



St. Anthony Catholic Parish

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Dec 8, 2024

2nd

Sunday OF ADVENT



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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. 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

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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



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,

In this season of preparation, of waiting in joyful hope, our readings invite us to heed the voice of John the Baptist: *Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.*

What do our preparations for Christmas usually include? Planning, buying gifts, cleaning, baking? There is much that can demand our attention at this time of year. In contrast to these many pressures and voices, the Church offers these words from John the Baptist, quoting the prophet Isaiah: *Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth.*

This echoes the command from our reading from Baruch, *that every lofty mountain be made low, and that the age-old depths and gorges be filled to level ground.*

What does this mean for us? How can we carry this Word into our lives? Well, it likely means some time spent in prayer and discernment. It means prioritizing listening to God's voice over some of the other pressures, tasks, and voices that can crowd in this time of year. If we can create some space for silence – for reflection and prayer – we might find God speaking into the questions raised by today's readings.

What mountains are keeping us from drawing nearer to God? What barriers are affecting our relationship with Christ? What valleys might be impeding our journey into the heart of the Divine? What wounds or fears might be keeping us from drawing close to his Sacred Heart?

This is the invitation of this sacred season: to pray with these questions. But, if that sounds overwhelming, take heart! This is not discernment intended to simply add to our already-too-long list of things to do. Remember, we are preparing and waiting for Emmanuel, God with us – God who draws near and unites himself *to us*. If you are tired or too busy, perhaps this is the valley or the mountain our Savior wants to cross to come to you. For, as Saint Paul reminds us in our second reading, *the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus.*

How can we open space for Jesus to draw near to us today? How can we keep hopeful watch for him crossing mountains and valleys to be with us? As we prepare ourselves for the Eucharist, how can we open our hearts to God who is with us at this Mass?

This is the work of this holy season. This is our calling as we prepare for the joy of Christmas. May our God who crosses mountain and valley to draw near to us make us *pure and blameless ... filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.*

Blessings,
Fr. Tad



Second Week of Advent: Peace, A Purple Candle

God of peace, during this Advent season, keep us from getting caught up in the busyness and chaos of the world around us. Help us to slow down, so that we may find rest in the Prince of Peace, your son, Jesus Christ. As we prepare for his coming, make us instruments of your peace in our homes, in our schools, in our work and in our world. *Amen.*

Mass Intentions

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Sunday, Dec 8	8:30 AM	Larry Broderick & Michael DeVincent †
Sunday, Dec 8	10:30 AM	All Parishioners
Monday, Dec 9	8:00 AM	Dory Lucena SI
Tuesday, Dec 10	8:00 AM	Baretta Family SI
Wednesday, Dec 11	8:00 AM	Nguyen Family SI
Thursday, Dec 12	8:30 AM	Maria May †
Friday, Dec 13	8:00 AM	Emma & Ettore Manco †
Saturday, Dec 14	4:00 PM	Ellen & Don Thompson †

Prayer Requests & Special Intentions

Our Community Lifting Each Other in Prayer

Linda Ronsse, 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

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 9	
Tuesday, Dec 10	9:30-11:00 AM Bible Study Group 4-5 PM Youth Choir 7-8 PM Choir Practice (8:30 Mass)
Wednesday, Dec 11	7-8 PM Choir Practice (10:30 Mass)
Thursday, Dec 12	4:15-5:15 Religious Education Classes
Friday, Dec 13	
Saturday, Dec 14	

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/ Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
Monday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday:	Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/ Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	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
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 nd Sunday of Advent
Monday:	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday:	Our Lady of Loreto
Wednesday:	St. Damasus I, Pope
Thursday:	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Friday:	St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Saturday:	St. John of the Cross, Priest 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 8, 2024

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Second Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9 | Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 | Lk 3:1-6

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

On this second Sunday of Advent, when the hustle and bustle of the season is already upon us, I find Paul's words in his Letter to the Philippians very comforting. He says he is confident "that the one who began a good work in [us] will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus." Jesus will continue to be our Advocate and our Rock until the day he comes again. Yes, these are comforting words, indeed. But we know that being a disciple of Christ requires our cooperation and our daily assent to doing God's will. How do we know God's will for us? In his letter, Paul goes on to pray that our love may continue to increase in knowledge and perception "to discern what is of value." In other words, if we are going to be able to choose what is good, we must be able to recognize it and then focus on it.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

This is where "the voice of one crying out in the wilderness" speaks to us during this season in which we prepare for Christ's coming. It is a season of hope and anticipation, but it also must be a season of preparation. In today's Gospel, the proclamation of John the Baptist takes center stage; he proclaims a "baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins" and says to "prepare the way of the Lord." These words do not suggest passivity - waiting patiently for the Lord to come. They suggest action: Repent. Prepare. Make straight his paths. Today let us consider how we can prepare for the Lord's coming in our own lives. God has made us *good*, and he wants to bring that goodness to completion. As we continue in this Advent season, let us stay focused on recognizing and choosing "what is of value" in our lives so that we are able to truly rejoice that the Lord draws near.

SING

*Dear Savior, haste
Come, come to earth
Dispel the night and show your face
And bid us hail the dawn of grace*

**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.**

**DAYTIME EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
December 18, 2024**



"We should never again use the expression, 'When Jesus was on earth' or think of Him as being only in heaven. Jesus is still on earth."

"While all the sacraments confer grace, the Eucharist contains the author of grace, Jesus Christ Himself."
- Fr. John Hardon, S.J.

Join us on **Wednesday, Dec 18 at 8:00 AM Mass**. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 8:30 AM and it will end at 12:00 PM with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction.

**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!

**SACRED HEART TURKEY DRIVE
UPDATE**

Outreach would like to thank everyone who supported this year's Sacred Heart Community Services Turkey/Canned Goods Drive.

Our St. Anthony's Parish donated 23 turkeys, 40 bags of groceries and \$ 1,760.

Sacred Heart thanks you and is grateful for your generosity and support through the years.



Renovation Project of our Cottage

**Renovation cost: around \$ 12,000
Money raised: \$ 15,225**

**Thank you
to 17 generous families for
their donation.**



**SUNDAY COLLECTION WEEK:
12/01/2024**

Giving Method

Cash \$ 460

Check \$ 5,585

Online \$ 2,385

Collection Total \$ 8,430

Weekly Budgeted Collection \$ 7,692

Christmas Flowers \$ 453

Collection for the Poor—Thanksgiving \$ 620

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!!



ST. ANTHONY'S OUTREACH UPDATE

With the help of our Parishioners, St. Anthony's Outreach was awarded a generous Grant from Catholic Relief Services. Donations to the rice bowls distributed at Lent help feed hungry people worldwide. A portion of the money raised is returned to the parishes as Grants for the hungry in our communities.

Thanks to your kindness, **this year's Grant enabled us to assemble 50 bags of ingredients for a Christmas tamale meal for needy families at the St. Joseph Family Center in Gilroy.** This is more than twice as many as last year. The bags are around the front and back of the altar if you wish to see what was provided.

Here are pictures of families who received food last year.

A huge thank you from Outreach.
Have a blessed Merry Christmas.



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.
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