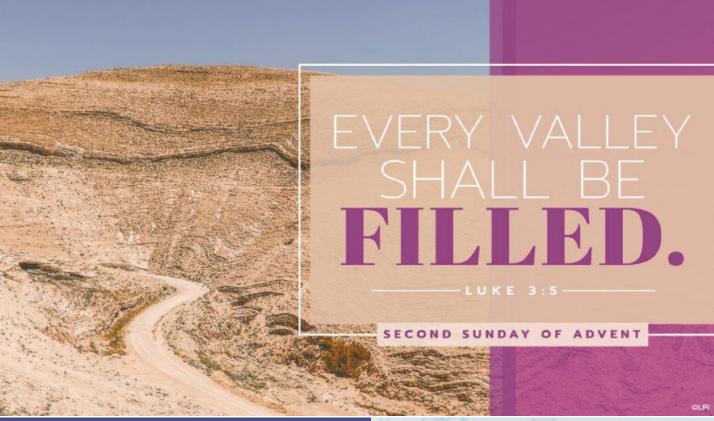
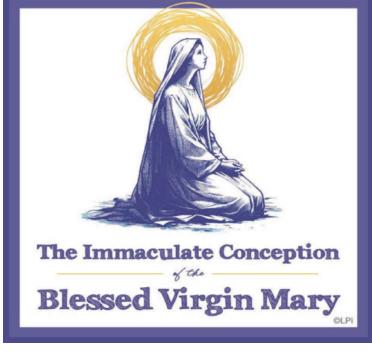


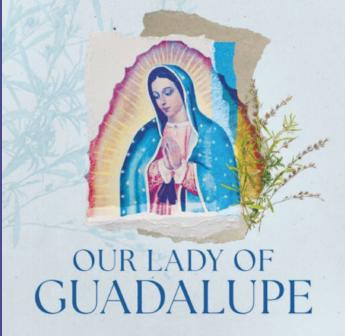
St. Anthony Catholic Church

Diocese of Charleston, SC 2536 Hoffmeyer Road Florence, SC 29501

DLP







St. Anthony Church - 843-662-5674 Fax - 843-662-4800 St. Anthony School - 843-662-1910

www.saintanthony.com • office@saintanthony.com

CLERGY

Rev. JohnBosco Duraisamy, Pastor Rev. Sylvère Baloza, Parochial Vicar Reginald A.T. Armstrong, Deacon Michael Woodall, Jr., Deacon Bruce A. Fortnum, Ph.D., Deacon

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil (Sunday Liturgy)	5 pm
Sunday	9 am 11 am 1 pm (Español)
Monday	6:30 pm
Tues - Fri	7:30 am
Thursday	6:30 pm (Español)
Friday School Mass (when in session)	8:15 am
Saturday	9 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday (Español): 5:30 - 6:20 pm Saturday: 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm Also available upon request.

MISSION STATEMENT

As a community of faith, we the members of St. Anthony Parish are committed to follow Jesus Christ through prayer and the sacraments, the study of His Word, the teachings of His Church, Evangelization, and through reaching out in service to our fellow human beings, parishioners and non-parishioners, with love, respect, and support.

PLEASE NOTE

The office will be closed in observance of The Immaculate Conception on Monday, December 9th. The office will be open on Tuesday, December 10th. If you have anything to leave for the office while it is closed, please place it in the drop box by the glass doors. Thank you!

PARISH & SCHOOL STAFF DIRECTORY	
Office Manager, Barbara Lewis	662-5674
Parish Secretary, Julia Lewis	662-5674
Receptionist, Jennifer DeMaggio	662-5674
Deacon Regi Armstrong	615-5639
Director of Religious Education, Kathleen Smith	662-5674
Facilities Manager, Tony Wherry	662-5674
Hispanic Ministry Facilitators, Moraima Romero & Alex Villalobos	662-5674 ext. 227
Music Director, Kevin Verbe	662-5674
School Principal, Kristine Galemmo	662-1910
School Financial Secretary, Shawnna Chrzanowski	662-1910
School Board Chairwoman, Kathleen Maz	ick 662-1910
Youth Ministry, Sarah Stephens	662-5674

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS/ COMMITTEES	
Adoration Coordinator, Georgette Falcone	621-2692
Altar Cloths	662-5674
Altar Servers, Calvin Duncan	250-4774
Bereavement Support Group, Sally Kenney	230-0291
Bible Study, Weds. AM, Dcn. Bruce Fortnum	662-5674
Disaster Relief Committee, Kevin Casper	662-5674
Embrace Your Neighbor, May Hinson	615-2263
Ecumenical Committee, Marjorie Busscher	667-0859
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Julie Manley	667-0040
Knights of Columbus, Philip Payment	904-708-8118
Lectors, Rick Caffrey	303-356-4573
Legion of Mary, Pat Srutkowski	843-230-5738
Legion of Mary, Kathy Lewis	843-206-1631
Meals on Wheels, Suzanna Linton	496-5089
Ministers of Hospitality, Steve Srutkowski	317-1802
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), Mr. Cal Duncan	662-5674
Parking Lot Mission	662-5674
Pastoral Council, Don Manley	667-0040
Prayer Shawl Ministry, Marjorie Busscher	667-0859
Senior Ministry, Silvia Jeanton	718-581-6844
Seven Sisters Apostolate, Suzanna Linton	496-5089
Sick & Homebound Ministry, Dcn. Bruce Fortnum	662-5674
St. Anthony Men's Club, Doug Amon	861-4586
Women's Guild of St. Anthony's, Robin Tange	260-4735
Young at Heart, Julie Manley	667-0040
Young at Heart, Georgette Falcone	621-2692
Youth Group - CYO, Sarah Stephens	662-5674

Dear Parishioners,

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Holy Day of Obligation

Let us honor the Immaculate Conception of our Blessed Mother, the feast day that we celebrate this year on 9th of December 2024, a day of obligation. Please refer the bulletin for Mass times. Please make every effort to participate in this sacred celebration.

Advent Parish Mission: December 10-11, 2024

We are excited to welcome Deacon Robert Pierce to St. Anthony Church Florence, who will lead our Advent Parish Mission at 6:30 pm on December 10th and 11th. The theme, "Stepping into a Larger World," invites us to reflect on our call in the world. This mission is a wonderful way to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ at Christmas.

Advent Confession Opportunity

Confession will be available during this advent Parish mission on Wednesday, December 11th, at 7:00 PM. Three guest priests from neighboring parishes will join us to hear confessions. This is a beautiful opportunity to receive the grace of reconciliation during this holy season.

Reflection on the Readings

Today's readings challenge us to discern God's voice amid the many messages we hear in the world. They offer three clear criteria for recognizing what is truly of God:

- 1. Advocating for the Marginalized: Isaiah reminds us that God's spirit moves in solidarity with the poor, the brokenhearted, and those in need.
- 2. Joy in Faith: Paul tells us that joy is a hallmark of true believers joy that springs from the awareness of God's abundant goodness.
- 3. Pointing Beyond Ourselves: John the Baptist shows us that those inspired by God always direct attention to Him, not themselves.

This Advent, let us ask ourselves: How does our care for others, our joy, and our faithfulness reveal who we are and who God is? In this season of gift-giving and sharing, may our acts of charity and love reflect the goodness of God to all. Let us prepare our hearts and lives for the coming of Christ with renewed hope and purpose.

God bless you,

Fr. JohnBosco Duraisamy, Pastor

 Nov 23-24
 Nov 31-Dec 1

 Offertory \$6,874.75
 Offertory \$6,723.36

 Online \$5,588.50
 Online \$4,231.00

 Total \$12,463.25
 Total \$10,954.36

Second Second

Collection - St. Anthony School \$72.50 Collection - Retirement for Religious \$894.00

Dec 8th SecondDec 15th SecondCollection - Solidarity Fund-
Church in AfricaCollection-
St. Anthony School

Thank you for the continued support of the Parish

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

ILLNESS

Deborah Altman, Regina Arde, Hsin Yi Armstrong, Pete Balotti, Gregorio Binuya, John C. Blackwell, Martyna Brodecka, Adam Brodecki, Leah Carbonell, Bunnie Dezinno, Yvette Emerson, Jason Grantham, Marge Henry, Maverick Jones, Robert KillianPat Kull, Kathy Lewis, Judy Lin, Kristina MacPherson, Mary Lou Martinez, Michael Meggs, Silvia Mitchell, Ann S. Nichols, Ann O'Donnell, Betty Parks, Marcello Pereira, Elizabeth Sun, Linda Tarte, Marilyn Tilton, Ruth Todd, Elizabeth White, Deacon Mike Woodall

NURSING HOME / ASSISTED LIVING:

Linda Holloway, Eileen Riley, Carmella Sansone, Gloria Cooper, Marilyn Lee, Lorraine Mahoney, Dennis Riordan

MILITARY SERVICE:

Austin Bull, Brad Linton, Sarah Casper Naletelich, Comdr. John P. O'Donnell, Edward Olszanowski, Jr., 1st Lt. Benjamin Galemmo

CANDLES FOR YOUR INTENTIONS

The Sanctuary Candle is lit for the Special Intentions of Dorothy Calabrose by Mr. & Mrs. Tassoni

The Adoration Candles are lit in Thanksgiving of the Bible Study Group by Dcn. Bruce Fortnum

IF YOU NEED A PRIEST FOR A SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCY

Call the church office during normal business hours, M-F 8 am to 4 pm at 843-662-5674. After regular office hours, dial the same number and your call will be answered by our answering service. Emergency calls will be answered as soon as possible. If you are admitted into the hospital, please don't forget to declare yourself as Catholic, or have a family member do so.



OLPI	recos proce	racoris
Mass	Intention	Requested by
Sat. Dec 7 9:00 am	Special Intentions of Fr. JohnBosco	
Sat. Dec 7 5:00 pm	Norman Cox	
Sun. Dec 8 9:00 am	Jean Griebel+	Womens Guild of St. Anthony
Sun. Dec 8 11:00 am	Regina Yanson+	Ana Iglesias
Sun. Dec 8 1:00 pm	For the People	
Sun. Dec 8 7:00 pm	In honor of the Immsculate Conception	
Mon Dec 9 8:15 am	Jean Griebel+	St. Anthony School
Mon Dec 9 6:30 pm	Melabie Buckman+	Dcn. & Mrs. Armstrong
Tues. Dec 10 7:30 am	Elyse Cobbler+ and Anne Hampton+	Shannon Hernandez
Wed. Dec 11 7:30 am	Joan Bloom+	AJ & John Bloom
Thurs. Dec 12 7:30 am	Milton "Pete" Morey, Jr.+	Legion of Mary
Thurs. Dec 12 6:30 pm	Mara Lopez+	Mario Lopez
Fri. Dec 13 7:30 am	Healing of Kathy Moser	Den. & Mrs. Armstrong
Sat. Dec 14 9:00 am	Special Intentions of Fr. JohnBosco	
Sat. Dec 14 5:00 pm	Cliff Ginfrida+	Maria Ginfrida
Sat. Dec 14 7:00 pm	In honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe	
Sun. Dec 15 9:00 am	Luis & Aurora Pedro+	Maria Ginfrida
Sun. Dec 15 11:00 am	For the People	
Sun. Dec 15 1:00 pm	Accion de Gracias por la (Thanksgiving) for familia Villalobos Romero	Moraima Romero+

Readings for the Week

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Monday: The Immaculate Conception of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/

Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Our Lady of Loreto

Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac,

11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: St. Damasus I, Pope

Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/

Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: **Our Lady of Guadalupe**

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

Friday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/

Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: St. John of the Cross, Priest and

Doctor of the Church

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/

Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

©LPi

Weekend Ministry Schedule Dec 7-8

5:00 pm Mass
EMHC: Pat Kull
Lector: Joe Balotti

11:00 am Mass
EMHC: Darlene Stowe
Lector: Robin Tange

9:00 am Mass
EMHC: Ann Squires
EMHC: Olivia M
Moraima R

Lector: School Mass Lector: Lizett Garcia

Dec 14-15

5:00 pm Mass11:00 am MassEMHC: Julie ManleyEMHC: Doug AmonLector: Gary KooperLector: Andy B

9:00 am Mass
EMHC: Robert Tilton

1:00 pm Mass
EMHC: Olivia M
Teofilo J

Lector: Ann Squires Lector: Lizett Garcia

A voice of one crying out in the desert:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths."

2nd Sunday of Advent 5 December 8th, 2024





ST. ANTHONY ADVENT MISSION STEPPING INTO A LARGER WORLD

The Spiritual Life on a Post-It Note
Presented by *Deacon Robert Pierce*Tuesday, Dec. 10 and 11
Begins at 6:30 pm
Confessions will be available on Wednesday Dec. 11th at 7:00 pm.

December 10th

1. Walking in God's Light 1.1. A Roadmap

1.2. Walking with Jesus in the Garden

2. Our Identities

2.1. Child

2.2. Bride

2.3. Sanctuary

December 11th

3. Living Our Identities 3.1. Characteristics

3.2. God Speaks to Each Identity

3.3. Psalms for Each Identity

4. Crossing the Threshold

4.1. Repentance

4.2. Exodus

4.3. Exile

4.4. Being Tuned to the Infinite Love

Advent Mission Session Details

December 10th 6:30 pm

Session 1 has two primary goals. First, it lays out the roadmap, the 3x3 Post-It™ note, which is the foundation for everything that follows. Second, it seeks to pull back the veil that covers creation to reveal that all of our lives are a walk with God in His Garden. This session begins the process of moving the readers to see the world around them with greater wonder and awareness of the nearness of God.

Session 2 works hand-in-glove with Session 1 to complete the foundations of the roadmap. The presentation explains through scripture, the writings of saints, and stories the three fundamental identities we have before God that define how we encounter and interact with God. The identities – child, bride, sanctuary – are distinct, each with a distinguishing characteristic. At the same time, the identities are intertwined such that each identity enriches the others. Examples are provided throughout to show how each identity is understood and lived.

December 11th 6:30 pm

Session 3 offers thumbnail sketches of ideas that will aid in the living of each identity distinctly from the other identities. It presents characteristics, words from God to each identity, and psalms that express the identities. Its purpose is to offer guide posts, examples, and a mindset for how each identity is lived. Developing the mindset is a key to living each identity naturally. Knowing who we are frees us to know who God is. When we move beyond just knowing about or being aware of our identities, and when we can begin to think and pray from the point of view of our identities, then we are on the verge of that deeper personal relationship.

Session 4 takes the foundation provided and offers the reader the possibility of deep, personal relationship with God. If we want this most-important relationship to flourish, if we hope to have more than just a "nice" part-time relationship with God, we have to expose ourselves to some challenges and risks. As was said in the introduction, we must be willing to go places where, up until now, we have hesitated going. This session offers the path to cross a threshold that alters one's relationship with God.

2nd Sunday of Advent 6 December 8th, 2024

Take the Parish Facility Survey

Survey is Open December 1 to December 15



ENGLISH



Using the camera on your mobile device, scan the QR code to complete the survey.



ESPAÑOL

Paper copies are available in the Church Office.

Links also available at SaintAnthony.com

Angel Tree

The Women's Guild has set up the annual Angel Tree in the gathering area. Please take the tags and return the tag and gift no later than Friday, December 13th. Please remember, NO CANDY OR FOOD. May God bless you.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, December 10th, 1 pm - 6 pm St. Anthony's Family Center For an appointment, please



visit
redcrossblood.org
and enter sponsor code -knightsofcolumbus



2024 Scrip (Gift Card) Sales

In case you don't know, we have a year-round fundraising program for St. Anthony School called SCRIP. We sell gift cards that are purchased at a discounted rate and the profit benefits our school. There is no cost to the buyer and the gift cards are just the same as you would receive in a store, but we do the work for you. Bring your Christmas shopping list to church the weekends of December 7th and 8th and / or 14th and 15th. We will be selling gift cards after the masses those 2 weekends. You can buy from the large inventory of cards that we have in stock or order what you need for delivery the following weekend. We accept cash or check for payment. The proceeds from this fundraiser benefit St. Anthony School. During the 2023 holiday season (from Thanksgiving to December 31), we sold gift cards totaling \$22,874.50 with \$1,286.35 earned for school tuition credits and assistance. Thanks to everyone who purchased gift cards, especially all the parishioners who go out of their way to support our school!

Christmas Wreath and Greenery Sale

These fresh evergreen wreaths, centerpieces and other greenery make great gifts. You can order online or by phone and the items will be shipped directly to your friends and family. You pick your approximate delivery date when you order. St. Anthony School will receive 15% of your purchase price, but the credit for giving an awesome gift that everyone will love goes to **YOU!**

Shop online from their wide variety of wreaths, greenery and gifts.

https://bit.ly/3NENYdH

Prefer to order by phone? Call 1-888-426-0781 and reference Campaign # 9967686

15% of your purchase price goes to St. Anthony School

Order by December 15th.

If you have any questions, contact Teri Kooper. tkooper@bellsouth.net

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Last Week's Question: What is the difference between a cross and a crucifix?

Answer: A crucifix always includes Christ's body and a cross does not.

This Week's Question: During the liturgical year, when is the very first solemnity celebrated?

Welcome Visitors! Interested in becoming a New Parishioner?

Please take a moment and fill out this form. You can

either drop it into the collection basket, bring it to our parish office, or mail it to us. If you are a current parishioner at St. Anthony but have had any changes to your residence, please call the office at 843-662-5674.
Would you like your new home to be blessed?no
Please print:
Name
Address
Phone number
Email address

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

"LA ANUNCIACION"



Qué dicha tan hermosa en este día, celebrar el segundo Domingo de Adviento y a la vez a la Inmaculada Concepción de María. El Señor viene para salvar a todas las naciones, y vaya que sí lo necesitamos con tanta guerra y devastación de ciudades enteras. San Juan Bautista es un personaje protagonista del Adviento y nos invita a preparar el camino, a hacer rectos los senderos. A rellenar los baches de nuestra vida, a quitar lo áspero, lo que nos estorba para obtener la salvación. Nos invita a recibir a Cristo con las manos llenas de buenos frutos. Elegir lo mejor es un arte, y si sabemos escoger los mejores regalos para las personas que amamos, tendremos que saber que el mejor regalo es recibir a Jesús en nuestro corazón. María nos enseña cómo escuchar a Dios y

esperar con confianza y esperanza. El Papa San Juan Pablo II invitaba a todos a acudir al corazón inmaculado de María en todo momento. La antífona de entrada de hoy nos dice: "Me alegro en el Señor con toda el alma y me lleno de júbilo en mi Dios, porque me revistió con vestiduras de salvación y me cubrió con un manto de justicia, como la novia que se adorna con sus joyas" (Isaías 61:10). ¿Cómo te estás preparando para recibir a Jesús? ¿Qué lugar especial tienes en casa para hacer oración? El Adviento es un tiempo especial para un crecimiento espiritual, a ser sensibles a los detalles pequeños que Dios pone a nuestro alcance en este tiempo tan especial.

©LPi

MAYORDOMIA COTIDIANA

El Adviento llega todos los años. Por lo tanto, a diferencia de los eventos de nuestra vida que solo ocurren una vez, hemos pasado por el Adviento muchas veces antes.

Aunque este sea el caso, cuando llegue la Navidad muchos de nosotros pensaremos que nos lo perdimos otra vez, y el año que viene será el año en que realmente entremos en el Adviento. Por supuesto, no quiero sonar morboso, pero no hay promesa de que el año que viene sea el próximo. ¿Qué pasaría si supieras que este es tu último Adviento?

Hace algunos años leí un libro sobre cómo vivir tu vida como si solo tuvieras un año para vivir. El autor decía que hacer esto proporciona un incentivo para un verdadero compromiso de vivir la vida al máximo. Te das cuenta de las cosas por primera vez. Haces esos planes que siempre pospones. Le dices a la gente lo que siempre quisiste decir.

Espero que todos los que lean esto tengan muchos años maravillosos por delante. Sin embargo, abordemos este Adviento como si fuera el último. Apuesto a que la Navidad parecerá mucho más dulce. Y quién sabe, tal vez encontremos una forma nueva y mejorada de vivir todo el año. —Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

Oración para el Segundo Domingo de Adviento

Querido Señor, abre nuestros ojos a las personas que has puesto específicamente en nuestro camino para que podamos hablarles sanación y consuelo.

Ayúdanos a prepararnos para la venida de Tu reino, juntos. Amén. ©LPi

NOVENA Y ROSARIO A NUESTRA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE



VENGA A REZAR EL
ROSARIO Y NOVENA
A LA GUADALUPANA
LOS DIAS 5 AL 13 DE
DICIEMBRE A LAS
6:30 PM, SOLO LOS
DÍAS 5,9,10,11, 12 DE
DICIEMBRE SE
COMENZARÁ A LAS
5:45 PM

LA MISA DEL 14 DE DIC. A LAS 7:00 PM

8 de diciembre Inmaculada Concepción de la Virgen María

INMACULADA significa: SIN MANCHA.

La Virgen María fue
SIN MANCHA desde el
primer instante de su
concepción: fue concebida
sin pecado o sea llena de
gracia en el plan de Dios,
como le dijo el Arcángel
Gabriel en la Anunciación.









SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!



SUPPORT **OUR PARISH**



Quality, Honesty, and Integrity

Veteran-owned, 5 % disc to all military veterans. police officers, firefighters, nurses, and doctors

Antonio: 843-618-4944 | monragaroofing@gmail.com



DAVID

LEONARD

PARISHIONER

Are Your Home & **Business Secure?**

- · Residential · Commercial
- 24 Hour Monitoring
- · Hardwire · Wireless
- Music/Intercom · Cameras (CCTV)

FREE ESTIMATES Financing Available 667-8804

Sales · Service · Installation







LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS

Place Your Ad Here and Support Our Parish!

> **CONTACT ME Steve Conn**

sconn@4LPi.com (800) 950-9952 x2101

Dietary, Housekeeping, CNA, LPN, Med Tech Competitive Pay and Benefits

Apply online www.themanorseniorliving.com/apply



2100 Twin Church Road • Florence, SC 29501



Engaging, ad-supported print and digital newsletters to reach your community.

Visit Ipicommunities.com





Armstrong Wealth

DEDICATED TO GROWING AND PROTECTING YOUR WEALTH

843.292.9997

ARMSTRONGWEALTH.COM

urities & advisory services offered throu LPL Financial, Member FINRA/SIPC.

NEVER MISS OUR BULLETIN! SUBSCRIBE

Have our bulletin emailed to you every week.



843-629-9903 www.mitierrasanjose.com **Knights of Columbus**



For Information Contact: François Barcomb 843.601.3405 0r fbarcomb@sc.rr.com

catholicmatch

South Carolina



CatholicMatch.com/SC



843.662.2412 mmpg.us

