

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

The Epiphany of the Lord January 8, 2017

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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

April 16, 2017 Easter Sunday

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
Español: Sábado a las 10:00 am se reúnen en la cafetería de la escuela.

Sponsorship/Godparent Certificates

You must be an **active parishioner** for at least 6 months to receive a Certificate of eligibility to be a sponsor or godparent.

Debe ser un **feligrés activo** durante al menos 6 meses para recibir un certificado de elegibilidad para ser un patrocinador o padrino.

Staff:

Ms. Rose Perone, Trustee & English Rel. Ed.
Mrs. Mary Wilk, Parish Secretary
Mrs. Teresa Marin, Spanish Rel. Ed.
Mr. Will Villanueva, Trustee
Mr. Michael Faccione, 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 8, 2017 TO JANUARY 14, 2017

SATURDAY (January 7) St. Raymond of Penyafort

- 8:30 FRANK & LINA ALFANO/ Daughters and Grandchildren
- 5:00 THERESA SCHADE/ Josie and Bella Piga
- 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (January 8) The Epiphany of the Lord

- 8:00 MARY CLARE DI MAGGIO/ Grandma
Angela DiMaggio
- 10:30 BIAGIO TARTAMELLA/ Mr. & Mrs.
Joseph Cusmano
- 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

MONDAY (January 9) The Baptism of the Lord

- 8:30 ANGELINA NOVELLO AIELLO/ Tripodi Family
- 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY (January 10) Weekday (First Week in OT.)

- 8:30 ANTHONY W. & MARIE BELLUSCIO/ Franklin and Susan Belluscio

WEDNESDAY (January 11) Weekday

- 8:30 BESSIE GIACALONE/ Vita Tartamella

THURSDAY (January 12) Weekday

- 8:30 QUINTIN IRIZARRY III/ Anthony & Maria D'Amico
- 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

FRIDAY (January 13) Weekday, St. Hilary

- 8:30 JENNIE PERONE/ Daughter Rose

SATURDAY (January 14) Weekday, BVM

- 8:30 QUINTIN IRIZARRY III/ Tommy & Vilma D'Amico
- 5:00 GERARDO ROSA/ Silvia & Famiglia
- 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (January 15) Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 DOMENICO DI COSIMO/ Family
- 10:30 GIUSEPPE LOSARDO & PINO DI GRIGOLI/
Mr. & Mrs. Biagio Arcieri & Family
- 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

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.

| | Weekly Offering | Monthly Assessment |
|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 5:00 PM | 821 | 238 |
| 7:00 PM | 284 | 254 |
| 8:00 AM | No Mass | No Mass |
| 10:30 AM | 575 | 407 |
| 12:00 Noon | 1437 | 847 |
| Mail | | |
| Total | \$3,117 | \$1,746 |

Also, **\$13,334** was donated for **Christmas**, and **\$580** was donated using the **Solemnity of Mary** envelopes

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH, especially

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| Carmen Alava Louise Barile Oran Bryant Karen Bulloch Caterina Campbell Isaac Castañeda Orlando Chavez Wayne Cook Mary Cusmano Leonor Sepulveda De Devia Marianna Dubell Maria Espinoza Mario Fronzoni Denise Griest Ann Harris Jared Leonardo Henao Jacob Hinman Joshua Hinman Joseph B. Jean-Mary Michelle Johnson Lindsay LaMarre John Lapolla Theresa Lattanzio Rosa Leon Barbara McMurray Elvin Martinez Angelo Meo Leonarda Merlo | James D. Milazzo Carmen Mistichelli Carlos Moran Declan Rocco O'Connor Robergeau Paul Maria Perdomo Laura Philipone Peter Philipone Frank Pierre Anne Piga Raul Atilio Portillo Carmen Fojo Prieto Edith Quijada Endy Quijada Oscar Eduardo Ramirez Sergio Ricciardi Angel Rivera Isadora Rodriguez Magdalena Rodriguez John Ruela Maria Saavedra Salvatore Saluccio Hugo Santa Maria Frank Tinnirella Rosalie Tinnirella Angela Verlengeri John Veltre Joseph Weseloski |
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ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD!

We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ, especially: **Alfonsina Aker and Dominick Russo.**

WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL

Epiphany / Epifanía

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 as the first amongst 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 Wednesday, January 25 from 12:30-1:30 PM.** Enter 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 14-15, 2017Saturday, January 14

5:00 PM Mark Cosmas
7:00 PM Jose Moris y Raul Alvares
(C: Teresa Marin)

Sunday, January 15

8:00 AM Anna Ruppert
10:30 AM Ariel Legacy
12:00 Noon Norma Frutos y Rubia Cardoza
(C: Patricia Zelaya)

**EMHC for the Weekend of January 14-15, 2017
(Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion)**Saturday, January 14

5:00 PM Frank Mazza
7:00 PM Reina Yanes y Salomon Yanes

Sunday, January 15

8:00 AM Mary Wilk
10:30 AM Cristian Moron, Francesca Merendino and
Gino Merendino
12:00 Noon Peter Aleman, Besy Aleman, Marisa Puello y
Ana Marte

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.

TRUE HAPPINESS

Abandon yourself utterly for the love of God, and in this way you will become truly happy.

--Blessed Henry Suso

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)

***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 Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel -- Magi from the east arrive looking for 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 [71]).

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 -- Magos del oriente llegaron, diciendo: "¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos que ha nacido?" (Mateo 2:1-12).

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CARRYING OF THE GIFTS

CCD Children will carry the gifts at the 10:30 Mass.

RCIA

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process the Catholic Community provides to welcome adults who wish to become Catholic and to prepare adult Catholics to receive Confirmation (and when needed, First Eucharist.) Please contact the Parish for more information.

VERDADERA FELICIDAD

Abandónate por entero al amor de Dios, de esta manera serás genuinamente feliz.

--Beato Henry Suso



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38;

Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28 or

Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9;

Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9;

Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3;

Jn 1:29-34

THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM

The unfolding of the story of the Incarnation continues today as the Church celebrates the Epiphany. The tale of the magi from the East is one of the most fascinating in all of scripture. It has much to teach us about what we can come to expect, even in circumstances and places that may seem insignificant or small. Bethlehem was a tiny town, what we might refer to today as a town without even one stop light. Yet it is over this seemingly insignificant place that the guiding star stops in its own search for the place where the Savior would be born. Too often we fail to recognize the fact that the star of Bethlehem comes to rest in our everyday lives, where we can experience God's presence, manifested in ever new ways. Epiphany calls us to shake off our stupor and recognize the One who comes to save us.

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LA ESTRELLA DE BELÉN

El desarrollo del relato de la Encarnación continúa hoy cuando la Iglesia celebra la Epifanía. La historia de los Magos de oriente es uno de los relatos más fascinantes de las Escrituras. Nos enseña mucho sobre qué podemos esperar, incluso en circunstancias y lugares que pueden parecer insignificantes. Belén era un pueblo diminuto, lo que hoy diríamos un pueblo sin siquiera un semáforo. Sin embargo, es sobre este lugar aparentemente insignificante que la estrella guía se detuvo en su búsqueda del lugar en donde el Salvador nacería. Muchas veces no comprendemos que la estrella de Belén se posa en nuestra vida diaria, donde podemos sentir la presencia de Dios, manifestada de maneras diversas y nuevas. La Epifanía nos llama a salir de nuestro estupor y a reconocer a Aquél que viene a salvarnos.

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Es tiempo de añadir los reyes magos al pesebre. En 1448 llegaron los pesebres italianos a las iglesias españolas, pero no fue hasta que el Rey Carlos III le regaló un pesebre a su hijo en el siglo XVIII que el uso de pesebres se expandió en los hogares. Desde entonces, el uso de nacimientos llegó al continente americano en donde se convirtió en la decoración principal para las fiestas navideñas.

Así como en todo país latinoamericano el montaje del Belén es una tradición, lo es también en Venezuela. Con el pesebre venezolano llegan también aguinaldos, parrandas, Misas y patines. ¡Sí! ¡Patines!

Desde la mitad del siglo pasado los venezolanos celebran la época navideña con "patinadas". Estas "patinadas" normalmente se hacen por las mañanas y muchas calles están cerradas a los autos hasta las 8 a.m. para que niños y jóvenes puedan disfrutar de los patines, bicicletas y otros juguetes que les regala el niño Dios. Por esto, muchos niños duermen con un "cordoncito" atado al dedo gordo de los pies, que cuelgan por la ventana para que los despierten los que pasan patinado.

--Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.