



# St. Anthony Catholic Parish

## Big Church

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## Historic "Little" Church

21800 Bertram Rd, New Almaden, CA 95042

Dec 10, 2023

# *second sunday of* ADVENT



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### Parish Office Hours

**Monday - Friday**  
**9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

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](mailto: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

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

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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](mailto:churchstanthony@dsj.org)





# FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

As we continue our journey through the season of Advent and light the second candle of our wreath, today's Gospel focuses our attention on John the Baptist, the one who prepared the way for Jesus, the last of the prophets.

John the Baptist appears on the scene in the desert, baptizing people in the Jordan River. To us this might sound like an interesting side fact, but to the Jews of that time, this location would have held great significance. Remember the Exodus story? God freed his people from slavery in Egypt, and led them out into the desert where they ended up wandering for 40 years because of their disobedience – they didn't trust that the God who fought for them and destroyed the Egyptians would fulfill his promise and deliver the Promised Land to them.

When those 40 years of wandering in the desert came to an end, it was at the Jordan River, beyond which was the Promised Land which the Lord was now going to give to the Israelites. The river Jordan was a place that separated sin and penance on one side and reward and blessing on the other. John the Baptist was carrying out his message regarding the necessity of repentance in a place that itself spoke to his audience of both the consequences of sin and the mercy of God.

Another interesting feature of John the Baptist is his choice of clothing. Let's just say he was not given to following the latest fashion, even for the first century! But this attire and his diet would have reminded his audience of the prophet Elijah. And one of the best known stories about this prophet was the contest with the prophets of Baal, the conclusion of which was God's triumph, showing that he is truly the Lord God, the only God. Sadly, however, the Israelites turned away from this truth over time, embracing the lifestyle of their neighbors, turning away from the covenant with God, which is how they ended up in exile. It is another reminder of the terrible consequences of sin and the importance of repentance.

Perhaps we feel we don't really need to be reminded that sin can have terrible consequences in our lives. But if we want to prepare and make room in our hearts for Christ, we would do well to heed the call of God's word and examine our consciences, asking ourselves whether we have become too cozy with secular life and what it has to offer at the cost of living a life of holiness and devotion to God. And we can make this examination confident that the Lord is patient and merciful toward his children, that he desires our salvation, and has gone to incredible lengths to extend this gift to us. **All we need to do is open our Hearts to him.** So, when you come this Sunday to church, I hope you will have an intimate moment with the Lord when you can open your heart to Him. He just waits to be invited.

Blessings,  
Fr. Tad



## *Second Week of Advent: Peace, a Purple Candle*

Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen.

## Mass Intentions

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Sunday, Dec 10	8:30 a.m.	Joe Martarano †
Sunday, Dec 10	10:30 a.m.	Jose Pires †
Tuesday, Dec 12	8:00 a.m.	May and Hugh Miller †
Wednesday, Dec 13	8:00 a.m.	Paul Gu †
Thursday, Dec 14	8:00 a.m.	Sarah Han SI
Friday, Dec 15	8:00 a.m.	Justin Han SI
Saturday, Dec 16	4:00 p.m.	Boguslaw Kochanski †

## Prayer Requests & Special Intentions

Our Community Lifting Each Other in Prayer

*Thomas Winkler, Bill Savage, Mary Katherine Brown, Diane Kelley, Theresa Banchemo-McTighe, Don Muger, Catherine Knaresboro, 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](mailto: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** 4<sup>th</sup> 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 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: 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

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. Damasus I, Pope

Tuesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Wednesday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Thursday: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Friday:

Saturday:

## 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.



## ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2023**

**6:30 PM Big Church**

**Prepare for the Christmas Season by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent.**  
**All are welcome.**



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 of Divine Mercy at 3:00 PM.

*"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

The Adoration Ministry is always looking for people who can commit to sitting with Jesus in the blessed Sacrament for an assigned hour. For more details please contact the office. If you are not able to commit to a certain hour, you are encouraged to drop in for adoration whenever you can.

## Save the Date for La Posada

St. Anthony Parish will be hosting a Posada on Saturday, December 16 at 5:15 pm. You won't want to miss this special evening that's based on a centuries-old Hispanic tradition.

The activities will begin with a procession where we recall the journey of Mary and Joseph as they search for lodging before the birth of Jesus. (There is a new, improved route this year.)

Then everyone will gather for a delicious potluck dinner. Please bring a dish to share—Hispanic or other food that you are comfortable making. If you are able to sign up in the vestibule in the McKean Road church this Sunday, that will aid planning.

Piñatas and a craft for the kids will round out the evening.

Dress warmly for the outdoor portions of the evening, and come rain or shine. There is a plan B if it rains.

This is a wonderful event for kids and adults alike, so let's get together for La Posada this Advent!



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](mailto:denise.delong@yahoo.com)

or phone: 408 268 3937 (landline - no texting)  
if you have questions.





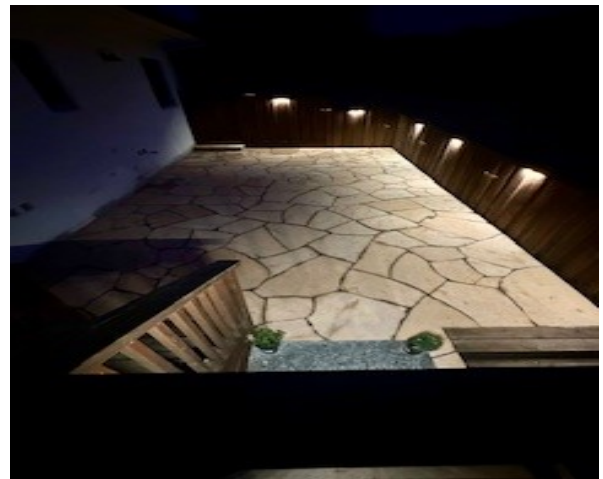
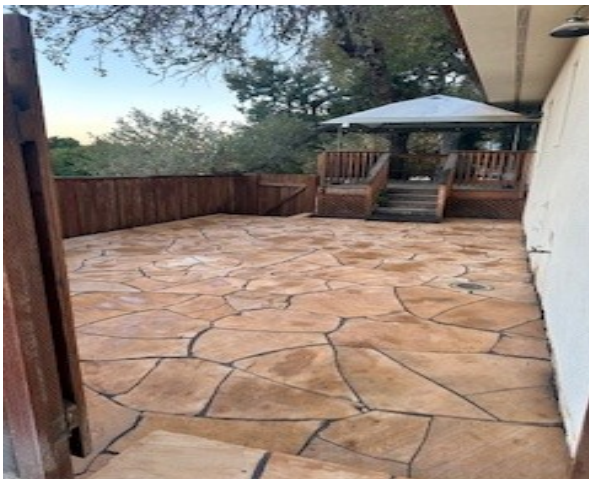
## HOSPITALITY SUNDAY, DEC 10, IN THE RECTORY PATIO



As you all know, you have generously contributed to building the Rectory - the house where the pastor lives.

After building the house, the patio was not tackled at all and left in a raw condition. In the last 2 weeks this became a project that was finished this week.

In appreciation for your past donations you are invited during our Hospitality Sunday to come over after every Mass and check the newly accomplished project for yourself.





**SUNDAY COLLECTION WEEK:**  
**12/03/2023**

**Giving Method**

Cash \$ 430

Check \$ 2,475

Online \$ 2,985

Collection Total \$ 5,890

Weekly Budgeted Collection \$ 7,692

Youth Ministry \$ 403

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH!**  
**This week's collection is under by \$ 1,802**

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without cost you are to give.**

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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