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Dec 17, 2023

Third 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



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Today we light the pink candle of joy for Gaudete Sunday, the Sunday of rejoicing. *Rejoice always*, Paul teaches in the second reading. *Always*, he says. Now today we may do so because Christmas is almost here, but rejoice *always*? Is this even possible? It is!

Isaiah is overjoyed because the Spirit of the Lord is upon him and sends him to do good works such as healing, proclaiming liberty, and bringing the news of God's vindication to his people. Isaiah knows the Lord is with him and gives him great work to do.

In the responsorial psalm today, where the verses are actually from the Gospel of Luke, not the psalms themselves, Mary is full of joy because the Lord has looked upon her lowliness and done great things for her. She will be the mother of Christ and all generations will call her blessed. Like Isaiah, Mary knows the Lord is with her and gives her great meaning and purpose.

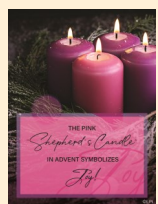
John seems to delight in his mission and purpose as he cries out: *Make straight the way of the Lord*. In dark days for his people, John testifies to Christ, the light, so that others may have hope and believe through him. Again, John lives out the purpose given to him and knows the Lord is at hand.

Isaiah, Mary, John, and Paul rejoice because they know the Lord is with them and working through them. They have Good News and they glory in sharing it. What is our good news to share? Perhaps like Isaiah we have good news about meaningful work or service we have been called to. Perhaps like Mary we have good news about the family or friends we have been blessed with. Or perhaps times are currently dark, but like John we have good news about a future filled with hope in Christ.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and in all circumstances give thanks, Paul teaches. We do not do so because our unceasing prayers are always answered, or because we are thankful for circumstances that are always in our favor. We do so because in Christ we always have Good News to share. It may not be as dramatic as the news we heard in today's readings, but it is personal and meaningful for us, because we know how the Lord has blessed us and given our lives meaning and purpose.

In the darkness of Advent and always, we look to the light of Christ and exult in the Good News we have in him. In our rejoicing we come to the Lord unceasingly with our needs, as we do now in our petitions. And we give thanks, as we do now in the Eucharist, for all of God's gifts, especially the gift of his Son.

Blessings,
Fr. Tad



Third Week of Advent: Joy, the Pink Candle

Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.



Mass Intentions

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| Sunday, Dec 17 | 8:30 a.m. | Michael De Vinent † Larry Broderick † |
| Sunday, Dec 17 | 10:30 a.m. | Joanne Finnerty † |
| Tuesday, Dec 19 | 8:00 a.m. | Isabel Paik SI |
| Wednesday, Dec 20 | 8:00 a.m. | Josie Gurgiolo † |
| Thursday, Dec 21 | 8:00 a.m. | Maureen O" Shee Bules † |
| Friday, Dec 22 | 8:00 a.m. | Sheryl Sotto † |
| Saturday, Dec 23 | 4:00 p.m. | Robert Low † |



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

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.

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 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Lk 1:39-45
Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56
Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent
Monday:
Tuesday:
Wednesday:
Thursday: St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Friday:
Saturday: St. John of Kanty, Priest

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.



December 17, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2A, 10-11 | 1 Thes 5:16-24 | Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.” Such simple words from today’s second reading. And yet it is not always easy to put them into practice. It is difficult to rejoice if we or people we love are hurting. It can be hard to pray when life is pulling us in a thousand different directions. But on this Gaudete Sunday, the Sunday of rejoicing, we are asked to focus on a truth that can make both rejoicing and praying easier: Jesus entered humanity in flesh and blood to save us from our sins. This truth means that even if we don’t feel like there is much gladness or joy in our lives today, we can rejoice in the knowledge that we all have the chance to spend eternity in a place where pain, disappointment and suffering will be no more. With our eyes focused on that prize, praying can become a natural part of our days.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Sometimes, I can make everything so complicated. I want to create charts and checklists to ensure that I am doing everything just right. But St. Paul’s words today make me realize that living well is really not that complicated. He writes: “Retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil.” That’s it! Of course, while this is not complicated, it does require us to make prayerful, faithful efforts toward this end – and it is an end for which God has given us his grace, the help of the Church, and the prayers of our brothers and sisters in Christ. This includes St. Paul, who prays for us, “May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” This is what is good in these dark days of Advent: the light of Christ is coming into our world. The Gospel says that John the Baptist testified to this truth – to the light. We can too! Let us continue to pray, to rejoice and to give thanks for God’s gifts, especially the gift of his Son.

SING *Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim*

*One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the star, is on the way.*

OUTREACH THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to those who helped shop, coordinate, wrap, and assemble the tamale boxes for the St. Joseph Family Center.

Twenty families in Gilroy will receive a Christmas-wrapped box filled with basic staples, for example, flour, sugar, milk, eggs, cereal, rice, soup, beans, vegetables, and all the makings for a tamale dinner, including fresh pork. The boxes will be delivered Tuesday, Dec. 12.

This was made possible through the generosity of parishioner donations and money from the Rice Bowl Grant. Thank you for making Christmas a little brighter for those less fortunate than us.

Merry Christmas and God bless,
The Outreach Committee



PICTURES FROM HOSPITALITY SUNDAY ON DECEMBER 10



SUNDAY COLLECTION WEEK:
12/10/2023

Giving Method

Cash \$ 497

Check \$ 4,490

Online \$ 2,645

Collection Total \$ 7,632

Weekly Budgeted Collection \$ 7,692

Retired Religious Fund \$ 870

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
This week's collection is under by \$ 60

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Thank you for your continued support!!

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.



Join Fr. Tad Terembula on a Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage to

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& Turkey**

Rome - Palermo - Athens - Greek Isles Cruise



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June 4, 2024



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Welcome

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Your Name: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Preferred method of contact:

Home Phone: _____

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