

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

First Sunday of Advent December 1, 2019

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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

(All Sundays)

December 25-Christmas

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.
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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
November 30– December 8, 2019**

SATURDAY (November 30) St. Andrew

8:30 HARRY VACCARO/Wife, Sally
5:00 JOSE ARMANDO CEDILLO/Wife, Leslie
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (December 1) First Sunday of Advent

8:00 VICTOR SILVA/Wife & Children
10:30 GERARDA & ROCCO PETRALIA/Pasquale Petralia
12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

MONDAY (December 2) Advent Weekday

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

TUESDAY (December 3) St. Francis Xavier

8:30 BETTY ANN O'BRIEN/Mr. & Mrs. Frank Mazza

WEDNESDAY (December 4) Advent Weekday

8:30 SOULS IN PURGATORY/Jim & Cathy Leggett

THURSDAY (December 5) Advent Weekday

9:00 CARMELA CIANFANO/Mamma Teresa

FRIDAY (December 6) Advent Weekday

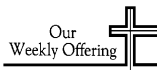
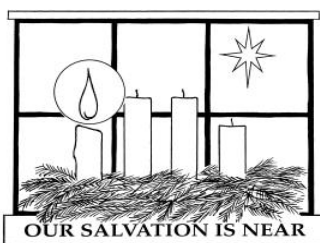
8:30 EMIRO CASTILLO & FAMILY/Dolly Castillo

SATURDAY (December 7) St. Ambrose

8:30 FRANK & LINA ALFANO/
Daughter & Grandchildren
5:00 ANTONIO MAZZA/Frank O. Mazza
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (December 8) Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 JENNIE MERRITT/Bequest
10:30 MARIA FRANCESCA GUIDUCCI/
Sister, Gerarda Chirichiello & Family
12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS



OUR OFFERTORY COLLECTION

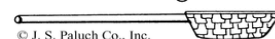
is shown below. We sincerely thank all those parishioners and friends who contributed to the parish. Be assured that the Lord will never be outdone in rewarding those who give even a glass of water in His Name.

Collection amounts will be in the next bulletin

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

Carmen Alava	James D. Milazzo
Karen Bulloch	Carmen Mistichelli
Caterina Campbell	Carlos Moran
Isaac Castañeda	Rosemarie Newton
Orlando Chavez	Declan Rocco O'Connor
Alberto Chumbiray	Pietro Paolucci
Maritza Chumbiray	Robergeau Paul
Wayne Cook	Maria Perdomo
Rosemary Coppola	Laura Philipone
Mary Cusmano	Frank Pierre
Leonor Sepulveda De Devia	Raul Atilio Portillo
Marianna Dubell	Jose Luis Porto
Maria Espinoza	Gisel Porto
Mario Fronzoni	Carmen Fojo Prieto
Sherry Gallanter	Edith Quijada
Joseph Gambino	Endy Quijada
Denise Griest	Oscar Eduardo Ramirez
Jared Leonardo Henao	Sergio Ricciardi
Jacob Hinman	Angel Rivera
Joshua Hinman	Isadora Rodriguez
Joseph B. Jean-Mary	Magdalena Rodriguez
Lindsay LaMarre	John Ruela
John Lapolla	Maria Saavedra
Theresa Lattanzio	Salvatore Saluccio
Rosa Leon	Hugo Santa Maria
Elvin Martinez	Frank Tinnirella
Anthony Merlo	Rosalie Tinnirella
Leonarda Merlo	Angela Verlengeri
Joseph Merlo Jr.	John Veltre

Christian Giving



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

WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL

First Sunday of Advent/Primer Domingo de Adviento

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,” the 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 Matthew. 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 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 give some gifts to our loved ones, or to prepare big meals, but to celebrate that our Savior is born. 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. How we should prepare ourselves for his coming? There are three ways accomplish this, the same ways that we do during 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 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.

Readers & Lectors

**Lectors for the Weekend of
December 7– December 8**

Saturday, December 7

5:00 PM

7:00 PM Maria Duran y Claudia Yanes
(Teresa Marin)

Sunday, December 8

8:00 AM Ann Ruppert

10:30 AM Ariel Legacy

12:00 Noon Manuel Mojico y Yoni Rodriguez
(Sandra Bonilla)



**Eucharistic Ministers for the Weekend of
December 7—December 8**

Saturday, December 7

5:00 PM Frank Mazza

7:00 PM Salomon Yanes, Reina Yanes

Sunday, December 8

8:00 AM Mary Wilk

10:30 AM Maria Agliata, Cristian Moron

12:00 Noon Ana Marte, Patrizia Zelaya, Melida Canela y
Marisa Puello

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.



***MONDAY:** 7:00 PM Mass (Spanish)

***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
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.

Welcome to St. Anthony’s Parish!

Welcome visitors, newcomers, returning and longtime members of the parish! We invite you to join our Catholic community as we seek a deeper relationship with the Lord, together on the road of discipleship with Jesus. Families or individuals that wish to register at St. Anthony’s as new parishioners are asked to contact the Parish Office at 908-351-3300 or email stanthonyofofpaduaelizabeth@gmail.com

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD's house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

Psalm — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

Second Reading — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

Gospel — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Todas las naciones confluirán hacia el monte del Señor (Isaías 2:1-5).

Salmo — Qué alegría cuando me dijeron: “Vamos a la casa del Señor” (Salmo 122 [121]).

Segunda lectura — Ya es el momento de que se despierten del sueño (Romanos 13:11-14).

Evangelio — Velen, pues, y estén preparados para la venida del Hijo del hombre (Mateo 24:37-44).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 4:2-6; 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: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1

Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12



HOPEFUL EXPECTATION

Our liturgical year begins with the season of Advent—a time of hopeful expectation of the coming of the Lord. On the First Sunday of Advent we look forward to the end of time when we will awaken to the dawn of Christ's new day.

Today we hear Isaiah speak of a day when God's power will have brought universal peace and God's Word will have instructed all people, radiating God's "light" (teachings) into all of human society. Only when humanity walks "in the light of the LORD" (Isaiah 2:5), when all people desire to be instructed "in [God's] ways" (Isaiah 2:3), will the world be set aright and our deepest longings fulfilled. The reading from Romans calls us to "awake from sleep" for this final "day is at hand" (Romans 13:11, 12). Together this Sunday's scriptures proclaim our Christian faith that Jesus is the One who will finally come to fulfill God's plan of salvation.

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ESPERAR CON GOZO

Nuestro año litúrgico comienza con el tiempo de Adviento, una temporada de expectativa por la venida del Señor. En el Primer Domingo de Adviento anticipamos el fin de los tiempos cuando despertaremos al amanecer del nuevo día de Cristo. Hoy escuchamos a Isaías hablar del día en que el poder de Dios habrá traído paz universal y la Palabra de Dios habrá instruido a todos los pueblos, irradiando "luz" (enseñanzas) de Dios a toda la raza humana. Sólo cuando la humanidad camina "a la luz del Señor" (Isaías 2:5), cuando todos los pueblos deseen marchar "por sus sendas" (Isaías 2:3), el mundo se enderezará y nuestros más profundos anhelos serán cumplidos. La lectura de Romanos nos llama a despertar "del sueño" porque la salvación "está más cerca" (Romanos 13:11, 12). Las lecturas de este domingo proclaman nuestra fe cristiana en que Jesús es Aquél que al final vendrá a dar cumplimiento al plan de salvación de Dios.

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