

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2015

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Eucharist:

Daily: Chapel 8:30 am
Monday, Thursday: 7:00 pm (Spanish)
Saturday: 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm (Spanish)
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 noon (Spanish)

Next Holy Day of Obligation

December 8, 2015 Immaculate Conception

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday: Holy Hour following 7 pm Mass
Hora Santa después de la misa 7 pm

Office Hours:

Daily (Diario) 9:00 am - 8:00 pm
Saturday (Sábado) 10:00 - 12:00 noon

Baptism/Bautizos:

Baptisms in English are the first and third Saturday of each month. Arrangements should be made one month in advance. Parents should be registered parishioners.

Los Bautizos son el 2do y 4to sábado de cada mes. Deben de pasar por la oficina para coordinar la fecha por lo menos con un mes de anticipación. Deben de estar inscritos en la parroquia para solicitar un bautismo.

Marriage/Matrimonio:

Please arrange with the priest at least one year in advance. Por favor de separar fecha con el sacerdote y un año de anticipación.

Reconciliation/Reconciliación:

Every Saturday (Cada Sábado) 4:00 PM—5:00 PM

Religious Education/Catecismo:

English: Sunday at 9:00 am in the Grammar school
RCIA Tuesday 7:00 pm in Rectory Meeting Room.
Español: Sábado a las 10:00 am se reúnen en la cafetería de la escuela.

Sponsorship/Godparent Certificates

Those who need a sponsorship certificate to be a godparent must make an appointment with the priest.

Staff:

Ms. Rose Perone, Trustee & English Rel. Ed.
Sr. Marie Charitina, S.C., Dir. Rel. Education
Mrs. Mary Wilk, Parish Secretary
Mrs. Teresa Marin, Spanish Rel. Ed.
Mr. Will Villanueva, Trustee
Mr. Michael Faccone, Office



MISSION STATEMENT

St. Anthony of Padua Parish is committed to the Celebration of God's presence among His people through meaningful, well prepared liturgy, prayerful gatherings, evangelization and faith formation. We recognize and welcome the richness of our culturally and ethnically diverse community. We strive to nurture and develop these differences by encouraging all our brothers and sisters to share their gifts so we may strengthen our community and become one.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER 6, 2015 TO DECEMBER 12, 2015

SATURDAY (December 5) Advent Weekday

8:30 CARMELA CIANFANO/ Mamma & Famiglia
 5:00 JOHN SPORER/ Anna DePaola & Family
 7:00 MISA DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE CAACUPÉ

SUNDAY (December 6) Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 SARAH MALTA (5TH ANNIV.)/ Children
 10:30 VITO ANTONIO MAZZA/
 Mr. & Mrs. Frank O. Mazza
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

MONDAY (December 7) St. Ambrose

8:30 LINA & FRANK ALFANO/ Daughter &
 Grandchildren Anthony & Joey
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY (December 8) Immaculate Conception

8:30 ANTONIA OLIVERIO/ Maria Sacca
 6:00 FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

WEDNESDAY (December 9) St. Juan Diego

8:30 REA LORETTA/ Jose Cordero

THURSDAY (December 10) Advent Weekday

8:30 GIUSEPPE E ANGELA TROVATO/
 Antonia Chillemi

FRIDAY (December 11) St. Damasius I

8:30 ST. LUCY/ Jose Cordero

SATURDAY (December 12) Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30 ANGELO STERIO/ Wife Dolly
 5:00 MARIA & JOE COLLETTI/ Husband & Father
 7:00 MISA DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE CAACUPÉ

SUNDAY (December 13) Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 MARY & PIETRO D. PIGA/ Children &
 Grandchildren
 10:30 BRIGIDA A. ROBLES/ Angela Verlengeri
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

JESUS IS BORN!

We would like to form a Bilingual Choir for the Christmas Midnight Mass. There will be two rehearsals from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM on Wednesdays, December 9th and 16th. Please call Anjanette (908) 718-5829 or Edwin (908) 447-6439 for more information.

¡JESÚS NACIÓ!

Desearíamos formar un coro bilingüe para la misa de medianoche de Navidad. Habrá dos ensayos de 7:30 pm a las 8:30 pm del miércoles, 09 de diciembre y el 16. Por favor llame a Anjanette (908) 718-5829 o Edwin (908) 447-6439 para más información.



OUR OFFERTORY COLLECTION is shown below.

We sincerely thank all those parishioners and friends who contributed to the parish.

Be assured that the Lord will never be outdone in rewarding those who give even a glass of water in His Name.

	11/22 Offering	11/29 Offering
5:00 PM	442	378
7:00 PM	558	668
8:00 AM	563	488
10:30 AM	1026	705
12:00 Noon	1751	1755
Mail		80
Total	\$4,340	\$4,074

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LORD! We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ, especially: **Carmela Cornacchia, Benedetto Tavormina, Gaetano Colletti, Juan Francisco Avelar and Alfonsina Zamarra.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH, especially

Alfonsina Aker	Barbara McMurray
Carmen Alava	Elvin Martinez
Sheree Balaam	Carmen Mistichelli
Oran Bryant	Angelo Meo
Karen Bulloch	Leonarda Merlo
Caterina Campbell	Carlos Moran
Isaac Castañeda	Nick Netta
Orlando Chavez	Declan Rocco O'Connor
Paul Chiusano	Robergeau Paul
Wayne Cook	Maria Perdomo
Mary Cusmano	Laura Philipone
Leonor Sepulveda De Devia	Peter Philipone
Marianna Dubell	Frank Pierre
Maria Espinoza	Raul Atilio Portillo
Denise Griest	Carmen Fojo Prieto
Jared Leonardo Henao	Edith Quijada
Jacob Hinman	Endy Quijada
Joshua Hinman	Oscar Eduardo Ramirez
Joseph B. Jean-Mary	Sergio Ricciardi
Michelle Johnson	Isadora Rodriguez
Harry Krampf	Magdalena Rodriguez
Stanley Kuchno	John Ruela
Lindsay LaMarre	Maria Saavedra
John Lapolla	Hugo Santa Maria
Theresa Lattanzio	Frank Tinnirella
Rosa Leon	John Veltre

WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL

Second Sunday of Advent/Segundo Domingo de Adviento

On this Second Sunday of Advent, God invites us to go to a specific place: the desert. In the Gospel we hear about the people going out to the desert to listen to John the Baptist. God wants us also to go the desert. Not the desert of Judea, but one much closer: the desert of the human heart. The desert is a place free from distractions, a place where a person can be alone with God. Another word for the desert is silence. In silence we meet God and, by meeting him, we find our true selves. Silence, time alone without distractions. The desert is the place where God talks to the heart of his people. Because of that, it was the place He brought Israel after freeing it from the slavery of Egypt. In the desert there is nothing, only God and yourself, because of this, it is easier to listen to what God wants to tell us, even though, we cling to some nonsense excuses and or sins, like the people of Israel always complaining about Moses, the food, the lack of water, etc. Pope Benedict observed: "We are no longer able to hear God – There are too many frequencies filling our ears." Unfortunately, noise not only surrounded us - we seek it. We make the choice to turn on the TV, to fire up the computer or to plug in the iPod. There is an irony in this: People can spend hours in diversion or entertainment. On the other hand, when we try to pray, five minutes can seem like eternity. We begin thinking about something left undone. One reason we resist silence is because we do not like to face our actual condition. Not just our insufficiency and our mortality, but something else. There is something amiss inside us. We have taken a wrong turn, gone down a false path. For that reason, when people went out to the desert, the first thing John said was, "Repent." The word means, "Change your mind, and get a new way of thinking." Few people want to change their way of thinking. It can be scary to see myself and my life as it really is. I am now going to mention a word we don't like to talk about. It's a three letter word that starts with "S." That's right, sin! We make light of sin, but that is because we do not realize what sin really is. I would like to sum up with two other words that begin with that same letter. The first, of course, is "silence." During Advent we need to find a time of silence - no TV, no computer, no ipod, not even a cell phone. Silence is not always comfortable. It may make us aware of sin - and how sin separates us from God and others. But silence will open us to a more powerful reality. It also begins with "S" - the Spirit. On our own we cannot get to the roots of the problem. Only the Holy Spirit can do that. Silence, sin, Spirit. By silence, we recognize sin and open ourselves to the Spirit. Amen.

En este Segundo Domingo Dios nos invita ir a un lugar especial: el desierto. En el Evangelio escuchamos de la gente yendo al desierto para escuchar a Juan el Bautista. Dios quiere que nosotros también vayamos al desierto. No es desierto de Judea sino uno mucho mas cerca: el desierto del corazón humano. El desierto es un lugar libre de distracciones, un lugar donde la persona esta solo con Dios. En el desierto es donde Dios puede hablar al corazón de su pueblo, de ahí que lo lleve al desierto después de liberarlo de la esclavitud de Egipto. Por que en el desierto no hay nada, solo tu y Dios, por eso es mucho más fácil escuchar lo que Dios tiene que decirnos, incluso cuando no queremos escuchar y nos aferramos a excusas que son muchas veces inútiles o incluso pecados, como el pueblo de Israel, quejándose siempre de Moisés y de Dios. Otra palabra por desierto es silencio. En el silencio encontramos a Dios y, al encontrarlo, descubrir nuestro ser verdadero. Silencio, tiempo solo sin distracciones. Estamos rodeados de ruido - por los medios de comunicación que constantemente tratan de agarrar nuestra atención. Esta temporada de navidad es particularmente ruidoso. El Papa Benedicto observo: "Nuestros corazones están tan llenos de tantos ruidos del mundo que no podemos escuchar esta silenciosa presencia que toca a nuestras puertas." Desgraciadamente, el ruido no solo nos rodea - lo buscamos. Tomamos la decisión de prender el televisor o la computadora. Hay una ironía: La gente puede pasar cualquier cantidad de tiempo en su diversión, pero, por otro lado, cuando tratamos de rezar, cinco minutos parece una eternidad y empezamos a recordar cosas que debemos de hacer, cosas que no puedan esperar. Es difícil ir al desierto, estar solo sin distracciones. Huimos el silencio. Pero también Jesús pregunta: ¿Que habéis venido a buscar a un Profeta? No solo a un profeta, sino a Juan el Bautista, el precursor del Mesías, el que lo va a anunciar, él no se anuncia a si mismo sino que es "el sonido, la voz," de la Palabra que es Cristo mismo, lo que Dios te quiere decir hoy. Quisiera resumir con tres palabras. Primer, "silencio." Durante el Adviento necesitamos un tiempo de silencio, un tiempo aparte sin distracciones, para poder escuchar la voz del Señor. Nos hará entender otra palabra, el pecado,. Lo que nos separa de Dios y nos da infelicidad para poder arrepentirnos y así estar preparados para la venida del Mesías. Y al mismo tiempo nos abrirá a otra realidad: el Espíritu. Solo el puede llegar a la raíz de nuestro problema. Silencio, pecado, Espíritu. Por medio del silencio, reconocemos el pecado y nos abrimos al Espíritu. Amen

St. Anthony's Food Pantry

St. Anthony's runs a Food Pantry once a month. The next day for the Food Pantry will be **Wednesday, December 23, 2015 from 1 PM to 4 PM.** Entrance is through the 3rd Avenue Basement. Please bring some form of identification.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Our Food Pantry is in need of food. Please drop off your food to help feed those in need of our parish in the baskets at the back of the church or at the rectory.

Lectors for the Weekend of December 12 – 13, 2015Saturday, December 12

5:00 PM Sr. Clare

7:00 PM TBD

Sunday, December 13

8:00 AM Anna Ruppert

10:30 AM Francesca Merendino

12:00 Noon TBD

Eucharistic Ministers for the Weekend of December 12 - 13, 2015Saturday, December 12

5:00 PM Avery Kenner

Sunday, December 13

8:00 AM Mary Wilk

10:30 AM Cristian Moron, Martha Devia & Gino Merendino

12:00 Noon Myrna Gonzalez, Hmna. Carol y Ana Marte

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

This Tuesday, December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be held at 8:30 AM and 6:00 PM.

Holy Land Wood Carvings

This weekend, a representative of the Holy Land will be here to sell wooden carvings to support the Catholics in that region. Take a look, you may find a Christmas present for someone close to you.

Welcome/ Bienvenidos

Welcome New Parishioners! We are happy to have you with us. We would like to invite you to register at the parish office during the week. Registration is essential for sponsor/witness letters. **If you move or change your address, please call the rectory.**

¡Bienvenidos a los nuevos feligreses! Nos da mucho gusto de que estén con nosotros. Los invitamos a inscribirse en nuestra oficina entre semana. Tienen que estar inscritos para recibir cartas verificando su participación en la Iglesia.



***TUESDAY:** Novena to St. Anthony
(After 8:30 AM Mass — Chapel)
7:00 PM RCIA (Rectory Basement)

***THURSDAY:** Holy Hour after 7:00 PM Mass
7:30 PM AL-ANON—Spanish (Rectory Basement)

***FRIDAY:** 7:30 PM Spanish Prayer Group

THANK YOU

A \$1,000 check was presented to the Church from the profits realized from the Pie Sale. Thank you to all the people who helped make this possible.

Thanks to Santiago Trellis of Grade 7 (Our Lady of Guadalupe Academy) for being our top pie seller.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;
Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;

Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or
any readings from the Common of the Blessed
Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7;
Lk 3:10-18**Ministry to the Sick and Homebound**

The parish family of St. Anthony's seeks to reach out and include the sick, the elderly, and the homebound in the life and prayers of our parish.

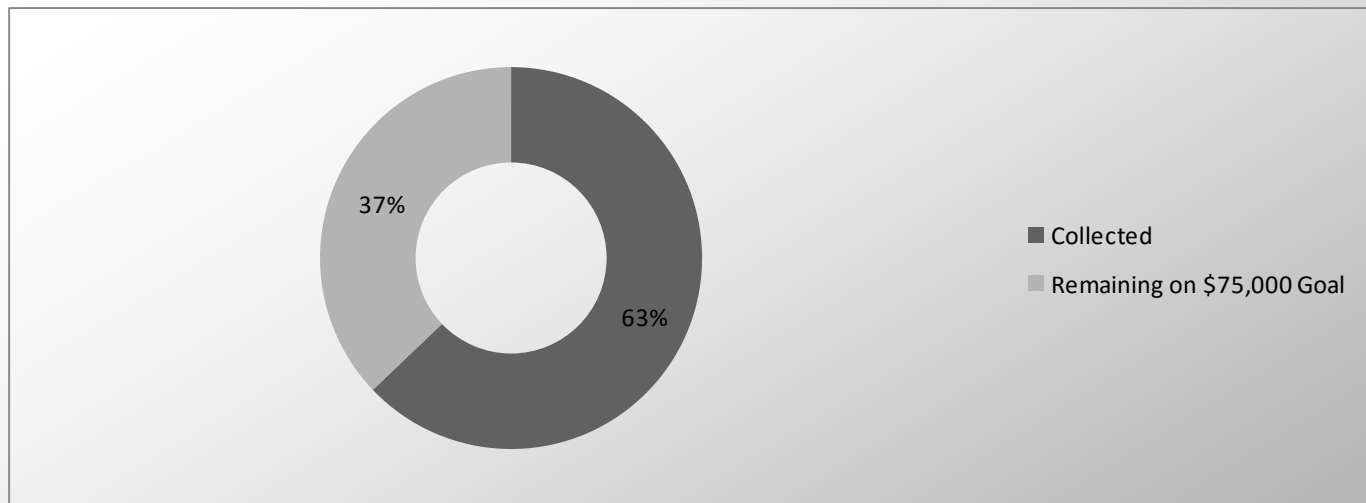
Please contact the parish office if someone wants to receive Communion or needs to see the priest for the sacraments of Confession and Anointing of the Sick.

CONCEPCIÓN INMACULADA

Este Martes, 8 de diciembre, la fiesta de la Concepción Inmaculada, es un día de obligación para asistir a la misa. Las misas estarán a 7 en la noche en lunes y martes.

Tierra Santa Tallas de Madera

Este fin de semana un representante de la Tierra Santa estará aquí para vender tallas de madera para apoyar a los católicos en esa región. Echa un vistazo, usted puede encontrar un regalo de Navidad para alguien querido para ti.



CHURCH RENOVATIONS

Our goal for Church renovations (painting and carpeting) is \$75,000. So far we have collected \$47,156. Your extra donation will go entirely for this purpose. We are asking that each family donates \$200 to help beautify our Church. Thank you for your generosity.

RENOVACIONES DE LA IGLESIA

Nuestro objetivo para las renovaciones de la Iglesia (pintura y alfombras) es de \$75,000. Hasta ahora hemos recaudado \$47,156. Su donación adicional se destinará íntegramente a este fin. Pedimos que cada familia dona 200 dólares para ayudar a embellecer nuestra Iglesia. Gracias por tu generosidad.

PUT ON JOY

Today, Baruch speaks of the splendor that lies ahead for the city of Jerusalem and for all of us, regardless of where home is for us. Throw off strife, he tells us, and put on joy. Like a favorite old sweatshirt, joy fits, and how warm it keeps us, even when the winds blow cold.

Paul knows of this joy as he pens his letter to the Philippians, praying that they may grow in their ability to discern what is righteous and good. And Luke speaks to us of John, who was foretold by Isaiah and who sings a similar song--"Prepare the way of the Lord," for salvation is at hand.

A man ahead of his time, Baruch spent his days joyfully awaiting a distant glory. On this Second Sunday of Advent, Paul and John know that this glory is upon us.

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VÍSTETE DE GOZO

Hoy Baruc nos habla del esplendor que se acerca para la ciudad de Jerusalén y para todos nosotros, sea donde fuere nuestro hogar. Despójate de conflictos, nos dice, y vístete de gozo. Como una vieja cobija favorita, el gozo nos queda a la medida, y qué bien nos mantiene calientes, por muy frío que sople el viento.

Pablo sabe de ese gozo cuando escribe su carta a los filipenses, orando para que crezcan en su habilidad de discernir lo que es bueno y justo. Y Lucas nos habla de Juan, el que fue anunciado por Isaías y que canta una canción parecida: "Preparen el camino del Señor" pues la salvación está al llegar.

Hombre adelantado a su época, Baruc se pasó la vida alegremente esperando una gloria lejana. En este segundo Domingo de Adviento, Pablo y Juan saben que esta gloria se acerca.

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