



St. Anthony Catholic Parish

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Historic "Little" Church

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Dec 3, 2023

First Sunday of ADVENT



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If you need to access the Church or Office after 3 p.m. please ensure your meeting is on the calendar by sending the details to churchstanthony@dsj.org. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Annually at the Easter Vigil. Adults or children aged seven or older please call or email the Parish Office

BAPTISM OF INFANTS

New or expectant parents should contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment with the pastor. Infant Baptism is celebrated in Mass. Baptism preparation session is required

CONFIRMATION FOR TEENS

Classes begin in Fall 2023

MARRIAGE

Couples should contact the parish upon their Engagement and usually 6 months prior to the desired date of the Wedding Ceremony

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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.



Welcome

*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.*

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

To submit announcements to the Bulletin Editor please submit announcement **no later than Monday by 12 pm** to be added to the upcoming bulletin: please email at churchstanthony@dsj.org



Dear Parishioners,

The season of Advent is upon us. The decorations in our church have changed indicating that something new is happening; that something new is coming. We hear in today's Gospel Jesus telling his disciples to be alert, to be ready, and to watch. In short, he tells them to be full of hope. How ready are we? How full of hope?

Jesus compares himself to a master of the house who has gone traveling abroad, leaving others behind in charge of his household. We can assume a few things about their responsibilities. They should guard the property, keep it up, and care for the land. But this is not all. Jesus today focuses on the stance that these servants ought to take up, their posture so to speak. He says they ought to be ready to welcome the master home at a moment's notice. They should be alert and watchful. They should not only be good stewards – maintaining and caring for the household – they should be oriented toward the master at all times, eagerly hoping for his return.

Advent is a season of hope, and this parable makes clear that our hope cannot be passive. Hope is an activity for the Christian, not simply a passive state of being.

Hope is one of the theological virtues, and like the other virtues it requires action. To be virtuous first requires building up a sort of habit of doing the good – a state of being which is inclined to do the good. The courageous person is ready to face his or her fear and fight for the good. In this way, virtues such as hope are a sort of passive state of being. But virtues are also activities. They must be actualized – made real – by some specific action. The courageous person must not only be ready to face his or her fear but must feel some specific fear and pursue the good in spite of it.

Hope is a desire, a longing, for some future and difficult-to-obtain happiness. Ultimately, it is a longing for nothing less than the return of Christ and our eternal union with him. This is the posture, the attitude, that Jesus describes in the servants of the traveling master. It is not enough for them to be good stewards of the house who passively wait for his coming. They should be on the watch – actively looking for him.

As Christians during this Advent season, we must be fully alive and fully engaged. We must **be active** in our pursuit of the Lord. We must be people of hope! I invite you to reflect on the theme of hope in your life. How much do you hope? What do you hope for? Do you rely on your hope?

Blessings,
Fr. Tad



Mass Intentions

Sunday, Dec 3	8:30 a.m.	Mark Vitale †
Sunday, Dec 3	10:30 a.m.	Len Procker †
Tuesday, Dec 5	8:00 a.m.	Joseph McNeill SI
Wednesday, Dec 6	8:00 a.m.	Ann Rummelhoff and Kyle Noble SI
Thursday, Dec 7	8:00 a.m.	Hong-Kwong Lim and Wan-Fa Lim †
Friday, Dec 8	8:00 a.m.	Rostamizadeh Family SI
Saturday, Dec 9	4:00 p.m.	Joanne McMillen †



Thomas Winkler, Bill Savage, Mary Katherine Brown, Diane Kelley, Theresa Banchemo-McTighe, Don Muger, Catherine Knarsboro, Ed and Doris Cronin, Bridie Alai, Bronson Phillips, Mary Becker, Delores Schwarz, Karen Golitz-Mabee, Brian Yourstone, Dorothy Castellano, Roy Elkins, Carol Perez, Richard Royal, Helene Eichler, Janet Pryor, Denzil Rout Jr, Barbara Holtsnider, Mary Morrison, Dustin Taylor, MaryAnn Fox, Mary Jane Dias, Roger Rayundo, Todd Ericson, Mary Sheehan, Charles Roig, Tony Elliot, Diego Pelayo, Juanita Elizabeth Croker, Luca Colacino, Janice Page, Tracy Riffe, Carolyn Hackett, Sean Banchemo, 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 home-bound 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.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 24, 2023

9:30 AM 4th Sunday of Advent (Big Church)

4:00 PM Family Christmas Eve Mass (Big Church)

6:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass (Little Church)

Monday, December 25, 2023

9:30 AM Christmas Mass (Big Church)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
Monday:	Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

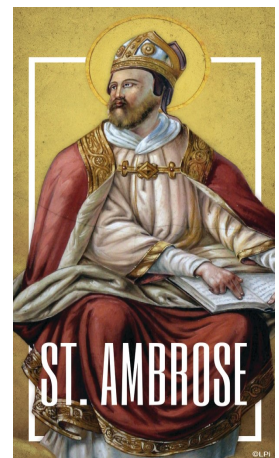
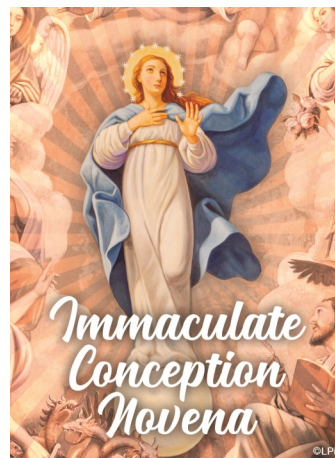
Sunday:	1 st Sunday of Advent
Monday:	St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday:	St. Nicholas, Bishop
Wednesday:	St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Thursday:	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday:	St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

MASS ETIQUETTE

- Remember to silence, turn off, and put away your cell phones, tablets, and gaming devices prior the start of Mass. This includes chewing gum.

- Keep in mind the Communion fast – we are to fast from food and drink (water and medicine excluded) one hour before receiving Holy Communion. Let us prepare our body and soul to worthily receive our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

- When we are in the church (specifically in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament), we should keep our volume to a reverential whisper, if conversation is necessary. This is to promote prayer with Christ in the Eucharist and to prepare our hearts and minds for Mass. Community time is best for after Mass in the vestibule or outside the church. Thank you for your mindfulness.



Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'" — Mk 13:33, 37

December 3, 2023

First Sunday of Advent

Is 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7 | 1 Cor 1:3-9 | Mk 13:33-37

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

In a nineteenth-century sermon, St. John Henry Newman wrote of today's Gospel: "[Jesus] mercifully whispers into our ears ... not to share in the general unbelief [around us], not to be carried away by the world but to 'beware, keep alert' and look out for his coming." I love the thought that Jesus is "mercifully whispering" to us. Welcome to Advent! We know that Advent is a time of anticipation and preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ, but today's readings also speak to me of training ourselves to be alert for God's presence in the small, everyday moments of our lives. In his Letter to the Corinthians, Paul writes that "[we] are not lacking in any spiritual gift" as we await the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are gifted with his grace. Our loving God bestows countless graces on us each day, and with the help of the Holy Spirit we can seek ways to be more aware of these graces. Yes, we can be more "alert" to them, but can also be thankful for these small moments of God's presence with us.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Advent is a season of joyful hope. "I hope I can get my Christmas shopping done in time ... I hope I have time to get my house decorated this weekend." We all have "hopes and dreams" for this time of year, and, God-willing we will be blessed with a truly festive and joyous holiday season with our families. For Catholics, though, this season of "joyful hope" is one that has a much deeper meaning. We long for the return of Christ and our eternal union with him with a hope that is built on the promises of Jesus in the Scriptures. Our hope is not passive, but active. We know that God is always there for us, comforting us in bad times and rejoicing with us in times of happiness. Let us give thanks for our Triune God who desires to be in relationship with us enough that he sent his Son to take on our humanity. And let us silence any noise in our hearts so as to hear Jesus' merciful whisper of encouragement to be on the watch for his coming.

SING *People, look east. The time is near*

Of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able,

Trim the hearth and set the table.

People, look east and sing today:

Love, the guest, is on the way.

"PEOPLE,
LOOK
EAST.
THE TIME
IS NEAR."



All are invited to come for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on **Wednesday, December 13, after 8:00 AM Mass**. Don't miss this opportunity to spend some time with the Lord and pray. Stay for as long or little as works for you. Adoration will end with Benediction and the Chaplet

"Look upon the hour of adoration assigned to you as an hour in paradise. Go to your adoration as one would to heaven, to the divine banquet. You will then long for that hour and hail it with joy. Take delight in fostering a longing for it in your heart. Tell yourself, 'In four hours, in two hours, in one hour, our Lord will give me an audience of grace and love. He has invited me; he is waiting for me; he is longing for me.'"

- St. Peter Julian Eymard

St. Joseph's Christmas Food Drive - Feed a Family



Many in our community are experiencing extreme food insecurity. St. Joseph's in Gilroy is currently providing food items to over 1800 people each week, and their needs are great. Instead of gift cards or Christmas gift donations, St. Joseph's has requested that this year we donate money to a food drive. We are asking St Anthony parishioners to make cash or check donations and **"Feed a Family" this Christmas**.

We are suggesting a donation of \$25, but any amount will greatly help.

Please make checks payable 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 cash or checks after each mass on **Saturday and Sunday, December 2-3, and December 9-10**. You may also drop off cash or checks in the parish office no later December 11.

May the Lord bless each of you and your families for your continued generosity, and may you have a blessed Christmas season!

LA POSADA
SAINT ANTHONY PARISH

Saturday, December 16
at 5:15 pm

Invite your family, friends,
and neighbors

Experience this Hispanic Advent Tradition

- Posada procession
- Potluck dinner - Hispanic food or your choice
- Piñatas
- Children's craft

Dress warmly. Parts of the event will take place outdoors.

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The Youth Choir Needs You!



Girls and boys who love to sing are invited to join the Youth Choir.

The ability to read music is not required, but patience and persistence are assets!

With the holidays approaching, **we will be singing at the 10:30 Mass on Dec. 3 (The First Sunday of Advent), Dec. 24 at 4:00 PM. (Christmas Vigil Mass), and Jan. 7 (Feast of the Epiphany).** Even if you can't attend all these Masses or all rehearsals, please come as often as you can. What better way to praise God and advance His Kingdom than to lead the congregation in these services?

Join us Tuesdays, 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Email : denise_delong@yahoo.com
or phone: 408 268 3937 (landline - no texting)
if you have questions.

SUNDAY COLLECTION WEEK:
11/26/2023

Giving Method

Cash \$ 468

Check \$ 7,120

Online \$ 1,225

Collection Total \$ 8,813

Weekly Budgeted Collection \$ 7,692

Collection for the Poor—Outreach \$ 1,154

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

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Thank you for your continued support!!

Sharing the Gift of Life

The Pastoral Care Ministry of St. Anthony Parish will be hosting their **annual Advent blood drive on Saturday, December 9, 2023. The Stanford Blood Center will be taking donations in the Big Church parking lot from 8:30am until 12:15pm.**



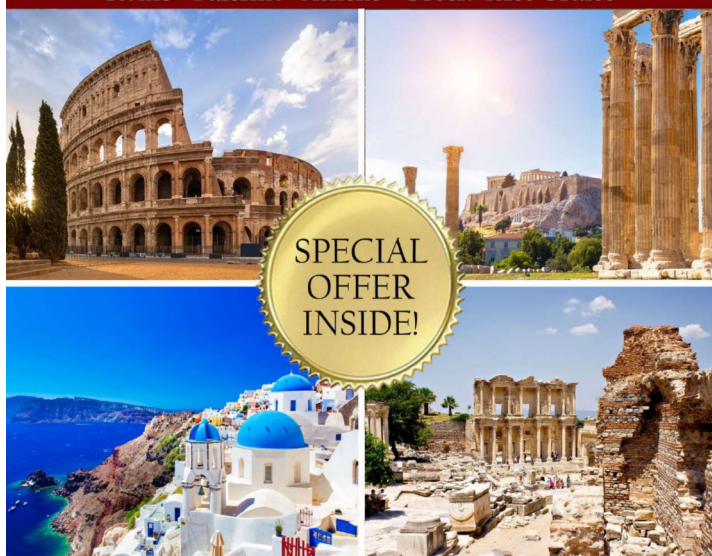
Whether you are a first time donor or a seasoned giver, please consider rolling up your sleeve this Advent Season. Did you know, the Stanford Blood Center is the primary source of blood here in the Bay Area? A single donation can provide life saving blood products to as many as three individuals in need. In **person sign-ups will be held after each mass on the weekend of November 25-26th.**

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. Thank you all for your continued support of such a worthy cause.

Join Fr. Tad Terembula on a Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage to

**Italy, Greece
& Turkey**

Rome - Palermo - Athens - Greek Isles Cruise



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Welcome to St. Anthony Catholic Church! We are so glad you joined us today.

Welcome

Would you like to register or learn more about our community? We would love to connect with you.

Your Name: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Preferred method of contact:

Home Phone: _____

☐ Email

☐ Phone

Cell Phone: _____

Please drop this card at the Information Table in the foyer.
For more information about St. Anthony, please visit www.churchstanthony.com