

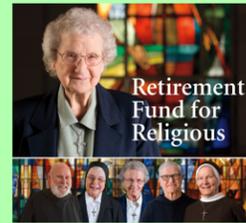


Second Harvest Food Bank will be held on Friday, December 19th, at St. Anthony Parish Hall, 8:00a.m.

Mass Intention Envelopes are located for your convenience at the entrance of the church. The cost is \$5 per mass intention.

Simply drop the envelope in the collection basket, mailbox or the office located at the parish hall.

The Second Collection for the weekend of, December 8th will be for the **Retirement Fund for Religious Appeal**. Please, let's be reminded.



What is Advent?

Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas. The Advent season is a time of **preparation** that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36). Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.

The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, we focus on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord at Christmas. In particular, the "O" Antiphons are sung during this period and have been by the Church since at least the eighth century. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming of Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but of present ones as well.

Advent devotions including the Advent wreath, remind us of the meaning of the season. Our Advent calendar above can help you fully enter into the season with daily activity and prayer suggestions to prepare you spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ.

(source: USCCB.org)



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

St. Anthony Catholic Church

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.m.
Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses: 9:00a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
First Saturday Mass: 8:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Tuesdays in St. Anthony Church Chapel following Mass and the rosary @ 8:00 a.m.

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

Confessions:

30 minutes before each of the Sunday Weekend Masses (Sat. 4pm Vigil, Sun. 9am and 11am) 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. Jude six months prior to desired ceremony date.

Funeral:

Please contact Fr. Jude before final arrangements of funeral.

Anointing of the Sick:

Call the rectory in case of emergency.

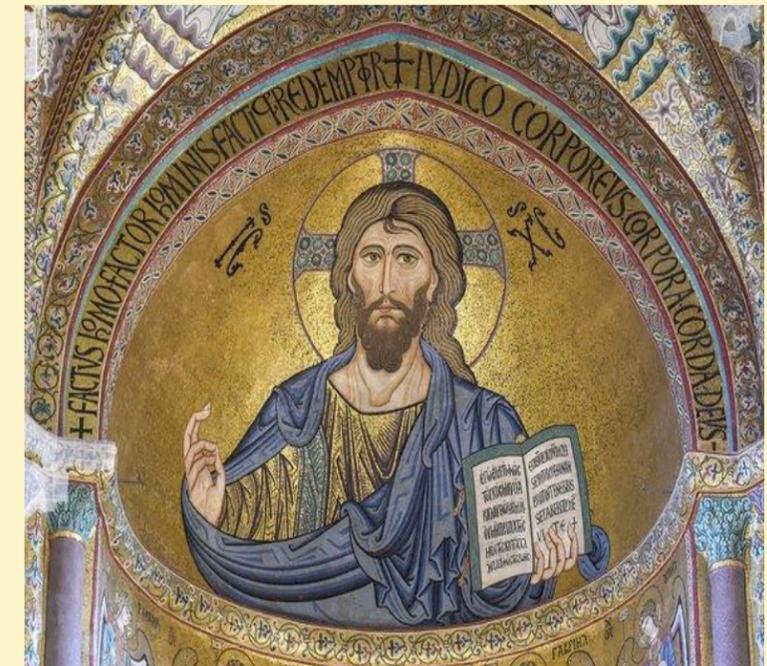
C.C.D. Classes:

Grades K - 11 Tuesdays at 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Parish Hall.

Ministry to the Sick and Shut In:

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

First Sunday of Advent



To you, O Lord, I lift my soul
-Psalm 25

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“...STAND ERECT AND RAISE YOUR HEADS BECAUSE YOUR REDEMPTION IS AT HAND...”

Today, being the first Sunday of Advent, we begin a new Liturgical Year in the Church’s calendar. And as we begin this new liturgical year or season with Advent, we look forward in anticipation to the birth of Christ at Christmas and his second coming in the Parousia. In a particular way, Jesus draws our attention to the later in today’s gospel reading. He told his disciples that many signs will precede his second coming – there will be signs in the sun, moon and the stars. Every nation on earth will be dismayed and “...perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.” Be that as it may, for us who are his faithful believers, he cautions us that when these things begin to take place, it is not time to *freak out* or to be afraid, but a time to bear witness to our faith and affirm our love for Him. Again, he does not want us to be caught off-guard. Hence, he told his disciples “... stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.”

Standing erect and holding our heads symbolically, is the proper response or attitude we need to put up in awaiting the day of the Lord. But what exactly does it mean to stand erect and hold our heads? It simple means to be vigilant. It means to remain steadfast in the faith and be unwavering in our hope for eternal life which Christ comes to offer us. It is being spiritually conscious and doing the needful in our faith commitment and sacramental life. Hence, Jesus told his disciples: “Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap... Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.” As disciples whose lives are ordered to an ultimate end – God, we must never lose sight of that end – to share eternal communion with God in supernatural charity. We must daily, live in conscious awareness that heaven is our true home and to set our minds on the things of heaven and not on the passing things of this world.

As a way of making adequate preparation for the day of the Lord’s coming, St. Paul in the second reading admonishes us in the form of prayer that the Lord make us increase and abound in love for one another and for all, “so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God...” In awaiting the Lord’s coming, we must make commitment to love – because those who love cannot go wrong since *God is love*; and those who live a life of love, live their lives in God and for God who is Love. About love, as St. John tells us: “There is no fear in love; but perfect love drives out fear because fear has to do with punishment, and so one who fears is not yet perfect in love” (1 John 4:18). Therefore, our love for God and our neighbor must be genuine and pure.

As a matter of fact, the coming of the Lord should not enwrap us in fear but instead, fill us with joy and rejoicing because, it is a day of covenant fulfilment. The prophet Jeremiah affirms this truth in the first reading by saying that on that day, the Lord would fulfill the promise he made to Israel and Judah by raising “...up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land. In those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure...” The Davidic covenant in fulfilled in Jesus Christ who is the son of David. He is the bearer of the promise and the fulfillment of that same promise. Meanwhile, it is important to note that this new covenant is the *Holy Eucharist* – fulfilled only in the precious blood of Jesus where he draws us into an intimate communion of love with Himself. *Lord, help us by your grace, to remain steadfast in our faith commitment especially as we await you second coming. May your coming find us prepared and ready to meet you who is our eternal reward with the Father. Amen.*

Reflection by:

Rev. Fr. Jude Oghenechuko Emunemu



STEWARDSHIP

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

Collections for November 23rd & 24th

1st Collection	2nd Collection
\$ 1,580.31	\$ 914.30
Children’s Collection \$ 112.00	
Online Giving \$ 197.00	
Online Giving Rebuilding Fund \$ 33.00	

Total Weekly Offering \$ 2,836.61

MASS ATTENDANCE

4:00pm	9:00am	11:00am
45	63	38

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\$ 1,884.87	\$ 143.97



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PARISH EVENTS

NOVEMBER 22ND (FRIDAY)
SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK
ST. ANTHONY PARISH HALL 8:00A.M.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Parishioners and Father John Ryan, Caleb Favaloro, Simon Hingle, Belvina Kuhn Bundy, Roy Rogers, Arthur Matherne, Clavin Wade, Jr., Marie Sevin, Shirley Prestenbach, Eddie Sapia, Jr., Bobby Hale, Jr., Madeline Rojas, Theresa Wiseman, Raymond Griffin, Sr., Shelby Deselle, Joseph Rogers, Jr., Allyn Rogers, Evan Whipple, Nick Dinet, Jerry Lynch, Keith “Ike” Madison, Judith Ann Verdin, Dwight Rudolph, Faye Rae Guidry, Dale Boudreaux McWhorter, Edward Cantrelle, Sr. Lloyd Kraemer, Sr. Rosebud Kraemer, Gareth Ross Leblanc, Sr., Earline Perrin, and Martha Pizani.

MASS INTENTIONS

4:00 p.m.	All Parishioners
9:00 a.m.	Chis Dufrene, Jr. Tommy Robeaux, Jr. Teddy Johanson, Jr Ulrick Johanson Earline Cheramie Perrin Leon Harvey Tommy Ory, Jr. Ms. Flossy Wildey All Souls in Purgatory Especially our Deceased Members
11:00 a.m.	Joyce Bruce Betty Ortego Florence Knuppel Theresa Comadelle Steve Hymel Calvin Wade, Jr. Irene Belsome Angelica LeBlanc Repose of Souls of Unborn Babies

