St. Anthony of Padua Parish

Founded 1909

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Parish Office Hours
Monday - Friday 8 AM — 4 PM
Closed Noon-1PM

Religious Education Office Hours
Sunday 8 AM - noon 815-965-3448

Schedule of Masses and Devotions
Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:30 PM
Sunday 8 AM and 10:30 AM
Daily Mass: Monday - Friday 9 AM
Rosary: Monday - Friday 8:30 AM
Morning Prayer after Weekday Mass
St. Anthony Devotion:
Tuesday after Mass

Holy Day Masses
7 AM, Noon, 5:30 PM

Confessions
Daily after the 9 AM Mass
Saturday 3:30 PM — 4 PM

Baptisms
2nd and 4th Sundays 12:30 AM
Register at the parish office

Baptism Class
1st Sunday of the month 10 AM
Register at the parish office

Sacrament of Matrimony
Reserve your date at the parish office at least six months before your proposed marriage.

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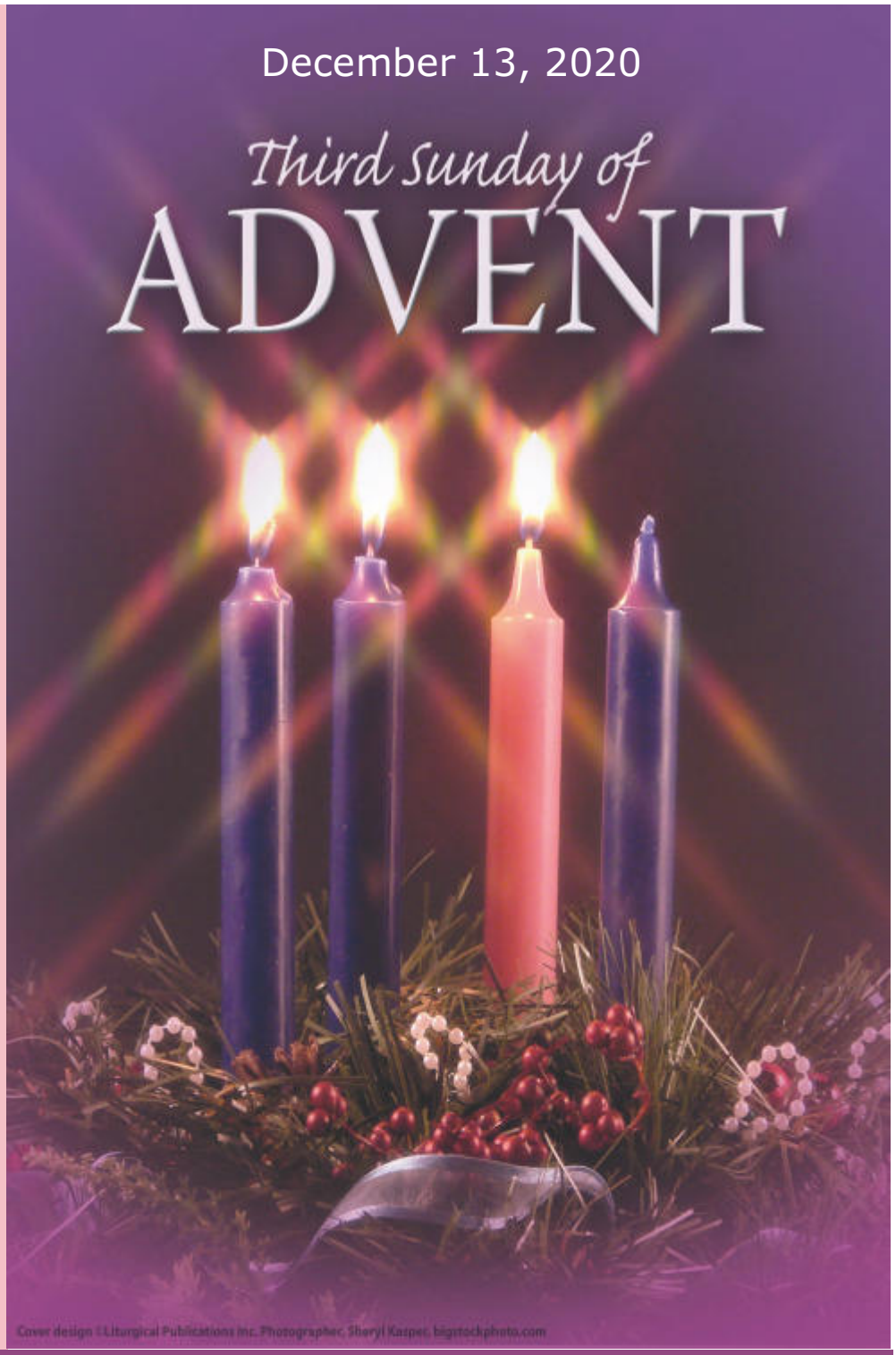

Mission Statement
Reborn in Christ, our mission is to worship God in truth and in love, as we discern and fulfill God's will in the work of evangelization by welcoming, sharing our faith, and compassionate outreach.

Our Presider's Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 - VIGIL
4:30 PM +Nicole, +Stephanie, +Gabriella, Grassi
by grandma Grassi

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:00 AM +Michael T. Sartino by Pat Hazen
The people of St. Anthony Parish
10:30 AM +Florence Jurasek by David & Shaughn Danielson

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14 - SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS
9:00 AM +Harry DiGuiseppe by David & Cathy Gonet
+Theresa LaLoggia by Holy Name Society

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15 - ADVENT WEEKDAY
9:00 AM Novena to St. Anthony
+John & Angeline Toldo by family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16 - ADVENT WEEKDAY
9:00 AM +Stella DiVerdi by Tom & Pat Creamer
+Harry DiGuiseppe by Craig & Marianne Mentzer

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17 - LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY
9:00 AM +Harry DiGuiseppe by Don & Joan Jones
+William Aubuchon by Josephine Cipolla

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18 - LATE ADVENTS WEEKDAY
9:00 AM +Sam, +Sandy, & +Sammy Jo Cipolla
by daughter & sister Josephine Cipolla
+Harry DiGuiseppe
by Andy & Marueen Kwiatkowski

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19 - VIGIL
4:30 PM +Rosa Salano by Carmelo Gaziano

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:00 AM +Phil & +Josephine Graciana by family
The people of St. Anthony of Padua Church
10:30 AM +Mark T. Galluzzo and +Dr. A.J. Galluzzo
by family

Tuesday, December 15

Virtual Eucharistic Adoration
From 6pm until 7pm
on the
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Bro James Dufresne, OFM Conv.

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Vickie Dombrowski 815 633-1774
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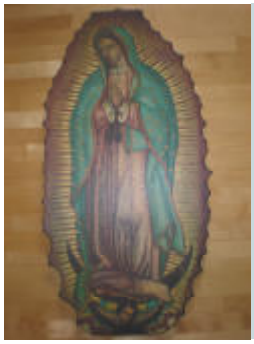

In celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, everyone is invited to bring a rose (or roses) to place in front of her image at before Mass begins.

Feast Day December 12th
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Pray for Us!

St. Lucy
Patron Saint of
ailments of the eyes
Feast Day December 13th

Due to Covid this year we will not be distributing Cuccia
St. Lucy, Pray for Us!

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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 13, 2020

SUN 12/13	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
MON 12/14	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27
TUE 12/15	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32
WED 12/16	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/ Lk 7:18b-23
THR 12/17	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
FRI 12/18	Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
SAT 12/19	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
SUN 12/20	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/ Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 13, 2020

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

What gives you joy? Joy is discovered when we connect with something or someone very deeply and experience a dimension of ourselves that material or secular possessions cannot bring. Joy is stumbled upon when we see our newly born child for the first time, get caught up in the vastness of a mountain landscape, and are led out into infinity gazing at an ocean's horizon, or being lovingly present with someone when they are vulnerable and in need. Joy is a profound experience that in its uniqueness grounds us in ultimate truth. Did you know that all authentic, profound, and memorable moments of joy mirror the eternal joy we desire from God? We can have glimpses of this eternal Divine joy as we embark upon our earthly journey, mirrored in our human connections with joy, but experienced directly during moments of deep prayer. God is the joy of my soul. Ponder those intense words! You will know moments of true and real joy by paying attention to your response to the experience. You will find yourself rejoicing and saying thank you.

The desire for God is written in the human heart.

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Wishing Fr. Lucjan Well

Fr. Lucjan has gone to New York on his new assignment. He will be greatly missed here.

His new address is:
Rev. Lucjan Szymanski
St. Adalbert Catholic Church
52-29 83rd St. Elmhurst, NY 11373

Church Support

Weekend of Sunday, December 6, 2020

Weekly amount to meet budget	$6,346.15
Children's offerings (0)	0.00
Total amount collected including electronic transfers	$3,928.00
Under Goal	($2,418.15)
Electronic transfers (28)	$1,032.00

The Diocesan Stewardship 2020 Appeal

Stewardship Goal (amount required to pay Diocese)	$37,912.00
Stewardship payments to date	$28,520.00
payments still needed	($9,392.00)

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♦ Para un fin de semana en español por favor llamen a Candelario y Emilia al 815-375-4250

A Constant Companion

As Christians, we are called to a life of prayer. This is not just during seasons like Advent, but all year long. When we talk about being prayerful everyday stewards, we are speaking about cultivating an awareness of God being with us at all times. Each day we begin by offering God the entirety of our day. Each night we rest in Him and hope that the hours that passed gave Him glory.

During this busy time of Advent, it is hard to cultivate this life of prayer, but without it we can too easily lose sight of the reason for the season. It is during this time of year we need to heed the words of St. Paul more than ever when he wrote to the Thessalonians, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing." This is how we will be able to avoid the pitfalls of consumerism and secularism and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Bring Jesus with you into the office Christmas party. Take him with you shopping for gifts in the department store. Be aware of him when you sit down to watch television specials you have seen every year of your life. Give him all your time and let his presence fill your every moment. By striving to be connecting with Jesus at all times, you will bear greater fruit and the joy you experience will be much greater than you could imagine. You might even spend a few less dollars and spend more time with those you love, particularly the one who loves you the most, the Incarnation himself.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

WORSHIP & MEDITATION

FIRST READING

I rejoice heartily in the LORD,
in my God is the joy of my soul. (Is 61:10a)

PSALM

My soul rejoices in my God. (Is 61:10b)

SECOND READING

May the God of peace make you
perfectly holy
and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body,
be preserved blameless for the coming of
our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thes 5:23)

GOSPEL

"I am *the voice of one crying out in the desert,*
'Make straight the way of the Lord.'" (Jn 1:23)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Did you ever stop and realize that there is no earthly gain that can ever really satisfy us? Think of winning the Lotto. On this side of the winning ticket, it's all about the money, the new car, house, vacations, bank accounts, and infinite pleasures. The possibility of acquiring all of these earthly securities brings us back again and again to the purchase of a ticket. Then, one day we win! Our dreams are fulfilled, and happiness is on the horizon. Then one day, we wake up and realize that nothing has really changed, and I am not as satisfied as I thought I was or would be. I find myself living in my incompleteness and with my profound sorrow and grief. I did not find joy.

Glimpses of joy are possible but not by material means. They are brought to us through incredible experiences of connection that bring us face to face with real and authentic faith, hope, and love. And, they are glimpses and do not last. The moment we find ourselves looking back at them, they are gone, and we find ourselves remembering the moment in memory. To carry joy within us is to realize that it is not something I create, manufacture or even acquire. It is not able to be purchased. It is a gift. My need for joy mirrors my need for eternity, for a Creator who has a claim on the very essence of who I am and desires a home within me. As C. S. Lewis discovered, joy is a surprise that speaks to my very soul and is given as gift by the God who loves me.

The beauty of Advent is found in discovering the beauty of the gift of joy. God has visited his people for no other reason than to show them where and how to find joy! All of our human and earthly joy experiences are always only glimpses. They never satisfy us, sustain us or fulfill us. It is only God who is the joy of my soul. Real, Divine experiences of joy catch us off guard, make us stop and become aware, bring a feeling of awe and rightness and have an eternal Otherness about them. Nothing created by humans can ever come close to this. We probably will not fully realize the truth of all of this until we actually meet God face to face in heaven one day. Then, in that sacred moment when our hearts leap for joy we will understand what we have been tirelessly searching for all along. Intense gratitude will most surely follow.

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