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SECOND SUNDAY of Advent

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John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

Matthew 3:1

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Mass Times

"BIG CHURCH"
MCKEAN RD
Daily Mass:
Tuesday - Friday
8:00 a.m.

Sunday Masses:
8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

"LITTLE CHURCH"
BERTRAM RD
Saturday Vigil Mass:
4:00 P.M.

We welcome visitors and newcomers to St. Anthony Parish. We encourage new parishioners to register as parish members and become active in our parish community. Registration forms are available on Web Site.

Did you know.....that the Parish Bulletin is posted on our website each week along with the monthly calendar of parish events?? Check out our website at churchstanthony.com

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

The prophets of Scripture came not with a message of humiliation or doom, but with words of consolation and hope and yes, from time to time, words of challenge. Their ministry was not simply to place a bandage on the wounds of Israel's sin with empty words, but to bring lasting healing by highlighting God's past saving acts and assuring her of God's future fidelity.

Today's readings place before us two of the great prophetic voices of Scripture: Isaiah, the prophet of consolation, and John the Baptist, the herald of the Messiah. Together, they give us much to reflect upon as we continue our Advent journey. Isaiah shares with us the powerful image of the shoot sprouting from the stump of Jesse. He doesn't want us to see this as a dead shoot, but as one full of new life and potential. That shoot we now recognize as Christ Jesus, whose return in glory we long for and whose birth in time we celebrate.

John the Baptist, the last of the prophets, comes with a message of repentance, inviting us to look for the highway of God where we can walk once more along the straight and level and so experience God's healing presence. Matthew positions John at the Jordan – the place where Israel once crossed into the Promised Land. Dressed in the strangest of attire, John's words echo those of Isaiah but, unlike Isaiah's words, they are addressed to all who seek God – Jew and Gentile alike.

John calls us to make an exodus from the desert of sinfulness through the waters of repentance to conversion of heart. It's a journey that speaks of hope, not past regrets. John challenges us to prepare the way of the Lord by smoothing the treacherous bumps of sin and by leveling and straightening out whatever are the obstacles in our relationship with God and with one another. In this, we are to let God's mercy fill in the holes of our omissions and failures and allow his grace to level out the twists and turns of our indifference.

Saint Paul shares a similar message in his Letter to the Romans. In a text full of encouragement and hope, he speaks of harmony, unity, the mercy of God and, above all, the call to glorify the Lord's name so that others will be energized in their journey of faith. Paul prays that their way of life in Christ will abound in knowledge and right judgment so they will reflect the goodness of Christ and give glory to his name.

Advent Blessings,
Fr. Tad

Christmas Eve
Saturday, December 24, 2022
4:00 p.m. Children's Mass (McKean)
6:00 p.m. Mass (Bertram)

Christmas Day
Sunday, December 25, 2022
8:30 a.m. Mass (McKean)
10:30 a.m. Mass (McKean)

Mass Intentions ~ December 1 - December 9

Thursday, Dec 1	8:00 a.m.	Patrick Healy †
Friday, Dec 2	8:30 a.m.	Open
Saturday, Dec 3	4:00 p.m.	Open
Sunday, Dec 4	8:30 a.m.	Rosemary Elsbrend †
Sunday, Dec 4	10:30 a.m.	Kay Banchero †
Tuesday, Dec 6	8:00 a.m.	Open
Wednesday, Dec 7	8:00 a.m.	Open
Thursday, Dec 8	8:00 a.m.	Catherine & Monica Nguyen, Si
Friday, Dec 9	8:00 a.m.	Open

Charles Keyon, Janet Pryor, John Haugh, Denzil Rout Jr, Stephanie Procker, Barbara Holtsnider, Mary Morrison, Heidi, Preston, Jeff Verne, Dustin Taylor, Kathy Thrash, Colleen Denver Walczykowski, MaryAnn Fox, Mary Jane Dias, Chris Thrash, Roger Rayundo, Todd Ericson, Mary Sheehan, Charles Roig, Tony Elliot, Diego Pelayo, Juanita Elizabeth Croker, Luca Colacino, Janice Page, Tracy Riffe, Carolyn Hackett, Kathy Zwibelman, Sean Banchero, Dale Anderson, Rose Flowers, Sally Pfeiffer, Matt Cesario, Jack Williams

To add a name to the Prayer List **OR** remove, please contact the Parish Office: churchstanthony@dsj.org

ANOINTING & CARE OF THE SICK

† If you or someone you know is preparing for surgery, received a recent serious medical diagnosis, or is experiencing the burden of years, please call the Parish Office for Anointing of the Sick.

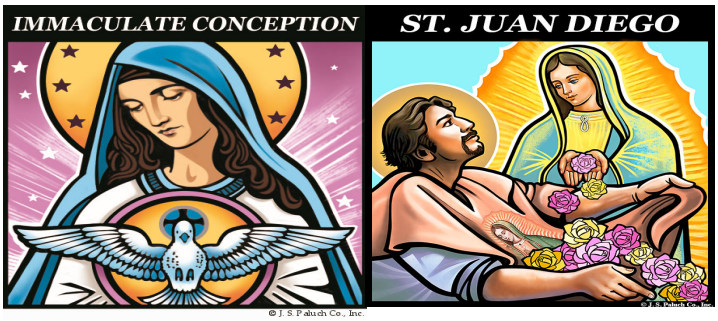
† Communion can be brought to anyone who is ill or homebound through our Pastoral Care Ministers **or** upon request **by Fr. Tad on the First Friday of the month**. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

The Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Friday:	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday:	Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11



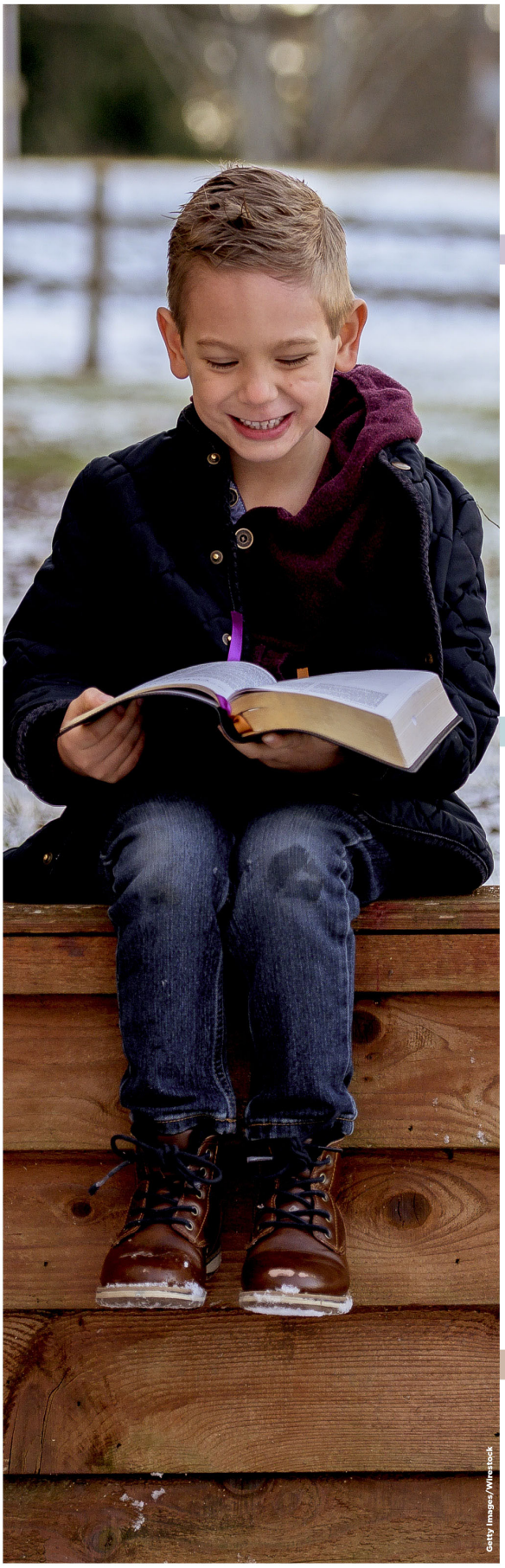
SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Second Sunday of Advent
Tuesday:	St. Nicholas
Wednesday:	St. Ambrose; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Thursday:	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday:	St. Juan Diego
Saturday:	Our Lady of Loreto International Human Rights Day

Advent Reconciliation Service

December 14
6:30 PM
McKean Rd.

Prepare for the Christmas Season by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent. All are welcome.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December 4, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

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

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Harmony. It can seem so elusive in these times when our news-feeds bombard us with reminders of what's wrong with our world: war, political conflicts, hunger, injustice, violence. We may also experience discord in our homes or within our hearts. Perhaps that is why the beautiful imagery in Isaiah's prophecy, where Isaiah envisions a world transformed by the coming of the Messiah, strikes a chord as we prepare for Christ's coming: We picture the wolf lying beside the lamb, and the calf with the lion. All will be right with the world. As we reflect on the areas in our lives that lack harmony, we are reminded to focus on Jesus and the Father, the source of all good. Through prayer and reflection on our Advent readings, we can "prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I have a "smart" alarm clock. To shut it off, I just have to say, "Alexa, turn off my alarm." Easy, right? Well, too easy, it turns out, because lately I've slept right through the one-sided conversation. But it's hard to miss John's wake-up call: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" Perhaps, though, we've become complacent; we've heard it so often that we skip right past it. That can happen during Advent, this season of preparation and, yes, repentance. I love our family traditions – candy every day, in the morning!; our well-worn Nativity set; lighting the Advent candles; Christmas concerts and gatherings. None of those are bad, of course, but in the blur of the season we must be challenged by John the Baptist's words to prepare not only our homes but our hearts for Christ's coming. During this season, we can examine our lives to separate the wheat from the chaff, focusing on those things that bring us closer to the Lord and one another. As St. Paul encourages the Romans, "Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God."

PRAY St. Paul's words above give us pretty clear instruction for how to live out our faith by welcoming others as Christ has welcomed us. Reflect on these words during daily Advent reflection this week: When have we welcomed others in our lives – and truly loved them? How can we do that for someone in the coming days?

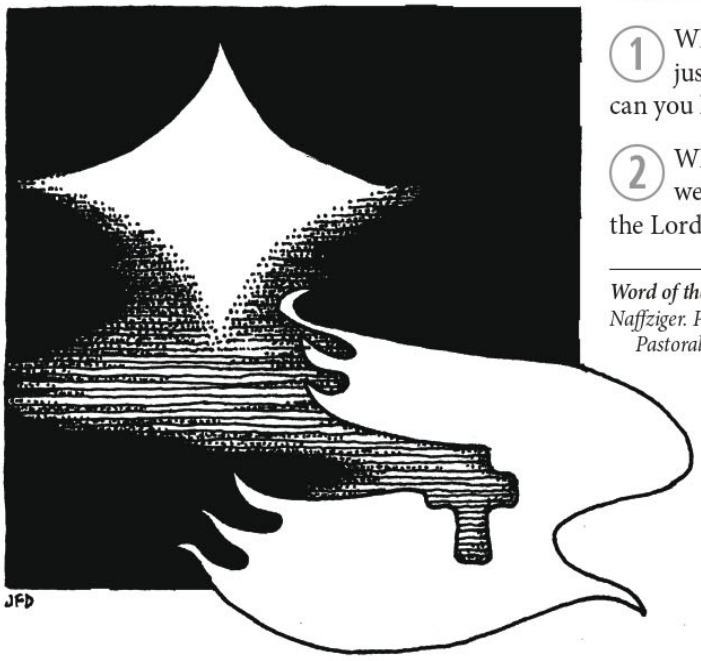
John Was On Fire!

This Week's Readings at Mass

- Isaiah 11:1–10 • The rule of Emmanuel
- Romans 15:4–9 • Prayer of encouragement
- Matthew 3:1–12 • John the Baptist

After hearing the beautiful images of the lion and the lamb, the cow and the bear, and the child and the snake living together in peace in the first reading today, the Gospel passage about John the Baptist may seem jarring, or even off-putting. Then again, the words and actions of John the Baptist, whenever he shows up in the Gospels, are always strong, direct, and challenging. Sometimes people don't want to hear his directness—or his challenges.

John was *on fire* with the urgency that we turn our lives around. He was asking folks to repent of whatever in their lives was keeping them from living in God's way of justice and peace. He gladly baptized those who acknowledged their sins, but he had little patience for false repentance, especially coming from religious leaders like the Pharisees and Sadducees. It didn't matter to him who someone was, what family they came from, or what their religious background was—he wanted to see the fruits of their repentance. John was a New Testament version of the Old Testament prophets: fiery, passionate characters who unsettled the rich and powerful but offered hope and consolation to those willing to be honest about their shortcomings.



As we prepare ourselves for Christmas, John is a valuable guide. His urgency to evaluate how we live in this world and how we need to change is hard to ignore. We have work to do before Christmas that doesn't involve planning the perfect party or finding the perfect gift. Our work now is to acknowledge what we need to change, ask forgiveness, and get back to doing God's work.

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"He shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted."

Sheepish Question:

How can I enhance my feelings of compassion with a deeper sense of justice?

Questions of the Week

1. Who in your life is on fire for justice and repentance? What can you learn from them?

2. What can you do this coming week to "prepare the way of the Lord"?

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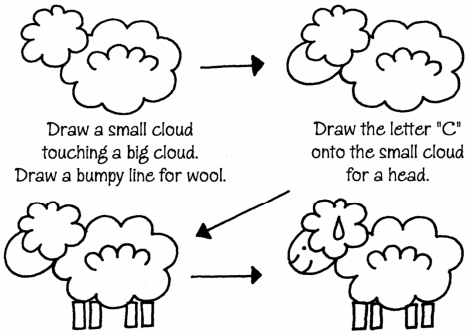
YOUTH MINISTRY

God's Word for Children

God loves it when we are at peace with each other!
Scripture tells us that someday even wolves and lambs will get along.
Follow the steps below to draw a lamb on the bottom of this page. Then read about this time of peace at Isaiah 11:6–9 in your Bible.



Draw a small cloud touching a big cloud. Draw a bumpy line for wool.

Draw the letter "C" onto the small cloud for a head.

Add four rectangles under the big cloud to make legs.

Draw a teardrop shape onto the small cloud for an ear. Add a dot for an eye and curved lines to make a nose and mouth.

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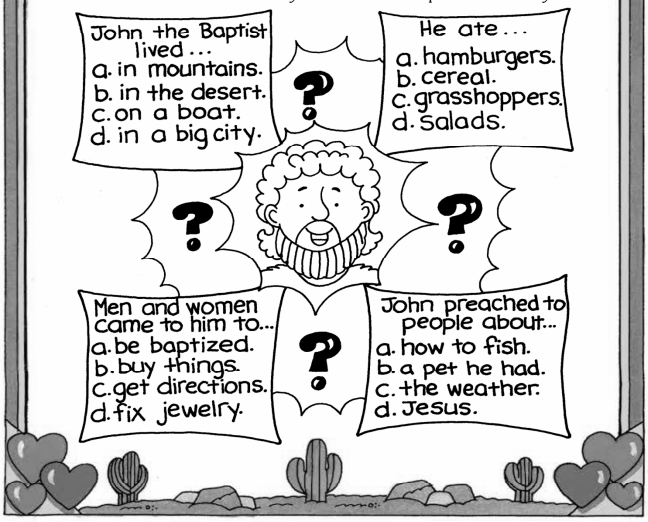
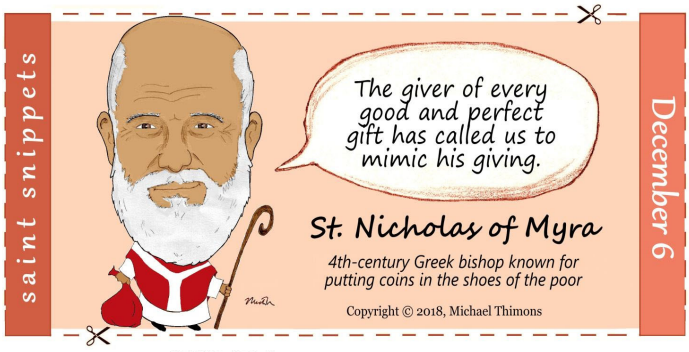
Second Sunday of Advent

How much do you know about John the Baptist?
Get ready to test your knowledge!
Read the start of each sentence.
Then circle the letter that you think will complete it correctly.





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CALLING TO BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER

It's slowly and carefully, becoming the time to call upon our children to come back to church and to be engaged in the life of the parish by **becoming an Altar Server.** We would like to call upon boys and girls who have received already the **1st Holy Communion** to register for this program. Parents, please, help your children to do so if they express such a desire to become an Altar Server. **PLEASE**, submit the names of your children to the Parish Office.

We are aspiring for a life giving and vibrant liturgy! Your kids will have an important role in it.

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OUR FASCINATING FAITH
The Immaculate Conception (December 8)

December 8 we celebrate the patronal solemnity of the United States and the greatest of Mary's Advent festivals. On that day we remember Mary's conception in the womb of her mother (and nine months later, on September 8, we celebrate Mary's birth). In this liturgy, we affirm our belief that God prepared Mary to be the mother of the son of God by allowing her a share, from the moment of her conception, in the salvation that would be won for all by Christ.

Five mothers make their presence felt on December 8. The first is Eve, the mother of all the living. The second is Mary's mother, who conceived, brought to birth, and nurtured an "immaculate" daughter who would become the mother of the Word made Flesh. The third is Elizabeth, who conceived her son John "in her old age." The fourth, of course, is Mary herself. Finally, the letter to the Ephesians and the texts of the Mass for this feast remind us that the Church has been "chosen" to be a spiritual mother. We pray: "The image of the Virgin is found in your Church . . . Trace in our actions the lines of her love, in our hearts her readiness of faith."

In this Advent time, we are called, as Mary was, to make room for Christ in our hearts. What will it take, what will be the cost for us to become, as Mary became, real "bearers of the Word?" Let us be open to the intercession of Mary on our behalf, that we may become more and more like her beloved Son. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

2023 Mass Intention Book

The 2023 Mass book is available and weekend Masses are filling up quickly.
A very special prayer practice that is offered at every Mass is a Mass Intention. Intentions are offered for many reasons, for the living and the dead. Masses can be offered for birthdays, anniversaries, illness, special intentions and answered prayers. Consider remembering a loved one this upcoming year.
If you are looking for a specific date for the Mass, call soon to reserve your date so that it isn't taken.
Contact Carmen at the parish office ~ (408) 997-4800; email us at churchstanthony@dsj.org. *A donation of $10 is suggested.*

Mass Intentions

Do you love someone? When we love another person, we TALK to the one we love, and we LISTEN very carefully to the response from our beloved. We listen carefully because what this person says is VERY important to us. By talking and listening we learn more about our beloved. In Christianity, that loving dialogue between the lover and the loved is called **PRAYER.**

Prayer is extremely simple: it is just communication with God, conversation with God. **One simply cannot be a Christian without prayer**, any more than one can be a Christian without **faith, hope or love**. What communication is to our friendships or marriage relationship with our spouse, **prayer is to our relationship with God**. If we say we love God but do not pray, we lie. For love is intimacy, and intimacy is communication, and communication with God is prayer.

If God is necessary, prayer is necessary, for **prayer is our spiritual lifeline to God**. In prayer, we "**plug in to God"**, the source of all good; we **"charge our spiritual batteries"**, we feed our souls. Without prayer our souls starve.

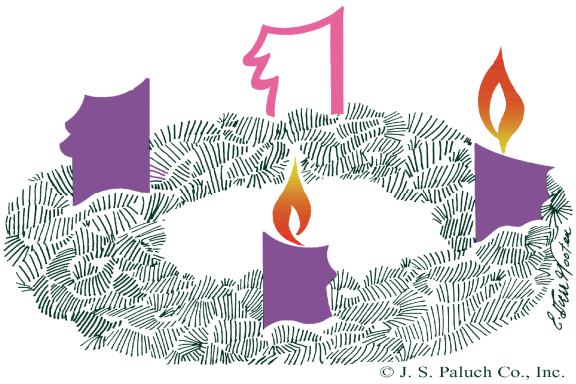
The highest form of Christian prayer is the Mass. Why? Because at Mass we meet and receive our Eucharistic Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As the Catechism states, ***"The Eucharist…is the culmination both of God's action in sanctifying the world in Christ and of the worship men offer to Christ and through Him to the Father in the Holy Spirit"***. (CCC 1325) **At Mass, we join ourselves to the perfect prayer and offering of Jesus to the Father in the Spirit!** By receiving Jesus in Word and Sacrament we become what we consume**….."living images of Christ"**. Fed on His Body and Blood, we depart from Mass to go and **TRANSFORM THE WORLD by our LOVE**.

Now, back to my initial question – Do you love someone? I presume that your answer is **"yes"**, thus, my next question is, **"When is the last time that you had a Mass said for your beloved (living or deceased) spouse, children, parents, friends, or enemies?** Everyone needs prayer. There are NO exceptions. **If you are not prayerfully interceding for the persons that God has surrounded you with, who will?**

Do you know of someone who is unemployed, lonely, sick, facing death, deceased, bitter, an atheist, an enemy…….THEN PRAY FOR THEM and remember that **your gift of the Sacrifice of the Mass is the greatest gift of LOVE that you could ever give another person**.

Thanksgiving Mass was followed by Thanksgiving Hospitality

This past Sunday at the 10:30 Mass, Ying and David O'Connor baptized the newest member of their family. God Bless you, Little Daniel!



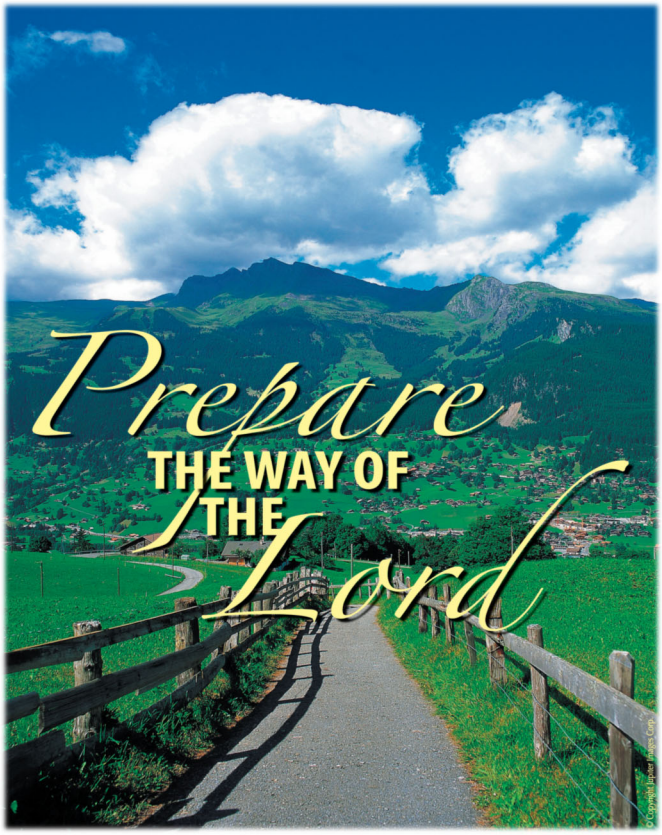
Outreach News - Christmas Gifts for St. Joseph's

St.Joseph's in Gilroy will not distribute physical Christmas gifts this year due to covid restrictions. They have requested that St. Anthony parishioners donate **gift cards from Target or Walmart**.

St. Joseph's will be distributing gift cards to over 1000 families in need, and they have told us that St. Anthony Church is one of their largest supporters. Please give generously, and help to make this a very Merry Christmas for a child in need. Please give generously, and help to make this a very Merry Christmas for a child in need.

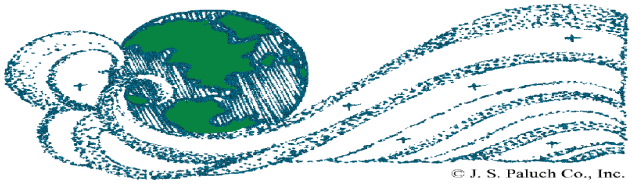
We are suggesting a **$25 gift card**. You may purchase your own gift card, or you may give us a check, and Outreach will purchase the gift cards. **Make out checks to St. Anthony Outreach**, and write St. Joseph's on the memo line at the bottom of the check. A member of Outreach will be available to take your gift cards or checks after each mass on **Saturday and Sunday, December 3-4, and December 10-11.** You may also drop off checks and gift cards in the parish office no later December 12.

May the Lord bless each of you and your families for your continued generosity, and may you have a very **Merry Christmas**!



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

For those needing assistance with everyday essentials, St. Vincent de Paul provides critical support to those in need. Some of the services provided by St. Vincent de Paul are help with rent, utilities, food, gas, clothing, furniture etc. If you or someone you know is looking for help, please call the main help line at **408-249-2853**. St. Vincent de Paul will direct you to the closest facility to where you live.



STEPHEN MINISTRY Are you or someone you know struggling with emotional challenges like isolation, anxiety over health, grief due to some kind of loss, tension from work, juggling childcare, school, financial strain or job loss, uncertainty about the future or any other unexpected life challenges? If so, you don't have to face it alone. Stephen Ministers provide high-quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people in the congregation and the community experiencing life difficulties. Ministers are ready to listen, care, encourage and provide emotional and spiritual support. A Stephen Minister will meet with you privately--by phone, by video chat or if possible, in person--to offer care and support. The service is free and completely confidential. For more information contact Claranne at 408-782-1413

Advent Blood Drive
December 10

It's that time again, Advent is just around the corner and so is your opportunity to save a life. The Pastoral Ministry of St. Anthony Parish will be hosting their annual Advent blood drive on Saturday, December 10, 2022. The Stanford Blood Center will be taking donations in the Big Church parking lot from 8:30am until 12:15pm. Donating blood is one of the easiest ways to give back to your community. Please consider rolling up your sleeve; a single donation can be used to help as many as three people here in the Bay Area. In person sign-ups will be held after each mass on the weekend of November 19th and 20th.

Don't want to wait,
contact Corinne Jarrett grammycmj@gmail.com or 408-892-3152 today to get on the schedule. You can also sign up on-line by visiting the Stanford Blood Center website.

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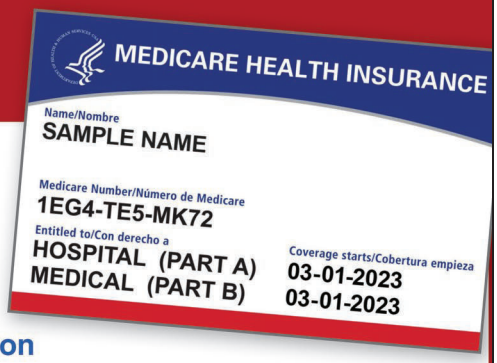

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