

# *Saint Anthony of Padua Church*

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**December 20, 2015**

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## **Pastoral Staff:**

Rev. Oscar Martin Dominguez, Pastor  
Rev. Juan Carlos Zapata, Parochial Vicar

## **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 25, 2015 Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

## **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 20, 2015 TO DECEMBER 26, 2015**

**SATURDAY (December 19) Late Advent Weekday**

8:30 ANTHONY MARSHOTT/ Daughter Ursula  
 5:00 GIOVANNI & AMELIA ANTONUCCIO/ Children  
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY (December 20) Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:00 REV. PATRICK DIVER, SDB &  
 REV. VINCENT ZULIANI, SDB/  
 Mr. & Mrs. Frank O. Mazza  
 10:30 CARMELA ARCIERI/ Biagio Arcieri & Brothers &  
 Family  
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY (December 21) Late Advent Weekday /  
 St. Peter Canasius**

8:30 CAROLYN CALAVANO/ Family  
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**TUESDAY (December 22) Late Advent Weekday**

8:30 JOHN & ROSE KOLESAR/ Family

**WEDNESDAY (December 23) Late Advent Weekday**

8:30 LUCIA E NERI PUZZOLO/ Antonia Chillemi

**THURSDAY (December 24) Late Advent Weekday**

8:30 IRENE & WILLIAM MALLOY/ Family  
 4:00 PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
 MIDNIGHT: FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

**FRIDAY (December 25) The Nativity of the Lord**

10:30 FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
 12:00 FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

**SATURDAY (December 26) St. Stephen**

8:30 FRANK & LINA ALFANO/ Family  
 5:00 DAVID DRUM/ Friends Carmine & Barbara  
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY (December 27) The Holy Family**

8:00 ANGELO & LINDA/ Mr. & Mrs. Frank O. Mazza  
 10:30 DANIEL PATRICK MALLOY/ Family  
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O**

**LORD!** We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ, especially: **Esther Rodriguez and Gerard Sapia.**



**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.

	Weekly Offering	Retirement For Rel.
5:00 PM	388	210
7:00 PM	681	455
8:00 AM	326	170
10:30 AM	877	245
12:00 Noon	1763	905
Mail	102	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,137</b>	<b>\$1,985</b>

The **ALTAR BREAD AND WINE** are donated this week in memory of **Daniel Patrick Malloy** donated by **Family**.

The **SANCTUARY LIGHT** will burn by the tabernacle this week in memory of **Daniel Patrick Malloy** donated by **Family**.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH, especially:**

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

**WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL****Fourth Sunday of Advent/Cuarto Domingo de Adviento**

My dear brothers and sisters, on this fourth and last Sunday of Advent the Lord brings us a marvelous Word, a Word we have heard many times and still hearing it fills us with tenderness and affection towards our Mother the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is the Gospel of the Annunciation of the Angel Gabriel to Mary. Mary, the young woman of Nazareth, who receives with surprise this announcement, and is truly surprised to be elected by the Holy One, to be the mother of the Messiah, the Savior of the World. This is what the readings of this Sunday are about, in preparation for the feast of the Nativity, the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is the Election that God makes, as said by a wise professor I had in the seminary: "God does what he wants, because that's why he is God..." God elects whom ever he wants, like in the first reading of the book of Samuel. God elects David, not because he was the best, or the strongest, or the greatest of the sons of Jesse, but only because he was the last one, and like this knowing that even though he was a disaster he was humble, as said in the scriptures, David a man in harmony with God's heart. As a great sinner, but with humility to acknowledge his own sins and ask for forgiveness. Mary, conceived without sin, as we celebrated on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December, is elected for a very important mission which will contain much suffering from the beginning, to be the mother of God. We are all called to this by our Baptism to be mother of God, and so the promise that we received on the day of our baptism may be fulfilled, that in us may be born Christ, so that He may continue today in his Saving Mission. Now, are we ready to accept this Challenge? Because the Lord does not judge by outward appearances, He elects whom ever He wants, but He always respects our freedom to say no, or to say this is too much for me. Therefore, beloved brothers and sisters, let us ask the Blessed Virgin Mary, to be able to say as she, although not understanding, but may your will be done. May God bless you always.

Mis queridos hermanos, en este cuarto y último domingo del adviento, el Señor nos trae una palabra maravillosa, una palabra que la hemos escuchado tantísimas veces y que siempre que la oímos nos llena de ternura y cariño hacia nuestra madre la Santísima Virgen María. Es el Evangelio de la Anunciación del Ángel Gabriel a María. María, esta jovencita de Nazaret, que recibe con sorpresa este anuncio, y que se sorprende muchísimo de ser la elegida por el Santo, para ser la madre del Mesías, del Salvador del mundo. De esto tratan las lecturas de este domingo, en preparación para la fiesta de la Navidad, del nacimiento de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo. De la Elección que hace Dios, como decía un profesor muy sabio que tuve en el seminario: "Dios Hace lo que le da la gana, por que para eso es Dios..." Dios elige a los que el quiere, como en la primera lectura del libro de Samuel. Dios eligió a David, no por que era el mejor, o el mas fuerte, o el mas maravilloso de los hijos de Jesse, sino por ser el ultimo, y así saber que aunque era un desastre era humilde, como dicen las escrituras, David un hombre de acuerdo al corazón de Dios. Un gran pecador, pero con la humildad para reconocer sus pecados y pedir perdón. María, concebida sin pecado, como celebramos el día ocho de Diciembre, es elegida para una misión muy importante que acarrea un sufrimiento grandísimo desde el principio, ser la madre de Dios. A esto estamos todos llamados por nuestro bautismo a ser madre de Dios, a que la promesa que se nos hizo el día de nuestro bautismo, se haga realidad, a que en nosotros nazca Cristo para que pueda seguir hoy su misión salvadora. Per, ¿Estamos dispuestos a aceptar este desafío ? Por que el Señor no se fija ni en apariencias ni es presencia, el Elige a quien quiere, pero siempre respeta nuestra libertad de decir no quiero, o esto es demasiado para mi. Así que, mis queridos hermanos, pidámosle a las Santísima Virgen María, el poder decir como ella, no entiendo, pero que se haga tu voluntad. Que Dios me los bendiga Siempre.

**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 26 – 27, 2015**Saturday, December 26

5:00 PM Mary Anne Costanza  
7:00 PM Marta Villanueva y Will Villanueva  
(Comentario: Vivianeth Lorenzo)

Sunday, December 27

8:00 AM Anna Ruppert  
10:30 AM Ariel Legacy  
12:00 Noon Rubia Cardoza y Sandra Bonilla  
(Comentario: Teresa Marin)

**Eucharistic Ministers for the Weekend of December 26 - 27, 2015**Saturday, December 26

5:00 PM Avery Kenner

Sunday, December 27

8:00 AM Mary Wilk  
10:30 AM Cristian Moron, Maria Agliata & Gino Merendino  
12:00 Noon Melida Canela, Myrna Gonzalez y Patricia Zelaya

**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.

**NATURE RESTORED**

Christ is born, that by his birth he might restore your nature.

--St. Peter Chrysologus

**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

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

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE****Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24, 2015**

4:00 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass (English)

12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass of Christmas (Trilingual)

Church doors will open at 11:00 p.m.

CAROLING will begin at 11:30 p.m.

**The Masses of Christmas Day****Friday, December 25, 2015**

10:30 a.m. (English) 12:00 Noon (Spanish)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;

Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;

Lk 1:57-66

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;

Lk 1:67-79

Friday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29;

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6;

Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59;

Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28;

Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10;

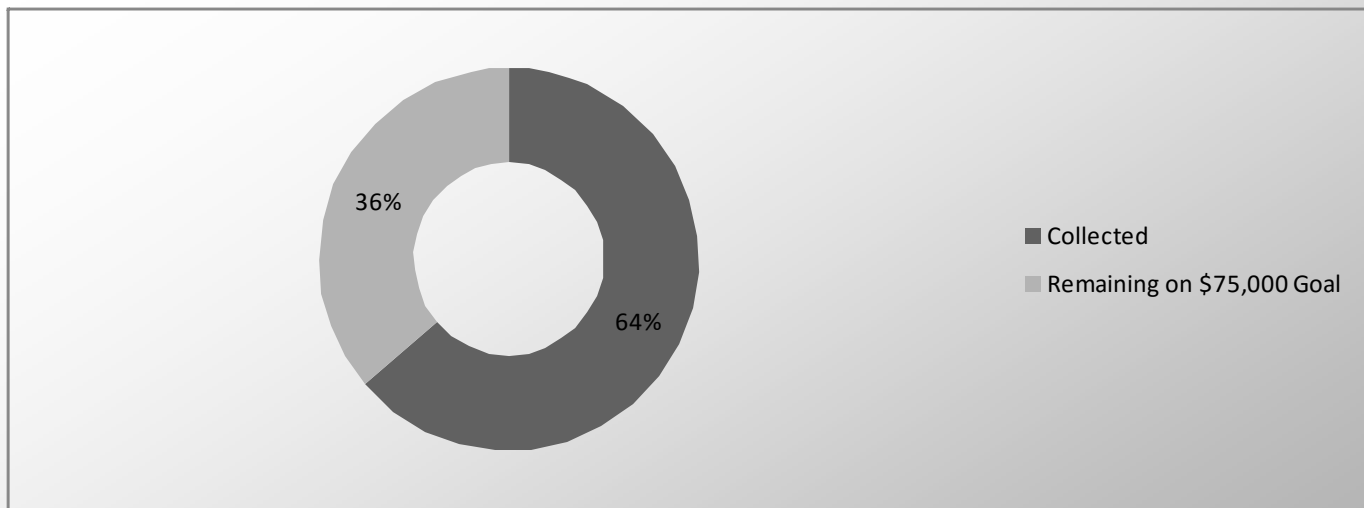
Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24;

Lk 2:41-52

**NATURALEZA RESTAURADA**

Cristo nació para que por su nacimiento nuestra naturaleza sea restaurada.

--San Pedro Crisólogo



### CHURCH RENOVATIONS

Our goal for Church renovations (painting and carpeting) is \$75,000. So far we have collected \$47,696. 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 \$47,696. 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.

### JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

December 20, 2015 — Fourth Sunday of Advent

In proclaiming the Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis proclaimed his desire that this Holy Year be "steeped in mercy," as we disciples "go out to every man and woman," bringing the "balm of mercy" to "believers and those far away, as a sign that the Kingdom of God is already present in our midst!" (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 5). In her visitation of Elizabeth, Mary beautifully presents just such an image. Despite the perils of her pregnancy, not to mention her preoccupations as a young unwed mother, Mary instantly, unselfishly, "goes out" of herself, hastening far and over dangerous terrain, to "bring the balm of God's tender mercy" in assistance rendered to her older relative. Since baptism and the Eucharist have made us, in a way, bearers of the living Christ within as Mary was, such selfless "going out" of ourselves to be of loving service to others in mercy should especially mark our Christmas season this Jubilee Year.

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### AÑO JUBILAR DE LA MISERICORDIA

20 de diciembre de 2015 — Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

Al proclamar el Año Jubilar de la Misericordia, el Papa Francisco exclamó cómo él deseaba que este Año Santo esté "lleno de misericordia", nosotros como discípulos vamos "al encuentro de cada persona llevando la bondad y la ternura de Dios. A todos, creyentes y lejanos, pueda llegar el bálsamo de la misericordia como signo del Reino de Dios que está ya presente en medio de nosotros" (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 5). Al visitar a Isabel, María presenta bellamente una imagen así. A pesar de los riesgos de su embarazo, sin mencionar su preocupación por ser una mujer joven sin casarse todavía, María de inmediato, sin egoísmo "sale" de sí misma y a toda prisa avanza sobre terreno peligroso para llevar "el bálsamo de la misericordia" de Dios para ayudar a su pariente. Ya que el Bautismo y la Eucaristía nos han hecho, de alguna manera, portadores de un Cristo Vivo dentro de nosotros, así como María fue, esa generosidad de "salir" de nosotros mismos para ofrecer un servicio atento de misericordia a nuestros prójimos, debe marcar especialmente nuestro Tiempo de Navidad este Año Jubilar.

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