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The Nativity of the Lord

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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 our website.

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, as we begin this final week of Advent, the great mysteries and personalities we have traveled with over the past weeks suddenly converge in new ways. The prophetic promises made to Israel become stories of a child to be born, the son of a Virgin, conceived by the power of God's Holy Spirit.

John the Baptist – the voice in the desert we have heard these last weeks – is now vocally silent, but communicates by leaping for joy in his mother's womb as he hears the voice of Mary who is pregnant with the Christ child.

One can only imagine how wonderful this encounter in today's Gospel must have been – two generations locked in the embrace of divine joy and hope. Elizabeth, a woman in the autumn of her years, her deepest hope now answered, greeting the maiden from Nazareth, in the springtime of the world's salvation.

Both are women of extraordinary faith: one believing the message of an angel despite all the questions that must have swirled around her head, the other trusting that even in her advanced age she, too, might be fruitful.

Through overwhelming grace and faith, these two ordinary women, without title or prestige, stand center stage in the great drama of salvation: stitching together the old and new covenants and witnessing to God's fidelity and eternal mercy.

God, it would seem, has a special love for the most ordinary: the simple virgin from Nazareth, the elderly couple from the hill country, the town of Bethlehem. As Micah prophesied, *You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel.* The long-awaited ruler of Israel will come – he who would fulfill the dreams of the Davidic dynasty.

In these last days of Advent, we are called to travel more deeply into the mystery of the Incarnation and allow our lives to leap for joy in the presence of the Christ child. We are called to find the glory in the most ordinary, and the greatest blessing in the smallest of things.

The circle of light on our Advent wreath is complete. To embrace its warmth and joy we must, like Elizabeth and Mary, open our lives to God and to others. We must live in the hope of God's fidelity and allow that hope to transform and empower our lives not just for a day but for every day.

In two days, on Tuesday, we will celebrate Christmas!

Christmas is, first and foremost, about Love, God's Love. God loves us so much that He gave us the most precious gift imaginable, **Jesus, God's own Son.**

As we celebrate the Nativity of Jesus, we remain eternally grateful to God for all the blessings, especially for the gifts of life, family, faith community, friends and neighbors.

I take this opportunity to thank you most sincerely as you have been such a blessing to our parish by being very active and supporting us with your gifts of time, talents and timely financial help.

My special gratitude goes to all the volunteers in our different ministries who do such a wonderful job in serving the various needs of our parish with much enthusiasm and commitment. I hope and pray that you will have a wonderful and blessed time during this Christmas Season. 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 22	8:30 AM	Sheryl Sotto †
Sunday, Dec 22	10:30 AM	Tommy Holmes †
Tuesday, Dec 24 Christmas Eve	4:00 PM Big Church	All Parishioners
Tuesday, Dec 24 Christmas Eve	6:00 PM Little Church	All Parishioners
Wednesday, Dec 25 Christmas	9:30 AM Big Church	All Parishioners
Thursday, Dec 26	8:00 AM	No Mass
Friday, Dec 27	8:00 AM	Monica & Catherine Ngu- yen SI
Saturday, Dec 28	4:00 PM	Richard Martinsky †

Prayer Requests & Special Intentions

Our Community Lifting Each Other in Prayer

Marilyn Deel, Leilani Molina, 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 Gentle, 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 the Parish Office for more information.

CHRIST IS BORN,
GLORIFY HIM!

- ST GREGORY NAZIANZEN

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/ Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
Monday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66
Tuesday:	<i>Morning:</i> 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79
Wednesday:	<i>Vigil:</i> Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/ Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 <i>Night:</i> Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 <i>Dawn:</i> Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 <i>Day:</i> Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3 -4, 5-6 (3c)/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Thursday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22
Friday:	1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Saturday:	1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	4 th Sunday of Advent
Monday:	St. John of Kanty, Priest
Tuesday:	Christmas Eve
Wednesday:	The Nativity of the Lord
Thursday:	St. Stephen, First Martyr
Friday:	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Saturday:	The Holy Innocents, martyrs



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

4:00 PM Family Christmas Eve Mass (Big Church)

6:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass (Little Church)

Wednesday, December 25, 2024

9:30 AM Christmas Mass (Big Church)

Keep "Christ" in Christmas!





December 22, 2024

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mi 5:1-4a | Heb 10:5-10 | Lk 1:39-45

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

Ask a child, “Where is God?” and you’ll likely receive a variety of responses: “in heaven,” “in church,” “everywhere” and “in my heart” are all conceivable answers from a child’s lips. But the one we most easily write off as silly or sentimental is one that the saints would urge us to revisit more seriously: God is indeed “in my heart” – that is, he is present in our souls! This is true not only when we receive him in Holy Communion, and not only because he is “everywhere,” but because we possess *sanctifying grace*. Grace is *divine life* – God’s life – and if we are “in a state of grace” (that is, we have brought any mortal sins to confession), we have this life within us! Our model for becoming aware of this wonderful gift is our Blessed Mother, whose example in today’s Gospel teaches us to love, reverence, and obey God within us. Setting out “in haste” to serve her aged cousin, Mary carried God in her womb. We can imagine the love and joy with which she carried him. At every moment, God is present in us, too (not physically, but by grace) and we should strive to recognize and love him who has made our hearts his dwelling place.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The events of today’s Gospel suggest that Jesus’ presence in Mary is not *for* Mary alone. Prompted by love, she made the arduous journey to visit Elizabeth – itself an act of charity. But Mary brought more than her services and support to Elizabeth during a potentially difficult pregnancy; she brought God himself! Mary was so conscious of God within her that even her words, flowing from a heart burning with his love, carried a special power; at Mary’s greeting, Elizabeth was “filled with the Holy Spirit” and John the Baptist “leaped for joy.” As we become increasingly aware of God dwelling in our souls, we, too, become “Christ-bearers” to others. By being lovingly attentive to our Divine Guest, our words and actions become means by which he can act on the hearts of those we encounter each day.

SING

O come, divine Messiah!

The world in silence waits the day

When hope shall sing its triumph

And sadness flee away

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

JANUARY 3, 2025

"Whenever I go to the chapel, I put myself in the presence of our good Lord, and I say to him, 'Lord, I am here. Tell me what you would have me to do' . . . And then, I tell God everything that is in my heart. I tell him about my pains and my joys, and then I listen. If you listen, God will also speak to you, for with the good Lord, you have to both speak and listen. God always speaks to you when you approach him plainly and simply."

- St. Catherine Laboure

Come adore the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament for an hour or as long as you want **on January 3 after 6:30 PM Mass**. This is your opportunity to spend some time with Him. You can pray, read the Bible or simply sit in silence, keeping Him company like you would do with a dear friend. Adoration will go throughout the night and **it will end at 7 AM the following morning with Benediction**. All are invited to the delicious breakfast that will be offered afterwards.

Renovation Project of our Cottage



Renovation cost: around \$ 12,000

Money raised: \$ 15,625

**Thank you to 19 generous families
for their donation.**

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.**

A donation of \$10 is suggested.

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**SUNDAY COLLECTION WEEK:
12/15/2024**

Giving Method

Cash \$

Check \$

Online \$

Collection Total \$

Weekly Budgeted Collection \$ 7,692

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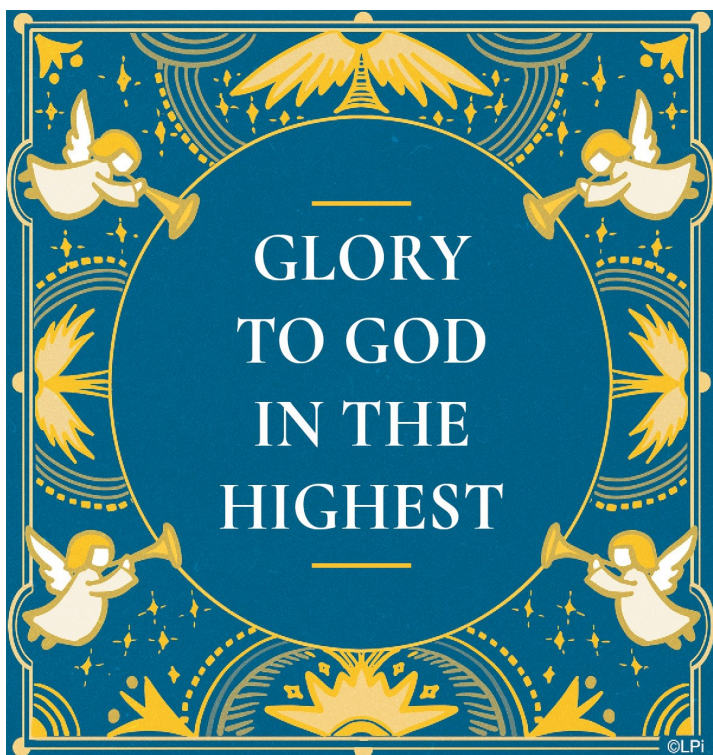
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**The Parish Office will be closed during
Christmas week, and it will reopen on
Thursday, January 2, 2025.**



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: _____

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