

St. Anthony Catholic Parish

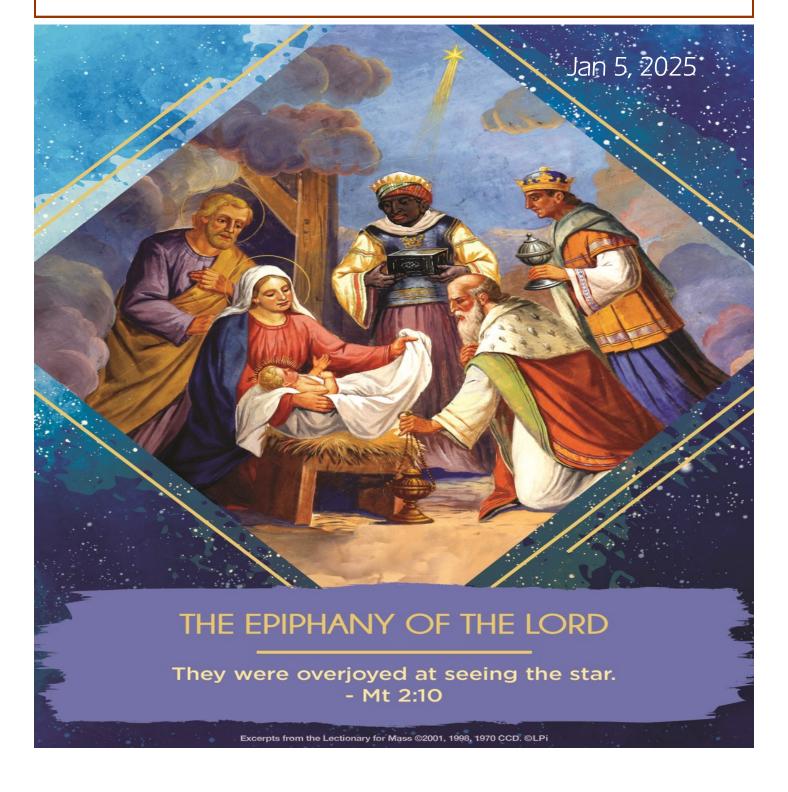
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Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

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 churchstantho-ny@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





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 churchstantho-ny@dsj.org



Dear Parishioners,

These winter days, light is in short supply. The days are at their shortest, and the weather its coldest. But in these long, dark nights when it is clear, we can see the stars. However bright they might be, they are a beautiful sight – a vibrant, twinkling, stark contrast to the night sky. Throughout human history the stars and the heavens have offered a tapestry of shapes and forms for stories and myths and have provided maps for navigation and guidance. One star in particular takes center stage in to-day's Gospel.

Matthew tells us that the Magi are overjoyed at seeing this star. They believe it will bring them to *the newborn king of the Jews*. We are not told in the Gospel how they came to determine that this star was the light that would lead them to him, nor the extent to which they understood him to bring salvation to the world, but we see how steadfast their faith is in its purpose. They journeyed far and brought gifts with them in order to pay homage to this child.

Saint Augustine calls the Magi "the first fruits of the Gentiles. The shepherds were Israelites, the Magi Gentiles; the first were near, the latter far off; yet both converged on the cornerstone" (Sermon 202). Even as people from far away, and not of the covenant, the Magi knew this star was about much more than the light it provided in the night sky.

This was the star that illuminated **the one** who would finally cast out the darkness that seeped into the world; the one who would bring hope, justice, and mercy to those in great suffering; **the one who entered into humanity to reveal God the Father so that we might find his kingdom.**

It is no wonder that the Magi are overjoyed at seeing this star!

This intuitive grasp of reality, the recognition of the essential truth of the birth of the newborn king, was an epiphany unlike any other in human history. The Church honors this with today's celebration. This Epiphany was the first manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. It announced God's salvation for all people. The Magi have been awakened to a new reality, and in encountering the Christ Child they are moved to pay him honor and homage.

As we near the end of this Christmas season, we can follow the example of the Magi and take great joy in what has been revealed to us. We have celebrated again the beauty of Christmas – that God the Father sent his Son to be with us and bring light to cast out the darkness of the world. Our salvation calls us to go out and share the Good News. The joy of the Christmas season cannot be contained in this season but sends us out to share that light with others.

Soon we will give thanks for God's revelation and saving love through the breaking of the bread. May this Eucharistic thanksgiving strengthen our joy and allow it to be a light for others.

Blessings,

Fr. Tad



A SECTION AND A				
Mass Intentions				
Sunday, Jan 5	8:30 AM	Curt McMaster †		
Sunday, Jan 5	10:30 AM	Clemens Maassen †		
Tuesday, Jan 7	8:00 AM	Open		
Wednesday, Jan 8	8:00 AM	Francis Borg, SI		
Thursday, Jan 9	8:00 AM	Open		
Friday, Jan 10	8:00 AM	Open		



Richard Martinsky †

4:00 PM

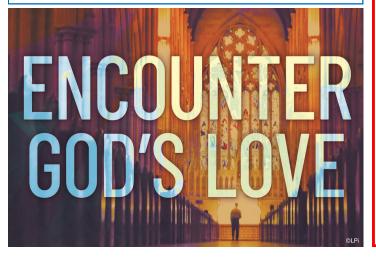
Saturday, Jan 11

Marilyn Deel, Leilani Molina, Linda Ronsse, Mary Becker, Bronson Phillips, Sal Gaeta, Myrna Samonte, Mary Ann Fox, Ben Keith, Margarita Maria Suarez, Yolanda Lujan, Rose Flowers, Sean Banchero, Fred Banchero, 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** <u>remove</u>, please contact the Parish Office: <u>churchstanthony@dsj.org</u>

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.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

(see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt

4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-

44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk

6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps72:1-2, 14 and 15bc,

17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/

Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a

and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord
Monday: St. André Bessette, Religious
Tuesday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

Wednesday: Thursday: Friday: Saturday:

What's happening this week

Monday, Jan 6

Tuesday, Jan 7 9:30–11:00 AM Bible Study Group (Big Church)

4-5 PM Youth Choir

7-8 PM Choir Practice (8:30)

Wednesday, Jan 8 7-8 PM Choir Practice (10:30 AM)

Thursday, Jan 9 4:15-5:30 Children Religious Education

Friday, Jan 10

Saturday, Jan 11



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD ©LPI

MASS ETIQUETTE

- Remember to **silence**, turn off, and put away your cell phones, tablets, and gaming devices prior the start of Mass.
- Remember **not to chew a gum** in the church, especially during Mass.
- 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** to prepare our hearts and minds for Mass. Thank you for your mindfulness.



January 5, 2025

Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6 | Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 | Mt 2:1-12

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

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

Deeply fatigued from their perilous journey, the three wise men must have been filled with doubt and hope in equal measure, wondering if the star would truly lead them to the promised King. "Is this really worth it?" they may have questioned. "Will we ever meet this child?" And then, in a single gaze, Christ broke into the world of humanity. In this perfect encounter with the Son of God, the wise men "prostrated themselves" and "opened their treasures" before him - in all his glory and all his innocence. We, on our earthly pilgrimage, may relate to feeling exhausted, full of both hope and heartache, as we wait and wonder where we will meet Jesus. Today, remember, he is here, among us. Waiting for our presence, waiting for our heart. Like today's Scripture from Isaiah, the Magi must have experienced their hearts throbbing and overflowing with wonder and awe at the sight of their long-awaited King.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

"Your light has come!" What thrilling words these must have been, proclaimed to a world that had been shrouded in darkness, eagerly - desperately - waiting for their God to save them. And not only has their light come; with it came a promise that this light would guide all nations. Yet this invitation to light, to freedom, also comes with a great responsibility. This light that came into the world isn't just for us to follow; it is also for us to reflect to others. In today's world, this may not involve leading flocks of sheep or strumming a 10-stringed lyre, but it does call us to live as radiant witnesses of Christ's love, always singing his praise! Perhaps this means living joyfully despite our suffering. Maybe it looks like practicing generosity, when we feel like we have little left to give or remaining hopeful in a bleak situation. We are called to praise at all times, but it takes different forms in the different seasons of our life. Whatever season we find ourselves in, let us, like the Magi, seek the King, trusting in his promise and following his light.

REFLECT

Consider areas in your life where the Child Jesus is waiting to break in. Where does he long to heal you, comfort you, and bring you peace? Like the wise men, we are on a pilgrimage filled with hope – and at times, fear and restlessness. On this great feast, let us offer Jesus our treasure – our hearts – and, in return, he will give us the greatest gift of all: himself.

DAYTIME EUCHARISTIC ADORATION January 15, 2025

"Go and find Him when your patience and strength run out and you feel alone and helpless. Jesus is waiting for you in the chapel. Say to Him, 'Jesus, you know exactly what is going on. You are all I have, and you know all things. Come to my help.' And then go, and don't worry about how you are going to manage. That you have told God about it is enough. He has a good memory." - St. Jeanne Jugan

Join us on Wednesday, Jan 15 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 Feed a Family St Joseph food drive

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 again 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 are now providing food for over 2000 people each week. 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 \$4770, which we delivered on December 17. We also delivered 100 toiletry bags that included a pair of socks, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, and a bar of soap. Additionally, we also delivered 50 bags of personal care items for women.

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



Renovation Project of our Cottage



Renovation cost: around \$ 18,000 Money raised: \$ 15,625

Thank you to 19 generous families for their donation. And thank you to Laurie & Ramiro Bejinez for the generous donation of AC/ Heating Unit for the cottage!

SUNDAY COLLECTION WEEK: 12/29/2024

Giving Method

Cash \$ Data not updated due to early bulletin submission .

Online \$

Collection Total \$

Weekly Budgeted Collection § 7,692

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

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Thank you for your continued support!!

Epiphany Blessing

The Epiphany household blessing is an ancient practice in the Church. This tradition is a beautiful way to observe the coming of the magi while invoking God's blessing on your home and all who enter it.

All you need for an Epiphany blessing is chalk. There are a few different formulas for blessings out there, but the essence of the ritual is always the same: a priest or the head of the household calls down God's blessing on the house and everyone who comes into it, and an inscription is made above the door in chalk.

The inscription reads: the first two digits of the year (20) + C + M + B + the last two digits of the year (25). The initials C, M and B represent the names of the magi — Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar — and also signify the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat*: "May Christ bless the house." (\mathfrak{OLPi}).

The blessed chalk can be picked up at the office.

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.



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 co	nnect with you.		
Your Name:	Date:		
Address:			
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