

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

The Epiphany of the Lord January 3, 2016

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Pastoral Staff:

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

January 1, 2016 Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

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 JANUARY 3, 2016 TO JANUARY 9, 2016

SATURDAY (January 2) Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

8:30 MARGARET PICARELLI/ Kathryn Korin
 5:00 LIBORIA MUNI/ Mr. Paolo Blero
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (January 3) The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 GAETANO COLLETTI/ John Sacco & Family
 10:30 ROSE PIPITONE/ Giacomo Tamburello & Family
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

MONDAY (January 4) St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:30 JOSEPH RODRIGUEZ/ Lucy Cuzzola
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY (January 5) St. John Neumann

8:30 MARY & WILLIAM GRECO/ Jazikoff Family

WEDNESDAY (January 6) St. Andre Bessette

8:30 RITA IENTILE/ Family

THURSDAY (January 7) St. Raymond of Penyafort

8:30 NARDINE BARBULA/ Cousins
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

FRIDAY (January 8) Christmas Weekday

8:30 VITO MICHELE ROSATA/ Brigida Muscaritolo
 7:00 LEO PALUMBO/ Family

SATURDAY (January 9) Christmas Weekday

8:30 ANGELINA NOVELLO AIELLO/ Tripodi Family
 5:00 OSCAR & FELIX MARIA RAMIREZ & PABLO VELEZ/ Ramirez & Shafer Families
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (January 10) The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 NICK SARIMENTO/ Daughter
 10:30 GIOVANNA FIMMANO/ Mr. & Mrs. Biagio Arcieri
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

The **ALTAR BREAD AND WINE** are donated this week in memory of **Pete Campanelli, Jenny Szaro and Marie Hyslop** donated by **Anne Campanelli**.

The **SANCTUARY LIGHT** will burn by the tabernacle this week in memory of **Oscar & Felix Maria Ramirez & Pablo Velez** donated by **the Ramirez and Shafer Families**.

Our Weekly Offering



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.

	12/20 Offering
5:00 PM	570
7:00 PM	512
8:00 AM	412
10:30 AM	887
12:00 Noon	1646
Mail	
Total	\$4,027

DUE TO PRINTING DEADLINES, LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS WILL APPEAR IN NEXT SUNDAY'S BULLETIN.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH, especially

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

WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL

The Epiphany of the Lord / La Epifanía del Señor

Epiphany: “The manifestation of God to the gentiles, who are represented by the figures of the three Kings of the Orient.” This is our feast, of all those who come from gentile background. This is the moment where God has made himself present in this poor and defenseless child. During Christmas, God has manifested himself first to the shepherds, a class people who were considered crude and of low social status, and yet, they were part of the people of Israel, the people chosen by God as his personal possession. Today with the feast of the Epiphany, God makes himself present to the PAGANS, to those who seek in the stars the meaning to life and their future; the deep desire to know the how and why of their existence. In one way or another all of us have our altars and devotions which are not totally dedicated to the observance of the law of God. This is the feast of the Mercy of God for us the peoples who do not yet know him. This is the first time that God shows His desire to be known by all men and women, first by his people, the Jews, and then by all the rest of nations. So that by letting go of their search for life in foreign things, which cannot give it to them, they can return to the Only author and Giver of life, which is present this time in the humility and defenselessness of the flesh of a baby, who, in a way, threatens the power of “Herod the Great.” This little child places before our attention a different reality, the Love that God has for all of his creation, for all men and women. Let us ask God to grant us, just like these three Wise Kings, to be able to recognize him as he truly is: as King, which is why they gave him Gold; as God, for which reason they offered him Incense; and Myrrh, the bitterness, as a sign of all that he will suffer for us. May God bless you in this year which has just begun.

Epifanía:”La manifestación de Dios a los gentiles, en la figura de los tres Reyes Magos de Oriente.” Esta es nuestra fiesta, la de todos los que venimos de la gentilidad. Donde Dios mismo se ha manifestado en este niño pobre e indefenso. En la navidad, Dios se manifestó primero a los pastores, gente ruda y de poco nivel social, pero pertenecientes al pueblo de Israel, el pueblo escogido por Dios como posesión personal. Hoy con esta fiesta de la Epifanía, Dios se manifiesta a los PAGANOS, a los que buscan en las estrellas el sentido de la vida y su porvenir; el conocer el cómo y porque de la existencia. A todos nosotros, que de una forma o de otra, con nuestros altares y devociones, pero no totalmente dedicados a la observación de la ley de Dios. Esta es la fiesta de la Misericordia de Dios para con todos los pueblos que no lo conocen todavía. Esta es la primera vez que Dios muestra su deseo de dejarse conocer por todos los hombres y mujeres, primero por su pueblo escogido, los judíos, y después por todos los demás pueblos. Para que dejando de buscar el sentido de sus vidas en otras cosas que no pueden dárselos, se vuelvan al Único autor y Dador de vida. Esta vez en la humildad y la fragilidad de la carne de este bebe. Y que de alguna forma, amenaza al poder de “Herodes el Grande.” Este niño, que nos pone delante una realidad distinta, que es el Amor que Dios tiene por todas sus criaturas, por todos los hombres y mujeres. Pidamos a Dios que nos conceda, como a estos tres Reyes Magos, reconocerlo como lo que es: Rey, por eso le dieron Oro; como Dios, por eso le ofrecieron Incienso; y Mirra, la amargura, por todo lo que va a sufrir por nosotros. Que Dios me los bendiga en este año que apenas acaba de comenzar.

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 January 9 – 10, 2016Saturday, January 9

5:00 PM Sr. Clare

7:00 PM TBD

Sunday, January 10

8:00 AM Jennifer Markowycz

10:30 AM Rita Agliata

12:00 Noon TBD

Eucharistic Ministers for the Weekend of January 9 - 10, 2016Saturday, January 9

5:00 PM Joe Gambino

Sunday, January 10

8:00 AM Mary Wilk

10:30 AM Cristian Moron, Maria Agliata &
Gino Merendino

12:00 Noon TBD

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.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all those who donated for the Christmas flowers and helped make our church so beautiful.

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

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm -- Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading -- The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel -- Magi from the east arrived, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:1-12)

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura -- ¡Levántate y brilla, Jerusalén! La gloria del Señor amaneció sobre ti (Isaías 60:1-6).

Salmo - Que te adoren, Señor, todos los pueblos (Salmo 72).

Segunda lectura -- El misterio de que los gentiles son coherederos, socios en la promesa en Jesucristo, se ha dado a conocer a los hombres (Efesios 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Evangelio -- Vinieron unos Magos de Oriente preguntando: "¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos que ha nacido?" (Mateo 2:1-12).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

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

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

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

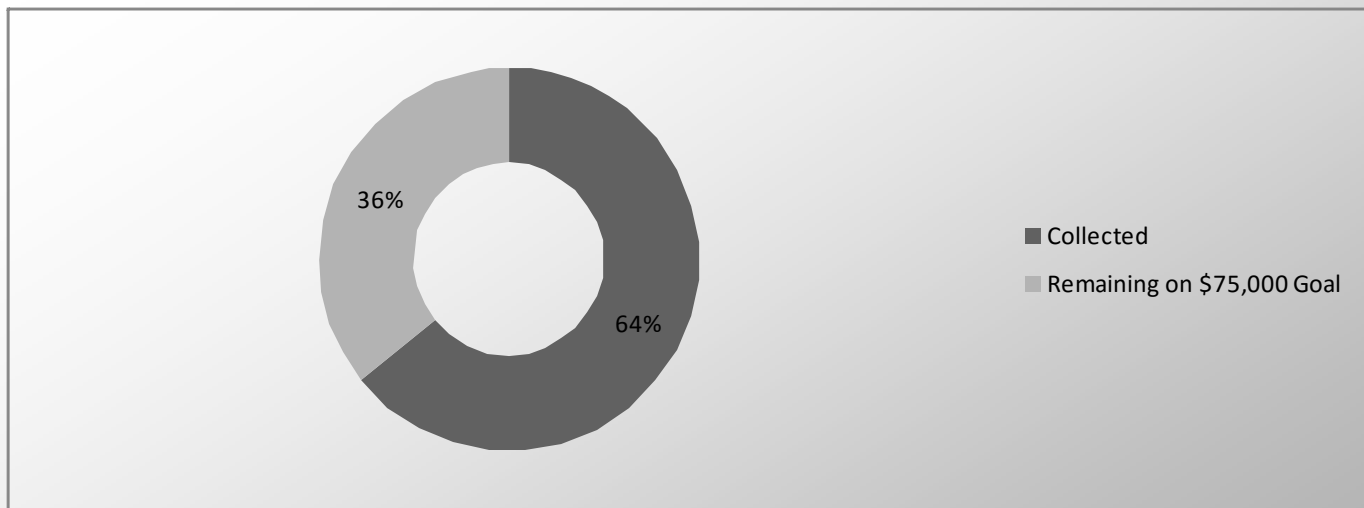
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

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

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10
or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38
or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

GRACIAS

Muchas gracias a todos los que donaron para las flores de Navidad y ayudó a que nuestra iglesia tan hermosa.



CHURCH RENOVATIONS

Our goal for Church renovations (painting and carpeting) is \$75,000. So far we have collected \$48,096. 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 \$48,096. 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.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

January 3, 2016 — The Epiphany of the Lord

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Epiphany celebrates God's mercy shining on the magi from a guiding star. Their kingdoms were far from Jerusalem, their religions far from God's covenant with Israel. At first the star led the magi to Jerusalem, where they could "recalculate" their quest with the help of God's own "GPS," the Jewish scriptures. How challenging and humbling for the magi to discover that they would find the world's Messiah not in a palace but with a poor couple in an insignificant village. That's where God's mercy, shining in the star, led the magi to worship Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Today the magi invite us to "recalculate" our life's journey during this Jubilee Year--to follow the star of God's mercy along the way of humble love, to discover a renewed personal relationship with Jesus ourselves and so become "guiding stars" leading other seekers to find Jesus, too.

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AÑO JUBILAR DE LA MISERICORDIA

3 de enero de 2016 — La Epifanía del Señor

En este Año Jubilar de la Misericordia, la Epifanía celebra la misericordia de Dios brillando sobre los reyes magos desde la estrella que los guía. Sus reinos estaban muy lejos de Jerusalén, sus religiones muy lejos de la alianza de Dios con Israel. Al principio la estrella guió a los magos a Jerusalén en donde ellos podrían "recalcular" su búsqueda con la ayuda del propio "GPS" de Dios, las Escrituras judías. Que humilde y consternado debió ser el momento en que los magos vieron al Mesías del mundo no en un palacio sino con una pareja pobre en un pueblito insignificante. Ahí es donde está la misericordia de Dios, brillando en la estrella que guió a los magos a adorar a Jesús, el Príncipe de la Paz. Hoy los reyes magos nos invitan a "recalcular" nuestro camino de vida durante este Año Jubilar, siguiendo la estrella de la misericordia de Dios a lo largo del camino de amor humilde, para descubrir una relación personal renovada con Jesús hacia nosotros mismos para que podamos convertirnos "estrellas guías" dirigiendo también a otros buscadores a encontrar a Jesús.

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