St. Anthony Catholic Church

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- **Mon**. 10am– 12pm, 1pm-5pm.
- **Tue .—Thur.** 9am-12pm, 1pm-5pm.
- **Fri.** 9 am—12 pm

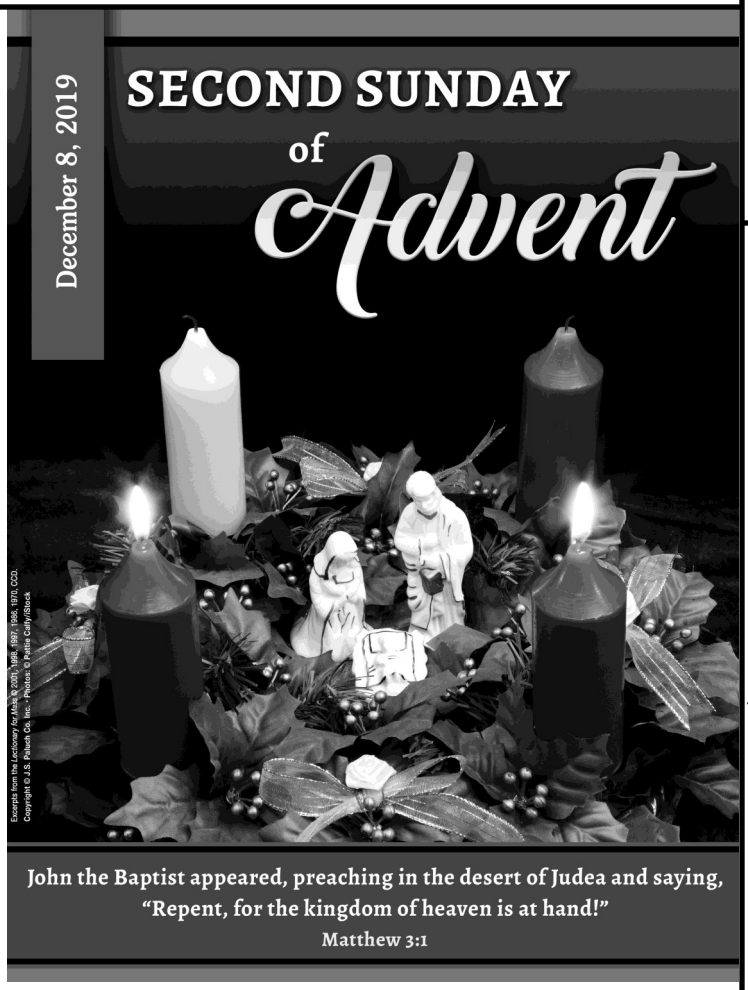
School Announcement:

School Number: (806) 364-1952

Monday, December 9:
- 8:15 am Mass, Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Thursday, December 12:
- 8:15 am Mass, Our Lady of Guadalupe

Friday, December 13:
- 8:15 am All Schools Mass



Church Announcements:

Sunday, December 8:
- 3-4:30 pm Parish Advent Mission in the A/R.
- 5 pm Holy Hour.
- 7:15 pm Mass, Feast of the Immaculate Conception.
- RCIA resumes.

Monday, December 9:
- 8:15 am Mass, Feast of the Immaculate Conception.
- 7:15 pm Mass, Feast of the Immaculate conception.

Wednesday, December 11:
- 6—9 pm, Penance service in the church.
- NO Adoration for the month of December.

Thursday, December 12:
- 8:15 am Mass, Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Friday, December 13:
- 8:15 am, All Schools Mass.

Sunday, December 15:
- 11 am Christmas baskets assembled and delivered, A/R
- Second Collection Retirement Fund for Religious.
- 5 pm Holy Hour.

Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2019
THE LONG-AWAITED ONE

As the Sundays of Advent unfold the scriptures shift focus from the final coming of the Lord to his historical birth. Today's scriptures blend the two. Isaiah's disillusionment with the kings of his own day led him to envision an ideal king who would rule with divine approval and be led by divine wisdom. For centuries the Jewish people anticipated the arrival of that Messiah, who would usher in a blessed age when the whole world would finally dwell in justice and peace.

After centuries of such growing expectation, the preaching of John the Baptist about the imminent arrival of the Messiah could not help but provoke intense interest. The Baptist's message about preparation for "the one who is coming" (Matthew 3:11) makes clear that Jesus is, in fact, the long-awaited one who is ushering in the new age foretold by Isaiah and all the prophets. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Second Sunday of Advent December 8, 2019

9:30 AM**:** Dismissal of RCIA after Homily, followed by topic—A/R.
Vocation Crucifix:
9:30 am Mass: Volunteer
3-4:30 pm Parish Advent Mission with Mary Parker in the A/R
5 pm Holy Hour
7:15 pm Mass Feast of the Immaculate Conception

MONDAY– 6:45 am Morning Prayer.
7:15 am Mass Feast of the Immaculate Conception
8:15 am Mass Feast of the Immaculate Conception with the school children

TUESDAY– 6:45 am Morning Prayer
7-8 am Men's Lectionary Study Group
5:30 pm Mass

WEDNESDAY –6:45 am Morning Prayer.
7:15 am Mass
9:30 am Ladies Lectionary Group, A/R
6-9 Penance Service in the church.
6-7 pm Elementary F.F.C.
6:30-8:30 pm jr. high and high school F.F.C.

THURSDAY– 6:45 am Morning Prayer.
8:15 am Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass.

FRIDAY–6:45 am Morning Prayer.
7-8 am Book Study—"Doors to the Sacred" Antonian Room
8:15 am Mass

SATURDAY 6PM LITURGY December 14, 2019
Vocation Crucifix Volunteer

Third Sunday of Advent December 15, 2019
Second Collection Retirement for Religious

9:30 AM**:** Dismissal of RCIA after Homily, followed by topic—A/R.
Vocation Crucifix:
9:30 am Mass: Volunteer
11 am Christmas Baskets assembled and delivered, A/R.
5 pm Holy Hour

ALL ALTAR FLOWERS: are in HONOR of Dale and Claudia Smith's 50th Wedding Anniversary, from Al and Pat Simnacher! Wishing you both a life-time of happiness - may God bestow more blessings today on this important day!!

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Schedule for Dec.14/15:

6PM Mass: Janie Banner, Ana Copeland, Harrison Parson, Cynthia Rodriguez, and Farron Urbanczyk (L)
9:30AM Mass: Amy Betzen, Teresa Garth, Joe Lafuente, Anita Lafuente, Shelley Meiwes, Keith Meiwes, and Mary Ann Ramirez (L)

SICK CALL ONLY: Fritz Backus, Ronnie Fetsch, Daniel Jesko, Charlene Sanders, Brenda Yosten, Robert Zepeda

Lector Schedule for Dec.14/15:

6PM Mass: Deby Reinart and Monica Bermea
9:30AM Mass: Macy Betzen and Paul Betzen

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Mon. 7:15 AM People of the Parish
Mon.8:15AM People of the Parish
Tues.5:30PM Mark Artho RIP
Wed.7:15AM For the Health of Gail Melendrez
Thurs8:15AM Jose E. Ramirez RIP
Fri.7:15AM Honor of Claudia and Dale Smith 50th Anniversary
Sat. 6PM People of the Parish
Sun. 9:30AM Raymond Schlabs RIP

ALTAR SERVERS

Mon. 7:15 AM Makaila and Kadence Guardiola
Mon. 8:15AM School children
Tues.5:30PM Kevin Garcia and Robert Gonzales
Wed.7:15AM Max Hedrick and Pierce Valdez
Thurs. 8:15AM School Children
Fri.8:15AM School Children
SAT.6PM Daniel Betzen, Braylon Nielsen, Claire Nielsen, and Sydnee Nielsen
SUN. 9:30 AM Victoria Betzen, Mia Estrada, Cristian Jaime, and Ramiro Soliz

STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE
November 30/December 1, 2019

Envelopes–48 Loose Checks–28

Envelopes/Checks	$,925.50
Plates	$77.12
Children	$16.00
Total	**$6,522.62**
Black Bag:	
Black Bag for Charity	$975.87
Thanksgiving Collection:	
Thanksgiving	$767.50
Extra Collection	
Christmas Flowers	$987.00
FINAL Total =	**$9,248.99**

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Schedule for December 9:

7:15 am: Rick Bordayo and Jens Brorman

Lector Schedule for Dec.9:

7:15am Mass: Jana Hedrick and Kathy Brorman

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT.

Sunday, December 22 and Monday, December 23 at 7:30 pm at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth. A live production of the Christmas Story of the Birth of Jesus, presented by members of Holy Family Parish!

Free admission / Love offerings will be accepted.

Speaker to Visit Parish and Share on How One Lives After Suicide of Loved One

A troubling trend in the United States is painfully evident today with suicide rates having increased substantially over the past two decades.

In hopes of addressing this issue that has devastating ramifications for families and friends across the nation and within the community, Saint Anthony Catholic Church is inviting all concerned residents to join in hearing an inspiring talk on the difficult topic of suicide on **Sunday, December 8** from 3-4:30 p.m. in the Antonian Room.

Mary Parker, a veteran of 20 years as a television news anchor and a well-known reporter of stories and meetings with people all over the Panhandle, as well as a long-time member of St. Thomas The Apostle Church will be providing perspectives on suicide from personal experience.

"Ms. Parker comes recommended to us as a dynamic speaker with a deeply moving story of recovery and discovery and strength of faith amidst the horrific aftermath and reality of suicide. Since the tragedy of suicide is in the news so often nowadays, we thought to seize the opportunity to have her come and help others. Within the community, in our parish and far beyond there are many who have the suicide nightmare as part of their family history, and they suffer terribly. We hope to soothe and heal with the help of this program," commented Janie Banner of St. Anthony Catholic Church.

"A California native, Mary says she grew her roots in Amarillo. She is a suicide survivor, a mother, a wife, sister and friend. Mary credits her faith as her lifeline through life's joys and tragedies. She will share her journey encompassing fame, grief and even joy with the hopes that it will inspire others to lean on The Lord and their communities for recovery and new beginnings."

John Draper, executive director of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline remarked in a piece for *Cosmopolitan* back in June that, "Few suicide survivors and those close to them are being asked—and fewer still are talking—about their struggles through suicidal experiences," and observed that in order to decrease suicide, society must make space for those recovering from suicide to share their experiences.

Mary Parker will be doing just that, and offering healing insight into the issue at the local gathering.

According to a report from the American Psychological Association, the suicide rate increased 33 percent from 1999 through 2017, from 10.5 to 14 suicides per 100,000 people. Rates have increased more sharply since 2006. Suicide ranks as the fourth leading cause of death for people ages 35 to 54, and the second for 10- to 34-year-olds. It remains the 10th leading cause of death overall.

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention reports that in 2017, the highest suicide rate (20.2 percent) was among adults between 45 and 54 years of age. The second highest rate (20.1 per 100,000) occurred in those 85 years or older. Younger groups have had consistently lower suicide rates than middle-aged and older adults. In 2017, adolescents and young adults aged 15 to 24 had a suicide rate of 14.46 per 100,000.

Those seeking additional information on this upcoming program may contact Janie Banner at 364-6150.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

DEC. 8—Parish Mission in the Antonian Room
DEC. 9—Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass at 8:15 am with the school children
DEC. 12—Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass at 8:15 with the school children
DEC.13—All School Mass at 8:15 am
DEC. 15—Second Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious
DEC. 15—Christmas baskets assembled and delivered in the school cafeteria at 11 am.
DEC. 18—Penance Service, 6—9 pm.
DEC. 19—1:30 pm Christmas program, grandparents performance
DEC. 19—6:30 pm Christmas program.
DEC. 20—School early out.
DEC.23-27—NO School, Church office closed.

St. Anthony School and Parish

Join us for our annual Christmas Program
5K - 6th

Thursday, December 19th

1:30 PM
Dress Rehearsal/Grandparent Performance

6:30 PM Final Performance

St. Anthony School will be hosting one night of the "Posada"
Wednesday, December 18
7:30 PM
at the school

Holiday MEAL

DECEMBER 29, 2019 at 11:30 am
Hereford Community Center

Enjoy a delicious plate of tamales, rice, beans, and a salad. Plates will cost $10 and all proceeds will go to the Hereford Food Pantry.

Tamales can be pre-ordered, $15 a dozen.
Please place orders by 5 pm, December 19.

Donations for pork butt, lard, and maseca are being accepted and can be brought by the church office

From the desk of our pastor, Father Tony Neusch.

"And his delight shall be the fear of the Lord." This is how Isaiah describes the Messiah, how he describes Jesus. The Messiah finds delight in the fear of the Lord. Jesus is delighted by the awe and majesty of God the Father. I am sure that this phrase is probably a bit old fashioned and out of date. The fear of the Lord is not knee knocking, body trembling, breath quickening, it is awe and reverence in the majesty of God. This experience of the otherness of God compared to the humanness of ourselves, is more delightful than wisdom, understanding, counsel, knowledge or strength. To sit in the presence of, "I am, who am," should give joy to our hearts in ways we cannot understand. This Advent season may we have an experience of the greatness of God and the smallness of we, so that we too may find delight just as the Messsiah.

F.F.C students preparing for sacraments:

Please be sure to sign in *after* Mass, in the back of the church. Parents, if you have any questions please call Aracely Correa, DRE, 364-6150.

F.F.C Class Times:

Class for elementary students begins at 6 pm to 7 pm. Class for jr. high and high school students begins at 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Jr. high and high school students are fed in the school cafeteria from 6:30 pm to 7 pm.

To the good people of St. Anthony church we are so grateful for the donation you gave Kings Manor Nursing home, also for all the holy people who brought mom her Eucharist. I live in Temple, TX but when I visit my sister in Hereford I will come to Mass at St. Anthony's. God Bless you Fr. Tony and the people of St. Anthony Church. —Eternally grateful, Maria Salas, Jose Leal Jr., and Maria de Jesus Aguirre

My family prayed _____ rosaries this week.

A total of 84 rosaries were prayed, for vocations this past week.

THANK YOU!

A BIG thank you to everyone who helped set-up, cooked food, and helped clean up after Fr. Nestor's farewell party and thank you to everyone who joined us for a fun evening.

Pray with the Deacon Candidates.

Come join the deacon candidates each morning at 6:45 am, in morning prayer. Please enter through the bell tower entrance.

2019 Christmas Project

Our Mission statement challenges us to be compassionate people and to dedicate our-selves to deepen our relationship with God through prayer, study, and apostolic action. Christmas is a good time to help those people whose holidays may be very bleak. We ask those of the parish, who are able, to help provide food. Thank you for your donation for the less fortunate in our community.

Suggestions for the Food Bags.
(Please NO fresh food)

- **Canned Good**— Green Beans, Corn, Sweet Potatoes, Ranch Beans, Pork, Pinto Beans etc…
- **Pastas**—Macaroni, Rice, Noodles, Spaghetti, etc…
- **Canned Meats**—Spam, Corned Beef, Chicken, Vienna Sausage, Tuna, etc…

Please bring to the Parish Office by December 13 during office hours, 9 am—12 pm.

Canned fruit, various
Powdered drinks
Canned tomatoes and sauce
Coffee and Tea
Flour
Evaporated Milk
Peanut Butter
Jelly, Jam
Jell-O
Bread
Sugar
Soup
Juice
Cereals
Crackers
Powdered sugar
Shortening

Filled bags may be brought to the Parish Office by noon Friday, December 13. Baskets will be prepared and delivered December 15 in the school cafeteria. May God's gifts fill your life this Christmas Holiday and always!

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Thought for Reflection:

"The first step of getting what you want is having the courage to get rid of what you don't.'

"If it is important to you, you'll find a way. If not, you'll find an excuse."