



St. Anthony Catholic Parish

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Historic "Little" Church

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Dec 24, 2023



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

All things came to be through him,
and without him nothing came to be.
What came to be through him was life,
and this life was the light of the human race.

- Jn 1:3-4

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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,

At last, we have arrived at our Christmas day. This year it's a little bit confusing because it's Sunday where in the morning we still celebrate the 4th Advent but already in the afternoon, we start our Christmas celebrations. It means you will need to come to church twice! O my!

Tonight, as we celebrate the coming of our Lord, we hear Scripture readings that highlight the importance of names. In Isaiah, we hear that we *shall be called by a new name pronounced by the mouth of the Lord*. In the Acts of the Apostles, Paul preaches that Jesus is the Savior descended from King David, who has been sent to fulfill God's promise to the people of Israel. In the long form of tonight's Gospel reading, we hear a list of names of Jesus' ancestors beginning with Abraham, as well as the story of how Jesus received his own name.

To know the name of Jesus not only tells us what he is called; it also reveals his calling. The angel tells Joseph to name him Jesus, *because he will save his people from their sins*. In Hebrew, the name Jesus means "God saves." The catechism tells us that Jesus' name "expresses both his identity and his mission" (CCC 430). He is the Son of God sent into the world to save us.

Matthew sees Jesus' birth as the fulfillment of God's promises to Isaiah. In Matthew's account, he calls Jesus by another name – Emmanuel – which means "God is with us." This name is alluded to again at the end of Matthew's Gospel, when Jesus tells his disciples, *I am with you always, until the end of the age* (28:20).

So already at his birth, we see not only who Jesus is, but also what he has come to do. The beginning points to the end. Jesus is the Son of God come down from heaven to be with us and remain with us. His birth is the commencement of the age of fulfillment.

The Son of God being born of the Virgin Mary and adopted into the family of David by Joseph marks the culmination of Israel's history and the fulfillment of prophecy. God has visited his people. But his birth is only the beginning. His mission to save his people from their sins will lead to his death on the cross. It is a mission the Church is called to continue by offering his once-and-for-all sacrifice until his return in glory. The Eucharist is the primary way in which God remains present with us. The Mass is our wedding feast, in which we renew our love with Christ our groom. The age of fulfillment begun at Christ's birth continues until his return in glory. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Blessings,
Fr. Tad



Fourth Week of Advent: Love, a Purple Candle

Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you, Jesus. Amen.

Mass Intentions

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Sunday, Dec 24 4th Sunday of Advent	9:30 a.m.	Tommy Holmes†
Tuesday, Dec 26	8:00 a.m.	Sue Ferketich †
Wednesday, Dec 27	8:00 a.m.	Monica and Catherine Nguyen SI
Thursday, Dec 28	8:00 a.m.	Dr. Michael Shee †
Friday, Dec 29	8:00 a.m.	Theresa Courtney †
Saturday, Dec 30	4:00 p.m.	Mary Clare Bruce †

Hail
full of grace!
The Lord is with you.

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 Cronin, Bridie Alai, Bronson Phillips, Mary Becker, Delores Schwarz, Karen Golitz-Mabee, Brian Yourstone, Dorothy Castellano, Roy Elkins, Carol Perez, 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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

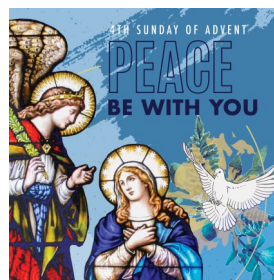
Sunday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/ Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
Monday:	
Vigil:	Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Dawn:	Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day:	Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Tuesday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22
Wednesday:	1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Thursday:	1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18
Friday:	1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35
Saturday:	1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	4 th Sunday of Advent; Christmas Eve
Monday:	The Nativity of the Lord
Tuesday:	St. Stephen, First Martyr
Wednesday:	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Thursday:	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Friday:	St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
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.



And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God."

— Lk 1:35

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

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)





December 24, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 | Rom 16:25-27 | Lk 1:26-38

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

"Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." The angel Gabriel announces this in the Gospel today, and it is a phrase with which we are all familiar thanks to our recitation of the Hail Mary prayer. Although some may be comforted by such a message and its angelic messenger, it is troubling to Mary because the angel goes on to tell her she will conceive and bear the Son of God. Thinking practically, Mary is being told the impossible will happen – who wouldn't be troubled? And yet Mary offers herself: "I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Despite her fear and trepidation, Mary went on to answer God's call and do his will. Our Blessed Mother became a great example of fortitude at that moment, as she exemplified what it means to step outside of our own uncertainty and trust God completely. Although doing God's will can be difficult at times, St. Paul reminds us in his Letter to the Romans that we can ask God for the strength to say "yes" in spite of our fears.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Up until today, December has probably been a whirlwind. Trees and lights, ornaments, parties and presents – all these things help to kick off "the most wonderful time of year" beginning soon after Thanksgiving. Come Dec. 26, however, for many, the decorations become a nuisance and Christmas trees are out on the curb for pickup. Thank goodness for our Catholic faith because for us, Christmas is just beginning! Mary didn't say "may it be done to me" only to forget about it the next day. No, in the coming months, the Blessed Mother nurtured the baby Jesus in her womb, anticipating the arrival of her firstborn and the Son of God. And on that blessed Christmas night, her work as the Mother of God was only just beginning. So, as we anticipate the arrival of the Christ Child, we are joyful that *our* Christmas season continues until we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord on January 8. Let us use this time to draw closer to God and make every effort in the new year to do his will.

SING *Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.*

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

January 5, 2024



"I remember once having two hours between trains in Paris. I went to the Church of Saint Roch to make my holy hour. There are not ten days a year I can sleep in the daytime This was one. I was so tired, I sat down at 2:00p.m.--too tired to kneel--and went to sleep. I slept perfectly until 3:00p.m. I said to the Good Lord: 'Did I make a holy hour?' The answer came back: 'Yes! That's the way the Apostles made their first one.'

The best time to make a holy hour is in the morning, early, before the day sets traps for us. By being faithful to it, and letting nothing interfere with it, we use it as the sign and symbol of our victimhood. We are not called to great penances, and many would interfere with our duty, but the hour is our daily sacrifice in union with Christ." -Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Eucharistic Adoration will follow at 6:30 Mass on Friday, January 5th at the McKean Road church. Come to sit quietly in meditation, pray, or read your Bible or other spiritual books, or to simply be in Jesus' presence. All are invited to come at their convenience throughout the night and also for the 7:00 am breakfast that follows the benediction on Saturday.

OUTREACH NEWS

Feed A Family - St. Joseph Food Drive



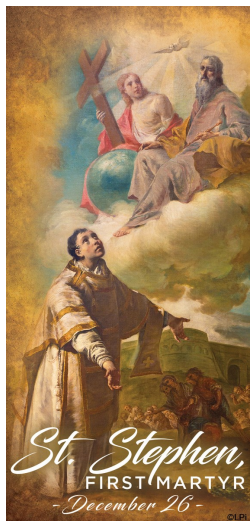
Thank you, thank you, thank you to the parish for your continued generosity in supporting our annual Christmas fundraiser in support of St. Joseph Family Center in Gilroy.

Due to the tremendous need for food, the staff at St Joseph this year requested that we donate money to purchase bulk food items. The number of families supported by St. Joseph continues to grow, and they expect to be feeding 2500 people at Christmas this year. The staff has told us that they could not serve all of these needy families without the amazing support that they receive from St. Anthony parishioners.

The staff at St. Joseph was overwhelmed and so thankful for checks totaling \$6,710 which we delivered on December 12. We also delivered 100 toiletry bags that included a pair of socks, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, and a bar of soap. Additionally, we also delivered several large boxes of assorted toiletries and personal care items, as well as several bags of donated children's clothing.

Thank you again for your generosity, and may the Lord bless each of you, and your families. Merry Christmas to all.

Saint of the Week



St. Stephen | Feast Day December 26

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death.

Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION WEEK:
12/17/2023**

Giving Method

Cash \$

Check \$

Online \$

Collection Total \$

Weekly Budgeted Collection **\$ 7,692**

*Data not updated due
to early bulletin sub-
mission for the holi-
days.*

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& Turkey**

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May 24-
June 4, 2024



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**The Parish Office will be closed dur-
ing Christmas week, and it will reo-
pen on Tuesday, January 2nd.**

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Robert Emmet Hall Jr
Matt Palluck
Carmel Palluck
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Bill Smith
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Cliff Knudsen
Lou & Joan Pirnik

Jose Pires
Antonio & Laura Ramalho
Silvina Miguel
Gina Ramalho
Jose Vitorino



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

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Cell Phone: _____

Please drop this card at the Information Table in the foyer.
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