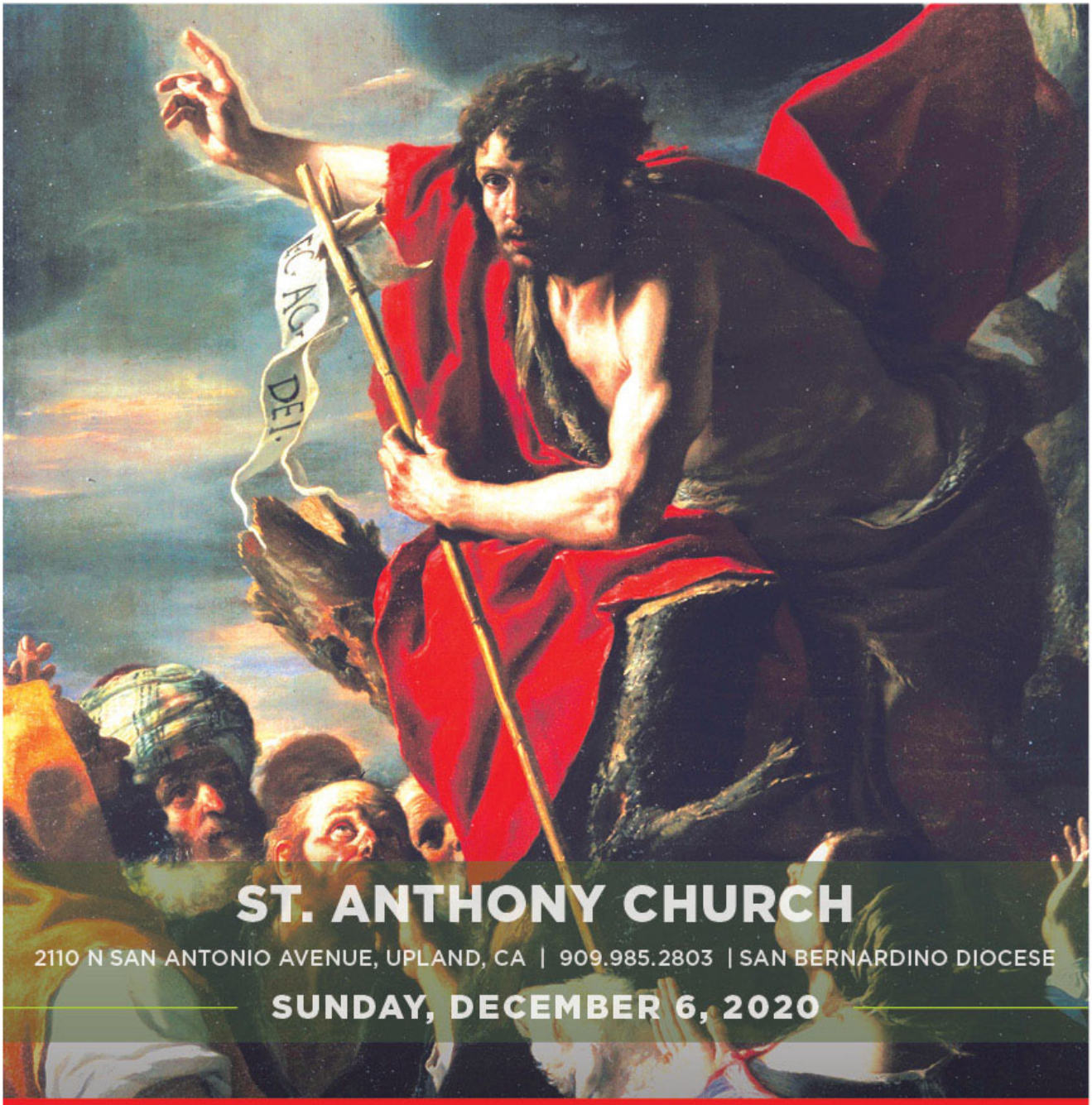

ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

2110 N SAN ANTONIO AVENUE, UPLAND, CA | 909.985.2803 | SAN BERNARDINO DIOCESE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Prepare the way of the Lord." - Mk 1:3

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Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive
You sacramentally, come at least spiritually
into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite
myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

Comunión Espiritual

Creo, Jesús mío,
que estáis realmente presente en el Santísimo Sacramento del Altar. Os amo sobre todas las cosas y deseo recibiros en mi alma. Pero como ahora no puedo recibiros sacramentado, venid a lo menos espiritualmente a mi corazón. Y como si ya os hubiese recibido, os abrazo y me uno del todo a Ti.
Señor, no permitas que jamás me aparte de Ti.
Amén.

CLERGY

Pastor
Fr. Gerald Vidad
Parochial Vicar
Fr. Kenneth Okoroudo
Deacons
Deacon Richard Simpson
Deacon Guadalupe Ramirez

PLEASE, BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS

Mass Times have changed again! Beginning on December 5, we will now have a 3:00 pm & 4:15 pm on Saturdays. The walk up Communion on Sundays has also changed and will now be from 12:30p- 1p in the upper parking lot.

All Outdoor Masses will be in the courtyard. You do not need to sign up to attend Mass. Masks & social distancing are required.

Please bring your own chair, hand sanitizer & a water bottle. We are limited to 100 people. Once the Mass is full, we will ask that you return for the next Mass.

Those who are 65 and older please consider your underlying conditions and use your discretion when attending Mass. The live streamed Masses are recorded and can be viewed on our Facebook page.

CONTRIBUTIONS - 2020

November 21 & 22, 2020

2020 - $ 17,137.00
2019 - $ 21,831.87

November 28 & 20, 2020

2020 - $ 15,755.00
2019 - $ 22,500.20

Please include your parishioner number on your envelope or check to ensure that you are properly credited for your year-end statement.
Thank you!

DDF— 2020

Diocese Goal: $78,450.00

Pledges Made: $111,538.00

Gifts Received: $106,327.08

Donors: 322

Percent of Goal: 135.53 %

(does not include anonymous donors)

$ 27,827.08 over the goal
Thank you!

In these challenging times, we are praying for your physical, mental financial and spiritual health. We are especially called to minister to one another in our time, talent and treasure.
If you are able, please consider making a donation today.
Thank you and God Bless.
https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/

PARKING LOT

For those of you that have joined us on campus you have noticed the wood markers that have been placed in between the parking spaces. This is to allow for social distancing in the parking lot. You will now notice some big orange **X's** have taken the place where the wood markers once were. Please do not park in either one of the spaces shown above. If you see a space with either one of these markers, please park in the next available parking space.
Thank you for your consideration.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).
Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).
Second Reading — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).
Gospel — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:
Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:
Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday:
Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:
Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9, 10-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday:
Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:
Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47,
or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Sunday:
Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of St. Anthony Parish is to welcome, nurture and go forth to serve, in the name of Jesus.

VISION STATEMENT

St. Anthony Parish will meet individuals of diverse backgrounds where they are in their journey, welcome them into our parish community, and through communal worship, formation, and opportunities to serve, invite them to grow in their relationship with Christ, with one another, and with our parish community. Together, we will strive to meet the challenges and wounds of life and help to nurture the spiritual development and faith of all who come. We will continue to build on the foundation of our faith and our parish community for future generations and become a beacon of light, hope and faith to all.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday & Sunday **December 5 & 6**
All Masses OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE - 3rdDAY NOVENA

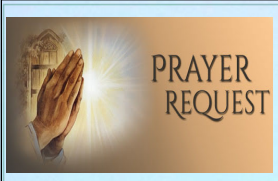
Monday **December 7**
8:30am OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE - 4th DAY NOVENA

Tuesday **December 8**
8:30am OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE - 5th DAY NOVENA

Wednesday **December 9**
8:30am OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE - 6th DAY NOVENA

Thursday **December 10**
8:30am OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE - 7th DAY NOVENA

Friday **December 11**
8:30am OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE - 8th DAY NOVENA



Victor Aguirre, John Battenfield, Janice Bride, Joseph and Jean Cannone , Jose Carlos, Frank Cordova, Coons Family, Donn Cox, Adam Chua, Ashley Del Rio, Dolph Family, Danny & Rose Diaz, Silvia Duarte, Robert Finch, Joe Fregoso, Miranda Gilford, Jaclyn Herron, Gary Heyer, Mary Hitchcock, Norma Hiller, Ken Ingram, Patricia Lauletta, Fran Leo, Barbara & Randall Lepore Ben Licera, Socorro Lynn, Pat Longuevan, Juana Lopez, Mary Maher, Pam Manquen, Robert & Barbara Mendoza, Marlene & George Ministeri, Jerry Minehart, Douglas Mitchell, Jasmin & Amy Murillo, Amber Pencz, Michael Pompa, Michelle Quint, Randy & Maricel Ramos, Martha Reyes, Casaundra Rypkema, Ed Sanborn, Glenn Sioson, Stathis Family, Marge Wolanik, Ellie Yescas.

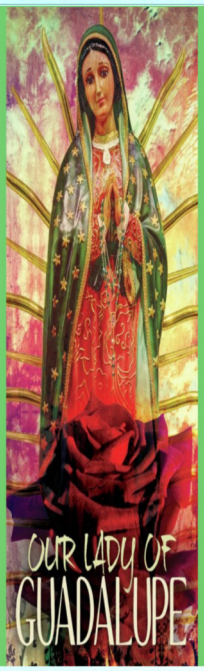
(These names will remain on the Prayer Request list for 4 weeks. Please call the parish office to add a name)

ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
December 12
8:00 am

Novena in honor of
Our Lady of Guadalupe
December 3-11
6:00 pm

The Novena will be live streamed on our Facebook page.
https://www.facebook.com/stanthonyupland



ADVENT MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASS

SATURDAY

3:00 PM

4:15 PM

SUNDAY

7:30 AM

8:45 AM

10:00 AM (SPANISH)

11:15 AM

WEEKDAY MASS

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

8:30 AM

(TUESDAY & THURSDAY LIVE STREAM ONLY)

WALK UP COMMUNION

SUNDAY

12:30 PM - 1:00 PM

ALL OUTDOOR MASSES WILL BE LIVE STREAMED ON FACEBOOK

Prayers for Our Military Troops

Perhaps you, too, love a service member. Or maybe, because you've served in the past or know someone who has, you understand the sacrifices these men and women make to guard our safety and preserve our freedom. We invite you to join us as we pray for the men and women who serve.

Almighty and eternal God, those who take refuge in you will be glad and forever will shout for joy. Protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise you for your loving care.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Cpt. Ryan Ault - Army
Nathan Bazzell - US Marines
2nd. Lt. Luke Brahier - US Marines
Christopher Cabrera - Navy
Amman Catalan - US Marines
E2 Private - Elijah D. Chavarria - Army
Lt. John M. Diskin - US Marines
Amy Epperson - Navy
Priv. 1 Cl Anthony a. Figueroa - US Marines
Joseph William Guevara - Navy
Priv. 1 Cl James Lang - US Marines
Aaron Leysan - Navy
Austin Lomeli - Army
Matthew Lomeli - Navy
Tyler Manquen, Army
OFC - Samuel Mares Guevara
Max Martin - Navy
Capt. Brandon Maxson - Air Force
Lt. Jordan Moore - Army
Cpt. Deanna McDonald - Army
Cpt. Todd McDonald - Army
Herman Nolan - Army
Ivette Paniagua - Army
S-Sgt. Michael Peters - Mari
CE1 Randy Ramos - Navy
2nd. Lt. Nicolas Sanchez - Air Force
Joshua Silvestro - Army
Hannah Silvestro - Airforce
Lt Col - Chris Stone - Army
PO1 - Warlito Valmont - Navy
Lt - Kenneth Valmonte - Navy
Kevin Walker - Army

(These names will remain on the Prayer Request. Please call the parish office to add a name)

Please plan to join us for our parish "virtual" retreat. Featuring:

- **Downloadable Scripture**
- **Reflection Booklet**
- **Weekly introduction video and song with Fr. Gerry and Shelley**
- **Weekly theme, bible study with Fr. Kenneth.**
- **Zoom sessions for men and women to share Insights and prayer.**

PARTICIPA

Les pedimos que se unan a nosotros para el retiro Virtual de nuestro Parroquia el cuall incluira:

- **Escritura descargable**
- **Folleto de reflexión**
- **Video de introducción semanal y canción con el P. Gerry y Shelley**
- **Tema semanal, estudio Bíblico con el P. Kenneth.**
- **Sesiones de zoom para compartir para hombres y mujeres, Compartimiento y Oración.**

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING to the Call

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Jubilation to Share

Sometimes you have something to share with people that causes you to well up inside with excitement to the point of going crazy. A pregnancy test, a pay raise, a college acceptance, a wedding or engagement are all examples of moments in life when we might be bursting at the seams to tell somebody the good news. When we finally get the chance to tell somebody, joy just seems to flow through us with ease. We literally want the entire world to share in our jubilation.

When was the last time you shared with a friend or loved one how much your faith in Jesus means to you? You don't feel the same motivation to share? Are you not overwhelmed with a desire to spread the Good News?

Don't feel bad. You are not alone. As Christians, we often fail to grasp the powerful implications of being a disciple of Jesus Christ. We can become complacent and lose sight of what matters the most. That is when sharing with others about our faith seems uncomfortable.

Faith is a gift. As everyday stewards we are called to share with others what God has given us. Advent is a great time to grow in our faith and love of the Lord. The more we cultivate our faith and the closer we draw to Him, the more we will want to share about Him. We might not have the impact of John the Baptist in the course of human history, but our proclamation of the Gospel to another might be the gift that changes their history.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

Can a divorced Catholic receive holy Communion?

Answer:

Unfortunately, too many people today — Catholics and non-Catholics alike — mistakenly believe that divorce separates one from the Communion of the Church and that divorced persons may not receive Communion. However, as the Church has communicated in a number of places, the issue at hand is not the reality of divorce, but is more often the reality of re-marriage outside of the Church (such as in the case of a Catholic who was previously married within the Church, divorced, and remarried without receiving an annulment).

Divorced persons are called to live chastely as single people and to observe the same call to avoid sin as anyone else who desires to receive the Eucharist. Beyond this, however, Pope Francis has reminded us that the healing power of the Eucharist can be especially significant for those who have "endured separation, divorce, or abandonment ... divorced people who have not remarried, and often bear witness to marital fidelity, ought to be encouraged to find in the Eucharist the nourishment they need to sustain them in their present state of life." (Amoris Laetitia, no. 242) Moreover, he continues, "The local community and pastors should accompany these people with solicitude, particularly when children are involved or when they are in serious financial difficulty." (AL, no 242)

As Pope Francis has also reminded us, the Eucharist is "not a prize for the perfect," but "a powerful medicine and nourishment" (Evangelii Gaudium, no. 47). Because we all stand in need of healing and wholeness, the Church invites all who seek to live their faith in integrity and devotion to come and receive the grace offered in the Eucharist.

WORSHIP & MEDITATION

FIRST READING:

A voice cries out:
In the desert prepare the way of the LORD!
Make straight in the wasteland a highway
for our God! (Is 40:3)

PSALM:

Lord, let us see your kindness,
and grant us your salvation. (Ps 85)

SECOND READING:

The day of the Lord will come like a thief,
and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar
and the elements will be dissolved by fire,
and the earth and everything done on it will be
found out. (2 Pt 3:10)

GOSPEL:

"One mightier than I is coming after me.
I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the
thongs of his sandals.
I have baptized you with water;
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." (Mk 1:7b-8)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

People knew over a year in advance that the Pope was coming for a visit to America and the preparations began. Security, space limitations and requirements, protocols, crowd management, itineraries, invitations, regulations, and so much more was necessary to pull this event off effectively. It's not every day that we get a visit from such a prominent dignitary. Thought, effort, meticulous attention to detail and vision all are necessary to make this thing work. After all, he can't just show up in the ordinary and normal daily routines of life and catch people unprepared! Tickets have to be purchased, buses rented, hotel rooms reserved, and travel arrangements made early because it will be impossible to see him if we wait too long!

We do this kind of preparing not only for prominent religious figures but for political dignitaries, notable sports figures, people of fame, and even actors. If an individual intrigues us, we are going to want to do all we have to do to get a "good seat" in the house. Does Jesus Christ captivate this much of our attention? We are asked to prepare the way of the Lord and to do so not with frantic frenzy but patient enthusiasm. We do not have to stand on a street corner making profound announcements about God's coming or become overly zealous in our embrace of the Good News. Our task is quieter, more interior, captivating, and consuming. We are asked to change. We have to conduct our lives with holy devotion.

Is the cost of that ticket too much for you? Don't you want the "best seat" in the house? You don't want to miss Our Lord's arrival when he comes, do you? After all, if he comes while you are going about your daily routines without you even knowing, he may catch you off guard. Or, he may come in disguise looking like a beggar, a prisoner, migrant, refugee, or someone who is lost. Would you be ready to recognize him then? Preparing for the coming of Christ requires a change of mind, heart, and behavior. It is not adequate to simply do the things we always do. We want our lives to speak of the exciting news of Christ's coming and the joy that the Gospel brings. It has to do with our demeanor, values, priorities, choices, and how we structure daily routines. Of course, it involves sacrifice. All anticipations do! Are you excited, captivated, enthusiastic, and sitting on the edge of your seat eager to celebrate his coming among us at Christmas, and waiting for him to come again? If not, why not?

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MINISTERIOS EN ESPAÑOL

6 de diciembre de 2020 ~ Segundo Domingo de Adviento

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera Lectura — Prepara el camino del Señor; proclama la buena nueva (Isaías 40:1-5, 9-11).
Salmo — Muéstranos, Señor, tu misericordia y danos tu salvación (Salmo 85 [84]).
Segunda Lectura — El Señor no tarda en guardar su promesa donde está la justicia de Dios (2 Pedro 3:8-14).
Evangelio — Juan Bautista apareció proclamando un bautismo de arrepentimiento (Marcos 1:1-8).

Domingo: Segundo Domingo de Adviento
Lunes: San Ambrosio; Día para Recordar Pearl Harbor
Martes: La Inmaculada Concepción de la Virgen María
Miércoles: San Juan Diego
Jueves: Día Internacional de Derechos Humanos; Januká comienza al atardecer
Viernes: San Dámaso I
Sábado: Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

LA TARDANZA DE DIOS

En tiempos de grandes dificultades los burlones se mofan diciendo: "¿Dónde está Dios? ¿Por qué no viene tu Dios a salvarte ahora?".

Y nosotros, gente de fe, respondemos casi igual como lo hizo Pedro en la segunda lectura de hoy: la "tardanza" de la segunda venida del Señor no es ningún tipo de castigo ni un fallo en la promesa divina, sino un signo de amor de la paciencia de Dios. Dios está dando a todo el mundo la oportunidad de buscar el arrepentimiento.

Dios no hace la vida más difícil. Más bien, una vez más disminuye la carga para los judíos exiliados que regresan a su país después del cautiverio en Babilonia. Fue Dios quien personalmente los guió, preparándoles una "calzada recta" para ellos a través del desierto.

Nos unimos a nuestros antepasados en la fe, que esperaban poder ver al Escogido de Dios delante de ellos y que finalmente se dieron cuenta de que el Señor también caminaba a su lado.

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Is 35:1-10; Sal 85 (84):9ab, 10-14; Lc 5:17-26
Martes: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Ef 1:3-6, 11-12; Lc 1:26-38
Miércoles: Is 40:25-31; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Jueves: Is 41:13-20; Sal 145 (144):1, 9, 10-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Viernes: Is 48:17-19; Sal 1:1-4; Mt 11:16-19
Sábado: Zac 2:14-17 o Ap 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lc 1:26-38 o Lc 1:39-47, o cualquier lectura del Común de la Santísima María Virgen
Domingo: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lc 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Tes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE SAN ANTONIO

Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
12 de diciembre
8:00 am

Novena de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
3 - 11 de deciembre
6:00 pm

La Novena se transmitirá en vivo en nuestra página de Facebook.
https://www.facebook.com/stanthonyupland

NO SUFRAS

"No dejes que se inquiete tu corazón. No le tengas miedo a esa enfermedad, ni a ninguna otra enfermedad o angustia. ¿No estoy aquí acaso, quien es tu Madre? ¿No estás bajo mi protección? ¿No soy tu salud? ¿No eres feliz en mi redil? ¿Qué más deseas? No sufras ni te inquietes por nada".

—Palabras de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe a San Juan Diego, 1531

Segundo Domingo de Adviento
6 de diciembre de 2020
Que todo valle se eleve,
que todo monte y colina se rebajen.
— Isaías 40:4

Filipino Ministry

Disyembre 6, 2020 Ikalawang Linggo ng Adbiyento

MGA PAGBASA SA LINGGONG ITO

Unang Pagbasa - Ang masungit na lupain ay gagawing kapatagan; ang magaspang na bansa, isang malawak na lambak (Isaias 40: 1-5, 9-11).
Awit - Panginoon, tingnan mo sa amin ang iyong kabaitan, at ibigay sa amin ang iyong kaligtasan (Awit 85).
Pangalawang Pagbasa - Pag-uugali ang inyong sarili sa ka-banalan, pinapabilis ang pagdating ng araw ng Diyos (2 Pedro 3: 8-14).
Ebanghelyo - Bininyagan kita ng tubig; babautismuhan ka niya ng Banal na Espiritu (Marcos 1: 1-8).

MGA PAGBASA SA MGA ARAW NG LINGGO

Lunes:
Ay 35: 1-10; Aw 85: 9ab, 10-14; Lc 5: 17-26
Martes:
Gn 3: 9-15, 20; Aw 98: 1-4; Efe 1: 3-6, 11-12; Lk 1: 26-38
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Ay 40: 25-31; Awt 103: 1-4, 8, 10; Mat 11: 28-30
Huwebes:
Ay 41: 13-20; Aw 145: 1, 9, 10-13ab; Mat 11: 11-15
Biyernes:
Ay 48: 17-19; Aw 1: 1-4; Mat 11: 16-19
Sabado:
Zac 2: 14-17 o Rv 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13: 18bcde, 19; Lc 1: 26-38 o Lc 1: 39-47,
o anumang pagbabasa mula sa Karaniwan ng Mahal na Birheng Maria, No. 707-712
Linggo:
Ay 61: 1-2a, 10-11; Lc 1: 46-50, 53-54; 1 Tes 5: 16-24; Jn 1: 6-8, 19-28

LINGGO, DISYEMBRE 6, 2020
Ika-2 Linggo sa Panahon ng Pagdating ng Panginoon MABUTING BALITA Marcos 1, 1-8
Pagninilay:

Tuwing Ikalawang Linggo ng Adbiyento, ang pinakasentrong tauhan ay si San Juan Bautista, ang anak nina Sta. Isabel & San Zacarias, at ang pinsan ng ating Panginoong Hesukristo. Ayon sa ating Ebanghelyo ngayon, sinisimulan ni San Marcos ang kanyang panunulat sa pangangaral ni San Juan Bautista bilang simula ng Mabuting Balita ng ating Panginoong Hesukristo. Makikita natin na matapos ang habang-panahon na paghihintay ng tao para sa kaligtasan ng Diyos sa pamamagitan ng Mesiyas, may isang tinig na mula sa ilang na nagsisigaw na pagsisisi at pagbabalik-loob sa Diyos bilang paghahanda sa pagdating ng Panginoon. Ganun din ang pagdidiretso ng mga makipot na daan.
At sinasabi rito na si Juan ay nagbibinyag sa Ilog Jordan bilang tanda ng pagtalikod ng mga tao laban sa kasalanan at pamumuhay nang ayon sa pamantayan ng Ama nating Diyos. Si San Juan Bautista ay hinula na ni Propeta Isaias sa Unang Pagbasa, at natupad itong propesiyang ito sa misyon at pangangaral bilang Tagapaguna para sa darating na Kristong Mesiyas. Ayon kay Isaias, ang papel ni Juan ay katuparan ng pangako ng Diyos na magbigay ng aliw at ginhawa sa bayang nalugmok sa kasalanan. Sa kabila ng pagsusuway at pagmamatigas ng taongbayan ng Israel laban sa Maykapal, siya pa rin ang gagawa ng mabuting hakbang para sa kaligtasan ng sangkatauhan at panunumbalik na kalooban patungo sa Diyos na lumikha at tumagi sa kanila. Mga kapatid, ang Adbiyento ay isang panahon upang dinggin natin ang tinig ng Tagapaguna ng Panginoon na nagpapahayag ng pagsisisi, pagbabalik-loob, at patuloy na paggawa ng kabutihan bilang paghahanda sa pagdating ng Mesiyas sa pagdiriwang ng Kapaskuhan, sa kanyang muling pagpaparito sa katapusan ng panahon, at higit sa lahat, ang kanyang araw-araw na pamamalagi sa piling ng tao at sa iba't ibang tanda ng panahon.
Tularan din natin si San Juan Bautista sa pagpapakumbaba na si Hesukristo ay higit sa ating buhay, na tayo nawa ay maging mga alagad ni Kristo at isabuhay ang kanyang Mabuting Balita sa ating araw-araw na pamumuhay.

CATECHETICAL MINISTRY

Catechetical Ministry

Religious Education *for youth*

Ongoing Faith Formation
First Communion Preparation
RCIA for children over age of 7 not baptized
Middle School/Jr High Edge
Confirmation Preparation for Teens
Youth Ministry for Jr High & High School

Sacrament Prep for *Adults*

First Communion **Adult Confirmation**

RCIA unbaptized or baptized in another faith tradition

Baptism Preparation Parents & Godparents

Lori Muniz, Director of Catechetical Ministry
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Gabi Flores, YOUTH CONFIRMATION COORD.

Perla Plascencia, YOUTH MINISTER

SESSIONS on ZOOM! **REGISTRATION REMAINS OPEN!**

ADULT CONFIRMATION

CLASSES BEGIN SUNDAY, JANUARY 24
15 Class SESSIONS
SUNDAYS 11:00-12:15
CONFIRMATION MAY 2020

Contact Lori in the Catechetical Office 981-7080 or register online via our parish website
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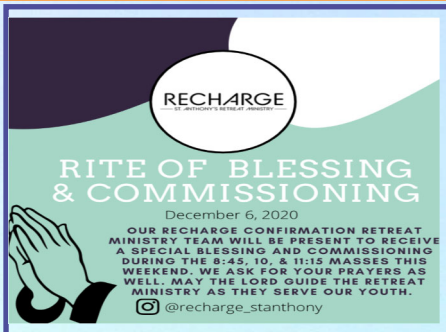

This year St Anthony's Recharge Ministry's has grown to it's largest membership yet with 50 members! Our season runs from August through May, with members meeting every Thursday night from 7p-9p on ZOOM.

During our weekly formation meetings, the Core Team prepares our retreat leaders in prayer, scripture, saint reflections, apologetics, theology, Catholic social teachings, leading small groups, talk preparation and execution, liturgy, praise & worship. This year we are, for the first time, doing a self guided retreat using the "33 Days to Morning Glory" by Fr. Michael E. Gaitley, MIC to consecration ourselves to the Sacred Heart of Jesus through Mary.

We added designated Prayer Warriors to our ministry who will dedicating their time in prayer and fasting for the protection of our ministry, for the youth that we serve, and for the discipline to be focused on God's will as we service.

RECHARGE hosts St Anthony's Confirmation Retreats & Unity Classes for our Confirmation students, assists with Confirmation ceremonies and other related events.

We thank you for your continued prayers & support and we thank our Pastor, Fr. Gerry for his support of RECHARGE that helps make it what it is today.

December 6th ***is the feast day of Saint Nicholas, the patron saint of childfree, which falls during the ADVENT season.*** This tradition grew from the story of when St. Nicholas, the Bishop of Myra, threw bags of dowry money, either through a window or down a chimney, into the home of an impoverished family to rescue their daughters from being sold into slavery. This was just one of his many acts of good will and charity towards the poor, especially poor children. Children leave their shoes outside their door & wake to a shoe full of surprises. (chocolate candy coin, tangerines, prayer card, etc)

A Great Tradition for Kids! Making Small Sacrifices for the Baby Jesus During Advent

Advent is known as "little Lent," and prayer, alms, and sacrifices are an important part of the liturgical season as we prepare for the coming of Christ. To help children participate in the true purpose of Advent (rather than the temptation to treat it selfishly as a countdown to getting their presents on Christmas day), a visual teaching aid can be very helpful.

One of the popular ways to help children understand the meaning of Christmas is to encourage them to thoughtfully make small offerings for the Baby Jesus throughout the days and weeks of Advent. These offerings can be a small sacrifice, a good deed, a kind word, or a prayer.

Join in this tradition using the Baby Jesus figure either from your nativity set (which may be a little too small depending on the size) or opt for a larger solitary nativity creche with a Baby Jesus figure that you can find here.

Place the creche in a prominent place in the home, perhaps next to your Advent wreath, and encourage children to make their spiritual gifts out of love for the Baby Jesus each day leading up to Christmas.

For each small sacrifice or good deed done by a child during Advent, a piece of straw (or something that comparable that you can purchase at a craft store) is added into the manger or creche.

On Christmas day the Baby Jesus figure is placed inside the creche, and the prayers and sacrifices symbolized by the pieces of straw have added up to prepare a comfortable place for him to rest, just like Mary and Joseph prepared for him in the manger at Bethlehem by Gretchen Filz, November 1, 2016

PARTNERS IN FAITH
Open the gifts of Advent

It's hard to compete with the breathless excitement of Christmas but Advent has a beauty all its own. When families step out of the busy pace of life during Advent, the Christmas celebration at the end becomes all the more heartfelt.

Create rituals. Life is to be different during Advent – quieter, more reflective – and rituals can help. Light a candle every day in an Advent wreath. Gather to read some of the Nativity story (Luke 1:5-2:40), drawing it out until Christmas. For an hour each night, turn off the lights in your home and work by candle light.

Make small sacrifices. The holidays can herald a season of excess. Instead, create a "Sacrifice Stocking" for Jesus. Encourage each child to make small sacrifices – foregoing dessert, performing an unasked chore, befriending a lonely classmate. Write each sacrifice on a slip of paper and place it in a Christmas stocking in the four weeks before Advent. On Christmas morning, read each "gift" in the stocking offered to the Babe as the first gifts of Christmas.

Let music make the mood. The right music can help create a quiet mood during the season. Pick a time each day to play only spiritual and religious carols. Choose songs that tell of God's love for us. Or, make up new words to your old favorites.

Preparing your family to celebrate Mass

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December 6, 2020 2nd Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 • 2 Peter 3:8-14 • Mark 1:1-8

"…prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."
—Mark 1:3

Preparing is what everyone seems to be doing this time of the year. People are buying presents, writing cards, making cookies, and decorating homes.

These ways of preparing to celebrate Jesus' birth are lots of fun. But how are we preparing our hearts? There are many special things we can do during Advent, such as a Jesse Tree which reminds us of Jesus' lineage. We could do Advent meditations as a family to help us think about Christ's coming. We could find a way to serve those in need together. Or we could just pray together as a family in front of our Christmas tree and ask Jesus to help us prepare our hearts for Christmas. Whatever we choose, let us find a special way our family can "prepare the way of the Lord."

Dear Lord, please help us to prepare our hearts in a special way as we prepare to celebrate your birth.

What will we do as a family this Advent to prepare our hearts for Jesus' birth?

Confirmation Classes resume
Sun, Dec 6 & Wed, Dec 8

*Annual **Touching Safety Lesson** will be presented. This year's theme is Speak Up! Speak*

Confirmation Class Schedule for December
Sunday, Dec 6 & 13 Wednesday, Dec 8 & 15

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SUGGESTIONS TO WATCH THIS WEEK...Nov 29-Dec 5...

DECEMBER 6 Second Sunday of Advent
YDisciple: Advent, Session 2: Trust in God
Christmas in Rome
Advent of the Heart
Cradle of Redeeming Love

ST NICHOLAS
Nicholas: The Boy Who Became Santa
St. Nicholas: The Real Story

DECEMBER 70
ST AMBROSE
Restless Heart
The Restless Flame
Young People's Book of Saints
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The Restless Flame

DECEMBER 8 Immaculate Concepcion
Lectio Mary
The Bible and Virgin Mary Lesson 9: Full of Grace
The Bible and Virgin Mary Lesson 3: Wedding at Cana, Garden of Eden
Symbolon Knowing the Faith Session 9: Mary and the Saints
Footprints of God Session 3: Mary
33 Days to Morning Glory
The Wild Goose Segment 4: The Spirit and Our Lady
Cat Chat Session 1: Celebrating Mary
Sorrowful Mysteries

DECEMBER 9
St JUAN DIEGO
Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message
Our Lady of Guadalupe (Luis Soto)

DECEMBER 12
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message
The Eternal Woman
The Virgin Mary Revealed through Scripture

FORMED® PICK OF THE WEEK
December 13, 2020

WATCH

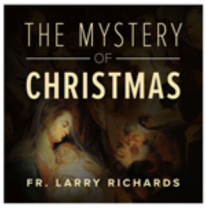
SAINT TERESA OF ÁVILA: A STUDY IN PERSEVERANCE
Both St. John of the Cross and his dear friend St. Teresa of Ávila lived heroic lives of prayer. In honor of these spiritual masters, enjoy this film depicting the Carmelite way of life and the virtue of perseverance.

LEARN

LECTIO: PRAYER—AN INTIMATE DIALOGUE
St. John of the Cross, Doctor of the Church, had a deep desire to help others grow in prayer. In honor of this mystical saint, join Dr. Gray as he dives into the simplicity and mystery of prayer.

LISTEN

THE MYSTERY OF CHRISTMAS BY FR. LARRY RICHARDS
In this talk, Fr. Larry Richards reminds us that in the mystery of Christmas, God gives humanity his greatest gift—the gift of his Son to the world.



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Kids Corner

READ THE GOSPEL & COLOR

John the Baptist had an important message. When you make sinful mistakes, and when you turn away from God, stop. Learn from your mistakes, and do things God's way. Were you bossy or rude? Be thoughtful and kind. Did you tell a lie? Be honest instead. God wants you to share his love with other people.

PRAYER

Jesus, help me to learn from my mistakes. Thank you for forgiving me.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Ask your family if you have hurt their feelings. Ask them to forgive you.

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LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Prepare the way of the Lord! The message of John the Baptist becomes the calling of every baptized disciple of Jesus Christ. Each one of us is asked to prepare the way of the Lord. Given the humble means of our lives, how can we do this? It certainly does not require that we stand on street corners announcing God's future coming! We can more readily take up the task of our lifework by clearing our lives of unnecessary, distracting clutter. By creating solid and deep spiritual lives, we can heighten our awareness of God's presence and help people point to and discover God's presence around them. By conducting ourselves in holiness and devotion, we can speak volumes to those we meet. Not by preaching actual words, but by living lives that communicate the comfort God wants His people to know. As the world sometimes frantically unfolds around us, we can be people of patience who show others that it's okay to wait for God's gift to come. Conducting our lives in this manner, we will know the peace that comes from doing what we have been asked to do.

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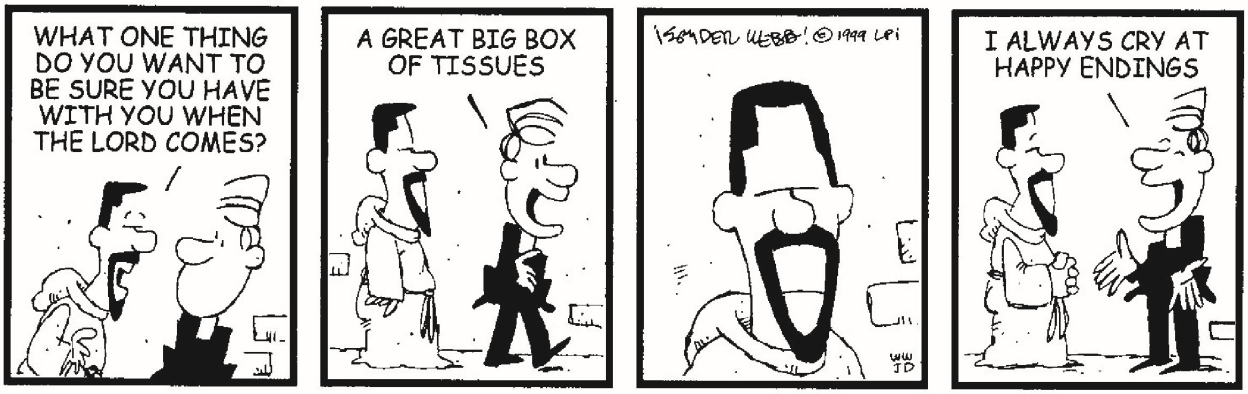
Our parish is grateful for your continued support at this time. Thank you!

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 6, 2020

SUN 12/6	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
MON 12/7	Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26
TUE 12/8	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
WED 12/9	Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30
THR 12/10	Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15
FRI 12/11	Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19
SAT 12/12	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/
SUN 12/13	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 6, 2020

Sunday:	2nd Sunday of Advent
Monday:	St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday:	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday:	St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
Friday:	St. Damasus I, Pope
Saturday:	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Next Sunday:	3rd Sunday of Advent

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

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