



# Saint Anthony of Padua Church

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 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

### Organist & Music Director

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, Jose Soares, Carolyn Peltier, Marliz Ventura and Loretta Hevey** that the Lord may give them 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*

### MARCH 20

**St. Joseph, Spouse of B.V. Mary**  
Int. of Blanche & Joseph Ciacchi

### MARCH 21

†Carmina Dias Tome &  
†Joao da Silva

### MARCH 22

†Nicole Raposo

### MARCH 23

**St. Turibus of Mongrovejo**

†Alice Rocheleau

†Bruce Johnson

### MARCH 24

†Patrick Winsper

### MARCH 25

†Bruce Johnson

†Maria Lourdes Amaral

†Alexander T. Picard

### MARCH 26

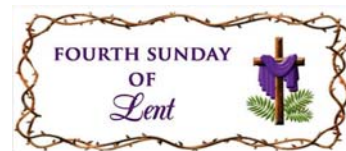
**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

†Silvestre Family

*Pro Populo*

†Bethany Ashley Souza

Bendiciones para Alexa Estefania  
Cahuec Gonzales en su cumpleaños



## Sanctuary Lamp



The Sanctuary Candle burns this month for  
**Fernando do Couto**

## SCRIPTURE READINGS 2023

**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY  
OF LENT**  
March 19

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/  
Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

**MONDAY**  
March 20

**Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/  
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24 or Lk 2:41-51

**TUESDAY**  
March 21

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

**WEDNESDAY**  
March 22

Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

**THURSDAY**  
March 23

**Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop**  
Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

**FRIDAY**  
March 24

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21+23/  
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**SATURDAY**  
March 25

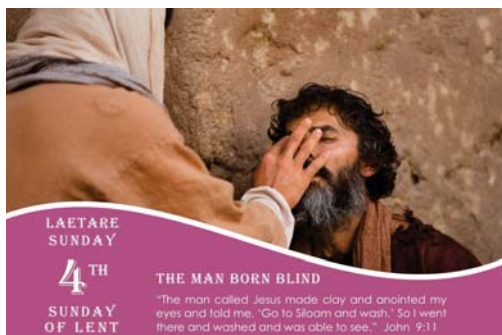
**The Annunciation of the Lord**  
Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/  
Lk 1:26-38

**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY  
OF LENT**  
March 26

Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Rom 8:8-11/  
Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

## Pastor's message

Dear brothers and sisters, on this fourth Sunday of lent we continue with the rite of elect for the Catechumens. This Sunday St. John's Gospel refers to the gradual healing of the man born blind. This Gospel is proclaimed specially to the Elect, as they learn to accept the Light, Christ into their lives.



St. Augustin says that "The human race is represented in this blind man, and this blindness comes through sin to the first man, from whom we are all descended. The Lord spat on the ground and made mud with the spittle, "because the Word became flesh" (Jn 1:14). He anointed the eyes of the man born blind. He had the mud on and still could not see, be-

cause when he anointed him, perhaps he made him a catechumen. He sent him to the Pool called Siloam, because he was baptized in Christ, and it was then that he enlightened him."

"Brothers and sisters," St Paul says in today's second reading, "You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth." we are called along with the catechumens to leave behind the work of darkness and start walking toward Christ, the Light.

"Now he purifies his heart," Saint Augustin says, "Finally, having purified his heart and cleansed his conscience, he recognizes Him, no longer as the Son of man only (as he had previously believed), but as the Son of God, who had taken human form. "And he said, I believe, Lord." And St. Augustin goes on asking, "Do you want to see in what way he believes?" And he fell down and worshipped him."

*Laetare Sunday* is the midpoint of the Lenten season. We are called to rejoice

because soon the catechumens will share with us the Sanctifying Grace by which we are called children of God. Let us pray and accompany with our prayers those who will receive the sacraments of initiation and some other the confirmation.



"O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Happy Sunday and may you continue having a blessed Lenten Season!

*Christus vincit! Christus regnat!  
Christus imperat!*

*Fr. Mariano Varela, IVE*

## Liturgy Corner

### *The Precepts of the Church The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches*

2042 The first precept ("You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation.") Requires the faithful to participate in the Eucharistic celebration when the Christian community gathers together on the day of commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord.

2042 The second precept ("You shall confess your sins at least once a year.") ensures preparation of the Eucharist by the reception of the sacrament of reconciliation, which continues Baptism's work of conversion and forgiveness.

2042 The third precept ("You shall humbly receive your Creator in Holy Communion at least during the Easter season.") guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord's Body and Blood in connection with the Paschal feast, the origin and center of the Christian liturgy.



2043 The fourth precept ("You shall keep holy the holy days of obligation.") completes the Sunday observance by participation in the principal liturgical feast which honor the mysteries of the Lord, the Virgin Mary, and the saints.

2043 The fifth precept ("You shall observe the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence.") ensures the times of asceticism and penance which prepare us for the liturgical feast; they help us acquire mastery over the instincts and freedom of heart.

The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to his abilities.

## Faith Formation



DURING LENT



Youth Group will meet on  
Sundays at 3pm  
At Immaculate Conception Church

Every Friday during Lent 4:15pm Adoration, 5:15pm Mass

Followed by

## STATIONS of the CROSS

After The Stations of The Cross  
join us for a Soup Supper  
in the Parish hall

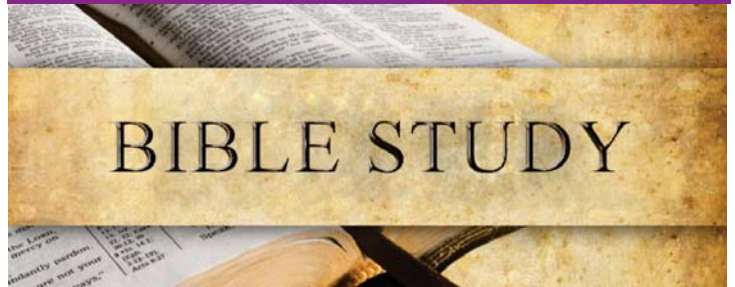
## LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 6 5:45PM  
BROOKLAWN PARK BY THE PLAYGROUND

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## Bible Study



with Deacon Eduardo Borges  
Every Thursday at 6:30pm  
in Parish Hall Classroom

## Legion of Mary ACIES Ceremony



All Legionaries active and auxiliaries are  
invited to attend the Acies Ceremony on  
Sunday March 26, 2023 at 3pm at St. Mary's  
Cathedral in Fall River. At this time we will  
dedicate ourselves to another year of services  
to the Blessed Mother.

Father Thomas Steinke, IVE presiding.  
*Please bring something to share.*

**DATE:** Sunday March 26, 2023

**TIME:** 3:00pm

**PLACE:** St. Mary's Cathedral, Fall River

## Parish Activities



**Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.**  
Saturday, March 25 is the Solemnity of the  
Annunciation of the Angel to Mary Most Holy  
and the Incarnation of Jesus. It is the day when  
we celebrate the feast of our religious congrega-  
tion "The Incarnate Word." Holy Mass at  
9:00 am bilingual and then a festive breakfast  
in the parish hall.

## Community Festivities

Saturday, July 1 "Puerta del Cielo" (Heaven's Gate)

Sunday, August 13 "Sede de la Sabiduría" (Seat of Wisdom)

Saturday, September 16 "San Kilian" (St. Kilian)

## First Communions:

Sunday, May 7

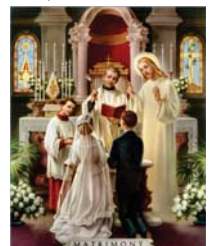
at 11:00 am Mass.



## Confirmations:

Thursday May 25, 2023

at 7pm in the presence of Bishop Edgar Da Cunha.



## Feast of the Portuguese:

Sunday, May 28th after the 11:00 am Mass all are  
invited to the parish hall to share a meal.



## Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Opening** – V-212 God of Mercy, God of Grace  
**Kyrie** - - BB-p. 6 #5 **No Gloria**  
**Offertory** – V-Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word  
**Sanctus** - Holy V-113  
**Agnus Dei** - Great Amen-Lamb of God V-p. 118  
**Communion** - V-334 Eat This Bread  
**Meditation** - Sheet Nearer My God To Thee  
**Recessional** – V-God, My King, Thy Might confessing

## Parish Council Meeting



**Tuesday March 21, 2023 at 7pm**  
**In parish hall classroom.**

## Solemnity of the Annunciation



## Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord

Saturday March 25, 2023

9:00am Bilingual Mass

Followed by a breakfast in the Parish Hall.

The Annunciation of The Lord and also the 39th  
Anniversary of our priests order  
“The Institute of the Incarnated Word”  
Come and celebrate with us.  
All are welcome!

## Holy Week Schedule

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**April 2 Palm Sunday | Regular Mass Schedule**

**April 6 Holy Thursday | Mass of the Lord's Supper**  
7:00pm Bilingual Mass with the washing of feet  
Adoration & company with our Lord until 11pm  
10-11pm Confessions



**April 7 Good Friday | Celebration of the Passion**  
3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Bilingual)  
5:45pm Stations of the Cross at Brooklawn Park



**April 8 Holy Saturday | Easter Vigil**  
8:00pm Solemn Easter Vigil Bilingual with Baptism



**April 9 Easter Sunday | Follow the Sunday Schedule**

## Sacrificial Giving and Stewardship

## Weekly Collections

**Weekly Offertory: March 12, 2023**

|                           |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Parish Collection .....   | \$ 4,852.14 |
| Candles/Shrines .....     | \$ 301.25   |
| Catholic University ..... | \$ 1,699.00 |

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

March 19 - Catholic Relief  
April 7 - Holy Land/Good Friday  
April 9 - Easter  
April 23 - Fuel

## Easter Flowers

### Easter Lilies Donations



Help our parish as we prepare for the  
Easter season! Support us with donations to  
purchase the Easter lilies. Checks and cash  
donations should be made out to St. Antho-  
ny's and placed in the collection baskets.  
They may include the names of loved ones  
that will be placed on the Altar during the  
Easter Season.

## 40 Days for Life

A few of our parish Knights of Columbus will be anchoring  
a prayer vigil from **6 am to 2 pm on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**  
in Attleboro across the street from the only remaining  
abortion clinic in diocesan territory. Parishioners of St.  
Anthony of Padua are welcome to join in this  
non-confrontation vigil in which we will pray the Rosary  
and keep fellowship as a witness against the act of abortion.  
The park in which we will meet is across the street from the  
abortion clinic approximately 1 mile past La Salette Shrine.  
Please call the parish office for more information and/or  
directions.

## Birthright



**Birthright**  
International

Birthright of New Bedford loves them both!  
We help local women and families who need a  
safe place to talk, share and explore options for an un-  
planned or difficult pregnancy. Please consider Birthright in  
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contact us by phone at 774- 992- 0187. We are always in  
need and welcome new volunteers.

## Catequesis Parroquial



### DURANTE LA CUARESMA



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



## Vía Crucis:

Textos y Reflexiones sobre la Pasión



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

### Actividades para tener en cuenta

#### ♦ Retiro de parejas

Sábado 18 19 de Marzo en la  
escuela de San Antonio

#### ♦ Charla para los grupos de música por el P. Marcelo

Sábado 18 de Marzo en la Escuela  
de la Inmaculada Concepción.

#### ♦ Solemnidad de la Anunciación del Señor.

El Sábado 25 de marzo es día de  
solemnidad de la Anunciación del  
Ángel a María Santísima y la encarnación de Jesús. Es el  
día donde celebramos la fiesta de nuestra congregación reli-  
giosa "El Verbo Encarnado." Santa Misa a las 9:00 am bi-  
lingüe y después un desayuno festivo en el hall de la parro-  
quia.

#### ♦ Fiestas de las comunidades

Sábado 1 de Julio "Puerta del Cielo"

Domingo 13 de Agosto "Sede de la Sabiduría"

Sábado 16 de Septiembre "St. Kilian"

#### ♦ Charlas Pre matrimoniales a cargo del P. Marcelo

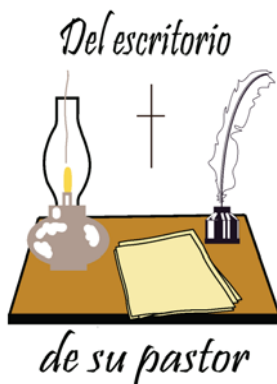
Miércoles 8, 15, 22, 29 de Marzo 6:30 pm

Miércoles 12 de Abril 6:30 pm en el salón Parroquial.

#### ♦ Primeras Comuniones: Domingo 7 de Mayo en la Misa de las 11:00 am

#### ♦ Confirmaciones: Jueves 25 de Mayo 2023 a las 7pm con la presencia del Señor obispo Edgar Da Cunha.

#### ♦ Fiesta de los portugueses: Domingo 28 de Mayo des- pués de la Santa Misa de 11:00 todos están invitados al salón parroquial para compartir una comida.



## Bautismo

Próximas charlas de bautismo y fecha de los mismos  
**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 22 & 29 de Marzo

Miércoles 12 de Abril

**Hora:** 6:30pm

**Lugar:** en el salón Parroquial.



## Vía Crucis Viviente

Viernes Santo 6 de abril de 2023  
a las 5:45 pm

En el Parque Brooklawn

Por los feligreses de  
Iglesia Católica San Antonio de Padua y  
Iglesia Católica de la Inmaculada Concepción



## Mensaje del Padre Marcelo

**“Vete, lávate”**

Hoy, cuarto domingo de Cuaresma — llamado domingo “alegraos”— toda la liturgia nos invita a experimentar una alegría profunda, un gran gozo por la proximidad de la Pascua.



Jesús fue causa de una gran alegría para aquel ciego de nacimiento a quien otorgó la vista corporal y la luz espiritual. El ciego creyó y recibió la luz de Cristo. En cambio, aquellos fariseos, que se creían en la sabiduría y en la luz, permanecieron ciegos por su dureza de corazón y por su pecado. De hecho, «No creyeron los judíos que aquel hombre hubiera sido ciego, hasta que llamaron a los padres del que había recobrado la vista» (Jn 9,18).



¡Cuán necesaria nos es la luz de Cristo para ver la realidad en su verdadera dimensión! Sin la luz de la fe seríamos prácticamente ciegos. Nosotros hemos recibido la luz de Jesucristo y hace falta que toda nuestra vida sea iluminada por esta luz. Más aun, esta luz ha de resplandecer en la santidad de la vida para que atraiga a muchos que todavía la desconocen. Todo eso supone conversión y crecimiento en la caridad. Especialmente en este tiempo de Cuaresma y en esta última etapa. San León Magno nos exhorta: «Si bien todo tiempo es bueno para ejercitarse en la virtud de la caridad, estos días de Cuaresma nos invitan a hacerlo de manera más urgente».

Sólo una cosa nos puede apartar de la luz y de la alegría que nos da Jesucristo, y esta cosa es el pecado, el querer vivir lejos de la luz del Señor. Desgraciadamente, muchos —a veces nosotros mismos— nos adentramos en este camino tenebroso y perdemos la luz y la paz. San Agustín, partiendo de su propia experiencia, afirmaba que no hay nada más infeliz que la felicidad de aquellos que pecan.

La Pascua está cerca y el Señor quiere comunicarnos toda la alegría de la Resurrección. Dispongámonos para acogerla y celebrarla. «Vete, lávate» (Jn 9,7), nos dice Jesús... ¡A lavarnos en las aguas purificadoras del sacramento de la Penitencia! Ahí encontraremos la luz y la alegría, y realizaremos la mejor preparación para la Pascua. Que tengan una bendecida semana. que Viva SAN JOSE.

Dios los bendiga.  
Fr. Marcelo da Silva, IVE

## Horario de Semana Santa



### Horario Semana Santa

**Domingo de Ramos** | sigue el horario de domingo



**6 de Abril Jueves Santo** | Misa de la Última Cena

7:00pm Misa Bilingüe

Adoración hasta las 11pm

10-11pm Confesiones



**7 de Abril Viernes Santo** | Cele. Pasión de Jesús

3:00pm Celebración de la Pasión Bilingüe

5:45am Estaciones de la Cruz en



**8 de Abril Sábado Santo** | sábado de Gloria

8:00pm Misa de la Vigilia Pascual Bilingüe  
con Bautismo



**9 de Abril Domingo de Pascua** | sigue horario de los domingos

## Grupos de Oración

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

Comunidad María Puerta del Cielo: 4/20/2023

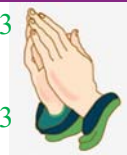
Comunidad San Kilian: 4/27/2023

Comunidad María Sede de la Sabiduría: 5/4/2023

Comunidad María Puerta del Cielo: 5/11/2023

Comunidad San Kilian: 5/18/2023

Comunidad María Sede de la Sabiduría: 5/25/2023



## Grupos de Limpieza

Comunidad María Puerta del Cielo: 3/18/2023

Comunidad San Kilian: 3/25/2023

Comunidad María Sede de la Sabiduría: 4/1/2023

Comunidad María Puerta del Cielo: 4/8/2023

Comunidad San Kilian: 4/15/2023

Comunidad María Sede de la Sabiduría: 4/22/2023

Comunidad María Puerta del Cielo: 4/29/2023

Comunidad San Kilian: 5/6/2023

Comunidad María Sede de la Sabiduría: 5/13/2023

Comunidad María Puerta del Cielo: 5/20/2023

Comunidad San Kilian: 5/27/2023



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