

# *Saint Anthony of Padua Church*

**First Sunday of Advent**

**December 2, 2018**

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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**

### **(All Sundays)**

December 8 - The Immaculate Conception of  
The Blessed Virgin Mary

## **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Thursday: Holy Hour following 7 pm Mass

Hora Santa después de la misa 7 pm

## **Office Hours:**

Daily (Diario) (M - F) 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

## **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** (registered) 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. Edwin Lopez, Altar Servers



## **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**  
**December 1 - December 9**  
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**SATURDAY (December 1) Weekday**

8:30 DIANA KRESS/Mr. & Mrs. Frank Mazza  
 5:00 VITO ANTONIO MAZZA/Mr & Mrs Frank Mazza  
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY (December 2) First Sunday of Advent**

8:00 GERARDA & ROCCO PETRALIA/Pasquale &  
 Janina Petralia  
 10:30 BENIAMINO & ANNA MARIA PAOLUCCI  
 Daughters, Libera Paolucci & Anna Farina  
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY (December 3) St. Francis Xavier**

8:30 ANGELINA LANGEL/Dianna & Joe Pompeo  
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**TUESDAY (December 4) Advent Weekday**

8:30 MAE SIANO/Carmela Chirico

**WEDNESDAY (December 5) Advent Weekday**

8:30 CARMELA CIANFANO/Mamma Teresa

**THURSDAY (December 6) Advent Weekday**

8:30 GIUSEPPE QUAGLIA/Brother, Dario Quaglia  
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**FRIDAY (December 7) First Friday**

8:30 FRANK & LINA ALFANO/Daughters &  
 Grandchildren  
 7:00 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

**SATURDAY (December 8)**

**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSES VIRGIN MARY**

8:30 ANN MARIE DI COSIMO/Family  
 10:00 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
 5:00 DERRICK CASTANER/Stefannie Melara  
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY (December 9) Second Sunday of Advent**

8:00 JENNIE MERRIT/(Bequest)  
 10:30 VINCENZO CARUBIA/Tony & Mary Kay Nigro  
 & Family  
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

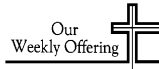
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The Bread and Wine is offered this week in Memory of  
 Jose Armando Cedillo requested by Wife Leslie

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in Memory of  
 Victor Silva requested by Wife & Children

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD!**

We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ,  
 especially: **Maria Francesca Guiducci**



**OUR OFFERTORYCOLLECTION**

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.

<i>Weekly</i>	<i>American Missions</i>
11/18/2018 4,818	1,308

11/25/2018	
5:00	232
7:00	660
8:00	445
10:30	264
12:00	2,255
Total	3,856

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:**

Carmen Alava	Carmen Mistichelli
Karen Bulloch	Carlos Moran
Caterina Campbell	Rosemarie Newton
Isaac Castañeda	Declan Rocco O'Connor
Orlando Chavez	Pietro Paolucci
Wayne Cook	Robergeau Paul
Mary Cusmano	Maria Perdomo
Leonor Sepulveda De Devia	Laura Philipone
Marianna Dubell	Frank Pierre
Maria Espinoza	Anne Piga
Victor Fernandez	Jo Piga
Mario Fronzoni	Raul Atilio Portillo
Joseph Gambino	Jose Luis Porto
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	Angel Rivera
Lindsay LaMarre	Isadora Rodriguez
John Lapolla	Magdalena Rodriguez
Theresa Lattanzio	John Ruela
Rosa Leon	Maria Saavedra
Arlene Marsden	Salvatore Saluccio
Bob Marsden	Hugo Santa Maria
Elvin Martinez	Frank Tinnirella
Angelo Meo	Rosalie Tinnirella
Leonarda Merlo	Angela Verlengeri
Joseph Merlo Jr.	John Veltre
James D. Milazzo	Rosalie Weseloski



*This week* there will be a second collection for the  
**The Retirement Fund for Religious**

*Next Week* there will be a second collection for the  
**Monthly Assessment**

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**WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL**


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**First Sunday of Advent/Primer Domingo de Adviento**

My dear Brothers and sisters, today we Bering 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 de second part, the last two weeks, emphasizing on 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 31<sup>st</sup> to celebrate “New Year’s.” For 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 loose control of our selves, and so do some things that we can be sorry 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 it. And how we should prepare ourselves for his coming? There are three ways to do it, the same ways that we do in lent, with Fasting, Alms giving, 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 our selves 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 provide 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 esperarlo 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.



**Readers & Lectors** Lectors for the Weekend of  
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Saturday, December 8  
5:00 PM Mark Cosmas  
7:00 PM Marta y Will Villanueva  
(C: Raul Alvares)

Sunday, December 9  
8:00 AM Ann Ruppert  
10:30 AM Nicholas Arias  
12:00 Noon Macdalena Ortiz y Manuel Mojico  
(C: Sandra Bonilla)

 **EMHC for the Weekend of**  
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Saturday, December 8  
5:00 PM Jim Leggett  
7:00 PM Gerson y Maria Duran

Sunday, December 9  
8:00 AM Nick Cistrelli  
10:30 AM Maria Agliata, Cristian Moron & Mark Moron  
12:00 Noon Ana Marte, Mariza Puello y Melida Canela

**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.

**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.



- \*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

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**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.

 **THE ADVENT WREATH**  
1st Candle- (purple)  
**THE CANDLE OF HOPE**  
We can have hope because God is Faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God.  
(Romans 15:12-13)

An Advent wreath symbolizes our longing for the coming of Christ. The wreath is a circle of evergreen branches into which are set four candles. Traditionally three candles are violet and one is rose.

The wreath symbolizes many things. Evergreens signify God's enduring promise of redemption, evident like green branches in the midst of snow. The circle signifies our hope for the return of Christ, whose kingdom will have no end. The colors of the candles match the traditional colors of the vesture for the four Sundays of Advent. Violet garments signify our penitent hope for salvation. The rose color, which may be worn on Advent's Third Sunday, signals that the season is nearly over – joy is at hand!

The wreath's most luminous symbol is its growing light. One candle is lit on the First Sunday of Advent; two on the Second, three on the Third and all four on the Fourth. In the northern hemisphere, Advent comes at a time when the days decrease to their shortest length. As the hours of darkness increase, we light more candles on the wreath. The wreath, which symbolizes the coming of Christ, grows in intensity as the anniversary of Jesus' birth draws near.

**WIDENING OUR VISION**

In daily life, its easy to simply focus on the here and now. Life can be complex and rapidly changing. Its often plenty for us just to get through the day. Yet it seems that in Lukes Gospel today, Jesus is asking his followers, and us too, to widen our focus and see a larger reality.

We are asked to observe not only the routines of daily life, not only the large forces of history acting upon us, but also God bringing forth the birth of a new creation. Jesus asks us to see beyond today s troubles and watch God stirring up hope. We are to more truly see persons in need, those who experience violence, loss, or injustice. We are asked to see beyond the superficial during the Christmas shopping season, and to see Christ as ultimate Gift and gift-giver.

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** -- The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

**Psalm** -- To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading** -- Abound in love for one another and for all (1 Thessalonians 3:12 -- 4:2).

**Gospel** -- Stand erect and raise your heads; your redemption is at hand (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass (c) 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

## LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** -- Se acercan los días cuando el Señor cumplirá su promesa que hizo a Israel y a Judá (Jeremías 33:14-16).

**Salmo** -- Descúbrenos, Señor, tus caminos (Salmo 25 [24]).

**Segunda lectura** -- Que el Señor los llene y los haga rebosar de amor para que sean irreprochables en santidad (1 Tesalonicenses 3:12 -- 4:2).

**Evangelio** -- Habrá señales y verán al Hijo del Hombre venir con gran poder y majestad (Lucas 21:25-28, 34-36). Salmo responsorial: Leccionario I (c) 1976, Comisión Episcopal de Pastoral Litúrgica de la Conferencia del Episcopado Mexicano. Usado con permiso. Todos los derechos reservados.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

**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:** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:238

**Sunday:** Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6



## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Occasionally, someone raises a surprised complaint that while Christmas arrives on Santa's sleigh at the Macy's parade on Thanksgiving Day, the Church doesn't catch on too fast. They may even say that Advent is a new-fangled idea. Not so. To trace its beginnings, we have to go back to the fourth or fifth century in France (then Gaul), when Epiphany was the favored day, next to Easter, for baptism. The old pagan structures of Rome were collapsing then, and many people sought to be baptized. Since adults always prepared for baptism by fasting, folks counted back a few weeks for a kind of retreat. Before too long, bishops were advising everyone to attend church frequently beginning on December 17. Soon, artists were imagining ways of expressing the Advent mystery, and in Italy this gave rise to beautiful mosaics of empty thrones awaiting the arrival of the Lord of all creation.

Advent as we know it develops on two separate tracks: the first having to do with our spiritual preparation for celebrating the Christmas feast, and the second having to do with the way this is organized and expressed in the liturgical readings and prayers every day of the season. -Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

## TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

En 1917 México recibió una nueva Constitución en la cual se estableció una política de intolerancia religiosa, especialmente en contra de la Iglesia católica romana. Con el pasar de los años las normas anticlericales fueron puestas en vigor hasta el punto que algunos mexicanos piadosos y cristianos decidieron defender su religión.

En marzo de 1925, estos mexicanos católicos fundaron la Liga Nacional para la Defensa de la Libertad Religiosa, en el mismo mes en que el papa Pío XI proclamó la Fiesta de Cristo Rey, celebrada el último domingo del año litúrgico. Inspirados por el grito de "¡Viva Cristo Rey!", los fieles se convirtieron en Cristeros, muchos de los cuales dieron su vida por Cristo, demostrando así que Jesús es verdaderamente el Rey de sus vidas.

La Cristiada duró sólo tres años en México y muchos sacerdotes, religiosas, religiosos, laicas y laicos dieron su vida para la gloria de Cristo Rey en México. Con el tiempo muchos cristianos y cristianas han debido repetir el martirio de los Cristeros en pases de Centro y Sudamérica. El siglo XX derramó mucha sangre cristiana en Latinoamérica. "¡Viva Cristo Rey!" --Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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