

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

The 4th Sunday of Advent symbolizes Peace with the "ANGELS CANDLE" reminding us the message of the angles: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men." (Purple Candle)

This is the last week of Advent. The fourth week of special significance is PEACE is characterized by three purple candle bars and one pink candle. The fourth week of Advent reminds us the glory of God, the owner of the universe. Together we rejoice in His coming. The fourth candle is called the Angel Candle that symbolizes happiness and joy to welcome the savior.



Fourth Sunday in Advent

WHITE CANDLE OR THE CHRIST CANDLE

The fifth and final candle is placed at the center of the wreath is called "CHRIST CANDLE" which reminds us that Jesus who is at the center of the season. It is lit on Christmas Eve. Jesus alone is the reason why we celebrate Christmas (White Candle). White is the color of Advent representing purity and light. Christ is the sinless, spotless, pure Savior. He is the light come into a dying world. Also, those who receive Jesus Christ as Savior are washed of their sins and made whiter than snow. The Christ Candle is the fifth Advent Candle, positioned in the center of the wreath. This Advent Candle's color is white. It is lit on Christmas Eve as temperance of Christ coming into the world.

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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

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16;
Psalm. 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Romans 16:25-27;
Luke 1:26-38

David's prosperity shall endure forever (1, Ps). His kinship finds its fulfillment in the son of Mary (3), Jesus the Christ. To him be glory and praise forever (2).



But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?"
— Luke 1:34

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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
\$ 1,414.20	\$ 707.12

Children's Collection \$52.52
Online Giving \$802.00

Total Weekly Offering \$ 2,975.84

MASS ATTENDANCE

St Anthony	St. Pius X
144	53

ST. ANTHONY

Electric Bill (Oct.)
\$2,497.76

ST. PIUS X

Electric Bill(Oct.)
\$325.52

Saint Stephen Deacon, the First Martyr

Feast Day December 26th

Patron Saint of deacons, altar servers, stonemasons and headaches



St. Anthony Sanctuary Lamps

*Angeline LeBlanc
Lloyd & Leola Bourgeois
Louella & Jules Nunez*



St. Pius X Sanctuary Lamps

*Cecilia & Charles R. Robin, Jr.
Lee Anna & Alfred O. Melancon*

Christmas is one of the most important days of the Church year, second only to Easter itself. Celebrating the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, it is the culmination of the mystery of the incarnation, the feast of God becoming flesh (the Latin "in carne" means "enfleshment"). It is a uniquely Christian teaching, the Divine choosing to become one of us. Because of this belief, God is not only Transcendent, but also wholly

Immanent, Emmanuel (God-with-us). While remaining Transcendent (meaning we must rise above our

present condition to reach Him), He is at the same time Immanent (meaning He is with us as we rise toward Him). Every Eucharist is like Christmas where the bread and wine are transformed into His flesh, His Body and Blood, and, in a sense, He is born anew on the altar.

The liturgical season of Christmas begins with the vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During this season, we celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts and reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with him, including the fact that he was born to die for us.

The Christmas tree and the Nativity scene are popular symbols of the season and a tradition in many Christian homes. It is also traditional to exchange Christmas gifts with family and friends to honor God the Father's gift of his only son to the world. Having received the gift of Christ, we naturally want to pass that gift along to our loved ones.



MASS INTENTIONS

ST. ANTHONY

December 23rd 4:00 pm All Parishioners

December 24th 4:00 pm Louis Biondolillo
Lloyd & Leola Bourgeois
Ruphus & Betty Boutte
Louella & Jules Nunez
Curtis Silver, Sr.
Bobby Hale, Jr.
Joseph Arabie, Jr.
Cecile Silver
Andrew Silver
Curtis Silver

December 24th 6:00 pm Cecilia & Charles Robin, Jr.
LeeAnna & Alfred O. Melancon

December 24th 9:00 pm Earl Polkey
George Belsome & Family

December 25th 9:00 am Erika K. Schiffler
Jarret Polkey & Willie Boudreaux
Bobby Hale, Jr.
Angeline LeBlanc
John Heurtin, Jr.
For the Conversion of Family and Friends
All Holy Souls in Purgatory

ST. PIUS X

December 25th 10:30 am Daniel Bertelot
Cathrine & Dominic Rudolph
John Wildey, Jr.
Dale Deheart
Charles Deheart
Joshua "Red" & Rita Mae Carmadelle
LeeAnna & Alfred O. Melancon
Cecilia & Charles R.

A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us

— Psalm 97

Parish Events

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.

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.