

Four Weeks of Advent:

The Candles and the Wreath

Advent is celebrated four consecutive weeks before Christmas. With the season of Advent, starts the lighting of the different candles. Traditionally, each of the five Advent candles have a deeper meaning which is depicted in the four weeks we celebrate this season of waiting, watching and expecting Jesus.

Here is the specific meaning of the four weeks of Advent:

WEEK ONE

The 1st Sunday of advent symbolizes HOPE with the “Prophets Candle” reminding us that Jesus is coming (The Purple Candle). The first week of this Advent reminds us of the coming of Jesus Christ the Redeemer. The first week marked with the purple candle has the meaning of HOPE. We all look forward to Christ’s coming full of joy and hope. The first candle this week is called the Candle of the Prophet who reminds us that the coming of Jesus the Messiah has been preached by the prophets.

And again, Isaiah says,

“The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; in him the Gentiles will Hope” — Isaiah 11:10



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

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



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: 8:00 a.m.
 Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

ST. PIUS X:

Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration:

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

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

Confessions:

30 minutes before 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. masses 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 in case 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 9:00 to 11:15 a.m. at Parish Hall.

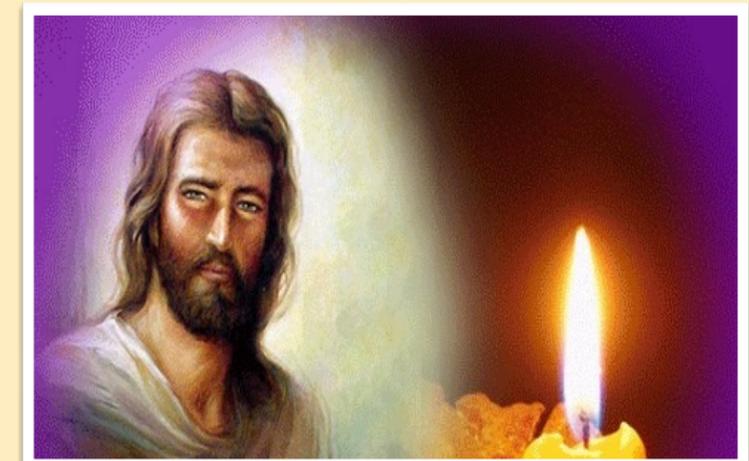
Ministry to the Sick and Shut In:

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

Scripture Outline & Reflection

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7;
 Psalms 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;
 1 Corinthians 1:3-9;
 Mark 13:33-37

Lord, rend the heavens and come down (1)
 Come and save us (Ps) from our sins. Let us turn again to you (Ps) and so be found blameless (2) when you return in glory.



Be watchful! Be alert! You don't know when the time will come.

— Mark 13:33

STEWARDSHIP

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

St. Anthony/St. Pius X

Collections November 25th and November 26th

1st Collection	2nd Collection
\$ 1,339.64	\$ 731.48

Children's Collection \$13.00
Online Giving \$247.00

Total Weekly Offering \$ 2,331.12

MASS ATTENDANCE

St Anthony	St. Pius X
100	37

ST. ANTHONY ST. PIUS X

Electric Bill (Oct.)	Electric Bill(Oct.)
\$2,497.76	\$325.52

Saint Benedicta of The Cross



"There is a state of resting in God; an absolute break from all intellectual activity, when one forms no plans, makes no decisions, and for the first time really ceased to act; when one simply hands over the future to God's will and 'surrenders himself to Fate'"



Hi ladies! The Ladies Club will be have an Advent Wreath Decorating Party on Tuesday, December 5th at 7 p.m. in St. Anthony Parish Hall. Bring your own supplies, wreaths, purple and lavender ribbon, and Advent candles, your imagination and decorate a wreath fit for a king, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Another option is to just come and visit. You can find tapered Advent candles at the Westbank Religious Supply store. Ladies are invited and must be 21 and over to join. We can't wait to see you all there!

Saint of the Week!
Saint Francis Xavier



Feast Day – December 3rd

Of aristocratic origins, Francis Jassu y Xavier was born in 1506 in Navarre. With Ignatius of Loyola he funded the order of the Jesuits and passionately dedicated himself to the apostolate in India and Japan. He died on Saint John Island, before reaching China, in 1552. He was canonized in 1622. He is depicted in a priest's robes with a crucifix and the baptismal bowl, accompanied by Indians; sometimes he has a flaming heart, lily, hat, or shoulder cape. He is invoked against the plague, storms, and hurricanes.

Protector. Missionaries, sailors, and tourists.

Name. Francis (Frank) is of German origin, from the name of the people who settled in France; it has come to mean "forthright, sincere"

[Excerpts from Saints, A Year in Faith]

"The Angel Giving Tree, An Advent Custom"

Again this year St. Anthony/St. Pius X will host an Angel Tree for Children who are in need of a joyous Christmas. Please visit the tree on December 2nd to sponsor a child or family. The Angel Tree will be displayed at St. Anthony in the coming weeks. Call the rectory for information to sponsor a child. 689-4101.

**ST. ANTHONY/ST.PIUS X
MASS INTENTIONS**

Dec. 2nd 4:00 p.m. John Heurtin, Jr.
Lottie Cheramie Bennet
Eddie Sapia, Sr.
Bobby Hale, Jr.

Dec. 3rd 9:00 a.m. All Parishioners

10:30 a.m. Calvin Wade, Jr.



St. Anthony Sanctuary Lamps

Gladys & Herman Perrin

St. Pius X Sanctuary Lamps

Daniel Berthelot



Prayer Intentions for the Sick

Millie Daunhauer, Madalyn Rojas & Debra Feldman

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 Cheramie Bennett, Susan Lepine Guidry, Gerald "Sam" Guidry, Sr., Manuel Torres, Jr., Dominick Ditcharo, Jr., Pearl Wyman, Adren Bailey, Sr., William Adam, Ruphus Boutte, Alfred Ledet, John Heurtin, Jr., David Perez, Elda Matherne, Victor Dardar, Sr., Hillary Stein, Caleb Favaloro, Simon Hingle, Belvina Kuhn Bundy and Roy Rogers, Arthur Matherne, Clavin Wade, Jr., Marie Sevin, Shirley Prestenbach, Eddie Sapia, Jr., and Bobby Hale, Jr.

Parish Events

December 5th (Tuesday) & 6th, (Wednesday)
Photo Directory for all Parishioners
St. Anthony Church 2:00 p.m. - 8:40 p.m.

December 7th, (Thursday)
Immaculate Conception Vigil
St. Anthony Church 4:00 p.m.

December 8th, (Friday)
Immaculate Conception Mass
St. Pius X 12:00 p.m.
St. Anthony 6:30 p.m.

December 16th, (Saturday)
Children's Mass 4:00 p.m.
Children's Christmas Party 5:00 p.m.
St. Anthony Parish Hall to 8:00 p.m.

December 18, (Monday)
Second Food Harvest
St. Anthony 9:00 a.m.

December 24th, (Sunday)
St. Anthony 9:00 a.m.
St. Pius X 10:30 a.m.

CHRISTMAS VIGIL
St. Anthony 4:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
9:00 p.m.

December 25th, (Monday)
CHRISTMAS DAY
St. Anthony 9:00 a.m.
St. Pius X 10:30 a.m.

December 30th, (Saturday)
The Feast of The Holy Family, Jesus, Mary, & Joseph
St. Anthony 4:00 p.m.

December 31st, (Sunday)
The Feast of The Holy Family
St. Anthony 9:00 a.m.
St. Pius X 10:30 a.m.

January 1st, (Monday)
Mary Mother of God
St. Anthony 9:00 a.m.

Poinsettias for the Altar's

Remember your loved ones for Christmas by placing a poinsettia on the Altar. The cost is \$15.00 Envelopes are available at each church entrance with instructions. Please call Roberta Boulauch @ 504-481-5319 or Lenora Basse @ 504-689-2210, preferably use the envelopes