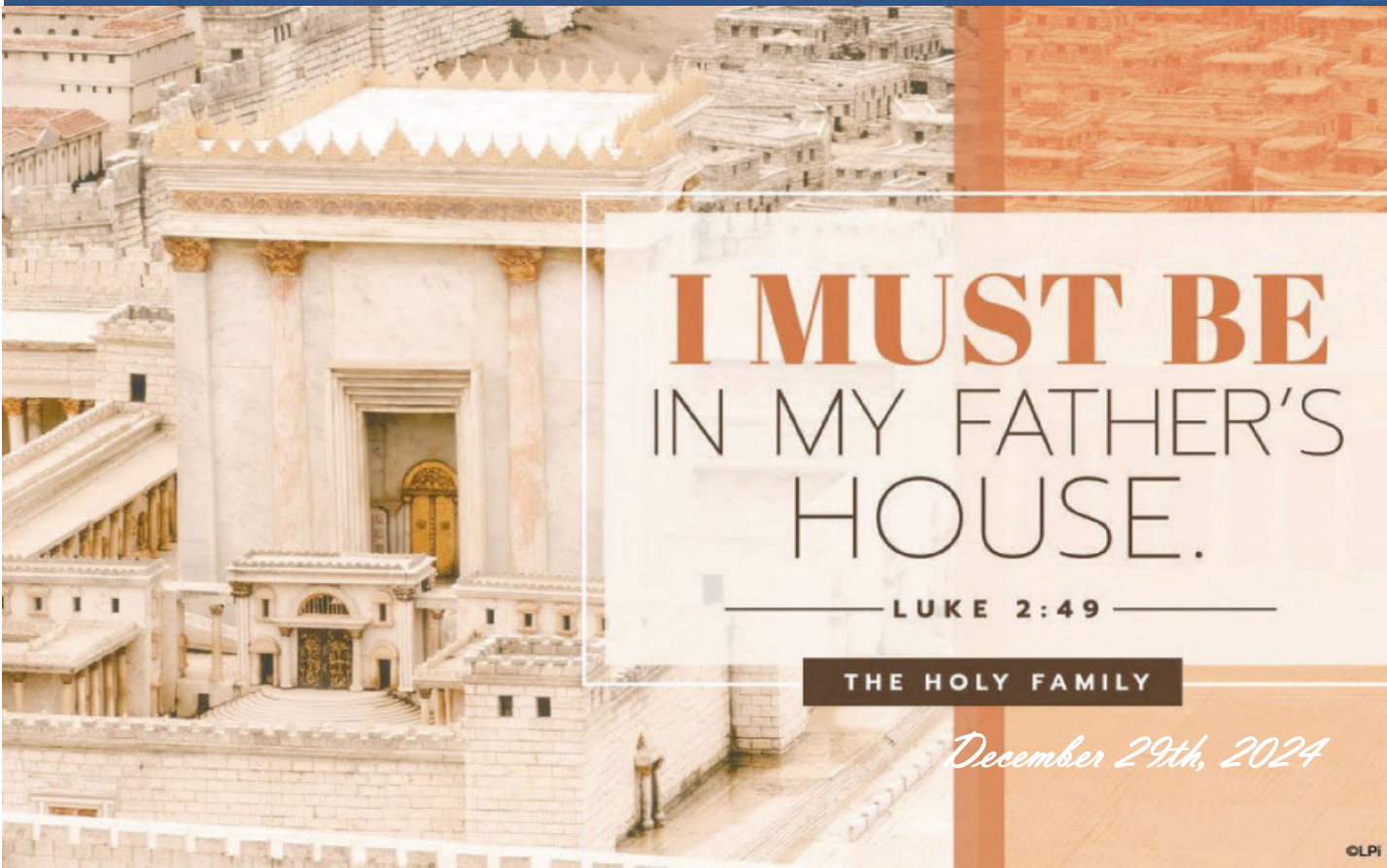




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# I MUST BE IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE.

LUKE 2:49

THE HOLY FAMILY

*December 29th, 2024*

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## MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

And Mary kept  
all these things,  
reflecting on them  
in her heart. - Lk 2:19

*January 1st, 2025*

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday–Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

**HOLY MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday Vigil (Sunday Liturgy) 5 pm

7:30 am  
 9 am

Sunday 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,

**I wish you all the happy Feast of the Holy Family!**

Today’s Gospel invites us to reflect on a significant moment in the life of Jesus and the Holy Family. At twelve years old, Jesus attends the Temple, stepping into the responsibilities of Jewish adulthood through his bar mitzvah. This was a pivotal time, marking his legal adulthood and readiness to follow the Law. However, as we observe, even the Holy Family experienced moments of tension and misunderstanding.

When Jesus remained behind in the Temple without informing Mary and Joseph, they were understandably distressed. His response to their search—“Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?”—reveals his awareness of his divine mission. Yet, the story concludes with a surprising twist: Jesus returns with his parents to Nazareth and remains obedient to them. Though fully capable of beginning his public ministry, Jesus chose to live in the simplicity of family life for another eighteen years.

Why this period of waiting? Those years in Nazareth were not wasted but foundational. They were a time for Jesus to grow “in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.” This reminds us of the profound value of family life. Jesus’ hidden years in Nazareth underscore the priority he placed on family, showing that the ordinary rhythms of daily life can be as sacred as extraordinary public missions.

In our modern world, many of us face the tension between family life and professional responsibilities. Too often, professional ambitions overshadow our commitments to family, causing strain in our relationships. The Holy Family reminds us that true fulfillment lies in valuing and investing in our families.

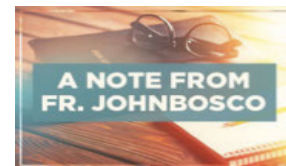
Rose Sands once wrote of a man who worked tirelessly to prove his love for his family. “To prove his love for her, he swam the deepest river, crossed the widest desert, and climbed the highest mountain. She divorced him. He was never home.” This poignant story challenges us to examine how we prioritize our time and energy.

On this Feast of the Holy Family, let us renew our commitment to nurturing our families with love, time, and attention. Just as Jesus honored the sacredness of family life, may we too find ways to balance our private and professional lives, keeping our families at the heart of our vocation.

May the **Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph** inspire us to grow in love, understanding, and unity in our homes.

Blessings to you and your families,

Fr. Johnbosco Duraisamy



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**Due to submission deadlines, the weekly contribution report for December 22nd will be recorded in the next Bulletin. Thank you for your continued support of the parish.**



**PLEASE NOTE**

**The office will be from December 31st and January 1st for the New Year and Holy Day of Obligation. The office will be open on Wednesday, January 2nd. If you have anything to drop off for the office while it is closed, please place it in the drop box by the glass doors. Thank you!**

**CANDLES FOR YOUR INTENTIONS**

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.

**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 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

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*Mass Intentions*

Mass	Intention	Requested by
Sat. Dec 28 9:00 am	Special Intentions of Fr. JohnBosco	
Sat. Dec 28 5:00 pm	Darleen L Higgins+	Kathleen Higgins
Sun. Dec 29 9:00 am	Doreen Tinker+	Mr. & Mrs. Tassoni
Sun. Dec 29 11:00 am	For the People	
Sun. Dec 29 1:00 pm	Lorena Itehua Tzompaxtle+	Laura Tzompaxtle
Mon. Dec 30 6:30 pm	Edna Hulsart+	Melinda Higgs
Tues. Dec 31 7:30 am	Special Intentions of Fr. JohnBosco	Doris Fader
Tues. Dec 31 5:00 pm	Leonard Morris+	Doris Fader
Wed. Jan 1 10:00 am	Precy Canete+	May Hinson
Wed. Jan 1 7:00 pm	In Honor of our Blessed Mother	
Thurs. Jan 2 7:30 am	Janice Olson+	Barbara Lewis
Thurs. Jan 2 6:30 pm	Juan Valencio+ Aaron Morales+ Candido Campos+	Hernila Ornelas Onate
Fri. Jan 3 7:30 am	Healing of Doris Fader	MariLou Cantwell
Sat. Jan 4 9:00 am	Special Intentions of Fr. JohnBosco	
Sat. Jan 4 5:00 pm	Dr. Paul T. Joseph, Sr+	Margaret Kontroulakis
Sun. Jan 5 7:30 am	For our Vietnamese Community	
Sun. Jan 5 9:00 am	For the People	
Sun. Jan 5 11:00 am	Federico Yong+	Mariana Evans
Sun. Jan 5 1:00 pm	Nehimi Romero S+	Moraima Romero

*Readings for the Week*

Sunday: **The Holy Family**  
1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (see a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: **St. Anysia of Salonika, Virgin Martyr**  
1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday: **St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve**  
1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday: **Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace**  
Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3,5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Thursday: **Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church**  
1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Friday: **The Most Holy Name of Jesus**  
1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Saturday: **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious**  
1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Next Sunday: **The Epiphany of the Lord**  
Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-1

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*Weekend Ministry Schedule*  
**Dec 28-29**

<b>5:00 pm Mass</b> EMHC: Julie Manley Lector: Michael Stehlik	<b>11:00 am Mass</b> EMHC: Doug Amon Lector: Mark Buyck II
<b>9:00 am Mass</b> EMHC: Robert Tilton Lector: Roselyn Collins	<b>1:00 pm Mass</b> EMHC: Alejandra R Moraima R Lector: Alejandra S

**January 1**  
**10:00 am Mass: Rebeca Caffrey**

**Jan 4-5**

<b>5:00 pm Mass</b> EMHC: Julie Manley Don Manley Gary Kooper AJ Bloom Julie Ball Lector: Alexa Sungahid	<b>11:00 am Mass</b> EMHC: Louise Balotti Joe Balotti Sherri Bender Silvia Jeanton Elisa Horst Lector: Thad Woodall
<b>9:00 am Mass</b> EMHC: Robert Tilton Ann Squires Barbara Davis Patrick Peters Madison Smith Lector: Lloyd Flores	<b>1:00 pm Mass</b> EMHC: Rae Anne M Teofilo Juarez Moraima R Olivia M Froylan Ramos Lector: Alejandra R





# School Updates

*Called to Action. Rooted in Christ*



Congratulations to our Band and Chorus for a wonderful performance ! Thank you Mr. C and Miss Lewis for your dedication and commitment to our students!

Doing small things with great love! St. Anthony 7th and 8th graders met this morning to hand out food bags and warm clothing items for the Parking Lot Mission.



A Merry Christmas morning with Father John! 4K visited Father John's house this morning. They learned about the manger, hung the Angel, sang "Away in the Manger", prayed and ate cookies



Telling the story of "Light of the World"

Celebrating St. Nicholas Day at School!



Thank you to the Mens Club, volunteers, teachers and staff for another successful Breakfast with Santa. We have a pretty great "Elf Squad"



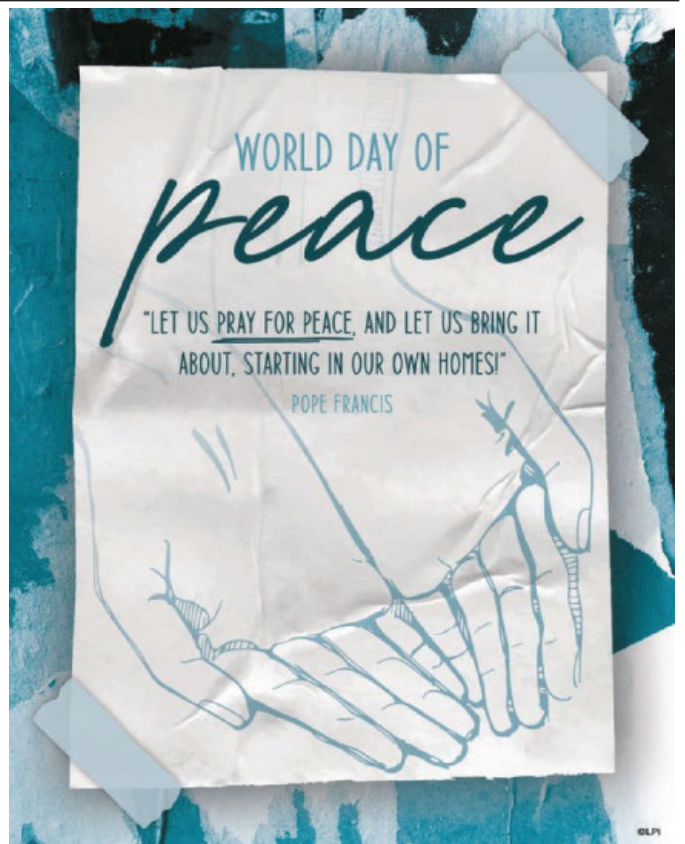
**A Note from the DRE and Youth Minister**

Good day to you all!

CCD and CYO will resume on December the 8th.

Warm wishes,  
Mrs. Kathleen and Mrs. Sarah

On Tuesday, December 3, 2024, Silvia Jeaton, Julia Lewis, and Carmen DuBose made their Promise to the Blessed Mother and became permanent members of the Legion of Mary. The Legion of Mary Promise is a pledge of allegiance to the Holy Spirit and to Mary. It is made to the Holy Spirit and follows the Annunciation where Mary said, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord". The Promise asks the Holy Spirit to overshadow us as He did Mary, and that Christ grows in us. It also asks that we, with Mary, bring Christ to the world. This Promise involves commitment to perseverance and growth in Christian perfection, including qualities such as faith, love of Mary, self-sacrifice, and an apostolic spirit. All Legionaires promise faithful service and agree to submit to Legion discipline. The Mary Co-Redemtrix Praesidium at St. Anthony's has twelve permanent members and one probationary. Our meetings are every Tuesday evening at 6:00 PM in the meeting room in the new building. If you would like to learn more about the Legion of Mary, join us at one of our meetings or contact Kathy Lewis (president) at 843-206-1631, Kathleen Higgins (vice president) at 843-229-7731 or Pat Srutkowski (secretary) at 843-317-5738.



**CATHOLIC TRIVIA**

Last Week's Question: What are the names of the two Sacraments of Healing?  
 Answer: The Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation/Confession.  
 This Week's Question: According to tradition, who were Balthasar, Melchior, and Casper?

**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

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## MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO



“Las buenas relaciones familiares representan una riqueza irremplazable. No podemos ser indiferentes al futuro de la familia, comunidad de vida y de amor, alianza insustituible e indisoluble ente el hombre y la mujer, lugar de encuentro entre generaciones, esperanza de la sociedad” (Papa Francisco). Nos ponemos bajo la protección de Jesús, María y José. Por más que

los poderes de este mundo traten de acabar con las familias, no podrán, porque las familias no están solas. Dios en su providencia las protege y cuida siempre. La Sagrada Familia cuida de los esposos y de sus hijos e hijas. “Es preciso que en familia se ore por cada uno, según la medida del bien que para él constituye la familia y del bien que él constituye para la familia. La oración confirma más sólidamente ese bien precisamente como bien común familiar. Más aún, la oración es el inicio también de este bien, de modo siempre renovado” (San Juan Pablo II). ¿Cuánta oración haces en familia? ¿Qué tiempo dedicas al cuidado de la familia? La Iglesia siempre ha estado pendiente del cuidado de la familia. Varios documentos eclesiales están dedicados a la familia: Exhortación Apostólica Familiaris Consortio, Evangelium Vitae, Dignitas Connubii (Dignidad del matrimonio), para mencionar algunos. Consagrar nuestros hijos e hijas a Dios es una gran bendición para todos. Es una forma de practicar el amor de los unos para con los otros en el núcleo familiar.

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## ¿DONDE ESTA JESUS?

Toda madre que alguna vez ha perdido de vista a su hijo en medio de una multitud, aunque sea por unos segundos, conoce el pánico. Pienso en María viviendo con ese nivel de ansiedad durante tres días seguidos. Dudo que durmiera, pero estoy segura de que José la obligaba a acostarse por la noche, implorándole que pensara en su salud, que descansara mientras él seguía buscando por las calles de Jerusalén. María, llena de gracia. María, sin mancha de pecado. Llorando en la oscuridad, susurrando: “¿Dónde está?” Es una experiencia que todos tenemos en un momento u otro. Correr por el mundo, desesperados y confundidos, solo tratando de encontrar a Dios y fallando tan miserablemente nos preguntamos si Él nos está eludiendo a un propósito. Si María ni siquiera pudo encontrarlo, ¿tenemos alguna posibilidad nosotros? ¿Por qué María no pensó en buscar en el templo? Ella tenía una sabiduría que superaba a la de cualquier otra persona que haya vivido jamás, al menos en lo que se refiere a Jesús. Pero creo que Dios puso un velo a propósito sobre su razonamiento durante estos tres días, para poder mostrarnos que está bien perder el rumbo. De hecho, está tratando de hacer que sea fácil. Se queda quieto, en un lugar, el mismo lugar al que deberíamos saber dónde mirar. Pero las calles de nuestra vida están tan concurridas y son tan ruidosas, tan llenas de distracciones. La temporada navideña se trata de que Dios nos revele quién, qué y dónde está. Nos lo ha dicho. La pregunta es: ¿hemos escuchado?

Por Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman  
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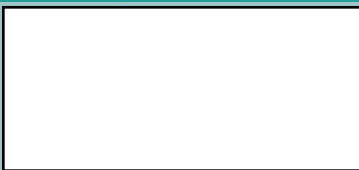


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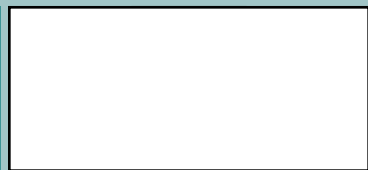
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