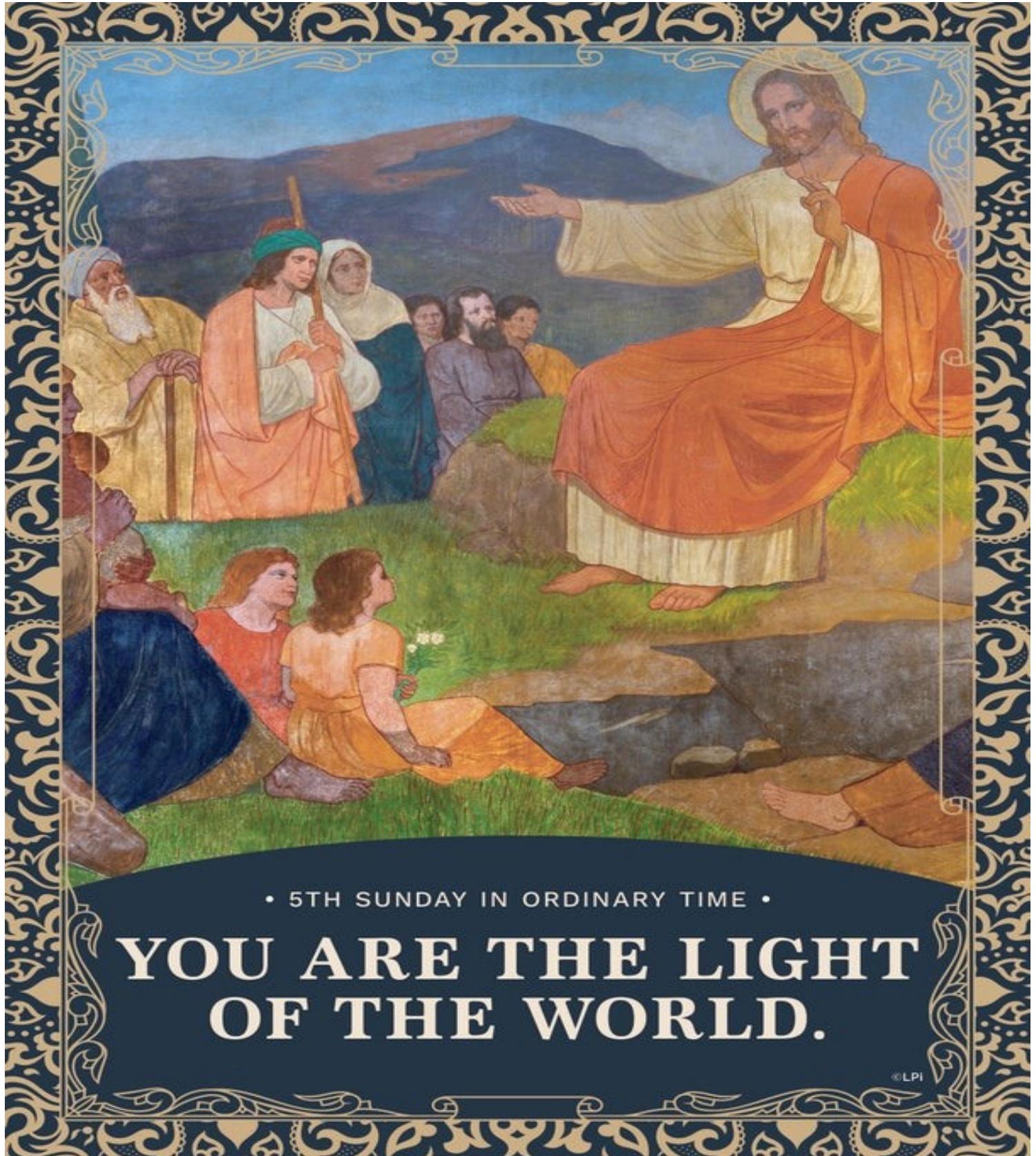


ST. ANTHONY — ST. RITA PARISH

February 8, 2026
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



• 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

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Saturday 9:00AM	February 7th For the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
4:30PM	Walter Reid ✕
Sunday 8:00AM	February 8th Frances Walton ✕ (10 yr Anniv.)
9:30AM	Donald Walton ✕
11:30AM	Ray Cebula ✕ For Our Parishioners
Monday 8:00AM	February 9th Michael Sites ✕
Tuesday 8:00 AM	February 10th For the sick and homebound
Wednesday 8:00 AM	February 11th For Our Parishioners
Thursday 8:00 AM	February 12th Stan Halley ✕
Friday 8:00 AM	February 13th For Our Parishioners
Saturday 4:30 PM	February 14th Jeanette Webb ✕ (10 yr Anniv.)
Sunday 8:00 AM	February 15th Doug MacLean
9:30 AM	Lillian Tully ✕
11:30 AM	For Our Parishioners

✗ Deceased

Mass Intentions Anyone may request that a Mass be said for a special intention; in thanksgiving; in honor of another.



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Please remember in prayer: Heather Bradley, Peggy Kelley, Lillian Zhang, Beverly Donlon, Sarah Hayes, Robert Dupont, Catherine B. Perry, Ella DiCarli, Bobby Knight, Ethel Savery, John R. Dolan, Dean Learned, Paulette Lake, Erin Smith, Andrew Sienkiewicz, Lexie Williams, Linda Matos, Janice DeMello, Mary Ann Motta, Jeanette Bousquet, Leo Pudim, Kaidin Young, Joanne Nye, Patricia Aleks Aiello, Callen James Pellerin, Mickey Flynn, Maureen McCarthy, Jason Caffelle, Joseph Elison, Henry Gardyna, Patricia McPartland, Terry Carrier, Ilona Langhoff, Mary Jones, Christiane van de Kerckhof, Tammy DeCroteau, Carl Hubbard, Sharon and Pete Desnoyer, Cecelia Mary Wedge, Jackie and Jack McGraw, Sue Sullivan, **AND** Nichole Nye, Jennifer Nye, James H. Henry, Ben Lyons, Jason Gracia, Elizabeth Verni, Faith Lomba, Douglas Nye, Cynthia Roberts, Kathy Gillis, Susan Alexander, Ann Sweeney Reed, Joseph Napoli, Aaron Souza, Mary Ann Mazzola Looney, Art Lyons, Jack Fearons, Sarah Danforth, Chris Beauchamp, Manuel Rodrigues, Jonathan Parsons, Barbara Puglisi, Fred DeCastro, Eileen Hallett, Chris Turner, Lucas Payette, Dennis Roddey, Hannah Strom, Patricia Parker, Joan Marathas, Jacqueline Cote and Mary Verni, Jason Ryan Kathleen Flaherty Sites and Matthew Rogers & Family, Theresa Randall, Tim Smith, Charlie Smith, Christiane Van de Kerckhof and Paul Guilbeault.

Please call the office to add or remove a name from the list or to ask for visits to the sick or homebound.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE HOSPITALLER SISTERS OF THE GOOD NEWS & THE O'CONNELL HOUSE

This is the first 13-room residence in MA which provides comprehensive services to women who have been sex trafficked. These women may be pregnant and/or have a small child. It is a place where dignity will be restored and healing can occur. The unique 24/7 "Sister Care Model" delivers trauma-informed care which supports their complex needs with compassion, while being the loving nurturing presence the women so desperately need. Visit their website: <http://theoconnellhouse.org> or follow them on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TheOConnellHouseMA> Checks can be made out to *The O'Connell House, Inc.* and mail to: The O'Connell House, P.O. Box 9568, Lowell, MA. 01853.

Sanctuary Lamps

St. Anthony's

For Our Parishioners

St. Rita's

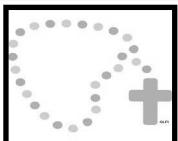
Sue Sullivan

If you would like to have a Memorial devoted to a loved one for the week, please call the office and we will be glad to assist you in this special remembrance.

The Memorials available are Tabernacle Lamp, Offertory Wine, Altar Bread. Cost is \$25 per week, except for the Tabernacle Lamp (\$15 per week.)

The Rosary

The Rosary will be prayed on Thursdays after 8 AM Mass. Please consider joining us.



Family Contribution Report \$

If you would like your contribution report for **2025** for **tax purposes**, please call the office.

Permanent Diaconate Information Nights Scheduled

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, Bishop of Fall River, has authorized the formation of a new class for Permanent Deacons beginning in the ***Fall of 2027***.

Those interested in pursuing the vocation of the diaconate, scheduled to begin the Aspirancy phase in the Fall of 2027, are invited to submit a preliminary application. Additional details and preliminary application are available on our website – fallriverdeacons.com.

These general Information meetings will delve into the process of formation of a deacon for the Diocese of Fall River. The **info nights** will be held at several locations in the diocese *and via Zoom*
January 27 – via Zoom
February 13, 2026 – St. Ann's Parish Hall – Raynham
April 27, 2026 – via Zoom

If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Frank Lucca or Deacon Joseph McGinley, Co-Directors of the Office of the Permanent Diaconate at office@frpermanentdiaconate.com or contact the Office of the Permanent Diaconate at

Donations to Support Babies



Infant to Toddler Wish-List

(Please bring gifts unwrapped to St. Anthony's entrance)

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 Gift Cards in \$25 increments: Amazon, Target, Walmart, Stop & Shop, Market Basket



Lenten Women's Retreat

In the Footsteps of Mary: Walking the Way of the Cross

This one-day retreat is open to all women and will be led by Johnette Williams of the EWTN program Women of Grace. Through reflection on our Blessed Mother and her accompaniment of Christ during His Passion this retreat will serve as a spiritually nourishing way to enter into Great Lent.

Saturday, March 7, 2026 8 AM—4 PM

Saint Anthony of the Desert Maronite Church

Saint Sharbel Maronite Center

Donation \$40.00

Register online at <https://womenofgrace.com/events> or by calling 508-672-7653

The Holy Spirit—The Indwelling Spirit

There is a common way in which God is present to all of creation. Saint Paul referred to this all-enveloping presence of God when he quoted a Greek poet who said, “In him we live and move and have our being.”

But there is another entirely personal presence of God within those who love him. Jesus himself speaks of it in the Gospel of John, where he says: “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them and we will come to them and make our home with them.”

This special presence of the Trinity is properly ascribed to the Holy Spirit, for as Saint Paul proclaims, “God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.” This presence of the Spirit, od’s gift of love within you, is called the divine indwelling.

-The Essential Catholic Handbook, pg. 12

Prayer of Praise

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will forever.

Amen.

-The Essential Catholic Handbook, pg. 62

Gift of Treasure: St. Anthony-St. Rita Parish

February 1, 2026

Weekly Receipts:

St. Anthony's-

First Collection: \$3,355.00

St. Rita's-

First Collection: \$745.00

Saint Vincent de Paul: \$166.00

Online Giving: \$2,305.00

Thank you for your generous donations !



Please remember the Parish in your estate plan. The online giving feature on the parish website is available at anthonyandrita.com/online-giving.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Friday Mass

After the **First Friday Mass 8:30-9 AM** we will be offering Adoration & includes confession

First Saturday Mass

We will be celebrating *First Saturday Mass* each month. Mass will be at **9:00AM. Adoration and Confessions to follow until 10:00AM.**

Bulletin Announcements

Bulletins are completed and submitted a week in advance. If you have an announcement you would like to be included, **please submit to the parish office by Fridays at noon.** Thank you!

THANK YOU

Thank you very much for all your generous donations. Your help and support made the holidays special for many children and families!

-St. Vincent de Paul Society

St. Anthony-St. Rita Parish



Saint Anthony of Padua Church

26 Hammond St.

Mattapoisett, MA

Saint Rita of Cascia Church

121 Front St.

Marion, MA

LITURGIES

at St. Anthony

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM;
Sunday Morning: 8:00, 9:30 AM
Daily Mass: M-F 8:00 AM

at St. Rita

Sunday Morning: 11:30 AM
Holy days as announced
Additional Saturday Mass from weekend before July 4 through Labor Day at 5:00 PM.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at St. Anthony 3:30-4:20 PM. Sundays before Masses at St. Anthony's. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays Immediately following the daily Mass until 9:00AM. or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the Rectory to make an appointment for Baptism. Baptisms happen after Mass on the 4th Sunday of the month.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

please call the Parish Office **at least 6 months** in advance of your wedding or for more information.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Friday of the month, 7 to 8 pm at St. Anthony. Announced if time changes.

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