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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ONE MIGHTIER
THAN I IS
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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.



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Dear Parishioners,

Rejoice! The Lord is Near

Today, on **Gaudete Sunday**, the Church invites us to rejoice as we draw closer to the celebration of the Lord’s birth. The word *Gaudete*, meaning “Rejoice,” is taken from Philippians 4:4-5, setting the tone for the liturgy: joyful anticipation of both Christ’s nativity and His promised return in glory. To highlight this unique joy, rose-colored vestments may be worn, and the Advent wreath’s pink candle is lit, symbolizing light breaking into the darkness.

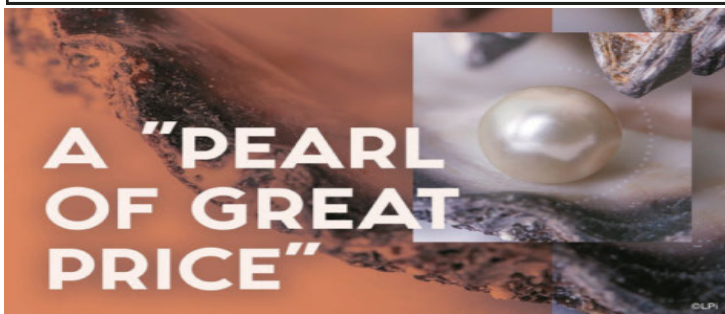
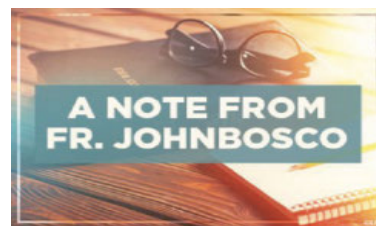
Beginning **Tuesday, December 17, 2024**, the Advent liturgies take on a more direct focus on preparing for Christ’s birth. During these final days of Advent, the “O Antiphons” are sung in the **Liturgy of the Hours** at Evening Prayer and can also enrich the Gospel Acclamations at Mass. These ancient chants, familiar through the hymn “*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*,” invite us to reflect on the titles of the Messiah and the promises fulfilled in Him. Singing or reciting “*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*” during these final days can help deepen our sense of longing for the Savior.

The Gospel today highlights John the Baptist as a model of Advent preparation. His powerful message calls us to examine our hearts and lives in light of Christ’s coming. He challenges us to align our actions with our faith, warning against the self-contradiction that often hinders the Christian witness.

As Christians, we are called not only to believe but also to live in a way that reflects our faith. Let us heed John’s message to “mend our ways” and prepare our hearts for the Lord. In this season of anticipation and joy, may our lives radiate the hope and love of Christ to all we encounter.

May the joy of Gaudete Sunday fill your hearts as we continue our journey toward Christmas! Rejoice, the Lord is near!

Fr. John Bosco Duraisamy, Pastor



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

ILLNESS:

Deborah Altman, Regina Arde, Hsin Yi Armstrong, Pete Balotti, Gregorio Binuya, Martyna Brodecka, Adam Brodecki, Leah Carbonell, Harriet Dawkins Bunnie Dezinno, Yvette Emerson, Jason Grantham, Marge Henry, Maverick Jones, Robert Killian, Pat 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

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Due to submission deadline, the weekly contribution report for December 8th will be recorded in the next Bulletin. Thank you for your continued support of the parish.

CANDLES FOR YOUR INTENTIONS

The Adoration candles are lit for the special intentions of Mr. Pat Binuya Jr. By Mr. Pat Binuya

If you would like the Adoration Chapel, Sanctuary Candle or Tabernacle candles lit for your intentions for one week, please visit or call the Church Office.

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.



Mass Intentions

Mass	Intention	Requested by
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 and 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+
Mon. Dec. 16 6:30 pm	Special intentions of Kathleen and Peter Smith	Sam Smith
Tues. Dec 17 7:30 am	Jim O'Marra+	
Wed. Dec 18 7:30 am	Special Intentions of Dcn & Mrs. Fortnum	Owen McNulty
Thurs. Dec 19 7:30 am	Shawn Peters+	Dcn. & Mrs. Fortnum
Thurs. Dec 19 6:30 pm	Juan Valencia+, Aaron Morales+, and Candido Campos+	Hermalia Ornelas Orate
Fri. Dec 20 7:30 am	Paz Binuya+	Pat Pinuya
Fri. Dec 20 8:15 am	For our students and their families	
Sat. Dec 21 9:00 am	Special Intentions of Fr. JohnBosco	
Sat. Dec 21 5:00 pm	Dr. Stephen J Naso "Jr."+	Ann Naso
Sun. Dec 22 9:00 am	Peter and Martha Hammond+	Curtis Hammond
Sun. Dec 22 11:00 am	Frank Amon+	Marissa Keenen
Sun. Dec 22 1:00 pm	For the People	

Readings for the Week

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
Monday:	St. Adelaide Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday:	St. Daniel the Confessor, St. Hananiah, St. Mishael, St. Azariah and St. John of Matha Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday:	St. Michael the Confessor Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/ Mt 1:18-25
Thursday:	St. Anastasius I, St. Urban the V Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25
Friday:	St. Dominic of Silos Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/ Lk 1:26-38
Saturday:	St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/ Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45
Next Sunday:	4th Sunday of Advent Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/ Lk 1:39-45

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Weekend Ministry Schedule

Dec 14-15

5:00 pm Mass EMHC: AJ Bloom Lector: John Hoffman, Jr. DO	11:00 am Mass EMHC: Doug Amon Lector: Mark Buyck III
9:00 am Mass EMHC: Patrick Peters Lector: Katie Tilton	1:00 pm Mass EMHC: Alejandra R Marisol V Lector: Francisco R

Dec 21-22

5:00 pm Mass EMHC: Julie Ball Lector: Sonny Barnes, Jr.	11:00 am Mass EMHC: Louise Balotti Lector: Mark Buyck III
9:00 am Mass EMHC: Madison Smith Lector: Ann Squires	1:00 pm Mass EMHC: Teofilo Juarez Rae Anne M Lector: Olivia Mendoza





CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2024

St. Anthony Church

The Nativity of the Lord

Tuesday *December 24th*
 4:00 pm
 7:00 pm – bilingual
 11:30 pm

Christmas Day

Wednesday *December 25th*
 10:00 am
 6:30 pm

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Vigil, Saturday *December 28th*
 5:00 pm

Sunday *December 29th*
 7:30 am (Vietnamese)
 9:00 am
 11:00 am
 1:00 pm (Spanish)

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Vigil, Tuesday *December 31st*
 5:00 pm
 Wednesday *January 1st*
 10:00 am
 7:00 pm

St. Ann Church

The Nativity of the Lord

Tuesday *December 24th*
 4:00pm
 8:00 pm

Christmas Day

Wednesday *December 25th*
 8:00 am

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Vigil, Saturday *December 28th*
 5:00 pm

Sunday *December 29th*
 8:00 am
 11:30 am

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Vigil, Tuesday *December 31st*
 6:00 pm
 Wednesday *January 1st*
 12:00 pm

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!**

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Turkey Drive! We collected over 680lbs of turkeys and provided meals for over 100 deserving family members. Thank you for your turkey and financial donations. Thank you to the school for collecting so many non-perishable food items! Thank you to parish members who helped sort and distribute items on Sunday and Monday. And a special thank you to Barbara, Julia, and Jennifer our wonderful office staff for collecting turkeys and helping out with every step of this worthy activity!

Regards,
Mike Rusthoven

A Note from the DRE and Youth Minister

Good day to you all!

December 18th is the last CCD class for the this month. Please remember to return your Mass attendance cards to your teacher.

December 22nd beginning at 2:15 pm we will be decorating the church for Christmas. All Parish Youth (6th-12th) Christmas Party to follow decorating. There will be food, fun and games. Bring a non-perishable food item for our food pantry and a less than \$10 gift for a gift swap/steal. Please text or email us so we can prepare.

Warm wishes,
Mrs. Kathleen and Mrs. Sarah

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.

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

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

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

Answer: The Feast of the Immaculate Conception

This Week's Question: What do we call an ornamental canopy above an altar inside a church?

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?
_____yes _____no

Please print:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone number _____

Email address _____

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO "SOMOS TRIGO OSOMOS PAJA"



El tercer domingo de Adviento es conocido como Gaudete, una palabra en latín que significa "gozo", y se basa en la Carta de San Pablo a los Filipenses: "Estén siempre alegres en el Señor; se lo repito, estén alegres y tengan

buen trato con todos" (Filipenses 4:4). Estas palabras resumen prácticamente lo que estamos viviendo cada día que pasa y nos acerca al nacimiento de nuestros Salvador. Espiritualmente y en la preparación de la fiesta en casa para el día de Navidad. ¿Qué pensamos hacer? ¿A cuál Eucaristía asistiremos en familia para agradecer a Jesús su bondad y misericordia? María y Juan Bautista nos muestran el camino. Nos indican que somos llamados a dar testimonio de la luz, a ser valientes, a sabernos retirar a tiempo para señalarle y otros lo vean y lo sigan. "Yo los bautizo con agua, pero está por llegar uno con más poder que yo, y yo no soy digno de desatar las correas de su sandalia. El los bautizará con el Espíritu Santo y el fuego. Tiene la pala en sus manos para separar el trigo de la paja. Guardará el trigo en sus graneros, mientras que la paja la quemará en el fuego que no se apaga" (Lucas 3:16-17). Aquí está la clave de hoy, ¿somos trigo o somos paja? ¿Dónde nos colocará el Señor? Pues, la respuesta es solamente tuya. Aún estamos a tiempo de enderezar lo torcido de nuestra vida. Ven, Señor, ¡no tardes en llegar!

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LAS POSADAS

Pregunta: ¿Cuál es la costumbre hispana de Adviento de "Las Posadas"?

Respuesta: "Posada" es la palabra española para posada o alojamiento. "Las Posadas" se refiere a una costumbre tradicional de Adviento en preparación para el nacimiento de Jesús, que comienza el 16 de diciembre. Durante nueve noches sucesivas, los grupos recrean la búsqueda de refugio de María y José en Belén. Los adultos los acompañan mientras se dirigen a las casas designadas donde cantan canciones navideñas y solicitan alojamiento. Parte del grupo ingresa a la casa y se convierte en el coro que responde a la solicitud de alojamiento. Finalmente, en la última casa, se reconoce su necesidad y todos ingresan a la casa donde se produce una fiesta. Si bien esta costumbre enseña a los niños un aspecto importante de la historia de Navidad, también enfatiza la necesidad de hospitalidad hacia los extraños y la necesidad constante que todos tenemos de hacer lugar para Jesús en nuestra "posada". Sería bueno recordar el hecho de que María, José y Jesús también eran inmigrantes que buscaban un lugar hospitalario donde vivir.

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Oración para la tercera semana de Adviento

Oración con San Juan Bautista

Por intercesión de San Juan Bautista, ayúdanos a recordar a los menos afortunados y a pensar en cómo el cuidado de ellos forma parte del cuidado del amado Niño Jesús. Trae tu generosidad a nuestra comunidad. Amén.



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