



# St. Anthony the Abbot Catholic Church

*Courageously Living the Gospel*

January 2, 2022 The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord



Adoration of the Magi by Lucas Jordán 1700

*“Lord, every nation on  
earth will adore You.”*

*Ps 72*

#### **Mass Weekdays:**

Monday—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 Mass

#### **Reconciliation:**

Saturday 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. or  
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**Friday the office is closed.**



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

## Mass Intentions and Weekly Readings

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, January 1

4:00 p.m. Forest McBrien †

#### Sunday, January 2

8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased  
Members of St. Anthony  
the Abbot Parish

10:00 a.m. Timothy Beckwith †

11:30 a.m. Joseph Mendoza †

#### Monday, January 3

8:00 a.m. Ron Melfy †

#### Tuesday, January 4

8:00 a.m. Janice Barton †

#### Wednesday, January 5

8:00 a.m. Michael Agnes Griffiths †

#### Thursday, January 6

8:00 a.m. Ron Melfy †

#### Friday, January 7

8:00 a.m. Marilyn Griffiths †

#### Saturday, January 8

8:00 a.m. Joseph Donna Mattingly  
& Family

4:00 p.m. Dinis Chavez †

#### Sunday, January 9

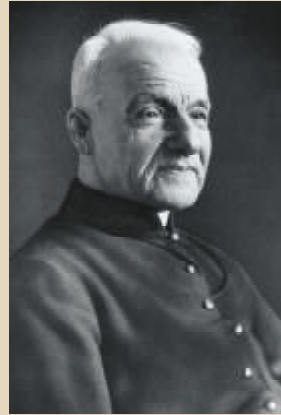
8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased  
Members of St. Anthony  
the Abbot Parish

10:00 a.m. Laurie Leggio †

11:30 a.m. Joseph Mazzuchelli †

### Saint André Bessette

1845-1937 — FEAST DAY: JANUARY 6



“When you invoke St. Joseph, you don’t have to say much. Say, ‘If you were in my place, St. Joseph, what would you do? Well, pray for this on my behalf.’”

—St. André Bessette

Alfred Bessette was born in Quebec on August 9, 1845, and he was orphaned by the time he was 12. He had to work to support himself and had little formal education, but from an early age he had a lively faith and a strong devotion to St. Joseph. After a few years trying to find work in the United States, he returned to Quebec. There, his childhood pastor encouraged him to consider a vocation to religious life. He sent Alfred to the Congregation with a note that said, “I am sending you a saint.” Initially, Holy Cross did not

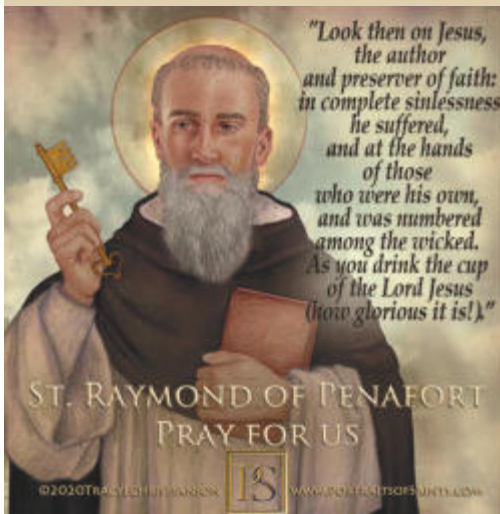
accept Alfred because of his poor health. He had been baptized right after birth because they had been afraid that he might not live more than a few days, and he was sickly all his life. Alfred, however, was not discouraged, with the assistance of the Archbishop of Montreal, received entrance into the Holy Cross Novitiate on December 27, 1870. Upon entering the Novitiate, Alfred took the name André, which was the name of his childhood pastor. Given his frail health and lack of a formal education, Brother André was assigned as doorkeeper of Notre Dame College in Montreal. He continued this assignment as a

professed brother. Among his many duties, he greeted visitors and tended to their needs.

Many people began to experience physical healings after praying with Brother André, and his reputation as a healer began to spread. So many people flocked to see him that the Congregation allowed him to see sick people at a trolley station across the street. Through it all, Brother André remained humble, often seeming confused that people would lavish such praise on him. He knew that the real source of these miraculous cures was St. Joseph’s intercession. His desire to increase devotion to St. Joseph inspired him to found a shrine to his favorite saint across the street from Notre Dame College. He saved the money he earned from giving haircuts at five cents apiece, eventually earning the \$200 he needed to construct a simple structure. This shrine opened on October 19, 1904, and in 1909, Brother André was released from his duties as doorkeeper and assigned full-time as the caretaker of the [Oratory of St. Joseph](#).

Excerpt from *Congregation of Holy Cross, “St. André Bessette”, <https://holycrosscongregation.org/holy-ones/st-andre-bessette/>*

### ST. RAYMOND OF PENAFORT, FEAST DAY JANUARY 7 1175-1275



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### Readings for the week of January 2, 2022

#### Sunday, January 2 Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13. ; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

#### Monday, January 3 Christmas Weekday

##### [The Most Holy Name of Jesus]

1 Jn 3:22—4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a ; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

#### Tuesday, January 4 Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 ; Mk 6:34-44

#### Wednesday, January 5 Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop

1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 ; Mk 6:45-52

#### Thursday, January 6 Christmas Weekday

##### [USA: Saint André Bessette, Religious]

1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 ; Lk 4:14-22a

#### Friday, January 7 Christmas Weekday

##### [Saint Raymond of Peñafort, Priest]

1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 ; Lk 5:12-16

#### Saturday, January 8 Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b ; Jn 3:22-30

#### Sunday, January 9 Feast of The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 ; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, in Year C, Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

## Weekly Message from Fr. Pecchie



My Dear Friends in Christ,

### *Merry Christmas and Happy Feast of the Epiphany!*

I would like share with you some insights I have received from Msgr. Charles Pope as we follow these Magi in their journey of faith to become “Wise Men.” As magi, they followed the faint stars, distant points of light; as wise men, they follow Jesus, who is the ever-glorious Light from Light, true God from true God.

We can observe how they journey in stages from the light of a star to the bright and glorious Light of Jesus Christ. And, of course, to authentically encounter the Lord is to experience conversion. All the elements of this story ultimately serve to cause them to “return to their country by another route.” Let’s look at the stages of their journey from being mere magi to becoming, by God’s grace, wise men.

Exactly what “magi” are is not clear. Perhaps they are learned men; perhaps they are ancient astronomers. We often think of them as kings, though the text of this passage does not call them that. However, for the record, the text in today’s Gospel does not call them kings, but rather “magi.” Yet here is their key identity: they are Gentiles who have been called. Up until this point in the Christmas story, only Jews had found their way to Bethlehem. This detail cannot be overlooked, for it is clear that the Gospel is going out to all the world. This call completes the Church, which needs both Jews and Gentiles. In today’s second reading, St. Paul rejoices in this fact, saying, the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Eph 3:6). Because most of us are not Jewish by ancestry we ought to rejoice, for the call of these Magi prefigures our call.

These gentiles risk it all to follow the Star and to behold the King of Kings. In so doing they are transformed. Yet, there is a cost to discipleship. The Magi are moved to give three symbolic gifts that show some of what true faith includes. They are costly gifts. **Gold** symbolizes all of our possessions. In laying this gift before Jesus, they and we are saying, “I acknowledge that everything I have is yours. I put all my resources and wealth under your authority and will use them only according to your will.” A conversion that has not reached the wallet is not complete.

**Frankincense** is a resin used in incense and symbolizes the gift of worship. In the Bible, incense is a symbol of prayer and worship (e.g., Psalm 141). In laying down this gift, we promise to pray and worship God all the days of our life, to be in His holy house each Sunday, to render Him the praise and worship He is due, to listen to His word and consent to be fed the Eucharist by Him, to worship Him worthily by frequent confession, and to praise Him at all times.

**Myrrh** is a strange gift for an infant; it is usually understood as a burial ointment. Surely this prefigures Jesus’ death, but it also symbolizes our own. In laying this gift before Jesus we are saying, “My life is yours. I want to die so that you may live your life in me. May you increase and may I decrease. Use me and my life as you will.”

Yes, these three gifts are highly symbolic. The Magi manifest more than a little homage to Jesus. They are showing forth the fruits of saving faith. And if we can give these gifts, so are we. In their holy reverence for God is wisdom in its initial stage!

Here, then, is essential evidence for faith: conversion. It is not enough to get “happy” in Church; we have to obey. These Wise Men are walking differently now. They are not going home by the same way they came. They’ve changed direction; they’ve turned around (conversion). They are now willing to walk the straight and narrow path that leads to life rather than the wide road that leads to damnation. They are going to obey Christ. They are going to exhibit what St. Paul calls the “obedience of faith” (Rom 1:5; 16:26). They have not just engaged in perfunctory worship; they are showing signs of a true and saving faith. They are not just calling out to Jesus, “Lord, Lord!” They are doing what He tells them (cf Luke 6:46).

Venite Adoremus!

*Fr. Pecchie*

*Belated thanks to the Mendoza and the Bingham Families for assisting with Franks and Beads, to honor our Lady of Guadalupe. Also, thanks to Serena LeDuc and all who assisted in making our Advent /Christmas Concert so beautiful. So impressed to see all the talented young people here sharing their talents glorifying God.*

## Ministry Information

### Pastor's Class



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

**Mondays 7:00 p.m.**  
**Thursdays 9:00 a.m.**



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### Coffee, Donuts and Fresh Fruit

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### Become a Member

Call **Paul Poco** at (813) 763-2953 or email us at [thekofc6800@gmail.com](mailto:thekofc6800@gmail.com). Meetings are held on the **first Thursday of each month**. The Rosary is at 6:00 p.m.. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m..



### Adult Faith Formation Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

If you or someone you know would like to learn more about the Catholic Church and how to become a Catholic, or for any adult Catholic who wishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please call:

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

### The Gospel of MATTHEW A BIBLE STUDY

**Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Led by Jack Lavery**

Please join us to study the Gospel of Matthew. Come and deepen your knowledge and understanding of Scripture. Studying Scripture helps to deepen your personal relationship with our Lord. The class meets in the parish hall on **Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m.**. The only book you need for class is your Bible. Contact:

**Jack Lavery, (813) 340-7343**  
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for more information or to register. Jack sends out regular reminder emails to the class. Warning: Reading the Bible can be habit forming!



### Register with us



If you have been a regular contributor, but haven't registered with our Parish, we welcome you to become a registered member. Please complete a registration form located in the racks of the church entrances and drop in the donation box, or you can pick one up at our Parish Office.

## Farewell, Deacon Manny



**Deacon Manny Carreiro is retiring  
and moving to Portugal!**

**Join us as we bid farewell  
to Deacon Manny.**

**A potluck dinner will be  
in the parish hall on  
Saturday, January 22, 2022  
after the 4:00 p.m. Mass.**

**Potluck Dinner  
Parish Hall**

**Saturday, January 22, 2022  
After 4:00 p.m. Mass**

**Thank you for so many years of  
faithful service to our parish.**



### Is God Calling you?

"Opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts." Are you beginning to see your life as a gift to be given to the Lord as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother?

Call **Father Chuck Dornquist (727) 345-3452** or write: [scd@dosp.org](mailto:scd@dosp.org)

# Ministry Information



## To Take Down Christmas Decorations

We need assistance taking down the Christmas decorations on:

**Monday, January 10th at 8:30 a.m.**

If you would like to volunteer please come to the Church.

Thank you!



## MY LIFE. MY FAITH

### Catholic Women's Conference

Every woman is invited to attend **Spirit FM's 7th Annual Women's Conference** on **April 2, 2022** at the **Florida State Fairgrounds**

All guests will have the opportunity to attend **Reconciliation, Adoration** and celebrate the **Mass**.

There will also be plenty of singing, praying, shopping and laughing!

The day will make you grateful that, "This is my life. This is my faith."

The **Spirit FM Catholic Women's Conference**

is suggested for Catholic women (moms, older teenagers, married, single, widowed or consecrated).

Women of all denominations are warmly welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Tickets are on sale through [myspiritfm.com/womensconference](https://myspiritfm.com/womensconference).



## Jesus Christ is Lord!!

If you would like to donate your dollar bills by participating in this unique fundraiser, look at the circled letter located to the left of the George Washington's face on your dollar bill.

If it is the letter **J-, C- or L-**, you may donate that dollar to the Church by proclaiming that

**Jesus Christ is Lord!**

Place your dollar(s) in the glass case located in the Church or bring it to the Parish Office.

Let's see how many dollars we can find with **J-, C- or L-**, and at the same time praise God and support the Church!



## 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** of the month at **7:00 p.m. at the Fire Pit.**



**All men invited!!**

Join Father Pecchie for

### 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** of the month at **7:00 p.m. at the Fire Pit.**

## Information

### Weekly Calendar

#### Sunday, January 2 Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord

SVDP Collection  
8:00 a.m. Mass  
10:00 a.m. Mass  
11:30 a.m. Traditional Latin Mass  
Coffee and Donuts after all Masses

#### Monday, January 3 Christmas Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass  
8:30 a.m. Miraculous Medal Novena

#### Tuesday, January 4 Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

8:00 a.m. Mass  
8:30 a.m. St. Anthony of Padua or Infant of Prague Novena  
9:00 a.m. Bible Study  
11:00 a.m. Spanish Legion of Mary  
—Portable #7

#### Wednesday, January 5 Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop

8:00 a.m. Mass  
8:30 a.m. St Joseph Novena  
8:45 a.m. English Legion of Mary  
—Portable #7

#### Thursday, January 6 Christmas Weekday [USA: Saint André Bessette, Religious]

8:00 a.m. Mass  
8:30 a.m. St. Jude Novena  
6-7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

#### Friday, January 7 Christmas Weekday [Saint Raymond of Peñafort, Priest]

8:00 a.m. Mass  
8:30 a.m. Holy Hour Adoration

#### Saturday, January 8 Christmas Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass  
10-11 a.m. Reconciliation  
4:00 p.m. Mass

#### Sunday, January 9 Feast of The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Mass  
9:30 a.m. RCIA Session  
10:00 a.m. Mass  
11:30 a.m. Traditional Latin Mass  
Coffee and Donuts after all Masses

### Pastor

Rev. Paul Pecchie  
**Assisting Priest**  
Rev. Mikhail Kouts  
**Deacon**  
Manny Carreiro

### Parish Staff

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#### Business Manager

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**REJOICE  
AND RESOLVE  
TO SIN NO MORE!**



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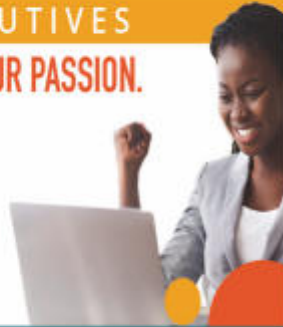
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