

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2015

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Rev. Oscar Martin Dominguez, Pastor
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Eucharist:

Daily: Chapel 8:30 am
Monday, Thursday: 7:00 pm (Spanish)
Saturday: 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm (Spanish)
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 noon (Spanish)

Next Holy Day of Obligation

December 8, 2015 Immaculate Conception

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday: Holy Hour following 7 pm Mass
Hora Santa después de la misa 7 pm

Office Hours:

Daily (Diario) 9:00 am - 8:00 pm
Saturday (Sábado) 10:00 - 12:00 noon

Baptism/Bautizos:

Baptisms in English are the first and third Saturday of each month. Arrangements should be made one month in advance. Parents should be registered parishioners.

Los Bautizos son el 2do y 4to sábado de cada mes. Deben de pasar por la oficina para coordinar la fecha por lo menos con un mes de anticipación. Deben de estar inscritos en la parroquia para solicitar un bautismo.

Marriage/Matrimonio:

Please arrange with the priest at least one year in advance. Por favor de separar fecha con el sacerdote y un año de anticipación.

Reconciliation/Reconciliación:

Every Saturday (Cada Sábado) 4:00 PM—5:00 PM

Religious Education/Catecismo:

English: Sunday at 9:00 am in the Grammar school
RCIA Tuesday 7:00 pm in Rectory Meeting Room.
Español: Sábado a las 10:00 am se reúnen en la cafetería de la escuela.

Sponsorship/Godparent Certificates

Those who need a sponsorship certificate to be a godparent must make an appointment with the priest.

Staff:

Ms. Rose Perone, Trustee & English Rel. Ed.
Sr. Marie Charitina, S.C., Dir. Rel. Education
Mrs. Mary Wilk, Parish Secretary
Mrs. Teresa Marin, Spanish Rel. Ed.
Mr. Will Villanueva, Trustee
Mr. Michael Faccone, Office



MISSION STATEMENT

St. Anthony of Padua Parish is committed to the Celebration of God's presence among His people through meaningful, well prepared liturgy, prayerful gatherings, evangelization and faith formation. We recognize and welcome the richness of our culturally and ethnically diverse community. We strive to nurture and develop these differences by encouraging all our brothers and sisters to share their gifts so we may strengthen our community and become one.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 29, 2015 TO DECEMBER 5, 2015

SATURDAY (November 28) BVM

8:30 HARRY VACCARO/ Sally & Sons
 5:00 PETER J. LA GUARDIA, SR./ Family
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (November 29) First Sunday of Advent

8:00 DEC. MEM. DI COSMIO FAMILY/ Family
 10:30 CARMELA TAMBURELLO/ Husband & Children
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

MONDAY (November 30) St. Andrew

8:30 SOULS IN PURGATORY/ Jim & Cathy Leggett
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY (December 1) Advent Weekday

8:30 SOULS IN PURGATORY/ Francesca Merendino

WEDNESDAY (December 2) Advent Weekday

8:30 SOULS IN PURGATORY/ Francesca Merendino

THURSDAY (December 3) St. Francis Xavier

8:30 FIORETTA, DOMINIC & ROSE FACCONI/ Son

FRIDAY (December 4) St. John Damascene

8:30 VINCENZO & JOHN SACCA/ Maria Sacca

SATURDAY (December 5) Advent Weekday

8:30 CARMELA CIANFANO/ Mamma & Famiglia
 5:00 JOHN SPORER/ Anna DePaola & Family
 7:00 MISA DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE CAACUPÉ

SUNDAY (December 6) Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 SARAH MALTA (5TH ANNIV.)/ Children
 10:30 VITO ANTONIO MAZZA/
 Mr. & Mrs. Frank O. Mazza
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

MASS CHANGE

Beginning this Saturday, November 28, 2015, the 5:00 PM Mass will change from an English-only Mass to a Bi-lingual English/Italian Mass.



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OUR OFFERTORY COLLECTION is shown below.

We sincerely thank all those parishioners and friends who contributed to the parish.

Be assured that the Lord will never be outdone in rewarding those who give even a glass of water in His Name.

Weekly Offering	DUE TO BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES, THE NOVEMBER 22 OFFERING WILL APPEAR IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN.
5:00 PM	
7:00 PM	
8:00 AM	
10:30 AM	
12:00 Noon	
Mail	
Total	

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH, especially:

Alfonsina Aker	Elvin Martinez
Carmen Alava	Carmen Mistichelli
Sheree Balaam	Angelo Meo
Oran Bryant	Leonarda Merlo
Karen Bulloch	Carlos Moran
Caterina Campbell	Nick Netta
Isaac Castañeda	Declan Rocco O'Connor
Orlando Chavez	Robergeau Paul
Paul Chiusano	Maria Perdomo
Wayne Cook	Laura Philipone
Mary Cusmano	Peter Philipone
Leonor Sepulveda De Devia	Frank Pierre
Marianna Dubell	Raul Atilio Portillo
Denise Griest	Carmen Fojo Prieto
Jared Leonardo Henao	Edith Quijada
Jacob Hinman	Endy Quijada
Joshua Hinman	Oscar Eduardo Ramirez
Joseph B. Jean-Mary	Sergio Ricciardi
Michelle Johnson	Isadora Rodriguez
Harry Krampf	Magdalena Rodriguez
Stanley Kuchno	John Ruela
Lindsay LaMarre	Maria Saavedra
John Lapolla	Hugo Santa Maria
Theresa Lattanzio	Frank Tinnirella
Rosa Leon	John Veltre
Barbara McMurray	



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WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL**First Sunday of Advent/Primer Domingo de Adviento, Ciclo/Cycle C**

My dear Brothers and sisters, today we begin the Holy Season of Advent. In this season, the Church, as a good mother and teacher, prepares us for something wonderful, the arrival of the Messiah. Advent is divided into two parts, the first two weeks, focusing in the “Second Coming of our Lord,” or as it is called “Parusia.” And the second part, the last two weeks, emphasizing the birth of Christ in Bethlehem.

For the Catholic Church, today is the beginning of the New Year, and we celebrated with a change in everything, color of vestment, new liturgical year, even the gospel reading, we pass from Luke, to Mathew. So we do not wait till December 31st to celebrate “New Year’s.” St. Paul, in today’s second reading, warns us about the danger of debauchery and drunkenness, and so we can live up to the vocation that we have been called to. It is true, that this is a time for celebrations, but we can not take advantage of these celebrations to lose control of ourselves, and so do some things that we can be sorry for afterwards, and maybe it could be too late. So we can focus on the reason for the season, Jesus Christ, The Lord. Advent season is a time of preparation, for Christmas, and Christmas is not just a mere excuse to make some gifts to our loved ones, or to prepare big meals, but to celebrate that our savior is born. That God loves us so much, that he took our flesh to save us. For this reason, we have the need to prepare ourselves for his coming, so we can receive him as he deserves. And how should we prepare ourselves for his coming? There are three ways to do it, the same ways that we do in lent, with Fasting, Almsgiving, and prayer. These three tools that the Church has to help us to get ready for the important events in our liturgical year, Christmas and Easter. So, prayer, it is very important to use this time of advent to pray a little bit more, just because Jesus Christ is coming and we want to be taken up with him and not left behind, as today’s gospel says. So it is a way to be watchful. The second tool is fasting, I believe, that it is the most difficult one, because with all the festivities and celebration, it is not going to be easy, but it is possible, to deprive ourselves of something, so we can ask the Lord to pass through our lives and stay with us. The third one, almsgiving, so we can share with others what we have, believing that we receive it from the Lord, the one who gives us strength to wake up in the morning to go to work, and the one who provides a job for us.

May God bless you always.

Queridos hermanos, hoy empezamos la sagrada estación del Adviento. En esta, la Iglesia como buena madre y maestra, nos esta preparando para algo grande y maravilloso, la llegada del Mesías. El Adviento se divide en dos partes, la primera, que comprende las dos primeras semanas, se enfoca en la “Segunda venida” de nuestro Señor Jesús, y la segunda parte, las dos ultimas semanas del Adviento, cuyo enfoque es en el nacimiento de Cristo en Belén.

Para la Iglesia Católica, hoy es el “Año nuevo.” Nosotros no esperamos al 31 de Diciembre. Pero, para esto San Pablo en la Segunda lectura de hoy nos hace una advertencia, que nos comportemos de acuerdo a la llamada recibida, y al tiempo en que vivimos, nada de desenfrenos y borracheras, etc. Es verdad que este es un tiempo de muchas festividades y celebraciones, pero no debemos olvidar el por que de estas celebraciones. El adviento, un tiempo de preparación para la navidad, y la navidad no es una excusa para hacer regalos y grandes comilonas, sino, el nacimiento del Mesías. Por eso, tenemos que estar alerta y preparados, para recibirlo como se merece. Y ¿Como debemos prepararnos para la venida del Cristo? La Iglesia en su sabiduría, nos invita en este tiempo de preparación a usar las herramientas que tiene para que así podamos celebrar la venida de Jesús de manera adecuada, y no con desenfrenos o de manera ñoña. Haciendo énfasis en lo que es importante y así poder dejar de lado lo superfluo. Por eso la primera herramienta que la Santa Iglesia nos dá en este tiempo es que estamos todos invitados a recogernos un poco mas en la oración, hablar con el señor, pedirle que nos ayude y nos consuele. Que podamos esperararlo en vela y así nos encuentre listos para irnos con el. La segunda herramienta es, hacer algunas obras de caridad, dar limosnas, es un tiempo en que muchas personas están necesitadas, y con esto poder compartir con estos hermanos nuestros mas desafortunados, las bendiciones recibidas de Dios. Y la tercera herramienta es, el ayunar, para así poder esperar a Cristo nuestro Salvador con mas ganas. Para que no seamos dejados sino elegidos como nos dice el Evangelio de Hoy.

Que Dios me los bendiga a todos ustedes en este Adviento.

St. Anthony's Food Pantry

St. Anthony's runs a Food Pantry once a month. The next day for the Food Pantry will be **announced shortly**. Entrance is through the 3rd Avenue Basement. Please bring some form of identification.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Our Food Pantry is in need of food. Please drop off your food to help feed those in need of our parish in the baskets at the back of the church or at the rectory.

Lectors for the Weekend of December 5 – 6, 2015Saturday, December 5

5:00 PM Mark Cosmas

7:00 PM TBD

Sunday, December 6

8:00 AM Jennifer Markowycz

10:30 AM Ariel Legacy

12:00 Noon TBD

Eucharistic Ministers for the Weekend of December 5 - 6, 2015Saturday, December 5

5:00 PM Joe Gambino

Sunday, December 6

8:00 AM Nick Cistrelli

10:30 AM Cristian Moron, Maria Agliata & Martha Devia

12:00 Noon Maritza Puello, Ana Marte y Hmna. Carol

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

The parish family of St. Anthony's seeks to reach out and include the sick, the elderly, and the homebound in the life and prayers of our parish.

Please contact the parish office if someone wants to receive Communion or needs to see the priest for the sacraments of Confession and Anointing of the Sick.

Holy Land Wood Carvings

The weekend of December 5-6, a representative of the Holy Land will be here to sell wooden carvings to support the Catholics in that region. Take a look, you may find a Christmas present for someone close to you.

Welcome/ Bienvenidos

Welcome New Parishioners! We are happy to have you with us. We would like to invite you to register at the parish office during the week. Registration is essential for sponsor/witness letters. **If you move or change your address, please call the rectory.**

¡Bienvenidos a los nuevos feligreses! Nos da mucho gusto de que estén con nosotros. Los invitamos a inscribirse en nuestra oficina entre semana. Tienen que estar inscritos para recibir cartas verificando su participación en la Iglesia.



***TUESDAY:** Novena to St. Anthony
(After 8:30 AM Mass — Chapel)
7:00 PM RCIA (Rectory Basement)

***THURSDAY:** Holy Hour after 7:00 PM Mass
7:30 PM AL-ANON—Spanish (Rectory Basement)

***FRIDAY:** 7:30 PM Spanish Prayer Group

THE THREE COMINGS OF ADVENT

There are three distinct comings of the Lord of which I know, His coming to humankind, His coming into humankind, and His coming against humankind.

--St. Bernard: Third Sermon for Advent

LAS TRES VENIDAS DEL ADVIENTO

Sabemos de una triple venida del Señor: su venida a la humanidad, su venida en la humanidad y su venida contra la humanidad.

--San Bernardo: Tercer Sermón para Adviento

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10;

Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6;

Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6;

Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;

Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;

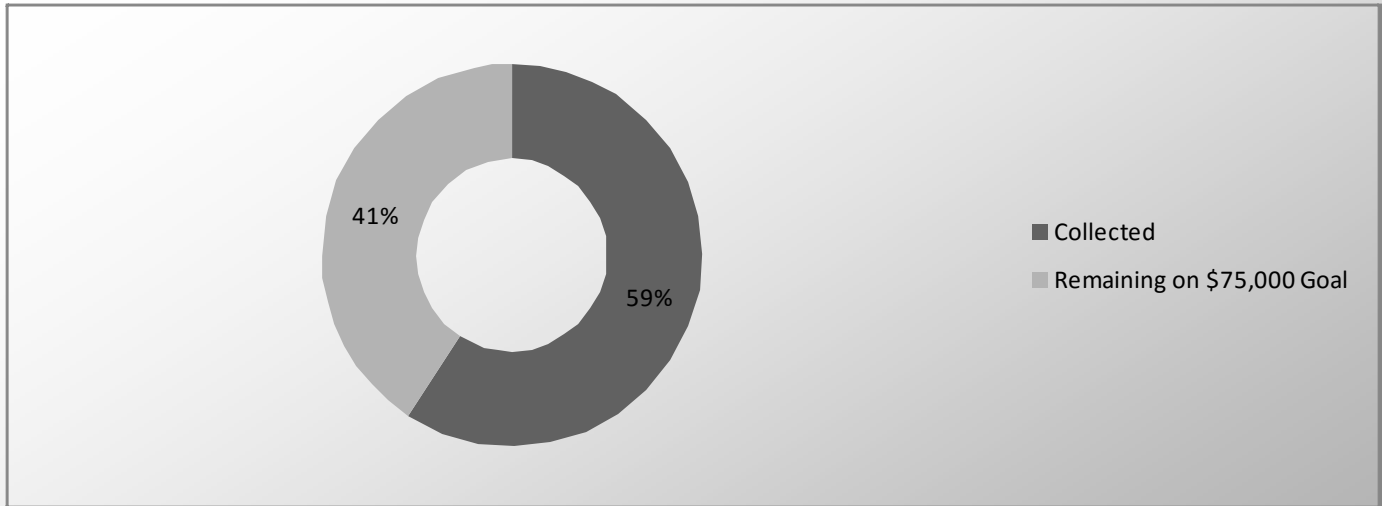
Mt 9:35 -- 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11;

Lk 3:1-6

Tierra Santa Tallas de Madera

El fin de semana del 5-6 de diciembre de un representante de la Tierra Santa estará aquí para vender tallas de madera para apoyar a los católicos en esa región. Echa un vistazo, usted puede encontrar un regalo de Navidad para alguien querido para ti.



CHURCH RENOVATIONS

Our goal for Church renovations (painting and carpeting) is \$75,000. So far we have collected \$44,420. Your extra donation will go entirely for this purpose. We are asking that each family donates \$200 to help beautify our Church. Thank you for your generosity.

RENOVACIONES DE LA IGLESIA

Nuestro objetivo para las renovaciones de la Iglesia (pintura y alfombras) es de \$75,000. Hasta ahora hemos recaudado \$44,420. Su donación adicional se destinará íntegramente a este fin. Pedimos que cada familia dona 200 dólares para ayudar a embellecer nuestra Iglesia. Gracias por tu generosidad.

THE COMING KINGDOM

Jeremiah could see it coming--the kingship of Jesus and the restoration of Jerusalem. But was anybody listening? Is anybody listening now? It must have been tough being a prophet, but Jeremiah was persistent in his message because he knew that it needed to be heard.

Also persistent in his message is Paul as he encourages the Thessalonians--and all of us--to live in accordance with the kingship that Jeremiah foretold. He encourages us to conduct ourselves in ways of holiness so that we may be well prepared for the king's coming. Finally, Jesus himself tells us to be ever diligent so that we may gain favor before our God and King.

Jeremiah could see the kingship of Jesus coming. As we begin the season of Advent, Paul and Jesus tell us not only how to prepare for the Kingdom, but how to live it day to day.

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LA VENIDA DEL REINO

Jeremías lo veía venir -el reinado de Jesús y la restauración de Jerusalén. Pero, ¿había alguien que le escuchara? ¿Alguien escucha ahora? Ser profeta tenía que haber sido muy difícil, pero Jeremías era persistente en su mensaje, porque sabía lo necesario que era escucharlo.

Persistente en su mensaje también es Pablo, animando a los tesalonicenses -y a todos nosotros- a vivir de acuerdo al reino que Jeremías anunció. Nos motiva a comportarnos en el camino de santidad para que estemos bien preparados para la llegada del rey. Finalmente, Jesús mismo nos dice que estemos siempre atentos para lograr el agrado de nuestro Dios y Rey.

Jeremías podía ver que se acercaba el reinado de Jesús. Al comenzar el tiempo de Adviento, Pablo y Jesús nos enseñan no sólo cómo prepararnos para el Reino, sino cómo vivirlo día a día.

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