

Third Week of Advent

The 3rd Sunday of Advent symbolizes JOY with the “Shepherds Candle” reminding us the Joy the world experienced at the coming of the birth of Jesus (Pink Candle).

The third week of Advent is marked by two purple candle bars and one pink candle. This third week of Advent reminds us of JOY. We are together delighted to welcome the birth of Jesus our Savior.

The third candle is called the Shepherds Candle because of the news of joy about the birth of Jesus Christ was first communicated to humble and sincere people. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose colored vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because of the faithful have arrived midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas.

But the Angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you the good news that will cause great joy for all the people” (— Luke 2:10)



**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.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

As a Catholic Church Family, we respond to Christ's call, evangelize, and welcome all

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 61:1-2a, 10-11;

Luke 1:46-50, 53-54;

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24;

John 1:6-8, 19-28

John witnesses to one who is to come, one far mightier than he (3), one who will proclaim freedom and deliverance (1) from sin and death. As we await his coming again in glory (2), let us join with Mary in signing the praises of God (Ps).



*He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.
— John 1:8*

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STEWARDSHIP

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

St. Anthony/St. Pius X

Collections December 9th and December 10th

1st Collection	2nd Collection
\$ 1,771.00	\$ 452.25

Children's Collection \$53.00
Online Giving \$217.00

Total Weekly Offering \$ 2,857.25

MASS ATTENDANCE

St Anthony	St. Pius X
121	35

ST. ANTHONY ST. PIUS X

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

"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.

Saint of the Week!



St. John of Matha
Priest

Born in Provence around 1155, John became a priest and teacher of theology at Paris. He learned in a vision that his true mission in his life is that of freeing the Christian slaves in Africa. He therefore gave up teaching and founded a religious order dedicated of the Holy Trinity, hence its name of Trinitarian. He obtained papal approval in 1198. John died at Rome in 1213, and his cult was approved in 1666. He is depicted in the white habit and cross of the Trinitarians.

Name: John is from a Hebrew name meaning "Yahweh is gracious"

[Saints, A Year in Faith]

My soul rejoices in my God.

— Luke 1

ST. ANTHONY/ST.PIUS X MASS INTENTIONS

Dec. 16th 4:00 p.m. William Gene Adam
John Heurtin, Jr.
John & Marilyn Viger
Most Abandoned Souls
Purgatory

Dec. 17th 9:00 a.m. Eddie Sapia, Jr.
Bobby Hale, Jr.
Alfred & Lee Anna
Melancon
Angeline LeBlanc
For the Conversion of
Family and Friends
All Holy Souls in Purgatory

10:30 am. All Parishioners

St. Anthony Sanctuary Lamps

Angeline LeBlanc

St. Pius X Sanctuary Lamps

Daniel Berthelot

Prayer Intentions for the Sick

Millie Daunhauer, Madalyn Rojas & Debra Feldman

Say to the faint of heart: be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

Isaiah 35:4

Parish Events

December 18, (Monday) Second Food Harvest St. Anthony	9:00 a.m.
December 24th, (Sunday) St. Anthony St. Pius X	9:00 a.m. 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 St. Pius X	9:00 a.m. 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 St. Pius X	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
January 1st, (Monday) Mary Mother of God St. Anthony	9:00 a.m.

Hope Peace Joy Love



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.

*Ladies Altar Society
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.

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December 17th — Mary

"Let Mary never be far from your lips and from your heart. Following her, you will lose your way. Praying to her, you will never sink into despair. Contemplating her, you will never go wrong"

— St. Bartholomew

