



# St. Anthony Catholic Parish

## Big Church

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## Historic "Little" Church

21800 Bertram Rd, New Almaden, CA 95042

Dec 1, 2024

# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday OF ADVENT



## Parish Staff

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### Parish Office Hours

**Monday - Friday**  
**8:30 AM - 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM**

If you need to access the Church or Office after 3:30 PM 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 2024

### 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 AM**

#### Sunday Masses:

**8:30 AM**  
**10:30 AM**



### “LITTLE CHURCH” BERTRAM RD

#### Saturday Vigil Mass:

**4:00 PM**



*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,

Today is the first day of the new liturgical year for the Church. We are entering **Advent**, a time of preparation for Christmas. We will begin preparing our hearts to celebrate the birth of Christ, and in anticipation of his return.

Hope, light, joy, and “holy waiting” are all terms that illustrate the spiritual movement of these four weeks. But there is another word that underlies them and is highlighted in our readings today: justice. Justice might not be the first word that comes to mind as we prepare our hearts to celebrate the nativity of baby Jesus. So often when we think of justice, it is in the legal sense. We think of right and wrong or fairness.

God’s sense of justice is deeper than that, however. It is about the proper state of things in the world, and about the order God wants in his creation. This is what Jeremiah prophesies in today’s first reading. The redemption that awaited God’s people was not just about saving us, but about bringing forth God’s order in the world. God’s way is justice, and it is authentic.

Jeremiah foretold the (first) coming of Christ. The Gospel addresses his second coming and contains admonitions to keep our hearts alert and free from vice. Jesus says to be vigilant and attentive to what surrounds us: *But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.*

This is the fullness of the kingdom that awaits us. This is the time when God’s just judgment will fall upon each of us, so the Lord tells us to be active in preparation and free from anxieties in life.

Every Advent is a time to prepare for our own journey to Bethlehem, and to await the return of the Son of Man. **We take a serious look at our practices and consider how we can grow closer to God.** There are countless ways to do this. Perhaps it is a dedicated time each day for prayer. Or maybe it is in reconnecting with a loved one. It could even be starting a new act of service. It might look different from person to person, but God is calling us to prepare to receive him and prepare for his return.

Blessings,

*Fr. Tad*



## ***First Week of Advent: Hope, A Purple Candle***

Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what’s really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen.



## Mass Intentions

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Sunday, Dec 1	8:30 AM	<b>Clem Maassen</b> †
Sunday, Dec 1	10:30 AM	<b>Ana Lorena Arce</b> †
Tuesday, Dec 3	8:00 AM	<b>Monica &amp; Catherine Nguyen SI</b>
Wednesday, Dec 4	8:00 AM	<b>Dominic Tinh</b> †
Thursday, Dec 5	8:30 AM	<b>Mike Torti SI</b>
Friday, Dec 6	6:30 PM	<b>Alberto Arce</b> †
Saturday, Dec 7	4:00 PM	<b>Sarah Han SI</b>

### Prayer Requests & Special Intentions

Our Community Lifting Each Other in Prayer

**Mary Becker, Bronson Phillips, Sal Gaeta, Myrna Samonte, Mary Ann Fox, Ben Keith, Rosario Gormise, Harry Gormise, Thomas McCulloch, Alec McCulloch, Claire McCulloch, Doris McCulloch, Ross McCulloch, Margarita Maria Suarez, Yolanda Lujan, Rose Flowers, Sean Banchemo, Fred Banchemo, Jack Williams, Pat Mayer, Bob Nigh, Michael Haugh, Lori MacFarlane Gentile, Todd Ericson, Tracy Riffe, Carolyn Hackett, Matt Cesario.**

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 homebound through our Pastoral Care Ministers **or** upon request **by Fr. Tad on the First Friday of the month.** Please call

## What's happening this week

Monday, Dec 2	
Tuesday, Dec 3	9:30-11:00 AM Bible Study Group 4-5 PM Youth Choir 7-8 PM Choir Practice (8:30 Mass)
Wednesday, Dec 4	5:30-8:00 PM Outreach Meeting 7-8 PM Choir Practice (10:30 Mass)
Thursday, Dec 5	
Friday, Dec 6	7 PM-7 AM Eucharistic Adoration 7-8 PM Advent Reconciliation Service
Saturday, Dec 7	7AM Benediction + Breakfast

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
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:	Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31
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 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent
Monday:	
Tuesday:	St. Francis Xavier, Priest
Wednesday:	St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Thursday:	
Friday:	St. Nicholas, Bishop
Saturday:	St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

## PREPARING THE WAY: RECONCILIATION IN ADVENT

*Do not fear.*

Is 41:10



*"There are people who are afraid to go to confession, forgetting that they will not encounter a severe judge there, but the immensely merciful Father"*

POPE FRANCIS

## ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2024**

**7-8 PM Big Church**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2024**

**11AM-12PM**

**and by appointment**

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

December 1, 2024

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16 | 1 Thes 3:12-4:2 | Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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

Are you one of those people who flips to the end of the book to find out what happens or maybe you roam the internet for spoilers of your favorite show? We have all been tempted to know what is going to happen before whatever it is unfolds, especially in tension-filled situations. Knowing the ending changes the way we experience the angst of the present moment, especially if it's a great ending! Like today: even as we anticipate and know the comfort and joy of the Advent season, we certainly do not begin there with our Gospel reading from Luke. In it, Jesus describes the coming of the Son of Man: this time will include moments of dismay, tribulation, assault, fright, and death. Contemplating this time of justice can be fearsome, but it is also a source of joy, because Christ is coming! We know that through Christ we have been redeemed – and that, if we remain faithful to him, we have the hope of eternal life. As Luke tells us, we can stand with our heads held high because redemption is at hand. Our Advent does not start with comfort and joy, but it sure ends there. Knowing this ending helps us have confidence and hope in God.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

#### **PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

We are encouraged and challenged by the Word and our Advent traditions this first week to *remember how it ends!* In our first reading, the prophet Jeremiah relays consolation to the nation in crisis when God tells them the days are coming when the Lord will “fulfill the promise.” This will bring them much-hoped-for safety and security. In Luke’s Gospel, Christ’s coming will be with “power and great glory” and although it sounds somewhat frightening, it will usher in redemption. Those are some spoilers providing great confidence and hope. In addition to our readings, the lighting of our first candle this Advent season is a visual reminder of the culmination of our salvation story! The Light who has come into the world has and will dispel the darkness. We can stand erect and raise our heads together to glimpse this light of Advent and fill our hearts again with hope that God surely is the one who keeps his promises. That is the best spoiler of all.

### **SING**

*O come, divine Messiah!  
The world in silence waits the day  
When hope shall sing its triumph  
And sadness flee away*

“  
*The Light  
who has come  
into the world  
will dispel the  
darkness.*  
”





## FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION DECEMBER 6, 2024

*"I will not allow myself to be so absorbed in the whirlwind of work as to forget about God. I will spend all my free moments at the feet of the Master hidden in the Blessed Sacrament. He has been tutoring me from my most tender years."- St. Faustina*

Eucharistic Adoration will follow at 6:30 Mass on Friday, December 6 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.

### SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PATRONAL FEAST DAY OF THE UNITED STATES MONDAY, DEC 9, AT 8:00 AM MASS



"No sin would touch her, so that she would be a fitting and worthy vessel of the Son of God. The Immaculate Conception does not refer to the virginal conception and the birth of Christ, but rather to Mary's being conceived without inheriting Original Sin." (United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, 142-143)

Every December 8, we joyfully celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the Patroness of the United States. However, **this year, 2024, December 8 falls on the Second Sunday of Advent. As a result, the celebration of the Solemnity will be transferred to Monday, December 9.**

### Sharing is Caring



The Pastoral Care Ministry of St. Anthony Parish is once again hosting an Advent blood drive on **Saturday, December 7, 2024.**

**The Stanford Blood Center will be taking donations in the Big Church parking lot from 8:30am - 12:15pm.**

Whether you are a first time donor, or a season giver, please consider sharing the gift of life this Advent Season. A single blood 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 23-24th**. 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.

Your continued support of the life saving event is greatly appreciated.

### Outreach News St Joseph's Christmas Food Drive—Feed a Family



Many in our community continue to experience extreme food insecurity. St. Joseph's in Gilroy has advised us that they have had a precipitous drop in food donations from local food banks, while at the same time they are seeing a significant growth in the number of families needing assistance. St. Joseph's is currently providing food items to over 2000 people each week. St. Joseph's has requested that we once again donate money to a food drive, as that was extremely helpful last Christmas. St. Joseph's has the capability of purchasing large quantities of food items by the pallet load, and at a discount. Therefore, 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.

We have been told many times that St. Anthony Church is one of St. Joseph's largest supporters. Please give generously, and help make this a very Merry Christmas for a family in need.

**Please make checks payable to St. Joseph's Family Center.** A member of Outreach will be available to take your cash or checks after each mass on **Saturday and Sunday, December 7-8, and December 14-15.** You may also drop off cash or checks in the parish office **no later December 16.**

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

**SUNDAY COLLECTION WEEK:  
11/24/2024**

**Giving Method**

Cash \$

Check \$

Online \$

Collection Total \$

Weekly Budgeted Collection \$ 7,692

*Data not updated  
due to early bulletin  
submission .*

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH!**

**PARISHSOFT ONLINE GIVING**

**DONATE ONLINE OR SCAN QR CODE FOR  
ST. ANTHONY PARISH**

Online Giving 



<https://www.myowngiving.com/>

**Thank you for your continued support!!**

**2025 Mass Intention Book**

**The 2025 Mass book is available.**

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 the parish office ~ (408) 997-4800;  
email us at [churchstanthony@dsj.org](mailto:churchstanthony@dsj.org).**

*A donation of \$10 is suggested.*

**Renovation Project of our Cottage**



**Renovation cost: around \$ 12,000**

**Money raised: \$ 12,125**

**Thank you to 16 generous families for their donation.**



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: \_\_\_\_\_

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