

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
FEAST DAY - DECEMBER 12**

The Virgin of Guadalupe was declared Queen of Mexico and is Patron of the Americas.

Our Lady of Guadalupe first introduced herself as the Mother of God and the mother of all humanity when she appeared on the hill of Tepeyac in Mexico in 1531. An indigenous peasant, Juan Diego, saw a glowing figure on the hill. After she had identified herself to him, Our Lady asked that Juan build her a shrine in that same spot, in order for her to show and share her love and compassion with all those who believe. Afterwards, Juan Diego visited Juan de Zumárraga, who was Archbishop of what is now Mexico City. Zumárraga dismissed him in disbelief and asked that the future Saint provide proof of his story and proof of the Lady's identity. Juan Diego returned to the hill and encountered Our Lady again. The Virgin told him to climb to the top of the hill and pick some flowers to present to the Archbishop. Although it was winter and nothing should have been in bloom, Juan Diego found an abundance of flowers of a type he had never seen before. The Virgin bundled the flowers into Juan's cloak, known as a tilma. When Juan Diego presented the tilma of exotic flowers to Zumárraga, the flowers fell out and he recognized them as Castilian roses, which are not found in Mexico. What was even more significant, however, was that the tilma had been miraculously imprinted with a colorful image of the Virgin herself.



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**St. Anthony Catholic Church
St. Pius X Catholic Church Mission**



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Rectory Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

As a Catholic Church Family, we respond to Christ's call, evangelize, and welcome all generations to the Holy Eucharist.

PARISH MOTTO

St. Pius X adopted the motto of St. Paul for his work as Pope, "to restore all things in Christ, so that Christ may be all in all."

MASS SCHEDULE

ST. ANTHONY:

Monday - Friday: 7:00 a.m.
Liturgy of the Hours and the Rosary: 9:00 a.m.
Saturday: 4:00 p.m. (Vigil)
Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

ST. PIUS X:

Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesdays in St. Anthony Church Chapel following the rosary @ 9:00 a.m.

RCIA: Parish Hall - Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m.

Confessions:

Before weekend Mass or by appointment.

Baptism:

Second Sunday of the month. The Seminar is the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Please contact the rectory for forms prior to seminar.

Marriage:

Please contact Fr. Luke six months prior to desired ceremony date.

Funeral:

Please contact Fr. Luke before final arrangements of funeral.

Anointing of the Sick:

Call the rectory of emergency.

C.C.D. Classes:

Grades K - 9th Monday at 6:00 to 7:15 p.m. at Parish Hall. Grades 10th & 11th Sunday at 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at Parish Hall.

Ministry to the Sick and Shut In:

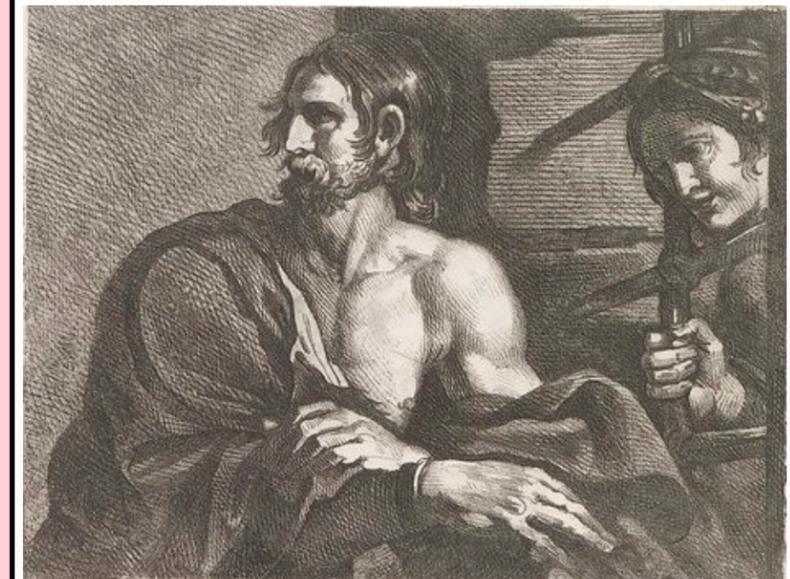
Parishioners unable to attend mass and receive communion, please call the rectory.

Scripture Outline & Reflection

READINGS

Isaiah 35:1-6, 10;
Psalms 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10;
James 5:7-10;
Matthew 11:2-11

In the person of Jesus (3), God has come to heal and save us (1, Ps). Patiently, yet joyfully, we await the fulfillment of his advent (2).



When John heard in prison of the works of the Messiah, he sent his disciples to him with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?"

Matthew 11:2-3

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OFFERTORY

We gratefully acknowledge all that God has given to us. In gratitude, we have returned to Him.

Collections December 3rd and 4th

ST. ANTHONY ST. PIUS X

1st Collection: \$770.16 \$530.24
2nd Collection: \$968.25 \$112.25

Children's Collection \$12.00

This weeks Online Giving \$557.00

Total Weekly Offerings \$2,949.90

MASS ATTENDANCE

St Anthony St. Pius X
108 45

ST. ANTHONY ST. PIUS X

Electric Bill (November) Electric Bill (November)
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“The Angel Giving Tree” An Advent Custom

The Giving Tree is a variation of the Jesse Tree that became popular in the late 20th century.

The Custom has communities decorate a tree with tags indicating gifts for children in need at Christmas.

Intended to remind Christians of the teaching of Jesus “what you do to the least of these, you do to me” (Mt. 25:40)



Again this year St. Anthony/St. Pius X will host an Angel Tree for Children who are in need. **Please visit the tree after mass to sponsor a child or family.** The Angel Tree is displayed at St. Anthony Church. A special person will be attending the tree to take your information for sponsoring or call the rectory for further information 689-4101.



December 16, 2020
St. Anthony Parish Hall
9:00 a.m.



ADORATION

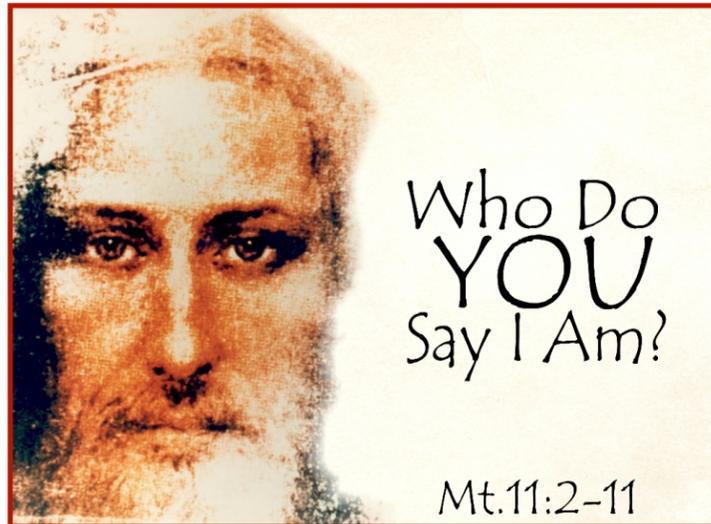
Every Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Anthony's Chapel. If you are interested in Adoration and would like more information, please contact Opal Pixie Boudreaux at 504-628-7381.

Poinsettias for the Altar

Remember your loved ones for Christmas by placing a poinsettia on the Altar. The cost is \$15.00



Envelops are available at the church entrance.



SEASON OF ADVENT

This week we light the third candle which is pink and symbolizes joy. It is called the “Shepard’s Candle”. It is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy. It is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent. “Rejoice! Rejoice in the Lord always! Again, I say rejoice!



MASS INTENTIONS

ST. ANTHONY

December 10th 4:00 pm Lottie Cherie Bennett
Erica K. Schieffler

December 11th 9:00 am Wanda & Garrell Adam, Jr.
Kathleen Wiseman
Jules & Louella Nunez
Dale Belsome, Sr.
Manuel Torres, Jr.

ST. PIUS X

December 11th 10:30 am Daniel Berthelot
Pearl Wyman



Come join us for the rosary recital Monday - Friday at 9:00 a.m. in the St. Anthony Church Chapel

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Parishioners and Father John Ryan, Dot Perrin, Herman Helmer, June Fazende, Floyd Porche, Patricia Cantrelle, Alvin Adam, Jr., Edward Joseph Hymel, Jr., Angel Dempster, Ronald J. Thomassie, Loraine LaCross, Barbara Adam, Willard O. Masters III, Robert John Laurent, Betty Perrin, Ethel Autin, Mary Maise Bonura, Linda Silver, Joan Coulon, Eugene Pizani, Lottie Cherie Bennett, Susan Lepine Guidry, Gerald “Sam” Guidry, Sr., Manuel Torres, Jr., Dominick Ditcharo, Jr. and Pearl Wyman.



St. Anthony Sanctuary Lamps

Wanda & Garrell Adam, Jr.
and Dale Belsome, Sr.

St. Pius X Sanctuary Lamps

Daniel Berthelot



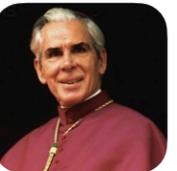
St. Anthony and St. Pius X Altar Flowers

In Memory of
Rena and Elias Basse,
Nelson Perrin, Sr. and
Susan Verdin



Any book which inspires us to lead a better life is a good book.

The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen



Parish Events

Friday, December 16th
Second Harvest Food Bank
St. Anthony Parish Hall 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 24th
Christmas Vigil
St. Anthony Church 4:00 p.m.
CCD Christmas Caroling 5:45 p.m.
Second Vigil Mass 6:00 p.m.
Midnight Mass 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 25th
Christmas Day Mass
St. Anthony Church 9:00 a.m.
St. Pius X Church 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 31st
Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
St. Anthony Church (Vigil) 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 1st
St. Anthony Church 9:00 a.m.
St. Pius X 10:30 a.m.