



St. Anthony de Padua Catholic Church

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

First Sunday of Advent — December 1, 2019

Mass Schedule: Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm Sunday 8:00 am, 10:30 am

Weekday Masses: Mon, Wed: 6:00 pm Tues, Thurs: 9:00 am

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



His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo Archbishop

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

Legion of Mary Cecilia Bernshausen

Meets on Tuesday Evening, 6:00 to 7:00 pm in the CCE Building.

Women of Worship Connie Peltier

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

Pastoral Council Charles LeCompte

Next meeting will be announced. Meeting begin at 6:30 pm.

Finance Council Emil Prihoda, Chair

Meets on the 1st Thursday, every Three Months.

Liturgy Committee Carol Peltier

Cemetery Committee Anne Starr

Pro Life Coordinator Peggy Keillor

Disaster Committee Deacon Gerald Peltier

Samaritan Ministry (Parish Office)

Knights of Columbus

Robert Fief, Grand Knight

Albert Priselac, Deputy Grand Knight

Meets every third Tuesday, 7:00 pm in the St Anthony Center.

Continuing Christian Education

Primary Gather Time: 4:00 to 4:30 pm

Classes: K to 5th grade: Wednesday, 4:30 to 6:30 pm

6th to 12th grade: Wednesday, 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Youth Group: 8:00 to 9:00 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 Laura Davenport or Deacon Gerald to make arrangements or for more information.

Look for St Anthony's on: www.saopdx.org / Facebook

Mass Times for Travel: masstimes.org

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!

FORMED.ORG (Parish Code 8WHKMK)

Movies, Videos, Talks, Studies

All available at no cost to you.

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

*December 1, 2019
1st Sunday of Advent*

*That we don't take each day for granted and see the
little miracles that occur in our lives every day.*

"Therefore, stay awake!

For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."

Matthew 24:42

*People who have had health issues or near-death experiences
generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift
from God. The rest of us usually take*

for granted that we will be around tomorrow.

*But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the
little miracles that happen daily and grow in
gratitude for all that we have been given.*

You begin to see God's active presence in your life.

Ask Him how He wants you to use your gifts.

Message from the desk of the Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

With the Sunday after Thanksgiving, the Church has begun a new Liturgical year. I would like to take a few lines to share a few thoughts about what the season of Advent is about.

The season of Advent has two main emphasis:

1. The first emphasis is as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered.
2. The second emphasis is as a season when that remembrance directs our minds and hearts to await Christ's second coming at the end of time.

Advent is a time of preparation. A time in which we, as faithful believers in God, prepare to celebrate the fact that our Lord, Jesus Christ was born, to bring salvation to all of us who choose to believe in him. During the season of Advent, the readings all concentrate upon the expected second coming of Christ, encouraging each of us to "*prepare the way of the Lord*" and "*to make straight the way of the Lord.*"

How can we participate in this preparation?

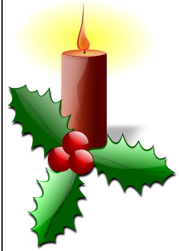
A very good way would be to daily attend the celebrations of the Eucharist (the Mass) and then receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation. The Church encourages all of us to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation at least during the seasons of Advent and Lent.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is an excellent way of preparing ourselves to celebrate how the Lord came among us to proclaim God's Word to all of us.

I hope and pray that each of you will be able to participate and receive the many benefits of the season of Advent as we wait in joyful anticipation to celebrate and remember that night when our Redeemer was born.

I join our Deacon Gerald and Parish Staff in wishing a most Blessed Christmas to each of you. Our Christmas masses will be offered for all our people. May you experience the presence of your Lord Jesus Christ.

*Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Joseph*



**St. Anthony's
Advent Penance
Service
Sunday,
December 8th @ 7pm**



Court Immaculate Mary # 2134 Angleton-Danbury would like to thank all those who purchased their delicious baked goods last weekend. The proceeds go toward supporting projects they do for both churches and in the community. Thank you for your ministry.

St. Anthony's Parish would like to extend our Prayers and Sympathy to the Family of Esther Haigh Filipp, who passed away this week. Please keep Esther and her Family in your prayers. May Eternal Rest be granted to Esther O Lord... May her soul rest in peace. Amen!!!



Christmas Choir Practice:

We invite singers of all ages and abilities to join us in preparing for Jesus' birth by coming to Choir practice.

Choir Practice Schedule:

Wednesday, Dec 4th @ 6:45 pm to 8pm

Wednesday, Dec 11th @ 6:45 pm to 8pm

Wednesday, Dec 18th @ 6:45 pm to 8pm

Come and be part of the choir to help bring JOY, JOY, JOY in welcoming baby Jesus.

Church Envelopes are in the back of the church ready to be picked up. Please do not take someone else's. If you do not find yours or you want envelopes write your name on the list or contact the church office. Thank you.

If you have a change of NAME or ADDRESS, please fill out one of the PARISH FAMILY UPDATES form. They can be filled out and dropped in with the collection or by the church office.

We mourn their lost and hold memories but cherish the fact in knowing they are with the Lord and we will be there one day with them.



St. Anthony's Parish would like to extend our Prayers and Sympathy to the Family of Tommy "TK" Korenek, who passed away this week. Please keep Tommy and his Family in your prayers. May Eternal Rest be granted to Tommy O Lord... May his soul rest in peace. Amen!!!

Kylie's Corner

"You might not be able to see where you're headed, but I assure you, the Lord can. And He's holding your hand. He's breathing life into every aspect of your present and future. He's shining His light even in the darkest corners of your mind. So hold tight to Him. Hold tight to His love, knowing that He will never leave you or forsake you, and because of Jesus, you are in His grip forever..."

-Morgan Harper Nichols

Have you ever just sat back and watch God do His thing with your life? When you do this, you're not worrying about what can happen and you focus more on what could go right. Situations can even go differently when we pray about it before acting on it. Let me repeat that again. When you pray about something before going ahead and doing whatever it is, the outcome will be so much better compared to when you don't pray before acting on it. However, that doesn't happen all the time because God can't answer 'yes' to all of our prayers. It's usually, yes, no, or I have something totally different in mind for you! Things do feel differently when you pray about something before you even go do it. After you pray for whatever it is, it is your job to sit back and watch God do His thing. I love the quote above from Morgan Harper Nichols and it's such a beautiful quote. She's right, God only knows where you're headed and He knows what is best for you. Even when things get hard and maybe it's not what you had in mind, you need to continue to trust God because your prayer does take some time for God to answer. Please listen to the song, "Lay It Down" by Jordan Feliz. "I hear You call my name. I don't want to hesitate. I can't live another day like this, so here I am letting go. Into Your saving arms, Your love is lifting every burden and I hear You say, lay it down."

Kylie

If you want to read more of Kylie's inspirational writings, please feel free to check out her blog: <https://inspirationalwritingsbykylieceline.com>

**Christmas Concert with
Wayne Watson & Friends**

THIS Saturday, Nov 30, 2019

St. Anthony Center
Free to the public
Soup Supper @ 6:00 pm
Concert @ 7:00 pm

Asking for Non-Perishable Food.
Donations will be given to the
Food Pantry

Invite your family and friends!
*Extra Flyers in the back of the
church*

An Electric Hospital Bed was donated to church. It is being stored in the garage. If you know of someone that is in need, please contact the church office.

**Christmas Share Your Blessing
[sponsored by Catholic Charities]:**



We invite you to join us in our 5th Annual St. Anthony's Catholic Share Your Blessings campaign and touch the lives of 20 families this Christmas. As a Christmas Angel, you will brighten the lives of children, families, seniors, and others with special needs throughout the Area.

Choose a tag(s) from the Christmas tree, purchase a gift, wrap it, and tape the original tag to the gift so that we distribute it to the appropriate child. Bring the gift back to the church or church office during the week. Drop all gift cards with tags by the church office. **Please return all gifts with tags by December 7th no later than the 5:30 pm mass.**



YOU ARE INVITED!!

Advent begins this weekend with Christmas to follow.

We are looking for **Volunteers** to help with:

- Setting up the Nativity Scene on the outside of the Church.
- Any other decorations for the outside of the church.
- Setting up inside the church as Christmas approaches.

Would you like to help? You are welcome to come join our committee. There will be an announcement in the bulletin or at mass as to when the help is needed. If you are interested, please sign the Volunteer list in the back of the church on the Bulletin Board.

Thank you for your service to our parish.

Carol Peltier

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

Amelia (child) & Family
Nancy Achille & Baby
Kyle Atkins
Mary Jo Atkinson
Mike Bachus
Barbara Beer
Debbie Bernshausen
Larelle Bockhoff
Eleanor Boeker
Luke Carrillo
Mark Clifford
Richard & Dolores Clinton
Kathy Coiro
Lula Corona
Don Coufal
Bernadette Dawn
Joyce Dixon
Lupe Estrada
James Fief
Tennie Fief
Ben Filipp
Veronica Gardner
Jacko Garrett
Kerrie Gore
Judy Griffith

Jessie Gutierrez
Josie Gutierrez
Dennis Gutowsky
Henry Hearn
Charles Herbst
Landin Hoffman
Brook Jeter
Libby Jez
Scott Kidwell
Michael & Terri Korenek
Traci Kroll
Jamie Larson
Mary F. LeCompte
Adan Lewis
Fiona Lewis
Thomas Lewis
Tracy Linscombe
Claudette Linville
Dean Lowry
Henrietta McAdams & Family
Guy McNeil
Richard McReavy
Larry Mercado
Ron Martindale

Mitchell Mund
Randy Newton
Mary & Henry Novak
Peggy Novak
Johnny Olsovsky, Jr.
Scott Osborne
Damian Palacios
Judy Pate
Sarah Filipp Peel
Irene Peltier
Randy Peltier
Robyn Peltier
Tricia Wollam Perk
Butch Peterson
Sharon Peterson
John Peterson
Cady Pieper
Betty Ann Plander
Deon Raschke
Joe Rivera
Betty Jo Ritz
Janice Roberts
Joe & Amanda Romero
Jackson Sanders
Charles & Mildred Scott

Christopher Shepherd
Bill Siegel
Betty Smith
Sarah Smith
Ashtin Starr & baby
Karen Summers
Paula Tenorio
Will Thomson
Benjamin Thompson
Charles Tousek
Carol Unsicker
Nancy Veselka
Jeanette Vrazel
Mildred Vrazel
Hudson Walker
Fred Weatherly
Dinah Weil
Eli Wendel
Marianne Whitley
Allie Candela Whittle
David Wilson
Gerald Wittman
Charlotte Wollam
Keith Woods

You are invited!

SAVE the DATE

**CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG &
TALENT SHOW**



Presented by CCE

Wednesday, Dec. 11, 7:00 p.m. — SAC

Come join us and sing your favorite Christmas songs while being entertained by our students as they compete for awards! We will have judges, prizes and lots of laughter!

DSF [Diocese Services Fund]: St Anthony is hoping to meet the churches 2019 goal by December 31, 2019.

- If you have not Pledged you still have time.
- Also, pledges need to be paid by Dec 31, 2019.
- Envelopes for DSF are in the back of the church.
- They can be dropped in the collection, by the church office or just mailed in. If cash, then by the office so it can be recorded and a check sent to the Diocese.
- Thank you for your donations.

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First Sunday of Advent Time Word Search:

Advent, Amoz, Ark, Armor, Breath, Broken, Candles, Flood, Hills, Hooks, Hour, Impose, Instruct, Jerusalem, Judah, Lust, Marriage, Mill, Mountain, Nations, Nearer, Noah, Orgies, Paths, Plowshares, Promiscuity, Rivalry, Salvation, Spears, Swords, Thief, Time, Wreath, Zion

[34] Remaining letters spell out what?



Pro-Life:

The next time you read the genealogy of Jesus think about this. If just one person in that lineage would have had an abortion the greatest event in all history would not have taken place, the birth of Jesus the salvation of the world. The taking of 1 single life wipes out the countless offspring who would have followed in all generations to come. Every abortion interferes with God's plans for us and our future generations. Pray and work to end abortion and euthanasia.

Unwrap the gifts of your marriage on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. It is a weekend for married couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. Start your new year out right and sign up to attend one on February 14-16 or March 13-15. 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. Joseph Nguyen, Msgr. Boli Zientek, Cardinal DiNardo*

** 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 prayed for Daily in our prayers!*

** 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, November 30th

5:30 pm † Robert Boeker, Sr. & † Tillie Svobado

Sunday, December 1st

1st Sunday of Advent

8:00 am The Parish Family of St. Anthony's

10:30 am † Alma Martinez

Monday, December 2nd

6:00 pm † Pamela Kurtz

Tuesday, December 3rd

9:00 am † Deceased of the Robinson & Oxsheer Families

Wednesday, December 4th

6:00 pm † Poozon Keillor — Anniversary of Death

Thursday, December 5th

9:00 am † Rose Irwin — Anniversary of Death

Friday, December 6th

1st Friday Mass / Adoration

9:00 am Blessings for the Bernshausen Family

Adoration **9:30 am to 5:30 pm**

Saturday, December 7th

5:30 pm † Ralph, Audrey, Phillip & Ralph, Jr. Peltier

Sunday, December 8th 2nd Sunday of Advent

8:00 am † Leonarda Whittington — Birthday Remembrance

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

Scripture Readings For The Week:

Monday Is 4:2-6/Mt 8:5-11

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

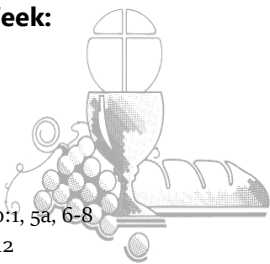
Wed Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

Thurs Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12



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

Thank you to all our Church Cleaners and Their Families.

The Women of Worship Schedule:

Women of Worship

The ladies will meet on Tuesday, Dec 10, 2019 @ 7pm in the SAC.

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

Taco Breakfast — January 26, 2020

after the 8 & 10:30 am masses. **Taco's — \$1.50 each.**

DANBURY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

District: 59
Council 9817

Next meeting Dec 17, 2019

Fellowship Sunday, Dec 15, 2019

Those Special Dates to Remember:

November

30 Christmas Flower Donations Collection [Nov 30th / Dec 1st]

30 Wayne Watson Christmas Concert @ 7 pm, SAC

December

1 First Sunday of Advent

1 Christmas Flower Donations Collection [Nov 30th / Dec 1st]

2 Catholic Daughters Christmas Party, SAC, 6:30 pm

3 RCIA, 7pm, CCE Building

3 Legion of Mary Meeting, 6:00 to 7:00 pm, CCE Building

4 CCE Classes, Afternoon / Evening

4 Choir Christmas Practice, 6:45 pm to 8pm

6 1st Friday Mass, 9am / Adoration 9:30 am to 5:30 pm

7/8 Diocese Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

8 Second Sunday of Advent

8 Advent Penance Service @ 7pm

9 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Celebrated Holy Day of Obligation — masses @ 9am & 6pm

10 RCIA, 7pm, CCE Building

The Sanctuary Lamp Is Burning For

Henry & Mary Catherine Novak

69th Wedding Anniversary

May your hands be forever clasped in friendship, and your hearts joined forever in love. God bless!

Saturday, December 7th — 5:30 pm

Lector: Pam Peltier

E.M.'s: Pam Peltier, Gwen Fief

Altar Server(s): Tony Caskey, Emily Peltier, Ava & Claire Crisp

Sunday, December 8th

— Sunday — 8:00 am

Lector: Cecilia Bernshausen

E.M.'s: Cecilia Bernshausen, Barbara Mager

Altar Server(s): Joshua Saman, Michael Fief

— Sunday -- 10:30 am

Lector: Doris Elaine Lewis

E.M.: Doris Elaine Lewis, Lorenda Baldwin

Altar Server(s): Danica & Montana Filipp

First Friday Schedule: December 6, 2019

— 9:00 am Mass

Adoration [9:30 am to 5:30 pm]

Please sign up for adoration so someone can be there for each hour.

Seek & Find Answer:

"joyfully awaits the coming of the Savior"

Collection Totals for: Nov 23rd / 24th, 2019

Regular Weekend Offerings \$3,314.00

Children's Part \$ 36.00

Additional On-Line Giving Donations \$ 450.00

Diocese Campaign for Human Develop \$ 527.00

Thank you for your generous donations. God bless!

Online Giving: www.osonlinegiving.com/1880

2019 DSF Summary Report for St Anthony's Church:

Parish Goal: \$24,880.00

Total Amount Paid: \$21,122.50

Total Amount Pledged: \$22,685.00

72 of

250 Families

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.

Prayer after Communion

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, inebriate me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O Good Jesus, hear me.

Within Thy wounds hide me.

Suffer me not to be separated from thee.

From the malignant enemy defend me.

In the hour of my death call me.

And bid me come unto Thee,

That with all Thy saints,

I may praise thee

Forever and ever.

Amen.

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.