

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2018

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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 25 - Christmas Day

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 15 - December 23**



SATURDAY (December 15) Advent Weekday

8:30 CARMELA MADORMA/Daughter, Dolly
5:00 ANTONIO CHIRICHELLO/Wife & Children
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (December 16) Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 NICHOLENA ZENNARIO/Bequest
10:30 FRED MICHAEL PERONE/Aunt Rose
12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

MONDAY (December 17) Late Advent Weekday

8:30 ONOFRIO CHILLEMI/Wife, AntoniaChillemi
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY (December 18) Late Advent Weekday

8:30 DOMENIC & MARIA BIANCO/Joann Barbero & Sons

WEDNESDAY (December 19) Late Advent Weekday

8:30 CAROL M. GOULD/Theresa Ineson

THURSDAY (December 20) Late Advent Weekday

8:30 JOSEPH STAWARZ/Mr. & Mrs. Frank Mazza
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

FRIDAY (December 21) Late Advent Weekday

8:30 ANTHONY MARSHOTT/Daughter, Ursala

SATURDAY (December 22) Late Advent Weekday

8:30 SUSAN STEPANEK/Mr. & Mrs. Frank Mazza
5:00 MARY & PIETRO PIGA/Children & Grandchildren
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (December 23) Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 DOMENICA CARONIA/Children
10:30 CARMELA & ROSALIA/Mr. & Mrs. Biagio Arcieri & Family
12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS



The Bread and Wine will be offered this week in Memory of
Mary & Pietro Piga
requested by Children and Grandchildren

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in Memory of
Mary & Pietro Piga
requested by Children and Grandchildren

Our Weekly Offering



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>Monthly Assessment</i>
5:00	294	121
7:00	751	538
8:00	270	230
10:30	749	143
12:00	1,899	1,046
Mail		418
Total	3.963	2,496

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
Rosemary Coppola	Maria Perdomo
Mary Cusmano	Laura Philipone
Leonor Sepulveda De Devia	Frank Pierre
Marianna Dubell	Anne Piga
Maria Espinoza	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



ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD!
We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ,
especially: **Lois Ann Chciuk**

WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL

Third Sunday of Advent/Tercer Domingo de Adviento

The disciples of John asked Jesus: “Are you the one who is to come, or should we wait for another?” And Jesus answered them: “Go and tell John what you have seen, the lame walk, the blind see, the deaf hear, and the lepers get cured...” These are the messianic signs, that everything recuperate its original beauty, as a Jewish Talmud recount, “When the people got out Egypt, they were blind, mute, lame, etc... And Yahweh restored them to the original beauty. Because of this, when John received the news from his disciples of the signs that Jesus performed, he was not surprised because, He saw in these signs that Jesus was the Messiah, and that there was no more waiting to do. So, today, the third Sunday of Advent 2010, how can we recognize the Messiah? What signs have we seen so we must follow him? Christ is going to ask us, why are you here today? What you have come here to do today? What do you want to see? So, I will tell you the same thing of Christ. Because, I hope you have come to see the Messiah, and not only to fulfill an obligation, but to look for the one who can give you “Eternal Life.” The Lord is inviting us to see the signs that He, Christ, has been leaving in our lives, so we can recognize him as the true messiah. Many times we have misinterpreted those signs of Christ and have followed a false messiah, who promised us happiness. That’s why Christ put in front of us the image of John the Baptist, that is coming today to calls us to conversion “Convert and repent from your sins, so your heart may turn to the Lord.” This third Sunday of Advent known as Gaudete Sunday, because the true happiness comes from having found the Lord that is the only one who can makes us happy, restoring us to our original beauty according to God’s plan, and so, to take away the ugliness of our sins and wrong doing. May God bless you always.

Le preguntaron a Jesús, los discípulos de Juan: ¿Eres tu el que Ha de venir, o tenemos que esperar a otro? Y Jesús les responde: “Id a decirle a Juan, lo que habéis visto, “Los cojos andan, los sordos oyen, los ciegos ven, los leprosos quedan limpios...” Estos son las señales mesiánicas, que todo vuelve a recuperar su esplendor, su belleza original. Como cuenta un Talmud Judío, “Cuando lo Israelitas salieron de Egipto, todos iban deformes, cojos, ciegos, sordos, mudos, etc. Y Yahvé les hizo recobrar su belleza original. Por eso Juan cuando recibe esta noticia no se extraña, a lo mejor sus discípulos dirían, que respuesta tan rara nos ha dado este. Pero Juan ve en estas señales que verdaderamente Jesús es el Mesías y que no hay que esperar a nadie más. Entonces, hoy, en este domingo tercero de cuaresma, ¿como podemos reconocer al Mesías? ¿Qué señales vemos o hemos visto para seguirlo? Por que Cristo nos va a preguntar, ¿Qué habéis venido a hacer hoy aquí? ¿Qué habéis venido a ver? Pues yo os digo lo mismo, no de mí, sino de El, de Cristo. Por que espero que hayáis venido a ver al Mesías, no solo a cumplir con una obligación, sino a buscar al que os puede dar la vida Eterna. Así que el Señor nos esta invitando hoy, a ver las señales que el ha ido dejando en nuestras vidas para que podamos reconocerlo como el verdadero Mesías, ya, muchas veces hemos mal interpretado esas señales y hemos seguido a otro, aun falso profeta que nos prometía la felicidad. Por eso Cristo hoy nos viene a poner delante a Juan el Bautista, que nos viene a decir: “Convertíos y arrepentíos de vuestros pecados y que vuestro corazón se vuelva al Señor vuestro Dios.” Este es este tercer domingo de Adviento, o también conocido como “Domingo de Gaudete,” ya que la verdadera alegría viene de habernos encontrado con el Señor, que es el que nos puede hacer felices, devolviéndonos a nuestra belleza original, según el plan de Dios, y así poder quitar la fealdad producida en nosotros por nuestros pecados y equivocaciones. Que Dios los bendiga a todos siempre.



Readers & Lectors
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**Lectors for the Weekend of
December 22- 23**

Saturday, December 22

5:00 PM Mark Cosmas
7:00 PM Marta y Will Villanueva
(C: Maria Duran)

Sunday, December 23

8:00 AM Ann Ruppert
10:30 AM Ariel Legacy
12:00 Noon Sandra Bonilla y Magdalena Ortiz
(C: Teresa Marin)



**Eucharistic Ministers for the Weekend of
December 22 - 23**

Saturday, December 22

5:00 PM Jim Leggett
7:00 PM Gerson y Maria Duran

Sunday, December 23

8:00 AM Nick Cistrelli
10:30 AM Maria Agliata, Cristian Moron & Frank Iazzetta
12:00 Noon Patricia Zelaya, Melida Canela y Teresa Marin

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

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
3rd Candle- (Pink)
THE CANDLE OF JOY
The angels sang a message of JOY!
(Luke 2:7-15)

Our Christmas Schedule

Opportunity for the Sacrament of Penance will be throughout Advent, every Saturday from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24, 2018
4:00 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass (English)

12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass of Christmas (Trilingual)

Church doors will open at 11:00 p.m.
CAROLING will begin at 11:30 p.m.

The Masses of Christmas Day
Tuesday, December 25, 2018
10:30 a.m. (English)
12:00 Noon (Spanish)

New Year's Eve Mass Schedule
Monday 5:00 p.m. (English)
7:00 p.m. (Spanish)

New Year's Day Mass Schedule
Tuesday, January 1, 2019
10:30 a.m. (English)
12:00 p.m. (Spanish)



There will be no classes Saturday 12/22, Sunday, 12/23 and Saturday 12/29, Sunday 12/30.

Children must attend Mass.

**CHRISTMAS DAY and NEW YEAR'S DAY ARE
HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION
CHILDREN MUST ATTEND MASS**

Classes will resume on:
Saturday, 1/5 and Sunday, 1/6, 2019



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- Your God will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

Psalm -- Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12:6).

Second Reading -- Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! (Philippians 4:4-7).

Gospel -- Whoever who has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. Whoever who has food should do likewise (Luke 3:10-18).

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura -- ¡Canta! ¡Da gritos de júbilo! ¡Gózate y regocíjate! El Señor tu Dios está entre ustedes y es un poderoso salvador (Sofonías 3:14-18a).

Salmo -- El Señor es mi Dios y salvador (Isaías 12).

Segunda lectura -- ¡Alégrense! El Señor está cerca. Presenten sus peticiones a Dios (Filipenses 4:4-7).

Evangelio -- Juan dice a sus oyentes que compartan sus posesiones con los necesitados (Lucas 3:10-18).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Thursday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Years ago, the trick question on religion quizzes would be to name all the liturgical colors, or the colors of the vestments worn at Mass. Rose is a color seldom seen, used at most two days a year. Today, Gaudete Sunday, is one of those days. The name of the day is drawn from an opening verse in the old Latin Mass texts: Gaudete is Latin for Rejoice! This year's Gospel certainly reflects that mood as Elizabeth feels her infant within her leaping for joy at the presence of Mary. Mary's visit to her aged cousin is an act of compassion between women, as two kinswomen who are bearing children into the world share their joy.

Some churches retain the custom of having the priest wear rose vestments today, and many will use a rose candle in the Advent wreath. Violet is the official color for Advent and Lent, but many parishes employ different hues for each season, trying to keep them distinct. In medieval times, dye was costly, and poor parishes used unornamented plain cloth for vestments. Dyes were expensive and some colors, particularly purple, difficult to achieve. In England, purple dye was made from mollusks, yielding at best a deep indigo or blue and not the desired violet. Thus, the color of Advent in the British Isles has long been a deep blue, reminding many people of Mary's presence at the heart of the Advent mystery. That theology is largely unplanned: it's all because of the clams!

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Los cristianos latinos tenemos unos cinco siglos en nuestra trayectoria de fe y como todo cristiano aguardamos la segunda venida del Mesías, Jesús. Nuestra espera forma parte de dos milenios de cristianos que buscan verlo llegar en las nubes.

Desde el siglo VII la oración oficial de la Iglesia clama el retorno de Cristo con las exclamaciones llamadas las Antifonas Oh . Estas llaman a Jesús pidiéndole que venga bajo los títulos de Emmanuel, Sabiduría celestial, Señor de gran poder, Vara de Isaí, Llave de David, Alba de la luz, y Deseo y Rey de gentes, y algunos más. Estos refranes se usan aún todavía hoy durante los días 17 al 23 de diciembre, y unidas en un acróstico latino forman las palabras ero cras (estaré mañana), como respuesta a la petición cristiana. Eventualmente en el siglo X o XI estas antifonas fueron unidas en el canto gregoriano Veni, veni Emmanuel (Oh ven, oh ven Emmanuel). Este adviento mientras cantamos las antiguas antifonas hay que preguntarnos si de veras estamos listos para el regreso del Hijo del Hombre que viene para juzgar a vivos y muertos

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