

St. Anthony de Padua Catholic Church

PO Box 299 - 1523 Main Street, Danbury, TX 77534 Archdiocese of Galveston – Houston

1st Sunday of Advent — December 3, 2017

Mass Schedule: Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm

Weekday Masses: Mon, Wed: 6:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am, 10:30 am

Tues, Thurs: 9:00 am

Friday Lenten Schedule: Mass @ 9am—Stations of the Cross 6pm / First Friday — 9am Mass, Adoration 9:30 am to 6pm, Stations 6pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday: 4:00-5:00 pm Or by appointment call 979-922-1240

Devotions in the Church

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: First Friday 9:30 am - 9:30 pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion: Saturdays, at 5:15 pm Rosary: Sunday, at 7:30 am and 10:00 am

His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo

Archbishop

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Bazaar

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Women of Worship Connie Peltier (512)365-3075

Meets 2nd Tuesday of Month, 7:00 pm in the St. Anthony Center.

(979)922-1127 Legion of Mary Ana Mercado Meets on Tuesday Evening, 6:00 pm in the CCE Building.

Evelyn Boeker (979)849-4727 **Music Ministry**

Meets every Sunday, 9:00 - 10:00 am in the Church

Pastoral Council Pat Stahl (979)922-8144 Next meeting will be announced. Meeting begin at 6:30 pm.

(979)583-6771 Finance Council Emil Prihoda, Chair

Meets on the 1st Thursday, every Three Months.

Marianne Vrazel **Liturgy Committee** (979)922-1413 **Cemetery Committee** Anne Starr (979)922-8562 **Pro Life Coordinator** Peggy Keillor (979)922-1248

Disaster Committee Deacon Gerald Peltier (979)922-1247

Samaritan Ministry (Parish Office) (979)922-1240

V.I.P. (Senior Ministry) Betty Fief (979)922-1496 Meets last Thursday of month, 10:00 am in the St Anthony Center.

Knights of Columbus

Robert Fief, Grand Knight (979)922-1629 Albert Priselac, Deputy Grand Knight (281)733-7963 Meets every third Tuesday, 7:00 pm in the St Anthony Center.

Continuing Christian Education

Classes: K to 5th grade: Wednesday, 4 to 5:30 pm 6th to 12th grade: Wednesday, 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Sacrament of Baptism

Contact either Father Joseph Nguyen or Deacon Gerald Peltier to make arrangements. Preparation classes are required.

Marriage Preparation

Diocesan regulations require that pre-marital preparation must begin at least six months before the tentative marriage date. Contact Father Joseph Nguyen or Deacon Gerald Peltier to make arrangements.

Annulments

Contact either Father Joseph Nguyen or Deacon Gerald Peltier.

Communion and Anointing of the Sick

Anyone who is ill or who is homebound and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, please contact the parish office. Hospital and Nursing Home visits can also be arranged. If you know of someone in the Hospital or Nursing Home and would like Fr. Joseph to visit them, please contact the Parish Office at 979-922-1240.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) or Children (RCIC)

Contact Deacon Gerald or Monica Sebesta to make arrangements or for more information.

Prayer Group: Every Thursday a prayer group meets in the church at 7 pm to say the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet & read the latest message from Medjugorje. All are invited!

God Bless Our Military! We pray for their safety & families! God Bless the USA! We pray for Peace throughout the world!



Message from the desk of the Pastor

My dear people of God,

The first Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of a new Church year. Amidst the excitement of preparing for the Christmas festivities, the season of Advent reminds us that we have to make preparations for the deeper meaning of what Christmas is all about.... God's presence among His coming on Christmas Day fills us with hope and gives us encouragement that amidst all life's his people in the person of Jesus Christ. troubles our future is secure because it is in God's hands.

This Advent season proclaims the message that God has not abandoned his people. He has sent his son among us to come to our aid and free us from our sins. This holy season celebrates the abiding presence of Christ in the world and his birth in each of our hearts.

While we look forward to Christmas and the celebration of Christ's birthday, we cast a glance into the future and to that great day when Christ will come in glory. In the meantime we are to wait in joyful hope for our Lord and Savior to be revealed and so we pray,

Maranatha—Come, Lord Jesus.

We are no different than those who lived in the Old Testament time. People were waiting for the coming of Christ, The Messiah and longed for his deliverance. We also must rediscover this Messiah in our lives. Each of us have probably experienced a conversion period in our lives. There was a time when we were drawn into the love of God. And year after year we are reminded to turn back to Christ. Just as Israel looked for and anticipated the coming of Jesus Christ, so also do we enter more deeply into preparation for Jesus' coming. He is here among us waiting for each of us to turn more intently to him. Let us study the prophets, identify with the wilderness experience of God's people and prepare a way for the Lord.

> Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come into our home, come into our hearts. Light up our lives with your love. May God bless each of you.

> > Sincerely yours in Christ, Fr. Joseph

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Dec 8th —-Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule: Dec 7th

No morning 9am Thursday Mass 6:00 pm Thursday Vigil Mass

9:00 am Friday Holy Day Mass No 6:00 pm evening mass on Friday......

St. Anthony's Parish would like to extend our Prayers and Sympathy to the Family of Charles Dixon, who passed away this

last week. Please keep Charles, his wife Joyce and the family in your prayers. May Eternal Rest be granted to Charles, O Lord... May his soul rest in peace. Amen!!!

Church Donation Box Envelopes for 2018 are available for pickup in the back of the church. If you do not find your box or wish to have envelopes, please write your name on the clip board or contact the church office. Please do not take someone else's envelopes. It creates confusion. Please pick up ASAP.

Share Your Blessing: Thank you to all who took a Tag from the Tree in the back of the Church. All gifts are due back at the church by Friday, December 15th. Thank you for sharing with families in need. Christmas is a time of sharing and caring for those in need.





Please bring Gift Cards and Gifts to the Church Office. Thank you.



Attention: All Senior Citizens 55 plus.......Our annual Senior Citizen Christmas Party will be held at the Danbury Community Center on Tuesday, December 5th beginning at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for turkey & dressing and all the trimmings and a day filled with fun and fellowship. Bingo begins at 10:00 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:00 noon.

Please come and bring a friend or two.

Kylie's Corner

Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full — Pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back. Luke 6:38

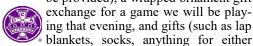
Most of you know about the giving tree which is in the back of the church. If you don't know what the giving tree is all about, there are small tags hanging from the tree with children of all ages and adults who are in need. You pick one or a few off of it and purchase a gift for them to open on Christmas day. There are also



gift suggestions on all of the tags, so you will know what to buy them. It is such a special way to give back! I do participate and I always look forward to the giving tree every year. I hope St. Anthony's will never stop doing this because it's a neat experience. It makes my heart feel so full when I find a gift I know they will love and enjoy. I just want all of the families on the giving tree to have the best Christmas ever that they will never forget. I always wish I could see their faces when they first unwrap their present. If you haven't already, I encourage you to take part in this because there are so many families on the tree that need our help. The feeling of giving to someone especially to a child who does not have that much is indescribable and it is better to do this in secret rather than posting it all on social media. This should be between you and God because why share every little detail about your life on the internet? Some things need to be left private where only God knows all of the great deeds you have done. Remember, it is more blessed to give than receive! God will reward you for how much you give back. Please listen to the song Set The World On Fire by Britt Nicole. "I wanna feed the hungry children and reach across the farthest land. And tell the broken there is healing and mercy in the Father's hands."

Catholic Daughters will be having their annual Christmas party and a short business meeting on Monday, December 4, 2017 at St. Anthony Center in Danbury beginning at 6:30

Please bring a finger food to share (drinks will be provided), a wrapped ornament gift



gender) for the residents of Cypress Woods Care Center and/or a \$10 toy for the Angel Tree program. We hope you will join us for a fun evening as we approach the Christmas holiday.



St. Anthony's Parish would like to extend our Prayers and Sympathy to the Family of Mary Ann Clawson-Albritton, who passed away this last week. Please keep Mary Ann, and the Clawson fami-

ly in your prayers. May Eternal Rest be granted to Mary Ann, O Lord... May her soul rest in peace. Amen!!!

CHRISTMAS GIFT BASKETS

This year's Christmas Gift Baskets will be distributed by the W.O.W. Group on Wednesday, Dec 13th. If vou would like to donate baskets. please bring a minimum of two bas-



kets filled with goodies for our community's sick and elderly. Baskets can be brought to the Church office prior to Dec 13th or

baskets can be dropped off at the Saint Anthony's Center on Tuesday, Dec 12th from 7-8 pm.

Think of an act of charity: helping a sick loved one, feeding the hungry, offering aid to storm victims, visiting the imprisoned. All of these acts of love require the gift of self, from which new life and healing can spring forth in ourselves and in others. Gazing into the eyes of Jesus with Mary, opening ourselves to the presence of the mystery, entering into the mystery through the maternal tutelage of our mother who

knows its secrets, we are changed, transformed. The inner confines of our heart are illuminated: the soul is enflamed with the love of God; the mind is purified and made new.

A man brought some prescription tablets and started cutting off the edges. Do why? you know He wanted to avoid the side effects.

> KJZT #115 Freeport Christmas Lunch and Social, Sunday, December 10th @ St. Michaels Angelina Room 12 Noon to 2:00 pm RSVP by Friday, December 8th to Kathy Wisher (979)798-7831

Save the Date:

Free Concert

Dove Award winner and Grammy nominated

<u>Wayne Watson</u> with Members of the **Houston Symphony Orchestra**

Saturday, Dec 2nd @ 7:00 pm St. Anthony Center

Soup Supper beginning @ 6:00 pm

Collecting food to share with families in need. For more information contact the church office.

Military Moms and Wives of Brazoria County:

JCDA is continuing to assist Military Moms and Wives of Brazoria County in completing 2017 Christmas Care Packages to send to our American Heroes who are deployed overseas. NOW they are in need of Fruit Roll Ups and Bubble Gum. As before, time is of the essence as Military Moms is short on their goal of supplies and the Care Packages need to be in that shipped out right away to be delivered in time for Christmas. For more information you may contact President Miriam Jewel, any JCDA member, or Chairpersons: Roseann Buentello 979-487-5839 or Frances Jewel 979-215-3550

> St. Thomas Food Pantry current needs peanut butter, are



Pantry granola/breakfast bars and Mac 'n' cheese plus meat (ground beef, sausage, chick-

en, spam, tuna, sardines, Vienna sausage), cheese, peanut butter, pizza, etc., beans (pintos, red, black, etc.), Vegetables (things for soup, stew) like canned peas, corn, etc... Clean grocery store bags. Monetary donations are also welcome.

If you wish to deliver items directly: St. Thomas Food Pantry is at 415 S. Erskine in Angleton, Texas 77515 Call (979)849-9458 or

Flease remember the sick, their families, all who suffer in body and mind, in your daily prayers

Elena Achille Tommaso Achille Miguel Aguila

Mary Ann Clawson-Albritton

Kyle Atkins Sandy Banda Chris Broz Vikki Buckheit Sunny Bumper Mack Casey John Castillo Dixie Atkinson Chatham Delores Clinton Dick Curran Mike Daugherty Bernard Deckert Joyce Dixon Geoff Evans Meghan Ewald Tennie Fief Loretta Filipp Lauren Fluder Regan Fontenot Veronica Gardner

Jacko Garrett

Megan Garza

Isaiah Gitchel Gail Gossett Donnie Greenwood * Judy Griffith Josie Gutierrez * Bailey Hall Charles Herbst Dillion Hill Jim Hill Jan Janosky Mike Jaremko Margaret Johnson Dorothy Iones Mary & Clarence Kinnett Jovce Korenek Leonard Korenek Michael Korenek Teri Korenek Cindy Larson Jamie Larson Mary F. LeCompte Nora Lennon Thomas Lewis Laura Linkenhoker Tracy Linscombe Angie Lostracco Doug Mackay Darryl Maresh

Dr. Dan Martin Henrietta McAdams Bea Mercado Ronald Mitchell Tracy Monroe Al Muher Suzanne Lesch-Nelsen Brian & Drew Nolen Janell Novak Bobby Olsovsky Johnny Olsovsky, Sr Johnny Olsovsky, Jr. Bob Orsak Evelyn Peltier Jennifer Peltier

Ralph Peltier Robyn Peltier Brilee Phares * Betty Ann Plander Nobbie Popp Emil Prihoda Barbara Rab Isabelle Reedy Betty Jo Ritz Joel Rivera Janice Roberts Antonio Rodriguez Brittany Miles Sanchez Tiffany Tigner Schlenske Charles & Mildred Scott Christopher Shepherd Kathy Shores Bill Siegel Georgia Schaatt Smith Sarah Sterzinger Tillie Svoboda Jack Tolbert Paula Tenorio Sue Ellen Toomer Nancy Veselka Edwin Vrazel * Jeanette Vrazel Mildred Vrazel Patrick Vrazel Emmalee Wafford Jerral Waguespack Kay Webb Zane Wendel Mike Wheatly Rhonda Whitton Kayden Williams Ginger Wooster

James Russek

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First Sunday of Advent Word Search: Advent, Advent Wreath, Awesome Deeds, Be Alert, Be Watchful, Ear, Gate Keeper, God, Grace, Hearken, Heavens, Heritage, Leaves, Lord, Man, Midnight, No Eye Ever Seen, Old, Our Father, Peace, Quaking, Rend, Save Us, Shepherd, Sleeping, Spiritual gift, Sunday, Watch, Withered

SOMETHING NEW!!!

FORMED.ORG (Parish Code 8WHKMK) Movies, Videos, Talks, Studies All available at no cost to you. More info coming.

Check it out on saopdtx.org



Pro Life Corner:

Each life is an indescribably sacred and fragile mystery. Abortion destroys the revealing of God's plan for that child.

"Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands." As we begin advent, let us strive to become the work of his hands by enjoying a Worldwide Marriage

Encounter weekend with our spouse. Some upcoming dates are February 09-11 & March 23-25. Contact Brian & Tina Little at 281-773-4014 for more information. Or go on-line to www.houstonme.org.

For more Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Order! [Please keep in your prayers:]

Sr. Evelyn Korenek, Sr. Anna Marie Vrazel, Fr. William Kelly, Fr. Bill Oliver, Fr. Carl Tenhundfeld, Fr. Joseph Nguyen, Msgr. Boli Zientek

- * Peace of Our Nation & Prayers for the President & All Leaders
- For Our Young Adults Attending College!
- For all the Babies & Children in the Hospitals and for their parents!
 - * For All Mom's To Be & Their Unborn Babies!
- * For women considering Abortion, that their hearts be open to life!
 - * Our Men & Women in the Military!
 - * For Those Who Are Quick to Judge!
- * For those in the Nursing Home, the Homebound, Orphanages and the Hospitalized and the Homeless!
 - * We pray for all The Poor Souls in Purgatory -May their Souls rest in peace!
 - * God Bless the Farmer Pray for their needs
 - * For those with Idle minds-the Devil's Workshop
 - For Flood Victims & All Disasters

Mass Intentions:

Saturday, December 2nd

5:30 pm † Stephanie Peltier—Anniversary of Death

ist Sunday of Advent Sunday, December 3rd

The Parish Family of St. Anthony's 8:00 am 10:30 am † Doug Peltier—Anniversary of Death

† Alma I. Martinez—Birthday Remembrance

6:00 pm Cecilia Bernshausen—Birthday Blessings

Tuesday, December 5th

9:00 am † Don & Mary Babin

Wednesday, December 6th

6:00 pm † Rose Irwin

Vigil Mass for Feast Day Thursday, December 7th

No gam morning mass

6:00 pm † Margaret "Poozum" Keillor

Friday, December 8th Immaculate Conception Mass

The Parish Family of St. Anthony's 9:00 am

Saturday, December 9th

5:30 pm | † Leonard & Pauline Sebesta

2nd Sunday of Advent Sunday, December 10th

8:00 am † Allyson Evans

The Parish Family of St. Anthony's 10:30 am

Scripture Readings For The Week:

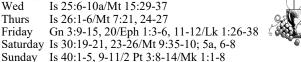
Monday Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24 Wed

Thurs

Friday

Saturday Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35-10; 5a, 6-8





Legion of Mary meets *Tuesday Evenings*, **6:00 pm**, CCE Building, Rm 1. They are always looking for new members. If you want more information contact Cecilia Bernshausen, 979-922-8783.



December Church Cleaners:

Sue Powell, Ann Geissen CCE Class

Thank you to all our Church Cleaners and Their Families.

The Women of Worship Schedule:

The Ladies will meet on Tuesday, Dec 12, 2017 @ 7:00 pm in the SAC for their next meeting.



All ladies are encouraged and welcome to attend meetings and events on the Second Worship Tuesday of each Month. Invite a friend.

Taco Breakfast will resume January 28, 2018

DANBURY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

District: 59 Council 9817

December 19, 2017 Meeting

Fellowship Sunday every 3rd Sunday of the month. KC's will supply Kolaches & drinks-9:15-10:15 am Fellowship Sunday — December 17, 2017

First Friday Schedule: January 5, 2018 9:00 am Mass / Adoration [9:30 am to 9:30 pm]

2017 DSF Summary Report for St Anthony's Church:

Parish Goal: \$24,880.00

Total Amount Paid: \$17,402.50 Total Amount Pledged: \$18,895.00

Total Number of Partici-

250 Households

Those Special Dates to Remember:

December

- Wayne Watson Concert, 7pm w/Soup Supper @ 6pm
- 2/3 Christmas Flower Donation Collection
- 3 First Sunday of Advent
- 4 Catholic Daughters Meeting/Christmas Party, 6:30 pm
- 4 Sacred Heart, Manvel, Advent Penance Service, 7pm
- 5 Legion of Mary, 6:00 pm, CCE Building, Rm1
- 5 **RCIA** Meets
- 5 St. John the Baptist, Alvin, Advent Penance Service, 7pm
- 6 CCE Classes — Afternoon / Evening
- 6 St. Mary's, Freeport, Advent Penance Service, 7pm
- No 9:00 am morning mass
- 7 Vigil Mass, 6pm for Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Mother
- 8 Masses for The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Mother
- 9/10 Retirement Fund for Religious Collection (Sister's Collection)
- Second Sunday of Advent 10
- Our Lady Queen of Peace Choir, 10:30 am Mass 10
- 10 Jr. Catholic Daughters Meeting

The Sanctuary Lamp is Burning:



In Celebration Of Mary & Henry Novak 67th Wedding Anniversary

May your marriage be Blesse with love, joy and companion

For all the years of your lived!

The Sanctuary Lamp is Burning:

For

Jake Bazar

We pray for his Safe Travels and Safe Riding

in the

National Youth Rodeo Finals

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Mother Thursday, December 7th—6:00 pm [Vigil Mass]

Lector: Cynthia Wendel

E.M.'s: Cynthia Wendel, Ann Geissen

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Friday, December 8th—9:00 am Mass

Lector: Maureen Vrazel

E.M.'s: Maureen Vrazel, Cecilia Bernshausen

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Saturday, December 9th-5:30 pm

Lector: Peggy Keillor

E.M.: Gwen Fief, Patsy Peltier Altar Server(s): Adan & Andrew Lewis

Sunday, December 10th

-Sunday - 8:00 am

Lector: Chris Kocurek

E.M.: Cecilia Bernshausen, Susie Tribble

Altar Server(s): Joshua Saman

-Sunday -- 10:30 am

Lector: Amber Skorupinski

E.M.: Amber Skorupinski, Michelle Linares Altar Server(s): Drew Christian, Zachary Cook

Collection Totals for: Nov 25th / 26th, 2017

Regular Weekly Sunday Collection \$3,393.00

Additional On-Line Giving Donations \$270.00 Children's Part \$13.00

Thank you for your generous donations. God bless! Online Giving: www.osvonlinegiving.com/1880

Unfailing Prayer to St. Anthony

Feast Day: June 13th

O Holy St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and Charity for His creatures, made you worthy, when on earth, to possess miraculous powers. Encouraged by this thought, I implore you to obtain for me (request). O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of the sweet Infant Jesus, who loved to be folded in your arms; and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours. Amen.

Please Pray for Priests

Dear Lord, we pray that the Blessed Mother wrap her mantle around your priests and through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry. We pray that Mary will guide your priests to follow her own words, "Do whatever He tells you" (Jn 2:5) May your priest have the heart of St. Joseph, Mary's most chaste spouse. May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart inspire them to embrace all who suffer at the foot of the cross.

May your priest be holy, filled with the fire of your love seeking nothing but your greater glory and the salvation of souls. Amen.

St. John Vianney, pray for us.

Saint Michael the Archangel

St Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do thou, O prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan and all the other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.