

# *Saint Anthony of Padua Church*

**Third Sunday of Advent      December 15, 2019**

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## **Pastoral Staff:**

Rev. Oscar Martin Dominguez, Pastor  
Rev. Juan Carlos Zapata, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Stephen C. Aribe - In residence

## **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.  
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 14– December 22, 2019**

**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

**MONDAY (December 16) Advent Weekday**

8:30 CARMELA MADORMA/Daughter Dolly  
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**TUESDAY (December 17) Advent Weekday**

8:30 ONOFIO CHILLEMI/Antonia Chillemi

**WEDNESDAY (December 18) Late Advent Weekday**

8:30 MATTHEW CASTILLO/Dolly Castillo

**THURSDAY (December 19) Late Advent Weekday**

9:00 ST. LUCY/Joann Barberio & Sons

**FRIDAY (December 20) Late Advent Weekday**

8:30 DOLLY CASTILLO/Dolly Castillo

**SATURDAY (December 21) Late Advent Weekday**

8:30 ANTHONY MARSHOTT/Daughter Ursula  
 5:00 MARY & PIETRO PIGA/Children & Grandchildren  
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY (December 22) Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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

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The Bread and Wine *and* the Sanctuary Candle will be offered this week in memory of:

**Mary & Pietro Piga**

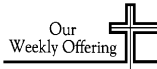
Requested by Children and Grandchildren

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

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

**Carmela Polito**



**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.

	<b>Offertory</b>	<b>Assessment</b>
<b>5:00</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>209</b>
<b>7:00</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>609</b>
<b>8:00</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>238</b>
<b>10:30</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>281</b>
<b>12:00</b>	<b>1,611</b>	<b>936</b>
<b>Mail</b>		<b>271</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,254</b>	<b>2,544</b>

**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 Religious Retirement Fund**

### **Third Sunday of Advent/Tercer Domingo de Adviento, Ciclo/Cycle A**

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 recovers its original beauty. As the Jewish Talmud recounts, “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 not more waiting to do. So, today, the third Sunday of Advent 2016, how can we recognize the Messiah? What signs have we seen so we must follow him? Because, 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 call 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 make 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**

**Lectors for the Weekend of December 21– December 22**

Saturday, December 21

5:00 PM

7:00 PM Vivianett Lorenzo y Claudia Yanes

Sunday, December 22

8:00 AM Ann Ruppert

10:30 AM Nora Mora

12:00 Noon Sandra Bonilla y Manuel Majico  
(Teresa Marin)



**Eucharistic Ministers for the Weekend of December 21—December 22**

Saturday, December 21

5:00 PM Frank Mazza

7:00 PM Salomon Yanes, Reina Yanes y Maria Duran

Sunday, December 22

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

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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**

3rd Candle- (Pink)

**THE CANDLE OF JOY**

The angels sang a message of JOY!

(Luke 2:7-15)

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**Our Christmas Schedule**

**Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24, 2019**

**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**

**Wednesday, December 25, 2019**

**10:30 a.m. (English)**

**12:00 Noon (Spanish)**

**New Year's Eve Mass Schedule**

**Tuesday 5:00 p.m. (English)**

**7:00 p.m. (Spanish)**

**New Year's Day Mass Schedule**

**Wednesday, January 1, 2020**

**10:30 a.m. (English)**

**12:00 p.m. (Spanish)**



There will be no classes

Saturday 12/21, Sunday 12/22 and Saturday 12/28, Sunday 12/29.

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, 1/4 and Sunday, 1/5



Christmas Flower Offering

In memory of my loved one(s)

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

From \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Large \$30.00/Medium \$20.00

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

**Psalms** — Lord, come and save us (Psalm 146).

**Second Reading** — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

**Gospel** — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11).

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**LECTURAS DE HOY**

**Primera lectura** — ¡Sean fuertes, no teman! Su Dios viene a salvarlos (Isaías 35:1-8a, 10).

**Salmo** — Ven, Señor, a salvarnos (Salmo 146 [145])

**Segunda lectura** — Sean también pacientes y valientes porque la venida del Señor está cerca (Santiago 5:7-10).

**Evangelio** — “¿Eres tú él que debe venir o tenemos que esperar a otro?” (Mateo 11:2-11).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27

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

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

**Thursday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;

Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

**Friday:** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

**Saturday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;

Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

**Sunday:** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7;

Mt 1:18-24

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

We make transitions along life's journey, and search for meaning. Watch an infant take those first wobbly steps. Inevitably they are toward the arms of a dear one, and the gleeful smile and wordless laughter let us know that the baby understands that the whole world is renewed in an instant. Parents may see that wide-eyed smile again some years later as they flip car keys in the teenager's direction, and by God's grace at in-between moments of forgiveness and affirmation. Sacraments open a window to the blessings of everyday life and help us claim their deep meaning. A voice from a fiery bush warned Moses to take off his shoes because he stood on "holy ground." Your first steps, your first word, taking your place at the family table, stirring to new love, forgiving and being forgiven: all of this is holy, laden with meaning, full of possibilities. Sacraments are not escape pods from the realities of the everyday; rather they invest us ever more deeply in life and recruit us for the kingdom inaugurated by Jesus. We take baby steps all our life long. In the world of sacrament, they are always directed toward the arms of a loving God, and always on the common holy ground of a community's life. — James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE**

La tradición mexicana de las Posadas se acompaña de las tradicionales piñatas. Aunque hay piñatas de animales y caricaturas, la piñata original es una estrella con siete picos.

La piñata llegó al continente con los misioneros agustinos procedentes de España, mismos que la habían recibido de italianos; y éstos, a su vez, la obtuvieron de Marco Polo quien conoció decoraciones de animales coloridos en China. El asociar la piñata con las Posadas viene de la cultura Náhuatl quienes celebraban a Huitzilopochtli (dios de la guerra) del 17 al 26 de diciembre. Estos ponían cazuelas de barro decoradas con listones y plumas sobre palos en el templo. Al romperlas, tesoros y alhajas caían a los pies de su dios. Los misioneros mezclaron las dos costumbres para la catequesis. La estrella de siete picos representa al diablo y los 7 pecados capitales, mientras que la venda en los ojos es la fe en Cristo. El acto de pegarle a la piñata son nuestros esfuerzos cristianos a pesar de las desorientaciones que trae la vida. Romper la piñata es estar bañado con la gracia del Espíritu Santo y recibir los dones de Dios. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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