

# Saint Anthony of Padua Parish

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**MASS  
SCHEDULE  
HORARIO DE  
LAS MISAS**

**Saturday:**

4:00 pm Vigil

**Sunday:**

7:30 am,

9:00 am (español),

11:00 am,

1:00 pm (português)

**Weekdays:**

Monday - Friday  
8:15 am, 12:10 pm

**Novena to**

**St. Anthony:**

Tuesday following  
8:15 am Mass

**Mass & Healing  
Service:**

7:00 pm Mass with  
Anointing of Sick  
Prayers for healing

**CONFESIONS:**

(bilingüe)

Monday - Friday:

11:15 - 11:45 am

Saturday:

3:15 - 3:45 pm

**ADORATION:**

(Fridays/viernes)

8:45 am - 11:45 am

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday - Thursday

8:30 am to 4:30 pm

**AFTER HOURS  
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## Have a safe and blessed Christmas and a happy healthy New Year!

One of the most beautiful things about the Christmas story is its human simplicity. How very ordinary! How relatable! We see a young family caught up in government regulations, encountering difficulty booking travel arrangements. We see a belated baby shower filled with the most unlikely attendees. Yet, if you attended Christmas Mass during the day, the Gospel does not contain the familiar story of over-crowded inns and hay-lined mangers. It features something much more mysterious. "*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was God ... all things came to be through him.*" Matthew, Mark, and Luke give us the Christmas story from the human perspective. John's Gospel tells the Christmas story from the divine perspective.

"*What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race.*" C.S. Lewis described Christmas as God parachuting down behind enemy lines. Jesus entered into a world darkened by sin, and it isn't so different today. We can find it in the complications of our own lives and the lives of our families. We can find it in our cities, our nation, our world. But it wasn't only the star that shone on Christmas night. "*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*"

In the midst of all that is so very human — whether the humdrum or the horrible — "*the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.*" No matter what we bring into this Christmas day, God enters our existence. He enters our experiences. When we allow God into our lives in a new way, when we surrender to Him our lingering areas of darkness, then we will "[see] his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth." It's time to welcome Him.

### The Holy Family ~ December 29, 2019

"*Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you.*" 725 kilometers. That's the distance on modern roads from Bethlehem to Cairo. Assuming one covered 40km a day on foot — ambitious for two young parents and their infant son — the journey would take well over two weeks. Of course, the Holy Family didn't have modern roads. They would travel through wilderness, fear bandits, run low on water, and cross the vast Sinai Peninsula in a reverse of their forefathers in Exodus. Here, in struggle and sacrifice, are the beginnings of the forging of the Holy Family.

*"Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod."* Large Jewish communities existed in most major cities of the ancient Mediterranean world, after the collapse of their kingdoms chronicled in the Old Testament, and Joseph could likely find work as a carpenter. All the same, today's Gospel reminds us that the first formational years of Jesus as a babe-in-arms were spent in a strange land.

The members of the Holy Family were foreigners, outsiders, immigrants.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. God took on our humanity. He is in solidarity with our own trials and difficulties. On the feast of the Holy Family, we honor the special place of the family within society. We are invited, too, to recall those families who share in the struggles of the Holy Family in a particular way. We pray for immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees. We pray for all parents who sacrifice their own well-being and comfort so their children may have a better life.

### Mass Schedule

#### Solemnity of Mary

Tuesday, December 31 ~ 6:00 pm

Wednesday, January 1, 2020:

8:15 am, 12:10 pm,

7:00 pm (Spanish)

### Holiday Office Hours:

The parish office will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 31 and January 1 for the New Years' holiday.

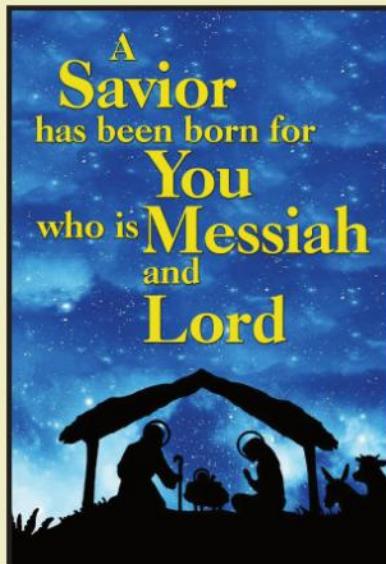
**From Fr. John Dominic Sims and the Staff of St. Anthony of Padua,  
Have a blessed Merry Christmas  
and Happy and safe New Year!**

### The Epiphany of the Lord ~ Jan. 5, 2020

We may walk many roads when we search for God, and He leads us all the while. The men we honor today were not Jews. The Messiah wasn't coming for them, not in the minds of Jesus' contemporaries. These men

were astrologers. They were adept at reading portents in the sky, a practice condemned in the Mosaic covenant. Still, to the best of their knowledge and awareness, they were seeking the truth. This truth led them to journey from their own homeland to honor a king they'd never met, one they couldn't be sure truly existed. "*We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.*" Who do you know seeks God so tenaciously? "*Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem,*" the Gospel tells us. Who are the seekers in your own life? Maybe it's your cautiously curious co-worker, the neighbor who unexpectedly found peace on a yoga retreat, or your desperately angry child who has chosen, for now, to go their own way. Perhaps they're not overtly headed for Jesus now, not yet. But they may well be seekers of truth in ways we didn't expect. Our invitation is to listen, inquire, and give directions when appropriate.

The magi and modern-day seekers can inspire us as well. When is the last time you sought God's truth so tenaciously? As believers, it can perhaps be easy to become desensitized to the Christmas season and to the miraculous reality we recently celebrated. Mass may have been lovely, but so was the succulent roast beef, the crisp smell of evergreen, and the warm glow of family. Consider asking yourself, "God, do I know you as well as I should? Would I journey as far as the magi to meet You? Do I journey to meet You daily in prayer?"



## ¡Tenga una Navidad segura y bendecida y un feliz año nuevo!

*“En el principio ya existía aquel que es la Palabra, y aquel que es la palabra estaba con Dios y era Dios.”* Es la frase que va al punto dando la Buena Nueva de la Liturgia de este Domingo. La Iglesia entera canta de alegría junto con los ángeles en el cielo y los pastores en la tierra. *“Cuando los ángeles los dejaron para volver al cielo, los pastores se dijeron unos a otros: ‘Vayamos hasta Belén, para ver eso que el Señor nos ha anunciado.’”* (Lucas 2:15). Dios se hizo hombre y habitó entre nosotros. Hemos visto su gloria y su humildad. Los ángeles aseguran que el Niño es maravilloso, es la promesa de salvación.

Para una reflexión más profunda encontré estos pensamientos del Papa Francisco sobre la Navidad: *“Al igual que María, San José y los pastores, también nosotros hemos recibido la señal del nacimiento de Dios.”*, *“La Navidad consiste en que Dios está siempre ahí, esperándonos.”* y, *“En esto consiste el anuncio de la noche de Navidad. Dios no conoce los arrebatos de ira y la impaciencia; está siempre ahí, como el padre de la parábola del hijo pródigo, esperando atisbar a lo lejos el retorno del hijo perdido.”* Al leer lo que el Papa dice, ¿Qué sentimientos afloran en tu corazón? ¿Qué es lo que Jesús Niño te pide que transformes está Navidad? La temporada de Navidad es hermosa y da comienzo la noche del 24 de diciembre y termina el Domingo con la fiesta del Bautismo del Señor. Entonces, ¿Qué hacer con la propaganda desde el mes de noviembre? Pues, ojo, ese no es el mensaje de Navidad que anunciaron los ángeles.

### La Sagrada Familia 29 de diciembre de 2019

Seguimos en Navidad y hoy la Liturgia hace hincapié en la importancia de la familia. La familia siempre ha sido vivero de esperanza y alegría por el amor de los esposos y el cuidado que deben brindar a sus hijos. La familia, es una pequeña comunidad que inicia en la oración y vocación cristiana. Es desde ahí que la semilla nace para el sacerdocio, la vida religiosa, matrimonio y los hombres y mujeres laicos comprometidos que sirven a la Iglesia y en la sociedad. Los consejos que se dan en las lecturas de hoy son luz que debe iluminar el hogar y debemos practicarlos durante el año. El libro de Sirácide dice así: *“El Señor honra al padre en los hijos y respalda la autoridad de la madre sobre la prole.”* San Pablo lo resume de la siguiente manera: *“Que en sus corazones reine la paz de Cristo, esa paz a la que han sido llamados, como miembros de un solo cuerpo.”* En el Evangelio se ve el cómo actúa José y María para proteger a su hijo: *“Levántate, toma al niño y a su madre, y huye a Egipto.”*

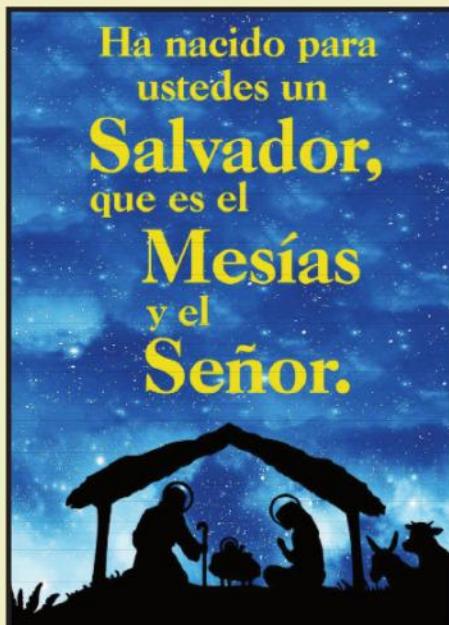
Consejos del Papa Francisco para la familia: “A los recién casados les doy siempre este consejo: ‘Reñid lo que queráis. Si vuelan los platos, dejadlos. Pero nunca acabéis el día sin hacer las paces. ¡Nunca!’” “Para hacer las paces no hace falta llamar a Naciones Unidas, que venga a casa a hacer la paz. Basta un gesto pequeño, una caricia: ‘Bueno, adiós, hasta mañana’. Y mañana se comienza de nuevo”. ¿Qué te anima de estos consejos? ¿Qué harás por tu familia actualmente?

### Horario de Misas

*Solemnidad de María*  
31 de Diciembre ~ 4 p.m.  
1 de Enero de 2019:  
8:15 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 7:00 p.m.  
(español)

**Horario de oficina:**  
Tenga en cuenta que la oficina de la parroquia estará cerrada el Martes y Miércoles, 31 de Diciembre y 1 de Enero para las vacaciones de Año Nuevo.

***Feliz Navidad y feliz año nuevo!***



### La Epifanía del Señor 5 de enero de 2020

La Epifanía del Señor es una de las Solemnidades que más disfrutan los niños en la comunidad hispana (Fiesta de los Reyes Magos), por aquello de que llegan los regalos y las piñatas llenando de alegría este tiempo navideño. Las familias se preparan para la ocasión y disfrutan el reunirse con amigos y familiares cercanos.

Sin embargo, aparte de regalos y fiesta, hay muchas cosas que aprender sobre esta solemnidad y, una de ellas es lo que significa la palabra Epifanía,

*Manifestación del Señor.* Cristo se revela de muchas maneras como: Señor y Rey. Y algo importante, la forma de como Dios se manifiesta en Jesús con hechos (Milagros). Todas las manifestaciones de Jesús en su tiempo histórico fueron luces de amor para la humanidad. Las lecturas de hoy, de alguna manera, y de formas diferentes, manifiestan quien es Cristo para el que cree en Él.

El profeta Isaías dice: *“Levanta los ojos y mira alrededor: todos se reúnen y vienen a ti; tus hijos llegan de lejos, a tus hijas las traen en brazos.”* San Pablo aclara que *“también los paganos son coherederos de la misma herencia, miembros del mismo cuerpo y participes de la misma promesa en Jesucristo.”* El Evangelio de Mateo nos orienta hacia el punto clave de quien se manifiesta: *“Y tú, Belén, tierra de Judá, no eres en manera alguna la menor entre las ciudades ilustres de Judá, pues de tí saldrá un jefe, que será el pastor de mi pueblo, Israel”*. Estos pasajes de la Sagrada Escritura muestran la universalidad del Mesías, que ha venido a redimir a toda la

# Liturgy Intentions:

## CHRISTMAS (December 24 to 27, 2019)

4pm Vigil Patsy West, †Thomas Stevens

### WEDNESDAY

Midnight †Lucy Roussel

7:30 Brian Alley and Family

9:00 Doris Bahr, Sebastian Bahr, Mariana Moreno,  
†Nelson Fernandez, †John Palm, †Phyllis Kilpatrick,  
†Victor Lawrence, †Marylyn Lawrence, †Enrique Monge,  
†Victor Couillard, †Familia Balbuena Montijo

11:00 †Keith, Aubert & Brotmeyer Family

### THURSDAY

8:15 Glenna Jacob, †John Anders

12:10 †Rosa Veliz

### FRIDAY

8:15 †Laura Harter, †Dennis Pollard, Sr.

12:10 †Robert Drozdzewski, †Patricia Allgeier

## SUNDAY (Week of December 28 & 29, 2019)

4pm Vigil Mel Schiro, †Scott Landry, †Thomas Stevens,  
†Dr. Charles and †Josephine Wagner,  
†Elsie Gill, †Souls in Purgatory

7:30 Parishioners of St. Anthony of Padua

9:00 †Eva Couillard, †Victor Balbuena,  
†Phyllis Kilpatrick, †Elba Vado, †Marco Rodriguez

11:00 †Mark Leblanc, †Hazel Ory, †John Palm

### MONDAY

8:15 †Cathy Bielski

12:10 Monday Church Ladies

### TUESDAY

8:15 Glenna Jacob

12:10 †Cathy Bielski

6:00 pm †Grace Allen,  
Vigil †Robert and †Catherine Cottrell

### WEDNESDAY

8:15 †Souls in Purgatory

12:10 †Lucy Roussel

7:00 pm †Phyllis Kilpatrick

### THURSDAY

8:15 †Humberto Brocato

12:10 †Richard Dorinsville

### FRIDAY

8:15 Military Personnel and their Families

12:10 †Lucy Roussel

## SUNDAY (Week of January 4 & 5, 2020)

4pm Vigil Flynn, Campbell and Cottrell Families,  
†Scott Landry, †Elsie Gill,  
†Keith, Aubert and Brotmeyer Family

7:30 Parishioners of St. Anthony of Padua

9:00 De la Salle/CBS, †Phyllis Kilpatrick

11:00 †Richard Dorinsville

### MONDAY

8:15 †Paul and †Patricia Fleury

12:10 Eve Anders

### TUESDAY

8:15 Military Personnel and their Families

12:10 Joseph Schiro

### WEDNESDAY

8:15 †Souls in Purgatory

12:10 Civil Servants: Policemen, Firemen, EMS workers

### THURSDAY

8:15 Glenna Jacob

12:10 †John Anders

### FRIDAY

8:15 †Martha Plauché

12:10 †Paul Plauché



*The time came for her to have her child,  
and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped  
him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger.*

*Then the angel of the Lord  
appeared to the shepherds in the field saying,  
“Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you  
good news of great joy that will be for all the peo-  
ple. For today in the city of David a savior has been  
born for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will  
be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped  
in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.”*

*Luke 2:6-12*



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Sunday (12/29): 2nd Collection: Debt Reduction Fund

Monday: Renacer en Cristo Rosary 8:00 pm, Chapel

Tuesday: Novena to St. Anthony after 8:15 a.m. Mass

Tuesday: Vigil Mass - Solemnity of Mary, 6:00 pm

Tuesday: Renacer en Cristo 7:30 pm, Church

Tuesday and Wednesday: Parish Office Closed

Wednesday: Mass, 8:15 am, 12:10 pm English, 7pm Spanish

Saturday: Confessions 3:15 pm to 3:45 pm

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday (1/5/20): 2nd Collection: Debt Reduction Fund

Sunday: RCIA 9:30 am in Conference Room

Monday: Pastoral Council Meeting, 7 pm, Conference Room

Monday: Renacer en Cristo Rosary 8:00 pm, Chapel

Tuesday: Novena to St. Anthony after 8:15 a.m. Mass

Tuesday: Parish School of Religion 6 pm, Auditorium

Saturday: Confessions 3:15 pm to 3:45 pm

Saturday/Sunday: 2nd Collection: Parish Improvement Fund

Sunday (1/12/19): NO RCIA 9:30 am, Conference Room

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