



St. Anthony asked Baby Jesus, "Did I ever tell you the story of your life?" Well lets start out with your Mom and Foster Dad, on how God brought them together and sent an Angel to tell your mom she was going to have a baby..... The journey they took to keep you safe and now today the Feast of the Epiphany. Three Wise Men come to bring gifts... Frankincense, Myrrh and Gold. You

are to be Our Savior, Our Hope..... And the story of your life goes on..... Then at Easter I will finish the story on how you Died for us and our sins..... It's a beautiful story to behold. But all must do their part to be part of your story. To honor you, love you, bring children to know you, to allow peace among all of us, to open their hearts, to be forgiving..... They must be ready to complete their own journeys as you have done....



The Epiphany of the Lord

January 2, 2022

**Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;
and kingship is in his grasp,
and power and dominion.**

St. Anthony de Padua Catholic Church

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Archdiocese of Galveston – Houston

His Eminence

Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop

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Office Hours: [at this time hours may vary — call ahead]

Monday thru Thursday — 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Friday — 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Lunch hours vary—call ahead

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Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 4—5:00 pm

Devotions in the Church

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Stop in and pray during the week... doors are opened 9am to 4pm

Mass Schedule:

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm

Sunday 8:00 am / 10:30 am

Weekday Masses:

Fr. Benjamin will be doing weekday masses for us.
Please see the mass schedule for days & times.



At St. Anthony de Padua Catholic Church in Danbury, Texas, in response to our Baptismal call, we dedicate ourselves to share the teachings of Christ and of the Church.

We believe we are one in the Body of Christ and nourished through the Sacraments with the source of our strength and unity being the Holy Eucharist. We are one family, sharing our talents and gifts in service and charity in

support of one another and all people of God.

At St. Anthony's, each person is a vital member of our family and is therefore loved and nurtured both spiritually and personally. In these works, we "give all praise, all glory, and all honor to the Blessed Son of God, Jesus Christ." Feb 21, 2016

Sacrament of Baptism: Contact the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Marriage: Contact the Pastor or Deacon six Months prior to the marriage.

Anointing of the Sick: Call to request anointing prior to entering the Hospital.

Annulments: Contact either Fr. Joseph or Deacon Gerald.

MISSION STATEMENT

ST. ANTHONY de PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Feast of the Epiphany Reflection

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death. The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

Family Connection

The tradition of giving gifts at Christmas is thought by some to be rooted in the gift giving of the Magi. In many cultures, gifts are not exchanged at Christmas, but rather on the feast of the Epiphany. Whenever you exchange your Christmas gifts, take some time to reflect on this tradition of gift giving at Christmas. Think of the best gift you have received. What was it? What made it special? Was it the gift itself, the thought that went into it, or the person who gave it to you?

Mass Intentions:

Saturday, January 1, 2022

5:30 pm † Walter, Evelyn & Greg Peltier

Sunday, January 2, 2022 The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 am † Allyson Evans

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

Monday, January 3rd **Church Offices Closed**
No Mass

Tuesday, January 4th

9:00 am † Charles & Jan Herbst

Wednesday, January 5th

6:00 pm † Dorothy & Irvin Zacek

Thursday, January 6th

9:00 am † Anthony Duke / † Marjorie Planka

Friday, January 7th **1st Friday Mass / Adoration**

9:00 am † Judy Prihoda

9:30 am to 10:30 am Adoration

Saturday, January 8th

5:30 pm † Virgil Morton

Sunday, January 9th The Baptism of the Lord

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

10:30 am † Jerry Unsicker — Birthday Remembrance

Seek & Find Answer:

"they saw the child with Mary, his mother"

That all those called to share the promise of the Gospel of Christ Jesus through their vocations as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, will do so with humble confidence in the commission of God's grace which has been given to them, we pray to the Lord.

Look for St Anthony's on:
www.saopdtx.org / Facebook —
Mass Times for Travel: masstimes.org

Read today's Gospel, Matthew 2:1-12. The gifts of the Magi—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—have come to be understood as symbols of Christ's royalty, divinity, and eventual suffering and death. They are special because in giving them, the Magi acknowledge who Jesus was to be: our Savior. We pray that we will acknowledge Jesus as Savior in all that we do and say. Conclude by singing together "We Three Kings."

Archdiocese News Update from Cardinal DiNardo:

Beginning Sunday, January 2, 2022

[The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord]

General Dispensation from the Sunday and Holy Day Mass Obligation is removed for all Catholics within the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

The faithful should fulfill their Sunday and Holy Day obligations joyfully and conscientiously.

A reminder to the faithful, from the law itself, the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday or a Day of Precept is not morally binding for those who find it impossible to attend Mass, e.g., due to illness, advanced age, caring for a sick person, or being at high-risk for contracting COVID-19 (cf, CIC, 1248). These persons should fulfill their obligations through some act of prayer or meditation upon the sacred scriptures for the Mass of the day.

Holy Water: The Holy Water can continue in the fonts. Holy water should be changed out regularly.

The Cardinal would like this announcement to be made:

"Since the pandemic situation has improved in our area, Cardinal DiNardo has restored the use of holy water in our churches. As a courtesy to one another, all are encouraged to sanitize their hands before using the holy water font."

The Automatic Holy Water Fonts will stay in place for those who choose to use them.

Thank you to

Fr. Benjamin Smaistrila
for coming and celebrating
masses
with our Parish Family
this weekend.

Thank you to the Archdiocese
for caring for our parish needs
and

Fr. Joseph's needs.

Please continue to pray for more
Vocations to the
Priesthood and Religious life.

Please continue to sanitize your hands out of respect and the safety of all.

Offertory Procession: Pastors are to resume the Offertory procession with the presentation of bread and wine.

Pro-Life Corner: Help put God back into our lives. Promote His Commandments; bring back respect for all life from the womb to the tomb. Strengthen family structure that is the basic unit of our society, and bring Judeo-Christian morals back into our nation.



**The
Sanctuary
Lamp
Is
Burning
For**

*Healing for Henry Novak
Healing & Recovery for Tracy Bazar*

Father God, we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that You would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the Healing power of Your love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Fr. Joseph would like to take this time and wish everyone a
"Happy New Year".

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Hooray.... 2022

A new year is upon us. Thank you God we made it into a New Year and are praying for a better year, an uneventful year, for all those resolutions we are making, mmmm.....
O the list can go on and on ?????

But what I am thankful for is the Church, Parish Family, Fr. Joseph, Visiting Priests, Deacon Gerald, Music Ministry, Altar Servers, Joshua Saman, the parishes first Acolyte, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Church Cleaners, Art and Environment, Liturgy, Religious Ed, Knights of Columbus, Legion of Mary, Women of Worship, Funeral Dinner Ministry, Parish Council, Finance Council, Money Counters, Novena Group, Prayer Warriors, the Staff, the Office help and the many, many Volunteers, all who supported the church through the year. Thank all who helped with the fundraisers, Autumn Fest, the Velva Wendel Catering, those who stepped up to help in any way. The cooks, bakers, all the donations, the decorators, those who came together to make sure the church would stay open and not close. We thank the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston for working with the parish through this time.

We also remember those who passed away during this time and continue to pray for their families.

2021 was not an easy year to get through. There were all those bumps in the road, sadness, sicknesses.....etc.

I was driving to work one of the foggy mornings and thought about Mary and Joseph making their way on a clear night. I thought what would have happened if it were a foggy night? What about the Three Kings if it were so foggy they had no star to follow. I sometimes feel like our path is so foggy we just have to believe and trust in the way, trust in where we are led. When we can't see what's ahead of us, do we turn around and go back, do we stop in our tracks, do we stay in depression? Change in direction can be scary and most of us don't like uncertainty. When we get to that fork in the road we need to make that choice. We follow our FAITH? Where will our faith take us? Will it take us through the fog, without a star to follow and no direction?

Our faith will take us into a New Year, a New Path, and onto our knees to thank God for his many blessings he has given us and pray for the many blessings he will provide us and our families with... He will provide us with new beginnings. When we know the one leading us, then we can happily surrender our lives to Him, who is worthy of all our trust.

May you and your families be guided by faith, hope and love.

May your path be gentle!

May each of us be strong!

Let us always put our faith and trust
where it needs to be...
In the Lord, Our God!

Happy New Year and many blessings to each of
you and your families!

God gives each of us a gift, ourselves.
Bring your gift, yourself to the Lord this New Year.

Ignite:

Parish Goal: \$191,700.00
Total Pledged: \$199,832.50
Total Amount Paid: \$153,696.42
70 Parishioners

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Feast of Epiphany Word Search: Afar, Appears, Arms, Balthasar, Bed, Been, Born, Camels, Caravans, Caspar, Child, Daughters, Ephah, Epiphany, Eyes, Gold, Herod, King, Mary, Melchior, Midian, Myrrh, Nations, Nurses, Pay, Radiane, Radiant, Riches, Rise, Rulers, Sheba, Shines, Sons, Splendor, Star, Throb, Warned, Wealth
[32] Remaining letters spell out what?

**Church Offices Closed this
Monday, Jan 3rd, 2022**

Collection Totals for: December 24th / 25th, 2021

Christmas Collection \$3,861.00

Collection Totals for: December 26th, 2021

Regular Weekend Collection \$2,406.00

Additional On-Line Donation \$1,720.00

Thank you for your generous donations. God bless!

Online Giving:

www.osvonlinegiving.com/1880

Or visit the Website @ www.saopdtx.org

Or mail to PO Box 299, Danbury, TX 77534

Please DO NOT mail to physical address

DSF: Jan 1st to Dec 31, 2021

Parish Goal: \$25,000.00

As of December 30, 2021:

Total Amount Paid: \$19,587.00

Short—\$5,413.00

72 Parishioners

Give online @ archgh.org/dsf

When writing out Check,
please make out to DSF.

Do not write out to St. Anthony's Church.

Envelopes are in the back of the church.

**Whatever is not paid by Dec 31, 2021,
St. Anthony's will have to pay.**

Please help the church pay off this goal set
by the Diocese.

A New Year's Blessing: May God make your year a happy one! Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain, But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes; Not by making your path easy, But by making you sturdy to travel any path; Not by taking hardships from you, But by taking fear from your heart; Not by granting you unbroken sunshine, But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows; Not by making your life always pleasant, But by showing you when people and their causes need you most, and by making you anxious to be there to help. God's Love, Peace, Hope & Joy to you for the year ahead. Happy New Year.

A Christmas Prayer: O loving God, through the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, you have touched humanity with grace. As a child, he delighted us, and as a man he taught us to be grateful for our lives on earth and for the promise of life forever in your presence. He taught us to love one another without reservation and to love and care for the earth and its produce, the gifts we received from you in creation. He gave us an example to imitate, an example of self-sacrifice, an example of gratitude to you, an example of commitment to love and peace and justice. As we celebrate his Nativity, we thank you for all of these gifts, and we pray for those who suffer today from poverty or illness. We thank you for the company of our family and friends and for the food and drink that sustains us as we continue to live as his disciples. We make this prayer in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Texas Rally for Life – January 22: The Texas Rally for Life in Austin, TX will also take place on January 22. The Archdiocese will sponsor a bus to depart from the St. Dominic Center Chancery at 9am. If your parish intends to sponsor a bus as well, please let us know so we can direct individuals from your area to you. Those attending the Texas Rally will be able to livestream the event from the Co-Cathedral on their mobile devices, if desired. Cost to attend the Archdiocesan bus is \$40. Registration will open next week. The March and Rally in Austin takes place from 1-3pm. *Please note that persons with mobility issues or cardiac problems should consult a medical professional before committing to the March. The March is 2-2.5 miles through downtown Austin and, in the past, we have had some participants have significant difficulty completing the walk. Individuals with significant mobility issues may wish to consider heading for the Rally location at the Capitol after departing the buses.*

The Office of Pro-Life Activities will offer the next 'Pierced by Sorrow, Released into Joy' retreat on Saturday, February 5. This is a single-day retreat for parents following miscarriage, stillbirth or early infant loss. This retreat is part of the Jerome's Hope ministry. To register or for more information please contact us at 713-741- 8728 or 713-440-3443 or you can email us at jkfritsch@archgh.org

Weekday Masses are Tuesday thru Friday.
This Friday being First Friday with mass @ 9:00 am and an hour of Adoration to follow 9:30 am to 10:30 am.

Electrician Needed: The Flag Pole by the Ten Commandments is in need of a Light shining on the Flag. Art Bernshausen is seeking an Electrician who can share his Time and Talent with him in getting this Light placed. If you can help, contact Art @ 979

The church is seeking new members for **Money Counting Teams**. If you would be interested in joining the money counting team, please contact the Church Office or Jan Peltier @ 979-922-1211 for more information.

All married couples are invited to live the Marriage Encounter experience. This is a live conference – typically held on a weekend – where three mentor couples and a priest provide tools, use examples, and help couples work through common themes we can all relate to. The experience helps participants to listen, share, and connect more deeply. Nine in ten couples who attend a Marriage Encounter recognize a long-lasting positive effect on their lives. For details, calendar, and registration, please visit the Marriage Enrichment section at www.archgh.org/familylife

Family Life Ministry is committed to providing parishes with support and resources to promote Natural Family Planning. All couples are invited to attend NFP formation. Classes are offered every second Saturday of each month, at 9:00 a.m. at the Cameron Retreat Center at St. Dominic. During these Saturday sessions we have two classes: The first is the required course for couples in marriage preparation, and the second course is about the specific methods revised by the Archdiocese. Please, invite your couples in marriage preparation to register through this link: <https://event.me/bO8kqr>

Prayer for Vocations
 by Bishop Joseph A. Fiorenza

Loving and gracious God, Father of all, You bless Your people in every time and season and provide for their needs through Your providential Care. Your Church is continually in need of Priests, Sisters and Brother to offer themselves in the service of the Gospel by lives of dedicated love.

Open the hearts of Your sons and daughters to listen to Your call in their lives. Give them the gift of understanding to discern Your invitation to serve You and Your Church. Give them the gift of courage to follow Your call. May they have the spirit of young Samuel who found fulfillment in his life when he said: "Speak Lord, for Your servant is listening." We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

<i>Please remember the sick, their families, all who suffer in body and mind, in your daily prayers</i>			
Gemma Achille	Sharon Gore	Doug McKay	Betty Jo Ritz
Kyle Atkins	Toni Hairston	Kim McNealey	Janice Roberts
Jannis Baldwin	Donna Hill	Guy McNeil	Walter Barret Robinson
Ken Barchak	Christy Jennings	Eddy Garcia-Meitin	Joe & Amanda Romero
Tracy Bazar	Libby Jez	Ana Mercado	Pat Russek *
Larry Blasuis	Dorothy Prihoda Jones	Valentina Morales	Charles & Mildred Scott
Anna Bollich	Peter Keillor	Randy Newton	Elva Solis
Klay Cadenhead	Mary Helen Knappe	Mary & Henry Novak	Christina Stanton
Luke Carrillo	Charles Kolafa	Peggy Novak	Arnold Svoboda
Mandi Carlisle *	Evelyn Lassman	Johnny Olsovsky, Jr.	Rey Tenorio
Andy Christian	Billy "Preacher" LeCompte	Joyce Peltier	Carol Tesch
Dolores Clinton	Lynette LeCompte	Melanie Peltier	Marcella Thompson
Kevin Cook	Shirley LeCompte	Ronnie & Gena Peters	Will Thomson
Mike & Pixie Dattalo	Adan Lewis	Sharon Peterson	Nancy Veselka
Susan Dawson	Thomas Lewis	Ann Phillips	Florin Vrazel
Joyce Dixon	Laura Linkenhoker	Leona Popp	Jeanette Vrazel
Kacie Dziuk	Barbara Mager	Emil Prihoda	Pat Vrazel
Geoff Evans	Billie Jean Matheson	Al & Judy Priselac	Michael Ward
James Fief	Kimberly Martin	Barbara Rab	Gerald Wittman
Marcia Filipp	Janet Maxey	Mavery Ralston	Charlotte Wollam
Jacko Garrett	Donald McAninch	Melissa & Rex Rayl	Keith Woods
Carrie Gore	Al McEndree	Joe Rivera	Baby Hayden & Parents