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A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.

JOHN 1:6-7

DEC 13, 2020

*My soul  
rejoices in  
my God.  
(Is 61:10b)*

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### **Office Hours**

Monday thru Thursday  
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12 Noon—1 pm  
Friday: 9 am —Noon

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# ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

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Fr. Clement Rees, O.S.B., Associate  
Fr. Andrew Siasa, ALCP/OSS

## Mass Times

### St. Anthony Parish Church

(effective August 31, 2020)  
Monday thru Friday: 7:30 am  
Saturday: 8 am

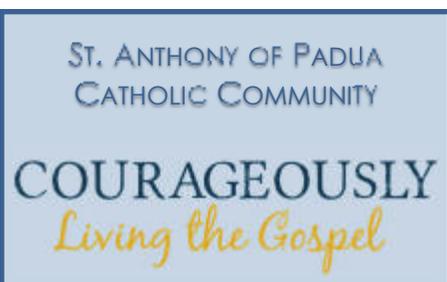
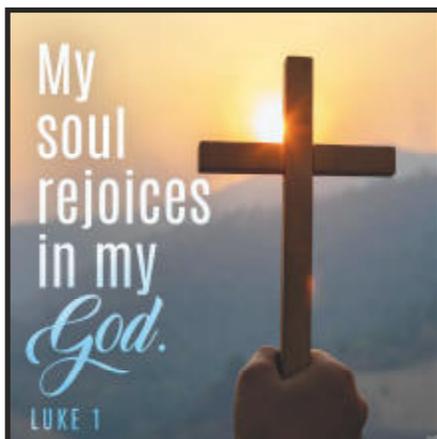
### St. Anthony Parish Center

*Saturday Vigil:*  
Saturday, 5:30 pm  
*Sunday Masses:* 8 am & 10 am  
10 am is Live Streamed

## Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday, after 8 am mass or by appointment

*Schedule is temporary due to pandemic. You are advised to check our website and sign up for Parish App for up-to-date info.*



## Sacraments

### Baptism

To schedule a Baptism, email [reception@saopccfl.org](mailto:reception@saopccfl.org) or visit our website at [www.saopccfl.org](http://www.saopccfl.org) for registration and forms. You may also call the Parish Office at 352-588-3081 with questions or for more information.

### First Penance & First Communion

Children in First Penance sacramental preparation should have had at least one year of faith formation immediately prior to their enrollment and be in the first grade. To register, go to [www.saopccfl.org/faith-formation](http://www.saopccfl.org/faith-formation).

### Confirmation

Preparation is typically a two-year program with students enrolling in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and receiving the sacrament in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. To register, go to [www.saopccfl.org/confirmation-prep](http://www.saopccfl.org/confirmation-prep).

### RCIA

Are you thinking of joining the Catholic Church or want to learn more about the core teachings of the Faith? We have an ongoing program here at St. Anthony. Visit [www.saopccfl.org/RCIA](http://www.saopccfl.org/RCIA) and submit the inquiry form.

### Marriage

Couples planning to be married should contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to their wedding date to begin preparations. Visit [www.saopccfl.org](http://www.saopccfl.org) and complete the online Marital Inventory Form. Upon receipt the Sacramental Admin will contact you.

### Anointing of the Sick

If you or a loved one are going to the hospital, please call the office prior to entering for anointing. If you have an emergency after hours, please call 352-588-3081.



Welcome to St. Anthony of Padua Church, the second oldest Catholic parish on Florida's west coast. Established in 1883, we are a community with a great history but also a great future!

As a Parish Community, we strive to bring the love and mercy of our living God to all people. We offer the Spirit of welcome and hospitality that comes from St. Benedict with the love of Creation that comes from St. Francis to all those who seek the living God, who calls us and heals us of all that is broken within us.

Whether you are a parishioner whose family has worshiped here for many generations, new to our community or a visitor to our Church, we welcome you and are happy that you have joined with us today to celebrate the Liturgy. If we can be of any assistance to you, please let us know.



## Parish Contact Information

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# STEWARDSHIP

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."

1 PETER 4:8—10



## OUR PARISH NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

We continue to be grateful for your generosity during this difficult time and consider your continued support a blessing. To stay on budget for this year, our average weekly income needs to be \$8,067. **Offerory for the weekend of 12/5—12/6 was \$7,929.**

We know that many people cannot yet attend mass in person and we want to remind you of the many ways you can still make your weekly offering. We encourage you to consider our convenient and secure Online Giving. You can use Online Giving for your regular offerings or to contribute to special funds. You can find the Online Giving link on [www.saopccfl.org](http://www.saopccfl.org). You can also reach our Online Giving page through text. Just text the word GIVE to 352-306-8494. If it's your first time, you'll be prompted to click a link directing you to the online giving page to complete a one-time registration. And of course, you can mail in your offering or drop it off at the parish office.

Contact Denise McKenna at the parish office at 352-588-3081 if you need help or have questions.

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Goal</b>                           | <b>\$79,254.16</b> |
| <b>Contributions as of 12/01/2020</b> | <b>\$71,861.24</b> |
| <b>Balance</b>                        | <b>\$ 7,392.92</b> |

We understand that these past few months have been very difficult for many including our parish. By God's grace we will soon see an end to these difficult times.

Any contributions you can make to this year's campaign will be greatly appreciated. **Deadline for this year's contributions is January 31, 2021.**

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

### Weekend of December 12/13, 2020

Retirement Fund for Religious  
2nd Collection Building our Future Building Fund\*

### Weekend of December 26/27, 2020

2nd Collection Building our Future Building Fund\*

### Weekend of January 2/3, 2021

St. Vincent de Paul will have collection box in parish center

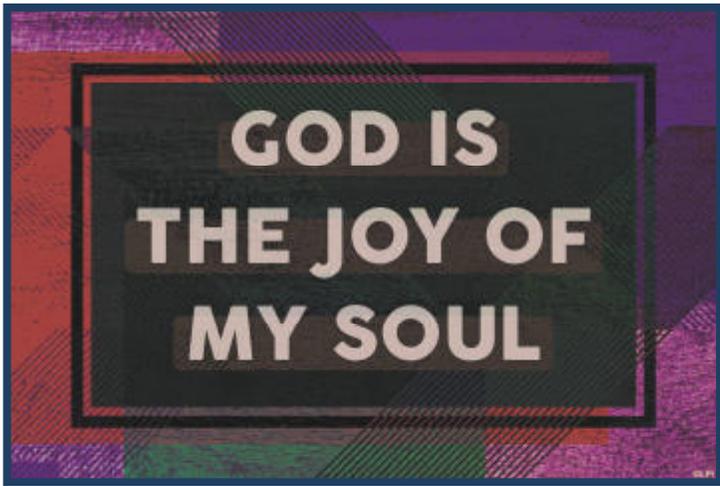
### Weekend of January 9/10, 2021

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**DECEMBER 13, 2020**  
**3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Did you ever stop and realize that there is no earthly gain that can ever really satisfy us? Think of winning the Lotto. On this side of the winning ticket, it's all about the money, the new car, house, vacations, bank accounts, and infinite pleasures. The possibility of acquiring all of these earthly securities brings us back again and again to the purchase of a ticket. Then, one day we win! Our dreams are fulfilled, and happiness is on the horizon. Then one day, we wake up and realize that nothing has really changed, and I am not as satisfied as I thought I was or would be. I find myself living in my incompleteness and with my profound sorrow and grief. I did not find joy.

Glimpses of joy are possible but not by material means. They are brought to us through incredible experiences of connection that bring us face to face with real and authentic faith, hope, and love. And, they are glimpses and do not last. The moment we find ourselves looking back at them, they are gone, and we find ourselves remembering the moment in memory. To carry joy within us is to realize that it is not something I create, manufacture or even acquire. It is not able to be purchased. It is a gift. My need for joy mirrors my need for eternity, for a Creator who has a claim on the very essence of who I am and desires a home within me. As C. S. Lewis discovered, joy is a surprise that speaks to my very soul and is given as gift by the God who loves me.

The beauty of Advent is found in discovering the beauty of the gift of joy. God has visited his people for no other reason than to show them where and how to find joy! All of our human and earthly joy experiences are always only glimpses. They never satisfy us, sustain us or fulfill us. It is only God who is the joy of my soul. Real, Divine experiences of joy catch us off guard, make us stop and become aware, bring a feeling of awe and rightness and have an eternal Otherness about them. Nothing created by humans can ever come close to this. We probably will not fully realize the truth of all of this until we actually meet God face to face in heaven one day. Then, in that sacred moment when our hearts leap for joy we will understand what we have been tirelessly searching for all along. Intense gratitude will most surely follow.

## LET US PRAY

Names will remain on the Intercessory Prayer List for three weeks and will roll off. If you want the name put back on the list, call the office at 352-588-3081. Names on the Armed Forces Prayer List will remain until you tell us they are no longer on active duty.

### INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST

Tom Lachance, Marilyn Bogucki, Grace Miller, Richard Fenlock, Francis Greif, Donald "Ace" Antoine, Sandra Cody, Charlotte Bjornsen, Antonio Velez, Vittoria Whiteley, Jacqueline Santore, Rich McClelland, Ben Hemker, Mary Lachance, Jason Thackeray, Cindy Piscioniere, Kelly Jaje, Carolyn Doyle Smith, Bill Barthle, Charles Bassler, Coletta Walker, Debbie Vita, Mike Lodge, John Dolac, Mikey McKenna

### FAITHFUL DEPARTED PRAYER LIST

Mary Catherine Schrader

### ARMED FORCES PRAYER LIST

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Tech. Sgt. Justin Clark<br>US Air Force                       | SSG Jacob Carroll<br>US Army                                      |
| Capt. Athina C. Teicher<br>US Air Force                       | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Petty Officer<br>P. Casey Whalen<br>US Navy |
| 2nd Lt. Shanon C. Teicher<br>US Air Force                     | Cpl. Christian T. Kirk<br>US Marine Corps                         |
| Chief Petty Officer<br>Katy (Healy) Johnson<br>US Coast Guard | SFC Michael T. King<br>US Army                                    |
| Lt. Geoffrey Cliff<br>US Navy                                 | Cadet Dennis A. Teicher<br>US Military Academy,<br>West Point     |
| SPC Melissa Tipton<br>US Army                                 | SPC Tyler Miller<br>US Army                                       |
| 2nd Class Petty Officer<br>Brandon C. Miner<br>US Navy        | US Airman Ashton Sulick<br>US Airforce                            |
| Lt. Col. Nicholas Popp<br>US Air Force                        | CWO 2 Brian S. Curran<br>US Navy                                  |
| Major Ryan M. Sullivan<br>US Army                             | 2nd Lt. Jared Carlson<br>US Army                                  |
| Lt. Col. Matthew Wilcoxon<br>US Air Force                     |   |

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 13

**Sunday:** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**Monday:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27

**Tuesday:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32

**Wednesday:** Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23

**Thursday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17

**Friday:** Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25

**Saturday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25

**Retirement Fund  
for Religious**

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

[retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org) Collection this weekend!

**Advent**  
Come, Lord Jesus

**ADVENT PRAYER WORKSHOP WITH  
FR. CLEMENT REES  
HAS BEEN CANCELLED**

We are sorry to announce that Saint Leo Abbey has been placed on quarantine because of COVID-19, and so Fr. Rees will not be able to lead our prayer workshop.

The Abbey Church and Gift Shop will be closed to the public. The monks will recite the office in their cells and will have mass with physical distancing. Mass will be the only liturgy streamed online.

Please offer your prayers and spiritual support for the staff and monks at the Abbey.

**Make a difference.** “Every dollar makes a difference in covering our expenses,” says a Trappist abbot. Hundreds of US religious communities struggle to provide for aging members because most senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little pay. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps these communities bridge the gap, offering support for medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Collection will be taken this weekend for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Thanks for your generosity.

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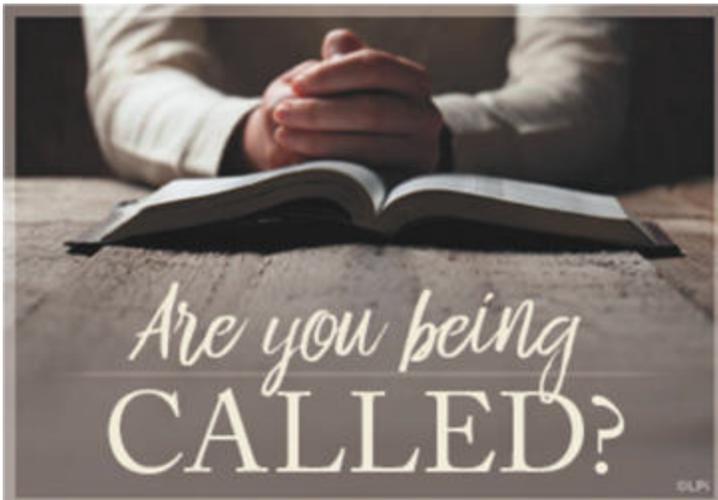
**BEST  
Advent  
EVER** This Advent, join Matthew Kelly and the Dynamic Catholic team for LET YOUR SOUL SHINE  
—a free email program that will help you rediscover the beauty and joy of the Gospels.



## Gifts to be back this weekend!

Return the **unwrapped** gift with the tag securely attached no later than **December 13th!** Please bring your gifts back to the **PARISH CENTER!**

Thanks for helping make our **Angle Tree** a success by bringing joy to children in need.



## OFFICE OF VOCATIONS ADVENT MEN'S RETREAT

Fr. Chuck Dornquast, Director of Vocations, is offering an **Advent Men's Retreat** on **Saturday, December 19, 2020** from 10 am —7:30 pm at the Bethany Center, 18150 Bethany Center Dr. in Lutz. Unmarried men, ages 15 to 35, are invited to attend. There is no cost to you; however, please be sure to RSVP to [hlv@dosp.org](mailto:hlv@dosp.org).

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Vocations at 727-345-3452.

The retreat will be lead by Fr. Rob Cadrecha and the Seminarians from the Diocese of St. Petersburg.

## MATCHING GIFTS

If you or your spouse works for an employer with a matching gift program, you may be able to double or even triple the value of your gift to St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church! Some companies even match gifts made by retirees.

To find out if your employer, or your spouse's employer, has a matching gift program, contact your company's personnel or human resources office. If your company supports a matching gift program, please request a form from your employer, and send it completed and signed with your gift.

Companies that offer a matching gift program typically have guidelines that must be met before the gift can be matched, so please ask your employer for more information about the company's requirements. Once the donation and matching gift information are received, the Diocese will contact you if more information is needed.



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### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR BULLETIN:

Submission of the December 27th is Tuesday, December 15th. Submission for the January 3rd bulletin is Wednesday, December 23rd. This is to accommodate the holiday scheduled imposed on us by our publisher. Thank you for your cooperation.



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# Kids Corner

READ THE  
GOSPEL &  
COLOR



People noticed John the Baptist. He loved God, and he used words honestly. He really wanted to help people change and grow closer to God. He stood out as someone really different and special. People came from all around to hear him and learn about him. When people asked him questions, he pointed them to Jesus.

#### PRAYER

Jesus, help me to be different because I love you.

#### MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Ask a friend if he or she is ready to meet Jesus.

DECEMBER 13, 2020



**MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

7:30 am—Mass, Church

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15**

7:30 am—Mass, Church

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16**

7:30 am—Mass, Church

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17**

7:30am—Mass, Church

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18**

7:30 am—Mass, Church

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19**

8:00 am—Mass, Church

5:30 pm—Vigil Mass, Parish Center, **John Zegzdryn †**

**NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

8:00 am—Mass, Parish Center, **Roger Zeranski †, Max and Agnes Vozel †**

10:00 am—Mass, Parish Center, **People of the Parish**

*"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert,  
'Make straight the way of the Lord.'"  
(Jn 1:23)*



Masses can be arranged to be celebrated for a special intention here at St. Anthony of Padua. These can be in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died.

**Mass Stipends are now \$15.**

#### ARE YOU REGISTERED?

It is easy to do. Simply go online at [saopccfl.org](http://saopccfl.org) and look for **Registration** under **Our Parish**. Fill out the form and submit. We ask that all families and adult members register with the Parish in order to enjoy the benefits of our Parish community.

#### MOVED OR CHANGED INFORMATION?

Please let us know of any changes to your address or contact information so we can keep our records up to date.

We are now accepting donations for the sanctuary candle and the hosts used during Mass.

**Monthly Host Memorial: \$50.00**  
**Bi-weekly Sanctuary Candle: \$25.00**



If you would like to memorialize either one, please call the parish office at 352-588-3081 or stop in during regular office hours.

**December**

**Sanctuary Candle**

**The Hartnett Family**

#### Bulletin Submissions

Deadline is Friday, 5 pm, 9 days before publication. Holiday issues have earlier deadlines. We reserve the right to edit. Submissions should be in original format (not PDF) and emailed to [bulletin@saopccfl.org](mailto:bulletin@saopccfl.org). Recent news, upcoming events, photos welcome.

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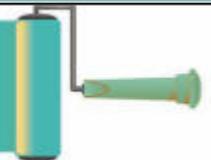
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