 24 de marzo - Sociedad del Espíritu Santo
- 31 de marzo - Puerta del Cielo

Sábado 11 de marzo de 2023

para hombres y mujeres de 9:30am - 2:30pm
No hay que pagar.

RETIRO ESPIRITUAL DE CUARESMA

Por favor, traiga su propio almuerzo y merienda.

Mensaje del Padre Marcelo

“Sed perfectos como es perfecto vuestro Padre celestial”



Hoy, la Palabra de Dios, nos enseña que la fuente original y la medida de la santidad están en Dios: «Sed perfectos como es perfecto vuestro Padre celestial» (Mt 5,48). Él nos inspira, y hacia Él caminamos. El sendero se recorre bajo la nueva ley, la del Amor. El amor es el seguro conductor de nuestros ideales, expresados tan certeramente en este quinto capítulo del Evangelio de san Mateo.

La antigua ley del Talión del libro del Éxodo (cf. Ex 21,23-35) —que quiso ser una ley que evitara las venganzas despiadadas y restringir al “ojo por ojo”, el desagravio bélico— es definitivamente superada por la Ley del amor. En estos versículos se entrega toda una Carta Magna de la moral creyente: el amor a Dios y al prójimo.

El Papa Benedicto XVI nos dice: “Solo el servicio al prójimo abre mis ojos a lo que Dios hace por mí y a lo mucho que me ama”. Jesús nos presenta la ley de una justicia sobreabundante, pues el mal no se vence haciendo más daño, sino expulsándolo de la vida, cortando así su eficacia contra nosotros.

Para vencer —nos dice Jesús— se ha de tener un gran dominio interior y la suficiente claridad de saber por cuál ley nos regimos: la del amor incondicional, gratuito y magnánimo. El amor lo llevó a la Cruz, pues el odio se vence con amor. Éste es el camino de la victoria, sin violencia, con humildad y amor gozoso, pues Dios es el Amor hecho acción. Y si nuestros actos proceden de este mismo amor que no defrauda, el Padre nos reconocerá como sus hijos. Éste es el camino perfecto, el del amor sobreabundante que nos pone en la corriente del Reino, cuya más fiel expresión es la sublime manifestación del desbordante amor que Dios ha derramado en nuestros corazones por el don del Espíritu Santo (cf. Rom 5,5).

“La santidad no es un lujo para unos pocos, ni está restringida sólo a algunas personas. Está hecha para ti, para mí y para todos” ***Santa Teresa de Calcuta***

El amor a los enemigos constituye el núcleo de la “revolución cristiana”, que no se apoya en los recursos humanos, sino que es don de Dios. Ésta es la novedad del Evangelio, que cambia el mundo sin hacer rudo” ***Benedicto XVI***

Que Dios los bendiga.
Fr Marcelo IVE
Febrero 19

Bautismo

Próximas charlas de bautismo y fecha de los mismos



FEBRERO 2023

Charlas: Viernes 3 de febrero 2023
7:30pm en el
salón parroquial
Bautismo: sábado 25 febrero a las
12pm

NO HAY BAUTISMOS EN MARZO

ABRIL 2023

Charlas: Viernes 14 de abril 7:30pm en el
salón parroquial
Bautismo: sábado 22 de Abril a las 12pm

Charlas Matrimoniales

Que:

Charlas Prematrimoniales

Cuando:

Miércoles 8, 15, 22 & 29 de Marzo
Miércoles 12 de Abril

Hora: 6:30pm

Lugar: en el salón Parroquial.



Bazar Anual



Para la Cuaresma...

¿alguien consideraría renunciar a uno de sus cafés y donar el dinero para el bazar? Podríamos usar tarjetas de regalo de \$5 de Dunkin Donuts, Honey Dew o de cualquier otro lugar.

Grupos de Oración

Comunidad María Puerta del Cielo: 2/16/2023
Comunidad San Kilian: 2/23/2023
Comunidad María Sede de la Sabiduría: 3/2/2023
Comunidad María Puerta del Cielo: 3/9/2023
Comunidad San Kilian: 3/16/2023
Comunidad María Sede de la Sabiduría: 3/23/2023
Comunidad María Puerta del Cielo: 3/30/2023
Comunidad San Kilian: 4/6/2023
Comunidad María Sede de la Sabiduría: 4/13/2023



Grupos de Limpieza

Comunidad María Sede de la Sabiduría: 2/18/2023
Comunidad María Puerta del Cielo: 2/25/2023
Comunidad San Kilian: 3/4/2023
Comunidad María Sede de la Sabiduría: 3/11/2023
Comunidad María Puerta del Cielo: 3/18/2023
Comunidad San Kilian: 3/25/2023
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