

TRY * SHOW * LIVE **GOD'S MERCY**

See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.
Matthew 11.10



From the loneliness of his prison cell John the Baptist asks of Jesus: "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" The weeks before Christmas offer much to be joyous about, celebrating with family and friends, the glitter of seasonal decorations, the excitement of gift giving and receiving. But in our midst there are the lonely and neglected, the poor, the hospitalized, the wayward, the shut-ins. There are those seemingly without hope. To whom should they look? Discipleship in the Lord includes being good stewards of others. Are there those in our family, our neighborhood, our community to whom we can reach out to show them a sign of Christ's presence in their midst?

UPCOMING EVENTS**Christmas Church Decorating**

We are asking for your assistance to help us decorate the Church for Christmas.

We will begin decorating at 1:00 pm
Friday, December 23, 2016.

If you are able to help,
Sign-up sheets are on the information
table in the back of the church.
Thanks and God bless!

THE GIVING TREE

This Sunday, December 11 is the last day for you to place your gift under the Giving Tree. Your wrapped present with the attached ornament needs to be in the church office by 1:00 pm.

Thank you and God bless you!

*Thank you for
caring
for each other!*

*Have a blessed
Christmas!*



in Carthage, Augustine became a Manichaean, which was a major religion that saw the world as light and darkness, and when one died, they were removed from the world of matter and returned to the world of light, which is where life comes from. After Augustine got his education and returned home, he shared his views with Monica, who drove him from her table. Though it is not recorded how much time passed, Monica had a vision that convinced her to reconcile with her wayward son. Monica went to a bishop, who told her, "the child of those tears shall never perish." Inspired, Monica followed Augustine to Rome, where she learned he had left for Milan. She continued her perusal and eventually came upon St. Ambrose, who helped her convert Augustine to Christianity following his seventeen-year resistance. In 1430, Pope Martin V ordered her relics to be brought to Rome and many miracles were reported to have occurred along the way. Later, Cardinal d'Estouteville built a church to honor St. Augustine called the Basilica di Sant'Agostino, where her relics were placed in a chapel to the left of the high altar.

Saint Monica

Saint Monica is St. Augustine's mother. She was born in 331 A.D. in Tagaste, which is present-day Algeria. When she was very young, she was married off to the Roman pagan Patricius, who shared his mother's violent temper. Patricius' mother lived with the couple and the duo's temper flares proved to be a constant challenge to young Monica. While Monica's prayers and Christian deeds bothered Patricius, he is said to have respected her beliefs. For years Monica prayed for her husband and mother-in-law, until finally, one year before Patricius' death, she successfully converted them. Augustine became lazy and uncouth. This greatly worried Monica, so when Patricius died, she sent the 17-year-old Augustine to Carthage for schooling. While



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Trata * Muestra * Vive **La Misericordia de Dios**



De la soledad en su celda de prisión, Juan el Bautista le pregunta a Jesús: "¿Es usted el que viene, o debemos buscar otro?" Las semanas antes de Navidad ofrecen mucho para ser felices, celebrar con la familia y los amigos, Brillo de decoraciones estacionales, la emoción de dar y recibir regalos. Pero en nuestro medio están los solitarios y los abandonados, los pobres, los hospitalizados, los rebeldes, los encerrados. Hay aquellos aparentemente sin esperanza. ¿A quién deben mirar? Discipulado en el Señor incluye ser buenos administradores de otros. ¿Están aquellos en nuestra familia, en nuestro barrio, en nuestra comunidad a quien podemos llegar para mostrarles un signo de la presencia de Cristo en medio de ellos?

Decoraciones de navidad

Te invitamos a donar para las Decoraciones de Navidad en memoria de un ser querido.

Nombre de la persona que desea honrar:

_____viviendo _____muerto

Su nombre: _____

Monto de donación: _____



Estamos pidiendo su ayuda Para decorar la Iglesia esta Navidad.

Comenzaremos a decorar a las 1:00 pm 23 de Diciembre, 2016.

Si nos puede ayudar, por favor regístrese; las hojas de registración están en la mesa de información en la entrada de la Iglesia.

Gracias y que Dios les Bendiga!

tremendos estallidos de ira de su marido que gritaba por el menor disgusto, pero éste jamás se atrevió a levantar la mano contra ella. Tuvieron tres hijos: dos varones y una mujer. Los dos menores fueron su alegría y consuelo, pero el mayor Agustín, la hizo sufrir por docenas de años. En aquella región del norte de África, donde las personas eran sumamente agresivas, las demás esposas le preguntaban a Mónica por qué su esposo era uno de los hombres de peor genio en toda la ciudad, pero no la golpeaba nunca, y en cambio los esposos de ellas las golpeaban sin compasión. Mónica les respondió: "Es que, cuando mi esposo está de mal genio, yo me esfuerzo por estar de buen genio. Cuando el grita, yo me callo. Y como para pelear se necesitan dos y yo no acepto la pelea, pues...no peleamos." Esta fórmula se ha hecho célebre en el mundo y ha servido a millones de mujeres para mantener la paz en la casa. Agustín, ya convertido, dispuso volver con su madre y su hermano, a su tierra, en el Africa, y se fueron al puerto de Ostia a esperar el barco. Pero Mónica ya había conseguido todo lo que anhelaba es esta vida, que era ver la conversión de su hijo. Ya podía morir tranquila.

Santa Mónica

Sigue rogando por las madres y por sus hijos, por las esposas y sus maridos y por todos los pobres pecadores que necesitamos convertirnos. Mónica significa dedicada a la oración y a la vida espiritual. Santa Mónica es famosa por haber sido la madre de San Agustín y por haber logrado la conversión de su hijo. Sus padres encomendaron la formación de sus hijas a una mujer muy religiosa pero de muy fuerte disciplina. Ella deseaba dedicarse a la vida de oración y de soledad (como su nombre lo indica) pero sus padres dispusieron que tenía que esposarse con un hombre llamado Patricio. Este era un buen trabajador, pero terriblemente malgeniado, y además mujeriego, jugador y sin religión ni gusto por lo espiritual. La hizo sufrir lo que no está escrito y por treinta años ella tuvo que aguantar los



El Arbol Generoso

Este domingo, 11 de diciembre es el último día para que usted pueda colocar su regalo bajo el árbol de donaciones. Su regalo envuelto con el adorno adjunto necesita estar en la oficina de la iglesia a la 1:00 pm.

¡Gracias y que Dios te bendiga!

Gracias por velar el uno del otro

Tengan una bendecida Navidad!



Liturgy Intentions: December 10 to 16, 2016

Third Sunday of Advent

SAT	Blessed Virgin Mary Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
4:00	The Parishioners of St. Anthony of Padua
SUN	Third Sunday of Advent Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11
7:30	✠Dr. Charles Wagner, ✠Josephine Wagner
9:00	✠Elba Vado, ✠Marco Rodriguez, ✠Eva Couillard, ✠Felicidad Carmen Diaz, ✠Jorge Diaz, ✠Jorge y ✠Elsa Arbesu
11:00	Richelle B. McGoey, ✠Lillian Davis, ✠Ruth Ann Kamstra, ✠Raymond Kamstra, ✠Betty Thibodaux, ✠Phyllis Tortorich, ✠Sarah Champagne
MON	Our Lady of Guadalupe 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
8:15	✠Humberto Bracato
12:10	Monday Church Ladies
TUES	Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32
8:15	✠Dorothy Figullo
12:10	✠Humberto Bracato
WED	Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Lk 7:18b-23
8:15	St. Anthony Society Members
12:10	✠Marie T. Blaum, ✠Lorenzo Correa
THUR	Weekday Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30
8:15	Special Intention
12:10	✠Lupe Morales
FRI	Weekday Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36
8:15	✠The Souls in Purgatory
12:10	✠Rev. Lawrence A. LeVasseur, CSC
SAT	Blessed Virgin Mary Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
SUN	Fourth Sunday of Advent Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24



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Church office.
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Calendar

December 13: Parish School of Religion 6:30 pm in Auditorium
December 13: Advent Reconciliation Service at 7:00 pm
December 15: School Mass 9:00 am
December 17: Legion of Mary Meeting at 10:00 am in the Priory
December 18: Third Sunday of Advent
December 20: Parish School of Religion Mass 6:15 pm
December 20: Renacer en Cristo meeting 7:30 pm in Chapel
December 23: Parish Office Closed in observance of Christmas
December 24: Legion of Mary Meeting at 10:00 am in Priory
December 24: Christmas Eve 4pm Children's Mass and Midnight Mass
December 25: Christmas Day Masses at 7:30am, 9am and 11am
December 26: Parish Office Closed in observance of Christmas
December 26: Monthly Mass and Healing Service CANCELLED
December 27: Renacer en Cristo meeting 7:30 pm in Church
December 30: Parish Office Closed in observance of New Year's
January 2, 2017: Parish Office Closed in observance of New Year's
January 3, 2017: Parish School of Religion 6:30 pm in Auditorium

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near. Phil. 4:4-5*

Catechism of the Catholic Church ~ Paragraph 524

When the Church celebrates *the liturgy of Advent* each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming. By celebrating the precursor's birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: "He must increase, but I must decrease."

Parish Giving for December 4, 2016

Fiscal Year <i>July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017</i>	Collections	Budgeted Expenses	Surplus/ Deficit
Weekend of Dec. 3/4	\$6,423	(\$12,000)	(\$5,577)
WeShare for Nov.	\$2,490		
Fiscal YTD Total:	\$97,187	(\$264,000)	(\$169,813)

**There's no Second Collection for the weekend of
December 18, 2016. Thank you for your generosity to St. Anthony!**

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Holiday Mass ScheduleThe Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)Saturday, December 24, 2016 - 4:00 pm Vigil Mass
(4:00 pm is a Children's Mass)

Sunday, December 25, 2016 as follows:

12 Midnight, 7:30 am, 9:00 am (Spanish) and 11:00 am,

Please note: NO 7:00 pm Portuguese Mass this day.Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Saturday, December 31, 2016 - 4:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 1, 2017 as follows:

7:30 am, 9:00 am (Spanish), and 11:00 am

Please note: NO 7:00 pm Portuguese Mass this day.

*May the blessing of the Christ-child be with you
this Christmas Season and throughout the new year!*

Christmas Decorations

We invite you to donate towards our
Christmas Decorations in honor/memory of a loved one.

Name of person you wish to honor:

_____ Living _____ Deceased

Your name: _____

Donation Amount: _____

Please pray for the Priests of our Archdiocese

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11 Rev. Donald Martin SJ	12 Rev. Joseph Tranchina	13 Most Rev. Dominic Carmen SVD	14 Rev. Theodore Dziak SJ	15 Rev. Msgr. Terry Becnel	16 Pope Francis	17 Rev. Anthony Bozeman SSJ
18 Rev. Dennis Bosse OFM	19 Rev. John Asare- Dankwah	20 Rev. Msgr. William Bilinsky	21 Rev. Maurice Nutt CSsR	22 Rev. David Whitney Dufour	23 Rev. Msgr. Robert Hill	24 Rev. Richard Maughan

Prayer for Priests

Dear Lord,

We pray that the
Blessed Mother will
wrap her mantle of
protection around
Your priests and
through her interces-
sion may they be
strengthened in their
ministry.

We pray that Mary
will guide Your priests,
dear Lord, to follow
her own words, "Do
whatever He tells you".
(John 2:5)

May Your priests have
the heart of St. Joseph,
Mary's most chaste
spouse. May the
Blessed Mother's own
pierced heart inspire
them to embrace all
who suffer at the foot
of the holy cross for the
love of God the Father.
May Your priests be
Holy, as you are holy,
And through the power
of the Holy Spirit,
may they be filled with
the fire of Your love
seeking nothing but
Your greater glory
and the salvation of
souls. Amen!
St. John Vianney,
pray for us!

St. Anthony of Padua

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Bible Trivia

*Who said "Among those born of
women there has been none greater
than John the Baptist"?*

(Hint: look in today's readings)

Last week's answer:

"John the Baptist"

(See Matthew 3:1-12)

Spiritual Adoption ProgramOur babies are due soon!

In honor of our *Spiritually Adopted Babies*,
we are hosting a Baby Shower on the weekend
of January 22, 2017. Proceeds will benefit the
Woman's New Life Center and their mission to
women who have chosen life for their babies.



Details
coming soon!

Our Mission Statement

*The mission of Saint Anthony of Padua Parish is to develop an atmosphere for the members
of our Faith Community to live out the four-fold goals of the Catholic Church:*

Worship, Word, Service, & Community.