

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

Second Sunday of Advent December 8, 2019

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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
December 7– December 15, 2019**

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

**MONDAY (December 9) The Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:30 MARCO A. CASTILLO/Dolly Castillo
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY (December 10) Advent Weekday

8:30 GIUSEPPE & ANGELA TROVATO/
Antonia Chillemi

WEDNESDAY (December 11) Advent Weekday

8:30 PHILIP & ROBIN CASTILLO/Dolly Castillo

THURSDAY (December 12) Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:00 ANGELO STERIO/Daughter Dolly

FRIDAY (December 13) St. Lucy

8:30 ANTHONY & MARIE BELLUSCIO/
Franklin & Susan Belluscio

SATURDAY (December 14) St. John of the Cross

8:30 MATTHEW CASTILLO (Birthday)/Dolly Castillo
5:00 CONCETTA & SALVATORE NOBILE/Daughter
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (December 15) Third Sunday of Advent

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

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD!

We remember those who have died in the peace of
Christ, especially:

David Cieza Jimenez & Alicia Sanchez



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.

	11/24/19	Thanksgiving	12/1/19
5:00	294		262
7:00	927		855
8:00	364		418
10:30	431		348
12:00	1,644		1,725
Mail			101
Total	3,745	843	3,709

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

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

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

WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL

Second Sunday of Advent/Segundo Domingo de Adviento

On this Second Sunday of Advent, God invites us to go to a specific place: the desert. In the Gospel we hear about the people going out to the desert to listen to John the Baptist. God wants us also to go the desert. Not the desert of Judea, but one much closer: the desert of the human heart. The desert is a place free from distractions, a place where a person can be alone with God. Another word for the desert is silence. In silence we meet God and, by meeting him, we find our true selves. Silence, time alone without distractions. The desert is the place where God talk to the heart of his people. Because of that, it was the place, where He brought Israel after freeing it from the slavery of Egypt. In the desert there is nothing, only God and yourself, because of this, is easier to listen to what God wants to tells us, even though, we cling to some nonsense excuses and or sins, like the people of Israel always complaining about Moses, the food, the lack of water, etc. Pope Benedict observed: "We are no longer able to hear God – There are too many frequencies filling our ears." Unfortunately, noise not only surrounded us - we seek it. We make the choice to turn on the TV, to fire up the computer or to plug in the IPod. There is an irony in this: People can spend hours in diversion or entertainment. On the other hand, when we try to pray, five minutes can seem like eternity. We begin thinking about something left undone. One reason we resist silence is because we do not like to face our actual condition. Not just our insufficiency and our mortality, but something else. There is something amiss inside us. We have taken a wrong turn, gone down a false path. For that reason, when people went out to the desert, the first thing John said was, "Repent." The word means, "Change your mind, and get a new way of thinking." Few people want to change their way of thinking. It can be scary to see myself and my life as it really is. I am now going to mention a word we don't like to talk about. It's a three letter word that starts with "S." That's right, sin! We make light of sin, but that is because we do not realize what sin really is. Someone who saw the reality of sin was the man Pope beatified when he visited England last September - Blessed John Henry Newman. Newman said this: I would like to sum up with two other words that begin with that same letter. The first, of course, is "silence." During Advent we need to find a time of silence - no TV, no computer, no ipod, not even a cell phone. Silence is not always comfortable. It may make us aware of sin - and how sin separates us from God and others. But silence will open us to a more powerful reality. It also begins with "S" - the Spirit. On our own we cannot get to the roots of the problem. Only the Holy Spirit can do that. Silence, sin, Spirit. By silence, we recognize sin and open ourselves to the Spirit. Amen.

En este Segundo Domingo Dios nos invita ir a un lugar especial: el desierto. En el Evangelio escuchamos de la gente yendo al desierto para escuchar a Juan el Bautista. Dios quiere que nosotros también vayamos al desierto. No es desierto de Judea sino uno mucho mas cerca: el desierto del corazón humano. El desierto es un lugar libre de distracciones, un lugar donde la persona esta solo con Dios. En el desierto es donde Dios puede hablar al corazón de su pueblo, de ahí que lo lleve al desierto después de liberarlo de la esclavitud de Egipto. Por que en el desierto no hay nada, solo tu y Dios, por eso es mucho más fácil escuchar lo que Dios tiene que decirnos, incluso cuando no queremos escuchar y nos aferramos a excusas que son muchas veces inútiles o incluso pecados, como el pueblo de Israel, quejándose siempre de Moisés y de Dios. Otra palabra por desierto es silencio. En el silencio encontramos a Dios y, al encontrarlo, descubrir nuestro ser verdadero. Silencio, tiempo solo sin distracciones. Estamos rodeados de ruido - por los medios de comunicación que constantemente tratan de agarrar nuestra atención. Esta temporada de navidad es particularmente ruidoso. El Papa Benedicto observo: "Nuestros corazones están tan llenos de tantos ruidos del mundo que no podemos escuchar esta silenciosa presencia que toca a nuestras puertas." Desgraciadamente, el ruido no solo nos rodea - lo buscamos. Tomamos la decisión de prender el televisor o la computadora. Hay una ironía: La gente puede pasar cualquier cantidad de tiempo en su diversión, pero, por otro lado, cuando tratamos de rezar, cinco minutos parece una eternidad y empezamos a recordar cosas que debemos de hacer, cosas que no puedan esperar. Es difícil ir al desierto, estar solo sin distracciones. Huimos el silencio. Pero también Jesús pregunta: ¿Que habéis venido a buscar a un Profeta? No solo a un profeta, sino a Juan el Bautista, el precursor del Mesías, el que lo va a anunciar, él no se anuncia a si mismo sino que es “el sonido, la voz,” de la Palabra que es Cristo mismo, lo que Dios te quiere decir hoy. Quisiera resumir con tres palabras. Primer, "silencio." Durante el Adviento necesitamos un tiempo de silencio, un tiempo aparte sin distracciones, para poder escuchar la voz del Señor. Nos hará entender otra palabra, el pecado,. Lo que nos separa de Dios y nos da infelicidad para poder arrepentirnos y así estar preparados para la venida del Mesías. Y al mismo tiempo nos abrirá a otra realidad: el Espíritu. Solo el puede llegar a la raíz de nuestro problema. Silencio, pecado, Espíritu. Por medio del silencio, reconocemos el pecado y nos abrimos al Espíritu. Amen

Readers & Lectors

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**Lectors for the Weekend of
December 14– December 15**Saturday, December 14

5:00 PM

7:00 PM Will y Marta Villanueva
(Maria Duran)Sunday, December 15

8:00 AM Jennifer Markowycz

10:30 AM Nicholas Arias

12:00 Noon Magdalena Ortiz y Jose Argueta
(Patricia Zelaya)**Eucharistic Ministers for the Weekend of
December 14—December 15**

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Saturday, December 14

5:00 PM Jim Leggett

7:00 PM Salomon Yanes, Reina Yanes

Sunday, December 15

8:00 AM Nick Cistelli

10:30 AM Maria Agliata, Cristian Moron & Mark 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.



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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**

2nd Candle- (purple)

**THE CANDLE OF
PREPARATION**

God kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to “get ready”. Help us to be ready to welcome YOU O GOD! (Luke 3:4-6)

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).

Psalm — Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

Gospel — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Brotará un retoño del tronco de Jesé. Juzgará a los pobres con justicia y herirá al violento con el látigo de su boca (Isaías 11:1-10).

Salmo — Que en sus días florezca la justicia y la paz abunde eternamente (Salmo 72 [71]).

Segunda lectura — Vivan en perfecta armonía unos con otros (Romanos 15:4-9).

Evangelio — Juan Bautista predica, “Arrepiéntanse, porque el reino de los cielos está cerca” (Mateo 3:1-12).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

By now, trees are beginning to appear in living rooms throughout the parish. To a complete outsider to our culture, it must seem an odd thing indeed. The “roots” of this custom are in liturgical drama: religious plays performed in the churches and town squares of medieval Europe. The favorite theme for this time of year was the “Paradise Play,” a dramatic history of the human race from the Garden of Eden to the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. The language and music varied from place to place, but one feature was always in place: a great tree decorated with apples. As a prop, it provided lots of material for the actors: the temptation, shelter for the manger, and a reminder of the wood of the cross. Soon people began to bring “paradise trees” into their homes, decorating them with gifts and lighted candles.

Many Germans give credit to Martin Luther for transforming the “Paradise Tree” into the evergreen Christmas tree. Walking home on a starry Advent night, he was so awed by the beauty of the night that he hauled a pine tree inside and decorated it with lighted candles. Americans were holdouts. It took until 1856 for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to decriminalize Christmas decorations, the old Puritan dislikes falling before the waves of Irish and German immigrants with traditions firmly in hand! —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

En 1726, Juan de la Cruz (1542-1591) fue canonizado por el Papa Benito XIII. Nació en la región de Castilla en España, este doctor de la Iglesia junto con Teresa de Ávila fue reformador de la Orden Carmelita. Muchas órdenes religiosas del siglo XV sufrieron grandes decadencias. Por eso mientras los Protestantes se separaban de la Iglesia, los religiosos descalzos, recoletos y observantes buscaban reformar órdenes religiosas, como la Orden de la Bienaventurada Virgen María del Monte Carmelo, uniéndose siempre más a la Iglesia Romana. Para los reformadores católicos quedarse en la Iglesia no fue fácil, ¡sin embargo se quedaron! Aunque sus reformas fueron apoyadas por los Papas, muchos de ellos como Juan de la Cruz tuvieron que aguantar muchas oposiciones y persecuciones para lograr sus reformas. Estas reformas ardían con el deseo de amar bien a Cristo Jesús y a su cuerpo que es la Iglesia.

En sus poesías, Juan de la Cruz muestra la fuerza de esta llama de amor vivo a pesar de la oscuridad de la noche que no lo deja encontrar al amante (Dios).

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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