

ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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I hope this newsletter finds you safe and in good health.

November is the time of year when our thoughts turn towards giving thanks for all the blessings we have as individuals, families, and communities. We will be having our annual Thanksgiving Day mass on Wednesday, November 24th at 6 pm. Please bring any food and or beverage items you will be sharing with your family and place them on the table that will be near the front of the altar. These items will be blessed during mass and you may take them with you when mass is over. There will be no Thanksgiving mass on the 25th.

The holidays will soon be here. Please note our mass schedule and special events:

- December 8th, Feast of The Immaculate Conception, 4 pm mass
- December 9th, Parish Confessions in the hall
- December 24th, Christmas Eve, 6:30 PM mass
- December 25th, Christmas Day, 9 AM mass

January 1st is the Feast of Mary the Mother of God. Since this year it falls on a Saturday it is not a holy day of obligation.

I am happy to let you know we have a new bookkeeper, Lois Pariseau. Lois is well qualified for this position and we are very fortunate to have her. In addition to her duties as bookkeeper, Lois is the current chairperson of the Harper Chamber of Commerce. She and her husband Gary are active members of our parish and are looking forward to getting to know all of us. I am very grateful to our past bookkeeper, Rolando, for his dedicated service to us. May God bless him and his family for all he has done for us.

I have some thoughts I want to share with you concerning the Saturday bilingual mass. So far only two people have spoken negatively to me about it. One angrily said families will leave the parish if I continue with this mass and the other mocked me. These people caused me a lot of stress and grief. I mentioned this behavior during the announcements of a Saturday mass and was pleasantly surprised by the overwhelming support I received from everyone present. Knowing my actions are not the cause for our church's demise, as was stated, and that there are many people supporting my efforts to reach out to the marginalized makes me feel much better.

Congratulations to Robert Schubert, the 2022 Lumen Gentium recipient from our parish. The archbishop will honor him on February 2, 2022 at St. Dominic Church in San Antonio.

That is all I know for now. Let us continue to pray for one another and treat each other as family. May the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, watch us and protect us always.

Remember, God loves you and so do I.

Fr. Rudy T. Carrola, Jr.