St. Anthony the Abbot
Catholic Church

Courageously Living the Gospel

December 6, 2020 Second Sunday of Advent

Mark 1:3

"A voice of one crying out in the desert:

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

Anton Raphael Mengs—St. John the Baptist Preaching in the Wilderness

Mass Weekdays:
Monday—Friday
8:00 a.m.
Wednesday
7:00 p.m. Traditional Latin
Saturday
8:00 a.m.

Mass Weekends:
Saturday
4:00 p.m. Vigil
Sunday
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.
11:30 a.m. Traditional Latin

All Masses are Livestreamed at St. Anthony's Facebook page

Reconciliation:
Saturday 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. or by appointment by calling the parish office

Sacrament of the Sick:
After Mass or upon request. Please call the office in advance.

Marriage Preparation:
Please call the office at least six months prior.

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Mass Intentions and Weekly Readings

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 5
4:00 p.m. Jeff Olesky †

Sunday, December 6
8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of St. Anthony the Abbot Parish
10:00 a.m. Jack Jensen
11:30 a.m. Dinis Chavez †

Monday, December 7
8:00 a.m. John Morgan †

Tuesday, December 8
8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of St. Anthony the Abbot Parish
10:00 a.m. David Dane †
7:00 p.m. Fred Schwarzmann †

Wednesday, December 9
8:00 a.m. Rick Frederick †

Thursday, December 10
8:00 a.m. Joe Chapski †

Friday, December 11
8:00 a.m. Salomon Wainberg †

Saturday, December 12
8:00 a.m. Mauricio García Villas †
4:00 p.m. Amanda & Stephen Strmensky †

Sunday, December 13
8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of St. Anthony the Abbot Parish
10:00 a.m. Ellsworth W. & Bruce Thomas
11:30 a.m. Anita Balint †

The Immaculate Conception

Patronal Feast day of the United States of America

Holy Day of Obligation
Tuesday, December 8th
Mass Times
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

Advent Confession Schedule

Wednesdays of December 2, 9, 16, 23
From 8:30 a.m.—9:30 a.m.
Holy Hour & Confessions
Saturdays
10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve
Thursday, December 24
4:00 p.m.
Midnight

Christmas Day
Friday, December 25
9:00 a.m.
11:30 a.m. Traditional Latin

Readings for the week of December 6, 2020

Sunday, December 6, Second Sunday of Advent
Is 40:1-5, 9-11 ; Ps 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14 ; 2 Pt 3:8-14 ; Mk1:1-8

Monday, December 7, Memorial of St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Is 35:1-10 ; Ps85:9AB and 10, 11-12, 13-14 ;Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday, December 8, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Gn3:9-15, 20 ; Ps 98:1, 2-3AB, 3Cc-4 ;Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 ;Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday, December 9, Weekday in Advent
Is 40:25-31 ; 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 ;Mt 11:28-30

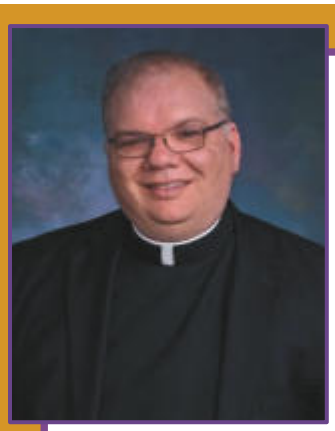
Thursday, December 10, Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest
Is 41:13-20 ; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13AB ;Mt 11:11-15

Friday, December 11, Weekday in Advent
Is 48:17-19 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab ;PS 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 ;
Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, December 12, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Zec 2:14-17 ; Jdt 13:18BCDE, 19 ;Lk 1:26-38

Sunday, December 13, Third Sunday of Advent
Is 61:1-2A, 10-11 ;Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54. ; 1 Thes 5:16-24 ;
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Weekly Message from Fr. Pecchie



My Dear Friends in Christ,

God's tireless attention to us is shown forth eloquently in the lives of the saints, who are always striving to seek out the lost sheep and tend to the needs of those around them. St Louis IX, King of France in the thirteenth century, is a perfect example. His 52-year reign is still considered one of France's most golden ages.

He understood that God had not made him King so that he could enjoy himself, but so that he could show forth God's goodness to his people. He used to walk through the streets of his cities distributing alms by the handful. He would go into the hospitals and homes for the dying and nurse the worst cases himself. He would sometimes invite to his own royal dinner table twenty homeless people whose filth and stench revolted even the soldiers of his guard.

Once when he was outside, he heard the distant rattle of a leper, which was a warning to stay away from the afflicted person. But St Louis walked directly towards the sound instead of away from it, and embraced the hideously deformed man. He gave special attention to the administration of justice, introducing lasting reforms in the legal system. His biographer even tells about how he would sometimes leave morning Mass and go outside under an oak tree near the edge of the woods. He would stay there all day to hear complaints and cases of the common people, administering justice quickly and fairly so that they didn't have to invest time and money in following the complex court procedures. He was always present to his people, because he had discovered that God was always present to him. And God is present to us too, always waiting for us under the oak tree.

God has not forgotten about us, and he never will. Knowing this, St Peter asks in today's Second Reading, "What sort of persons ought you to be?" Pessimistic, discouraged, and cynical? Not at all! St Peter gives us two qualities that should mark the life of every Christian. Going to the next level in these two qualities should be our spiritual project for Advent.

First, St Peter says our lives should be marked by holiness. The Greek word is "anastrophe" and it refers directly to our behavior, to how we act. Holiness doesn't mean that we go around with our heads in the clouds; holiness means that we go around as Christ went around, treating other people with sincere respect, and looking for opportunities to do good to those around us.

Second, St Peter says our lives should be marked by devotion. The Greek word is "eusebia" and it refers not to our actions, but to the fundamental attitude underlying our actions. This should consist of joyful reverence towards God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Guide in all things. Devotion isn't just a matter of saying a lot of prayers; it's a matter of living at all times in a personal, intimate relationship with Jesus Christ; that's what prayer is meant to foster. To make that possible is the reason Jesus came to earth in the first place.

God will give us yet another reminder that he hasn't forgotten about us. When he does, and when he comes to nourish our souls in Holy Communion, let's ask him to show us how, this week, we can grow in holiness in our interaction with others,and grow in devotion in our relationship with him.

Come Lord Jesus, Come!

Fr. Pecchie

Ministry Information

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays
9:00 am—10:30 am

Led by Jack Lavery

The Bible is our soul's GPS to lead us to God in a deeper relationship and the roadmap to heaven. WARNING: Bible usage can be habit forming. Regular scripture reading can cause loss of anxiety and fear, and possible loss of appetite for impatience and anger. Symptoms include: increased love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. If SYMPTOMS PERSIST, just ***"PRAISE THE LORD!"***

Come and See!
Discover the inspired Word of God as we study the books of James; 1 and 2 Peter; 1, 2 and 3 John and Jude.

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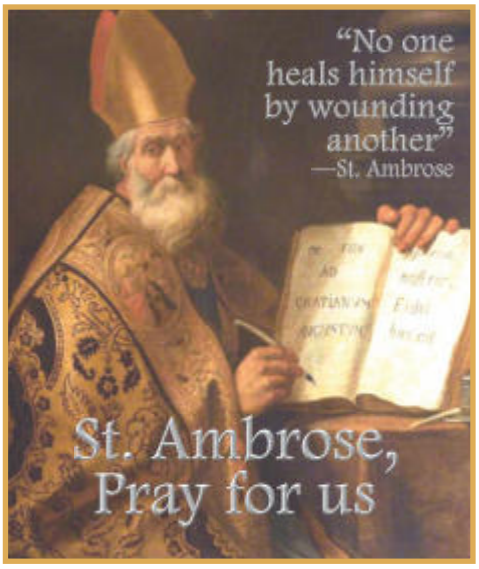
St. Anthony the Abbot Family ministry meets on Fridays beginning at 8:00 a.m. Mass. We are a support group for the family while helping each other build our domestic church. For more information call: Katheryn (352) 345-0934 or Serena (352) 277-6579.

Pastor's Class

Mondays
7:00 p.m. The Angels
Thursdays
9:00 a.m. Christifideles Laici… On Christ's Faithful… St John Paul II

Join Father Pecchie to study and learn as he shares the truths of God's Word, and enjoy the fellowship of other people like you.



RCIA
A JOURNEY IN FAITH

Adult Faith Formation Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

If you or someone you know would like to know more about the Catholic Church or how to become Catholic, RCIA sessions are as follows:

Monthly In-Person: One (1) Saturday after the 4:00 p.m. Mass **OR** One (1) Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Weekly Online: Following the program CREDO at your own pace.

Sessions are also open to adult baptized Catholics who wish to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist.

Call **Michele at the Parish Office**
Tuesday - Thursday to (352) 796-2096, ext. 108

Women wine & the Word

All women invited!!

Join Fr. Pecchie for

Wine and the Word

Come and fellowship with Fr. Pecchie and other women while learning about your faith and grow closer to Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Every 3rd Thursday
At 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Pit.

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All men invited!!
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Faith and Ale

Learn about your faith and grow closer to Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as you fellowship with Fr. Pecchie and other men like you.

Every 2nd Thursday
At 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Pit.

Ministry Information

The Blessing of the Bambilleni
Sunday December 13, 2020

"St. John Paul II began a tradition early on in his papacy where he invited the children of Rome to assemble in St. Peter's Square on the Third Sunday of Advent during his Angelus address. He asked them to bring their little statue of the baby Jesus that would be placed in their Nativity set at home.

John Paul II blessed the figurines of those present and told them to assemble before the manger scene with their family in a spirit of prayer. It is a beautiful Advent tradition, one that sanctifies the home with the baby Jesus and makes his arrival in the manger scene an even more joyous event."
(ALETEIA—Philip Kosloski- *published on 12/16/17)*

Remember to bring your little baby Jesus Statue from your Home Nativity, to be blest by Father Pecchie Saturday at the Vigil Mass and next Sunday Masses.

Christmas Flowers

If you wish to make a donation for the Christmas Altar Flowers, please use the Christmas Flower Offering envelopes at the church entrances. This is also a beautiful way to honor or remember a loved one. The completed envelopes will be placed on the Memorial/Honor Tree inside the church for all to see.

During Christmas there is a special "Spirit of giving" and it is our hope that families with special needs will give us the opportunity to share Christmas joy with them. Our Giving tree is located in the church. Please choose a star ornament. It will have a suggestion as to gender and age.

Return the star taped to your unwrapped gift. If you give a gift card, be sure to clearly mark the amount.

We will need all gifts returned to the parish no later than

Monday, December 14th
Thank you and God bless.

Memorial Christmas Tree

The Memorial Christmas Tree is in the Church Vestibule. Personalized DOVE ornaments are placed on the Tree as a memorial to honor and pay tribute to our beloved parishioners who have gone to rest in peace with Christ within the last year.

Our Parish joins with the families in remembering their loved ones, and we pray that the God of all consolation who loved the world so much that he sent His Son, will bless them in a very special way.

Families who participated last year are invited to bring their ornament to Church and place it on the Tree. After Christmas Mass we encourage you to take your decorated keepsake home with you to be placed on your family tree. Dove ornaments are available in the Vestibule after Masses. *One per family, please*.

Stewardship and Information

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 6, Second Sunday of Advent
8:00 a.m. Mass
8:30 a.m. Faith Formation Classes (Gr. K-6)
10:00 a.m. Mass
11:30 a.m. Traditional Latin Mass

Monday, December 7, Memorial of St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
8:00 a.m. Mass
8:30 a.m. Miraculous Medal Novena
7:00 p.m. Pastor's Class

Tuesday, December 8, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Mass
7:00 p.m. Mass
8:00 p.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, December 9, Weekday in Advent
8:00 a.m. Mass
8:30 a.m.—
9:30 a.m. Holy Hour and Confessions
6:30 p.m. Faith Formation Grades 7-12
7:00 p.m. Traditional Latin Mass

Thursday, December 10, Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest
8:00 a.m. Mass
8:30 a.m. St. Jude Novena
9:00 a.m. Pastor's Class
6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Faith & Ale—For Men

Friday, December 11, Weekday in Advent
8:00 a.m. Mass
8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet
9:00 a.m. Family Ministry
7:00 p.m. Altar Boys Practice for Latin Mass—Church

Saturday, December 12, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
8:00 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m.—
10:00 a.m. First Reconciliation for Students
10:00 a.m.—
11:00 a.m. Reconciliation
4:00 p.m. Mass Vigil

Sunday, December 13, Third Sunday of Advent
8:00 a.m. Mass
10:00 a.m. Mass
11:30 a.m. Traditional Latin Mass

Online Giving

For those who would like to make a one-time donation online or schedule recurring payments using a bank account, please visit our website and click on Online Giving. When you participate, your gift will be securely transferred directly into the parish bank account.

Pastor

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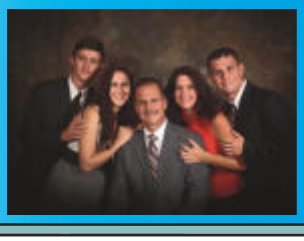

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