

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 18, 2016

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Rev. Oscar Martin Dominguez, Pastor
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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 25, 2016 The 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
Español: Sábado a las 10:00 am se reúnen en la cafetería de la escuela.

Sponsorship/Godparent Certificates

You must be an **active parishioner** for at least 6 months to receive a Certificate of eligibility to be a sponsor or godparent.

Debe ser un **feligrés activo** durante al menos 6 meses para recibir un certificado de elegibilidad para ser un patrocinador o padrino.

Staff:

Ms. Rose Perone, Trustee & English Rel. Ed.
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 18, 2016 TO DECEMBER 24, 2016

SATURDAY (December 17) Late Advent Weekday

8:30 MARIA & DOMENIC BIANCO/ Joann Barberio & Sons
 5:00 REV. PATRICK DIVER & REV. VINCENT ZULIANI/ Mr. & Mrs. Frank O. Mazza
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (December 18) Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 MARY & PIETRO PIGA/ Children & Grandchildren
 10:30 CARMELA ARCIERI/ Mr. & Mrs. Biagio Arcieri & Family
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

MONDAY (December 19) Late Advent Weekday

8:30 ROSE TINIMBANG/ Mom & Brother
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY (December 20) Late Advent Weekday

8:30 ONOFRIO CHILLEMI/ Mrs. Antonia Chillemi

WEDNESDAY (December 21) St. Peter Canasius

8:30 ANTHONY MARSHOTT/ Daughter Ursula

THURSDAY (December 22) Late Advent Weekday

8:30 GRACE LONDINO/ Kenneth Nascondiglio
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

FRIDAY (December 23) Late Advent Weekday

8:30 GRACE LONDINO/ Terri Santiago

SATURDAY (December 24) Late Advent Weekday

8:30 GRACE LONDINO/ Dotty Nascondiglio
 4:00 FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
 12:00 FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

SUNDAY (December 25) The Nativity of the Lord

8:00 FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
 10:30 FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
 12:00 FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

The **ALTAR BREAD AND WINE** are donated this week in memory of **Mary & Pietro Piga** donated by **Children and Grandchildren**.
 The **SANCTUARY LIGHT** will burn by the tabernacle this week in memory of **Mary & Pietro Piga** donated by **Children and Grandchildren**.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD! We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ, especially: **Josephine Muccia**.

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	Monthly Asst.
5:00 PM	436	292
7:00 PM	721	477
8:00 AM	327	134
10:30 AM	831	296
12:00 Noon	2118	1037
Mail	145	253
Total	\$4,578	\$2,489

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH, especially:

Alfonsina Aker	Leonarda Merlo
Carmen Alava	James D. Milazzo
Louise Barile	Carmen Mistichelli
Oran Bryant	Carlos Moran
Karen Bulloch	Declan Rocco O'Connor
Caterina Campbell	Robergeau Paul
Isaac Castañeda	Maria Perdomo
Orlando Chavez	Laura Philipone
Wayne Cook	Peter Philipone
Mary Cusmano	Frank Pierre
Leonor Sepulveda De Devia	Anne Piga
Marianna Dubell	Raul Atilio Portillo
Maria Espinoza	Carmen Fojo Prieto
Mario Fronzoni	Edith Quijada
Denise Griest	Endy Quijada
Ann Harris	Oscar Eduardo Ramirez
Jared Leonardo Henao	Sergio Ricciardi
Jacob Hinman	Angel Rivera
Joshua Hinman	Isadora Rodriguez
Joseph B. Jean-Mary	Magdalena Rodriguez
Michelle Johnson	John Ruela
Lindsay LaMarre	Maria Saavedra
John Lapolla	Salvatore Saluccio
Theresa Lattanzio	Hugo Santa Maria
Rosa Leon	Frank Tinnirella
Barbara McMurray	Rosalie Tinnirella
Elvin Martinez	Angela Verlengeri
Angelo Meo	John Veltre

WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL**Fourth Sunday of Advent/Cuarto Domingo de Adviento, Ciclo/Cycle A**

We are celebrating the 4th Sunday of Advent and the Gospel of Mathew recounts to us a short version of how the miraculous conception of Christ happened. The Evangelist put Joseph as the protagonist in this story. Joseph is presented in this gospel as a “Just man.” Justice is referred here as the fulfillment or observance of the religious practices of his time. Not only as mere fulfilling of the established ritual practices, but observing carefully the traditions received from his ancestors. For these same reasons, Joseph, found himself in a very complicated and difficult situation, that is, what to do with Mary, his betrothed that was pregnant. The law is very clear what to do; the adulterers must be eradicated from the midst of the people of God. Adultery according to the Mosaic Law is punishable by death by stoning. But Joseph loved Mary, so, what must he do?

Should he expose and allow Mary to be stoned to death? Or, should he divorce her in secret? In any case, he will be implicated and he will carry a heavy weight in his conscience if Mary will be stoned to death because of adultery, or he will be blamed for making her pregnant before marriage. So, what must he do? He has to wait for God to appear. For this reason, the angel of the Lord appeared, to console and comfort him, telling him, “Courage Joseph! Do not be afraid. I know that you are just and that you delight in my Law, this child is the Son of the Most High, he is the One who will fulfill all the prophecies, announced by the prophets. He is the much awaited Messiah.” What a difference between Joseph and us! Joseph did not despair or panic, but on the contrary, put all his trust and waited for the Lord. Joseph may have thought, “The Lord has put me in this situation, he has to appear and provide!” He did not try to do anything, even though he did not see any solution to the problem, and the closest possible solution will be wrong. For this same reason, Joseph is called “Just,” and he reflects the suffering of Jesus, his son or the one of Joseph, the son of Jacob, sold by his brothers into slavery in Egypt. On the contrary, when we find ourselves in a difficult situation, we immediately enter into despair and most of the time we make the wrong decision. We can learn from Joseph to hope in the Lord, because “the Lord rewards the Just.” God is calling us through his Son, to acknowledge our sins and ask for forgiveness, and not to lose hope that God will help us through difficult and complicated moments in our lives. God bless all of you!

Estamos celebrando el cuarto domingo de Adviento, y en el Evangelio San Mateo, nos cuenta una versión abreviada de cómo ocurrió la concepción de Jesús. Pero aquí, el evangelista toma como protagonista a José. Se nos describe un poco como es José, de acuerdo al relato del Evangelio, era un hombre “Justo.” Aquí la justicia, hace referencia a ser cumplidor, observador de las prácticas religiosas de su tiempo. No simplemente, cumplir con los ritos establecidos, sino, observar cuidadosamente la tradición recibida de sus ancestros. Por esto, se encuentra en una situación muy complicada, que hacer ahora que María, su prometida, esta embarazada. La ley dicta muy claramente lo que hay que hacer, ya que a los adúlteros, hay que hacerlos desaparecer de en medio del pueblo. El adulterio se pagaba con la muerte. Pero José amaba a María, entonces que debe hacer, ¿exponer a María y que la apedrearán?, o ¿divorciarla en secreto? De cualquier forma el se vería implicado y cargaría con mucha culpa, una con la muerte de María, y la otra con la culpa de haber cometido una infamia sin haberlo hecho, ¿Qué hacer entonces? Esperar. Hasta que Dios aparece. Por eso el ángel de Dios, se le aparece para calmarlo y confortarlo, y le dijo, ¡Animo José! No tengas miedo, Yo se que tu eres Justo, que te deleitas en Mi ley (La ley del Señor), este hijo es Hijo del Altísimo, es el que va a cumplir todas las profecías, es el, del que hablan los profetas, es el Mesías esperado. ¡Que diferencia entre José y nosotros! Ya que José no se desespera, sino al contrario, pone toda su confianza en el Señor, espera en el Señor. El me ha metido en esta situación, el tiene que aparecer, no intenta nada, aunque no vea solución alguna, y la que mas se ajusta será equivocada. Por esto es apodado el justo, y se asemeja también al sufrimiento de Jesús, su hijo, y al de José, el hijo de Jacob, el que fue vendido por sus hermanos como esclavo. Sin embargo, nosotros, si que nos desesperamos, y eso muchas veces nos hace tomar decisiones equivocadas. Aprendamos de José, esperemos en el Señor, que el recompensa a los justos. Pero si yo no soy justo, si soy un pecador. Dios a través de su hijo, a que reconozcamos nuestros pecados y pidamos perdón, y nunca perdamos la esperanza de que Dios nos perdona y actúa en nuestra vida en los momentos mas difíciles y complicados. En esta esperanza José se levanta del sueño y hace como le ha dicho el ángel, cumpliendo así sin saberlo lo que decimos en el padre nuestro, “Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo.” 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 21 from 12:30-1:30 PM**. Enter 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 24-25, 2016

Saturday, December 24

4:00 PM Mark Cosmas
Midnight TBA and Maria Duran

Sunday, December 25

8:00 AM Anna Ruppert
10:30 AM Mark Moron
12:00 Noon Rafaela Avelar y Soila Torres
(C: Patricia Zelaya)

EMHC for the Weekend of December 24-25, 2016 (Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion)

Saturday, December 24

4:00 PM Mary Wilk
Midnight TBA and Teresa Marin, Reina Yanes y Salomon Yanes

Sunday, December 25

8:00 AM Nick Cistrelli
10:30 AM Cristian Moron and Maria Agliata
12:00 Noon Peter Aleman, Besy Aleman, Marisa Puello, Ana Marte

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.

GETTING EVEN

The only ones you should try to get even with are those who have helped you.

--Anonymous

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)

***THURSDAY:** Holy Hour after 7:00 PM Mass

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- You will be given this sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:10-14).

Psalm -- Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory (Psalm 24).

Second Reading -- God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

Gospel -- The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. He shall be Emmanuel, "God is with us" (Matthew 1:18-24).

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura -- La señal del Señor es que la virgen estará embarazada y dará a luz un hijo varón (Isaías 7:10-14).

Salmo -- Va a entrar el Señor: Él es el Rey de la Gloria (Salmo 24 [23]).

Segunda lectura -- Jesús, descendiente de David biológicamente, fue establecido el Hijo de Dios en poder. (Romanos 1:1-7).

Evangelio -- María, la comprometida de José, quedó embarazada por obra del Espíritu Santo (Mateo 1:18-24).

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CARRYING OF THE GIFTS

CCD Children will carry the gifts at the 10:30 Mass.

RCIA

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process the Catholic Community provides to welcome adults who wish to become Catholic and to prepare adult Catholics to receive Confirmation (and when needed, First Eucharist.) Please contact the Parish for more information.

AJUSTAR CUENTAS

El único con el que debes tratar de ajustar cuentas es con aquél que te ha ayudado.

--Anónimo



*We Welcome You to Our Parish Community of
St. Anthony of Padua Church*

Our Christmas Schedule

**Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24, 2016
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
Sunday, December 25, 2016
8:00 a.m. (English)
10:30 a.m. (English)
12:00 Noon (Spanish)**

**New Year's Eve Mass Schedule
Saturday, December 31, 2016
5:00 p.m. (English)
7:00 p.m. (Spanish)**

**New Year's Day Mass Schedule
Sunday, January 1, 2017
10:30 a.m. (English)
12:00 Noon (Spanish)**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

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

Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Sunday: 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]